

WELCOME ABOARD!



A MESSAGE FROM OUR COMMANDANT

Your application for membership to the Marine Corps League Outer Banks Detachment 1264 has been received, reviewed, approved and forwarded to the Marine Corps League national headquarters for final processing. Accordingly, on behalf of our membership, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the Marine Corps League Outer Banks Detachment!

This "Welcome Aboard" package is intended to familiarize you with some general information about our detachment. Despite the structured content of this package, we are a very relaxed organization that truly appreciates and values your efforts as a member. I hope that the information provided will answer most of your questions and provide you with an effective resource that you will find useful in the future.

As you probably know, the Marine Corps League Outer Banks Detachment is dedicated to the founding principles of perpetuating the traditions and spirit of those who have proudly worn the eagle, globe and anchor of our Corps. Equally as important is our diligence in "taking care of our own," and in doing our part to make our local community a better place to live. We accomplish this through sponsorship and participation in various programs such as our citizenship scholarship program, the Adopt-a-Beach program, and our annual Toys for Tots® campaign. As Marines we demonstrate to our community, by example, that we remain ready to answer any challenge.

Having completed our first decade since receiving our charter, our detachment looks forward to having you aboard as a member and providing your thoughts and ideas on making our detachment even better.

Our priority for this year is to increase the number of members on our detachment rolls, and to raise the level of participation of our current members at various activities. To address these objectives we will be making our presence known through greater participation in various community events, and through an increased presence in social media assets, such as Facebook. In addition, we are currently examining the possibility of expanding our efforts to our members and those in our community who demonstrate noteworthy levels of community service efforts with official recognition from the President of the United States. Despite these initiatives, the key to accomplishing our objectives remains your individual effort as a member. Remember, as with any volunteer organization, the more effort you put forth, the greater the reward.

Thank you for joining our ranks, and don't hesitate to contact me or any of my staff should you have any questions, ideas, or concerns.

God bless the United States, and success to the Marine Corps, the Marine Corps League, and the Outer Banks Detachment!

Semper Fidelis,

Daniel R. Hudson

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Commandant

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

During the waning months of 2006 a group of local Marines and Navy FMF Corpsmen, who had been celebrating the Marine Corps' birthday for a number of years, decided to join together in camaraderie and expand their efforts in our local community. These efforts included a commitment to meet regularly and work to preserve the traditions and promote the interests of the United States Marine Corps by aiding and assisting local Marines, their widows and orphans, and perpetuating the history of the United States Marine Corps through fitting acts in observance the anniversaries of historical occasions of particular interest to Marines. Following a meeting of its future members and an application process to the Marine Corps League National Headquarters, the Marine Corps League Outer Banks Detachment was granted its charter on 30 December 2006. The charter was presented to the detachment on 17 February 2007 by National Marine Corps League Vice-Commandant Steve Wilson in a ceremony at the Colington Yacht Club in Kill Devil Hills. At that time, the detachment consisted of 26 total members. Since then, the detachment has grown in its membership and expanded its presence in the Outer Banks community through increased participation in local social and service activities. We continue to uphold our Corps' tradition of selfless devotion to duty and demonstrate, by example that we, as Marines, are indeed the best our Nation has to offer!

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

General membership meetings are held each month and serve as a means for members to discuss and collectively resolve business issues related to the functional, social, and service operations of the detachment. These meetings also permit the passing of information to the membership. Following each meeting, the adjutant prepares a written record of the meeting minutes and distributes them to the membership via e-mail. This ensures that even those not present at the meeting will have an understanding as to what business transpired. General membership meetings are normally held the second Tuesday of each month from 1900 to 2000. Meetings are conducted in the meeting room of the Southern Shores Town Hall at:

The Kern P. Pitts Center
5375 North Virginia Dare Trail
Southern Shores, NC 27949-5935



DETACHMENT STAFF

The detachment staff serves as the detachment's leadership and consists of four elected members, one in an advisory billet, and a number of members serving in appointed offices. The elected offices, in order of seniority are Commandant, Senior Vice-Commandant, Junior Vice-Commandant, and Judge Advocate. The Junior Past-Commandant is an advisory billet that is filled by the detachment's previous commandant. Each member of the elected and advisory offices serves for a two-year term. In addition to the elected offices, the detachment commandant appoints a number of members to serve in various administrative, fiscal, spiritual, and other offices as deemed necessary. Members serving in appointed offices serve for an indefinite period, at the pleasure of the detachment commandant. The current detachment staff, along with their necessary contact information is provided as follows:

Billet	Name	E-Mail	Phone Number
Commandant	Daniel R. Hudson	commandant@obxmarines.org	(703) 863-1786
Senior Vice-Commandant	Michael A. Keating	senior.vice-commandant@obxmarines.org	(252) 489-7311
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Judge Advocate	Russell E. Laney	judge.advocate@obxmarines.org	(571) 239-3054
Junior Past-Commandant	Frank D. Draper	junior.past-commandant@obxmarines.org	(240) 354-6477
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Paymaster	Jorge L. Diaz	paymaster@obxmarines.org	(252) 715-3468
Quartermaster	Dennis R. Thompson	quartermaster@obxmarines.org	(252) 449-4455
Sergeant-at-Arms	Michael W. Wartenbee	sergeant-at-arms@obxmarines.org	(252) 267-3324

MEMBERSHIP PARTICIPATION

Although participation at general membership meetings and detachment events is recorded, participation is voluntary and members are never reprimanded for failure to participate. The detachment encourages the maximum participation of its members, however we realize that due to a multitude of reasons this is not always possible. Our leadership team strives to make our meetings and events enjoyable for its members as a means of encouraging participation. In fact, our job is to make it so that our members look forward to our next event! Regardless of your ability or desire to attend, your continued membership in our organization is valued as it shows support for our members, our detachment's efforts, and the founding principals of the Marine Corps League.

CARPOOLING

A really great way to get to know some of your fellow members is by carpooling to get to meetings and events! An added benefit is that it is a more cost-effective means of transportation, and environmentally better for our community. If you are interested in riding, consult your Membership Directory to determine those members who are in your area, or ask one of the staff members to assist you. If you are interested in driving, consult the Membership Directory or a staff member to see if there is any member in your area that would appreciate a ride. We currently have a number of detachment members who would like to attend meetings but cannot since they are uncomfortable driving after dusk. Your assistance to these members will certainly result in a new Marine "buddy."

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Annual dues for both regular and associate members are \$30, payable on 31 August. The only exception to this is for those members who have purchased a Life Membership as outlined in the following paragraph. Those failing to pay their dues will continue to be carried on our rolls for one-year in order that we may encourage them to bring their dues-up-to date. Should any member encounter a financial difficulty that precludes the payment of dues, they are asked to contact a detachment staff member and inform them of the issue. Our detachment "leaves no one behind" and offers a membership scholarship to assist our fellow members. Personal checks for membership dues should be made payable to the "Marine Corps League Outer Banks Detachment" and mailed to the detachment's mailing address. Dues may also be paid by presenting cash or a personal check at monthly general membership meetings to our paymaster.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Regular and associate members who are current in their membership dues may purchase at their discretion, a life membership that eliminates the need for the further payment of annual dues. The funds paid for life memberships are invested by the Marine Corps League's national headquarters, and an annual dividend is distributed and paid from these invested funds based on the number of life members

each detachment has on their rolls. The amount to purchase a life membership is based on the age at which the member purchases it and is currently as follows:

Age	Amount
65 or more	\$200
51 to 64	\$300
36 to 50	\$400
35 or less	\$500

MEMBERSHIP DISTRIBUTION LIST

Upon becoming a member of the Outer Banks Detachment, you have been added to the membership e-mail distribution list. You will now receive official communications from staff members providing you with monthly meeting minutes for your review, notifications regarding social and service events, and general information of interest to members and veterans.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

Each year the detachment publishes and distributes a Membership Directory to its members. This directory provides a listing of each member, along with their respective mailing address, telephone number, e-mail address, and birthday. This directory is only for the official use of members of the Outer Banks Detachment as a means of communicating with each other. The directory should therefore be treated with confidentiality and not be given to a third-party under any circumstances.

CHANGES OF MEMBER CONTACT INFORMATION

Should your address, telephone number, or e-mail address change, we ask that you please notify both the adjutant and paymaster, preferably by e-mail. Updating your information ensures that we maintain communication with you, and that you continue to receive the Marine Corps League's quarterly magazine.

MAILING ADDRESS

The mailing address for the payment of annual membership dues and official correspondence to and from the detachment is as follows:

Marine Corps League Outer Banks Detachment
Post Office Box 2332
Kitty Hawk, NC 27949-2332

GENERAL INFORMATION E-MAIL ADDRESS

The detachment also maintains a general information mailbox for inquiries from the general public. This mailbox is monitored by the adjutant who answers inquiries directly, or forwards them to the appropriate staff member for action. The general information e-mail address is: info@obxmarines.com

TELEPHONE NUMBER

The Outer Banks Detachment maintains a fully functional telephone number to serve our official organizational needs. This phone is maintained by our adjutant and has established business hours seven days a week from 0700 to 2230. Calls received during non-business hours or at a time when the adjutant is unavailable will be transferred to voice mail. Following receipt of a voice mail, any recorded message will be automatically transcribed and e-mailed to the adjutant for prompt follow-up action. Please use this official number to provide persons desiring to contact the detachment, as each member's personal telephone number should be regarded as private information and not be given without specific permission from the respective member. The detachment's official telephone number is as follows:

(252) 305-4768

WEBSITE

The detachment maintains a desktop and mobile website as a vehicle to provide both members and the general public with useful information concerning our organization. Anyone accessing the desktop website on a mobile device is automatically redirected to the mobile version of the website. However, once there, visitors using mobile devices can choose to return to the desktop version by simply depressing the “Desktop Site” button that appears on the bottom left of each page. The addresses of the detachment’s desktop and mobile website are:

Desktop	http://obxmarines.org
Mobile	http://mobile.obxmarines.org

OPERATIONAL CALENDAR

A calendar listing all detachment meetings, social events, service events, member’s birthdays, and dates of historical significance to the Marine Corps is maintained on our website by our adjutant. This calendar is available for your information and use at the following website addresses:

Desktop	http://obxmarines.org/meetings#calendar
Mobile	http://mobile.obxmarines.org/meetings#calendar

SOCIAL MEDIA

In light of the popularity of social media with the general public, the detachment maintains a Facebook page as a means to promote itself and to pass information and articles of interest to its members and the general public. In addition, the detachment also maintains a Facebook group that is only open to members of the detachment. The latter serves as a means for members to socially interact—and since it is a closed group—a variety of topics and issues can be openly discussed without concern of offending the general public. In order to gain access to our Facebook group, a request must be submitted and approved by one of the group’s administrators. The addresses of these social media sites are as follows:

Detachment Official Facebook Page	https://www.facebook.com/obxmarines
Detachment Facebook Closed Group	https://www.facebook.com/groups/299392530950

GENERAL INFORMATION ON UNIFORMS

The Outer Banks Detachment does not require its members to maintain or wear any prescribed uniforms. However, as our Marine Corps emblem identifies us to the public as Marines—and further serves to remind us of our commitment to one another as Marines—the wearing of uniform items is highly encouraged. With that said and due to the relaxed and casual nature of our area, the majority of members do not purchase most of the uniforms items authorized by the Marine Corps League. Rather, our members generally purchase and wear a cover with the appropriate cover ornament, and a red Outer Banks Detachment polo-shirt. These items are also commonly worn with khaki trousers at the various social and service events and ceremonies, and at monthly general membership meetings. In addition, the detachment is now offering a lightweight red nylon jacket for use as outerwear.

PURCHASING DETACHMENT POLO-SHIRTS AND OUTERWEAR

Detachment polo-shirts and nylon jackets are custom embroidered locally and offered by the wife of one of our members. Both the shirts and jackets are red in color and embroidered with the Marine Corps emblem and the name of our detachment in yellow-gold lettering. Shirts are available for a cost of \$23 in sizes S through 4XL. The jackets are available in sizes S through XL at a cost of \$23 and \$27 for sizes 2XL through 4XL. Our quartermaster maintains a limited quantity of polo-shirts in popular sizes as a service to our members interested in purchasing one. The quartermaster may be contacted to check the availability of shirts in our inventory by email. Should your size of shirt not be in stock, or if you wish to purchase a jacket, please contact our adjutant to place an order. Please note that orders are not placed

until at least three items have been ordered by members so that cost can be kept to a minimum. To determine approximate sizes consult Table 1, below.

TABLE 1: SIZING FOR POLO-SHIRTS AND JACKETS			
Size	Jonathan Corey 100 Men's Polo-Shirt¹	Jonathan Corey 200 Women's Polo-Shirt¹	Augusta 3100 Nylon Coaches Jacket^{1,2}
S	40 inches	39 inches	34 to 36 inches (4 to 6)
M	42 inches	41 inches	38 to 40 inches (8 to 10)
L	47 inches	45 inches	42 to 44 inches (12 to 14)
XL	51 inches	47 inches	46 to 48 inches (16 to 18)
2XL	53 inches	50 inches	50 to 52 inches (20 to 22)
3XL	57 inches	52 inches	54 to 56 inches (24 to 26)
4XL	63 inches	54 inches	58 to 60 inches (28 to 30)

1 – Sizes shown reflect the chest measurement. To determine chest measurement, use a tape measure to measure just under the arms, across the fullest part of the chest and around the shoulder blades ensuring that the tape measure is firm and level. If you are uncertain of the size or are between sizes, purchase the larger size.

2 – Corresponding women's sizes are shown within parenthesis.

PURCHASING COVERS AND COVER ORNAMENTS

Both the men's and women's covers, and the regular and associate member's cover ornaments are available for purchase through the store at the Marine Corps League's national headquarters. The current cost for both of these items is \$33.50 plus shipping charges for regular members, and \$34.50 plus shipping charges for associate members. Before placing an order for a cover, please consult Table 2 below to determine your hat size. Links for ordering covers and ornaments is provided as follows:

Item	Page Address
Men's Cover	http://semperfistore.org/collections/covers-cap-strips/products/u1
Women's Cover	http://semperfistore.org/collections/covers-cap-strips/products/u3
Regular Member Cover Ornament	http://semperfistore.org/collections/covers-cap-strips/products/u13
Associate Member Cover Ornament	http://semperfistore.org/collections/covers-cap-strips/products/u13a

TABLE 2: SIZING FOR MEN'S AND WOMEN'S COVERS					
Head¹	Men's Size	Women's Size	Head¹	Men's Size	Women's Size
20 1/2 inches	-----	6 1/2	23 7/8 inches	7 5/8	7 5/8
20 3/4 inches	-----	6 5/8	24 1/4 inches	7 3/4	7 3/4
21 1/8 inches	6 3/4	6 3/4	24 5/8 inches	7 7/8	-----
21 1/2 inches	6 7/8	6 7/8	25 inches	8	-----
21 7/8 inches	7	7			
22 1/4 inches	7 1/8	7 1/8			
22 5/8 inches	7 1/4	7 1/4			
23 inches	7 3/8	7 3/8			
23 1/2 inches	7 1/2	7 1/2			

1 – To determine head measurement, use a tape measure to measure around your head approximately one-half of an inch above your eyebrows ensuring that the tape measure is firm and level. If you are uncertain of the size or are between sizes, purchase the larger size.

PAYMENT METHODS ACCEPTED FOR DUES, FEES, PRODUCTS, AND DONATIONS

The Outer Banks Detachment accepts payments for memberships fees and dues, detachment polo-shirts and jackets, and for donations by cash, personal check, or major credit cards. All payments made by credit card for membership dues and fees, or detachment polo-shirts and jackets are subject to the addition of the transaction's processing fee. These fees currently range from \$0.64 to \$1.42 per item, depending on which item is purchased and whether the payee's credit card is swiped or keyed-in manually. Donations however, are always appreciated and the payee will never be subject to pay any processing fees. Cash payments made for memberships fees and dues, and detachment polo-shirts and jackets can only be made directly to the detachment paymaster—normally at monthly membership meetings. All payments and donations made by personal check may also be submitted to the detachment paymaster at monthly membership meetings, or by mailing it to the detachment's mailing address provided on page 5, with personal checks being made payable to the "Marine Corps League Outer Banks Detachment."

MEMBERS WHO ARE BUSINESS OWNERS

Any detachment member who owns or operates a business is extended a courtesy of receiving no-cost advertising on our website in the form of a listing of their business on our "Friends" page as well as a link to their business' website or Facebook page. Those who own or operate a business are asked to simply contact our adjutant and provide the business' name, address, telephone number and website or Facebook page address.

ASSISTING THE RECRUITING EFFORT

Just as the Marine Corps is always looking for "A few good men and women" to fill its ranks, the same applies to the Marine Corps League and the Outer Banks Detachment. Our members should always be on the lookout for those who have served as Marines to inform them about the existence of our organization here on the Outer Banks, and to invite them to attend a meeting or event to learn more about us. Please be aware that you are never expected to try to get someone to join our detachment. Rather, your efforts should only be directed to identifying those who may be qualified to join, inform them about the detachment and its efforts, and to gather and submit information necessary for one of our staff members to follow-up on the lead you provide. While out and about or working at detachment events, keep your eyes open for Marine "indicators." These are things such as vehicles you see in parking lots displaying Marine Corps license plates and bumper stickers, and to people you cross paths with wearing Marine Corps hats and shirts. When encountering a person displaying a Marine "indicator," a great way to break the ice is to simply greet them with "Hello Marine." If the person you greet is indeed a Marine, they will respond and more than likely engage you in conversation. Once engaged in "Marine talk", simply inquire if they are local, and if so, ask them if they are aware that we have a Marine Corps League detachment on the Outer Banks. Many Marines have no knowledge of the League or our local detachment, so briefly tell them about us and about some of the events you have participated in and enjoyed. This will generally peak their interest, and at that point you should ask them if they are interested in learning more. If they are, simply ask them for their name and e-mail address or phone number so that they may receive additional information. This may sound a bit forward, but as you are both Marines, a certain level of trust already exists. If they provide you with their contact information, please forward it to our adjutant as soon as possible so that follow-up action can be initiated. Should they decline to provide you with their necessary contact information, simply invite them to check out our website at OBXMarines.org, or to stop by and visit with us at our next scheduled event. Again, never ask a prospective member to join our organization as you are not trained to deal with the various objections that may be presented. We prefer to generate interest, get them to a meeting or event, let our actions speak for our organization, and have them ask us about becoming a member! Another way in which you can assist us in our recruiting efforts is to place one of our recruiting posters at a location frequented by locals. Due to the relatively small size of our community, many of you already personally know various business owners and people of influence. simply ask them if they would consider assisting us in our recruiting and public affairs efforts by placing a recruiting poster at their business or office location. most will be glad to do so, as a poster with the eagle, globe and anchor of our corps is a recognized symbol of

excellence, which in turn, adds tacit credibility to their business. you may obtain the necessary posters from our adjutant on an as-needed basis. upon placement of a poster, please notify the adjutant as to the location of the poster so that the participating business can be listed on our website.

DETACHEMENT PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

The following is a brief overview of some of the exciting social and service programs and events in which our detachment currently participates:

Monthly Breakfast Social - A free breakfast social is held the first Tuesday of each month from 0900 to 1030 at the Jolly Roger Restaurant in Kill Devil Hills. Although spouses and guests are welcome to join us, you will have to pay for their breakfast as only the breakfast meals of veterans is provided free of charge—unless of course, your spouse happens to be a veteran too. Breakfast includes: two eggs, any style; home fries or grits or baked apples; white toast or wheat toast or raisin toast, and; a cup of coffee.

Saint Patrick's Day Parade - Each year during March, the detachment participates in the Kelly's Annual Saint Patrick's Day Parade in Nags Head in conjunction with our local American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars posts. This event is well-attended by the public and is one of the largest Saint Patrick's Day Parades on the east coast. Our participation serves as an opportunity to let our community know that the Marines are indeed present on the Outer Banks! The parade is approximately one-mile in length, and those unable to march the route may still participate as they are afforded the opportunity to ride on the veteran's float.

Toys for Tots® Program - Each year during the months of November and December we collect new, unwrapped toys and distribute them as Christmas gifts to needy children in Dare and Currituck Counties. The program serves to deliver, through a toy at Christmas, a message of hope to less fortunate youngsters that will assist them in becoming responsible, productive, and patriotic citizens. It has become a very popular event for the members of our detachment and has a proven record of being a worthwhile program to the children within our local area.

Adopt-A-Beach Program - In one of our most recent initiatives, the Outer Banks Detachment is giving back to our community by maintaining the cleanliness of the West Third Street Estuarine access through the Surfrider Foundation's "Adopt-A-Beach" program. This event takes place six-times per year and the sign located at the access listing our detachment serves as a visual reminder to our community what can be done by a group of Marines working together.

Christmas Trees for Locals – In 2016, one of our members received a donation of a number of new artificial display Christmas trees from one of our local stores. The member, seeing an opportunity to help those less fortunate, advertised the trees through social media and delivered them to families in need of one with wishes for a Merry Christmas from the members of the Outer Banks Detachment. We look forward to continuing this effort in future years.

Belk Charity Sale - Our most important fundraising event is the Belk Charity Sale that occurs twice per year, normally during March through April, and October through November. Detachment members assemble at the Kill Devil Hills Belk store and sell tickets to Belk's exclusive sale—in which shoppers can save up to 75-percent off regular prices. Each ticket to this event is sold for \$5, and our detachment is permitted to keep the proceeds from our ticket sales.

Marine Corps Rose Program - Similar to the Memorial Day Poppy Program offered by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, a small crepe rose is handed out by our members at local events in honor of our Marine brothers who have given their lives in the service of our country. Donations in honor of the sacrifices made by these men is collected and used by our detachment to assist veterans and youth, and to provide other charitable services within our community on the Outer Banks.

Outer Banks Seafood Festival - This event occurs during October and has proven to be an excellent means of raising funds for our charitable efforts. Even more importantly, it permits detachment members to interact with the public in a fun way.

Marine In Need Program - Since our establishment we, as Marines, have remained true to our motto of *Semper Fidelis* and of our commitment to "take care of our own" by offering any assistance needed to local Marines and veterans from other branches of the Armed Forces of the United States.

Citizenship Scholarship Program - Our detachment awards a citizenship scholarship of \$500 annually to graduating students from each of Dare County's three high schools. Recipients are selected based solely on their record of service to the community as we wish to encourage and reward those whose efforts and actions have positively impacted on our community.

National Night Out - This national program is sponsored by local public safety organizations. The Outer Banks Detachment participates in this event as a show of support of our police officers, firefighters, and emergency response personnel, while using the event as an opportunity to interact with and inform the public about our organization.

Eagle Scout Recognition Program - We support the Boy Scouts of America by virtue of their promotion of traditional family values to America's youth. Scouts who reach the rank of Eagle Scout are presented a citizenship award by our detachment on behalf of the Marine Corps League, in conjunction with the local troop's Court of Honor ceremony.

President's Volunteer Service Award Program

The Marine Corps League Outer Banks Detachment, as an official certifying organization, is authorized the privilege of granting and presenting the President's Volunteer Service Award. This national award serves to recognize individuals or groups with a certificate, medallion, and a congratulatory letter from the President of the United States based primarily on the number of hours of qualified volunteer service performed within our community on an annual basis.

Citizen Recognition Program - The Outer Banks Detachment presents a variety of certificates to the citizens of our community to recognize and honor them for meritorious acts that demonstrate loyalty and patriotism to our nation.

Annual Picnic – The Outer Banks Detachment is not all work and no play! Each year we host a picnic for our members and their families so that we may enjoy each other's company and some good food.

Marine Corps Birthday Celebration – The Outer Banks Detachment does not host its own celebration of the Marine Corps' birthday on 10 November. However, a luncheon is hosted and held by a local Marine at the Currituck Club in Corolla. Being Marines, all members are invited to this event to celebrate the birthday of our Corps.