



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

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COMMANDANT

Hello, Marines and Members of the Tar Heel Detachment,

Greetings to All for the Month of June 2020

The 28th Annual Wreath Laying at the Capital was completed during the Pandemic with the help of volunteers from our detachment and other branches of the service on May 25th and was Successfully placed in the record books.

Ladies and Gentlemen since April of 2019 when I first became your Commandant, I have been trying very hard to grow our Detachment as a Team. Some of you may remember we used to be called a Marine Team in the day. I keep pushing the Team Concept because more can be accomplished as a TEAM.

Together Everyone Accomplishes More This is what we should want for our Detachment to Accomplish More Good things in our Community!

A good and respected friend of mine that is also a member of the Detachment described the support I have received since taking over as Commandant in April 2019 as mixed.

They also included this Quote they found: “There is no more a delicate matter to take in hand, nor more dangerous to conduct, no more doubtful in its success, than to be a leader in the introduction of change. For he who innovates will have for enemies all those who are well off under the old order of things, and only lukewarm supporters in those who might be better off under the new” - Niccolò Machiavelli, “The Prince”, 1532

I believe our Detachment is better than this quote! I believe it is a very small number of members that are not happy with the changes that have been taking place. Only thru change and growth will our Detachment survive into the future.

Members are joining because of what they see and read on our website and Facebook pages. Members are bringing new people to the meetings, who are joining and becoming active members. Members have no restrictions on subjects they can bring up without out fear of hearing “Oh we do not do it that way here”.

I want us to Grow, Prosper and Above All have Fun doing it!

Sincerely and Semper Fi

Bruce Goeden Commandant!

Tar Heel Calendar

Next Meeting TBD
Christ the King Lutheran Church,
Cary, 1800 Social 1900 Meeting

FUTURE MCL EVENTS IN 2020

Memorial Day Celebration
MAY 25 State Capitol Raleigh NC

50th Convention
JULY 10-11 Charlotte, NC

National Convention
AUG 8-15 Daytona Beach, Fla

PURPLE HEART DINNER
AUGUST 29 TBD

Modern Day Expo
SEPT 22-24 Quantico, VA



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SR. VICE COMMANDANT



On or about 12 Feb 1955 was the first time I met the then SSgt McNeive, along with SSgt Scarboro, Sgt Hill and Sgt Fox. It began a new world. I and 79 other Recruits were hoping to succeed and become Marines. Fast forward to 6 May 1955 Depot Honor Plt 19 of the 2 BT Graduated 60 Marines.

After graduation all of us new Marines went on to various duties to serve ***Our Country & Corps.***

In 1996 MCA membership edition I discovered the name of SgtMaj F. T. McNeive, I wrote to him, he responded and was in fact the same person.

We maintained communication through the years. He lived in Jacksonville NC. I was living in the Philadelphia, Pa area. Then on 20 July 2018 my wife, Shelly, and I moved to Raleigh. I called him to visit, but he was unavailable. Then in Oct 2018 I knocked on his "Hatch" 3 TIMES no answer, then 5 min. Later he pulls up. Lost track of time. 63 years had gone by since I shook his hand at Graduation. We had an outstanding visit. Before leaving I extended an invitation to participate in a reunion of Marines who graduated from MCRD PI in 1955 on 6-7-8 June 2019. He attended and was the hit of the event. I have lost a Mentor, a friend an Outstanding Marine who served ***Our Corps And Country*** for 30+ years.

REST IN PEACE...MARINE !!!

Al Pasquale

SEMPER FIDELIS

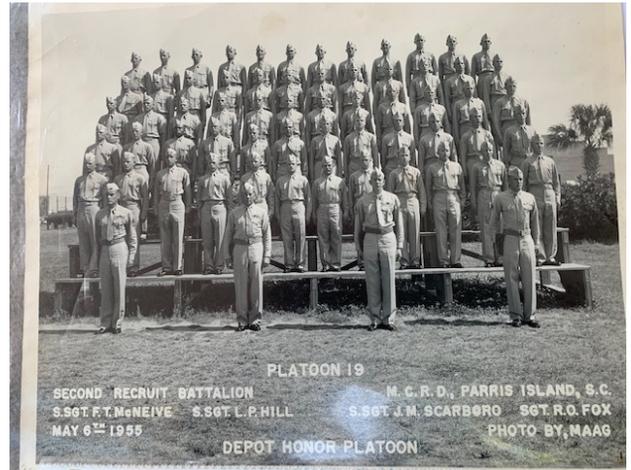
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Al Pasquale Your Sr Vice

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OUR FALLEN



Sergeant Major Francis Thomas McNeive, 92, died on Friday, May 29, 2020 at Sunrise Senior Living in Leesburg, Virginia.

Sergeant Major Francis Thomas McNeive, USMC Ret, was born on 2 March 1928 in Brooklyn, New York. He enlisted into the Marine Corps on 16 August 1945 and served 30 years, retiring on 31 August 1975.

In 1949, while on Sea Duty he supported relief operations in China, becoming one of the last to earn the title China Marine. He participated in the landing at Inchon during the Korean War, and the subsequent fighting in Seoul and at the Chosin Reservoir, and the hill battles of 1951. He received a Purple Heart Medal for wound received at the Chosin Reservoir.

He had two tours as a drill instructor at Parris Island and served two tours in Vietnam, both with infantry battalions.

He was the Sergeant Major of the Sixth Marine Regiment upon his retirement. After retirement he worked for Weyerhaeuser Company.

He is survived by his sister, Jane Ennis of Rononkoma, NY, a son James McNeive and daughter-in-law Deborah McNeive of Aldie, VA, three granddaughters, Rachael Lasky, Veronica McNeive, and Carole-Marie McNeive, and one great-granddaughter Sage Lasky.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday, June 2, 2020 at Jones Funeral Home of Jacksonville from 2:00 PM to 4:30 PM and from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

A funeral mass will be held on Wednesday, June 3, 2020 at the Infant of Prague Catholic Church, with military honors, at 10:30 AM.





OUR FALLEN



Robert Joseph Gonier

JUNE 1, 1946 - APRIL 21, 2020



Robert Gonier was born June 1, 1946 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin to the late Joseph Francis and Ruth Greene Gonier. He was a veteran of the US Marine Corps retiring with over 20 years of service.

Robert continued his career as a Systems Analyst working as a Contractor for the EPA. He retired from this position in 2010. He spent his retired years enjoying time with his wife, daughters and grandchildren.

Bob lived for his family and was always there for them. He was the Dad/Grandpa/Papa who would always play with the children. He had a pure, innocent heart and loved unconditionally. He was the first to volunteer to do something no one else would want to do and would never complain. His modesty and quiet strength made him so easy to love and to have in your life. He will be so greatly missed.

He was preceded in death by his sister Joanie Gonier Verwers.

Robert is survived by his wife of 51 years, Sherry Anne Barnes Gonier; daughters, Angela Gonier Ray and her husband, Kerry Dee Ray, II and Amanda Gonier McClary and her husband Aleric Alexander McClary; his sisters, Alice Gonier Voeller, Rosalie Gonier Wick, Karen Gonier Alexander and Lynn Gonier Stanke; and six grandchildren, Alexis Kaye Gettle, Trinity Aleric McClary, Serenity Sky McClary, Madison Brooke Ray, Peyton Robert McClary and Brielle Arianna McClary.

A memorial service will be held at a date and time to be determined.
Memorials may be sent to Transitions Hospice Care of Wake County.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER MEMORIAL DAY PRAYER



Dear Lord,

On this occasion we ask your blessings on these proceedings and pray you that you will guide our thoughts and aid our memories as we recall those that were lost in the Defense of our Nation.

Today we honor the fallen Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, Airmen and Guardians who laid down their lives so that we may live in Freedom.

Oh Lord, help us honor the sacrifices of the past as we look to you for guidance in the future.

Help us recall those lost in the War to End All Wars at places like The Somme, Muese- Argonne and Belleau Wood.

Lord, Help us to honor the fallen of the Second World War where we suffered the deaths of over 416,000 American servicemen in places like Guadalcanal, Anzio and Okinawa.

Help us honor the memory of those that fell in the Korea Conflict with Task Force Smith and at the Chosen Reservoir.

Lord, we ask you to help us recollect the fallen from South East Asia in places like Pleiku, Hue City and Khe San.

Aid us in honoring those lost in the War on Terror in places called Fallujah, Remadi and Helmand.

Help us remember those who were lost to captivity and never came home in places named Bataan, Stalag Luft III and Hanoi.

Help us honor all those lost on the Sea and beneath it where the ocean is also a deadly adversary that rarely yields the remains of our heroes.

Help us recall all of our Flying Forces that were lost in the sky over the Ruhr Valley, Mig Alley and the Ho Chi Min Trail.

Lord, we beseech you to Grant your mercy to our gold star families whose struggles continue long after the loss of their child or spouse.

We ask you, Almighty God, the Ultimate Supreme Commander to stir the hearts of our country men so they may understand the sacrifices made on their behalf and move them to pay tribute to our nation's fallen heroes from the past and today.

Please grant us the wisdom to seek Peace but to be ready for the alternative.

We ask all these things in your Holy Name.

Amen.

Jeff Mixon, Chaplain



MEMORIAL DAY





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MEMORIAL DAY COMMANDANT'S TRIBUTE



Good Morning and Welcome to the 28th Annual Wreath Laying at the State Capital in Raleigh NC.

I am Bruce Goeden Commandant of the Tar Heel Detachment #733 of the Marine Corps League.

We are gathered here today to Honor and Pay Tribute to the Men and Women of All Branches of the Military Services. Those who laid down their lives to preserve the Rights and Freedoms that we know today as Americans.

We are here to honor them and insure they continue to Rest in Peace. To all the families who have lost a loved one we offer you our Deepest Sympathy, and as members of our Nation's Military we miss them Too.

We would like to thank Associate member John Saitta for putting this together and the News Media for broadcasting this Wreath Laying Ceremony to those who could not attend due to the Corona Virus.

Thank You very much to those of you who took time out of your day and in the face of this virus to appear or contributed in other ways to honor our Fallen Hero's!

We can Start with the Wreath that was **donated by Lavender Lane Flowers and Gifts, of Apex NC**, Then the Bag Piper, Members of the Military Services, plus the Young Marine Wreath Bearers and Cary HS Flag Bearer.

The firing detail made up of American Legion Post 67 and Tar Heel Detachment 733 Members

To the Buglers of the Saint Francis Brass Quintet, for Echo Taps

And Finally Thank You to all those who worked behind the scenes to make today possible!

Semper Fi and on with the Ceremony!



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I would like all the members of the Detachment to know that John Saitta's hard work paid off. I sent a personal Thank You to the Members of American Legion Post 67 in Cary. Along with John Saitta, I also want to recognize and thank the following members who in spite of the COVID 19 virus volunteered their time and stepped forward on short notice to make our Memorial Day Wreath Laying a Success!

The Associate member that started and ended the Ceremony, was our very own Bag Piper Robert White. Our Chaplin Jeff Mixon led us in prayer and delivered a great invocation. Al Pasquale and his friend Tom McSweeney got us singing the National Anthem. An active duty Marine SSgt Jeffrey Fonteneau represented the US Marine Corps. He volunteered to help two days before the event and hopefully we may be able to persuade him to become a member of our Detachment. Our Firing Detail members were Kevin Jobst, with backups Steve Curlee and Toby Roberts. Toby's wife Jean a Purple heart and Gold Star wife did a terrific interview with the news media and raised everyone's spirits. Special Thanks for All You Do Jean! Gene Taxis and his wife Therese thank you both for the picture and news link that will be added to our website and Facebook page. Thanks to our Capital City Young Marines who did a great honor as they placed the wreath. Finally Dave Koch and Jim Alexander who again this year did the Echo Taps with their Trumpets. They are members of the Saint Francis Brass Quintet of Cary. Thank You All for stepping up on short notice to help John Saitta and me to make this 28th Memorial Day Wreath Laying at the Capital a Celebration to Remember! Semper Fi, Bruce



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MARINE CORPS HISTORICAL EVENTS



If any of you have ever been to a military funeral in which taps was played; this brings out a new meaning of it.

Here is something Every American should know. Until I read this, I didn't know, but I checked it out and it's true:

We in the United States have all heard the haunting song, 'Taps...' It's the song that gives us the lump in our throats and usually tears in our eyes.

But, do you know the story behind the song? If not, I think you will be interested to find out about its humble beginnings.

Reportedly, it all began in 1862 during the Civil War, when Union Army Captain Robert Elli was with his men near Harrison's Landing in Virginia. The Confederate Army was on the other side of the narrow strip of land.

During the night, Captain Elli heard the moans of a soldier who lay severely wounded on the field. Not knowing if it was a Union or Confederate soldier, the Captain decided to risk his life and bring the stricken man back for medical attention.

Crawling on his stomach through the gunfire, the Captain reached the stricken soldier and began pulling him toward his encampment..

When the Captain finally reached his own lines, he discovered it was actually a Confederate soldier, but the soldier was dead.

The Captain lit a lantern and suddenly caught his breath and went numb with shock. In the dim light, he saw the face of the soldier. It was his own son. The boy had been studying music in the South when the war broke out.. Without telling his father, the boy enlisted in the Confederate Army.

The following morning, heartbroken, the father asked permission of his superiors to give his son a full military burial, despite his enemy status. His request was only partially granted.

The Captain had asked if he could have a group of Army band members play a funeral dirge for his son at the funeral.

The request was turned down since the soldier was a Confederate.



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But, out of respect for the father, they did say they could give him only one musician.

The Captain chose a bugler. He asked the bugler to play a series of musical notes he had found on a piece of paper in the pocket of the dead youth's uniform.

This wish was granted. The haunting melody, we now know as 'Taps' used at military funerals was born.

Day is done.

Gone the sun.

From the lake

From the hills.

From the sky.

All is well.

Safely rest.

God is nigh.

Fading light.

Dims the sight.

And a star.

Gems the sky.

Gleaming bright.

From afar.

Drawing nigh.

Falls the night.

Thanks and praise.

For our days.

Neath the sun

Neath the stars.

Neath the sky

As we go.

This we know.

God is nigh

I too have felt the chills while listening to 'Taps' but I have never seen all the words to the song until now. I didn't even know there was more than one verse . I also never knew the story behind the song and I didn't know if you had either so I thought I'd pass it along.

I now have an even deeper respect for the song than I did before.

Remember Those Lost and Harmed While Serving Their Country.

Also Remember Those Who Have Served And Returned; and for those presently serving in the Armed Forces.

Please send this on for our soldiers ... please don't break it.

I didn't!

Hope you all read this.

Submission by Dave Gardner



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During this week in 1971, a soldier engages in an action that would ultimately earn him the Medal of Honor. Staff Sgt. Jon R. Cavaiani had stayed with his men, even after he'd been directly ordered to leave. He managed to save almost everyone in his platoon—except himself.

Cavaiani found himself wounded and on the run for days on end. He was unfortunately captured by the North Vietnamese just before he reached safety in an American camp.

It all began on June 4, 1971, as Cavaiani led a mixed platoon of Americans and indigenous troops at an important radio relay site known as Outpost Hickory. The platoon came under attack. Cavaiani moved quickly, "rallying the platoon," as his Medal citation says, "in a desperate fight for survival."

"I realized I'm going to lose the camp," Cavaiani later said, "I've got to destroy all the sensitive equipment that we have up there." Evacuation helicopters were also called in. They evacuated most of the men, but roughly 20 troops remained behind.

At this point, according to his own account, Cavaiani was ordered to leave. The men remaining on the ground were not Americans—they were the indigenous Vietnamese troops, Montagnards, who had been helping the Americans. "You've gotta be frickin' joking with me. . . . When you come pick up all my little people, then you'll see me on a helicopter," he later said of that order.

Cavaiani was putting his life on the line, staying overnight—and defying an order to do it.

Things weren't too much better the next morning. A heavy fog hung over the area, making it impossible for the helicopters to come back. Meanwhile, the enemy force had redoubled their efforts to take out the small group still remaining behind.

Cavaiani ordered his men to try to escape in small groups of 2s and 3s. "With 1 last courageous exertion," his citation concludes, "S/Sgt. Cavaiani recovered a machine gun, stood up, completely exposing himself to the heavy enemy fire directed at him, and began firing the machine gun in a sweeping motion along the 2 ranks of advancing enemy soldiers."

Many of his men were able to escape. Most who did also believed that they'd watched Cavaiani's death as they fled.

Cavaiani had been shot in the back, but he wasn't dead. He crawled into a bunker with the other remaining American, Sgt. John R. Jones. Someone rolled in a grenade. Cavaiani kicked it away, but it still exploded too close. At that point, Jones stepped out to surrender—only to be immediately shot.

Cavaiani decided to play dead.



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"I remember looking out and my feet sitting out like that," Cavaiani described, motioning with his hands, "and there's a guy sitting on the cot, feet hanging down and he's got my boot, going like this, checking it out. And I guess he figured they were too big. He figured I got killed when the round came through. And he got up and walked out."

The North Vietnamese left, but not before they'd set Cavaiani's bunker on fire. Despite his wounds, Cavaiani was able to crawl out and escape into the jungle.

Would you believe that he survived for 11 days, almost making it back to an American camp before being captured by a local at the last minute?

Cavaiani would be held as a POW for 23 months before finally making it home.

"When people ask me what I got the Medal of Honor for, I tell 'em I couldn't outrun 'em, I had to fight 'em," he later said. "And I leave it there. I was just doing my job."

Author Tara Ross





LEAGUE HELPING THEIR BROTHER





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Thank you fellow Devil Dogs for your back breaking work and camaraderie. Semper Fi, Kevin





CAPITAL CITY YOUNG MARINES MEMORIAL DAY



Capital City Young Marines

We are the Capital City Young Marines, located in Cary, NC and are proud to be a part of our nation's premiere, award-winning program for boys and girls between the ages of eight and eighteen.

The Young Marines strengthens the lives of America's youth by teaching the importance of self-confidence, academic achievement, honoring our veterans, good citizenship, community service, and living a healthy, drug-free lifestyle. The Young Marines promotes the mental, moral and physical development of its members. The program focuses on character building and leadership and promotes a lifestyle that is conducive to being productive members of society. The Young Marines is the premier youth organization in its Drug Demand Reduction efforts.

The Young Marines is open to all youth ages 8 through the completion of high school. The only membership requirement is that the youth must be in good standing at school. Since the Young Marines' humble beginnings, in 1959, with one unit and handful of boys, the organization has grown respectively with units throughout the country and overseas.

Upon joining a local Young Marine unit, youth undergo a 26-hour orientation program, generally spread out over several weekly meetings. This orientation is called Recruit Training. The youth learn general subjects such as history, customs and courtesies, close order drill, physical fitness, and military rank structure.

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Weekly Meeting Location: Cary Church of Christ
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Meeting Time: Monday @ 6:30-8:30pm





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30.06 Caliber, Feather Weight, Scope and Hard Case



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Southern Wake County North Carolina

JUNE

Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
1 Robert Gonier	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 David Butler
15	16	17 Steve Curlee	18 James Parker	19 Mitzi Manning	20	21
22	23 Suellen Beaulieu	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	1	2	3	4	5

JULY

Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
29	30	1	2 George Stokes	3	4	5
6	7	8 Kevin Jobst	9 Brady Moore	10	11	12 John Staley Gerald Mee
13	14	15	16 Bruce Goeden	17	18	19 Jason Hall
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