



## Upcoming Events

- November Business Meeting \* Nov 3 \* 7pm \* St. James U.M.C.
- Bring a Vet to School Day \* Nov 6 \* Grifton School
- Veterans Day Ceremony \* Nov 11 \* 11am \* Greenville Town Commons
- Marine Corps Ball \* Nov 14 \* Greenville Hilton

November 1, 2009

# Down East Detachment 1186

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## Detachment 1186 launches Toys for Tots effort [downeastmcl.com/toys\\_for\\_tots](http://downeastmcl.com/toys_for_tots)

The Down East Detachment launched its 2009 Toys for Tots campaign on November 1, 2009.

The Down East Detachment is responsible for collecting new unwrapped toys for needy children in Pitt and Martin Counties of North Carolina.

Those interested in making a donation should visit the Detachment website at [downeastmcl.com](http://downeastmcl.com) to review drop-off locations and upcoming events.

We are in the process of establishing the warehouse for the 2009 effort and details will be posted online when available.

### About Toys for Tots

The mission of the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program is to collect new, unwrapped toys during October, November and December each year, and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to needy children in the community in which the campaign is conducted.

The primary goal of Toys for Tots is to deliver, through a new toy at Christmas, a message of hope to less fortunate youngsters that will assist them in becoming

responsible, productive, patriotic citizens.

The objectives of Toys for Tots are to help less fortunate children throughout the United States experience the joy of Christmas; to play an active role in the development of one of our nation's most valuable resources – our children; to unite all members of local communities in a common cause for three months each year during the annual toy collection and distribution campaign.

*Serving Pitt and Martin Counties*

*Visit [downeastmcl.com](http://downeastmcl.com) to learn more about Toys for Tots*



## HOME AWAY FROM HOME

The Home Away from Home Program has launched a promotion to encourage online donations.

Individuals submitting a donation of \$10 or greater online between Oct. 21st and Nov. 30th will be eligible for a chance to win a \$45 gift certificate to Outback Steakhouse and a free night of lodging at the Greenville,

NC Holiday Inn Express. Please visit our website, read the terms, and click donate!

Thank you for your continued support.



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## From Marines.mil - A new beginning remembers the past at The National Museum of the Marine Corps

10/29/2009 By Lance Cpl. Jahn R. Kuiper, Marine Corps Base Quantico

MARINE CORPS BASE QUANTICO, Va. — The sun rises above the National Museum of the Marine Corps and, for the first time, its rays pour through the glass windows of the chapel framed in stone and wood. The light glows around the figure of a kneeling Marine and onto an alter where the words "Semper Fidelis" are etched into the side. This is a place peace, solitude and remembrance.

This is the vision the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation imagined when construction of the Semper Fidelis Memorial Chapel began in 2008. The culmination of this vision is being recognized today at the chapel's opening ceremony at 11 a.m.

The chapel was always planned to be part of the museum's visitor experience within the Semper Fidelis Park which spans more than 23 acres around the museum.

It was Timothy T. Day, an entrepreneur and former Marine captain, who made this dream a reality with his \$5 million dona-

tion, which covered much of the project's \$6.8 million cost.



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It took nine months for major construction to be completed after ground was first broken in December 2008.

"We are at 90 percent completion for the park," said retired Marine Corps Lt. Gen. Ron Christmas, the president and chief executive officer of the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation. "We will start the final phase in the spring and it will be done by the fall."

"The museum was the first part of the building phase and now we equally have the chapel to support the Marines' museum and to support the Marines and

their families," Christmas said. "We still have to finish the paved paths through the park."

Now that a chapel is substantially complete, Marines and others have a meditating place to meditate and remember the Marines who have paid the ultimate price.

"The idea was to have the museum surrounded by the park and have the chapel in the park so people can reflect on those who've passed before us," Christmas said.

Not only is the chapel a place to think of the past, but it is also part of the building of our future.

"This chapel is another part of our legacy being built," Christmas said. "It's a place where one can sit and clearly think about the legacy of the corps, which Marines are very proud of. Anyone can come here and see our legacy ... it's a legacy that is very different."

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more news and  
learn about our  
programs

## JONES' PROVISION TO HELP WOUNDED WARRIORS GOES TO PRESIDENT'S DESK

**Washington, D.C.**— Late last week, Congress passed H.R. 2647 – The Fiscal Year 2010 National Defense Authorization Act – and sent the bill to the President to be signed into law. The legislation includes a key provision based on Congressman Walter B. Jones' bill H.R. 1701, the PTSD/TBI Guaranteed

Review for Heroes Act, which would mandate a medical examination for service members who are facing an administrative separation due to misconduct, and claim or have been diagnosed with post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) or traumatic brain injury (TBI). This examination would assess the degree to

which the behavior of the service member has been affected by PTSD or TBI. Additionally, a review of previous discharges is authorized to ensure that PTSD and TBI were taken into account. "Many of our brave men and women in the Armed Services

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face difficult circumstances upon returning from a combat zone to the United States," Jones said. "No service member should be cut off from benefits because they're suffering from PTSD or TBI incurred while defending our freedom. This legislation will help ensure that doesn't happen." Congressman Jones' legislative language is endorsed by the American Legion, the Military Officers Association of America, the Military Order of the Purple Heart, the National Association of Uniformed Services, and the Air Force Sergeants Association.

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## Website Update

Detachment 1186 has completed extensive updates to the website and we encourage you to explore. We are excited to point out our website is getting a great deal of attention and we will continue to add useful information for Marines, veterans and military retirees.

Please feel free to provide feedback about the website and don't hesitate to suggest any information you think should be included.

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Contact us at [mail@downeastmcl.com](mailto:mail@downeastmcl.com)

## Make a Difference

### WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

We are Marines dedicated to taking care of fellow Marines, their dependents and other military services members

### MEMBERSHIP

Marines (active, reserve, retired and former) as well as FMF Corpsman of like kind are solicited to join. Associate Membership is available as well. The cost of membership is \$30.00 annually; this provides you with a MCL magazine, information and representation by the National Headquarters in matters of interest to us all at the governmental level.

### FUNDING

We do not harass our membership nor do we expect members to dig into personal pockets for survival of the club. Campaigns are conducted annually for voluntarily funding from the public. Our major projects are described below with details of how they are funded.

### MEETINGS

Regular meetings are conducted the first Tuesday of each month at 1900 hours in the VFW Clubhouse located on Mumford Road (near River Park North). Special meetings and Committee meetings are scheduled as needed.



### HOME AWAY FROM HOME

Each year dozens of Marines and other active duty service personnel are admitted to Pitt County Memorial Hospital (PCMH) due to serious injury or illness. We provide

support to the next of kin of these unfortunate service members.

### TOYS FOR TOTS (TFT)

The detachment, as of 2008, is responsible for collecting and distributing thousands of toys to needy children in Pitt County and other counties each year. This takes MANPOWER and cooperation which only we can provide as a Detachment.

We support many other community events throughout the year.

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**Detachment 1186  
was formed  
November 10, 2004  
by 20 Marines.**

## Mission



The Marine Corps League was founded by Major General Commandant, John A. Lejeune, in 1923 and chartered by an Act of Congress on August 4, 1937. Its membership of nearly 56,000 is comprised of honorably discharged, active duty and Reserve Marines with 90 days of service or more, and retired Marines. It includes officer, enlisted, male and female members.

The Marine Corps League is headed by an elected National Commandant, with 14 elected national staff officers who serve as trustees. Day to day operations are under the control of an executive director who supervises the day-to-day performance of the national headquarters staff, located at 8626 Lee Highway in Fairfax, Virginia.

The prime authority of the League is derived from its charter and from its annual national convention held in August in different major U. S. cities throughout the nation.

The National Commandant has operational control over the National Headquarters staff and the National Board of Trustees, who in turn coordinate the efforts of 47 department, or State entities, and the activities of over 812 community-based detachments located throughout the United States and overseas.

The League is classified as a veterans / military service organization and was formed for the purposes of promoting the interests of the U. S. Marine Corps; to provide camaraderie and assistance to Marines, as well as to their widows and orphans; and to preserve the traditions of the U. S. Marine Corps. It is a not for profit organization within the provisions of Internal Revenue Service Code 501 (c) (4), with a special group exemption letter which allows for contributions to the Marine Corps League,

### Meeting Location:

VFW Post 7032

1108 Mumford Rd.

Greenville, NC 27834

(November meeting: St. James U.M.C)

### Meeting Time:

1st Tuesday of each month 7pm/1900

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