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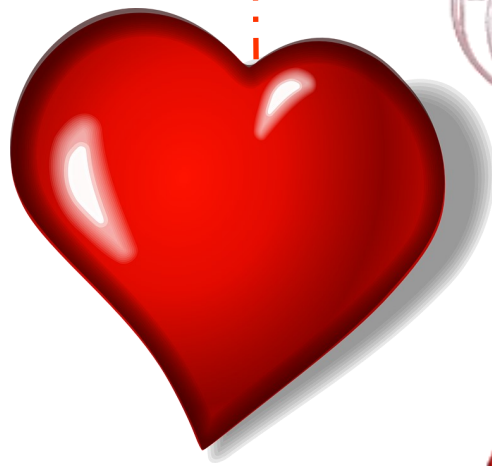
Valentine's Day

GREATER GREENSBORO MCL260 FEBRUARY 13, 2023

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January Meeting Minutes

Officers Attending: Commandant Robert Hare, Sr. VC Mike Clark, Jr VC Gerald Peek, Sgt at Arms Jesse Almanza, Adjutant Judy Brenner, Chaplain Rich Carrera, Paymaster George Orfanedes, Jr Past Commandant Jim Hayes



39 Members, 11 Guests, = 50 Attendance

Guest: Brandon Salas, Raleigh Marine Recruiting Center, Keith & Sandra Patton, SE NJROTC; Gene Brown, Director Community Housing Solutions; Barbara Keeler; Bernard Reimondo; Alison Huber, Director of Triad Honor Flight; Tammy Peterson; Ryan Hare; Kyle Hare; & Sr Vice Commandant for DoNC, David Anderson.

Check presentations made from MCL260 to:

- ◆ Alison Huber - Director of Triad Honor Flight for 3 veteran's flights and supplies for handmade lap quilts.
- ◆ Gene Brown - Community Housing Solutions for repairs to homes for veterans and those in need.
- ◆ Keith Patton - SE NJROTC for matching funds for fundraising.

Sgt at Arms open for business:

Minutes of last meeting approved.

NC Department Sr. Vice Commandant, David Anderson spoke to the detachment about helping the department and detachment to a better relationship. He is fighting for ALL detachments within NC. We need to build a bridge between detachments and the department for us to all become a better DoNC. Read minutes of fall membership meetings. Be honest. Attend one or 2 of the fundraisers. Participate; 10% do 90% of the work. Voice your concerns respectfully to your commandant for the commandant's council meetings. Attend trainings on leadership. Join in the department raffle for 3 guns.

Guest introductions

New Member: Elliott Shaffer was sworn in.

Paymaster Report: Report was approved as given.

Mention of Tina Hayes' loss of friend and voluntary donations.

Chaplain Report: "Suds" is doing OK needs prayers and has a new phone.

CSS Squad Leader: 16 more mattresses have been provided for the servant center and need volunteers to deliver on Wednesday.

Good of the League:

Judy Brenner: Reverse Draw is underway and ready to buy/sell tickets. Get your tickets before they are gone.

Sharon Reddick: Thanked everyone for the scholarship to her granddaughter.

Jim Burgio: Find out previous years ballcap, black with detachment medallion and if we can get one.

Unfinished Business: Remember the 2023 Recruitment Goals!!!!

Jesse Almanza's last meeting as Sgt-at-Arms. He will still be a member of MCL260, however his non-profit and travel back and forth to California will hinder his attendance. Thank you Jesse for your service to MCL260. Think about **your** interest in this position.

The meeting was adjourned at 2000 hours.

Judy Brenner

MCL260 SWAG



\$15.00 Hat

50 hats have been ordered

Shirts have to be pre-ordered/prepaid as we will not stock sizes. Men's and Women's Shirts are:

\$30.00 Small to XL

\$32.00 2X, 3X, 4X

Order Forms available at the February meeting





Commandant's Letter

Robert Hare



Happy Valentine's Day to all the ladies of our Detachment. I hope that your significant others do or did something nice for you.

Well, we kicked off 2023 with some organization donations: Honor Flight - \$2,800 for 3 veteran sponsorships and supplies for the Honor Blankets; Community Housing Solutions - \$5,000 for supplies to build a ramp; Southeast Guilford HS NJROTC - \$2,500 fundraising match. Huge THANK YOU to these organizations for what you do for the community. Stayed tuned, we have more presentations to make in the future.

Our January membership meeting was Jesse Almanza's last day as the Detachment Sergeant-at-Arms. He did an amazing job and he will be missed. Jesse will still be a part of our Detachment, but personal life hampers him from effectively performing his duties. Dan Cross has stepped up and answered the call. At our next meeting, I will be swearing in three (3) new officers; Historian - Hank Park; Public Relations Officer - Mike Sankewitsch; Sgt-at-Arms - Dan Cross. Congratulations to all.

I am also looking to fill additional positions within our Detachment: Supply Officer, Web Sergeant, and Marine 4 Life/VAVS Liaison. I feel with the size of our Detachment and the continued direction we are heading; we need to get all positions filled to benefit our members, both current and future. If you are interested in any of the open positions, please reach out to me. Also, officer elections are just around the corner. In April, we will be taking nominations for Commandant, Senior Vice-Commandant, Junior Vice-Commandant, and Judge Advocate. The election will happen in May with swearing in occurring either the same day or in June. I will advise the membership now of my intention to run for a second term as your Commandant. I have more goals and ideas for our Detachment that I will announce in later days. I hope that I have performed to your expectations and have earned your support for a second term.

Across the League, we have our Mid-East Division Mid-Winter Conference in Norfolk, VA on February 24-25, 2023. We will be electing a new National Vice Commandant and Assistant National Vice Commandant. The Department Fall Membership meeting in Havelock (Cherry Point area) on March 18, 2023, along with the Department Convention where we will be electing new officers as well. I would like to see as many people attend as possible to any/all of these events. I know some of you have a problem with the higher levels of the Marine Corps League, but if you actually attend and see what is going on, maybe your view will change. It's easy to sit back and "armchair quarterback" on what should be happening. Change can't and won't happen if we sit back and don't get involved. I challenge you to attend one function and see the direction we are trying to head.

Finally, keep our Detachment members in your thoughts and prayers. WE have many members that are going through various issues that don't openly say anything. I happen to find out about many of them through others. We need to take care of our own, even it's just praying for them.

Semper Fi!

HorsePower

ANNUAL VETERANS EVENT

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 11TH 10:00AM-12:00PM

PLEASE RSVP 336-931-1424 OR

EMAIL: mike@horsepower.org



This Happened at our Meeting



New MCL260 Member Elliott Shaffer gets Sworn In. Elliott is not new to our Detachment, as he was active military in this area and visited with us often and he directed the Toys for Tots Campaign at I&I.



Our Department Sr. Vice Commandant, David Anderson spoke to MCL260



Commandant Robert Hare presents Alison Huber, Triad Honor Flight with a check from MCL260



[SE NJROTC](#) CWO USN Retired, Keith Patton thanking MCL260 for check matching funds raised by Southeast HS Cadets



Clyde Dungee and Commandant Robert Hare



Guest, Gene Brown to accept check donation for Community Housing Solutions



Stalena Britt, Tom Gibbs, Nancy Stotz, and Kathy Medder



Sue Orfanedes and Chuck Stotz. That's Jim Hayes in the background.



Derrick Lake



Brandon Sales, Raleigh Recruiting Center was our guest.



Chaplain's Corner Rich Carrera



Marines, Corpsmen and Friends of the 260:

In keeping up with our members who are experiencing the proverbial “rough patch”, I have invited some folks who can assist them if they need or desire their help. Marines are really very likely to suffer in silence more than almost anyone else in the world. We have friends who will not even make us aware of difficulties they are experiencing. And even if I learn of a situation, I am “sworn to silence” regarding it.

So I ask again for your prayers for all our members and their families, particularly those whose lives are less than pleasant or comfortable, and that our Lord will show his mercy to them. Our instructions are to pray always, and to this I add my encouragement that you embrace those instructions.

On another topic, a ramp was completed for a wheelchair bound vet. The work was performed by a building team from Mt. Pisgah UMC, of which I am a member. Another church mate, Joe Godfrey, donated all the necessary materials. Our ERT team are so capable of taking on a project and completing it well. Our Community Services Committee was standing by to provide funds should they have been required, and they were not. Now we are focused on the Arthur Cassell bathrooms renovation project to assist some vets at that facility. George O. is always busy and really good at finding ways to get the job done by some one kind enough to donate materials so that allocated funds can be re-assigned to the next project. Our funds are stretched beyond all expectations due to diligent oversight and being certain we made the best deal possible.

Blessings to you all,

Warm regards and Semper Fidelis

Rich

336-362-6552



Continued prayers for Percy “Suds” Sudsbury and Xavier “XL” Beard from our detachment. Hope to see them back soon.



“NEARLY NEW” TV DONATED BY JIM NEHLSSEN TO VETERANS’ GROUP

At recent MCL-260 monthly meeting, Jim Nehlsen asked George Orfanedes if he knew of a Veterans’ group that might have use for a large (55”) TV. Since he had received a new TV for Christmas, Jim was hoping to find a home for his old “nearly new” TV. George responded that he would call around to see which Vet organization might need this item.



Upon contacting Beth Waters, Director of Arthur Cassells Transitional Housing in High Point, she immediately said that they would love to have Jim’s TV. So, on January 20th, Jim loaded the TV into his vehicle, picked up George, and off they went.

Upon arrival at the Veterans housing, we discovered that Beth had not arrived yet. We went into the Group Room, where several Vets were eating breakfast. George explained to Kelley, the on-site Case Worker, that we had a TV to donate. She was very happy, and asked one of the Vets to help Jim bring the TV in.

Within a couple of minutes, Jim and his Vet helper (not identified due to HIPPA requirements) put the TV down in a safe place, until a final viewing location would be decided.

One of the Vets present commented that “This is great! Now we will be able to watch two football games at once!”



Another Vet commented that he would like to see “anyone other than Dallas” on the new TV.

Thanks to Jim Nehlsen’s generosity, another successful effort by MCL-260’s Community Services Committee to help our local Veterans has been completed!



HANDICAP RAMP FOR DISABLED VETERAN COMPLETED IN ONE DAY!



On Wednesday, January 18th, Rich Carrera and a crew from Mt Pisgah United Methodist Church, arrived at a disabled Veteran’s home in Greensboro for the purpose of building a ramp to allow the Vet to go outside without having to navigate steps. This project had been initiated by the Community Services Committee, and Rich volunteered to make sure it was done in a timely manner. The Emergency Response Team consisted of Charles Moon, Bill Thomson, Don Cohan, Bill Edwards, Rick King, Keith Orth, Terry Delagrange, Bob Nix, and Rich Carrera. This group of many talented individuals has worked on multiple humanitarian projects, from hurricane disaster relief in several states to many local projects in the Greater Greensboro area. Although MCL-260 had designated funds to purchase the required materials, all of the lumber was donated by Joe Godfrey (J&J Wood Services, Greensboro).

Rich stated that after resolving a couple of issues (generator would not start, late arrival of equipment trailer), the work started in earnest. He also pointed out that their efforts were greatly enhanced by the fact that the lumber had been pre-cut by Mr. Godfrey’s company.

Once the platform was in place, building the ramp was completed in record time!

Shanna Reece, Director of The Servant Center commented via email: “What a blessing!! That is going to make a huge difference to this veteran!”

Rich Carrera continues to be Community Services’ Go-To Guy for all building projects that are considered. He is currently working on the bathroom renovation efforts at Arthur Cassells Transitional Housing. The last visit was on Tuesday, 1/17/23, when Rich showed the two (2) visiting Home Depot Managers (Battleground store & Winston-Salem store) the four (4) bathrooms that need upgrading. We are currently waiting for their materials list & cost estimate. There is a possibility that Home Depot will donate the required materials (shower stalls, fixtures, sinks, toilets, etc.) and possibly some of the labor. Because of licensing requirements (plumbing & electrical), MCL-260 will probably have to front these costs. Rich is working on possible sources that can provide the needed services at reasonable prices. Finished ramp is pictured on page 5.



Hopefully, this project will start in the April-May timeframe.

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL MATTRESS DELIVERY BY MCL-260

Recently, with community business assistance, George Orfanedes, MCL-260 Community Services Committee, was notified that there were 18 mattresses available for The Servant Center's Veterans Housing Program. George notified Debbie Bailey, the Program's Director, who expressed her appreciation for this potential donation.



After a bit of coordination, it was decided that the Detachment would pick up the mattresses on Wednesday, January 11th, and deliver to The Servant Center's Haworth House on Lexington Ave, Greensboro. Unloading volunteers were requested at the January Detachment meeting, and an email request was also sent out to the membership.

Scott Matthews, using his company's truck, picked up the mattresses about 0930 and arrived at the Haworth House about 1015. George O. notified TSC that we were ready to offload mattresses, and the work began!

A total of 12 members of MCL-260 answered the call to help unload the mattresses. As pictured, left to right: Jim Hayes, Mike Sankewitsch, Scott Matthews, Robert Hare, Jim Burgio, Mike Clark, Derrick Lake, Daniel Hecht, and Steve Nash.

(Not in picture: Keith Ingold, K-Ben Nash, and George Orfanedes)



As Derrick Lake unloaded each mattress from the truck, it was grabbed by two Marines (or one Marine and one Navy Seal), and carried into the designated storage room.

As the storage area became a bit crowded, Mike Clark, Keith Ingold, and Joe Brinson (Servant Center) tried to figure out where to put the last mattress.



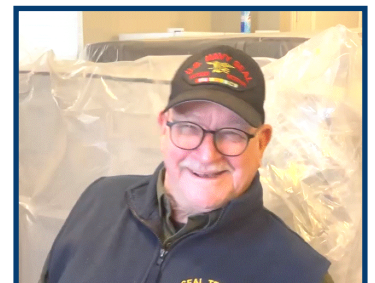
Within 30 minutes, all 18 mattresses had been unloaded and stored safely inside Haworth House.



Luckily, all fit into the designated area.

Many thanks to our 12 members that took the time to show up, unloaded Scott's truck, and carried/dragged some heavy mattresses into the designated area. Once again, with this donation and the efforts of MCL-260, The Servant Center will be helping 18 more Veterans sleep soundly in their new apartments!

Incidentally, this is what a Seal out of the water looks like!



REVERSE DRAW

**Get Your Tickets Today
They are going fast!!!**



2ND ANNUAL MCL260

REVERSE DRAW

SATURDAY APRIL 29TH 2023

GREENSBORO SHRINE CLUB DOORS OPEN AT 5:00PM



TICKETS ARE \$50.00 PER PERSON (includes dinner and chance at \$3000.00)
Don't miss this night of fun and camaraderie !

TICKETS AND SPONSORSHIPS ON SALE NOW

GOLD: \$2500. (4 tickets) RED: \$1500. (3 tickets) BLUE: \$500. (2 tickets)

Sponsor tickets ARE included in the 200 tickets.

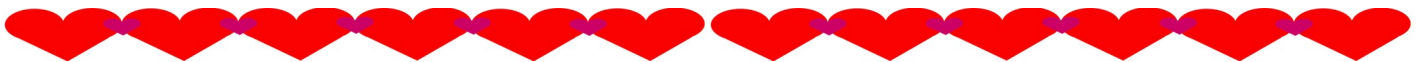
See Judy or email Jbre1049@aol.com or adjutantmcl260@gmail.com or return the 2nd sheet of your letter or call 336-402-2909 with the number of tickets you want to purchase and/or sell or your sponsorship!!!

Don't miss the Fun!

Featuring Alison Huber – Emcee

[Director of Triad Honor Flight](#)

[2022 American Red Cross Salute to Heroes Citizen Hero](#)

A poster for the event "The Montford Point Marines of High Point". It features a central gold coin with the text "MONTFORD POINT MARINES" and "1942-1949". The background shows portraits of Black Marines and an American flag. Text on the poster includes: "The Montford Point Marines of High Point", "1942", "1949", "Come Celebrate the Discovery of History", "Treasuring the History of the First Black Marines", "Saturday, February 25, 2023", "1:00 pm", "High Point Museum", "1859 E. Lexington Ave", "High Point, NC 27262", "High Point NC", "Free & open to the public". Logos for High Point Museum and other organizations are at the bottom.

The Montford Point Marines of High Point

1942 1949

Come Celebrate the Discovery of History
Treasuring the History of the First Black Marines

Saturday, February 25, 2023
1:00 pm

High Point Museum
1859 E. Lexington Ave
High Point, NC 27262
High Point NC

Free & open to the public

Presented by Yalk's African American Art & Cultural Movement, The National Montford Point Marine Association, NC Triad Triangle Chapter 38 in partnership with the High Point Museum. Thank you to our Partners and Sponsors Congressional USCC, Bruce & Angela Davis, Tammy Williamson (336) 684-5524

The Montford Point Marines of High Point

Celebrate the Discovery of History
Treasuring the History of the First Black Marines

Saturday, February 25, 2023 1:00pm

At [High Point Museum](#)

[1859 E Lexington Ave High Point](#)

Free & Open to the Public



Make Your Plans

[2023 DoNC Spring Meeting](#) March 17-18

Havelock - Host Detachment 1067 Cherry Point
You can register by March 10th clicking on the [link](#).

[2023 DoNC Annual Convention](#) June 9-11 2023

Jacksonville Hilton Garden Inn
Detachment 262 Onslow

Detachment nominations for 2023 Marine of the Year
and Associate of the Year Deadline June 9, 1700 or by mail arrival
June 7th

See Commandant Robert Hare

[2023 Mideast Division Conference](#) June 23-24 2023

Pikesville, MD

2023 National Convention—August 13-18, 2023

100th Anniversary of the Marine Corps League

Omni Hotel, Oklahoma City, OK

<https://www.mcleaguelibrary.org/convention/>

2022-2023 DoNC Fundraiser

3 FIREARMS WITH HARD CASES

5 tickets for \$20.00 or \$5.00 single ticket

Get your information [here](#).

*See Commandant Robert Hare or Sr Vice Commandant Mike
Clark for tickets*

Drawing during DoNC Convention June 9-11



26 FEBRUARY 1984

The main force of Marines left Lebanon, leaving a small contingent to guard the US embassy in Beirut.

23 FEBRUARY 1945

Marines raise the flag on Mount Suribachi.



Photo by Joe Rosenthal

CALENDAR

2/11 Annual Veterans Event - Horsepower
1000 to 1200 hours [4537 Walpole Rd. High Point](#)

2/13 1730 Regular MCL260 Meeting Golden
Corral, [4404 Landview Dr](#)

2/23 National MidWinter Conference - Norfolk,
VA

2/28 1730 Marine Night Out Kickback Jacks,
[1605 Highwoods Blvd](#)



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

2-4 *Mike (Henry) Newsome*

Email jbre1049@aol.com with your birthday month
and day please.



Semper Fidelis!

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