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★ 2021 Tournament Sets New Record ★

At the golf tournament meeting on August 31, it was announced by George Orfanedes, that this tournament has the largest number of sponsors and the greatest amount of money raised. The sponsor pledges amount to **\$100,565**. *Congratulations to everyone who made this happen.*

The tournament is scheduled for Friday, October 1, at Grandover Resort. The shotgun start will be at 12:15. The opening ceremony will include a four man color guard from the local Communications Company, the singing of our National Anthem, the Pledge of Allegiance and remarks from our chairman, **Jim Burgio**.

In addition to the golf there will be a **Silent Auction, Raffle** and the sale of **Golf Mulligans**. All detachment members may come out and buy raffle tickets and bid on the Silent Auction items. Among the Auction items there is an **Amethyst Geode, Necklace, Victorinox Men's Watch, Beach Rolling Cart three Richard Petty Items, a Tiger Woods autographed golf ball, three autographed baseballs from the Chicago White Sox, many leather items from Randy Davis including pistol cases, rifle cases, ammo pouch, ladies hand bag and a ladies tote, and a lighting fixture.**

XL Beard noted that all of the manpower requirements have been met. He went on to report that the I & I Staff will have Marines at the course to assist with setup and take down of tents and moving raffle and auction items to the refreshment area after the golfing is finished.

The Committee encourages all members to come out and support this event. Setup will begin at 0900 hours.

We are on the web: www.mcl260.info



Jim Hayes,
Commandant

Commandant's Letter

Marines, Corpsmen and Associates of the Fighting 260,

This has been a most unusual past month since my last letter. One of my long-time Marine friends passed away unexpectedly, not COVID related. That required three trips to Northern Virginia plus I cancelled attending the national convention due to that. The last few days I have been watching what is going on in Afghanistan and I am terribly disappointed in the way our leaders have handled the retreat. This is going to impact our nation for many years to come. I

hope to attend an Army virtual meeting on 2 Sep, about our ceremonial rifles.

The Golf Committee is going great guns raising money and planning for a super event on 1 October. Jim Burgio set a goal of \$50,000 and when that was achieved he stretched the goal to \$100,000. We have met that goal as well. He is trying to establish a new level of support called Friends of the 260. You will hear from him shortly as he tries to get all members of the 260 to donate to our largest event of the year. Please help if you can. Please thank Jim Burgio for the superb job he is doing!!

The **Vet Stand Down is Friday, September 10** and we need to provide volunteers to assist with clothing donations. We will put out info on this event in the next day or so. Check you email for something from Chuck or George.

I will be attending the Department of North Carolina Fall meeting on 11 September. I will let you know if there are any major issues discussed.

If you pay dues annually, they are due now!! Please respond to the mailing you will be receiving shortly from George and Robert. You can pay at the September meeting or mail your check in the response envelope you will receive with your invoice.

Jim Nehlsen received from DofNC additional changes they recommend for our By-Laws. Looks like we will re-constitute the By-Laws Committee and hopefully finalize our last draft. Jim is also working on an Admin Procedures Manual. Once complete that should have us in pretty good shape going forward.

Stay safe and healthy! I look forward to seeing everyone on 13 September at Golden Corral.

Semper Fi,

Jim



Chaplain's Corner

Rich Carrera, Chaplain

I was present at our sparsely attended Marine Night where many issues are solved. Those of you who missed it will continue to have to work them out on your own. Comradeship is a major reason for the Marine Corps League and the last Wednesday of each month is YOUR opportunity to connect with fellow Marines. It is also a great opportunity to get the "whole story" about the things which concern us. Present circumstances are reason enough to keep up and be informed. I mean where else but from a fellow Marine can you reasonably expect to get the "straight scoop", one exception being that Alan was there, and sat next to me. We had a very good time and the only improvement as I see it would be better attendance. During our time on active duty we always had that 10% to deal with and some of you must have been happy with that.

Please continue to keep our "walking wounded" in your prayers as they covet your involvement in their issues and it is the very best thing we have to give them. All of us will one day "need" someone and just as we leave no one behind, we encourage our mates by our prayers for them. God's will is going to be done, and there have been times when He has changed His mind due to persistent prayer. Always help our fellow Marines, pray for all of us.

Whether God has chosen to bless our upcoming golf tournament or whether He is blessing it because Jim Burgio asked Him to, we are looking forward to a great one this year. The proceeds will help a bunch of veterans in so many ways because we care about them and their families.

We are so very grateful to Marines like George "O" and Jim "B" for the time and effort they are willing to share on our behalf. Thank you!!

Warm regards, Blessings

Semper Fidelis,

Rich

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Minutes of the August Meeting, 2021

Robert Hare, Adjutant

- *35 members/guests in attendance
- *Officers present: Commandant, Jim Hayes; Sr. VC, Jim Nehlsen; Jr. VC, Mike Clark; Judge Advocate, Harvey McDonald; Paymaster, George Orfanedes; Adjutant, Robert Hare; Chaplain, Rich Carrera; Sgt. At Arms, Jesse Almanza
- *Officers excused: Historian, Harry Thetford
- *Senior Vice-Commandant, Jim Nehlsen conducted the meeting.
- *The minutes of our previous meeting were approved as printed in the "Grinder" newsletter.
- *Paymaster, George Orfanedes gave the financial report for Detachment 260. The financial report was approved as read.
- *Adjutant, Robert Hare announced the FY2022 membership dues are approaching. Members will be receiving their renewal letters soon. Members that have not paid FY2021 membership dues will have both in their letter. Membership expires on September 30, 2021.
- *Supply Officer, Mike Clark announced that he had the Department Meritorious Unit Commendation ribbons and can be picked up at the end of the meeting.
- *Golf Tournament Committee member George Orfanedes announced that there are 68 sponsors and approximately 140 golfers for the event. A new goal of \$100,000 in sponsorships has been set and currently, very close to meeting that goal. The Committee is now looking for \$100 tee & green sponsors (6 spots remain) along with volunteers (3 spots remain) on event day (October 1, 2021).
- *Good of the League: Chuck Stotz stated that there were still three spots for volunteers remaining for the Golf Tournament. Let him know quickly if you want to help. Scott Matthews gave an update on 2nd Lt. Monique Stewart, USMC. In Basic School, she and her fellow Marines are working on projects that greatly affect potential and future conflicts in other parts of the world. Her spirits are high and is doing well. Lt. Stewart, we are thinking about you and look forward to seeing you again after you finish Basic School. Bill Moss spoke about the NC General Assembly approving \$26 million for the building of the Marine Corps Museum near Camp Lejeune. Groundbreaking date has not been set.
- *Meeting closed at 1920 until September 13, 2021.

Golden Corral Meeting Place—August 2021



XL Beard, Manpower Chair of the Golf Tournament wants a few good Marines to help man the positions that Friday



Sr. Vice Commandant Jim Nehlsen presided over the meeting.



The Paymaster said that yearly dues are upcoming.



Jesse Almanza and Harvey McDonald making everything legal both by Roberts Rules of Order and the LAW.



“and this is the way we did it in the Corps,” Luke Glascock explains to Spike Felty.



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September 2021

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12	13 X	14	15	16	17	18
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26	27	28	29 X	30		

Veterans Stand Down

Regular Monthly Meeting at
Golden Corral Restaurant.
5:30 p.m.

Marine Night at Logans Road
House 5:00 p.m.

Golf Tournament, Friday,
October 1, 9:00 a.m.

"Saint Peter is a Marine"

The Fifty Year History of Marine Corps League Detachment 260 Greensboro, North Carolina

To purchase a copy of the book go to our website mcl260.info or call Sharon Reddick at 336-252-9253 or George Orfanedes at 603-305-0221. You may also order the book at the next meeting on 12 July. Books are \$60 per copy + \$10 shipping (if require).

To pay by check, make it out to MCL260 Book.

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When History and Wokeness Collide



From a historian's perspective, military history is flying by at warp speed. For example, we have in U.S. Army General Milley, our most woke Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in history. Even though he was appointed by President Trump, a clip was shown recently of Milley apologizing for being in a photograph with the POTUS (Trump). On the other hand, Milley seems proud to stand beside the current POTUS (Biden).

During a recent visit to Quantico, I snapped a shot of this parking space reserved for a former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The other photo is another Marine who served as Chairman, General Joseph Dunford, and General Milley.



General Milley has a chest full of decorations. So did General Peter Pace, whose decorations include: Defense Distinguished Service Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star with Valor Device, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with Gold Star, Navy Commendation Medal with Valor Device, Navy Achievement Medal with Gold Star, Navy Presidential Unit Commendation with Bronze Service Star, and Combat Action Ribbon.

He also wore the badge of a Marine Parachutist, as well as badges for Expert Rifleman and Pistol Expert.

On 30 Sep 2005, General Pace, was unanimously confirmed as the 16th Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. He was the first Marine to serve as our country's highest ranking military officer.

On 12Mar2007, in an informal discussion with the Chicago Tribune, General Pace expressed his personal belief that homosexual acts are immoral and that (the U.S. Military) should not condone immoral acts.

His Christian beliefs and personal opinions aside, he remained fully supportive of the Clinton-instigated policy, "Don't ask, don't tell," which allowed gays to serve in the Military.

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DD214

Do you need a copy of your release from service document? Listed below are the ways to make a request.

If you were released from active duty before 2000, contact the government at:

Director

Navy Personnel Command—312D2

Room 5409

9700 Page Avenue

St. Louis, Mo. 63132

Those released after 1999 can contact:

Headquarters USMC

Manpower Management Support Branch

2008 Elliot Rd. Suite 205

Quantico, VA 22314-5030

AUGUST GRINDER MEMORY FITNESS TEST

(NEED A LITTLE HELP?)

During the 2010 National MCL Convention, seventy-two "then and now" Detachment 260 photos were posted for the enjoyment of conventioners and the general public. Many of the posters listed the Marine's assignment while on active duty.

SUPPLY ADMINISTRATION: _____ **SHARON REDDICK**
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PLATOON LEADER: _____ **BEN CRAVEN**
MOTOR TRANSPORT OFFICER: _____ **JIM BURGIO**
NAVAL GUN SPOTTER: _____ **XAVIER BEARD**
HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR: _____ **JENNY BARKER**

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General Pace's comments received a large wave of support from across the country and from the military. Secretary Gates said, "I value his candor and his willingness to speak his mind."

Beholden to their gay and lesbian constituency, the anti-war, defeatist Democrats became committed to destroying Peter Pace's forty years of exemplary service to his country. Secretary Gates realized contentious re-confirmation hearings loomed ahead in the democratic-controlled Congress. He advised President Bush to appoint someone else. In respect for General Pace's service, Senator Harry Reid said, "Pace is incompetent."

I don't recall an Air Force Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff being called an Airman. Or, a Navy Chairman being called a Sailor. Or, Milley being called a soldier. I distinctly remember Pace being called a Marine.

Before our era of wokeness, military recruiters were invited to speak at high schools. In a Connecticut high school, the Air Force, Army and Navy spokesmen were all booed off the stage. A hard-nosed Marine Gunnery Sergeant rose and glared at the assembly, "There's no one here worthy of being a U.S. Marine," he declared. "I'm horrified that the faculty would let students carry on like this. There isn't anybody here I want in my Marine Corps!" The Gunnie's comments notwithstanding, Harvey Curtiss "Barney" Barnum signed up that day. He was awarded a Congressional Medal of Honor in Vietnam.

When wokeness meets history, we should default to the Marine Corps Prayer. "Almighty Father," the prayer includes, "If I am inclined to doubt, steady my faith; if I am tempted, make me strong to resist; and if I should miss the mark, give me courage to try again."

Semper Fidelis!

Harry Thetford

Detachment 260 Historian

'Freedom comes at a cost,' Marine commandant says after 13 troops killed in Afghanistan

Reprinted from Marine Times

A series of attacks outside of Hamid Karzai International Airport in Kabul, Afghanistan, killed 10 Marines on Thursday, the Marine Corps confirmed.

Thirteen U.S. troops in total were killed, according to U.S. officials. One Navy corpsman was killed in the attack, The Associated Press reported, and a defense official told Military Times that a soldier was killed. Confirmation of the branch of the final service member was still pending Thursday evening.

Several Marines were wounded in the attack, Maj. Jim Stenger, a Headquarters Marine Corps spokesman, said in an emailed statement Thursday evening.

The families of the Marines killed are currently being informed and their names and units will be released 24 hours after all the families are notified, Stenger said.

"We mourn the loss of these Marines and pray for their families," Stenger said in the statement. There were more than 2,000 Marines in Kabul, Afghanistan, on Thursday. They recently had been rushed to the airport to aid in the evacuation of U.S. citizens and Afghans attempting to flee the country as the Taliban quickly conquered the nation before a U.S. troop withdrawal deadline of Aug. 31.

The attack began when an ISIS suicide bomber approached a group of Marines outside the Abbey gate, Marine Gen. Frank McKenzie, CENTCOM commander, told reporters Thursday.

Two suicide bombers and gunmen attacked crowds of Afghans flocking to the airport, The Associated Press reported. The attacks killed at least 60 Afghans.

The Marines mostly come from the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit and Special Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force – Crisis Response – Central Command.

The attack was one of the deadliest on U.S. forces in the 20-year history of the war in Afghanistan.

Only the 2005 Operation Red Wings, which resulted in 17 deaths, and the 2011 the shooting down of Extortion 17, a CH-47D Chinook, which killed 30 service members, resulted in more deaths.

The Marines were the first Marines killed in any combat operations since the March 2020 deaths of Marine Raiders Capt. Moises A. Navas and Gunnery Sgt. Diego Pongo.

Navas and Pongo died while clearing caves of ISIS fighters in northern Iraq. They were working alongside Iraqi security forces and French special operators.

Marine Raider Staff Sgt. Nicholas J. Jones was awarded the Navy Cross Thursday for his actions in that fight that saved the life of a French operator.

Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps Troy Black tweeted out a statement expressing his condolences for the Marines who died Thursday.

"Though their loss was in great service to our Nation, I join every Marine and Sailor who vows to carry on their legacy and remember their sacrifice," Black said.

Berger said in a statement, "These fallen heroes answered the call to go into harm's way to do the honorable work of helping others. We are proud of their service and deeply saddened by their loss."

