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### DD214

We all have a driver's license in our wallet along with a Medicare card and most likely a debit or credit card. How many of us know where our DD214 is located? All prospective members of the Marine Corps League must be able to produce this document as proof of eligibility. For active members, if we want to use the VA, we too must show proof of eligibility and the DD214 is used for that purpose.

If you need this document, follow these guidelines. **You can request your military service records Online, by Mail, or by Fax.** Submit your request ONLINE with **eVetRecs**. Go to **eVetRecs Help** to learn more about how to use it. The following info is required: Complete name of the vet, service number, social security number, branch of service, dates of service, date and place of birth. Also, include in the place of discharge, last unit of assignment and place of entry into the service, if known. All requests must be signed and dated

by the veteran, or the next-of-kin.

You may also request your records by using **Standard Form 180 (SF-180)**. Here you go on-line to use the on-line order. You may download and print a copy of the SF-180 in PDF format. You need access to a printer and the Adobe Acrobat Reader software. The form is a total of three pages.

When you complete and print the form, sign and mail to: **National Personnel Records Center, 1 Archives Dr., St. Louis, Missouri 63138.**

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## COMMANDANT'S OFFICE HOURS

**RICH CARRERA**

### **Easter Blessing**

Marines, Corpsmen and Friends of the Fighting 260:

Everybody should know by now that we are putting to work our last two years of successful fundraising. I am asking the squad leaders to report the amounts we have committed to their chosen recipients. Also the amounts we intend to commit soon.

The Community Services Committee has met several times and I have been in attendance on those occasions. We have already donated several thousand dollars, all of which went to help LOCAL Veterans. There are some other issues pending, mostly waiting for us to choose a source for the service, and to be satisfied that the cost is appropriate. Currently, we are in the midst of a serious fundraiser at Belk's, where we have seen remarkable success under the leadership of Sharon Reddick, our Jr. Vice Commandant. She needs all of us to participate in this effort, so that we can help even more needy Marines and Vets. Open your emails and listen to the ROBO calls so you are informed and can participate as you are able.

Our last meeting was cancelled due to the foul weather, and it seems like a very long time since last we met. April 9<sup>th</sup>, is our next meeting, at the Knights of Columbus building on Horse Pen Creek Rd. I'm EXPECTING to see a very good turnout. Jim Hayes, Sr. Vice Commandant will have a presentation of our Organizational Chart. This committee has been working hard to set up our method of operation along the lines of the structure of the Marine Corps. I will leave it to Jim to enlighten all of you, and you should be there to see your name on the chart.

Our efforts to recruit new members has been producing fruit as well, due primarily to the efforts of Bill Moss and Sharon Reddick. Always remember to invite every Marine you meet to attend a meeting, on us, to see for themselves why they should join our "Band of Brothers". You tell me what is better than spending some time with fellow Marines.

Semper Fidelis and Warm regards, Rich



## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

**BEN CRAVEN, CHAPLAIN**

### **Easter Blessings**

The Easter Season reminds us there is a new beginning, a time of forgiveness and joy for the future. Someone cares about you. As Marines, our Mission is to look after each other. Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged, sing out in Prayer and call your Chaplain. May the Peace and Joy be yours all during the year.

Blessings to all,

Ben

# Marine Corps History

## Cuban Missile Crisis, 1962

In the fall of 1962, the United States and the Soviet Union came as close as they ever would to global nuclear war. Hoping to correct what he saw as a strategic imbalance with the United States, Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev began secretly deploying medium range ballistic missiles (MRBM) and intermediate range ballistic missiles (IRBM) to Fidel Castro's Cuba. Once operational, these nuclear-armed weapons could have been used cities and military targets in most of the continental United States. Before this happened, however, U.S. intelligence discovered Khrushchev's brash maneuver. In what became known as the Cuban Missile Crisis, President John F. Kennedy and an alerted and aroused American government, armed forces, and public compelled the Soviets to remove from Cuba not only their missiles but all of their offensive weapons.

The U.S. Navy played a pivotal role in this crisis, demonstrating the critical importance of naval forces to the national defense. The Navy's operations were in keeping with its strategic doctrine, which is as valid today as it was in late 1962. The Navy, in cooperation with the other U.S. armed forces and with America's allies, employed military power in such a way that the president did not have to resort to war to protect vital Western interests. Khrushchev realized that his missile and bomber forces were no match for the Navy's powerful Polaris ballistic missile-firing submarines and the Air Force's land-based nuclear delivery systems once these American arms became fully operational. Naval forces under the U.S. Atlantic Command, headed by Admiral Robert L. Dennison (CINCLANT), steamed out to sea, intercepting not only merchant shipping en route to Cuba, but Soviet submarines operating in the area as well. U.S. destroyers and frigates, kept on station through underway replenishment by oilers and stores ships, maintained a month-long naval "quarantine" of the island of Cuba. Radar picket ships supported by Navy fighters and airborne early warning planes assisted the U.S. Air Force's Air Defense Command in preparing to defend American airspace from Soviet and Cuban forces. Navy aerial photographic and patrol aircraft played a vital part not only in observing the deployment of Soviet offensive weapons into Cuba; but monitoring their withdrawal by sea.

As the unified commander for the Caribbean, Admiral Dennison was responsible for readying Army, Air Force, Marine, and Navy assault forces for a possible invasion of Cuba. He also served as the Commander in Chief, U.S. Atlantic Fleet. The aircraft carriers, destroyers, and Marine forces of the subordinate Second Fleet, under Vice Admiral Alfred G. Ward, were poised to launch air, naval gunfire, and amphibious strikes from the sea against Soviet and Cuban forces ashore. With speed and efficiency, other fleet units reinforced the Marine garrison at Guantanamo on Cuba's southeastern tip and evacuated American civilians. Dennison also coordinated the maritime support operations carried out by Canadian, British, Argentine, and Venezuelan forces.

Khrushchev, faced with the armed might of the United States and its allies, had little choice but to find some way out of the difficult situation in which he had placed himself and his country. President Kennedy did not press the advantage that the strength of U.S. and allied naval and military forces gave him. Thus, the Soviet leader was able to peacefully disengage his nation from this most serious of Cold War confrontations.

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## **\*\*RECRUIT NEW MEMBERS\*\***

It is time to return the favor. Yes it is. The life blood of any organization is new and active members. Your detachment is wanting to recruit twenty new members this Spring. You probably know someone who is a Marine who would enjoy being involved in the 260, making new friendships, helping others thru our outreach programs and taking part in our many activities.

Give Sharon Reddick a call and she will help you recruit them.

### **Jarheads**

Ten (10) men and women are needed to help sustain all that we are doing. Get on the phone and call Bill Moss (336) 708-1988 or Sharon Reddick (336) 252-9253 with the names of prospects. They will follow up for you if you don't want to do it yourself. How simple can it be?



### **Steve Nash Honored by the Governor of North Carolina**

**Governor Roy Cooper** honored Steve Nash with a United States Flag, that was flown over the State Capitol, for his service to our country. The presentation was made to Steve by **Rep. Jon Hardister, North Carolina House of Representatives.**



## Col. Dan Camia, Ret. to speak at the April Dinner Meeting, April 9th

Dan Camia's orientation flight to become a helicopter pilot "did not go well." After striking an uncharted power line, the helicopter went down — the instructor pilot, the enlisted observer and Camia escaped injuries. Camia, an infantry officer serving a 13-month assignment in Korea, was not deterred. He completed helicopter pilot training at Fort Rucker, Ala., and was soon flying combat missions in Vietnam. "It was a tough year for us in 1968," Camia recalls. "At one time during the Tet Offensive, we flew 36 straight hours under heavy fire in support of a U.S. Army base in danger of being overrun by the Viet Cong."

After 13 months in Vietnam, Camia was back at Fort Rucker — as an instructor. While in Vietnam, he had made the decision to propose to Nancy Balboni, a Boston College School of Nursing coed he had dated all their college years. She accepted, and they were married in 1969.

"I went back to Vietnam again in 1971 and commanded an assault helicopter company. We flew combat missions on a daily basis, mostly at night, and predominantly in support of Special Forces operations." Camia's most memorable moment of his Vietnam tours did not involve combat. "Hundreds of Vietnam civilians were marooned on an island isolated by a ravaging flood," he says. "Typhoon conditions prohibited normal helicopter operations, but a single volunteer helicopter crew would be accepted. "That was my most gratifying mission — our crew saved over 400, mostly women and children, from certain death. This may shock those who know 15 is the maximum capacity for a Huey, but we brought out as many as 40 at a time!" Company commands stateside and a combat aviation battalion command in Germany followed. Camia served in the Pentagon, as well as tours in Vicenza, Italy; Stuttgart, Germany; and two tours in Heidelberg, Germany, over the remainder of his 24-year career. He retired as a colonel.

"We moved 19 times in 20 years" during his military service, Nancy Camia says. Dan Camia was well decorated for his service — the Distinguished Flying Cross, "for repeatedly leading his flight of helicopters into enemy held territory including 17 combat air assaults with five at night," and the Soldier's Medal, "for rescue mission under extremely dangerous conditions hazardous to his own life." He also received the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, four Bronze Stars, 36 Air Medals and many other commendations. He was authorized to wear the Parachutist Badge, Ranger Tab, Master Aviator Wings (rotary and fixed wing) and Office of the Secretary of Defense Identification Badge.

While I am honored to have received these awards," he says, "I feel being an Army wife is the toughest assignment of all — Nancy is the one who deserves the highest award. She kept our family going all those years!" She wasn't into awards any more than her husband, but finally agreed, "Being a good Army wife wasn't the easiest road. Due to our frequent moves and raising two children, it wasn't practical to pursue my career in nursing. As a commanding officer's wife, there were always entertaining and support chores that needed to be done." She did find time to tutor soldiers in English and math toward their GED, and teach nursing at Fayetteville Community College.

Camia, now 73, retired at Fort Bragg in 1988, and moved again — a shorter move this time, to Greensboro. He joined Southern Importers Inc. as regional sales manager and became chief operating officer before retiring again in 2003. The Camias haven't really retired. "For 13 years, we have volunteered at St. Francis Springs Prayer Center in Stoneville," he says.

They are active members of St. Paul's Catholic Church in Greensboro. They have two married daughters and two grandchildren. "I am a 4th Degree Knight and Faithful Navigator in the Knights of Columbus and a member of their Color Corps," he says.

Nearing the end of our interview, he wanted to tell me about the medal he valued most of all. I guessed it would be the Soldier's Medal, since it is such a rare award. I was way off. "Receiving the St. Francis Medal (through the Catholic Church) is the highest honor of my life."

Reprinted from an article written by MCL 260 member Harry Thetford in the News & Record June 20, 2016

From Rusty Boaeuf

"We had a former Marine in our church's shelter which just closed. He has been placed in an apartment. His name is Bobby Wesley...he has been diagnosed with the PTSD. Last week I helped him move into his apartment which is really nice. He is being subsidized by GSO housing. I helped him get some furniture from Barnabas but he still needs some furniture. I was hoping that we might be able to help him become fully self-sufficient possibly with the basket that our Community Relations committee are proposing for Marine vets. Aside from the basket, his needs are still: a bed railing for his queen size bed (which Barnabas had none) a kitchen table and chairs, a couple of lamps, end tables, some linens/blankets, towels and wash clothes, dishes and silverware. Other than his general state of well-being, he has suffered several losses in the past several years as cancer seems to run in his family. Quite a laundry list I know, but we do not have to do anything, or we can supply some items with the help of our league. Some may have used items or just want to give a gift basket. Whatever we can do I am sure would be appreciated. Bobby is a great guy, a hard worker, when he can work, and says now he's got a jump start again. He will not go back to being homeless. P.S. He does have a case worker through family services. Thanks, to all of the Fighting 260 and God Bless All." Rusty.

George Orfanedes, from the Community Relations Squad, met with Rusty and delivered the homeless basket. Rusty is going to Habitat to pick up a kitchen table and chairs that the 260 donated. League member Daniel Hecht donated a toaster oven and some Tupperware and possibly a small dresser and chairs. He may also have a microwave.





# APRIL 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4 Belk Days 11-4	5 Belk Days 11-4	6 Belk Days 11-4	7 Belk Days 11-4
8 Belk Days 1-4	9 Regular Meeting 5:30 - 8:15 Dinner \$10.00	10	11 Belk Days 11-4	12 Belk Days Vets Coffee @ Outback Steak- house 8:30- 10:30	13 Belk Days 11-4	14 Belk Days 11-4
15 Belk Days 1-4	16	17	18 Belk Days 11-4	19 Belk Days 11-4	20 Belk Days 11-4	21 Belk Days 11-4
22 Belk Days 1-4	23	24	25 Marine Night @ Triad Lanes 5:30 Belk Days 11-4	26 Belk Days 11-4	27 Belk Days 11-4	28 Belk Days 11-4
29 Belk Days 1-4	30					





Funeral for Marine John Tedder

March 5, 2018





## Minutes of March 12, 2018 Meeting



Jack Masarie, Adjutant

### March Meeting Brought to a Screeching Halt



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### Belk Charity Days Are Here Again



If you need a reason to help the 260 on this fundraiser, take a look at these pictures. These are caring people giving to the 260. Some are giving money as the three ladies did that are pictured here. Take a close look at the lady in the wheel chair. She is using a wheel chair that you donated to Belk for their customers. Now look at the volunteers that are pictured here. They have risen to the occasion and are at Belk almost every day.

Thank them by being there yourself. How hard is it to give an hour or two of your time? Think about it. Your fellow Marines and Associates are showing up. Dates are Wednesday thru Saturday 11-4 and Sunday 1-4. Hey buddy, can you spare an hour?

