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## Reddick Marine of the Year - 2017-18



Sharon Reddick, Junior Vice Commandant was elected this year's Marine of the Year by a unanimous vote of the members present at the July monthly meeting. Sharon has been a tireless worker for the detachment with her chairmanship of the Belk Charity Days. Almost singlehandedly she has raised over \$35,000 for our outreach programs during the past fiscal year.

She has also been responsible for bringing in at least 50 as Jr. Vice Commandant. As the old saying goes, "if the doors are open she is there." Her name was put in nomination on Monday night and no one even gave a thought to nominating anyone else.

Congratulations to Sharon Reddick for all that she does for all of us and ultimately for those in our community that are in need.

## Spike Felty Selected Associate of the Year

Congratulations are also in order for Spike Felty upon his selection as Associate of the Year. Spike has been very active in most of our activities. He has been a supporter of the Belk Day Charity events. He attends all of our meetings. He is one of the new squad leaders in our chain of command structure. You will also see him at all of our camaraderie events.



Spike has always been willing to be a part of the activities of the detachment.

Congratulations to this fine associate member.

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**COMMANDANT'S OFFICE HOURS**  
**Rich Carrera**

Elections are over and I thank all of you for another opportunity to do my best to serve the needs of our League. Our selection for Marine of the Year and Associate of the Year are excellent choices from outstanding candidates.

We are all kind of catching our breath this month, with the Belk's project being the main focus. I cannot encourage all hands strongly enough to turn out and support Sharon and Jim as we work hard to offer our assistance to Marines, their families and all veterans with needs that are within our ability to provide. But only so long as we have the funds. We have made a change in the days we work at Belk's, due to lower traffic. Our Marines are covering Thursday, Friday and Saturday. There should be at least 4 or 5 of us there at all times. Call Sharon and get on the schedule at whatever time suits you. This is a very good deal for all of us and PLEASE recognize the opportunity.

The turnout for the Department Meeting in Winston-Salem was good and considering the proximity, could have been even better as far as the 260 is concerned. Susan and I will be attending the National Convention in Buffalo, NY, in August along with several others from our

League. In case you are not aware of this, all MCL members get to vote at these functions. At the Department level, if enough of our members attend, we could very well determine who gets elected. Even at the National Convention, a good presence from the 260 could certainly influence a close election. Think about it down the road.

Some really good times are coming up, near term, such as our picnic, and "show and tell" in October, where we will display our memorabilia, photos and weapons from the past and present. Get your gear in order and bring it to this event.

Our Community Services Committee is still hard at work and I can tell you that it is much better to give than to receive. Every one of the members is excited about seeing a veteran move into his own place with the baskets of all those mostly little things that will destroy the budget if he or she has to purchase them. I am so proud of all of our Marines who have saddled-up and "took up the yoke" to help our brothers in need. We have provided bed frames, mattresses, bedding, cleaning supplies, pots and pans, dishes, flatware. You get the picture. These articles can make the difference in the veteran actually making the move. Thank you for your caring heart.

Semper Fidelis, Warm regards, Rich



**CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**  
**Alan Atwell**

**Recreation**

Well, here we are at the midpoint of the summer season. School is out for most students. Families are going on vacation or have recently returned from the mountains or the beach or even a trip out of the country. All done in the name of "recreation." The word recreation has its beginnings in France. It meant creating anew. It was also used to mean to maintain or freshen. Meal and rest can be construed to be a recreation because they nourish and refresh our bodies. That is where we get the term "recreational activity," and we get to nourish our spirit. Mark 6:31 says, "then he said to them, 'Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest awhile.' For many were coming

and going and they had no leisure to eat."

Summer is a time for recreating anew. It is a season to refresh ourselves and be with our families and friends in the pursuit of leisure. While you are doing this, find time to be on your own to reflect on all that God has given you, not just the material things of life, but also the gifts of family, friends, life itself and even your own personality. That personality is totally unique to you. Reflect on it and ask yourself how you can use it to serve God's purposes here on earth. You have the potential in you for greatness. Use it to serve others. You will be blessed for having done so.

## Minutes of July 9, 2018 Meeting



Jack Masarie, Adjutant

45 Members and Guests in attendance.

Nominations and voting for "Marine of the Year" and "Associate of the Year" were held. Results: Sharon Reddick, Marine of the Year and Spike Felty, Associate of the Year.

Commandant, Rich Carrera, announced awards from the Department of NC meeting in Winston-Salem: VC Sharon Reddick for services to League and Detachment; and Detachment awards for recruiting/retention and participation (attendance). He also displayed the 260's ad from the meeting brochure, which will also run in the National Convention Program.

After Officers' reports, Will Turner (Harold's grandson) was introduced for membership. He joined the Corps in 2008 serving 3 tours in Afghanistan, then as a DI and artillery instructor at TBS Quantico. He plans to enter law school (Elon University) in the fall. Married, with a 3 year old daughter, he announced the pending arrival

(Sept) of William H. Turner V.

After approval of minutes from the "Grinder", Commandant, Rich Carrera, read correspondence, including thanks from Barbara Snyder, "Horsepower", and from Hospice and Palliative Care. Sr. VC, Jim Hayes, announced availability of Golf Tournament brochures, their distribution to area golf courses, and the taping of a TV spot to be shown on the Community TV Station.

Jr. VC, Sharon Reddick, stated that even with low numbers of customers at Belk's (due to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday) we were getting around half of them to donate. MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!!

Historian, Harry Thetford, will lead a group to assemble a document of the Detachment's profile and history, in advance of our upcoming 50th Anniversary.

Paymaster, Rebecca Tyree, gave an accounting of holdings in our savings and checking accounts. This includes the funds from the Belk Charity Day project.

Judge Advocate, Jim Nehlsen, reported that changes to the National by-laws are coming. These will be brought before the membership when they are received. This may require adjustments to our Detachment by-laws.

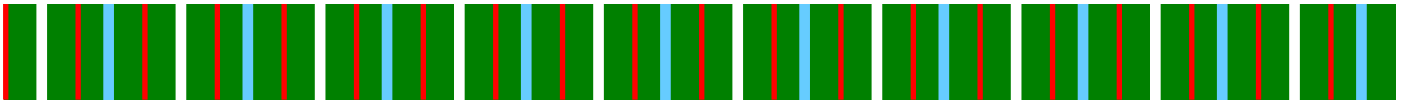
Supply Officer and Chaplain Positions are currently open (Alan Atwell is filling in, temporarily as Chaplain).

Community Services Chair, George Orfanedes, reported continuing search for new, veteran related projects. Funds were allocated to "Easter's Promise" (equestrian rehabilitation program), and mattresses/linens were provided to "Partners Ending Homelessness". "Tiny Homes of Greensboro" has teams of workers building on Saturdays, 10-3 (volunteers welcome). Some homes reserved for Vets. Bob Cavanaugh reported his efforts to secure surplus materials (fixtures, carpet, etc.) from area hospital warehouses.

Harold turner recognized Sharon Reddick as our greatest fundraiser. Chuck Stotz, bemoaned our meager 40% email openings, strongly recommended personal, direct requests of Members to volunteer for projects (Belk's and Golf Tourney).

Bill Moss (ace recruiter, over 600 in 47 years) recommended that the Detachment join the Greensboro Chamber of Commerce as a means of greater PR and recruitment. Alan Atwell moved the question, approved by the Membership. After Jack Connors' question of whose name would be on the "Chamber's" application form, Chuck Stotz volunteered. He suggested that other Members need to attend their meetings so that we get to be known by the membership.

Sr. Vice, Jim Hayes, presented a thorough and entertaining program on his years as Executive Officer with the "President's Own" Marine Band in Washington D.C. He covered the history and duties of the organization from its beginnings through his tenure there, including a hilarious story with comedian Carol Burnette, as a White House guest. XL Beard related a heart-rending story of contact with the family of a deceased Marine in the Winston -Salem area.



## Faces in the Crowd on July 9



Bill Woods, III



Ron Boylston



Ken Duncan



Jim Burgio



Bill White



Lights, Action, Camera



Will Turner showing the "Proper" way to salute. Perfect, just like your drill instructor taught you.



Seen here is Jim Hayes as he made an excellent presentation on the "Presidents Own" Marine Corps Band. Jim was the XO of the band during his tour of duty.



Basic Essentials of a Marine Food, Cover, Cigars

## **\*\*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 Summer. 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**

Two of the central reasons that service organizations fail is the lack of membership renewal and prospecting for new members. We can only do so much with the active membership that we have. Are you a member in name only? If so, why, and why aren't you taking an active part? Only you can adequately answer this question.

The amount of time it takes to be an active member is very small. We meet once a month for a dinner meeting, program, and business meeting. The meeting in total time is 2 1/2 hours at the most. Marine Night Out on Wednesday night is two hours tops. A squad meeting might be an hour a month. Even staff officers only meet for about 2 hours a month. So, where does that put the average Marine Corps League member? No one is going to knock down your door and force you to be active. It has to come from the heart.

We are an organization dedicated to serving the Marines in our community, those in need and those who give aid. We have a love of the Corps as the central reason for being. Give what you do, or don't do, some thought. If you know you have an hour or more to be a Marine, then work with us and enjoy the friendship. We make lasting friendships out of Marines sharing time together.

## **DUES RENEWAL**

A reminder to all MCL 260 members that August is the month for renewing your membership. The national headquarters changed to an annual dues billing in August so that everyone conforms to a common date. The **dues** amount is **\$32** per year. Checks should be made payable to: **MCL Det. 260, P.O. Box 10227, Greensboro, NC 27404.**

### **Sharon Says Thanks**

"I cannot thank the members of the 260 enough for the honor and all you have given to me. It is a pleasure to serve the 260 and all of its' members. Thank you so very much. Semper Fi, Sharon Reddick

## **Belk Fundraiser**



# Marine Corps History

August 14, 1912

On August 14, 1912, a battalion of U.S. Marines landed in Nicaragua, the first major Yankee intervention in the nation that a lifetime later introduced the first Marxist government on the North American continent. They were tough pre-World War I Marines of the 'Panama battalion,' shipped up from Canal Zone garrison duty to protect U.S. interests during a rebellion to overthrow the pro-U.S. government of President Adolfo Diaz. Such intervention today would be daring indeed for any American administration functioning within bounds of the nation's Vietnam legacy, but it was not even prime a century ago.

The administration of **President William Howard Taft** ordered the Panama-based Marines, commanded by the legendary **Maj. Smedley D. Butler**, to Managua via the port city of Corinto to protect the lives and property of America citizens. And if they could help save the friendly government threatened by the anti-American rebels, so much the better.

This operation, so innocent on its face that it generated little interest and no protests, was the first of two major U.S. military interventions in the 'banana republic' of Nicaragua. The second in 1926 preceded the Somoza family dictatorships that ultimately led to another revolution and establishment of the current Marxist government under the Sandinistas, named for the canny rebel leader the Marines fought during the '20s and early '30s.

Butler's three companies of 341 men and 13 officers, aboard the collier Justin, arrived at Corinto on Aug. 14, 1912, and proceeded immediately by rail to Managua, 90 miles away. There they reinforced a small contingent of sailors and Marines guarding the U.S. legation. All this occurred with only the barest of details in American newspapers. Not that the government wanted to keep it a secret; no reporters accompanied Butler's Marines and communications between the United States and Nicaragua were not instantaneous in 1912. There were indeed some news accounts of the rebels' siege of Managua, many apparently written from State Department reports originating at the U.S. legation. But an inspection of a half-dozen major U.S. newspapers for a week after the Marines' arrival turns up not a single eyewitness account of any fighting, much less any first-person report from Butler's battalion. Which is too bad because the Marines, heavily armed for the time, were ready for trouble under the aggressive leadership of Butler, a hero of the Boxer Rebellion. They lost seven men in one attack and Butler personally courted disaster on two occasions while clearing the Corinto-Managua-Granada rail line. Once Butler faced down a threatening rebel 'commandante,' snatched a pistol from the man's hand and ceremoniously unloaded it before his eyes. On another occasion, a woman rebel leader, an unruly mob at her back, honed her machete on Butler's leggings while threatening to bury it in his skull. Undaunted, Butler reached out with a finger and tickled her under the chin. Embarrassed, she fled.

The leathernecks carried .30-caliber Springfield rifles that they had been issued just six years previously, brand new .45-caliber Colt automatic pistols and French Benet-Mercie machine guns. The officer in charge of the machine guns was **Lt. Alexander Vandergrift**, who as a general officer 30 years later in World War II commanded the 1st Marine Division on Guadalcanal before becoming commandant of the Marine Corps. The leathernecks turned out in their newly issued four-dent peaked 'Montana' campaign hats, now called 'Smokey the Bear' hats, cotton khaki shirts and pants with the same laced canvas leggings that they wore throughout World War II.

The Central American August was hot. Potable water was scarce. Military rations, typical of the times, were dreary. There were days of boredom in monotonous tent camps. A private earned the grand sum of \$15 a month, but there were precious few places to spend it. Three weeks after Butler's battalion landed, the 1st Provisional Regiment, commanded by **Col. Joseph Pendleton** (for whom Camp Pendleton, Calif., is named) arrived at Corinto, which tripled the Marine force in Nicaragua.

The combined force joined federal troops around Granada and on Oct. 2 attacked a key rebel position on Coyotepe Hill at sunrise. Seven American Marines and sailors were killed in the fight, which put an end to the rebellion. Butler's battalion and the provisional regiment returned to their U.S. duty stations, but a strong detachment of Marines was left behind at the U.S. legation in Managua.

There was another similar intervention in force in 1926, and this time the Marines were opposed by a rebel named Augusto Sandino, for whom the present Marxist rulers of Nicaragua take the name Sandinistas. This second contingent of Marines remained until Jan. 1, 1933, when Secretary of State Henry Stimson ordered all U.S. Marines to clear out of Nicaragua.

What was accomplished between 1912 and 1933? The Nicaraguan expeditions and similar ones in Haiti and Santo Domingo stirred up hatred in Latin America against Yankee interventionists and may have counteracted whatever short-term good they did in protecting U.S. citizens and business interests. As an official Marine Corps history puts it, in Nicaragua the Marines left 'two great monuments: the Guardia Nacional (National Guard) to maintain order and an electoral law to ensure honest elections. Neither survived for long.' Under Anastasio Somoza, the Guardia murdered Sandino in 1934 and Somoza became president in 1936, starting a family dictatorship that lasted until rebels, including the Sandinista faction, took over the government in a 1979 civil war. The Marxist-led Sandinistas eventually prevailed over more moderate elements of the new government and were counted as the first communist-allied government in the North America.

# [ AUGUST 2018 ]

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 Staff Meet- ing 7:00	10	11
12 National	13 Regular Mtg. 5:30	14 Conven- tion	15 Buffalo, N.Y.	16 _____	17 _____	18 Convention Ends
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

## DATES & THINGS TO REMEMBER

Triad Lanes is offering Military Discounts this Summer. So take the family and enjoy great fun with Marine Bob Marino and his crew. Great bowling and good food for a summer of fun.

Regular Membership Meeting @ Knights of Columbus Hall on Monday, August 13, starting at 5:30 p.m.

National Convention, Buffalo, NY August 12-18

BELK CHARITY DAYS @ Friendly Shopping Center each week Thursday, Friday and Saturday

Time: 11 to 4:00.

**DETACHMENT PICNIC @ TRIAD PARK, SEPTEMBER 23, 4:30-7:00**

