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The Grinder

Happy Valentines Day



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Valentines Dinner Meeting

Monday, February 13th

6:00 p.m.

The regular monthly meeting of MCL 260 will take place at the Barn Dinner Theatre. Members, spouses and significant others are invited to the detachment's Valentine's Day party and awards night.

The address is 120 Stage Coach Trail. The fun begins at 6 o'clock in the evening. The cost is \$10 per person. Payment can be made at the door.

We need to know if you are coming. Call Chuck Stotz to r.s.v.p. 336-681-4435. Leave a message with details on who is coming and how many will be joining you.

It will be a fun night with a performance by comedian Danny Jefferson and music of the Barn House Band.



Commandant's Office Hours

Roger Stockton

Well nature took care of our January meeting, ten inches of snow and a parking lot that was impassable. So let's start Feb. off with a bang. How about a party for our ladies and recognize the squad leaders and others who have made this a very successful year. As you have heard, there is something amiss. We have scheduled the Barn Dinner Theater on Stage Coach Trail for our Feb. meeting night. Dress for officers will be scarlets, everyone else casual dress. We will have dancing, a singer and a comedian along with awards for our leaders. A lot of our new members have signed up to attend, please make them welcome.

We have had a terrific year in recruiting. We have over one hundred members in just six months. It goes to show you that it can be done when we set our sights high enough. Of course, we are not through yet..

New member **Wesley Fortman** has taken over the Grasshoppers concessions from **Ralph Farthing**, who is moving around June first to Calabash. We will miss our hard working Senior Past Commandant and June. We will get started with the golf committee in the next couple of days. We have fourteen members on this committee. If you are interested in serving, contact **Jim Hayes**.

We have a very lofty goal this year and it can only be reached with your help. Please volunteer for any or all of our projects. We want to include as many members as possible so no one will feel left out.

This is your organization and it can only be what you want it to be.

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Chaplain's Corner

Winston Shearin

Happy New Year, and may God richly bless each of you in 2017. There's something special about new beginnings isn't there? A brand new canvas on the easel awaiting the artist's paint, a blank sheet of paper eager for the poet's words, and a fresh turn of the calendar's page longing to be filled with activities of a new year all bring a sense of excitement and joy. I enjoy the thrill of starting something new. On the other hand, I also know the importance of finishing a task strong. Sometimes after the champagne bottle is broken and the applause for the newest craze has faded away, the real work of accomplishing a mission lays waiting for the dedicated members of the team. Thank God for those who toil diligently, quietly, and faithfully, day-by-day, at important tasks that must be completed. We have many of these faithful members in our League and we are all better because of them. Thank you to all who finish strong. As 2016 has ended and we take stock of things past and things still to come, let us renew our commitment to the tasks we have underway. Let us redouble our resolve and dedicate ourselves anew to the daily task that needs to be finished strong. Such dedication is good and is worthy of a Marine. Semper Fi.

2nd Annual Christmas Dinner Party & Dance

Holiday Inn Airport



Christmas Party Pictures courtesy of Steve Nash



Toys for Tots



December 2nd was Toys for Tots Day. Sponsored by Ward Black Law. They had a great turn out by volunteers.

Thank you Janet Ward Black for your continued support.



Great Job by Sgt. Copeland

Q104 FM

Q104 FM spent the entire day promoting Toys for Tots on their radio station. They had giveaways for volunteers and people bringing gifts and money in support of the Marines.



Veteran's Day Parade, November 16th

Photos Courtesy of Steve Nash



Oak Ridge Military Academy leading off the Parade



**Marine Corps League Detachment 260
Commandant Roger Stockton & Bill Moss**



Smith High School Marching Band & Majorettes



Corps of Cadets, Oak Ridge Military Academy



Southeast Guilford High School JNROTC



Young Marines Strutting Their Stuff



82nd Airborne All-American Band, Ft. Bragg, NC



Page High School NJROTC



A Special Thanks to all who participated in the Veteran's Day Parade

Minutes of the November Meeting

Seventy members and guests were in attendance. Retired Army General Martin, chair of a committee advising the Governor of North Carolina, was our guest speaker.

After a turkey dinner, we celebrated the 241st Birthday of the USMC. **Chaplain Shearin** requested prayers for **John Tedder's** son and Victor Gillian, who is in Hospice care. **Sharon Reddick** was recognized as Marine of the Month. She was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation and a vase of red roses. Her team at Belk earned a record \$6000 for the detachment.

New members were sworn in. They included **Tom Rupnow, Duane Smitty, Eddie Edwards, Charlie Smith, Harvey McDonald, George McClain, Bob Prescott** and **Don Moore**.

Rebecca Tyree and **Sue Orfanedes** are in charge of the annual holiday party which will be held on Saturday, December 3, at the Holiday Inn Airport beginning at five o'clock. The charge is \$25 per person. All tickets must be purchased by 30 November.

Keith Zimbardo will be in charge of activities for the annual Wreaths Across America at Forest Lawn Cemetery on December 17. Report to help at nine a.m. across from the recreation center at the entrance to the park.

Chuck Stotz will send out information on working with Toys for Tots.

Respectfully,

Jack Masarie, Adjutant



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