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IN MEMORIUM



Harold R. Price, 94, passed on Wednesday, December 13. He was an active member of

our detachment.

Harold was a Sergeant in the Corps during WWII. He served in all the major campaigns in the Pacific beginning with Guadalcanal. He also served on board the USS Bunker Hill. His funeral was held at Forbis & Dick Funeral Home on Sunday, December 17.

His survivors were his three children, brother, five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Charles Jones, January Speaker

We are pleased to have former Marine Lieutenant Charles Jones as our featured speaker on Monday the 8th. Charles is a member of the 260.

His topic deals with 13 AK automatic weapons that came into his possession courtesy of some Lebanese people in 1982.

The Lebanese gave his commanding officer, a colonel, the weapons when they were on a peace keeping mission right after Israel invaded Lebanon. As he was a lawyer, he told him that he could not give them as gifts to others.

Charles was a lawyer for the 32nd MAU.

Come to the meeting on Monday night to see some AK47s and to hear the rest of his story of this most interesting Med Cruise in 1982.

SAVE THE DATE

Valentine's Party at the Barn Dinner Theatre. Monday, February 12, at 6:00 p.m. Dinner & Entertainment.



COMMANDANT'S OFFICE HOURS

RICH CARRERA

We have survived the holidays again and should now turn our thoughts to the coming year and begin planning for success.

Our fund raising has been very successful and a major order of business will be to distribute some of our accomplishments appropriately. We will begin this Thursday at our staff meeting and on Monday at our regular meeting when approvals will be solicited. Your ideas are encouraged, herewith regarding worthy considerations for our support. There are many needs around us, and we cannot satisfy all of them, nor should we, as some are not within our areas of involvement. Our focus is to help Marines, their families, veterans and then others as funds permit.

I'm asking all of you to consider where you will fit into our activities this year. Former active duty Marines are still active, useful and crucial to these efforts, as are our associate members. I'd like to see additional interest in securing sponsorships for the 11th Hope for the Warriors Golf Tournament, because big number sponsors MUST include us as a budget item. In order to be part of corporate non-profit budgets, we need to start the process now. I really would love to see a major sponsor be established so that we can know our Tournament will be a success before we even look for players. This year has been by all definitions, successful, and our contribution to Hope for the Warriors will be more than last year. We accomplished this by having a chairman and a co-chairman who put great effort into planning and following through, along with all who helped with the many aspects required for success. It would be so much easier if we had one major sponsor with whom to communicate rather than many, much appreciated, but smaller entities, all of whom we must then try to satisfy. Put some thought on these comments.

We have the Valentine Party on the horizon, scheduled for February 12, at the Barn Dinner Theatre. I think I heard something about Elvis and Tom Jones planning to be there. The main focus will be to acknowledge those members who, due to constraints we must honor, cannot in our lifetime, all be elected Marine of the Year. Therefore, we have instituted a new and very prestigious award to honor as many as we wish who deserve our gratitude. Bill Moss gave us the name, The Commandant's Award, and we will name those to whom this recognition is warranted.

I'm looking forward to serving all of you this year and if there is something you want me to know, good, bad or indifferent, tell me. Happy New Year!

Warm regards, and Semper Fidelis, Rich



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

WINSTON SHEARIN, CHAPLAIN

Happy New Year! I pray God's very best blessings for each of you in this season. I have surprised myself somewhat this year because I do not feel moved to make any resolutions as we begin 2018. Rather, I feel the need for strong abiding faithfulness in decisions I have already made. While there is certainly nothing wrong with making resolutions, and setting goals for self-improvement, I find that I need to stay the course of work begun in the last year. Perhaps I am a little weary of so much change, and yes, I know that the one constant in life is the very change that tires me sometimes. But in this new month and new day I am planning to stay with some fundamental truths that have brought me safely thus far. I would like to remain positive in my attitude and outlook. I plan to love my wife and family with all of my heart, and I intend to put God in the place of primacy in my life as I seek to serve my fellow citizens. I recognize that these are lofty goals, and I also understand that I do not always live up to them, but if they are only my goals in the cold of January, how will I expect to live them throughout the coming year. No, I believe I will hold to these ideals that I decided to follow last year and pursue them right on through this month and beyond. No new spiritual tasks. No new attitudinal commitments. No new self-help resolutions. Simply the same goals that were so important to me yesterday – to love God and to serve others. Oh yes, and in these pursuits to remain faithful. **Always Faithful – Semper Fidelis and God bless you!**

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Annual Christmas Dinner Party

Santa Claus and Becky Tyree are to be congratulated on a great Christmas Bash. Fun, entertainment, and good food complemented a fun filled event. A BIG thank you to all who made the evening a success. According to Commandant Rich Carrera, there were about sixty guests in attendance.





Our Commandant? Bruce Jenner? Oh my! Have we no conscience.?



Our Fantastic Hosts from the Knights of Columbus







January 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Happy New Year	2	3	4 7:00 p.m. Staff Meeting	5	6
7	8 Meeting Night 5:30-8:15	9	10	11 7:00 p.m. Community Service Squad Meeting	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31 Marine Night @ Triad Lanes			

REFLECTIONS OF THE 260 IN 2017

To say the least, this has been quite a year for the “Fighting 260.” The year started with the unfortunate sickness of our well beloved commandant Roger Stockton. His health continued to plague him and Senior Vice Commandant Rich Carrera filled in for him. Additionally we were beset with ten inches of snow for our January meeting.

February saw us at the Barn Dinner Theater for our Valentines Dinner Party on February 13. We had super entertainment and sumptuous food. We were entertained by the humor of Danny Jefferson. Commandant Stockton was up and able as our master of ceremonies.

March roared in with crummy weather and a good regular meeting. K-Ben an associate member was our featured speaker. She fought along side our troops in Vietnam. The quarterly meeting of the North Carolina Department took place in Fletcher. Jack Marin, Chairman of the Board for Hope for the Warriors, received a check for \$13,600 from the Hope for the Warriors Golf Tournament held in October, 2016. We also lamented that Jack Masarie was in the hospital as a result of a stroke. Rusty Boaeuf became the Supply Officer. Faithful member Paul Talbert died on March 29, at the age of 84.

Nominations for office were received in April for the upcoming elections in May. We also voted for Marine and Associate of the Year for the Detachment. We began working the Concession Stand at the Grasshoppers’ Ball Park under the direction of Wesley Fortman. Sharon Reddick worked her magic with the Belk Charity Days, raising money right and left for use by the Detachment. Tom Dayvault was this months speaker. He recounted his first year as a plebe at West Point.

May brought us milder weather and many activities including working at baseball games, Veteran’s Coffee and the Pancake Breakfast at O’Charley’s Restaurant. We attended the JNROTC ceremony at Southeast Guilford High School. Officers nominated and elected were Rich Carrera, Commandant; Jim Hayes, Sr. Vice Commandant; Wesley Fortman, Jr. Vice Commandant; and Harold Turner, Judge Advocate.

Installation of officers was done in June and the following are the new leadership: Rich Carrera, Commandant, Jim Hayes, Sr. Vice Commandant; Sharon Reddick, Jr. Vice Commandant; and Harold Turner, Judge Advocate. Wesley Fortman had to step aside as he moved back to Chicago, IL. Alex Stop received the 500th Good Citizen Award presented to an Eagle Scout. Memorial Day activities were held at the Carolina Field of Honor and at Friendly Shopping Center. Marine of the Year went to Chuck Stotz and Associate of the Year was presented to Steve Nash.

July came in with a “Bang” as we raised the colors at Friendly Shopping Center on the 4th. Jeff Phillips, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, was our speaker. Maxine Pruett joined us. She is the sister of Tom Ferely, bombardier of the Enola Gay. Scholarship recipients were introduced from the Boy and Girl Scouts. Each scout received \$750. We purchased a much needed sound system for our meetings from SE Systems. Purchased two computers for the Servant Center to assist the homeless veterans and others in finding jobs and security.

The Dog Days of Summer were upon us in August as we finished working at the ballpark. Captain Harry Thetford, Jr. Ret. and son of our historian was our speaker. Another fine member Walter Faison passed away and we were saddened by the death of the wife of member Peter Vanstory.

September brought us the 3rd Annual Family Picnic at Carolina Field of Honor. Great crowd and good food was plentiful. Department Commandant Jeff Jones came to present Roger Stockton with the National Recruiter Award.

October was Hope for the Warriors Golf Tournament time. We celebrated ten years of this project. Mike Clark is our new Supply Officer. Sharon Reddick and her crew raised just over \$17,000 with the Belk Charity Days. Steve Nash gave a great talk on his experiences as a Navy Seal in Vietnam. The Department Quarterly Meeting was held at Ocean Isle, NC.

Congressman Mark Walker spoke to us on a very cold morning at the Veterans Day Ceremony at Friendly. General David Rodriquez spoke at the Carolina Field of Honor on the same day. Two wheelchairs were purchased for the Belk store.

December began with Toys for Tots and was followed by our annual Christmas Dinner Party at the K of C. Sadly, the daughter of Steve Winsett was taken by cancer. Spotting scopes will be purchased for High Point Central HS, JROTC. Steve Nash spoke at the Wreaths Across America ceremony at Forest Lawn Cemetery.