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## The Grinder



"Don't Tread on Me" is on the Gadsden flag and reminds us that the American People will strike like a Rattlesnake when they are provoked. The flag was from South Carolina and was named for Christopher Gadsden the head of the SC Military during the Revolutionary War.



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Newly Elected Department Commandant  
Jeff Jones was here for the Installation



Department of North Carolina  
Adjutant Rick Thomason

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Golf Tournament, Friday,  
October 13



## Commandant's Office Hours

Well I made it through my first meeting, barely.

I thank all of you for this opportunity to work for you. I promise my best efforts will always be front and center in all the business of MCL 260. Relative to what is happening presently, there are issues we have or will deal with in the very near term. These are

the resignation of Wesley Fortman who must return to Illinois for personal reasons. Our hearts are heavy for Wes as we will miss him and look forward to his visiting us from time to time. I know he will appreciate our thoughts of him and our prayer for him and his family.

To assume his duties as Junior Vice is Sharon Reddick, and we have all confidence in her to take charge of our recruiting efforts, as well as the additional aspects of her office.

This week, several of us will be reviewing sound systems, seeking to replace the current one with one that serves our needs. When we settle on what we think is appropriate for meetings as well as when needed outdoors, (flag raisings, FOH etc.), a recommendation will be brought to the membership for discussion and/or approval.

I am reminding you all of the comments made by Alan Atwell during our recent meeting regarding occasionally stepping OUT of our "comfort zone", something we must do to grow and learn. The Marine Corps League is not simply a social club as we are compelled to extend services and assistance to our brothers and sisters in need and because we are United States Marines. To perform these duties/services, we must also fund our undertakings, and sometimes we have to work. Just ponder these words and let your thoughts lead you to lend a helping hand. If we can ease the burden of one going through a rough patch, do you not think we should?

I'm reminded of the Father Flannigan Boys Town cartoon of a boy carrying another somewhat younger lad who responded to the good Father... "He ain't heavy Father, he's my brother". Isn't it amazing how easy a heavy load can be moved when numerous shoulders are put to the wheel. I'm asking you to make our Squad Leaders proud as they see fellow Marines making things happen because we too are proud, of our Nation, of our Corps and mostly of each other.

God Bless all of you.

Semper Fidelis, Rich



## Chaplain's Corner

### Chaplain Winston Shearin

On July 4<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate the adoption of the Declaration of Independence by the second Continental Congress of the United States of America. Two days earlier in 1776, the notion of independence was passed as 12 of the 13 colonies voted in favor of a motion to become independent from Britain was when the Declaration of Independence was officially adopted. It would take a month before the document was validated by all of the signers. We are sometimes tempted to think of this event as a static episode that happened and is gone, a shadow in the memory of our history, but we err when we do so. For the freedom that came with that declaration required and still demands constant vigilance. The closing words of which capture so well our dependence upon God and upon each other for our liberties: "with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor." I suspect Marines and their families understand this necessity as well, or even better than most, for like our predecessors, we hand down from one generation to the next the mantle of service in the stewardship of freedom. At our last meeting I was impressed by the legacies of freedom embedded in our Marine Corps League. As we stood to sing our Hymn, I saw the faces of young Marines, still serving on active duty, and the faces of older ones who served in wars long ago. They joined with me, and every other member there, in singing of our service in pursuit of freedom: one generation passing to the next their declaration of independence. May we never fail to tell the tale of sacrifice that answers the call of Liberty. May we pass to the next generations the need for them to defend independence, and may we always look to the Supreme Judge of the universe for guidance in our endeavors that we may remain a free, blessed, and independent nation. Semper Fi.



# INDUCTION OF OFFICERS

2017-18



## MARINE OF THE YEAR, CHUCK STOTZ



## ASSOCIATE OF THE YEAR, STEVE NASH





## Scenes from June, 2017 Meeting Knight's of Columbus Hall



**Keith Zimbardo** accepting plaque from **Rich Carrera** for **Michael Johnson** from the National Postal Rifle Match



**Welcome Back Tom Gibbs**

We are pleased to have Tom back and in good health.



All pictures in this issue are courtesy of Steve Nash

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### *Ways to Kill an Organization*

Obtained from the Sauk Valley Community College, Dixon, IL, website. Something to think about.

1. Don't attend meetings, but if you do, arrive late.
2. Be sure to leave before the meeting is closed.
3. Never have anything to say at the meeting - wait until you get outside.
4. The next day, find fault with the officers and other members.
5. When at the meeting, vote to do everything, then go home and do nothing.
6. Be sure to sit in the back, so you can talk freely to another member.
7. Take no part in the organizations affairs.
8. Get all the organization will give you, but don't give the organization anything.
9. Never ask anyone to join the organization.
10. If asked to help, say you don't have time.

11. Talk cooperation, but don't cooperate.
12. At every opportunity, threaten to resign and try to get others to also.
13. Never read anything pertaining to the organization.
14. Never accept an office - it is easier to criticize than do things.
15. If appointed to a committee, never give any time or service to it.
16. If there are finances to pay, just ignore it.
17. Don't do anymore than you have to, and, when others willingly and unselfishly use their ability to help the good cause along, then complain that the organization is run by a clique.



**Veteran Services Officer**  
**Andrea Lamonds**



If you are in need of medical assistance, or advice, please contact Andrea at 336-641-2957.

Her office is located in Suite 128, at 1203 Maple Street. She is located in the vicinity of Moses Cone Hospital.

Any service you need can be applied for through her.

Detachment 260 has a very skilled individual to assist our members with their medical needs. Ms. Andrea Lamonds is the Veterans Services Officer for N.C. She will be our go to person when we have questions or need assistance. She is located at 1203 Maple St., Ste. 128, Greensboro 27405. She can be reached at 336-641-2957. You can apply for services thru her.



# JULY 2017

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## UP COMING EVENTS

**What:** July 4th Flag Raising at Friendly Shopping Center 7:30 a.m.

**What:** Monthly Meeting of Detachment 260

**Where:** Knight's of Columbus Hall, Horse Pen Creek Rd.

**When:** Monday July 10th beginning at 5:30 p.m. Dinner at 6:30, Program & Business 7:00 p.m.

**What:** Greensboro Grasshoppers Game,

**When:** 21st beginning at 5:00 p.m. Game time 7:00 p.m. Need 19 volunteers to man the concession stand.

**What:** Marine Night at Triad Lanes beginning at 5:00 p.m. July 26th. Great way to relax with your brothers and sisters.



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Past Commandant, Ralph Farthing Inducting the 2017-18 Officers of the Detachment



Chuck Stotz, Marine of the Year 2017

## Membership Renewal

The following members renewal of dues is upon us for June and July. Please bring or send your check to our Paymaster, Becky Tyree.

### June & July Dues

Jenny Barker	Stanley Uplinger
Ernie Karoly	Ken Vanhoy
Robert Marino	Derrick Whitaker
Robert Martin	Duane White
Kathy Medder	Lloyd Wilkerson
Eddie Moss	Judith Wingo
Christopher Peascoe	Alex Wrenn
Laurel & Charley Smith	Susan Beatty
Rickey Tolbert	Gary Beaver

*We need your participation in meetings and activities as well as support by working at the Greensboro Grasshopper Games. Call Chuck and say "YES."*

## Minutes of the June 12th Meeting



**Jack Masarie**  
**Adjutant**

Fifty (50) members/guests in attendance. Guests included: Dept. of NC Commandant Jeff Jones and wife, Leanne; Dept. Adjutant Rick Thomason and wife, Sandy; Susan Carrera; Barbara Hayes. Tom Gibbs and Judy Brenner are "back in action".

Former Commandant, Alan Atwell, presented "Marine of the Year" award to Chuck Stotz, and "Associate of the Year" award to Steve Nash (Navy Seal and photographer extraordinaire).

Detachment officers were installed by Ralph Farthing: Rich Carrera, Commandant; Harold Turner, Judge Advocate; Rebecca Tyree, Paymaster; Jim Hays, Sr. Vice Commandant; Jack Masarie, Adjutant. Commandant, Rich Carrera appointed Sharon Reddick as Jr. Vice Commandant to fill vacancy created by Wesley Fortman's move back to Chicago. Rich Carrera announced improved health of Roger Stockton.

Judge Advocate moved allocation of \$2,000-\$2500 for purchase of a defibrillator, which was approved. Rob O'Hanlon will check insurance details. Alan Atwell suggested CPR classes be offered. Rob O'Hanlon will contact Boy Scouts and the Greensboro Fire Department personnel to schedule same. Susan Carrera stated that they could also be scheduled through city/county offices.

Rife team member, Michael Johnson, received 2016 Competition Award. Detachment 260 has received national, USMC, and MCL unit banners and commendations during 2016.

June and Ralph Farthing received commendation for their outstanding contributions to the Detachment. June is recovering from arthroscopic surgery (rotator cuff).

Dept. of NC Commandant, Jeff Jones requested \$75.00 from each Detachment as a donation for a trailer to hold and transport department equipment and a "blue tooth" enabled audio-visual system. Motion approved (with a couple of "nays"). He stated that he wants a "transparent" department. He was questioned about the status of Danny Bracken. He said that he is still listed on the National Roster as a "paid member."

Rick Thomason, Dept. of NC Adjutant, announced \$10 raffle tickets were being sold for a Springfield Armory AR-15 rifle and the availability of "combat wounded" parking signs at \$20 each. which can be put at stores in the Triad with the store's permission.

Commandant, Rich Carrera, in consultation with Sgt. Major Clark, will explore a new sound system for the 260. A committee will go to SE Systems for the purpose of seeing sound systems.

Ron Medder has a contact who will make covers for our Detachment flags (\$20 each\_ for a total of about. \$400.

Commandant, Rich Carrera suggested that it is not too early to start thinking about/ planning for our Detachment's 50th anniversary.

Jim Hayes, Co-Chair HFTW Golf Tourney, announced availability of sponsor brochures. Alan Atwell stressed the importance and ease of getting sponsors, if we all pitch in to help.

Debbie Shackelford expressed thanks for the Detachment's prayers/condolences on the death of her father..

Contact Chuck Stotz if not getting emails and PLEASE OPEN WHAT YOU GET!!!!

XL Beard reminded us of Korean Vets' dinner Sunday, June 30th. in Concord, NC

Sharon Reddick announced results of Belk's fundraising. (over \$7,400 for us).

Gerald Peek (now retired from K-Bar) announced availability of two knives at \$60 each; replacement scabbards \$5 each.

Jim Birdwell presented revised budget, which was accepted by unanimous vote.

Jack Connors related a touching encounter at an airport wherein a woman, noticing his USMC ball cap, thanked him for his service, presenting him with a card containing a \$20 bill.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Masarie. Adjutant, MCL 260