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The founding of our great nation occurred on July 4, 1776 with the signing of the Declaration of Independence. For two hundred and forty-two years we have proclaimed our liberty. Our soldiers, sailors, air force, and Marines have protected that freedom for everyone. As we begin the next year of independence, may we renew ourselves to the service of our country. We can do this by our participation in events both local and national, by speaking up when we see a wrong and when we think something deserves our attention.

As members of the 260, we can do a lot as a group by helping those servicemen and women that find themselves in need. Let us all give thanks for the blessings of liberty by collectively making a statement in Guilford County that we are out there making a difference.

The officers and squads are gearing up for another great year. Be a part of the history of this great organization. You'll be glad you did and so will our citizens.

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COMMANDANT'S OFFICE HOURS

RICH CARRERA

Marines, Corpsmen, Associate Members, and Friends of the Fighting 260:

Just when we thought we were in a lull, Belk Stores have begun a special sale and we have been asked to ramp-up our ticket selling team. This event is like a gift from God for the numerous organizations serving veterans in Greensboro. I cannot encourage you more enthusiastically than to ask for your best effort in this endeavor. We have never had a better opportunity to produce income in a very comfortable environment, offering tickets to customers who know why we are there and are extremely supportive of our purposes. We see a seven or eight out of ten success rate and this effort is entirely for the benefit of needy veterans. If you work at Belk, you are working, virtually for our veterans. Our team of Community Service Squad Marines are donating the funds we raise almost daily and the recipients are right here in Greensboro. C'mon and be a part of a truly charitable effort to make life a little better for those we care about who are in a rough patch. It could happen to any of us.

By the time you see this, our Independence Day Flag Raising will be done. Justin Outling, one of our Greensboro Council members is our speaker for the Fourth of July event. All systems are go, except for a color guard and I am working on that. We normally have about 20 Marines at our flag raisings and that is less than a good representation of our League. Consider attending and lending a hand placing the flags at the entrance to Friendly Center. I look forward to seeing at least two complete ranks of good looking Marines, standing tall as we raise the Colors.

Many really good things are happening in our League and some of us are hard at work keeping the ball rolling. The squads can always use more assistance and events like Belk Charity Days and community services are two which involve the time of those who "make it happen." Sharon works from her wheelchair and is always there. Please go over and help her. You need not commit your day, but one hour or more can be SO helpful and what kind of a Marine can't do that??

Thank you for your participation in our projects.

Semper Fidelis and warm regards,

Rich



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

BEN CRAVEN, CHAPLAIN

As we celebrate our Independence Day and our freedoms this month, let us remember the families of our Military serving in harms way, and their separations.

Reach out to any and all that you know and offer maximum help and assistance.

The Blessings will be yours.

Ben

Minutes of June 11, 2018 Meeting



Jack Masarie, Adjutant

56 Members/guests in attendance.

Six new Members sworn in: Bill White, Justin Nicholson, Kenneth Duncan, Keith Ingold, Ron Connor, and Tommy Hyatt.
Minutes of the May membership meeting approved.

Commandant, Rich Carrera, shared correspondence from Woodland Baptist Church (Mayodan) inviting us to 1000 July 1st Ceremony for Active duty personnel, Veterans, and first responders.

Rebecca Tyree gave Paymaster's report.

Junior Vice Commandant. Sharon Reddick, announced an additional Belk's fundraiser (kickoff, June 20/sale day, August 25th). Jim Nehlsen will share Belk duties with Sharon.

Chaplain, Ben Craven, announced the passing of Members: Will Harris, Ernie Karoly, Jerry Snyder.

George Orfanedes, Chairman, related information on the activities of the Community Services Squad.

Newly elected officers were installed by District Vice Commandant, Chuck Stotz: Commandant, Rich Carrera; Senior Vice Commandant, Jim Hayes; Jr. Vice Commandant, Sharon Reddick; Judge Advocate, Jim Nehlsen; and Sgt. at Arms, Gerald Peek.

Budget Committee Chair, Jim Birdwell, presented new budget (approved by Membership).

Good of the League:

Rebecca Tyree announced the arrival of our new Defibrillator and our annual detachment picnic (September 23rd-free for Members/families), and our Detachment Holiday party (December 8th). She announced that scarlet covers (with EGA) are on sale for \$20, this month only.

Member Judy Brenner (self-confessed sports fan) announced Carolina Cobras (arena football) June 23rd Military Appreciation Night (details to be emailed).

Senior Vice Commandant, Jim Hayes, talked about the posting of a new Detachment Table of Organization (improving communications), and the Annual Military Charity Golf Tournament (October 5th, Grandover Resort).

XL Beard reminded us of the "proper" military salute to be utilized at all our public appearances.

Alan Atwell, past commandant, urged greater member attendance at all Detachment events.

Chuck Stotz reminded us that better attendance at flag "takedowns" is required.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Masarie,
Adjutant, MCL 260

Memorial Day @ Friendly Shopping Center



Virginia Bull Raising the Colors



Commandant Carrera & Jim Birdwell



Spike Felty



Historian Harry Thetford



Congressman Ted Budd



Sgt.-a-Arms Gerald Peek



Southeast Guilford High School Jr. NROTC
Presenting the Colors



Squared Away Marines Saluting the Colors

****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?



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.



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Memorial Day Carolina Field of Honor





Jack Masarie and Jim Burgio



Scott Matthews Welcoming Guests



Harold Turner Being Very Patriotic



Tom Gibbs on left getting an earful from Ron Medder

July 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 Flag Raising at Friendly Center 8:00	5 Staff Meeting @ O'Hanlon's 7:00	6	7
8	9 Detachment Meeting @ KofC 5:30-8:00	10	11	12 Vets Coffee @Outback Steak- house 8:30-10:30	13	14
15	16	17	18	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, July 9 starting at 5:30 p.m.

Veterans Coffee at Outback Steakhouse at Four Seasons Town Center, July 11, from *:30-10:30

July 4th celebration at Friendly Shopping Center beginning with flag set up at 0715 and ceremony at 0800.

National Convention, Buffalo, NY August 12-18

Detachment Picnic @ Triad Park, September 23, 4:30-7:00 p.m.



IN MEMORIAM



It is with great sadness that we report on the deaths of three members of the Fighting 260.

Jerry Snyder of Jamestown died on June 3, at the age of 78. He was an active member of the detachment and the Jamestown Veterans Committee. Jerry frequently helped with color guard duty at our many flag raisings.

William "Will" Harris, Jr. died on May 25, and his service of remembrance was held at Friends Home West on June 9. Will was active in the detachment for many years before health issues prevented his attendance. He was the president of the Kiwanis Club of Greensboro in 2004. He served as an officer in the Korean Conflict.

Ernesto "Ernie" Marton Karoly, age 74, passed away in Jamestown. His funeral service was held in.

Community Service Squad Grand Slam

Gerald Peek and **George Orfanedes** delivered 10 sets of "Welcome Home" baskets to **Partners Ending Homelessness**. **Debbie Bailey**, the Director, was so happy to receive them, as there are **10 Veterans moving into new homes within the next few weeks**.

Sealy Mattresses in Archdale contributed 15 mattress sets for the vets. Debbie said that PEH will need linens, so we get those shortly. **Becky Tyree** will be purchasing them for the veterans.

Many thanks for everyone involved in this second major project for PEH!

Rob O'Hanlon - Mattress mover

Scott Mathews - Mattress mover/Truck driver

Filtration Technologies (Scott Mathew's company) for providing truck for pick up & delivery of Mattresses

Becky Tyree - Finding/Purchasing/Delivering Bed Sets

Jim & Barbara Hayes -Ordering of items and packing/preparing baskets

Gerald Peek - Basket loader/unloader with a very large vehicle for transport.

Amazing, what a Few Good Men & Women can get done!!!

Fighting 260 Volunteers are Always Needed. Call George Orfanedes and join in supporting our veterans. 336-887-8407..The only requirement is a little of your time.



Marine Corps History

Returning from South Vietnam, the Marine Corps hit one of the lowest points in its history with high rates of courts-martial, non-judicial punishments, unauthorized absences, and outright desertions. The re-making of the Marine Corps began in the late 1970s when policies for discharging inadequate Marines were relaxed leading to the removal of the worst performing ones. Once the quality of new recruits started to improve, the Marines began reforming their NCO corps, an absolutely vital element in the functioning of the Marine Corps. After Vietnam, the Marine Corps resumed its expeditionary role.

On 4 November 1979, Islamist students supporting the so-called Iranian Revolution stormed the Embassy of the United States in Tehran and took 53 hostages, including the Marine Security Guards. Marine helicopter pilots took part in Operation Eagle Claw, the disastrous rescue attempt on 24 April 1980. An unexpected sandstorm grounded several RH-53 helicopters, as well as scattering the rest, and ultimately killing several when one struck an EC-130 Hercules staged to refuel them. The mission was aborted, and the Algiers Accords negotiated the release of the hostages on 20 January 1981. The mission demonstrated the need for an aircraft that could take off and land vertically, but had greater speed than a helicopter, realized decades later in the V-22 Osprey.

Marines returned to Beirut during the 1982 Lebanon War on 24 August with the arrival of the 32nd Marine Amphibious Unit (later redesignated as 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit) and the Multinational Force in Lebanon (MNF). As part of a peace treaty, the Palestine Liberation Organization was withdrawn to Tunisia, and the Marines returned to their ships. Due to increased violence from the still-ongoing Lebanese Civil War, President Ronald Reagan ordered the Marines to return on 29 September in the form of 2nd Battalion 8th Marines.^[86] Relieved by 3rd Battalion 8th Marines in October, the MNF increasingly drew fire from different factions. The United States embassy was bombed on 18 April 1983 in opposition to the MNF's presence; 1st Battalion 8th Marines was rotated in under the command of the 24th MAU. On 23 October 1983, the Marine barracks in Beirut was bombed, causing the highest peacetime losses to the Corps in its history: 220 Marines, 18 sailors, and three soldiers, as well as 55 French Paratroopers of the 1st Parachute Chasseur Regiment and 3 French Paratroopers of the 9th Parachute Chasseur Regiment in a near-simultaneous bombing 6 kilometres (3.7 mi) away. As violence increased, public pressure mounted to withdraw forces from Lebanon. After an additional 24 American deaths, the Marines were ordered to leave and began on 7 February 1984, and finished on the 26th.

Marines recovered from this low point and began a series of successes. The Invasion of Grenada, known as "Operation Urgent Fury", began on 25 October 1983 in response to a coup by Bernard Coard and possible "Soviet-Cuban militarization" on the island. The 22nd Marine Amphibious Unit quickly took the northern sectors, and were withdrawn by 15 December. Inter-service rivalry and cooperation issues shown during the invasion resulted in the Goldwater–Nichols Act of 1986 altering the chain of command in the United States military. When Operation Classic Resolve began on 2 December 1989 in the Philippines (in retaliation for the coup attempt), a company of Marines was dispatched from Naval Base Subic Bay to protect the Embassy of the United States in Manila. The Invasion of Panama, known as "Operation Just Cause" began on 20 December of the same year — deposed the military dictator Manuel Noriega.

Easter's Promise Therapeutic Center

The Marine Corps League 260 on June 20, 2018 provided a much needed new service and US flags, and in addition provided funds to sponsor the Saturday evening dinner for the family's attending the Easter's Promise PTSD Retreat this weekend. It is with great honor for the 260 to support Easter's Promise, their dedication and commitment to the well being of our service men and women who continue to suffer the scars of war well beyond the battlefield. A check was presented to Easter's Promise for \$500 as a sponsor of their dinner on June 23. The stable is in Pleasant Garden.



Sealy Corporation Makes Significant Donation

Mattresses Donated to “Partners Ending Homelessness”

The Community Service Squad in conjunction with Partners Ending Homelessness were the recipients of ten mattress sets. They will be put to immediate use for a group of homeless veterans that are moving into housing.

A huge thank you goes out to the management of Sealy Corporation for this generous donation.

