

June 11, 2018

Volume 5, No 11



# THE GRINDER

THE FIGHTING 260



A Publication of MCL Det. 260, Greensboro, NC

Rich Carrera, Commandant

Alan Atwell, Editor

## OFFICER CORPS 2018

Rich Carrera, Commandant

336-362-6552 [rjcarrera@bellsouth.net](mailto:rjcarrera@bellsouth.net)

Jim Hayes, Sr. Vice Commandant

336-299-7448 [bagsetc@aol.com](mailto:bagsetc@aol.com)

Sharon Reddick, Jr. Vice Commandant

336-252-9253

[Sharon\\_reddick@yahoo.com](mailto:Sharon_reddick@yahoo.com)

Harold Turner, Judge Advocate

336-497-4623 [jmt3541@yahoo.com](mailto:jmt3541@yahoo.com)

Jack Masarie, Adjutant

336-292-8883 [hornhaus@gmail.com](mailto:hornhaus@gmail.com)

Rebecca Tyree, Paymaster

336-644-2026 [auntboink@hotmail.com](mailto:auntboink@hotmail.com)

Gerald Peek, Sgt-at-Arms

336-314-5251 [gpeek@triad.rr.com](mailto:gpeek@triad.rr.com)

Roger Stockton, Jr. Past Commandant

336-996-2362 [rogrstockn@aol.com](mailto:rogrstockn@aol.com)

Harry Thetford, Historian

336-681-0545 [htolharry@gmail.com](mailto:htolharry@gmail.com)

Ben Craven, Chaplain

336-292-3417 [Cravco7@aol.com](mailto:Cravco7@aol.com)

Gary Beaver, Chairman, Military Charity  
Golf Classic

336-210-4310 [gbeaver@nexsenpruet.com](mailto:gbeaver@nexsenpruet.com)

Alan Atwell, Editor, Grinder

## [NATIONAL CONVENTION](#)

August is fast approaching and so is the Marine Corps League National Convention in beautiful Buffalo, New York. The dates are August 12 thru the 18th.

The Holiday Inn Express is available and has sixty rooms being held for the MCL.

We held the convention here in 2008 and it was a huge success. If you have not been, perhaps you should go to this one. Up-state New York is spectacular. The drive up I-81 is great and an easy drive.

## [June Membership Meeting](#)

The regular meeting of the League is Monday, June 11, at the Knight's of Columbus Hall on Horse Pen Creek Road. Doors open at 5:30. Ham & Sweet Potato Dinner is served at 6:30. Business meeting and program follow dinner. Installation of the newly elected officers will take place.

## [Spring Department Meeting](#)

The Spring meeting of the North Carolina Department of the Marine Corps League will be held in Winston-Salem the weekend of 29 June. Plan to attend. Contact Chuck Stotz for details.

## National Museum of the Mighty Eighth Air Force

If you are planning a trip south this summer, one of the places you should put on your list to visit is the National Museum of the Mighty Eighth Air Force. It is located on I-95 just south of Savannah, Georgia. The museum has a WWII B-17, an F-4 Phantom jet and a MiG-17A on site. There are dioramas, a Memorial Garden, continuous running theater, a restaurant and gift store.

In the Memorial Garden there is a B-47 Stratojet that was used in the cold war during the 1950's and early 1960's.

## [Defibrillator](#)

Becky Tyree shared with the detachment that we now have a fully operational defibrillator to go wherever we have meetings or outings. It is a fully automated system that is easy to operate.

We will be offering classes with instructor Stacey Thompson. The date for the training will be announced shortly. All are welcome to learn to use it.

# Foreign Accents

Supporting Hope for the Warriors, MCL 260 & the Boy Scouts of America

Trusted Automotive Service for over 40 Years.

State of the Art Diagnostic

Equipment

Certified Technicians

Repairs and Maintenance

Parts & Accessories

Warranted Work

5361 W. Market St., Greensboro

Randy & Scott Beeninga, Owners

336-852-4952



MCL 260 Camaraderie Night last Wednesday of Every Month

Bring a Friend or Fellow Marine

Food and Beverage Specials

Military Discount for Families

Sports Bar available for Special Events

Put Your Company to Work for You

Advertise in the Grinder

Your Company Name will be on our website as well as print or other digital communications to our members and associates of the Fighting 260

### Pricing Guidelines

	Monthly	1/2 Year	Full Year (12 issues)
Business Card	\$25	\$125	\$195
Quarter Page	\$75	\$375	\$595
Half Page	\$120	\$595	\$995
Full Page	\$175	\$895	\$1395

Contact Alan Atwell: [agatarheel@yahoo.com](mailto:agatarheel@yahoo.com) or 336-706-7675



#### COMMANDANT'S OFFICE HOURS

RICH CARRERA

Marines, Corpsmen, and Friends of the Fighting 260,

Our Belk's event is complete and we raised over **\$18,000.00**. What a marvelous boost to our Community Services Squad as they continue to seek those in need of our assistance. Any time you have the opportunity to thank Sharon and her family for her herculean effort, please do so. There are so many really good things we are doing with these funds, as some of them were front and center at the last meeting. We have been asked to assist with a flag raising in the area of Bermuda Run and I will be going to that event. I will also probably explain that we are not really set up for such activity and will suggest that they contact the Winston Detachment in the future. I just didn't want to say a flat NO.

We are doing something a bit different for new members, involving an orientation gathering and have extended the offer to help pay for a Marine Corps League cover that they may attend our meetings in proper uniform.

As I write this Memorial Day is just ahead and arrangements have been made to raise the flag at Friendly Center, an event I hope all of you will attend. **Rep. Ted Budd** is our speaker and several other dignitaries have indicated their plan to attend. **Southeast HS JNROTC** will provide the Color Guard. These young folks do a remarkable job and we are proud to have them.

A request to re-purpose a WW II uniform having belonged to MSgt. Coates was made by his widow who said she "didn't want to just throw them away". Any thoughts are welcome.

Please be thinking about what I said in a previous letter about choosing to participate in one (or more) of our activities involving fundraising, serving the community or supporting your staff. We have a number of balls in the air presently and need YOU to pitch in. Every time you help, it makes some ones burden a little easier to bear.

Our heartfelt prayers and sympathy go out to **Sr. Vice Jim Hayes**, his wife and family upon the death of his mother.

Semper Fidelis,  
Warm regards,  
Rich



#### CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

BEN CRAVEN, CHAPLAIN

#### Memorial Day Blessing

For many, Memorial Day is a day off from work. But for those who have taken the Oath and served and stood ready, it is much more. It is a day of remembrance.

Blessings and thanks to each and all.

## Officer Corps for 2018-19

**Congratulations to our newly elected officers for the coming fiscal year.**

### **Commandant**



Serving for a second term is Commandant Rich Carrera. During his tenure as commandant the detachment has grown to over 250 members. A new squad has been added called the Community Services Squad. They are responsible for evaluating the needs of veterans and non-profits that assist veterans who have needs.

### **Senior Vice Commandant**



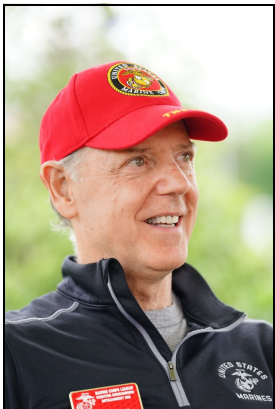
Jim Hayes is serving his second term as Senior Vice Commandant. Jim is also the Co-Chairman of the golf tournament. Jim has worked hard at getting sponsors for the tournament as well as working on printed forms for sponsors and players.

### **Junior Vice Commandant**



Sharon Reddick has been elected for her second term as Junior Vice Commandant. Sharon also heads up the Belk Charity Days event. Sharon has been responsible for raising over \$34,000 in the last twelve months for the detachment's outreach programs. She has also done a superb job recruiting new members.

### **Judge Advocate**



Jim Nehlsen will serve as the new Judge Advocate. Jim is serving the detachment for the first time.

## **\*\*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.

### 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?**



### SICK CALL

Acting Chaplain, **Alan Atwell**, reported that the following people have or are being treated for illness. Jerry Snyder has been hospitalized for an illness. Pray for a speedy recovery. **Ken Mantle** is recovering from a bout with the shingles virus. It affected part of his face. Jim Hayes' mother entered Hospice Care on Monday, May 14. She passed away on the 15th. Ginny Bull is feeling much better after having a sickness for several months. Judy Brenner is having some health issues as well. Please keep these and others in your prayers for their quick and complete recovery.

We are sad to report that former member and past Commandant Danny Bracken lost his home to a fire on Friday, May 11. He and his wife were away when the fire broke out. The home was a total loss.

### DETACHMENT HISTORY

If you would like to learn about the history of our detachment, please click on the link that we have posted below.

[http://www.ncmcl.org/img/newsletters/260/HISTORY\\_OF\\_DETACHMENT\\_260.pdf](http://www.ncmcl.org/img/newsletters/260/HISTORY_OF_DETACHMENT_260.pdf)



# Faces in the Crowd at the May Meeting





**Adan Lucas Honored on Guam**



Adan is a member of Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron Two five Island Knights. She is the granddaughter of Kevin Lucas. The honor was for attention to detail while performing Plane Captain duties. Oh Rah.

MEMBER UPDATE	
Honorary Members -	30
Life Time Regular Members -	49
Life Time Associate Members -	3
Regular Members -	164
Associate members -	30
Total Members as of 1 June 2018 -	276



# JUNE 2018

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7 Staff Meeting 7:00 p.m. O'Hanlon's Office	8	9
10	11 Regular Meeting of Det. 5:30-8:00 K of C	12	13 Community Service Squad @ 7 Rob O'Hanlon's	14 Vets Coffee Outback Steakhouse 8:30 - 10:30 a.m	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 Department Convention W-S	30 Department Convention W-S

## DATES TO REMEMBER

REGULAR MEMBERSHIP MEETING @ Knights of Columbus Hall, Monday, June 11 starting at 5:30 p.m.

VETERANS' COFFEE at OUTBACK STEAKHOUSE 8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. June 14

DEPARTMENT CONVENTION at Winston-Salem, June 29-30

JULY 4TH CELEBRATION at Friendly Shopping Center 0730 Flag Raising 8:00 a.m.

NATIONAL CONVENTION at Buffalo, NY August 12 thru 18th

DETACHMENT PICNIC at Triad Park, September 23, 4:30 p.m.

VETERANS CHARITY GOLF CLASSIC at Grandover Resort, October 5

CHRISTMAS PARTY for the DETACHMENT, Woodland Hall, Triad Park, Saturday, December 8



# UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS HISTORY

## JUNE

**2 June 1918:** At dawn on this date, the crack German 28th Division attacked along the axis of the Paris-Metz road hitting the American 2d Division, including the 4th Marine Brigade. The Marines opened with deadly rifle fire and helped hand the German troops a setback which set the stage for Marine victory at Belleau Wood which would soon follow, although at great cost.

**8 June 1995:** A Marine tactical recovery team from the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit stationed on board the USS Kearsarge rescued a downed U.S. pilot, Captain Scott O'Grady, USAF, from Bosnian-Serb territory in Bosnia.

**10 June 1898:** The First Marine Battalion, commanded by LtCol Robert W. Huntington, landed on the eastern side of Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. The next day, Lt Herbert L. Draper hoisted the American flag on a flag pole at Camp McCalla where it flew during the next eleven days. LtCol Huntington later sent the flag with an accompanying letter to Colonel Commandant Charles Heywood noting that "when bullets were flying, ...the sight of the flag upon the midnight sky has thrilled our hearts."

**12 June 1961:** President John F. Kennedy signed a Presidential Proclamation calling for the American flag to be flown at the Marine Corps War Memorial in Arlington, Virginia, "at all times during the day and night." Discussions between the Attorney General's office and Marine Corps officials earlier in 1961 on improving the visibility and appearance of the monument led to the proposal to fly the Flag continuously, which by law could only be done by Congressional legislation or by Presidential proclamation.

**15 June 1944:** Preceded by naval gunfire and carrier air strikes, the V Amphibious Corps assaulted the west coast of Saipan, Marianas Islands. By nightfall, the 2d and 4th Marine Divisions, moving against heavy opposition, had established a beachhead 10,000 yards wide and 1,500 yards deep.

**20 June 1993:** The 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit returned to Mogadishu, Somalia, to stand ready to assist United Nations forces in maintaining peace in the war-torn country. Earlier that month, the 24th MEU had been ordered to cut short Exercise Eager Mace 93-2 in Kuwait to respond to possible contingency operations in Somalia.

**25 June 1950:** Shortly before dawn, eight divisions of the North Korean People's Army crossed the 38th Parallel and invaded the Republic of Korea. Within three days, the South Korean capital city of Seoul had been captured. On 30 June, President Harry S. Truman ordered a naval blockade of the Korean coast and authorized the sending of U.S. ground troops to Korea. Two days later, General Douglas MacArthur, the Commander in Chief Far East, formally requested that a Marine regimental combat team be deployed to the Far East.

**25 June 1966:** In Vietnam, Operation Jay began about 30 kilometers northwest of Hue, and lasted nine days. The 2d Battalion, 4th Marines landed north of the North Vietnamese 812th Main Force Battalion, and the 2d Battalion, 1st Marines landed south of the enemy's position. Caught in between the two Marine units, the enemy suffered over 80 dead in nine days of fighting.

**26 June 1918:** BGen James G. Harbord, the Commanding General of the 4th Marine Brigade, notified American Expeditionary Force Headquarters that Belleau Wood was "now U.S. Marine Corps entirely." After 20 days of combat, and at a cost of over 4,000 casualties, the 4th Brigade of Marines had proven its fighting heart. The grateful Commander of the French Sixth Army would soon decree that in all official correspondence, Belleau Wood would henceforth bear the name, "Bois de la Brigade de Marine."

# Kirk Atwell Earns His Eagle

Troop 600

Oak Ridge Presbyterian Church



George Orfanedes presenting the Good Citizenship Award to Kirk Atwell



Kirk reciting the Scout Oath and Law



Kirk with his priest, Reverend B. J. Owens, minister at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Greensboro. Father Owens gave the invocation.



Kirk receiving the Marine Corps League/Eagle Coin. On one side is the Eagle, Globe and Anchor and on the reverse side are the twelve points of the Scout Law

# Armed Forces Day - May 19, 2018

## CAROLINA FIELD OF HONOR



## Minutes of May 14, 2018 Meeting



Jack Masarie, Adjutant

There were 55 members and guests in attendance.

The guests were Lt. Cmdr. Chris Story (Ret) (NEHS JR.NROTC), Vince Townsend, Mrs. Kritz and son, Alex, Maxine Pruett (new Associate Member), Jan Clifford and Chuck Hill from Horsepower Therapeutic Learning Center.

Alan Atwell (standing in for Chaplain, Ben Craven) requested prayers for Danny Bracken and family (house fire), Jerry Snyder (4 day hospitalization), Ken Mantle (shingles), and Jim Hayes' Mother (in hospice care), Judy Brenner (heart issues).

Presentation of a check in the amount of \$1780 to Lt. Cmdr Chris Story for the Northeast Guilford High School air rifle team was made. A check was given to Chuck Hill, Horsepower Therapeutic Learning Center, where "horses do the counseling." The detachment gave four \$300 scholarships for Veterans and a \$300 laptop computer. A check was presented for \$13,400 to Jack Marin, Chairman of the Board for Hope for the Warriors. Jack talked about the founder, Robin Kelleher, (a Marine spouse) who started the foundation in 2006. Hope for the Warriors has a four star rating among like organizations and serves veterans of all military branches, spouse caregivers and families of the "fallen." The organization has assisted nearly 6,000 families.

Ron Medder and XL Beard presented a plaque to James Kritz as our 600th Eagle Scout Good Citizenship recipient.

Chuck Stotz (Department of NC Vice Commandant) presented officer nominees for commandant - Rich Carrera), sr. vice Jim Hayes, junior vice commandant - Sharon Reddick, and judge advocate - Jim Nelson. All candidates were voted in by acclamation. Installation will be in June at our monthly meeting.

Minutes of last meeting approved. The paymaster reported holdings of bank accounts. Sharon Reddick (Belk fund drive) recognized 28 volunteers and reported record earnings. She also reported availability of nametags at \$6 each.

Retiring Judge Advocate, Harold Turner, announced that by-law changes will be voted in June. Chuck Stotz recommended that 5-7 members of the 260 attend the meeting on 29-30 June in Winston-Salem.

George Orfanedes (Community Service Squad) reported funding one table (8 seats) at Salute to Women Veterans Dinner, and \$3200 to the Servant Center for doors and security system.

Members are asked to solicit advertisers for the "Grinder" newsletter.

Jack Connors' daughter was recognized for donating \$1,000.00 to the Young Marines program. Triad Veterans honored at ceremonies Sat May 19, 1100-1400 at Field of Honor. A Memorial Day Ceremony will be held at 1100 hrs. at the Carolina Field of Honor. The detachment will hold a flag raising ceremony at Friendly Center at 0800. The speaker will be Rep. Ted Budd.

The annual detachment picnic is scheduled for Sunday, September 23rd at Triad Park.

Our Holiday Dinner will be at Woodland Hall (Carolina Field of Honor) Saturday, December 8th.

Rebecca Tyree announced defibrillator classes (no cost to Members) offered by a retired ER Nurse, Stacy Thompson (Baptist Hospital) at Knights Hall.

In honor of her outstanding commitment to the Belk's project, Sharon Reddick received a Scarlet MCL Blazer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jack Masarie, Adjutant, MCL 260