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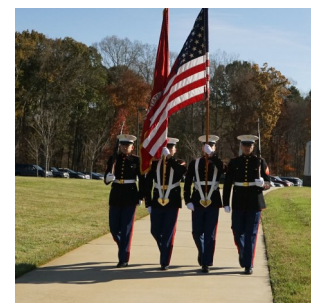
Rich Carrera, Commandant**Alan G. Atwell, Editor****96th National Convention will be in Billings, Montana**

National Headquarters has announced the dates for the 96th National Convention of the Marine Corps League. The dates are August 4, thru August 10, in beautiful and historic Billings, Montana. This might just be the do not miss convention because of the scenic location close to Yellowstone National Park, the passing of Lewis and Clark through the area and the location of the Battle of Little Big Horn.

The convention hotel is the Billings Hotel and Convention Center. There are also four other hotels that are within walking distance. The Kelly Inn, Red Lion Hotel, La Quinta Inn and the Quality Inn. Billings is a fly to destination with the local Billings International Airport.

100th Veteran's Day Celebration at the Carolina Field of Honor

Sunday, November 11, all military services celebrated Veterans Day. Originally it was Armistice Day celebrating the end of WWI. In the triad, the event was held at 2:00 p.m. The United States Marine Corps provided the Color Guard for the opening ceremony. There were about one thousand people in attendance.



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Commandant's Office Hours

Rich Carrera, Commandant

October has been a very busy month for Susan and me. One week our construction crew from my church went to east Greensboro where we rebuilt some homes damaged by the storm. Then we went to Pennsylvania to visit my brother and sister-in-law, and I thought we should take advantage of the opportunity to attend the Steeler/Cleveland Browns football game. Our Steelers prevailed handily and we were there during the very sad mass murders of the good people in the Pittsburgh neighborhood of Squirrel Hill. We travelled right through there going to the game. Just awful. Upon arriving back in Greensboro, I left the next morning to travel to Lumberton, again with my church building team, where we helped to build a new home for a family whose house was so badly damaged that it was demolished and a new one is going up in it's place.

Now to League business. We completed our third round of ticket-selling at Belk and wrapped up most of the loose ends of the Golf Tournament. Tonight we have a staff meeting at Rob O'Hanlon's where our focus will be on the Community Services Squad as well as planning for our League meeting on Monday, 12 November where the doors are open by 1800.

We have much going on from this point until the end of the year including our Christmas Party, also at The Field of Honor. See Becky and sign up to reserve your spot.

I'm certain there will be much more to discuss after the staff meeting tonight, but for now, Semper Fidelis.



Chaplain's Corner

Alan Atwell, Chaplain

"For unto us a child is born," is a set of words mysterious words from ancient times. Children come into this world all the time and yet these words are very profound as they proclaim a savior who is Christ the Lord. We join with family and friends to proclaim this day every year on the 25th of December. We attend a Christmas Eve service, or a midnight mass, or we attend a service on Christmas Day. We recognize our family members with love and shower them with gifts as we can afford. The love of Christ and the love of family should be kept in our hearts every day for 365 days a year. It is not something to be turned on or off when it is most convenient.

Let us proclaim our love for our fellow man by demonstrating it thru our actions and what we say. In these troubled times of mass shootings, drug addiction and intolerance let's show the world that there is another way.

Duty, honor, country have always been the way for Marines. Add love to the equation to make us complete.

Merry Christmas to one and all. May you find peace today and every day.

Need someone to talk to, please call me at (336)706-7675

CHRISTMAS PARTY!

Saturday, December 8

Time: 5:30 until

Woodland Hall at Triad Park, Kernersville

\$10 per Person

Dinner and Dancing to the Likewise Band

Dress is Semi-formal

Bring Beer, Wine, Champagne

Reservations Required. Call Becky @ 336-644-2026

Wreaths Across America



Saturday, December 15th at Forest Lawn Cemetery

Each year we assist the Wreaths Across America at Forest Lawn Cemetery. The ceremony includes the laying of wreaths at the graves of all the deceased veterans that are in a special site at Forest Lawn.

Please volunteer to help with traffic control, parking and getting folks onto buses so they can attend the ceremony. You are asked to be there at 9:30 a.m. to receive instructions. Parking is in a lot across the street from Lewis Recreation Center. The Center is just off of Pisgah Church Rd close to Battleground Ave.

Keith Zimbardo is the coordinator for this portion of the event. Any questions call him at 336-312-1739. The event is from 11 a.m. to Noon.

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*Get in the Christmas Spirit
and Attend the Christmas
Party December 8
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TOYS FOR TOTS

FRIDAY, 7 DECEMBER

7:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

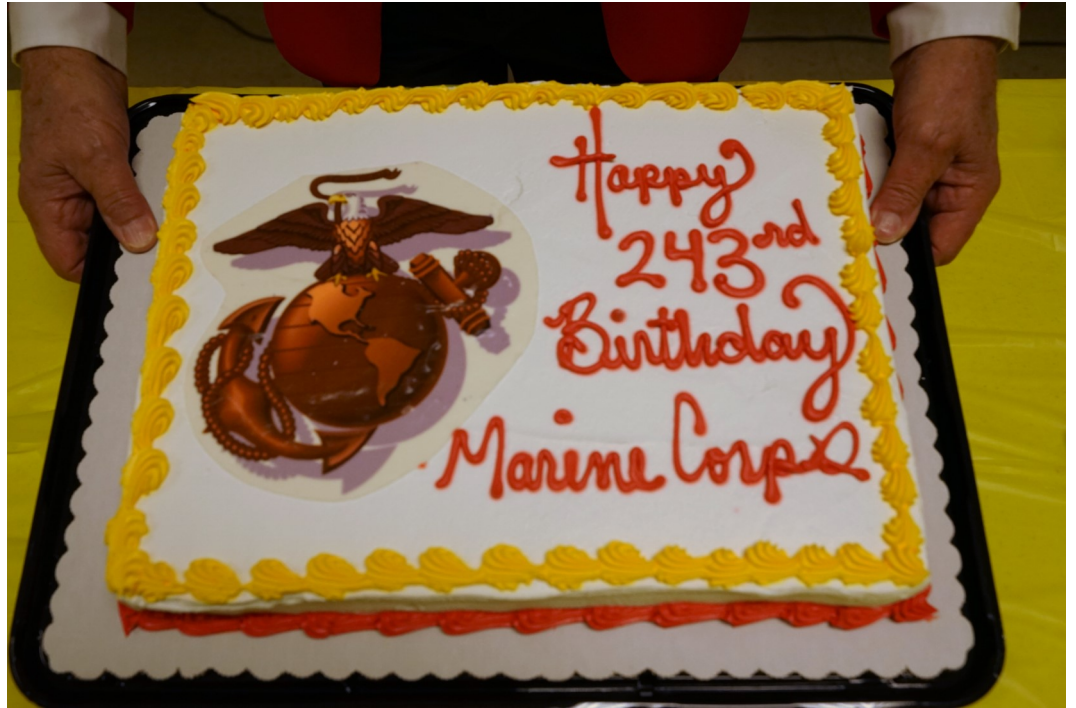
IT IS TIME TO ASSIST THE MARINE CORPS COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY AND THE 4TH MARINE LOGISTICS GROUP WITH THE ANNUAL TOYS FOR TOTS CAMPAIGN. WARD BLACK LAW ON WEST WENDOVER AT CAROLINA STREET WILL BE GIVING THEIR TIME AGAIN TO COLLECTING UNWRAPPED NEW TOYS FOR NEEDY CHILDREN. THERE WILL BE FOOD, COUPONS, GIFTS AND LIVE ENTERTAINMENT FOR THOSE WHO COME OUT TO HELP OR BRING A GIFT.

THE HOURS FOR THE EVENT ARE 7 A.M. TO 5 P.M. WE HAVE BEEN INVITED TO HELP RECEIVE GIFTS AND MAKE OUR PRESENCE KNOWN TO THE COMMUNITY. **VOLUNTEER ONE HOUR OR MORE**, WEAR YOUR UNIFORM, LEAGUE CLOTHING OR A MARINE COVER TO IDENTIFY YOURSELF. EVERYONE HAS AN HOUR TO SPARE.

THE OTHER THING YOU CAN DO IS TO HAVE A TOYS FOR TOT CARTON BROUGHT TO YOUR PLACE OF BUSINESS SO THAT THE PEOPLE WHO WORK THERE OR DO BUSINESS THERE CAN DROP OFF A TOY OR TOYS. CHECKS ARE ALSO WELCOME.

November Meeting Celebrating 243 Years

Were
You
There?



December 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2	3	4	5	6	7 <i>Toys for Tots</i>	8 <i>Xmas Party</i>
9	10 <i>NO MEETING</i>	11	12	13	14	15 <i>Wreaths Across America</i>
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

December 7, Toys for Tots Month & Collection at Ward Black Law Hours are 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

December 8, Detachment 260 Christmas Party 5:30 p.m. Until

December 15 Wreaths Across America @ Forest Lawn Cemetery 9:30 - 12:00


December 25, Christmas Day

December 31, New Years Eve

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Please welcome our newest advertiser, Cassie Nicholson. Cassie is the wife of Marine Justin Nicholson. She would welcome your call.



**This
Years
Awardee
Is
Bill Moss**



2018 American Heroes Award





In Memoriam

William Lester Wood, Jr.

February 1, 1930 - November 17, 2018

Long time member of the 260, Bill Wood passed away on November 17, 2018. Bill was a veteran of WWII. He served our detachment with honor and commitment. For many years he was the Sgt. at Arms and assisted us this year on a couple of occasions when Gerald Peek was absent.

Bill was a member of Bunker Hill Primitive Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by his wife of 67 years, Estelle Wood and his parents. He is survived by two sons, six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Attending his funeral service were Virginia Bull, Alan Atwell, Bill Moss, XL Beard, Sharon Reddick, Gerald Peek, Rich Carrera, Jim Hayes, Jack Masarie, Ron Medder and Don Sexton.

May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

VETERAN'S DAY @ CAROLINA FIELD OF HONOR







Minutes of the November Meeting

Jack Masarie, Adjutant

Thirty-nine members and guests were in attendance at the meeting. Guests included Ruby Lou Taylor from Kappa Delta Sorority at High Point University, Annabel Cobb, and her mother came representing Annabel's Girl Scout Troop. They prepared thank you cards for our members in honor of the 100th anniversary of Veteran's Day.

Longtime member, and former Sgt. at Arms, Bill Wood is recovering at his son's home from a series of strokes. Please keep Bill in your prayers.

New member, Earl Inge was introduced to the detachment. Earl is retired from the printing industry and is an avid musician. He has performed for Fisher House at Camp Lejeune and the Marathon Jam at Fort Bragg, raising money for veterans.

Sharon Reddick gave the results of the fundraiser at the Belk Charity Days. The results were not as good as in the past. As Junior Vice Commandant, she was awarded second place in national competition for her new member results. A certificate to that effect was presented to her.

Retired Army Col. Dan Camia recommended a book to us. It is On Desperate Ground, and recounts the story of the Chosin Reservoir Campaign in North Korea. He thanked us for our continued use of the Knight's Lodge. He said they are having two fundraisers and asked our support for both. They are having a fruit sale and a Brunswick Stew sale. Community Services Squad leader George Orfanedes told of a donation by Sealy Corporation of ten queen sized mattress sets, valued at \$3200 each. They were donated to Partners Ending Homelessness for the use of veterans who are getting apartments to live in. The squad is also donating \$1500 worth of "welcome home" baskets to the vets. Veteran's Day weekend saw the installation of \$15,000 worth of flooring at the Greensboro Servant Center. This was the result of the work of Bob Cavanaugh in getting Wake Forest Baptist Hospital to donate unused materials. The detachment is giving a new ventilation system to Easter's Promise for their indoor riding barn. This gift is valued between \$4000 and \$5000. Bill Moss and Rob O'Hanlon are seeking assistance from Greensboro lighting contractors to install the electrical service and components.

The detachment is looking for someone to be the liaison to the high school JROTC units. Please contact our commandant if you can help.

The holiday Christmas party and dinner will be held on Saturday night December 8, beginning at 5:30. The location is Woodland Hall at Triad Party in Kernersville. This is also the home of the Carolina Field of Honor. The cost is \$10 per person and includes dinner and dancing. Music will be provided by the "Likewise Band." Dress for the evening is semi-formal. Attendees can bring their favorite homemade cookies for the baking contest. Call Becky Tyree at 336-644-2026 if you plan to attend. Her email address is auntboink@hotmail.com.

Rob O'Hanlon said that the Veteran's Day celebration at the Carolina Field of Honor was attended by about one thousand people. He recognized Bill Moss as the recipient of the Patriots Award from American Heroes of North Carolina. Gerald Peek said about one hundred attended the Jamestown Veterans ceremony where XL Beard was the guest speaker. Additionally, the group hosts ceremonies on July 4, and Memorial day. Next year on March 27, they will join with the D.A.R. in recognizing and honoring veterans of the Vietnam war.

Kathy Medder reported on the excellent celebration of Veteran's Day by the students at Caldwell Academy. This is an annual event.

Wreaths across America will take place on Saturday, December 15, at Forest Lawn Cemetery from eleven until noon. We have been asked to handle parking again this year. Plan to arrive by 9:30 a.m. and park across from Lewis Recreation Center. Instructions will be given out at that time. Last year's speaker was our own Steve Nash. Please wear a cover identifying you as a Marine.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Masarie
Adjutant