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**Looking Back on 2018**

Where in the world did 2018 go? It started twelve short months ago and now it has reached it's terminus. The weather has been frightful with two one hundred year hurricanes, torrential rains, record snow and a new rain total for the year which has not been seen in recorded memory. As of this writing Greensboro has exceeded sixty-one inches. Rivers have flooded, streets have been washed out and houses have had basement flooding. With that being said, the Fighting 260 has had a grand year due to the hard work of many members of the detachment.

We have been saddened by the deaths of **Stanley Uplinger, Al Johnson, John Tedder, Ernie Karoly, Will Harris, Jerry Snyder** and **Bill Wood**. All were valued for their friendship and contributions to our detachment.

We selected **Sharon Reddick** as the 2017-18 Marine of the Year. **Spike Felty** earned the Associate of the Year award. **Bill Moss** was recognized with the American Heroes Award. As Junior Vice Commandant, **Sharon Reddick** received national recognition for the second largest number of new members in the fiscal year. The Grinder, edited by **Alan Atwell**, took second place in the national newsletter competition.

The detachment had two great socials for it's members and guests with the Annual Picnic and Christmas Dinner Party. Both were chaired by **Rebecca Tyree**.

The Military Charity Golf Classic, now in it's eleventh year, was very successful. It was chaired by **Gary Beaver** and co-chaired by **Jim Hayes**. Hope for the Warriors received a check from the tournament for \$13,400. They support Marines and other servicemen and women who have sustained injuries in the line of duty.

Belk Charity Days was chaired by **Sharon Reddick** and brought in copious amounts of money that was and is being used for the benefit of our outreach programs.

The Community Services Squad, chaired by **George Orfanedes**, has done great things. Working with groups that support veterans, they have helped provide housing for the homeless, partnered with the Servant Center in giving them about \$36,000 in new flooring thru the efforts of Bob Cavanaugh and Wake Forest Baptist Hospital, and new security doors and computers for homeless veterans to use. Members **Rob O'Hanlon** and **Scott Matthews** worked with Tempur-Sealy Corporation to provide over twenty sets of mattresses and box springs for veterans now in apartment housing. The value of the donation is about \$40,000. Detachment 260 also helped with the Veterans Stand

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### *Commandant's Office Hours*

*Rich Carrera, Commandant*



Our Christmas Party was a tremendous event, thanks to the hard work of Becky Tyree. I think she, with the help of Stelina Hayden, could not have made this a more pleasant party. We are extremely fortunate and grateful for the preparation and also the venue itself. We are so fortunate to have A FEW members who remember what it means to be a Marine and being willing to devote their time, energy and expertise to serve our members. There are numerous opportunities for participation and many areas to lend a hand. If you have been a “stand and watch” member, I encourage you to get involved. Please don’t be the fifth wheel any longer as our events are great fun and more so when you help them happen. When I reflect on being your Commandant, I am especially proud of the many accomplishments of the Fighting 260 and of those who have simply offered to pitch in, as well as those we have directly invited. Our membership numbers are such that these undertakings, for the most part, should not be a burden. Yet on occasion, they are, because two or three of our Marines “chop the wood and carry the water”. You all know that story I presume, about the Buddhist Monks. “Before enlightenment, you chop wood and carry water, and after enlightenment, you chop wood and carry water”. We are NEVER above getting the job done at whatever level that requires our hands. We begin a new year as I write this and our future is before us. It will be whatever we design it to be, whatever direction we wish to lead it, the end product will be what it becomes. The 260 is admired by our brother Detachments. It is very apparent any time you attend a Department or National meeting. Your Officer Staff are mighty proud when we attend an event where all Detachments are present and awards are issued as we make multiple trips to the dais. Representing the 260 is a high honor and while your staff are entitled to a pat on the back, we know for certain that without your support, none of this can happen. The awards are not given to your officers, they are presented to the 260. This is as it should be. You share in our making a fellow Marine’s life a little better and your pat on the back is rendered even if you didn’t know about it. So, know about it, be active, be invested and be interested. Personally, I cannot be a member of an organization and not get involved, I cannot sit and watch others do the heavy lifting. I didn’t join the Marine Corps only because I wanted to wear the EGA. I simply cannot understand those who do, because we are still Marines with a reputation to maintain and a marvelous organization wherein we can accomplish that end.

Our Valentines party is not yet settled but we hope to do so soon. We already have speakers and I am looking forward to a fantastic 2019. Happy New Year, Marines.

*Chaplain's Message**Alan Atwell, Chaplain***New Years Resolutions (mine and yours)**

It has been a long, long time since I made or kept a New Year's Resolution. When I made them, they were always about losing weight, quitting smoking or some other inane thing that was really meaningless. I did quit smoking, but that was more about disgust with the habit. I did stop on January 10, 1979.

I have been pondering what a New Year's Resolution should be. I ended up with Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians the 13th Chapter. I read it at a wedding on New Year's Eve. In his letter, Paul talks about speaking in the tongues of men and of angels, but not having love. "I am like a gong or a clanging cymbal." He said that "love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; in is not arrogant or rude." He went on to say that "love bears all things, endures all things." Now that is a powerful thought about the beauty and grace of love. Perhaps our resolution for the New Year should be to love one another just as God loves us. Our lives would be transformed instantly. Love would do away with pettiness and jealousy, as well as endearing us many more people. Give love some thought during the coming months. We will all benefit from it.

If you need someone to talk to, give me a call at 336-706-7675

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Down at Westover Church. Financial support was given to Horsepower Therapeutic and Easter's Promise for their work with veterans suffering from PTSD. Another assist was \$2500 for dental work for veterans at the Vet-Net of Caring Services in High Point. The squad also provided thirty \$100 "Welcome Home" baskets for veterans moving into apartments. They provided each veteran with essentials aides for apartment living. The 260 also was a sponsor of the Women Veterans Dinner.

**Sue Orfanedes'** son, **Scott Sewade**, raised \$2000 and gave it (thru the 260) to Little Boro Farm Horse Ranch & Equine Therapy in Swansboro, NC. There riding center was devastated by Hurricane Florence. The owner is Eric Walker, a retired disabled Marine, and his wife Sherrie. **Scott** owns [11bravos.com](http://11bravos.com). His company prints t-shirts featuring military symbols.

Additionally, the squad paid \$2000 for a Bed Bug cleaning tent for the Servant Center, gave \$400 for a Marine needing to pay rent, \$320 for a Marine in need of a U-Haul truck to move his family and paid \$401 to a Marine in need to pay for storage unit rent so the families possessions would not be auctioned. A contribution of \$500 was made to Gunny Claus. The program provides Christmas gifts to the children of our military. The Scout Squad has been busy all year. Chairman **Ron Medder** and others have given numerous Good Citizenship Awards to newly minted Eagle Scouts. They also presented six Eagle Scouts with \$1000 scholarships for their first year of college.

Member **Harry Thetford** wrote a book detailing the lives of WWII veterans. The book *American Heroes* is available for purchase.

The detachment also had flag raising ceremonies at Friendly Shopping Center. **Clyde Dungee** has headed up this effort faithfully with lots of elbow grease for many years. The third annual Valentine's Party at the Stage Coach Dinner Theater was a huge success with great entertainment and awards being presented to Marines who contributed to the success of the detachment in 2016. **Bill Moss** headed up the evening. The Young Marines program was given \$1000 to support their efforts with Guilford County youth. **Greg Ross** chairs the program. We participated in many of the activities of the Carolina Field of Honor. The chairman of the board at CFH is **Rob O'Hanlon**. The detachment has provided funding for a number of JROTC programs in the Guilford County Schools. We began several years ago when former member **Winston Shearin** was the commander of the unit at Southeast Guilford High School. We supported Toys for Tots and Wreaths Across America with member volunteers.

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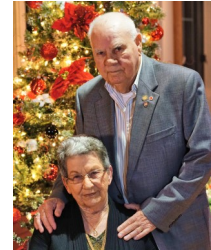
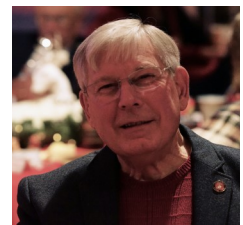
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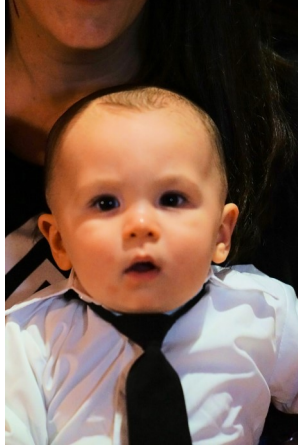
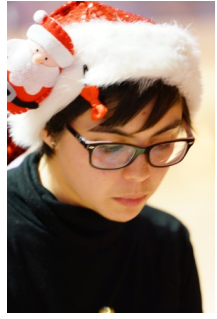
*Knight's of Columbus Hall*

*Program: Tiny Houses*

# Christmas at Woodland Hall



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# JANUARY 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Comm. Service Squad 5:30 @ O'Hanlon's	8	9	10 Staff Mtg. 5:30 p.m. @ O'Hanlon's	11	12
13	14 Membership Meeting @ 5:30	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 MLK, Jr. Day	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30 Marine Night @ Logan's Roadhouse	31		

7th Community Service Squad, 5:30 p.m. Rob O'Hanlon Office

10th Staff Meeting, 5:30 p.m. Rob O'Hanlon Office


14th Membership Meeting beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Knight's of Columbus Hall, Horse Pen Creek Rd

30th Marine Night, 5:30 until, Logan's Roadhouse located at W. Wendover and Bridford Parkway

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## PARIS ISLAND

### The Paradise of South Carolina



Marines were first assigned to Parris Island on June 26, 1891 in the form of a small security detachment headed by First Sergeant Richard Donovan, two corporals and 10 privates.<sup>[2]</sup> This unit was attached to the Naval Station, Port Royal, the forerunner of Parris Island. Donovan's unit was highly commended for preserving life and property during hurricanes and storm surges that swept over the island in 1891 and 1893.

Military buildings and homes constructed between 1891 and World War I form the nucleus of the Parris Island Historic District. At the district center are the commanding general's home, a 19th-century wooden dry dock and a start of the 20th century gazebo—all of which are on the National Register of Historic Places.<sup>[3]</sup>

On November 1, 1915, Parris Island was officially designated a Marine Corps Recruit Depot and training was continued from then on.

Prior to 1929, a ferry provided all transportation to and from the island from Port Royal docks to the Recruit Depot docks. In that year the causeway and a bridge over Archer's Creek were completed, thus ending the water transportation era. The causeway was dedicated as the General E. A. Pollock Memorial Causeway in April 1984. During the fateful December 1941, 5,272 recruits arrived there with 9,206 arriving the following month, making it necessary to add the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th Recruit Training Battalions. As the war influx continued, five battalions were sent to New River, North Carolina, to train, and the Depot expanded to 13 battalions. From 1941 through 1945, the Marines trained 204,509 recruits here and at the time of the Japanese surrender, the Depot contained more than 20,000 recruits.

On February 15, 1949, the Marines activated a separate "command" for the sole purpose of training female recruits. Later, this command was designated the 4th Recruit Training Battalion. It now serves as the only battalion in the Corps for training female recruits, and is the only all-female unit in the Department of Defense.

The Korean War began in 1950 when 2,350 recruits were in training. From then until the 1st Marine Division withdrew from Korea, Parris Island drill instructors trained more than 138,000 recruits. During March 1952, the training load peaked at 24,424 recruits. The recruit tide again flooded during the years of the Vietnam War, reaching a peak training load of 10,979 during March 1966.

On the night of April 8, 1956, the Ribbon Creek incident resulted in the drowning of six recruits, and which led to widespread changes in recruit training policies. Supervision of drill instructors was expanded, such as the introduction of the Series Commander.

On October 11, 2002, the Town of Port Royal annexed the entire island, although most visitors still associate the installation with Beaufort, a larger community five miles to the north.

On June 17, 2011, Brigadier General Lori Reynolds became the first female commander of the base.<sup>[5]</sup>

At the next change of command on June 20, 2014, Brigadier General Terry Williams became the first African-American commander of the base.

