



# THE GRINDER

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## DETACHMENT 260 WINS NATIONAL AWARDS

Detachment Commandant Rich Carrera is home from the National Convention in Buffalo, New York with the news that we won two second place awards. For the second year, the detachment was the recipient of a membership award. Junior Vice Commandant Sharon Reddick led the efforts for new members to a second place finish. This is quite a feather in her cap as all volunteer service organizations are seeing a decline in membership. We are proud of her efforts and others in the detachment for getting new members.

The Grinder took a second place nationally for the scope and content of its' monthly publication. In order to be considered and judged there are many things that must be included in the monthly publication. A special thanks goes to Steve Nash for the quality of his photography and especially for having made all the meetings in order to take pictures.

Without the activities of the detachment there would be no Grinder each month. A BIG thank you to all the volunteers that make the detachment a viable organization.

## OCTOBER IS "SHOW & TELL" MONTH

Rather than having a speaker this month, we are asking all members to bring items and pictures on your time in the Corps. It can be from a deployment, arms under fire, boot camp or whatever. Some of you may have pieces of military hardware that you'd like to show off. So go into the attic, garage or closet and grab those oldie but goodie Stuff and show them off to the membership.

We've done this in the past and it was really enjoyable to see so many different things that were apart of Marine Corps life.

There will be tables set up to display your "artifacts." No tanks or amphibious please. Scott, do not bring an F4 Phantom. It will not fit thru the door.



## *Commandant's Office Hours*

*Rich Carrera, Commandant*

I have deliberately delayed this writing because I am trying not to get angry with the MARINES who absolutely will not participate in League activities. We have some members who are physically unable to join us as we raise money to help fellow Marines and veterans. But they are the ones who show up and cause themselves physical pain because they are Marines. Now, what does that say about those of you who are perfectly capable of spending an hour or two helping the rest of us. I am tiring of "pulling teeth" people. We had what turned out to be less than a good fund raiser when working the ball games and we looked for something better, found it, and left the ball games behind. So I am not insensitive to what was way too much work for some of us. Our arrangement with Belk is easy, lucrative and in a conditioned space. I cannot for the life of me understand why a dozen or fewer participants do all the work. Our turnout for the picnic was wonderful and those of you who came saw the Department Commandant, who is also National Marine of the Year, Department Sr. Vice Rick Thomasson, and Department Jr. Vice Keith Shearin. They came to learn how we do such a good job recruiting, fund raising and have such a remarkable Detachment, so those of us who are carrying the water are enhancing YOUR reputation. Don't you think it would mean a lot more if you were a contributor to our success??

We do have a remarkable Detachment and our efforts to help our comrades have been very successful, thanks to George Orfanedes, Sharon Reddick and Becky Tyree. I am encouraging you to get off your ass and pitch in. The Marine Corps League was not intended to be only a social club and if that is why you joined, you didn't get the word. Every organization has rent to pay and we are no different. The contribution we are asking of you is in no way unreasonable. If all capable Marines were to do their part, it would not require much effort from any individual, and when capable Marines don't do their part, you are a burden to your fellow members. To those of you who do all the work, I apologize for this missive. We have a Golf Tournament this week and we at last hearing, needed two (TWO) more people for this event. With our membership that is disgraceful.



## *Chaplain's Corner*

*Alan Atwell, Acting Chaplain*

### How do You Want to be Remembered?

What a perplexing question. Perhaps you are like me and have given little or no thought to this vexing question. It is easy to hope that our family and close friends will regard our passing as sad for them. This is especially true if we were close to them and friendly and loving as well.

But what about the larger community? Some of us go to a church, are in a fraternal organization, or a service club. Will it be as a member, active participant, or a leader? Will we be remembered as persons that others could go to when they were in need? Sort of like the golden rule: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

Leaving a mark at best is limited for most of us to those we know. I believe that we owe it to ourselves and to others to be the best we can be thru our kindness, willingness to assist those in need and thru our labors. Join with your brothers and sisters and let's all be remembered for our good deeds and the good of Detachment 260.

## *Veterans Stand Down*

The Veterans Stand Down was held on September 28, at Westover Church. For years the event has drawn many veterans that are in need of services and some who are homeless and also have special needs. The event was sponsored by the Servant Center. Detachment volunteers assisted at the event. They were involved in the set up of the various stations, serving breakfast and

lunch, as well as helping the veterans with paperwork.

The detachment also donated \$1000 to the effort. The following members gave of their time and talents to assist the veterans who came out seeking assistance for their continuing needs: George Orfanedes, Alan Atwell, K Ben Nash, Steve Nash, Bob Cavanaugh, Jack Connor and Jim

Birdwell

Over one hundred veterans attended this year's event. They were served breakfast and learned about the various organizations in attendance. Then they were given the opportunity to have hearing and eye exams, talk with the VA, the USO, the Guilford County Department of Social Services and a host of other organizations.



## *Easter's Promise Therapeutic Horse Riding*

**Easter's Promise**, located in Pleasant Garden, is a facility where veterans with PTSD can go for assistance. Using horses to mitigate the damage of PTSD, the veterans learn to ride and care for horses. Scott Matthews and Rob

O'Hanlon are developing a proposal to provide much needed ventilation in the building's main arena where the riding takes place.

They will present a plan to the membership at this month's

meeting. If approved, implementation will take place in November and December.

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# September 10th Meeting of the 260



*Get in the Spirit and Make a Meeting*



## *Making a Difference Every Day*



### *September Meeting Minutes by Jack Masarie*

Forty-five members and guests were in attendance at the meeting. Guests were Brenda Duncan and Gayle Blackwell. Officers absent and excused were Sharon Reddick and Jack Masarie.

Sr. Vice Commandant, Jim Hayes reported on the status of the golf tournament. He said we were in need of prizes and green and tee sponsors. Bill Moss had eight people to commit, thus fulfilling all of the remaining spots. General Sisley, Jim Blackwell, Mac BJ

Barnes, Ken Duncan, and Jim Hayes.

We are in need of more golfers as we have only 16 teams.

Jim Nehlsen reported that we took in \$11,017.91 on the recent Belk Charity Days effort. He proposed changing to four days a week on the next segment beginning the end of September. Also, he said we would work from 11:00-2:00 instead of until four.

Sheriff BJ Barnes told about some upcoming

events including a free concert in High Point on Sept. 11 to make money for Homes for Heroes. On October 13, there will be a shoot hunters sight-in at the Sheriffs Range. Proceeds will go to veteran causes. People can be in a shooting contest with his snipers.

Becky Tyree reminded all of the upcoming picnic on 23 September.

George Orfanedes asked us to help with the Veterans Stand Down on 28 September.



**Jack Masarie**

**Adjutant**

**Minutes for September  
prepared by Mike Clark**

# Looking Back at the September Picnic



PICNIC



# October 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 <i>Staff Meeting @ 5:30 p.m.</i>	5 <i>Golf Tournament 9:00 -6:00</i>	6
7	8 <i>General Membership Meeting</i>	9	10 <i>Veterans Coffee 8:30-10:30 a.m.</i>	11	12	13 <i>Hunter's Sight-in at Sheriff's Range</i>
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31 <i>Halloween Marine Night @ Logan's Road-</i>			

October 4, Staff Meeting @ 5:30 p.m. at Rob O'Hanlon's Office

October 5, Military Charity Golf Tournament @ Grandover Resort and Spa 9:00 'til 6:30

October 8, Regular Monthly Meeting of the Detachment @ Knight's of Columbus Hall 5:30-8:15

October 10, Veteran's Coffee @ Golden Corral 4404 Landview Dr. just off W. Wendover 8:30-10:30

October 31, Marine Night Out @ Logan's Roadhouse, Bridford Pkwy & W. Wendover 5:30-7:30

## *Marine Corps History*

### **The phrase “a few good men” originated in 1779.**

On March 20, 1779, Captain William Jones of the Continental Marines placed a recruiting advertisement in the Providence Gazette stating, "The Continental ship Providence, now lying at Boston, is bound on a short cruise, immediately; a few good men are wanted to make up her complement." The phrase was revived in 1970 by admiral Warren Pfaff and used in recruitment ads for decades. However, younger recruits might be more familiar with their current slogan, “The Few, the Proud, the Marines” which was created in 2007.

### **In 1883, the Marine Corps adopted their motto, “Semper Fi”**

You’ve probably seen this motto plenty of times, but what does Semper Fi actually mean? It’s actually a shortened version of the Latin phrase, “Semper Fidelis”, which means “Always Faithful”. In 1888, American composer John Philip Sousa wrote the march [Semper Fidelis](#), the official march of the US Marine Corps.

### **The Marines’ mascot is an English Bulldog**

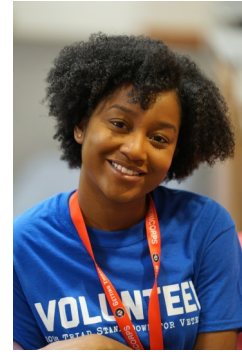
The English Bulldog became the official mascot of the Marines after they were referred to as ‘devil dogs’ in World War I. The English Bulldog is loyal, tenacious and faithful breed, making it the perfect mascot for the United States Marine Corps given their motto. In 2013, a bulldog named [Pfc. Chesty XIV](#) became the Marines’ current mascot.

### **“Jarheads” is a slang term for Marines.**

During World War II, sailors began to refer to Marines as “Jarheads”. While some say this refers to their “high-and-tight” haircuts, others claim it was because the high collar on the Marines’ WWII era dress uniforms made their heads look like Mason jars. Of course, this wasn’t the first time sailors attempted to insult Marines with silly nicknames. During WWI, members of the U.S. Navy would use the term “[gyrene](#)” in reference to a Marine. In both instances, the Marines took the intended insult in stride and actually embraced the nicknames.



# Veterans Stand Down Volunteers



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## Detachment Family Picnic

