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11th Annual Military Golf Classic, October 5th

PICNIC IN THE PARK....

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All Hands on Deck for the Detachment's Picnic in the Park Sunday, September 23, at 4:30 p.m.

BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS, Especially those who might be interested in joining Det. 260 Triad Park at Shelter #6. **RAIN OR SHINE. BRING YOUR FAVORITE PICNIC FOOD.** Bring enough food for you and four more.

RSVP: Call Rebecca Tyree at 336-644-2026



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DUES DUE

August 31st was National Dues Renewal Day. If you haven't paid for the coming year, the dues are only \$32 a year. This includes local, national and your Semper Fi magazine. Bring cash, check or credit card to the Picnic to get up to date. Mail checks made payable to MCL Det. 260, PO Box 10227, Greensboro, 27404



Commandant's Office Hours

Rich Carrera, Commandant

I have returned from the National Convention and have much to tell about it. Susan and I went to Buffalo, NY to attend the event, as did Becky, George, her Father, and Jack Conner. The convention was very good and there are too many topics to address here. We will have a meeting this month after all, at the K of C, usual time, on Monday, the 10th of September. George O. has a number of items that will require a meeting before October.

Department Commandant, Jeff Jones is invited to our picnic and has the awards we won. Congratulations to Sharon for recruiting, 2nd place Nationally, and to Alan Atwell for the remarkable job he does with our Grinder. National liked it, as well, and awarded 2nd place for Alan's good work. All detachments compete for recruiting and probably as many for newsletters. These are very remarkable awards and Sharon and Alan should

be very proud of their efforts. We certainly are on their behalf. You done good.

This is a brief message as I am still organizing all the convention information to report to you.

All hands should attend this special meeting, if possible, and certainly the picnic at the Field of Honor. Along with Commandant Jeff, we are expecting Rick Thomason and Keith Shearin. Dept. JVC.

Chaplain's Corner

Alan Atwell, Acting Chaplain



James 2: 14-17

“What does it profit, my brethren, if a man says he has faith but has not works? Can his faith save him? If a brother or sister is ill-clad and in lack of daily food, and one of you says to them, ‘Go in peace, be warmed and filled,’ without giving them the things needed for the body, what does it profit? So faith by itself, if

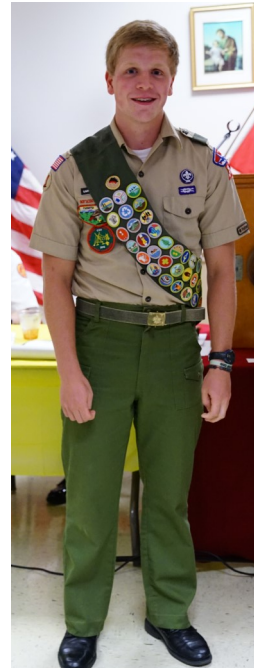
it has no works, is dead.”

These few words from the New Testament say a lot about what many members of the League are doing to help the disenfranchised. We owe a debt of gratitude to all who are helping at the Belk Charity Days, the golf tournament and at various non-profits, ultimately helping our brothers and sisters

through acts of love and kindness. The newest squad, the Community Services Squad, has helped so many in need in its short time of existence.

Please, be a part of helping others less fortunate. An hour, a day, a month, or more will fill your belly with joy.

Boy Scout Scholars



Belk Charity Days a Big Success

by Sharon Reddick

The second of three Belk store events is in the books for 2018. Working only four days a week, the Belk team raised \$11,700. What a fantastic undertaking by the thirty-six members of the 260. This is money that can go to work immediately for the good of the military community in Guilford County. There are so many unmet needs such as helping people with PTSD, the homeless, the underemployed, and the many organizations that try to serve their needs.

Marines

Helping

Marines

Our own Sharon Reddick, worked tirelessly to make this project the success it is. Sharon said she is grateful for all the people who came to help. Here is the list of those who worked on the Belk Charity Day event. Alan Atwell, Earl Blackwell, Ginny Bull, Ron Boylston, Jim Birdwell, Rusty Boaeuf, X L Beard, Rich Carrera, Ken Cobleigh, Jack Connors, Ken Duncan, George Ellsworth, Spike Felty, Luke Glascock, George Graves, Jim Hayes, Keith Ingold, Ken Johnson, Jack Masarie, Kathy Medder, Ron Medder, Bill Moss, K Ben Nash, Steve Nash, Jim Nehlson, Justin Nicholson, Rob O'Hanlon, Malachi Parsons, Sharon Reddick, Roger Stockton, Chuck Stotz, Nancy Stotz, Ricki Talbert, Harold Turner, Becky Tyree, and William White.

11th Annual Military Charity Golf Tournament



It's Countdown to Tournament Time

Twelve years ago we started planning for a golf tournament to assist Marines that were in the Wounded Warriors Barracks at Camp Lejeune. Many Marines were coming back from Iraq and Afghanistan with severe injuries. The Detachment decided that it was time for us to act by assisting Marines in need. It turned out that the Federal Government won't take money directly from us to do this sort of thing. We contacted Hope for the Warri-

ors Foundation and so a long relationship blossomed.

The first year it was played at the Champion's Course at Bryan Park. Since then, it has been at Grandover Resort & Spa.

Co-chairmen Jim Hayes and Gary Beaver have been hard at work putting the pieces together for another successful golf outing.

You can help by being a sponsor of a tee or green, by playing

in the tournament, or being a volunteer. Assistance will be needed at setup at nine a.m., selling raffle tickets, signing in players, working as a spotter on the par 3 holes, and helping at the reception after play.

Don't forget the date, Friday, October 5th.

Put it on your calendar now.

We need volunteers like you to get the job done. Call Jim and say "I'll help." His telephone no. is 336-299-7448.



Sights from the August Meeting

Catch the Fever, attend our monthly meetings and see the outstanding things the detachment is doing.



We welcome new member Gavin Reardon



Wheelchairs for Belk

Have you been to Belk to help out with the Charity Day events? Probably not most of you. Here is an example of the good you can do for others. We have had so much success with this endeavor and the fact that Belk had only one wheelchair for patrons, the detachment took some of proceeds and bought two

new wheelchairs which are now in use at the store. Each one has our name on it.

You can thank Sharon Reddick and her hard working crew for bringing in the money for projects just like this.

Our work in the community is never finished, at least not until every



Marine is healthy and has a place to live. You should be proud to be a 260 member.

August Meeting Minutes by Jack Masarie

The August meeting was held on the 13th at the Knight's of Columbus Hall beginning at 7:00 p.m.

In attendance were fifty-four members and guests. Guests included the families of five Eagle Scouts who received Detachment scholarships of \$1000 each.

The recipients were: Alexander Ford, who will attend NCSU, majoring in Mechanical Engineering, Luke Hinshaw also attending NCSU, majoring in Industrial Engineering, Robert Muness, attending Liberty U. and majoring in Emergency Management, Canaine Noah

Weans, attending NCSU and Thomas Crocker, attending Western Carolina U., majoring in Wildlife Management. The students had grade point averages of 4.4 to 5.0.

Members of the scholarship committee were, Jim Hayes, Scott Matthews, George Orfanedes, Fred Sisley, XL Beard and Jack Masarie.

New member, Gavin Reardon, was welcomed into the 260. Gavin is a retired Lt. Col.

George Orfanedes reported on the Community Services Squad. They supplied ten new house warming baskets for persons who are now in apart-

ments. This was accomplished thru the organization, Partners Ending Homelessness.

He also reported on "Tiny Houses" programs in High Point and Greensboro. It included costs for building them. More information will be needed before we can make a decision on doing this kind of project.

The Greensboro Servant Center will hold a "stand down" for 100+ homeless vets that are in the area. It will be held at Westover Church on Muirs Chapel Road.



Jack Masarie
Adjutant

Museum of the Marine Corps, Quantico



The National Museum of the Marine Corps, under the command of Marine Corps University, preserves and exhibits the material history of the U.S. Marine Corps; honors the commitment, accomplishments, and sacrifices of Marines; supports recruitment, training, education, and retention of Marines; and provides the public with a readily accessible platform for the exploration of Marine Corps history.

- The Museum collects and provides responsible stewardship for objects related to the

history of the Marine Corps; interprets the history of the Marine Corps through public exhibitions, collections-based publications, and other public programming venues; conducts collections-based research and shares the results of that research through publications, exhibitions, and public programming; and develops educational materials and conducts education programs for educators, students, and families to increase their awareness of the history of the Marine Corps.

The Museum contributes to the recruitment, training, edu-

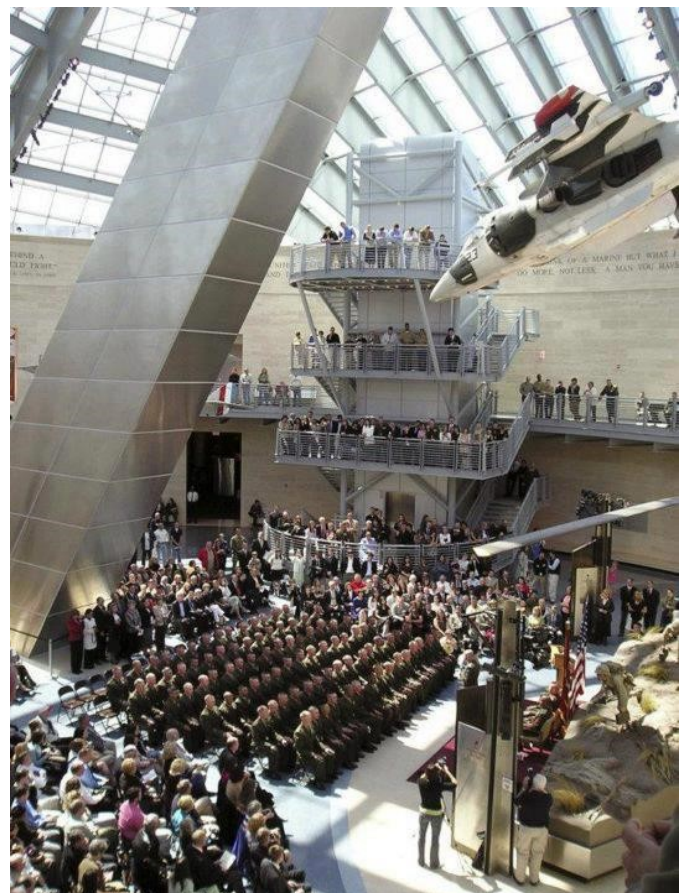
cation, and retention of Marines by informing and inspiring visitors through exhibitions and other public programs; by providing a backdrop for recruitment initiatives and an understanding of what it takes to “make a Marine”; by hosting classes for the Training and Education Command; and by providing opportunities for continuing education.



Exterior View of the Entrance



One of the Many Static Displays



The Museum Space is Enormous

September 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6 Staff Meeting 7:00	7	8
9	10 Regular monthly mtg.	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 Picnic Triad Park 4:30 p.m.	24	25	26 Marine Night at Logan's Roadhouse	27	28	29
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September 6, Staff Meeting @ O'Hanlon's - 5:30 pm

September 10, Regular Meeting at Knight's of Columbus Hall on Horsepen Creek Rd. 5:30-8:00

September 23, Annual Picnic at Triad Park, Shelter #6 beginning at 4:30 p.m.

September 26, Marine Night at a new location, **LOGAN'S ROADHOUSE** @ W. Wendover & Bridford Pkwy
Time: 5:30- 7:30 Join us for food and relaxation. Bring a friend.

October 5, Military Charity Golf Tournament @ Grandover Resort & Spa beginning at 9:00 a.m.



Marine Parachutist Adrian Kirkman by Harry Thetford

According to the Greensboro Daily News of 18Oct1942, "Adrian Kirkman, son of Annie Alvis and Adron Kirkman, was killed in action, 'somewhere in the Pacific area.' He enlisted in the Marine Corps in October, 1939, and volunteered for the parachute battalion in May, 1941.

Temporary interment was made where he was killed. Survivors include his mother, three sisters and two brothers."

And from the same newspaper on 20May1948, "Kirkman's body has been returned to the United States. He was the first Guilford County casualty in World War II. He was killed in the Marine landing on Guadalcanal, September 14, 1942.

He was provided full military honors by Greensboro's Adrian L. Kirkman Marine Corps League Detachment, which was named in his honor."

Three items bear clarification. First, Kirkman may have been killed on "a" landing on Guadalcanal on 14Sep1942, but "the" D-Day landing on Guadalcanal was 07Aug1942.

On D-Day, Marine Parachutists were dropped from boats – not aircraft -- on Gavutu and Tulagi, where the Japanese had built a seaplane base. These Islets are across Iron Bottom Sound from Guadalcanal proper. It should be noted -- these outlying Islets were more fiercely defended on D-Day that was Guadalcanal proper.

After Gavutu, the Para-Marines joined the Raiders on Guadalcanal, participating in the Battle of Edson's Ridge. Due to high casualties, the 1st Parachute BN moved to New Caledonia in September, 1942 – about the time Kirkman was killed.

The four-day Battle of Edson's Ridge reached its climax on 14Sep1942. Marines from 1st Raider BN, 1st Parachute BN, and 2nd BN, 5th Marines – 840 strong -- repelled 2500 Japanese troops, killing over 800.

PFC Adrian Kirkman was among the 96 Marines killed.

Kirkman's death was reported differently in the Greensboro

Record on 06May1948 when his remains were returned home, "He was wounded in an operation on Tulagi 12Aug1942 in which all of his division except 40 were killed. He died from his wounds two days later."

Secondly, the Marine Corps League Detachment named in his memory no longer exists. Detachment 260 was formed in 1972. Interestingly, National Headquarters reported on 01Aug2018 that no records exist of the Kirkman Detachment – that called for a closer look.

And after that closer look, no records for the Kirkman Detachment have been located. Bob Borka, Chief Operating Officer, National Headquarters, Marine Corps League personally checked the Detachment rosters – past. Kirkman trained at Naval Air Station, Lakehurst, NJ. The 1st Parachute BN left New River, NC, 07Jun1942; departed Norfolk, VA 10Jun1942; and reached New Zealand 11Jul1942. One week later, they left for D-Day rehearsals on Fiji.

He was in A Company, Unit #7, 1st Marine Division Paratroopers, enlisting on 22Oct1939, according to his mother, or 02Nov1939, according to the Marine Corps.

Kirkman served in good company. CPL Harlon H. Block and PFC Ira H. Hayes participated in the iconic flag-raising on Iwo Jima – they were both Para-Marines, as was SGT Henry Hansen, who helped raised the first flag on Iwo Jima.

After Parris Island, PVT Kirkman was posted at MCB, Quantico, as an anti-tank/assault guided missileman.

Deployments to Puerto Rico and combat firing practice at Indiantown Gap, PA came next. In October, 1940 his unit moved to Guantanamo Bay. He served aboard the *USS McCawley* at sea.

He earned his Parachutist

Badge in June, 1941. From Norfolk Navy Base, he moved to New River, NC (soon to be known as Camp Lejeune). By July, 1942 he was "At sea."

The rest is history.

Mrs. Kirkman applied for her son's grave marker on 31May1948, when his body was returned to the States. He was buried in Forest Lawn Cemetery. He is listed on the Blue Star Flag of First Baptist Church and the Honor Roll of Greensboro High School students killed in WW II.

The Kirkman family play on words must be recognized -- Annie Alvis and Adron Kirkman named two sons, Alvis and Adrian. Alvis enlisted in the Marine Corps 25Nov1942, just weeks after his younger brother had been killed in combat.

(Bill and Virginia Kirkman aren't related to Adrian Kirkman, but thanks to Virginia for providing documentation about the MCL Detachment named in his memory.)

and present. "I can assure you, no record exists in our files of an Adrian L. Kirkman Detachment."

That said – there was indeed an Adrian L. Kirkman Detachment of the Marine Corps League posted in Greensboro, NC circa 1946-1950 – Semper Fidelis!!

Thirdly, members of the Marine Corps 1st Parachute BN were held in high esteem by fellow Marines. Since Parachutists were paid more than Infantry Marines, volunteers were plentiful – single Marines only. Over 40% of Parachutist wannabees washed out before receiving their Badge.

There is at least one other Para-Marine connection in the Greensboro area. High Point High School graduate, PFC Allen Hoffman Carter, a Para-Marine of the 5th MAR DIV, was killed on Iwo Jima. His sister, Frances Boyles, is a Jamestown resident.

