

Johnston County, North Carolina

## FROM THE COMMANDANT'S DESK



Marines! First off, I must apologize for not getting a newsletter out for the month of April. The Marine Corps League had a full calendar for the month and then everything started to get shut down. When I got an email saying "Sorry that you cancelled your room" for the Spring Meeting, I didn't know what the hell was going on. Then I got the email from the Department saying the meeting was cancelled. After that, it was like dominoes. Eagle Scout ceremonies...postponed. Good Business Award...postponed. Our Officer's Installation/Dinner...postponed. The Pound Growl...cancelled. What a boring month!

Right now, everybody is waiting for the time when the country will open again. A lot of you have been sitting at home...waiting. Some have still been able to go to work...and again...waiting. The month of May is still up in the air on when businesses will start opening again. Our May 12<sup>th</sup> business meeting is hanging on what the Governor's plans are for after the May 8<sup>th</sup> deadline. The DoNC 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Convention has been pushed to July. The Mud Run which was slated for June 6<sup>th</sup> has been pushed back until September.

A lot is still on the schedule, but right now it's all minor compared to everyone's health and wellbeing. Fortunately, I'm blessed to have a so called "essential" job and am still earning a paycheck. There are a lot of Americans who can't say that. Even those who can work from home probably enjoyed it at first, but now cabin fever is kicking in and they're going nuts. There are a few of our own Marines who are struggling right now because they can't go to work. Hopefully, soon, we'll get back together in some capacity and begin the healing process. I have made some phone calls and spoken to some of you, but not all. I know that Chaplain Quinn has been busy trying to be in contact with the Detachment. If we haven't spoken with you, and if you need help, or don't have a need, but just want to chat, please feel free to call myself or any of the officers.

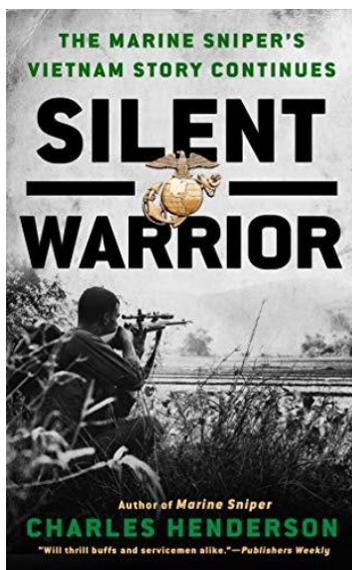
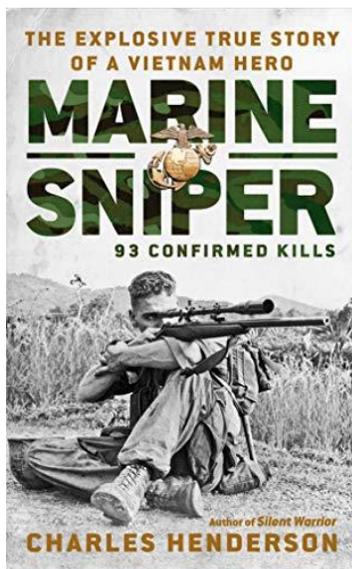
In closing, I just want to say something. It may come across as corny, but whatever. I've actually missed seeing all of you Jarheads. The cancelled League meetings. The cancelled Growls. God help us all whenever we do get together.

**SEMPER PARATUS, MARINES!**

**COMMANDANT WILLIAM DUNN**



## NEED A GOOD BOOK TO READ?



There have been many Marines. There have been many marksmen. But there has only been one Sergeant Carlos Hathcock.

He stalked the Viet Cong behind enemy lines—on their own ground. And each time, he emerged from the jungle having done his duty. His record is one of the finest in military history, with ninety-three confirmed kills.

This is the story of a simple man who endured incredible dangers and hardships for his country and his Corps. These are the missions that have made Carlos Hathcock a legend in the brotherhood of Marines. They are exciting, powerful, chilling—and all true.

In *Marine Sniper*, the true-life missions of United States Marine Corps sniper Carlos Hathcock were revealed in explosive detail. Now, the incredible story of a remarkable Marine continues—with harrowing, never-before-published accounts of courage and perseverance. These are the powerful stories of a man who rose to greatness not for personal gain or glory, but for duty and honor. A rare inside look at the U.S. Marine's most challenging missions—and the one man who made military history.

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~ AUTHOR: ROBERT SHERROD

## OUR FUTURE

**Tuesday, May 12th, 1900 hrs.** The Carry-On Detachment 1236 Business Meeting.

Installation of officers. Possible dinner. Stay tuned...Not really sure what we can do by then.

## OUR PAST

May 2, 1946, Marines from the Treasure Island Marine Barracks aided in suppressing a three-day prison riot at Alcatraz Federal Penitentiary in San Francisco Bay. The Marines were under the command of Warrant Officer Charles L. Buckner, a veteran of the Bougainville and Guam campaigns in World War II, and did not suffer a single casualty.

May 15, 1862, Corporal John F. Mackie became the first Marine to earn the Medal of Honor for his Service on the USS Galena during actions against Confederate shore batteries at Drewry's Bluff, near Richmond, Virginia.

May 22, 1912, First Lieutenant Alfred A. Cunningham became the first Marine officer to be assigned to "duty in connection with aviation" by Major General Commandant William P. Biddle after reporting for aviation training at the Naval Aviation Camp at Annapolis, Maryland. This marked the official beginning of the Marine aviation program.

May 23, 1988 the V-22 Osprey, the world's first production tilt-rotor aircraft, made its debut at Bell Helicopter Textron's Arlington, Texas, facility. More than 1,000 representatives from the military, the aviation industry, and the media gathered to hear various speakers, including then-Commandant of the Marine Corps, General Alfred Gray, praise the versatility of the aircraft.

## OUR FALLEN

Tom Barrie. John Bullock. George Gillespie. Robert Moore. Willard Pleasants. Gordon Young.  
Mark Wayne Williams. Linwood Johnson. George Hartley. Patrick Goodrow.



**MARINES**  
**THE FEW. THE PROUD.**

