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## Detachment Valentine's Party February 11th



Anyone in love? Well, check the date on your calendar for the 3rd Annual Valentines at the Barn Dinner Theatre. Monday, 11 February we will celebrate with our significant other the day set aside for those in love. Enjoy roses, great food and outstanding entertainment from the musi-

cians and actors of the Barn Dinner Theatre. A big thank you to Bill Moss and Ric Gutierrez, manager, for arranging the evening for everyone to enjoy. Dress is upscale casual, Scarlets, or business casual. The cost to members and their guests is \$10 per person. The Barn is located on Stage Coach Trail just off W. Market Street and east of the I-73 overpass.

Doors open at 6:00 p.m. with dinner and entertainment following. The staff is providing their services for free. We ask that you make a generous donation for their services.

## Mid-Winter Conference Set

The annual mid-winter conference has been set for February 28-March 2, in Fredericksburg, Virginia. The Fredericksburg Hospitality House Hotel and Conference Center is the setting. The cost for attendance and lodging is \$99 per night plus tax. To make reservations call (540)786-8211. Banquet meals are \$50 each.

With the location so close, a tour of the Marine Corps Museum in Quantico might be in order as well.

*Commandant's Office Hours**Rich Carrera,*

Marines, Corpsmen and Friends of the Fighting 260:

The Squad Leaders and Staff responsible for our financial well being are into their second year of cruising along as our finances are able to support virtually anything we need to do. That is not to say they have nothing to do, but rather can choose the things we should be accomplishing. Thanks to our successful efforts raising funds necessary to provide numerous services to our own Marines, veterans in general, and even some community services that make a huge difference to the people they serve. We have provided OVER \$60,000 in goods and services through our Community Services Squad, with George Orfanedes as the Squad Leader. I believe we stack up very favorably with any Detachment in the country relative to actually serving the community we call home. This is to say, when we have the opportunity to work one of our fund raising endeavors, and we work together, our accomplishments are so very evident to the folks whose lives are elevated by those efforts. I encourage everyone to make a conscious decision to choose one of our events and put your shoulders to the wheel. By so doing, we will continue to provide for the needs of others. Sharon Reddick is continuing to drain her tank at raising money at Belk and some mid-air refueling is in order.

The annual Valentine Party is almost here and will usurp the February meeting. It is scheduled for the same night, 11 February at 1800, at the Barn Dinner Theatre. This fun night will cost our members \$10 each, even when the actual cost is considerably higher. Just saying, this is one more reason all hands should help when we have work to do. There will be a great meal, entertainment and dancing for our enjoyment. A reminder that the **staff** of the Barn Theatre are **volunteering** their time, so be very **generous with your tip**. Scarlets or upscale casual is the attire, a tie is not required.

Nominations for Officers will be here before you know it, so be thinking about that as well. I believe the leadership of the 260 has done an excellent job for the membership. Those who have indicated their interest in serving next year will continue to improve as we move forward. Some of the really important leadership positions are not elected, but are volunteers. Among those are the leaders of our Golf Tournament, Belk Charity Days, Editor of the Grinder, the parties, and the Community Services Squad. Not to overlook Becky, our Party Organizer, Chuck Stotz and Scott Matthews who are our communications links, and Alan Atwell providing our Award Winning Grinder. This year, Alan Atwell and Jim Hayes have stepped up to guide our Golf Tournament and I am confident this will be another great event. Sharon needs some help (relief) this time and we're looking for some back-up, We really need a permanent Chaplain even though Alan has done a marvelous job as interim. I am asking YOU to consider taking on one of these tasks because I really don't want to have to say, "I need three volunteers, you, you and you". You are all Marines and are aware of how it works.

We have an outstanding Detachment and I thank you for making it so. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at the party.

Warm regards and Semper Fidelis, Rich

## Chaplain's Message

**Alan Atwell, Chaplain**



### Wellness Comes from Giving

Most of us have had a wife, husband or child that has been sick at one time or another. The length of the illness can be a day or even a week or more. It is not often that we become sick at the same time. I have pondered this situation on occasion and have come to the conclusion that we cannot afford to be sick as we have to give our attention to the ill person. Let that sink in a bit. We cannot afford to be under the weather because the need is great for us to be well. It is the act of giving of time and assistance to the person that may well keep our own health positive. Doctors and nurses are excellent examples of people who remain healthy even while they are helping others. Now I don't know that there is a correlation to giving of your time and talents to the Marine Corps League and it's many outreach programs that the League is engaged in, but what if it were so? It would give each of us an added incentive to participate in the work of the Community Service Squad, helping at Belk, working on the golf tournament or even a fun activity like the Valentine's Party, the Picnic or the Christmas Party. Don't pass up the work of these groups and find that your time in the League has been in name only. Need to talk with someone, give me a call at 336-706-7675. Semper Fidelis.

### Tiny Homes of Greensboro Receives a Check for \$5000 from the 260



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*Mark the Date*

*February 11*

*6:00 p.m.*

*Valentine's Dinner*

*&*

*Party*

*Barn Dinner Theatre*

## **MARINE CORPS BASE, QUANTICO, VIRGINIA**

Even before the Jamestown Settlement and Captain John Smith explored the banks of the Potomac River in 1608, the Spaniards had visited Quantico over 40 years earlier. Early Scottish colonists later settled in the Quantico area, growing tobacco for export.

The Quantico region was also home to many Revolutionary War heroes. During said war, American, British, and French armies used nearby roads to quickly move from one battlefield to another. During the Civil War, Confederate cannons blockaded Union traffic on the Potomac from the banks of the Quantico area. By the 1880s, the land Quantico resides on had been acquired by speculators, who would sell it to the Corps in 1917.

The Commandant of the Marine Corps established Marine Barracks Quantico on May 14, 1917. Thousands would be trained in Quantico during World War I, including units of the much-lauded 4th Marine Brigade. In 1920, Marine Corps Schools was founded, and in the words of then-Chief of Staff for Quantico, Col. Smedley D. Butler, their purpose was to “make this post and the whole Marine Corps a great university.”

Prospects of a Pacific war in the 1920s showed a need for revolutionary new tactics and hardware. The techniques of amphibious warfare were conceived, and perfected, in Quantico. Marines of the predecessor to today’s Marine Corps Systems Command designed the equipment, which ensured successful future amphibious operations. Quantico aviators also developed close-air support tactics to aid Marines on the ground.

The Caribbean “Banana Wars” would test these new tactics and the equipment developed in Quantico. The tactical units which would carry out the new amphibious operations became the Fleet Marine Force (FMF) in 1935. The FMF, headquartered in Quantico, perfected equipment and techniques in anticipation of its future Pacific role. When the headquarters of the FMF left in 1941, Quantico’s main task became the education of individual Marines, rather than the large unit training it had conducted in the past.

The amphibious warfare techniques developed in Quantico in the years before World War II made victory possible in the conflict’s Pacific theater. Quantico also trained 15,000 lieutenants, and numerous officers from other services, who helped lead the United States to victory.

In 1947, Quantico Marines conceived of carrying troops from ship-to-shore by helicopter and formed a special squadron to test the idea: Marine Helicopter Squadron-1, commonly referred to now as HMX-1. The helicopter techniques they used there later proved invaluable during the Korean and Vietnam Wars. More recently, Quantico played a large part in the development of vertical and/or short take-off and landing (or V/STOL) aircraft and amphibious assault ships. Quantico’s small, but vital, air facility and HMX-1 continue to aid in development, training, and education, as well as their most visible duty, support of the U.S. president.

alongside the university, include the Marine Corps War College, the School of Advanced Warfighting, the Command and Staff College, Expeditionary Warfare School, the Enlisted PME branch, and the College of Distance Education and Training. In recent years the Marine Corps University has been adding new buildings and renovating old in order to create a world-class library, research center, and campus to further the mission of the university in the 21st Century to educate the leaders of the Marine Corps.

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On Jan. 1, 1968, the base was re-designated the Marine Corps Development and Education Command (MCDEC) in the spirit of the command motto, "Semper Progredi" — Always Forward. During the summer of 1987, Quantico planners studied more efficient and streamlined ways in which MCDEC could ensure the Marine Corps of the future would be the best trained, led, disciplined, and equipped fighting force on the planet. On Nov. 10, 1987, the Marine Corps transitioned the Development and Education Command into the Marine Corps Combat Development Command (MCCDC), cementing Quantico's central role in developing concepts, plans, doctrine, training and equipment for the 21st-century Marine Corps. From the combat development process other organizations emerged which either stood alone or operated under the MCCDC umbrella.

Marine Corps University was also established in 1989 to provide the structure and policy for professional military education Corps-wide. Professional Military Education (PME) schools, which work

The 1990s were a time of great growth for Quantico. The Marine Corps Research, Development and Acquisition Command, the precursor to today's Marine Corps Systems Command, began moving to Quantico in 1990. A decade later, MCSC moved to its current location on historic Hospital Point.

In 1995, the base became home to one of the Corps' most forward-thinking organizations, the Marine Corps Warfighting Laboratory. The lab's mission is to conduct experimentation in 21st-century warfare. War games and experiments produce new tactics and technologies to make the Marine warfighter ever more capable.

Additionally, the U.S. military, particularly the Marine Corps, began to play a greater role in peacekeeping and humanitarian assistance operations. The Department of Defense established the Joint Non-Lethal Weapons Directorate in 1997 to provide the military with greater flexibility in dealing with the challenges of Military Operations Other Than War.

Quantico is also home to the lifeline and pipeline of the Corps. In 1998, Headquarters Marine Corps moved Manpower and Reserve Affairs (M&RA) and Marine Corps Recruiting Command to Quantico from the Navy Annex in Arlington, Va. M&RA has administrative responsibility for all issues related to Marines, their families, and quality of life. Recruiting Command ensures young men and women are enlisted to secure the health of the Marine Corps of the future.

With so many diverse yet intricately-woven units, it is appropriate that Quantico is called the Crossroads of the Marine Corps. This is perhaps the only command whose mission touches the furthest reaches of the Corps. Decisions made here impact Marines aboard ship, fighting in the Global War on Terrorism, on guard duty at embassies across the globe, and on reserve duty throughout the U.S. Quantico's Marines continue to answer the call to threats against the U.S. and provide security and logistical assistance to the National Capital Region.

Commands aboard Quantico put their training and technologies, developed during war and peace, to work to provide the best support for the Marine warfighter.

On Oct. 1, 2015, Marine Corps Base (MCB) Quantico was designated Marine Corps Installations Command-National Capital Region - Marine Corps Base Quantico (MCINCR-MCB Quantico).

As of 2016, Quantico is home to over 28,000 military, civilian, and contractor personnel. MCB Quantico also has a large economic impact on the area, adding \$4.9 billion to the local economy. The base offers support to more than 30 federal agencies as well for training exercises year round. New construction is ongoing too. New buildings are being added and old ones renovated, at The Basic School, Marine Corps University, Weapons Training Battalion, and elsewhere on the base.

# February 2019

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

7th Staff Meeting, 5:30 p.m. Rob O'Hanlon Office

11th VALENTINE'S PARTY at the Barn Dinner Theatre on Stage Coach Trail 6:00 - 10:00

27th Marine Night, 5:30 until, Logan's Roadhouse located at W. Wendover and Bridford Parkway

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## Minutes of the January Meeting

44 Members and guests were in attendance. **Commandant Rich Carrera**, presented **Bob Cavanaugh** with a certificate of commendation, for his continued efforts in behalf of the Community Services Squad and the Detachment. He recognized **General Fred Sisley** and **Sgt. Maj. Dan Clark**. **Junior VC Sharon Reddick** announced receipt of an additional check from Belk stores to complete our fall fundraising total. We will be receiving details of National Bylaw changes.

**Jack Masarie, Adjutant** **Gerald Peek** requested that we keep **Judy Brenner** in our prayers (health issues). **George Orfanedes**, Community Services Squad chair, reported a contribution of \$5000 to Tiny Homes of Greensboro. George reported that **Salina Britt** and **Scott Mathews** will coordinate with high school ROTC units in our area and continue to work with the Servant Center and Partners Ending Homelessness.

**Steve Nash** reported that he has photographed 43 events (5,384 pictures). **Jim Hayes, Sr. VC** and Golf Tournament Co-Chair, announced that we will donate \$5,000 to "Hope For The Warriors", utilizing the remainder of Tournament proceeds for local, veteran-related efforts.

**Marshall Perry, Knights of Columbus** host, thanked us for our support. He announced that the building is up for sale. It will probably take a year for this to transpire. He said that we need not hurry to find a new meeting location. **Chuck Stotz, Dept. of NC VC**, presented a National award to **Alan Atwell** for his outstanding efforts with the "Grinder". He also announced that the 260 will host the next Departmental Meeting in September, 2019. He still has raffle tickets for a very valuable rifle. (\$10 per ticket).

**Ron Medder** announced that he and **Kathy Medder** will step down from their coordination of the Eagle Scout award program and requested a volunteer to take over. 700 awards have been presented in a 40 square mile area, including 50 Troops and 40 churches. **Rob O'Hanlon, Eagle Scout Board Chair**, invited interested persons to attend scouting Board meetings (second Tuesdays 7:00PM).

**Gerald Peek** will step down from his post as Sergeant of Arms at the end of June. **Roger Stockton** called a standing ovation for **Rebecca Tyree** and her crew for their efforts on our Holiday party.

Guest speaker, **Scott Jones** presented a program on the history and workings of the Tiny Homes organization. Their mission is to provide housing for homeless Veterans, by helping them "...step back into society". Recipients are recommended by area agencies such as the Servant Center and Partners for Ending Homelessness. Homes are constructed by volunteers (aged 9 to 74) on donated property. A check was presented to Mr. Jones by the Community Service Squad (**Keith Zimbardo, George Orfanedes, Becky Tyree, Rob O'Hanlon, Stalina Britt, Bob Cavanaugh, Alan Atwell and Rich Carrera**).

Commandant Carrera announced our Valentine's Party to be held at the Barn Dinner Theatre, February 11th. 6:00 PM, with an upgraded meal, entertainment, and dancing; payment of \$10 per person at the door.

**Keith Zimbardo** thanked the volunteers who served at "Wreathes Across America".

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Masarie

# TINY HOMES OF GREENSBORO

**TINY HOUSES HIGH POINT**  
Help us build homes for the homeless!

**MISSION**  
Tiny Houses High Point is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that works towards building tiny houses for those experiencing homelessness. Our mission is to be a coalition of diverse individuals and local organizations who aim to reduce homelessness, by engaging in public and private partnerships, to create a tiny home communities. Working alongside people experiencing homelessness, our goal is to encourage positive community engagement and foster an educational experience in a welcoming environment.

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Labels in photos: kitchen, dining, and living area; bedroom; bathroom



pictured from left George Orfanedes, Jim Hayes, & Bob Cavanaugh



pictured from left Rich Carrera, Scott Matthews, & Jim Burgio



from left Rob O'Hanlon and Harold Turner

## Good Times at the January Meeting



Singing the Marine Corps Hymn



Speaker Scott Jones from Tiny Homes of Greensboro and High Point

You Missed a  
Great Time if  
You Stayed  
Home



Ron Medder announced that he is stepping down as the chairman of the Boy & Girl Scout Good Citizenship Award program.







**Chuck Stotz Showing Off His Shiny USMC Belt Buckle. Looking Good.**



**Marshall Perry from Knight's of Columbus telling us that the building is for sale**



**Bob Cavanaugh Received a Certificate of Appreciation for Work on the Community Services Squad**