The Grinder

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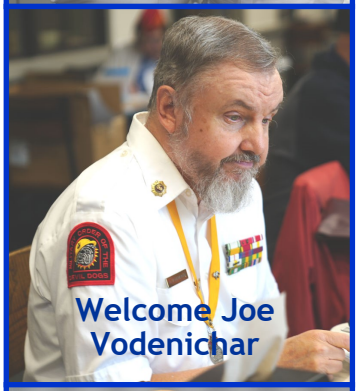
Congratulations MCL260 on 50 years and Happy 247th Birthday USMC

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
GREATER GREENSBORO #260

October Minutes

Congratulations Charlea


Welcome Joe Vodenichar

Welcome Derrick Lake

Welcome Arnold Husser aka "Kojak"

Col. Reinert's Presentation on Berlin Airlift

Officers Attending: Commandant Robert Hare, Judge Advocate Harvey McDonald, Sr. VC Mike Clark, Jr VC Gerald Peek, Sgt at Arms Jesse Almanza, Adjutant Judy Brenner, Chaplain Rich Carrera, Paymaster George Orfanedes, Jr Past Commandant Jim Hayes

39 Members, 7 Guests, 1 Transfer Member in attendance, 2 new members = 49 Attendance

Please welcome, **Joe Vodenichar** to our Detachment 260 from #1314

Guest: **Col. Kevin Reinert** Guest Speaker. Advisor to Air Force, wonderful presentation about Berlin Airlift.

Charlea Reddick – Student, Young Marine
The Hare Family
Lake family

Minutes of last meeting (August) were approved. No meeting in September because of 50th Anniversary Gala.

A check for $750. was presented to **Charlea Reddick for school and her work in Young Marines.**

Commandant Robert Hare introduced and welcomed a **transfer member Joe Vodenichar from Detachment #1314 and 2 new members, Arnold Husser and Derrick Lake.**

Paymaster Report: Report was approved as given.

Judge Advocate: Press release has gone out for the successful golf tournament.

Supply Officer: Order to be placed for covers.

CSS Squad Leader: CSS will meet by the end of the month. Suggestions for donations to organizations should be presented to George for consideration.

50th Anniversary: Big success, thanks for Mike and Becky. We are one of only 4 in the state and 11 in the country. What an accomplishment. Semper Fi!

Golf Tournament: Brian Sowers reported another great, successful golf tournament. 36 teams and Brian will chair next year's tournament.

New business:

Veterans breakfast at Brookdale Assisted Living on Lawndale. The membership decided to not abandon the Friendly Center Flag Raising, but instead list the different events and let the members decide which they would like to attend. Veteran's day event at the Carolina Field of Honor at 1100 hours on November 11th.

Good of the League: Becky told us about the Trunk or Treat 1st annual on Sunday October 30th. The event is from 1600 – 1800 hours at Texas Roadhouse. To help, be there at 1500 hours. We can use this for recruiting, public relations, etc. Come as a pirate if you'd like! Aaarrrrrhhh!

The Department Fundraiser is 3 Rifles to raffle and the detachment that sells the most tickets will get $750. See Commandant Robert Hare or Mike Clark for tickets.$5.00 each or 5 for $20.00.

Chuck reminded everyone of the Marine Night Out the last Tuesday of the month at Kickback Jacks on New Garden Road.

Harold reminded everyone of the survey that was taken earlier and the positivity of having picnics and Christmas Party. It promotes a family atmosphere.

This year's Marine Corp Ball is being held in Kannapolis, not Greensboro.

Our regular meeting in November will have a cake cutting ceremony for Marine Corps Birthday.

Clyde Dungee wanted to say a big thank you to Bill Moss and Sharon Reddick for starting this detachment and being a big part of our place to gather for comradery.

Steve reminded all of the Honor Flight this Thursday and come out to welcome our veterans home.

Tina Hayes reminded us of the Toys for Tots boxes are being pushed out.

The meeting was adjourned at 2016 hours.

Commandant's Letter
Robert Hare

Well, the last few months has been busy for the Detachment with the successful completion of three major events.

First, we celebrated our 50 th anniversary as a Detachment. A milestone that can't be taken lightly. A huge THANK YOU to the committee that was chaired by your Senior Vice-Commandant, Mike Clark. You all did a fantastic job for which I am still getting compliments about. Congratulations to Mike Clark, Becky Tyree, and Ginny Bull for their awards. And a huge congratulations to Bill Moss for receiving the Legion of Honor Humanitarian Award from the Chapel of the Four Chaplains Foundation. Hopefully, I will be able to present more awards like that in the future.

Second, we just completed our 15 th Annual Charity Golf Tournament at Bryan Park. Another huge THANK YOU to that committee, chaired by Brian Sowers. The opening ceremonies were amazing. The NJROTC Drill Team from Southeast High School knocked it out of the park. It's great watching our future leadership out there giving it their all. Also, the I&I Color Guard not only looked sharp, but also did an outstanding job presenting our colors. I look forward to continuing our support to these two groups. I won't divulge the amount we raised; I will let Brian have that honor at our next meeting.

Third, a few of us attended the Department Fall Membership meeting in Wilkesboro. It was very informative, especially with the newly created Commandant's Council. The Dept. Senior Vice-Commandant, David Anderson got all the attending Commandant's and future Commandant's together to talk about various items that the Detachments are doing. Of course, I was called up, since we hit our 50 th Anniversary, everyone was all ears on how we made it. Don't be surprised if we start seeing members throughout the State paying us a visit.

Speaking about support. we had a little lunch at Olympic Family Restaurant. Attending was Scott Mathews, Steve Nash, Ka-Ben Nash, Rob O'Hanlon, 1stSgt Lowe and me. Afterwards, I presented 1st Sgt Lowe with a check for $1,000 for the Toys for Tots program.

HUGE ANNOUNCEMENT! You all asked for it, and we are going to make it happen. December 12 th, instead of having a regular meeting, we are going to have a Christmas Potluck & Awards Night. Horsepower Therapeutic has graciously donated their space for us to have this event. So, get those chef skills sharpened up. I expect a lot of awesome dishes to be enjoyed by all.

Lastly, I would like to announce our new Editor for the Grinder, our very own Adjutant, Judy Brenner. Unfortunately, Ron Winter is unable to continue with the production of our award-winning newsletter. I want to thank him for the job he did while being the Editor. I pray that his health improves so that at least he can attend the meetings. So, send all your ideas, pictures, articles, etc., to Judy. This time, the Fighting 260 is bringing home the gold at National.

As we continue to march forward, please keep all our members that are unable to join us due to health reasons in your thoughts and prayers. They are just as important to us as everyone else is.

Semper Fi,

HAPPY 247 TH BIRTHDAY, MARINES!

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15th Annual MCL260 Golf Tournament is in the books! What a beautiful day for prizes, fellowship, and golf! October 6th came to Bryan Park's Championship Course with 36 teams, and when the divots all cleared MCL260 reaped big rewards! Brian Sowers and his committee did an outstanding job. Thank you to all the volunteers, players, donors, and veterans who participated and made this another fantastic fundraiser. I'm sure you will see Brian around the course next year too!

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Chaplain's Corner
Rich Carrera

Marines, Corpsmen and Friends of the Fighting 260

Now that our golf tournament is history, and we begin planning for next year, it has been a very busy time for our League. Our outreach efforts to those who are ill as well as to those in need are continuing at a rate requiring almost constant attention. Just this week we unloaded some 20 mattresses in High Point for those vets who will transition to their own quarters for the first time. For those of you who have not "kept up" with our efforts in this regard, we provide a mattress, bedding, cookware, flatware, dishes, towels, and cleaning supplies among other things for them. When you start from nothing, these absolutely essential things are major expenses and are therefore those items we consider high priority. They can be the difference between getting your own place or remaining dependent in a facility. All this is to say, when we ask for your participation in fund raising or just being there when we need help, we're not asking you to help us as much as to help them. The 260 is a shining star seemingly at times, known only to us, because our involvement is really important to those we serve. Marines help Marines and all vets in need to the extent of our ability and funds. You belong to The Marine Corps League 260 in Greensboro, NC and have every right to be extremely proud of us, because we are quite exceptional.

Make no mistake, we continue to covet your prayers for all vets who are ill or injured and our Lord is still the worlds best healer. It is important to involve Him in all our efforts because that is what will assure our success.

Continue to advise me of any who need our help or prayers because I learn of them from you.

Semper Fidelis,

Rich

Peter Vaughn Vanstory May 12, 1933—October 25, 2022

Life Member since 12/06

Reidsville MCJROTC Rifle Team

At the right, students from MCJROTC unit, Reidsville High School, thank MCL260 for our support. The unit is headed by Major Adolfo Torres, USMC (Retired). Our Detachment has helped the Rifle team with the purchase of equipment, supplies & shirts. If you look closely at student far right, you will see our MCL260 logo on his shirt.

Learn more about Reidsville High's JROTC Here.

On October 31st, MCL 260 members, George Orfanedes, Jim Burgio, and Rich Carrera once again, delivered 15 beautiful new mattresses plus 5 box springs to the Arthur Cassell Transitional Housing site in High Point. Debbie Bailey, Rapid Rehousing Program Director, expressed her sincere appreciation for our efforts. The mattresses will be distributed within 7-10 days of our delivery. After meeting George, Beth Waters, Director told him that she was so excited to meet some from MCL260 and thanked him over & over for all the Detachment does for the local Veteran Community and how much the Vets appreciate our efforts. A few minutes later, a gentleman, carrying what looked to be a box of pots & pans from one of our Welcome Home Baskets came over to Georges car. He started to thank him for the help in providing "all the stuff" for his new apartment. He said that he was an Army Vet, with four brothers who were also Veterans, including one Marine. Debbie and Beth said to George that this Veteran's reaction was typical of those receiving our Baskets. Our help does not go unnoticed or unappreciated. Thank you to our Community Services efforts, it's an important part of who MCL260 is and what we do!

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You asked for it in the survey! You got it! Let's get together for a Christmas potluck dinner, fellowship, awards, and drinks. Bring your casseroles, salads, vegetables, desserts and smiles, for A MCL260 Christmas to Remember!
4537 Walpole Rd, High Point * Horsepower Therapeutic Center * Monday, December 12th at 1800 hrs.

MCL260's 50th Anniversary Paver Installed at Carolina Field of Honor

To commemorate the Detachment's 50th Anniversary (1972 - 2022), the membership authorized a 16 X16 paver to be located at the War Memorial Board's Carolina Field of Honor at Triad Park, Kernersville.

The paver, as shown was installed in the Plaza on October 28, 2022.

There have been multiple members of the 260 previously or currently serving on War Memorial Foundation's Board of Directors and its various committees:
Bill Moss, Founder of the Concept of the Carolina Field of Honor and major fund raiser, resigned from the board 2021
Rich Brenner, WMF Fund Raiser & all-round Good Guy
Jim Burgio, WMF Board member & major fund raiser/donor
Jim Hayes, WMF Board Member & Director of Wording for Monuments 2010-2021
Scott Mathews, WMF Current Chairman and Plaque Committee Chairman
Steve Nash, WMF Board Member 2019-2021 & Event Photographer
Rob O'Hanlon, WMF Chairman 2010-2015 and major fund raiser; Current member of Board
George Orfanedes, WMF Current Treasurer
General Fred Sisley, Treasurer 2010-2015
Harry Thetford, WMF Historian 2010-2021

There are currently 3,702 pavers installed at the Field of Honor:

Service Branch	Pavers Installed	Comments
Army	1368	
USMC	434	
Navy	656	
Air Force	400	
Coast Guard	49	
Plaza	795	Has various sized pavers from all Services
Total	3702	

Of the 434 Marine pavers, only about 30 are for MCL-260 members.

Pavers may be purchased online carolinafieldofhonor.org/pavers or use the forms available at the main entrance of the CFOH. The forms are also available at each MCL-260 Meeting (ask George Orfanedes).

As an incentive to purchase asap, the price for the regular pavers will be increasing from $200 each to $250 each on January 1, 2023. **SO, GET YOUR ORDER IN ASAP!**

FYI: Paver orders received through December 31, 2022 will be installed by May 29, Memorial Day, 2023.

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Membership Dues…. Please!

If you haven't paid, this is a not so subtle reminder that your annual membership dues were due August 30th. Please let us know, for the roster and membership card, if there are any changes to address, email, and/or phone number for you.

Dues are $32.00 per person for Associate and Regular Member. Be a part of this fantastic detachment!!!

Lifetime Membership can be purchased at the following prices by age:

35 and under: $500

35-50: $400

51-64: $300

65+: $200

You can mail a check payable to "MCL260" to: MCL260, PO Box 10227, Greensboro, NC 27404

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If you have not given Judy Brenner your birth month and birth day, you should !

CALENDAR

11/10 USMC 247th Birthday

11/11 Veterans Day

11/11 MCL260 Flag Raising at Friendly Center 0800 hours

11/11 Veterans Day Event at Carolina Field of Honor at 1100 hours.

11/14 Regular Meeting—Cake cutting ceremony 1730 hours

11/29 Marine Night Out Kickback Jacks 1730 hours

12/12 MCL260 Christmas Potluck at HorsePower Therapeutic Center, 4537 Walpole Rd, High Point 1800 hours

No Regular Meeting and No Marine Night Out in December

Semper Fidelis!

MCL260 MEMBERSHIP

LIFE MEMBERS	*57*
ASSOCIATE LIFE MEMBERS	*6*
REGULAR MEMBERS	*52*
ASSOCIATE MEMBERS	*10*
TOTAL PAID MEMBERS	***125***
HONORARY MEMBERS	*29*
TOTAL MEMBERS	***154***

TOYS FOR TOTS

Be the Difference