The Grinder

GREATER GREENSBORO MCL260 MARCH 13, 2023 Volume 10, No. 8

Robert Hare, Commandant Judy Brenner, Editor

February Meeting Minutes

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

39 Members, 7 Guests, = 46 Attendance

A rose for Valentine's Day was presented by Young Marines to each lady present:

Matt Johnson; attorney for Georgia Veterans Law spoke to the 260 about the Camp Lejeune Justice Act, Pensions, and getting your affairs in order.

Spring Membership Meeting - Havelock

Installation of new appointments and officers: Dan Cross, Sgt-at-Arms; Hank Park, Historian; and Mike Sankewitsch, Communications Officer.

Guest introductions

Guest: **Darrell James** of Stalena Britt**, DeQuincy Johnson** of Ron Medder**, Matt Johnson;** speaker

Young Marines; **Kyle and Ryan Hare, Andrea Park** of Hank Park and **David Anderson;** Sr VC DoNC

Sgt at Arms open for business:

Minutes of last meeting approved.

Paymaster Report: Report was approved as given.

Judge Advocate: Elections committee coming up for nominations in April and selection in May. Gerald Peek will not be continuing as Jr VC.

Chaplain Report: Suds is in nursing home and needs prayers and assistance for legal affairs.

Supply: Shirt orders ($30 and $32) will be taken prepay and preorder. Hats for sale; $15.00.

Historian: 260 members will be featured in the Grinder each month. Please get your information to Hank Park.

Golf Tournament: Jim Burgio; We have started fundraising.

CSS Squad Leader: George O; Underway on four bathroom renovations for Author Cassells Project. Waiting approval on grant from Home Depot.

DoNC 2024 Convention: Jim Hayes; Date is set for June 7-9, 2024 at Wyndham Gardens on Swing Rd. Need volunteers.

Good of the League:

Judy Brenner: Reverse Draw is going well, email or phone Judy for tickets or sponsorships. Caterer is The Painted Plate. Gonna be a fun time. Don't miss it.

Tina Hayes: Thanked everyone for their generosity.

Gerald Peek: Has K-bar sheaths for sale at $5.00. No knives.

Joe Vodenichar: Recognized the Horsepower facility and the arena for veterans and urged everyone to visit.

Stalena Britt: Happy 80th Birthday Women Marines February 13th .

Unfinished Business: Not pursuing the reinstatement of Danny Bracken, questions, see Commandant Robert Hare.

New business: Cleaning out the trailer to get ready to sell. Possibility of new smaller wrapped trailer to take with us to fundraiser and meetings to market 260 detachment. It was voted and approved to appoint a committee to investigate purchasing a building for Detachment 260 to hold meetings, gatherings, events and possibly rental of the facility when not in use for our detachment. Scott Matthews, Rob O'Hanlon and Chuck Stotz will be steering that committee.

Commandant Hare handed out some of the remaining awards from 2022.

The meeting was adjourned was 2023 hours.

Judy Brenner

Commandant's Letter
Robert Hare

Happy March everyone.

I had the grand pleasure of attending the National Mid-Winter Conference in Norfolk. There was a lot of talk about the Young Marine program, the Youth Physical Fitness program, and Toys for Tots.

The biggest discussion was supporting the programs. In 2022, 12 Young Marine units were closed due to lack of participation with 3 or less student members. Unfortunately COVID took a toll on many units, to include our very own unit Nathaniel Greene Young Marines.

With Congress taking the budget away, the program is in jeopardy for funding. There is a new challenge for the Departments and that is every Detachment give $100 to the Young Marine program. In the Department of North Carolina, that could mean a total donation of $5,100 for the program.

Toys for Tots was also a hot topic. The biggest issue is Detachments not getting their reports submitted to the Departments on time. Greater Greensboro was one of those Detachments. That is due to not having a proper liaison for members to report to or coordinate box pick-ups. We have a great program with members stepping up, however, most of it is an individual basis. Therefore, I have named Tina Hayes as our Toys for Tots Liaison. Everything will go through her to include communications with the local Reserve unit and 1stSgt Lowe. While the Reserve unit is responsible for the coordinator's report, Greater Greensboro must provide a report advising what we have done in support of the Reserve unit. Ms. Hayes has some great ideas that will begin in July when the program kicks off nationally.

With the Youth Physical Fitness program, we are asked to learn more about the program and take it to the schools, particularly the JROTC units. The program is also beginning to fade away with the goal of reviving it. I will be passing more information as we get it at the Department level.

Also, while there, I had the awesome pleasure of touring the home of LtGen Chesty Puller. The new owners, CWO4 Alex Childress graciously opened their home. It was amazing to be standing in the same room as the General when he returned home to relax. Standing in the same dining room that the family enjoyed meals in and walking in the bedroom where he laid his head. Everything in the home is all original and CWO Childress plans on keeping it that way. Afterwards, we drove to Chesty's gravesite right down the road from his house. Definitely a conference to remember.

Next month we announce the nominations for the 2023-24 election cycle. Judge Advocate, Harvey McDonald will be spear heading the election slate once again. If you have an interest in becoming an elected officer, I encourage you to get with Harvey and have your name added to the slate. You can also be nominated from the membership as well. Participation is the key for us to keep moving forward. I challenge you to step up and get more involved.

Remember to keep Percy Sudsbury in your prayers as we (George Orfanedes, Rich Carrera, and Ben Craven) work on becoming guardians of his estate and get him the care he needs.

Semper Fi.

Meeting Candids

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW OFFICER AND APPOINTEES

Congratulations to Mike (The Ultimate Ticketmaster) from DoNC Sr Vice

Speaker, Matt Johnson

Happiness is MCL260 !

Our new Sgt-at-Arms, Dan

Spike, Charles, Derrick, Jim

Guest of Stalena: Darrell James Sue and George

More Awards

Bill White & Ryan

Chaplain's Corner
Rich Carrera

Marines, Corpsman, and Friends of the 260:

Having completed two construction projects recently, I was looking forward to some "slow" time. Instead, I am now wide open once again trying to be a friend to a fellow Marine. Percy (Suds) is in need of assistance from his fellow Marines and George and I have assembled a cadre of individuals, all recruited to participate in this effort, as we attempt to get back control of his life and resources. At this point, not much more than this has been established, he is alone, no family we are aware of, and no one has legal access to his doctors, bank account or life decisions. Our goal is to obtain a Power of Attorney document and probably have an attorney designated as his guardian. I know an attorney will have to be paid, but he will also be bound by law to look out for Sud's best interest.

We are all getting older and will require more and more attention from loved ones, friends and doctors. Please pray always for our members who are having medical issues, including me, as I now have a cardiologist on speed dial. Never thought I'd see the day, but here it is. This Marine Corps League is an outstanding organization and you Marines are an outstanding group upon whom all of us can rely when we need too.

On a brighter note, we have events coming up that will be much fun and we can thank Judy for one of them. Her event last year was a really good time and I'm looking forward to this one. Be thinking about a job you would like to perform as one of our officer corps, or someone you'd like to nominate. I would love to see someone who really wants to be our Chaplain. Traditionally in our Marine Corps, you can't be promoted or retire until you have a replacement and I would be the first to welcome mine. This is a very satisfying position, when you know you helped someone to a better place. Being your Commandant certainly had it's rewards, but being your Chaplain, the rewards are different, or put another way, emanate from a different place. Thank about it.

Semper Fidelis and Warm regards,

Rich

336-362-6552

See updates on "Suds" by MCL260 emails

Percy "Suds" Sudsbury XL Beard

Kathy Medder Charles Jones - Death of Mother

REVERSE DRAW

ONLY 1 MONTH LEFT!!!

While Tickets Last!

Have you sold a ticket to all your friends?

2ND ANNUAL MCL260 REVERSE DRAW

SATURDAY APRIL 29, 2023

GREENSBORO SHRINE CLUB DOORS OPEN AT 1700 HOURS

TICKETS ARE $50.00 PER PERSON (includes dinner and chance at $3000.00)

Don't miss this night of fun and camaraderie !

TICKETS AND SPONSORSHIPS ARE THE WAY TO OUR SUCCESS

GOLD: $2500.(4 tickets) RED: $1500.(3 tickets) BLUE: $500.(2 tickets)

Sponsor tickets ARE included in the 200 tickets.

See Judy or email Jbre1049@aol.com or adjutantmcl260@gmail.com or return the 2nd sheet of your letter or call 336-402-2909 with the number of tickets you want to purchase and/or sell !!!

Don't miss the Fun!

The Heroes Center proudly presents A Salute to Women Veterans

Celebrate the accomplishments of female Veterans

The Commons at Congdon Yards

March 23, 2023 1730 to 1900

Presented by Congdon Yards

Sponsorships Available
Tickets Here

Contact: Patrick Davis
Registration

Tell Hank, our new Historian, YOUR story!

Each month, Hank will feature one of our detachment "stars".

You're already a star in our book !

Just send him your story for your feature, time in service, where, rank, etc. or funny stories that happened in the Corps. We want to know!

Call 336-254-1018 or email him your story at hankp@localmanagement.us

Recruiting Contest through June!!

GREATER GREENSBORO MCL260 MEMBERSHIP 22-23

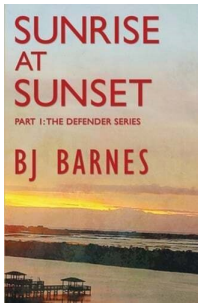
LIFE AND LIFE ASSOCIATE	*62*
REGULAR, TRANSFER & ASSOCIATE	*64*
HONARY ACTIVE DUTY	1
NOT RENEWED	*9*
TOTAL	*135*
MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING*	127
% NOT IN GOOD STANDING	6.67%

As of 3/6/2023. Membership renews July and August (August 30th deadline) for new 23-24 year Regular and Associate Members $32.00 or consider a Life Membership if you've been a member in good standing for a minimum of 1 year.

Members include Associate, Regular, Life, Life Associate and not renewed. HA Active included in members good standing. Active not included in %. There were 9 that did not renew for the current year 22-23. Is that as clear as mud now?

LET'S GET SOME NEW MEMBERS TO GO WITH OUR FANTASTIC CURRENT ONES.

Member recruiting a minimum of 5 new members may qualify for a gift card donated by our commandant. 1st place $100, 2nd $50, 3rd $25



Sunrise at Sunset Part I: The Defender Series in a trilogy from MCL260 member **BJ Barnes**

The trilogy is about a former Marine Sheriff from Guilford County named TJ Slone. BJ says, Though fiction it is based on real life knowledge and the Marine Corps plays heavily in the book about Narco/Terrorism.

You can find the books on Amazon here.

Recommended reading at Semper Fi Magazine

Just for laughs

A former Sergeant in the Marine Corps took a new job as a high school teacher. Just before the school year started, he injured his back. He was required to wear a plaster cast around the upper part of his body. Fortunately, the cast fit under his shirt and wasn't noticeable. On the 1st day of class, he found himself assigned to the toughest students in the school. The smart-aleck punks, having already heard the new teacher was a former Marine, were leery of him and he knew they would be testing his discipline in the classroom. Walking confidently into the rowdy classroom, the new teacher opened the window wide and sat down at this desk. When a strong breeze made his tie flap, he picked up a stapler and stapled the tie to his chest.

Dead Silence…. The rest of the year went very smoothly.

How long does it take the average person to become a US Marine?

Answer: An average person will Never be a US Marine!

MCL260 SWAG

$15.00 Hat Hats still available at meeting

Shirts ***have to be pre-ordered/prepaid*** as we will not stock sizes.

Men's and Women's Shirts are:

$30.00 Small to XL

$32.00 2X, 3X, 4X

Long sleeve shirts available, additional $5.00

If you ordered and pre paid for shirt, it may be at the meeting.

Order Forms available at the March meeting

Need Replacement?

If you are interested in ordering a ***replacement*** Membership card or Gold Plated Life Member Card, Click the link below. You have to be a Life member to order and will need your life member #. Gold Plated Life Member Card is $20.00 and Plastic Member Card is $10.00.

Marine Corps League (etransfer.com)

Make Your Plans

2023 DoNC Spring Meeting

Havelock - Host Detachment 1067 Cherry Point
March 17-18

2023 DoNC Annual Convention **June 9 -11 2023**

Jacksonville Hilton Garden Inn

Detachment 262 Onslow

2023 National Convention—**August 14-18, 2023**

100th Anniversary of the Marine Corps League

Omni Hotel, Oklahoma City, OK
https://www.mcleaguelibrary.org/convention/

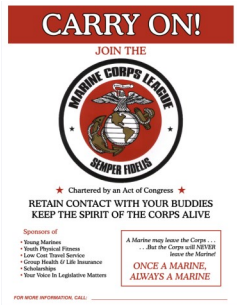
2022-2023 DoNC Fundraiser

Drawing held at DoNC Annual Convention

3 FIREARMS WITH HARD CASES

5 tickets for $20.00 or $5.00 single ticket. Get your information here.

See Commandant Robert Hare or Sr Vice Commandant Mike Clark for tickets



Where do I go for MCL Common Forms?

Transfer, Application, Guides, Recruiting Poster, etc

Department of North Carolina Marine Corps League (ncmcl.org)

31 MARCH 1801

2nd commandant of the Marine Corps, Lt Col William W. Burrows, rode with President Thomas Jefferson in search of "a proper place to fix the Marine Barracks on" The two chose a square in SE Washington, at 8th and I streets, due to its proximity to the Navy Yard, as well as being within marching distance of the Capitol.

13 MARCH 1943

1st group of 71 female Marine officer candidates arrived at U.S. Midshipmen School (Women's Reserve at Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley, MA.

USMC Photo/Released

8 MARCH 1965

9th Marine Expeditionary Brigade landed at DaNang, Vietnam, becoming the 1st American ground combat troops to arrive in the country.

CALENDAR

3/13 1730 Regular MCL260 Meeting Golden Corral, 4404 Landview Dr

3/17-18 DoNC Spring Meeting, Havelock, NC

3/23 Salute to Women Veteran Event 5:30 - 7:00pm Congdon Yards High Point NC

3/28 1730 Marine Night Out Kickback Jacks, 1605 Highwoods Blvd

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

3-13 *Dan Cross*

3-16 *Chuck Stotz*

Email jbre1049@aol.com with your birthday month and day please.

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