The Grinder

GREATER GREENSBORO MCL260 MAY 8, 2023 Volume 10, No. 10

Robert Hare, Commandant Judy Brenner, Editor

April Meeting Minutes

Officers Attending: Commandant Robert Hare, Jr VC Gerald Peek, Judge Advocate Harvey McDonald, Acting Sgt at Arms Joe Vodenichar, Adjutant Judy Brenner, Chaplain Rich Carrera, Paymaster George Orfanedes
34 Members, 4 Guests, = 38 Attendance
Draping the Charter in memory of Jack Masarie
XL Beard presented Good Citizenship Award to Jim Hayes, Eagle Scout 1964. He also advised that in 2022 there were 44 Eagle Scout ceremonies and so far, 2023 there have been 15 ceremonies.
2 young marines Kyle and Ryan Hare guests, Welcome Bishop and Sadie Lesane, guests of Derrick Lake.
Sgt at Arms open for business:
Quorum present.
Minutes of last meeting approved.
Paymaster Report: Report was approved as given.
Chaplain Report: Suds moved into Whitestone and is walking around.
CSS Squad Leader: George O; 12 welcome home baskets delivered to the Servants Center. Possible mattresses are coming soon and George may be calling for volunteers to assist. Thank you to Don Rhoney for identifying Suds as a Mason and getting the ball rolling for his move into Whitestone. A thank you to Ben Craven, Sud's POA, Ginny Bull for visits and all that made this helping hand to our fellow Marine. Bathroom renovations are beginning on the Arthur Cassells project. Home Depot is helping with a lot of the work on this project. Chuck suggested we include a presentation to Home Depot for their help and Rob O'Hanlon suggested that maybe we go to Home Depot to present the "Thank You."
Golf Tournament: George reported that the sponsorships are coming in for the golf tournament. Bottle Breachers (the awards) has expressed a desire to be a major sponsor and possibly attend the tournament. Letters are available from George for any potential sponsors if needed. Golf Tournament to be held October 5th at Bryan Park.
Reverse Draw: Judy advised about 30 tickets left to sell and if anyone has a donor or sponsor, please let her know. Don't want to leave that money on the table. See you all on Saturday, April 29th.
New business:
Judge Advocate: Harvey McDonald announced the slate of elected officers for the 23-24 year. ***Commandant : Robert Hare, Sr. Vice-Commandant : Mike Clark, Jr. Vice-Commandant : Derrick Lake and Judge Advocate : Harvey McDonald.*** Harvey asked for any nominations for each from the floor. Having none, this will be the slate for vote at our May meeting. Installation to follow. The Judge Advocate will email the slate to members. Appointed positions will be named by the elected commandant.
Harvey reminded us that Sharon Reddick has an electric wheelchair for a veteran. If you have a need, contact Sharon.
Good of the League:
Birthdays for April were announced and acknowledged with song.
Flag raising at Friendly Center will be next month for Memorial Day.
There will be a ceremony at Triad Field of Honor Memorial Day at 1100 hours.
Judy Brenner thanked everyone for the outpouring of prayers and support during her recovery from emergency surgery.
Derrick Lake gave a brief biography of himself in considering his nomination for Jr. Vice Commandant.
The meeting was adjourned was 1947 hours.

Key Dates:
May 8th - 1730 hours Regular Meeting, Golden Corral. Election of officers
May 29th - 0800 hours Memorial Day Flag Raising Friendly Center
May 29th - 1100 hours Triad Field of Honor Memorial Ceremony
May 30th - 1730 hours Marine Fellowship Night Out Kickback Jack's, 1605 Highwoods Blvd New Garden Rd.
June 10th - Jack Masarie's Memorial Service 1400 hours UNCG Recital Hall 100 McIver St

Judy Brenner

Commandant's Letter
Robert Hare

2nd Annual Reverse Draw (Raffle) is in the history books and once again, what an amazing night. Judy Brenner again knocked it out of the park. I can't wait to see what next year's event does. And for the inquiring minds, YES, I once again won a few items, to include being one of the last 3 ticket holders for the grand prize.

I can't believe it's election time again. This past year has been an exciting one. I have learned so much as I have represented the Detachment at the various meetings across the country. I have been told on many occasions that your first year is educational and now it's time to put in place what I've learned. Like my first year, I'm humbled to continue as your Commandant. It's an opportunity that I never took lightly and won't take lightly going forward. As we press forward into FY-24, there are a few things that I would like to see improve. The first one is accountability. As the membership holds their Commandant accountable, the Commandant needs to hold the officer corps accountable as well. Each officer, whether elected or appointed, agreed to perform his/her duties for that position. We cannot grow as a Detachment if we don't perform like the membership expects us to perform. We have made huge progress over the last year, and I feel that we can make even more progress during the next year. I want to see more fundraising events (Senior Vice-Commandant's function), more recruitment events (Junior Vice-Commandant's function), more members attending at least the Department meetings, and of course, more Detachment events outside of the meetings. As we continue to press forward, I can see these items and more being accomplished.

I want to send out a huge THANK YOU to the current appointed officers that are staying aboard. I also want to congratulate and welcome the newest appointed officers: Stalena Britt as our new Chaplain, and Tina Hayes as our new Paymaster. I know both of you will do great things for our Detachment. As for Rich Carrera and George Orfanedes: Thank you so much for supporting me over the last year. Your tenures have been extremely appreciated, respected, and honored by me. Both of you have set the bar high. Thank you so much for your service to our Detachment.

Our next event is the Memorial Day Flag Raising at Friendly Center on May 29, 2023. I hope many of you can attend and then join us for breakfast at Mimi's Café afterwards. After that, we head to the Carolina Field of Honor for their Memorial Day event. On June 10, 2023 is our Department Convention in Jacksonville. I hope that we can get as many as possible to this event. There has been a lot of positive change within the Department and that will include possible changes in the elected officer corps. I will be up for nomination for Department Senior Vice-Commandant and would love to see some Fighting 260 support. Like being your Commandant, it's a position that I won't take lightly. I have a lot of fundraising plans and look forward to bridging that gap between the Detachments and the Department. Two weeks later, we will be heading to Baltimore, Maryland for the Mid-East Division Conference.

I can't wait to see what the next year brings us. I hope you're just as excited as I am. Thank you for believing in me, thank you for supporting me, and importantly, thank you for making the Fighting 260 what it is today – the flagship Detachment not only in North Carolina, but the Marine Corps League itself.

Semper Fi!

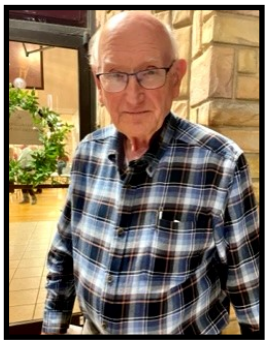
Grand Prize Winners

Our 2nd Annual MCL260 Reverse Draw was held at the Greensboro Shrine Club on Saturday April 29th with over 100 attending. Congratulations to our grand prize winners **Ben Craven, Johnny Brooks, (Shriner) and yes Robert Hare**, who agreed to split the $3000.00 and walked away with $1000.00 each. 48 baskets full of wonderful themed prizes and 37 Grub Grab envelopes were won/ purchased with prizes from $25. to $600. MCL 260 is fortunate to have some very talented people who graciously donated their handmade items to the basket raffle!!! Thank you Ron, Sue, and Al. Thank you Chuck for the book and the others that donated gift cards and items. The 50/50 pot of $550.00 was won by Keith Shearin of NC Department MCL.

Those winning $50.00 cash on 25th ticket: Yes, *Robert Hare, David Fields, Tracy Fulk, Clyde Dungee, Frank Holt, Ben Craven, & Chuck Stotz.*

A fantastic and delicious dinner was catered by The Painted Plate and our emcee for the evening was Alison Huber from Triad Honor Flight and Doug Gaines who pulled balls for us. What a fun, fantastic night it was for all of us. We laughed, told stories, met new friends and visited with old ones. I'd say it was a success!! The earnings will be given as soon as Judy recuperates and wants to even look at Reverse Draw books again!!!! It appears to be somewhere around $6,000.

Thank you to Mike Clark who was a huge part of baskets, gift cards, set up, and all sorts of projects and Jenny Barker who help set up and clean up. Thanks to all who stayed after and helped clean up, which sent us home before 9pm. Thank you to the membership who purchased/sold tickets to make this happen. A big thank you to George and Sue for collection and tickets!!!! Thank you to the Printery for the programs.



Ben Craven
$1000.

Robert Hare
$1000.

Alison calls
ball numbers

Full House!!!

Chelsea, Our Vanna

Alison, so happy to get Sue's handmade reversible Quilt

Al, Jenny, & Alison give away baskets

Chaplain's Corner
Rich Carrera

Marines, Corpsmen and Friends of the 260

I will begin by saying that some prayers are answered exactly as we ask. In the case of our fellow Marine, Suds, we finally got him into his new quarters at Whitestone. He is improving daily and walking around, sometimes without the walker. It is such a pleasure to see him doing so well. Ben Craven has taken on the responsibility of his Power of Attorney and has done a wonderful job of looking after our friend. George and I kept up with him some as well, but the heavy lifting has been Ben. The Lord will bless him for it.

Although our focus has centered around Suds of late, he is not the only one in need of our attention and prayers. I'm asking you to specifically and fervently pray for several of our members. I hesitate to list these folks by name because we will probably miss some, but here goes, Ben because of the time required, George, Judy, Sank, Ginny, Suds, Bill and Eddie, Sharon, Denise, Ken, Jim and those I have missed, including me. In addition to these, there are family members of our Marines who are suffering, recovering and generally trying, though hampered, to stay between the lines and keep the shiny side up. Please pray for all of them because it is working.

On another note, I hope you attended the reverse draw, or at least bought a ticket. When the time comes to put pencil to paper at years end, we may not look as good as the last couple of years. If that is the case, some vets will continue to struggle because we won't be there to help and that does not appeal to me.

Warm regards and Semper Fidelis

Rich

336-362-6552

Footnote: It would be so wonderful if we would recruit a dozen new members under 50, willing to carry some of our water as those with the job now can retire.

Our fellow Marines and their families.

Jack Masarie's Memorial Service

Saturday June 10th at 1400 hours

UNCG Recital Hall , 100 McIver St, Greensboro

THE HEROES CENTER

Tuesday, April 4, 2023

Greater Greensboro Marine Corps League
PO. Box 10227
Greensboro, NC 27404

Dear Friends,

Thank you and the Fighting 260 so much for sponsoring the 2nd Annual "Salute to Women Veterans" event on March 23rd! We had a sold-out crowd of female veterans and veteran organizations from across the state.

The North Davidson High School JROTC team performed flawlessly and Wesleyan Christian Academy Senior Regan Glover did an excellent job singing the National Anthem.

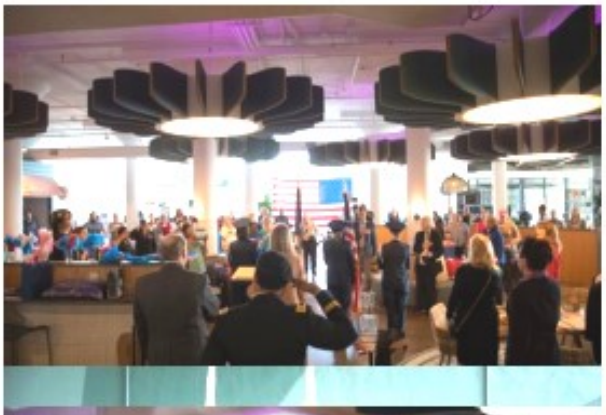
The NC Daughters of the American Revolution (NCDAR) from across the Triad came together to present gift bags, volunteer and demonstrate genuine support for our female veterans.

Due to the need for more space, the event is being moved to The Loft at Congdon Yards in 2024. Thank you again so much for providing The Heroes Center with the opportunity to honor and value our veteran community…

Serving Those Who Served,

Patrick Davis

Patrick Davis
Executive Director



The Poppy

From 1914 to 1918, World War I took a greater human toll than any previous conflict, with some 8.5 million soldiers dead of battlefield injuries or disease. The Great War, as it was then known, also ravaged the landscape of Western Europe, where most of the fiercest fighting took place. From the devastated landscape of the battlefields, the red poppy would grow and, thanks to a famous poem, become a powerful symbol of remembrance. Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, a Canadian who served as a brigade surgeon for tan Allied artillery unit, spotted a cluster of poppies that spring, shortly after the Second Battle of Ypres. McCrae tended to the wounded and got a first hand look at the carnage of that clash, in which the Germans unleashed lethal chlorine gas for the 1st time in the war. Struck by the sight of bright red blooms on broken ground, McCrae wrote a poem, "In Flanders Field" in which he channeled the voice of the fallen soldiers buried under those hardy poppies. Across the Atlantic, a woman named Moina Michael read "In Flanders Field" in the pages of Ladies' Home Journal that November, just two days before the armistice. Inspired by McCrae's verses, Michael wrote her own poem in response, which she called "We Shall Keep Faith." As a sign of this faith, and a remembrance of the sacrifices of Flanders Field, Michael vowed to always wear a red poppy; she found an initial batch of fabric blooms for herself and her colleagues at a department store. After the war ended, she returned to the university town of Athens, and came up with the idea of making and selling red silk poppies to raise money to support returning veterans. In mid 1920, she managed to get Georgia's branch of the American Legion, a veterans group, to adopt the poppy as its symbol. Soon after that, the National American Legion voted to use the poppy as the official US national emblem of remembrance when its members convened in Cleveland in September 1920. On the opposite side of the Atlantic, a Frenchwoman named Anna Guerin had championed the symbolic power of the red poppy from the beginning. She organized French women, children and veterans to make and sell artificial poppies as a way to fund the restoration of war-torn France. Within a year, Guerin brought her campaign to England, where in November 1921 the newly founded (Royal) British Legion held its first-ever "Poppy Appeal," which sold millions of the silk flowers and raised over £106,000 (approximately $127,000) to go towards finding employment and housing for Great War veterans. Today, nearly a century after World War I ended, millions of people in the UK, Canada, France, Belgium, Australia and New Zealand don the red flower every November 11 to commemorate the anniversary of the 1918 armistice. In the US, the tradition has developed a little differently. Americans don't typically wear poppies on Veterans Day, which honors all living veterans, rather, wearing the poppy on Memorial Day to commemorate the sacrifice of so many men and women who have given their lives fighting for their country.

In Flanders Fields

In Flanders Fields, the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

You can read more at History.com .

2023 Eagle Scout & Gold Award Scholarship Applications

All applications must be postmarked no later than June 30, 2023. Late applications will NOT be reviewed or considered. Receipt of Applications will NOT be acknowledge. It is suggested that applications be sent with USPO Receipt Confirmation. Successful recipients will be notified by MCL260 no later than July 31, 2023.

Qualifications and applications for applying for the MCL260 Scholarship found here.

XL Beard presents the Good Citizenship Award to Jim Hayes at our April meeting. He's an "ole" Eagle Scout from 1964.

Make Your Plans

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

100th Anniversary of the Marine Corps League

Omni Hotel, Oklahoma City, OK

https://www.mcleaguelibrary.org/convention/

23-24 ELECTIONS THIS MCL 260 MEETING

Our selection of officers will take place at the May meeting.
Be sure to attend for your vote to count!

Slate:

Commandant; Robert Hare

Jr. Vice Commandant; Derrick Lake

Sr Vice Commandant; Mike Clark

Judge Advocate; Harvey McDonald

The incoming commandant will select the appointed positions after election.

IRREVERANT WARRIORS SILKIES HIKE

SATURADY JULY 15TH 0800—1600 HOURS

GREENSBORO ELKS LODGE 2201 W CORNWALLIS DR., GREENSBORO

For your Memorial Day

Interviewer to Marine Corpsman: "What is your stance on guns? "

Corpsman: "Usually behind them"

What happened to the Marine that took a laxative?

He was relieved of doodie.

2023 DONC CONVENTION; JUNE 9TH - 11TH

The Department Convention will be held on Saturday, June 10, 2023, at the Hilton Garden Inn in Jacksonville, NC. Attendance by every League member, regardless if you are a Regular or Associate member, is welcome. Click on the link below to be directed to the appropriate form:

2023 Convention Announcement.

2023 Convention Registration Form.

15 MAY 1862

Cpl. John F Mackie became the 1st 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, VA.

2 MAY 1946

Marines from the Treasure Island Marine Barracks aided in suppressing a 3 day prison riot at Alcatraz Federal Penitentiary in San Francisco Bay.

23 MAY 1988

The V-22 Osprey, the world's 1st production tilt-rotor aircraft, made its debut at Bell Helicopter Textron's Arlington, Texas, facility. More than 1,000 gathered to hear various speakers, including then-Commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen. Alfred Gray, praise the versatility of the aircraft.

USMC photo by Cpl. Samantha Villarreal

CALENDAR

5/8 1730 Regular MCL260 Meeting Golden Corral, 4404 Landview Dr

5/11 1730 CSS meeting, George's House.

5/29 0800 Flag Raising Friendly Center beside Belks 600 Friendly Center Rd.

5/29 1100 Memorial Day Event Triad Field of Honor

5/30 1730 Marine Night Out Kickback Jacks, 1605 Highwoods Blvd

6/10 1400 Jack Masarie's Memorial Service. UNCG Recital Hall, 100 McIver St.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

5/5 Jennie Pegram

5/14 Sue Orfanedes

5/21 Arnold Husser

5/22 Hank Park

5/28 Tina Hayes

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