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Bill Moss looking like a dapper civilian in this recent photo of him.

Sgt. Bill Moss served in the United States Marine Corps during the Korean conflict as a lineman and communications officer, also participating in the battle for the Chosin Reservoir. After his combat duties Sgt Moss returned to civilian life. It was then he began a family and a successful lighting company. Bill had an extraordinary love for his fellow veterans and gave all of his talents to help create opportunities and better lives for them. Bill always had a great passion for our community and a supreme vision to build a lasting memorial to all Veterans. It took a few years, lots of planning and bringing people together, but Mission accomplished. Today stands the Carolina Field of Honor, a tribute to all American servicemen and a recreational facility and park created for all. Bill also was the recipient of many citations and awards from local and national entities for his never tiring compassion for fellow warriors.

Bill was a great mentor and an excellent example of human kindness for us all to follow.

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**Minutes**  
**for**  
**February 10, 2025**  
**Senior Vice Commandant Clark**

Chaplain Al Ruggero opened the meeting with prayer.

Senior Vice Commandant Clark opened the meeting in the absence of the Commandant. Sgt. at Arms posted the colors and lead the Detachment in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Special Guest Inspector and Instructor, 1st Sgt. Matthew Thomaszewski was introduced and shared his background, duties and responsibilities to the 2nd Reserve Companies.

There was great attention from the members and associates. Following his introduction, a good many questions were asked and answered.

It was explained to the First Sergeant that the Detachment has resources that could be of use to his Marines and their families, and we would be interested in interacting with them to offer our support.

George Orfanedes, Paymaster, reported on the financials. A motion was approved to accept the report, pending an audit.

The Detachment's business and officer's reports followed. Senior Vice Commandant reported that Flags at Friendly had passed through approval by the management company and Atlas Fence Co. Currently, the wait is for half of the payment to be made to commence installation and should be done well in advance of the Memorial Day flag raising.

Chaplain Ruggiero mentioned his wife was recovering from shoulder surgery and that they had recently gone to visit her aunt. Her aunt passed away about three hours after her visit. An update was shared on Judy Brenner. It was announced that the memorial service for Bill Moss would be held at the Carolina Field of Honor on Saturday, February 25 at 11:00. All were encouraged to attend. The Detachment Honor Guard would provide a twenty-one gun salute.

Birthday wishes were extended to Ken Norton, his 90th and to Harold Turner, who would also turn 90 the following week.

Meeting closed with the Marine Hymn and closing prayer. Next meeting 3/10/25.



### *Fellow Marines*

I see that many of our prayers have been answered and we have much to be grateful for. As for those who love cold, wet snow, windy days, and colder nights may truly feel blessed this month. But also we have lifted up several families and individuals who have realized true blessings and health improvements. Also, we are praying for the families in the mountain communities affected by hurricane Helene who are now receiving help from several directions. Fresh water, living conditions are improving, roads are being opened, rivers are being cleaned, rubble is being hauled away, and I see warmer weather is coming, that alone is a great blessing. Also, just last week a kind and generous donor trusted us with \$2,000.00 to aid and support these families. May God bless this kind person and all of those who have contributed to this worthy cause. I would also thank our own Marines of the 260 who have stepped up, packed up, grinned up and traveled up to lend help and support where and when it is most needed. (Exactly how the Prince of Peace would have us do.) As for me, I am truly thankful for all of you, a group sincerely invested in helping others through your tireless efforts and spirit of fidelity.

On Saturday morning February 22, the Fighting 260 honored our Brother Bill Moss with a Celebration of Life Ceremony at his own Carolina Field of Honor. This great event was well attended by life long friends and family. It was a beautiful ceremony fit for such a Great American Hero, deserving of all accolades, kind words and memories shared by speakers and special guests. Thank you Scott Mathews and all of the Marines who organized and participated in this event, including our own Honor Guard who performed the 21 gun salute and then Taps as the American Flag was presented to the family. " On behalf of the President of the United States, the United States Marine Corps, a Grateful Nation and all of the Marines and Sailors of the Fighting 260 we all stand and Salute the life long service of this amazing Hero".

Farewell old Friend and rest well as you are now welcomed into Heavens Gates. Stand tall on the streets of gold as you report to the Supreme Commandant. You loved your brethren and spent your life serving, protecting, leading and inspiring all of us. You lifted up so many, created opportunities and left a legacy of honor. Thank you for your patriotic spirit and all of the good you have done, so many lives were touched. It was your vision and your leadership that brought us all together. Your example for us to follow, was to leave no man behind, invest in the future, honor the fallen that gave all. I probably speak for us all when I proclaim "We proudly accept the challenge". You will truly be missed but you will Never be forgotten! Semper Fi and CM.

Another Marine reporting Sir. Warren Duhaime, a proud and honorable Marine that served from 1963 to 1968. This included one tour in Viet Nam.

### *CHAPLAIN'S PRAYER LIST*

Judy Brenner, Bill Moss' family, XL Beard, Shelia Johnson, Maurice Parent, Dale Wallace  
Michelle Moore

Cancer Victims and North Carolina Hurricane Victims

# Commandant's Letter

## Scott Matthews

Marines, Corpsmen, Sailors, Associates and Friends of the Fighting 260,

To begin, I would like to say thank you to all that attended **Bill Moss's Celebration of Life** service. The Marine turnout was outstanding!! He surely will be missed, but his legacy here in the 260 and at the Carolina Field of Honor will live on.

Our future activities remain robust as we plan in the near term.

- **Honor Guard** formulations and practices continue. Contact **Rob O'Hanlon** if interested in participating.
- Future and more fund-raising events are being planned.
  - \* Do you have any ideas?
  - \* If you are interested to lend your great ideas and/or helping in any of these endeavors, or any other activity, please contact me or one of the other officers.
- If you have any recommendations, please advise the leadership team.
- We need a planner organizer for our trip to the **Museum of the Marines** at Quantico, VA. If you would like to do this for the Detachment, please **contact me**, at **678-656-2764**.
- The Spring Picnic date will be announced in the very near future.

My goals, and I hope your goals as well for the 260 moving forward are:

- For all of us to have fun, enjoy and respect each other's camaraderie.
- Maintain Financial Steadiness.
- Develop and/or refine fundraising programs.
- Continued support of Community Outreach and Veterans Programs.
- New membership recruitment (Get your Membership Recruitment Handout Card).

Our future success in helping our Veteran Community depends on all of us. If you have not been involved in a program or an event ever, or if it has been a while since you did, my request of you is to pick one activity and put yourself in it by participating. **That is just one event or program a year!**

**To those already involved, Thank You and Stay the course!**

There is no doubt what we do is to help our local veterans and their families.

Semper Fidelis!

Scott

PS Looking for a **new paymaster**. **Robert Hare volunteered to be Adjutant**. Thank you Sir! Please see me if you are interested in the position.

## CELEBRATION OF LIFE

### Bill Moss

On February 22, 2025, a Celebration of Life for Bill Moss was held at the Carolina Field of Honor. It was a fitting tribute to the Founder of the Carolina Field of Honor and founding member of MCL-260.

The program included the Jamestown Pipes and Drums, Sareh Haley singing Bill's requested songs, and speeches recounting Bill's many accomplishments. The most poignant remarks were by Haley Post, Bill's Granddaughter. She recounted many instances that she experienced with "Poppa," and how much she loved him, and how much she will miss him. Other speakers included Rev. Dr. Frank Thomas (Invocation & National Anthem), Scott Matthews, Rob O'Hanlon and Stan Booker. Stan told how he took Bill for an airplane ride where Bill selected the current location for his envisioned Veterans' Memorial, our current Carolina Field of Honor. Presentation of the Colors and US Flag Presentation to the Moss family was by the I & I Marines. MCL 260's Honor Guard rendered a twenty-one gun salute. The Honor Guard members were Jim Burgio, Rich Carrera, Mike Clark, Jim Hayes, Charles Jones, Rob O'Hanlon, Al Ruggerio, and Steve Nash.

All those present appreciated the time to honor our friend and fellow Marine, Bill Moss.

## VIETNAM VETERANS' DAY – MARCH 29, 2025 11 AM

Sponsored by the Jamestown Veterans Committee

JAMESTOWN VETERANS MEMORIAL

101 Guilford Road

At the corner of Guilford Road and Main Street

(Across from the Town Hall & Fire Station)

Jamestown, NC 27282

**MCL-260 Member, Jim Birdwell**, is the featured speaker.

Jim will be speaking on his service in Vietnam as an USMC F-4 Phantom pilot in Vietnam.

**PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND!**

# March 2025

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## PLANNED ACTIVITIES

**Mon=March 10—Regular meeting of Det. 260 at Golden Corral**

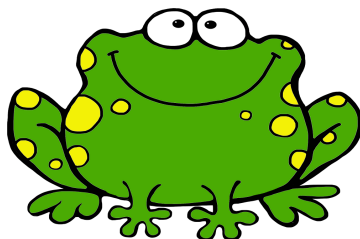
**Time: 5:30 to 7:30 Dinner, Meeting and Speaker**

**Tues=March 25—Marine Night Out at Rody's Tavern**



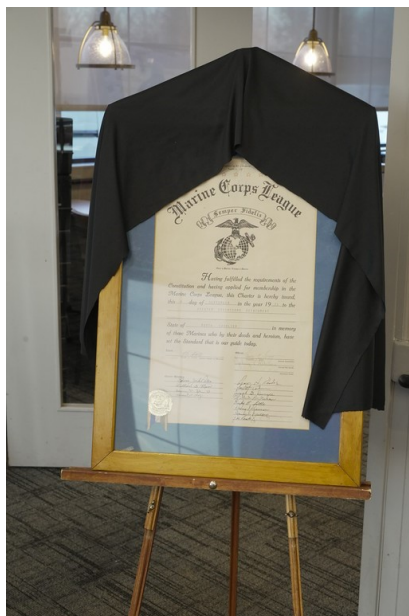
# Photos from the February Dinner Meeting

PHOTO FROG



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MCL Det. 260





Dadgumit, I can't find my glasses.