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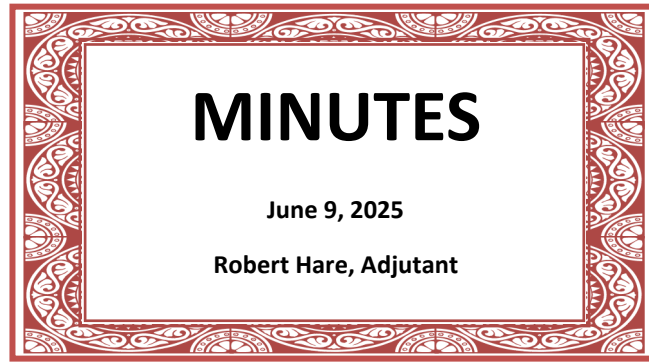
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Planned for Veterans Day, 11/11/2025, the Guilford County Veterans Memorial will be rededicated, after the renovation necessitated by damage caused in August 2024 by Tropical Storm Debby. New flag poles and benches plus a real Huey Helicopter. **A Marine flagpole is being funded by MCL-260.** The Guilford County Veterans Memorial was originally dedicated on Sept. 14, 2002. This privately-funded monument honors Veterans past and present who served our nation. More than 1,200 personalized paver bricks honor members of the Army, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and Merchant Marines who wore the uniforms of our country and defended our freedoms. The Memorial is located in Greensboro County Park, at 3905 Nathanael Green Dr (off of Lawndale Ave) in Greensboro. To access the Memorial, there is a short walk up the hill. If you have mobility constraints, and need to drive up the hill, call the phone number for Parks and Rec located on the sign by the parking lot. The staff will open the gate for you. There is no charge to visit the Memorial. The Memorial is open during daylight hours. You may purchase a personalized brick to honor your service or that of a loved one or friend. Go to <https://gcveteransmemorial.org/buy-a-brick/> to open the webpage. You can fill out the required information for your brick and submit the payment, all in one easy step! If you have any questions, please contact MCL-260 member Brian Sowers, who also serves on the Board of Directors for the Memorial.



Meeting began at 1847

32 members and guests in attendance.

Tim Griffin from the VA Healthcare System in Kernersville spoke to the detachment regarding volunteering services, special events, veteran services, and youth services.

All officers were present and/or accounted for.

Minutes from the previous meeting that were posted in the Grinder were approved with no changes.

Paymaster, George Orfanedes, gave the financial report. Motion made and seconded to approve. There being no discussion, the motion passed.

Junior Vice Commandant, Brian Sowers, reported regarding a meeting with the I&I Commanding Officer. The meeting was to create a stronger partnership with the Reserve Center and the Detachment. On Tuesday, September 9, there will be a joint family picnic at the Carolina Field of Honor. A community food drive is being planned with them. Dan Clark is organizing a 5K fundraiser with the Reserve Center.

Chaplain Al Ruggiero requested that we keep our thoughts and prayers for the families devastated in the Texas floods on July 4th.

George Orfanedes is the new Community Services chairman.

Bill Moss's daughter donated a box of uniforms to distribute to members.

Mike Clark, Rob O'Hanlon, Rich Carrera and Robert Hare received Honor Guard ribbons for having participated in ten events.

Nancy Stotz was presented with a flag box in remembrance of her late husband Chuck Stotz.

Clyde Dungee led the Detachment in singing the Marine's Hymn.

Meeting Adjourned at 1934.

Chaplain's Corner

Al Ruggiero



WHEN IN THE COURSE OF HUMAN EVENTS.....

Fellow Marines and members of the Fighting 260,

I have gladly served as your Chaplain for sometime now, reporting my thoughts and prayers to you. Often, I reference important events of history and tradition, of men and women of great courage and sacrifice. As a reminder, battles of long past that should never be forgotten, and heroes who will stand tall before the Lord. And sometimes, I share thoughts of Grace and happy endings.

But it is with heaviest of hearts that I request your prayers for families of the Texas floods that occurred during our Fourth of July Independence Day celebrations. As we now know, at least 27 little girls and counselors were swept away, and there are others still missing. As a Granddad, I cannot imagine the pain and suffering and the many hardships those dear families have endured, questioning even their faith, and crying "O Dear Lord, WHY?"

And so through tears and humility, I solemnly request your deepest and strongest prayers, not only for those children, but also for their families: Moms, Dads, Siblings, Grandparents. For it is they who will require Grace in their darkest hours, that the Lord may share His Will, and that they may accept it. We all know that those precious rosebuds will forever be God's Tiny Angels.

Thank you for your prayers, and may God bless and guide each and every family of Camp Mystic.

With Love,

Al Ruggiero, Chaplain

Chaplain's Prayer List:

Steve & K-Ben Nash, Sadie Bell, Judy Brenner

Commandant's Letter

Mike Clark



Marines and Associates,

I hope that this finds you beating the heat and rain that seems to be a constant trade off this past month. My thanks to those of you who attended and assisted with the Friendly Center flag raising for Independence Day. There was a smaller than normal crowd but still a good day.

We will have some new opportunities to assist Marines at Camp Geiger during the next couple of months. Currently, we are assessing the need and how we may best be able to help. The original Mission of the League was Marines Helping Marines. While we now encompass more than that specific mission, it is still a priority for us.

I would like to work to set up some places we can get face to face with the public. To do this I will need to know how the Detachment would support such an action. In the past there have been comments that setting up a table at a location for fundraising is tantamount to panhandling, but I would like you to consider the benefits. Face to face with the public may result in some fundraising but does not have to be the specific purpose of us being there. When we set up Toys for Tots collection at Sam's Club in the past we filled several boxes of toys over a three-day period. We also had over \$4,000 in donations. There was no request for donations, just a container present on the table while we were there.

This will be up for discussion at the August meeting. The thought is if we have a physical presence, in our covers and various USMC/patriotic attire, we will get some interest from passersby. Ideally, some of those people will be potential future Members or Associates. As with any program it will need the support of all of us to be successful.

We will discuss working to increase our presence on social media. How many of you use any type of social media? We currently have a Facebook page at [\(20+\) Greater Greensboro Detachment 260 | Facebook](#) (both public and private for DET only) and our website <https://www.MCL260.info> I would like to see us at least have a presence on Instagram which I personally have never used, but know it can be current, up to date sharing with content. We have done and continue to do a lot to help our veterans and programs we support. Wouldn't it be great to promote it a bit more, perhaps get some response back from the community.

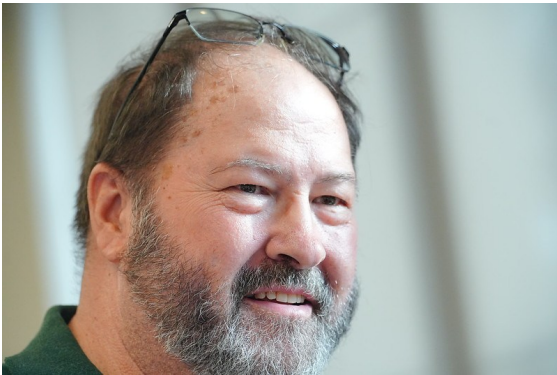
Marine Corps History

August, 1918

On the Western Front "during the afternoon and night of 1 August, the brigade elements (4th Marine, 2nd Div.) arrived at one of the stations in Nancy, France and proceeded to various billet areas located in the vicinity. The Fifth Regiment settled near Nancy in Villers les Nancy; the Sixth Regiment marched several miles away to and around Chaligny, high in the Vosges mountains, and the Sixth Machine Gun Battalion, detrained at Jarville, marched to billets at Haudimont. This move brought the Second Division into the rear of the military area controlled by the Twenty-Third Corps of the French Eighth Army. Preparation was started at once to relieve the French Sixty-Fourth Division, then holding front line positions in the Marbache sector. During the few days spent in the Nancy area, before movement TO the front, replacements, clothing, and equipment were received in sufficient amount to reconstruct the brigade. Regular rest, bathing, and hot meals restored the men. A daily training program and a brief leave to the city of Nancy (the first liberty given the men since they entered the lines in March) put the brigade in good fighting mettle. The medical personnel of the brigade units were employed in routine sanitary and medical duties, such as sick calls; billet, camp and food inspections; physical examinations of replacements and returning casualties; medical equipment replacement; organization improvement; instruction of personnel in first aid and application of splints; and resumption of the task of catching up on Navy medical department paperwork. (adopted from Lt George Strott's 'Medical Dept of the US Navy with the Army & Marine Corps in France in WWI').







August 2025

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PLANNED ACTIVITIES

August 11—Monthly Meeting of the Detachment at Golden Corral

Time 5:30— Dinner followed by Program

August 26 —Marine Night Out at Rody's Tavern

Time 5:30 — Until you cannot eat anymore