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GEN JAMES “MAD DOG” MATTIS

Detachment member Bill Osborne had the distinct pleasure of meeting one of our most famous military leaders. I think we have to frame this one.

“This special occasion was held in the grand ball room of the famous Jefferson Hotel in Richmond on January 27th 2014. My father had called me to make time and visit near the end of the month. Unbeknown to me the guys from his chapter of Military Order of the Purple Heart had been invited to a USGLC luncheon, and they had saved a seat for me! (because they know I’m a Marine vet, I am not a Purple Heart Recipient)”. - Bill Osborne



Meet our new Historian

Niall Mulkeen served (42) years in the Marine Corps which included active & reserve duty. Niall retired as a MSgt. Niall served in Operation Desert Storm in Kuwait and earned several medals including the Liberation of Kuwait & other Navy/Marine Corps medals. Niall is a student of Marine Corps history as we have already seen and a project is ongoing to add his artifacts to our website. Niall served in the infantry as well as administration & recruiting. Niall now has also taken over our T4T program at detachment #1242.

Pictured at the right is the group photo of our August fundraiser. It was hot & humid, but we stood our ground. Oooh rah! =====>



Pictured above is our 2016 Gun Raffle winner Mr Nick Melton, a Charlotte firefighter. Also pictured is Jimmy Hampton, who sold the winning ticket. Our Commandant & Judge Advocate join in on the presentation.



Upcoming Events

11/1/2016 Begin T4T with first boxes going out

11/10/2016 241st Marine Corps Anniversary

11/11/2016 Veterans Day ;
Huntersville Veterans Day parade
with MCL #1242 Color Guard

11/20/2016 3rd annual Veterans Day
Dinner @Northstone

11/24/2016 Thanksgiving holiday

12/1 thru 12/3/2016 Christmas in
Davidson - Visit our booth on the
Village Green

12/3/2016 A Huntersville Christmas
Come visit our booth at Discovery
Place

12/10/2016 December Fundraiser

12/15/2016 End T4T
Pick up all boxes

12/25/2016 Christmas Holiday

12/31/2016 New Years Eve

Request for Magazines

Detachment member Blue Walsh is asking all Marines to bring in any magazines we may have lying round the house to the October meeting. Blue goes up to the VA hospital and finds nothing to read while in the waiting areas. He stated this would give more people something to read while waiting for your appointment.



Marine veteran Jim Isley finally gets his 10yr pin from Detachment #1242. We mailed a pin to Jim earlier, but it was stolen. Here is a photo of Jim doing what he does best, drink his beer! Oh yes, he is also good at selling raffle tickets where he won our recent gun raffle by selling the most tickets. What a gargantuan effort! Job well done!



Northstone Country Club in Huntersville was chosen again as the site for our 3rd annual Veteran's Day dinner gala. The date is going to be Sunday evening, 20 November 2016. More details will be forthcoming. Hope to see everyone there.

Detachment Bylaw Changes

JA Frank Christmas and the Bylaws Committee stated that there would be changes coming to our bylaws at our July meeting. Bylaw changes were emailed to the entire detachment in August and discussed at our August meeting. Some changes were modified. At our recent September meeting the changes were voted on and approved. The new changes have been sent to DoNC for approval. The new bylaws go into effect immediately. You can view the changes to the bylaws on our website under the US Constitution page.



Birthday Boy

Jerry Jacobus celebrated his 80th birthday on 8 September 2016. If you don't remember, Jerry is a charter member of our detachment and our original Judge Advocate. He was also involved with the formation of the Iredell County detachment serving as its Commandant. Happy Birthday Jerry, we hope your day was grand!



Message from the Commandant

Marines this is a big success for our detachment to be able to support our newsletter. With the introduction of this information sharing I want to remind each of you to get involved as much as you feel comfortable in and work to make this unit continue to grow and prosper. We have set and reached so many goals and the future ahead is bright. As a detachment we are the example for other detachments to follow. If you have ideas that you want to explore please feel to bring them up so they can be discussed. We as a detachment want to get everyone involved in on something they are interested in. I can't say enough how proud I am of this detachment and how honored I am to be serving with you Marines. Keep on making life better for our Marines and our community.

God Bless America

Commandant Gunter

Commandant Gunter, JVC Stamos, & Jerry Jacobus tour the Charlotte USO. They also presented a check for \$500 in support of our Marine Corps Charities.





New Members

Commandant Charles Gunter swears in our newest member, Jesse Anderson, at our September monthly meeting. Also sworn in was Ron Moore whose swearing in ceremony was delayed due to scheduling conflicts. Welcome aboard to both new members.



9/11 Remembrance

Let's never forget the events of 9/11/2001 and it's effects on this country. Who knew that our world would change forever after this day. 2743 people were killed this day, 343 were firefighters or paramedics, 23 police officers were killed, but the number that hurts the most is that 3051 children lost a parent on that day.

Scholarship Committee

Our scholarship fund now totals \$7664. This is the result of netting \$2060 from our 2015 gun raffle, \$1079 donation, and \$4525 from our 2016 gun raffle. We will be awarding (3) \$1000 scholarships to qualified Junior ROTC high school students from Hopewell High School in Huntersville, West Mecklenburg High School in Charlotte, and a yet to be named recipient from a Marine family member or relative. Dave Stoughton, committee Chairperson, will announce the 3rd recipient in the next few weeks. Good Stuff!

Gun Raffle Prize Winners

First Prize
Jim Isley - \$50

2nd Prize
Charles Gunter - \$35

3rd Prize
Rob Kidwell - \$20

Winning Ticket Sold By
Jimmy Hampton - \$25

Winner
Name our Newsletter
"Larson's Legacy"

Jack Healy - \$50

Congrats to all winners!



Boy Scout Liaison Jack Healy presents the Good Citizenship Award to Ted Spooner of Troop 97. Court of Honor was held at St Mark's Catholic Church in Huntersville. Jack continues to do a very professional job with these events.



"We're not done serving, we never will be"