

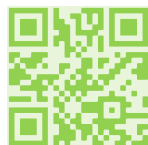
The Grinder

GREATER GREENSBORO 260 OF MCL APRIL 10, 2023

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Robert Hare, Commandant

Judy Brenner, Editor



March 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

38 Members, 7 Guests, = 45 Attendance

Patrick Davis of Heroes Center spoke about his appreciation to MCL260 for their generosity and the chance to work with us. Will Napper and member, Chris Kirwan spoke about Irrelevant Warriors and the events coming up such as Silkies Hike in July. Both were presented check donations from MCL260. A check to Heroes Center for the Salute to Women Veterans Event for \$1000.00 and a \$2500.00 check to IW.

Other Guest included the family of Will Napper, and Young Marine & NJROTC Cadet Kyle Hare. 3 New members were inducted.

Welcome: RV Wakefield III from detachment #1314, Bernie Reimondo, and Barbara Keeler.

Sgt at Arms open for business:

Quorum present.

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.

Chaplain Report: Suds is in nursing home and needs prayers and thank you to Ben Craven for stepping up as Power of Attorney. Cassell project will begin to include a ramp for disabled veteran and Home Depot donating fixtures and helping with housing solutions. Rich's church people will be helping with the ramp and repairs for the bathrooms.

Supply: Shirt orders (\$30 and \$32 and long sleeve \$35) will be taken prepay and preorder. Hats for sale; \$15.00. still available.

DoNC 2024 Convention: Commandant reported from Jim Hayes that the committee is continuing to work on the convention. It will be held June 7-9, 2024 at Wyndham Garden on Swing Rd and we will need volunteers.

Golf Tournament: Brian Sowers; Fundraising has started and we have unfortunately had a couple of sponsors to drop out for this year, but the membership is urged to make contacts and replacement for success again. The 16th annual tournament will be held at Bryan Park October 5th. The invitations for teams went out today. We would like to have 45 teams.

Reverse Draw: 1 month away and tickets have been selling. Success is membership participation. Ask your friends to join us, sell them a ticket for chance at \$3000.00. and a night filled with fun and laughter. Caterer is Painted Plate. Tickets are \$50.00 each.

CSS Squad Leader: George O; Home Depot has offered \$9400 credit to buy materials for the Arthur Cassells bathroom project. Don Rhoney is checking into the mason home for Suds.

We are continuing "Suds" project with "tabs". If you have aluminum can tabs, please bring them to the meeting and we will deliver to Ronald McDonald House to keep "Suds" project going.

Unfinished Business:

Rob O'Hanlon reported on the Building Fund Project: There is no rush for this project and a lot of thought is being taken. There are complications with ownership of a property as well as complications for rental of a property. There was a lot of discussion on both of these subjects. There are pros and cons with cost, insurance, meals, etc. If you have thoughts or ideas, please let Rob, Scott Matthews, or Chuck Stotz know.

New business:

Next month will be the official nominations for 23-24 Corps of Officers for MCL260. Think about stepping up to serve as appointment or officer for next year. Jr. Vice position is open, Paymaster is open, Chaplain is open, Webmaster is open, and we would like a Marine for Life person. Commandant Hare and Sr Vice Clark voiced their commitment to run again.

Good of the League:

XL Beard advised that the Eagle Scout Program is continuing. We have had 13 this and 44 last year.

Charles Jones expressed his gratitude for those who were present at visitation of his mother's funeral.

Commandant Hare shared his experience of the Chesty Puller home tour at the Mid Winter Conference earlier this month.

The meeting was adjourned was 2009 hours.

Nothing is particularly hard if you break it down into small jobs.



Commandant's Letter Robert Hare



As I come to the completion of my first term as your Commandant, I look back at the last year. From achieving the milestone of 50 years as a Detachment, to having a record-breaking Charity Golf Tournament, to attending various Department, Division, and National events, to losing valued members as they walk through Heaven's Gates. It's been humbling, at times challenging, but in the end, very rewarding. I have learned a lot over the last year that I hope fully get to take to my second term. Thank you to everyone that gave me guidance and wisdom over the challenging decisions. One big thing I have learned that no matter the decision, I won't please everyone. So instead, I made decisions based on what's best for the Detachment, popular or not.

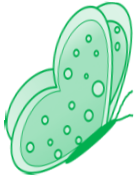
At the upcoming membership meeting, we will be holding nominations for the following elected positions: Commandant, Senior Vice-Commandant, Junior Vice-Commandant, and Judge Advocate. Thus far, we have the following members announce their intent to run for the positions: Commandant - Robert Hare; Sr. Vice-Commandant - Mike Clark; Jr. Vice-Commandant. Our Judge Advocate, Harvey McDonald will announce the slate of candidates and then ask for any additional nominations from the floor. Those positions will be announced three times before closing the nominations. Once the nominations have been closed, we will hold elections and possible installations in May. If you are interested in leading this great Detachment into the future, you will have the opportunity to be added then.

One of the hardest parts of my job is announcing the passing of fellow members. Recently we have lost Jack Masarie. Jack was a past Adjutant, serving under 8 Commandants. If I was to do the research, I would probably find that he was the longest serving Adjutant in the Detachment. I post ceded Jack as the Adjutant shortly after transferring to the Fighting 260. He gave me a lot of guidance and that continued when I was elected Commandant. Jack used to email me with ideas on how to get our Detachment more into the public eye. His death was a great surprise to many of us and will be truly missed. Keep Gayle and the Masarie family in your prayers. I received word that Percy "Suds" Sudbury will be finally moved to Whitestone very soon. Matter of fact, he should have been moved by the time you read this. I'd like to thank George Orfanedes, Ginny Bull, Ben Craven, Don Rhoney, and anyone else that had a part of Percy's well-being. I will say it once again (and probably many times after), let this be a reminder that none of us are getting younger, nor do we know when we will be called home. Please, make sure your affairs are in order now so that your family won't have to go through what we went through with Suds.

Finally, we have also have a few members with medical issues. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers for a speedy and full recovery.

Have a great Easter holiday and Semper Fi.





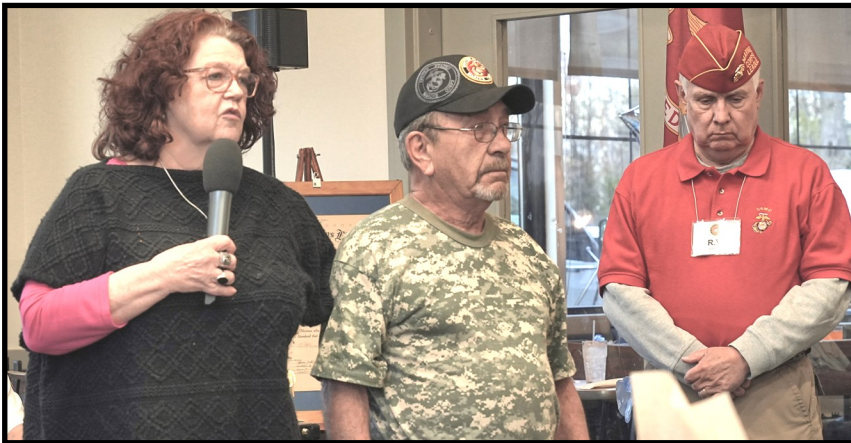
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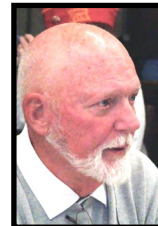
\$2500.00 check presented to Irreverent Warriors Chris Kirwan and Will Napper.



\$1000.00 Check presented to Heroes Center Director, Patrick Davis, for Salute to Woman's Veterans Event.



Induction of new associate member, Barbara Keeler; new regular member, Bernie Reimondo and new transfer member from detachment #1314, RV Wakefield III. **Welcome All!**



Bobby Rives



Greg Engleman



Ken Vanhoy



Keith Ingold



260 members



Mike

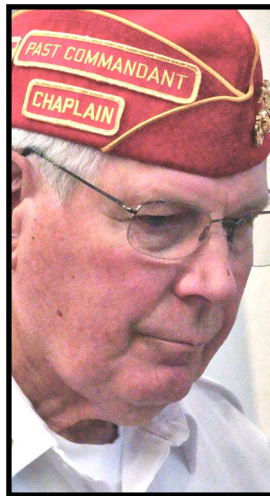
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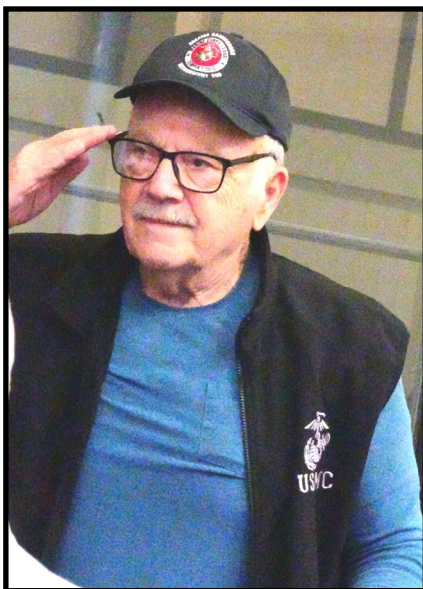


Rich



Bill

Spike



George



Harvey



Tina

Kyle



Chaplain's Corner Rich Carrera



Marines, Corpsmen and Friends of the 260:

It appears we may receive some respite from the level of activity that we have experienced recently. Suds is moving to assisted living at White Stone and we are so pleased for him. I think his condition will improve with regular re-hab and good food. We have a deal (thanks to George) with Home Depot where they will provide the fixtures for the Arthur Cassell Transition House in High Point to improve conditions for some veterans. We will renovate four bathrooms, including one to be totally handicap accessible and all four will receive all new fixtures and showers. I allude to these efforts solely to call your attention to what we are doing with the money we raise. When you help us raise money, many vets benefit directly from the help they receive from MCL 260. These very good deeds are being performed by way too few of our members and it does not need to be exhausting. The load should be spread among many more bodies. (Hint, Hint). Come on Marines, we all get the credit for these efforts and some of you should be profoundly embarrassed to take that recognition.

I look forward to the day when someone else will agree to take my role in this and do it better than I have, considering improvement is always a reality. Some really good things have been completed and there are many more waiting their turn. I'm asking you to pray about this and pick your special way to contribute. So the next time we receive a pat on the back, you can be proud of what you have done.

I will tell you this, when you have worked at doing something for someone who cannot change their own circumstance, and you step up and do it for them, you will sleep very well that night. That is your paycheck and you can cash it with a smile on your face and a joyful heart.

Please continue to pray for our infirm and our walking wounded because all of the above proves it is working. When we ask God to intercede in needs we have identified, His action is recognized by anyone who is paying attention.

Blessings, warm regards and Semper Fidelis.

Rich

336-362-6552

Hank Park

Percy "Suds" Sudsbury

Jim Hayes

Denise Reddick

Sharon Reddick

Judy Brenner



Jack Masarie

11-25-1942 - 3-23-2023

Former Greater Greensboro 260 MCL Adjutant

REVERSE DRAW

It's Time!!! Got your ticket?

Did you sell tickets to your friends?



2ND ANNUAL MCL260

REVERSE DRAW

SATURDAY APRIL 29TH 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 ON SALE NOW

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 !!!

Let the Fun Begin!



Camouflaged

HA-HA!

A drill sergeant yells at his young trainee, "I didn't see you at camouflage training this morning, private!" The private replies, "Well, thank you very much, sir."



Don't forget to bring your pop tab tops for Percy's Project Ronald McDonald House !!!!

Bring them to the next meeting and we will see that they get delivered.



Welcome Home Baskets

The Greater Greensboro Marine Corps League Detachment 260 again demonstrated our commitment to supporting Veterans in need by donating Welcome Baskets to The Servant Center on March 31, 2023.

Each basket was filled with essential household items for newly housed formerly homeless Veterans, a gesture that shows the Detachment's appreciation for their service and sacrifice. Everything was purchased by Community Service Committee members Nancy Stotz, Sue Orfanedes, and George Orfanedes, and Commandant Robert Hare.

The Welcome Baskets included a variety of household items, such as pots & pans, dishes, glasses, coffee cups, and cleaning supplies. These items are very important for creating a comfortable and functional living space, and they will undoubtedly make a significant difference in the lives of the Veterans who receive them.

The Servant Center is a non-profit organization that works tirelessly to provide support and services to homeless Veterans in the Greensboro area. One of their programs is the Rapid Rehousing Program, which assists Veterans in securing affordable housing and ensuring that they have access to the resources they need to maintain their new home.

Debbie Baily, the Rapid Rehousing Program Manager for The Servant Center, expressed her appreciation for MCL-260's ongoing support of this critical program. She stated that the Welcome Baskets would help ease the transition for Veterans as they settle into their new homes, and that these items would be especially helpful for those who were previously homeless and may not have had access to these basic household necessities.

The Greater Greensboro Marine Corps League Detachment 260 has a long history of supporting Veterans in our community. As a group of Marine Veterans and Associate members who are dedicated to helping our fellow service members and their families, this donation of Welcome Baskets to The Servant Center is just one example of MCL-260's 50 years of commitment and dedication to serving those who have served our country.

As we continue to navigate the challenges of the post-pandemic world, it is important to remember the sacrifices that Veterans have made for our country. Organizations like The Servant Center and MCL-260 provide vital support and resources to those who need it most, and their work should be celebrated and supported.

In conclusion, the Greater Greensboro Marine Corps League Detachment 260's donation of Welcome Baskets to the Servant Center on March 31, 2023, is a testament to our dedication to supporting Veterans in our community. The Servant Center and MCL-260 are both valuable resources for Veterans in our communities, and we should all be grateful that both organizations continue to honor the ongoing pledge/commitment to help Veterans in their hour of need.



Left to Right: Debbie Bailey, Caitlin Costner and Tamara Owens. (from the Servant Center's Rapid Rehousing Team), Robert Hare, Commandant; Nancy Stotz and Sue Orfanedes, members of the Community Services Committee.

Spring



Remembering Jack

A TRIBUTE TO JACK MASARIE:

A FIRST CLASS MARINE

The news that our Marine Corps League Detachment Number 260 had lost Jack Masarie to colon cancer was no surprise to me. In fact, I wondered how he had survived into 2023.

I remember being surprised when I first saw him walking with a cane. The occasion was Harry Thetford's funeral on 30 October 2021. I asked him what his problem was. When he told me he had colon cancer that had spread to his liver, I knew he would soon be dead since the same condition killed my father, "knocking him down" on, of all days, on April Fool's Day 2014 at approximately 0200 hours and finishing the job with his death on 5 April 2014 at age 89. Sadly, he was unresponsive during his last days, from 1 to 5 April, and could not talk. The USA had lost yet another member of the World War Two generation, this member being an Army Air Corps officer and a member of a B-29 heavy bomber crew that flew 28 combat missions over Japan in 1945 at (and I still cannot believe his ages) ages 20 and 21. One mission was the longest aviation combat mission of World War Two.

But of course I said nothing to Jack about my father. I wished Jack well and as I saw him at Detachment meetings I asked him how he was doing. He said he was undergoing chemotherapy, but again based on what had happened to my father—he also took chemotherapy—I knew how the battle would end. Colon cancer is an opponent that takes no prisoners.

I became close to Jack while serving on the Book Committee producing the history book commemorating the fifty-year history of our Marine Corps League Detachment Number 260. The experience of revising the book's manuscript and dealing with the "politics" surrounding the project was one of the worst, and seemingly endless, nightmares of my life of 66 or 67 years: constantly stressful, contentious, unpleasant, and demanding. At times I felt I was in hell either (a) taking my three-day North Carolina bar exam again and again or (b) repeating my ten-week Officer Candidates School course not only in my 60s but also taking it over and over again. I had to perform "CPR" two or three times to bring the manuscript back to life and to ensure it was a quality product, but I must credit the other members of the Book Committee for their efforts to save the book and to bring it to completion. Here Jack proved to be a clear-minded and very wise advisor who answered my questions and listened to my complaints: ***what a great source of moral support he was.*** And he was a deadly accurate proofreader living by that (in)famous Marine Corps principle of "attention to detail" we are all taught so painfully in our initial officer or enlisted training and then continue to practice in the Fleet or to pay dearly for not doing so.

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He later told me that had become such a good proofreader because as a teacher he had read so many projects—I believe papers or dissertations for advanced degrees—that he without question knew how to proofread. In any case, he “rescued” me many, many times—he threw me life buoys when I most needed them. At our meetings Jack would give me copies of a magazine to which he subscribed that was devoted to concealed carry of firearms (I had no idea a magazine was dedicated to that subject).

Finally, a personal message. If you are over age 50, please enroll in a regular colonoscopy schedule with a gastroenterologist. I am 100% convinced that my father would have lived into his 90s had he had a timely colonoscopy and that I would not have been asked to come to the examination room after he finally had one and being told that colon cancer was found and that it looked malignant. ***You do not want to be in this circumstance as the patient or the family member—take my word for it.*** So I am on my gastroenterologist’s “radar screen” since my father died from colon cancer. And do not let people talk you out of a colonoscopy by reciting horrors stories about the preparation: ***bullshit (no pun intended).*** First of all, the preparation is not that bad and has mitigated over the years. Second, which option do you want: (a) the relatively mild inconvenience of preparation or (b) a slow agonizing death from colon cancer? ***When it reaches your liver you will soon be dead—the fate suffered by my father and by Jack.*** And have The “combat conditions” full colonoscopy during which you are under anesthesia; do not have a partial or virtual colonoscopy.

So I leave to Jack Masarie, an honored Marine and friend, a heartfelt “thank you”; a solemn observation about missing you at our meetings; a belief that God is with you and your family; and my memory of you and your life lived by the motto of the United States Marine Corps: “Semper Fidelis,” Always Faithful.

I will still be looking for you at our meetings.

Your friend, comrade, and fellow Marine,

Charles A. Jones

Colonel, USMCR (Retired)

USMC (1981 to 1992)

USMCR (1993 to 2011)



Calendar Dates



[2023 DoNC Annual Convention](#) June 9-11 2023

Jacksonville Hilton Garden Inn

Detachment 262 Onslow

Detachment nominations for 2023 Department Marine of the Year and Associate of the Year Deadline June 9, 1700 or by mail arrival June 7th

See Commandant Robert Hare

And Get your Fundraiser Tickets from Mike Clark or more information [here.](#)



[2023 Mideast Division Conference](#) June 23-24 2023

Pikesville, MD

Please click on link for the Information and Registration

Deadline: Friday 19 May 2023



2023 National Convention—August 13-18, 2023

100th Anniversary of the Marine Corps League

Omni Hotel, Oklahoma City, OK

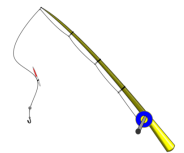
<https://www.mcleaguelibrary.org/convention/>



Gone Fishing

One day, the rain was pouring like crazy and a big puddle formed in front of a local pub just outside the Navy base. An old Marine Sergeant was standing near the edge of the puddle with his fishing line in a puddle. When a Navy fighter pilot saw this, he decided to approach the man and see what he was doing.

“Fishing,” the old Sergeant replied. “This poor old fool,” thought the Navy officer, so he invited the old man inside to buy him a drink. While drinking their beers, the smart-a?? fighter pilot decided to ask, “How many did you end up catching today.” “You the eighth,” the old Marine answered.



10 APRIL 1959

Lt. Col. John H Glenn Jr. was named as one of the original 7 Project Mercury astronauts selected for space training. All 7 were volunteers and selected by NASA out of a pool of 110 candidates, all of whom were leading military test pilots. Just under 3 years later, in February 1962, Glenn became the 1st American to orbit the Earth.

28 APRIL 1993

The last A-6E *Intruder* was decommissioned from Marine Corps service. All-Weather Attack Squadron 332



transferred the last Marine A-6E to St. Augustine, Florida, and prepared for the squadron's transition to the F/A-18D and relocation from Cherry Point to Beaufort, SC.

CALENDAR

4/10 1730 Regular MCL260 Meeting Golden Corral, [4404 Landview Dr](#)

4/25 1730 Marine Night Out Kickback Jacks, [1605 Highwoods Blvd](#)

4/29 2nd Annual MCL260 Reverse Draw [5010 High Point Rd. Greensboro, NC](#) [Greensboro Shrine Club](#) Doors open at 1700.



4/11 *Bobby Rives* 4/11 *Ken Johnson*

4/13 *Ginny Bull*

4/21 *Harold Turner* 4/30 *Jim Hayes*

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