**Elections in May**

Now is your opportunity to nominate someone for the four officer positions that will be up for election at the May 8th meeting. The positions of commandant, senior vice commandant, junior vice commandant and judge advocate will be open for nominations. The saying goes, “we are looking for a few good men and women” to hold these positions. Be the first in line to volunteer your services. Change is only possible when we get new people to take the reigns of our detachment. Nominate yourself or ask someone to nominate you to one of the positions. The term runs from our June meeting until the following June. Nominations will be taken from the floor.

**Marine of the Year**

Who, in your opinion, has contributed the most to the success of the detachment activities for the past ten months? Is it an officer, a fundraiser chairperson, a person who always volunteers to help when asked? Anyone is eligible to be selected as long as they have not been a Marine of the Year previously.

We will vote for an Associate of the Year as well. Again, selection is based on leadership and volunteerism.

We have many to choose from so put on your thinking cap and come prepared to vote for the person you think has contributed the most to our detachment.

**April Meeting is Monday the 10th**

Come out for dinner and support your detachment. Doors open at five. Dinner is at 6:30. Program and business meeting begin at 7:00 p.m.
Commandant's Office Hours
Roger Stockton

My year is slowly coming to an end as your Commandant. I have really enjoyed the time I have had while in office. Now this brings me to my next question. Who would like to serve in this capacity? Our April meeting is when we take nominations for the four positions, Commandant, Sr. and Jr. Commandants and Adjutant. If anyone is interested, please have someone put your name forth Monday Night the 10th of April.

We are getting ready to enter the fund raising part of the year. Wesley Fortmen is getting his workers ready for the Grasshoppers Baseball concessions, Sharon Reddick is putting her group together for the Belk Coupons sale and Rich Carrera is working on the pancake tickets sale. Chuck Stotz does an outstanding job of keeping the volunteers listed for each event. So if you are interested in any of these projects, let Chuck know.

Bill Moss and I went to the Barn Dinner Theater to present a "Honorary Marine" in the Fighting 260 to Ric Gutierrez, general manager of the Barn for his outstanding contribution to the 260. Ric has been a supporter of our League for the past seven years, starting with the National Convention in 2010, the Field of Honor, as well as providing the Barn to us for our Award Dinner, free of charge, February 13, 2017.

We have had some really large crowds for our regular meetings at the Knights of Columbus. Let's keep this up. One of the reasons, of course, is the new members we are bringing in. Please make these Marines and Associates welcome. They are our future.

Thank all of you who called and sent cards to me during my heart problem. I am on the mend. Thank all of you for your outstanding support to the 260.

SEMPER FI,
Roger

Chaplain’s Corner
Chaplain Winston Shearin

This year, April brings with it the spring equinox and the beginning of the growing season. Because new buds and flowering plants are blossoming all around us, many folks start to think about the promise of fruitful days ahead. I have started to get my garden in shape, and hopefully the vegetables will feed my friends and family, in addition to the wildlife that loves to snack on the produce. This is also the season for new spiritual growth. In April, Christians celebrate Easter, and the Jewish faithful remember Passover, while Muslims remember Lailat al Miraj. Each of these events centers on newness. For the Muslim, new revelations were received. For Israel, a new journey began, and for the Christian, eternal life was made possible. Thank God for the many new gifts we receive at his hand! So, in whatever way you celebrate the coming of new life, I pray that you experience God’s promise of growth and fruitfulness. For, in truth, the harvest you produce is so valuable to our community. The service you give other people, the examples you set for the next generation, and the smiles you share with those around you lift the spirits of our world, and produce a bounty of goodness for all to enjoy. This year, let’s all plant the joy of living in the garden of faithfulness.

Semper Fi! Chaps!
Marine Night at Triad Lanes
March 31, 2017

Commandant Stockton at the Helm

Bob Marino our Host
Scenes from March 13, 2017 Meeting
Knight’s of Columbus Hall

Got Money?
Paymaster Becky Tyree and Asst. George Orfanedes

Our Speaker K-Ben
Kudos for a Job Well Done

Darlene Yellock, Jack Connor, Nancy Stotz and Chuck Stotz
And a Salute to Chuck as well.

Jack Marin thanking the 260 for the $13,600 Gift

Chaplain Winston Shearin Leading the Detachment in Prayer

A Great Leader Ms. Sharon Reddick
Hope for the Warriors Check for $13,600

Pictured from the left, 2016 Chairman Jim Hayes, Jack Marin, Chairman of the Board of Hope for the Warriors, and Commandant Roger Stockton

Cool and Casual is Judge Advocate Harold Turner

Camo Man

Who is the Mystery Man

Jim Hayes Looking Sharp

A Leprechaun For Sure

Ben Craven, Ron Boylston and Kenneth Cobleigh

Receiving Certificates of Meritorious Commendation
Veteran Services Officer
Andrea Lamonds

Detachment 260 has a very skilled individual to assist our members with their medical needs. Ms. Andrea Lamonds is the Veterans Services Officer for N.C. She will be our go to person when we have questions or need assistance. She is located at 1203 Maple St., Ste. 128, Greensboro 27405. She can be reached at 336-641-2957. You can apply for services thru her.

If you are in need of medical assistance, or advice, please contact Andrea at 336-641-2957.

Her office is located in Suite 128, at 1203 Maple Street. She is located in the vicinity of Moses Cone Hospital.

Any service you need can be applied for through her.

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UP COMING EVENTS

April 13, Veteran’s Coffee. Outback Steakhouse, Four Seasons Town Center 8:30-10:00 a.m.

April 21, second Greensboro Grasshoppers Game. Arrive at 5:00 p.m. to work. Gates open at 6:00. Work the 3rd base concession stand. Need 18 workers. Call Chuck Stotz to volunteer. 336-858-5153. Grasshopper ball cap, white polo shirt and khaki pants or shorts required. Caps available when you arrive at the ballpark.

April 26, Marine Night at Triad Lanes. 5:30-’til

May 5, Grasshoppers Ball Game

May 20, MCL Pancake Breakfast at O’Charley’s Restaurant beginning at 8:00 a.m. Tickets to sell are available from Rich Carrera at 336-362-6552. Fundraiser for our outreach programs. Tickets are $8 each and we earn $4 for each ticket sold.
Minutes of the March 13, Meeting

Introduction of Jeffrey Haizlip and Matine Haizlit, a Marine ROTC.

Jim Hayes and Roger Stockton presented Jack Marin with a check in the amount of $13,600 for the Hope for the Warrior Project.

Our speaker for the evening was K-Ben. She was born in 1949 in Viet Nam and became a field medic and nurse in 1962 at the age of 17. She outlined her years serving the injured and expressed her love of the Marines. In 1991 she entered the United States and became a citizen in 2002.

Meeting was opened by Roger Stockton.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Paymaster Becky Tyree gave her report and received approval.

Rich Carrera mentioned that he still has pancake tickets for sale. It is May 20th at O’Charleys and the ticket cost is $8.00.

Jim Hayes is in the process of cleaning up the membership rolls, making sure everyone has paid their dues.

Winston Shearin, our Chaplain, asked that we keep Jack Masarie in our prayers as he is in the hospital.

George Orfanedes announced that Rusty Boaef is taking over as the Supply Officer.

Good of the League: Sharon Reddick is once again in charge of the Belk Spring Sale. We are able to set up and sell the $5 tickets between April 2 and 29. She does not have the exact dates for us yet but will let Chuck know so he can send out an email. She again is asking for volunteers. Chuck mentioned for anyone interested in volunteering to write their name and phone number on the back of the sheet of paper on each table. Gerald Peek announced that on March 29th in Jamestown at the Veterans Memorial the DAR has a special flag they would like to present to veterans. The event is at 11:00 am. He also stated that he is retiring from the K-Bar Company and has several for sale and also a display case. See him after the meeting if interested. Jim Hayes said the first Golf Meeting for 2017 is going to be held on Thursday night. Rob O’Hanlan along with Ron Medder are asking the League to purchase Challenge Coins for the Eagle Scout group to show appreciation to those who go over and above. The cost is $1,601.25. This was presented to the officers first and then was approved by the members. He said he attended the Pheasant Shoot at Snow Camp, NC and had a great time. Please think about going. Next shoot is February 3, 2018. On May 29th at the Field of Honor there will be a special event from 11 am to 12 noon. Chuck Stotz announced that he has over 30 volunteers for the Grasshoppers. He asked anyone interested who has not signed up to please sign up on the sheet on the table. Several members are not opening their emails from the 260. Please do so. Becky Tyree asked that we mark our calendar for the 2017 picnic which will be held on September 24th at Shelter 6. Keith Zimbro expressed thanks for the ROTC dinner and also for Wreaths across America volunteers. The Purple Heart Homes (Piedmont Chapter) is in need of volunteers. Greg Ross stated that the Young Marines now meet on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month at the Brown Recreation Center from 9am to 1pm. Another recruiting class starts April 1st. There is a Challenge Shoot on Government Drive in Wilmington, sponsored by Glock, on April 22 and 23. Young Marines will be there. July 4th, they will be in the Washington DC Parade. National encampment will be in Clayton, GA on July 12 thru 16.

A check from MCL 260 was presented to Greg.

Roger Stockton asked Ron Boylston, Ben Craven and Ken Cobleigh to come forward and receive their Meritorious Service Certificate.

George Orfanedes mentioned that Susan Parrish, Jack Connor’s daughter, donated $1,000 to the Young Marines. Bill Moss introduced Wesley Forman and stated that he will be in charge of the Grasshopper games. Roger Stockton stated that we will be nominating officers at our next meeting. If you are interested in running for an office, please let him know.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Stotz in the absence of Jack Masarie
Belk Day’s @ Friendly Shopping Center

Chaired by Sharon Reddick

Come on out and give her a hand selling $5 coupons. Easy to do and we receive the entire $5.