

# The Grinder

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## December was as busy as a 'Rudolph' bee month for the MCL260!

- Wreaths Across America on the 17th at Forest Lawn Cemetery.
- Sponsoring Christmas for a female Marine Veteran and her 7 children.
- Christmas gift bags to 38 Servant Center Veterans.
- Toys for Tots warehouse December 20-22.
- Plans for Bathroom Renovation Project at Arthur Cassells Transitional Housing.
- Ramp for wheelchair bound veteran.
- \$10,000 Check presented to HorsePower Therapeutic Center.
- MCL260 Christmas & Awards Party.



**Can you find a few hours out of your 8,760 hours in this new year to make a difference in a veteran's life?**

**WINNER**

### Reidsville High School MJROTC Rifle Team Places First in Area Competition

The [Reidsville High School MJROTC](#) Rifle Team finished the season on a high note. They won first place in the Navy JROTC Area Six Regional Competition in Burlington on Friday, December 9. Major Torres, USMC (Ret) Senior Marine Instructor expressed their appreciation for the support that our Detachment has provided through the Community Service Committee.

Pictures show team members wearing the Team shirts holding up their trophy. Notice that the shirts have our Marine Corps League with Det 260 underneath it.





## Commandant's Letter

### Robert Hare

Welcome 2023



I hope everyone had a grand Christmas and joyful New Year. As we enter a new year, our mission is not over, if anything, it expands. I mentioned at our last membership meeting regarding recruitment and a little fun (I hope) competition. I would like to see the Detachment hit the 200-member mark by the end of June 2023. With that, any member that recruits a minimum of 5 new members may qualify for one of three gift cards from myself. 1st place will receive a \$100 gift card, 2nd place will receive a \$50 gift card, and 3rd place will receive a \$25 gift card. In addition, the member(s) could receive the Detachment Recruiter Award (5 new members), the Department Recruiter Award, and/or National Recruiter Award. We have had members in the past receive National awards for recruiting. It would be awesome to see the Fighting 260 represent at the 2023 National Convention in Oklahoma City.

Speaking of representing, we have the Mideast Division Conference coming up (February 23 - 25, 2023). This event will be in Norfolk, Virginia. I would love to see more members attend not only this event, but all the events at the Department level and above. I am fully aware that some members have a little animosity towards these entities. However, holding "grudges" towards them is not what Marines are about. Especially, if you haven't attended any of the events other than the National Convention in 2010 for which this Detachment hosted. Are there issues within the League? Absolutely! They are no different than any other organization or profession. I challenge you in 2023 to assist in making things better for the League. Step up and volunteer for various committees, be part of the officer corps, etc. Things won't get better unless more members step up and make a difference.

My goals for 2023 are very easy.

**First** one is getting a Color/Honor Guard assembled. We have all the equipment needed to have a team. With more of the "younger" generation coming aboard and/or becoming more active, there is no reason why we can't have one. The Detachment should be participating in more events (i.e., funerals, parades, presenting colors at games, etc.). It will also make our Flag Raising events easier by having one.

**Second** is the creation of a Military Order of the Devil Dogs pound. If you didn't notice, both myself and Senior Vice-Commandant, Mike Clark recently became Pups within the MODD. Within our Detachment, we also have two other members PDD Joe Vodenichar and PDD Percy "Suds" Sudsbury. I am planning on getting with the other Detachments in the Triad and see what kind of interest there is. Currently, we are attached to Pound 210 which could be nearly a 2-hour drive to attend the meetings. The MODD fundraisers are for various animal shelters and children's hospitals across the country. At the last National Convention, the MODD presented a check for over \$83,000 to the local children hospitals. Each Pound and Pack also collect food (dry and wet) at the meetings and donate it all to the local shelters. At the last Pack meeting in Wilkesboro, more than 200 lbs. of food were donated. I hope you consider being a member once we get it created.

**Finally**, is conducting more fundraising. The Charity Golf Tournament is successful for the Detachment and the Reverse Draw was a huge success in its debut. However, we need to do more. You, the membership, want to have more social events, so we need to have a means for paying for it. I have heard many pros and cons with this, but my outlook is this, whatever we raise is more than we have had prior. I would like to have our own Marine Corps Ball in 2023 and incorporate the awards ceremony. To keep the price per member down, we need to fundraise. Also, I would like to see the Marine in Need fund be increased. If you have ever seen the face of a veteran we have helped, you would agree with me. A simple dollar raised could give a veteran a cup of coffee, a burger, or even a pair of socks/gloves. So, instead of looking at the amount of time it takes to raise money, look at the benefit of a veteran and/or lowering the cost of a picnic or formal event.

I look forward seeing what 2023 brings to Greater Greensboro Detachment 260.

Semper Fi!



## Chaplain's Corner Rich Carrera



Marines, Corpsmen and Friends of the 260:

I was recently made aware of a wheelchair bound Vet, who will be moving into an apartment during the week of the 19th of December. He will need a ramp and George and I discussed the circumstance. We have since secured the materials necessary to build the ramp and my church building team will see to the construction. Another church mate is donating the necessary lumber, screws and cutting some pieces, the size of which has been determined, to size, thus saving much labor. My friend, Joe Godfrey, is donating the wood.

The Servant Center is looking after the Vet and also the reason we learned about this need. So, I encourage you all once again to make us aware of needs when you learn of them, we can usually help.

Continue to pray for our walking and bed-ridden wounded, because our involvement doesn't always resolve all their issues. There are many needs out there and we can't always satisfy them because there are limitations on the extent to which we can help. But prayer has never gone up in price and you cannot use it all up, ever. Those in need will appreciate it and God will love you for inviting Him into the circumstance.

I pray you will all have a Blessed Christmas season and look forward to seeing you soon.

Thank you all for the Marine of the Year honor, I deeply appreciate it, particularly in view of those nominated with me, all of whom were deserving candidates. I am very grateful.

Warm regards and Semper Fidelis,

Rich

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The original, up to the Civil War, the infantry call for Lights Out, was borrowed from the French. The music for Taps was revised by Union Gen. Daniel Butterfield for his Brigade, Army of the Potomac in July 1862. The General felt the call was too formal to signal the day's end. With the help of Oliver Norton, Taps was written to honor his men while in camp at Harrison's Landing, Virginia. The 24 notes soon spread to other units and was made an official bugle call after the war. More [here](#).

# WHAT AN EVENING!

Marines have pushed through the [Battle of Chosin Reservoir](#) in Korea at 35 degrees below zero, so this was nothing. OK, I'll admit, you were all a little younger, healthier, and had "piss and vinegar", but maybe never had as much food and fun as our MCL260 Christmas and Awards Dinner. Thanks to Mike and Ann Sankewitsch for getting this all together at the last minute. We had 51 attend (not counting the horses and the cat) for an evening of horsing around!! Thank you to Jan and the folks at HorsePower Therapeutic for the facilities. Thanks and Congratulations to all the super men and women of the MCL260 who make our organization so special.

2022 Marine of the Year

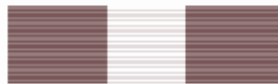
*Rich Carrera*

2022 Associate of the Year

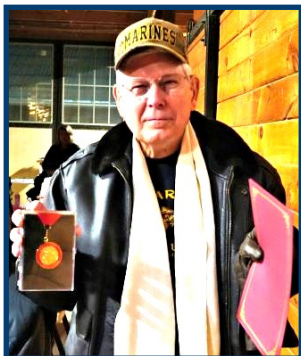
*Sue Orfanedes*



Distinguished Citizens Bronze Award Recipients



Steve Nash   Jim Nehlsen   Judy Brenner



Rich



Sue and Robert

Tammy honors MCL260 with a beautiful plaque for [Montford Point Marines](#) donation.



Robert and Tammy



# WHAT AN EVENING!



Jan accepts a check to HorsePower from MCL260 for \$10,000



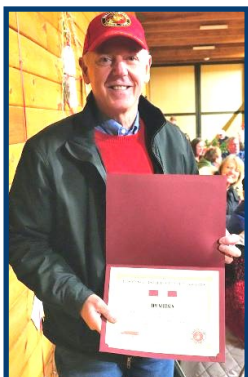
Rob says ALL READY!



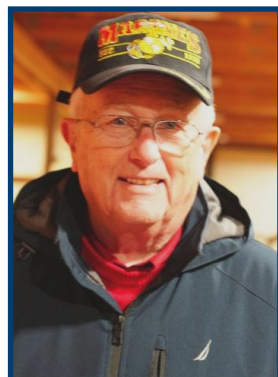
Cold weather Fashionista!  
I ain't gonna lie, my blood is thin!



What a fantastic group!



Congratulations Jim!



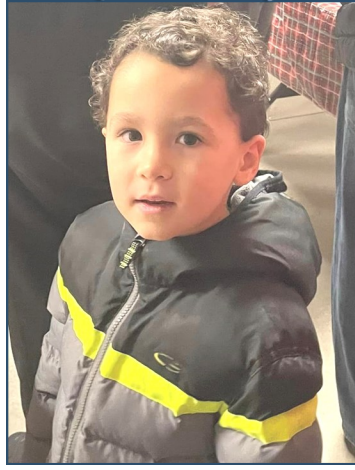
Alan



# OUR MEMBERS EXTRAORDINAIRE



Becky, Ann, Jan



Ty



Fiona & Megan



At Sunset



Kathy



Click on picture for video



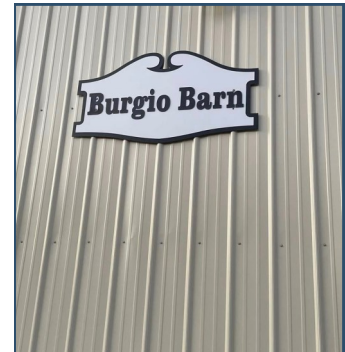
Brian



Judy, Alan, Jim, Susan, Rich



Tina, Rob, Stalena, Steve



Thank you Jim!



Chow Line!



Keith



The Gang's all here!!



Ryan, The Cat Whisperer

## MCL260 Delivers !!!!

On December 21st, MCL-260 played Santa Clause for a female Marine Veteran with 10 years of service, whose seven (7) children range in age from 1 year old to 16 years old.



Debbie Baily from the Servant Center provided the children's wish lists, and members of the Community Services Committee (Jim Burgio, Rob O'Hanlon, Tammy Petersen, George & Sue Orfanedes) volunteered to purchase the gifts. There were bicycles and helmets, to hoverboards, to learning toys, heated blankets, coats, and comforters. Norma Cavanaugh provided expert assistance in completing the final gift wrapping with Jim Burgio, while Bob Cavanaugh quietly hummed Christmas "Rap" songs in the background!

With Debbie's help, the gifts were delivered to Ashley, our Vet, at the Servant Center Offices. She was so appreciative of what MCL-260 provided for her family. She said "Today is my Christmas!"

SO, MCL-260, keep up the good works. We have done a lot so far, but there is MUCH more to do!



Jim & Norma "Rapping"



Rob, Sue & George unloading



Jim, Ashley, & Rob



Jim, Debbie, Ashley, Rob, Sue & George

# Wreaths Across America



17 December 2022—Forest Lawn Cemetery - You can learn more [here](#) or talk to Keith Zimbro



Thanks Keith Zimbro, Jim Hayes, and Bruce Rutherford



Mike & Derrick



Helpers



Boxed and Ready



Keith B.



## MCL-260 Community Services Committee 2022 Summary

Once again, our Detachment has done an outstanding job trying to help Marines, other fellow Veterans, and several Veteran support organizations in North Carolina, especially in the Greater Greensboro Area.

The primary source of our Charity cash grants is the annual Military Charity Golf Tournament, where gross revenues for each of the last two (2) years have exceeded \$100,00. Our newest revenue generator was the Reverse Raffle, which took in over \$10,000.00 an amazing amount for our first attempt to be used for MCL260 activities and expenses.

Our 2022 Grants have included the following organizations and individuals:

Date	Organization/Individual	Cash Grant	Goods Provided
01/10/22	Irreverent Warriors - Suicide Prevention	\$ 1,250	
02/15/22	MCL-260 Marine in Need - Cash Donation	\$ 2,500	
02/23/22	Carolina Field Of Honor - Thetford Memorial Fund	\$ 1,000	
03/11/22	MCL-260 Marine in Need - Cash Donation	\$ 1,300	
03/14/22	Horsepower Therapeutic Riding Program	\$ 10,000	
04/14/22	Partners Ending Homelessness (PEH) Additional Welcome Home Baskets (12)		\$ 1,975
05/25/22	PEH Tempur-Sealy Mattresses (18 sets Queens & Twin Hybrid Sets)		\$ 21,600
06/01/22	Payment of Motel Bill & 100 Food Card, homeless USMC Vet in Need	\$ 920	
06/09/22	SE Guilford NJROTC	\$ 3,660	
06/09/22	Reidsville MROTC	\$ 1,804	
06/13/22	Partners Ending Homelessness	\$ 10,000	
06/13/22	Senior Resources of Guilford County	\$ 2,200	
06/13/22	Nathaniel Greene Young Marines	\$ 1,000	
06/28/22	Servant Center Rapid Rehousing Program	\$ 1,500	
07/12/22	Ragsdale AFROTC - 25' Flagpole	\$ 2,351	
08/04/22	MCL Detachment J.K .Polk 759 (New River, NC) For Food Purchase	\$ 5,000	
08/08/22	Servant Center Capital Fund Donation	\$ 50,000	
08/04/22	Montford Point Marines Donation	\$ 1,000	
08/19/22	Welcome Home Baskets-TSC		\$ 2,400
09/01/22	Grimsley HS Veterans Salute	\$ 500	
09/09/22	Chapel Hill Methodist Church (Donation for Jeremy Young)	\$ 1,000	
09/23/22	Toys-for-Tots - USMC I&I Greensboro	\$ 1,000	
10/31/22	The Servant Center (12 queens, 7 twins + Box Springs)		\$ 17,600
11/30/22	Gunny Claus Annual Donation	\$ 500	
11/30/22	Wreaths Across America Annual Donation	\$ 500	
12/12/22	Horsepower Therapeutic Riding Program FY 2023 Donation*	\$ 10,000	
12/16/22	Servant Center Christmas Gift Bags (38)	\$ 818	
12/24/22	Servant Center Christmas Gifts for Marine Vet Family (7 kids)	\$ 1500	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 111,303</b>	<b>\$ 43,575</b>

Since we began keeping track of MCL-260 Charitable donations to our Veterans/Veteran Organizations from 2017 through 12/31/2022, the totals are:

CASH: \$278,312 + Goods: \$222,075 = TOTAL: \$500,387

## What is MCL-260 planning for an encore?

The MCL-260 membership approved the following 2023 plan:

Seq	MCL-260 Planned Donation - 2023	Planned Grant
1	Christmas Bags for Veterans - Servant Center	\$ 1,000
2	Montford Point Marines	\$ 1,000
3	Female Combat Veterans	\$ 1,000
4	Toys-For-Tots Oct 2023	\$ 2,000
5	Irreverent Warriors Event	\$ 2,500
6	Triad Honor Flight	\$ 2,800
7	Homes For Our Troops	\$ 5,000
8	Community Housing Solutions for Vets	\$ 5,000
9	Kernersville Veterans Home Donation	\$ 5,000
10	ROTC Units High Schools	\$ 5,000
11	Torney Foundation/Saving Grace K9s	\$ 6,000
12	Servant Center Welcome Home Baskets	\$ 7,200
13	Horsepower Therapeutic Riding Center *	\$ 10,000
14	Arthur Casell Transitional Housing - B/R Renovations	\$ 15,000
15	Servant Center Construction Project	\$ 30,000
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 98,500</b>

\*2023 grant for Horsepower was presented 12/12/2022 during our Christmas Party.

Two new recipients for 2023 are Community Housing Solutions (Greensboro) and [Arthur Cassell Transitional Housing](#).

CHS ([www.chshousing.org](http://www.chshousing.org)) provides home repairs to qualifying families who are owner-occupants (some of whom are Veterans) of Guilford County homes and are below specific income levels. Repairs range from building handicap ramps to repairing/replacing roofs and converting bathrooms for use by handicapped individuals. MCL-260 is providing a grant of \$5,000 for CHS to build a ramp for a disabled Veteran in early 2023. Gene Brown, CHS President & Executive Director, will receive the check at our January meeting.

Arthur Cassell Memorial Transitional House Program, part of Open Door Ministries of High Point, serves up to 14 Veterans in four (4) cottages at 1022 True Lane, High Point. These previously homeless Vets are awaiting permanent housing assignments, through agencies such as The Servant Center and Partners Ending Homelessness. Rich Carrera, Jim Burgio, and George Orfanedes have met with Beth Waters, the Director, and reviewed the possible renovation of all four bathrooms.

One bathroom needs to be converted for use by handicapped persons. A roll-in shower, ADA sink and faucet, and a handicap toilet with safety bars are needed. The bathtubs in the other three bathrooms are to be replaced with walk-in showers (including safety bars), new sinks and faucets, and new toilets.

Gene Brown, from Community Housing Solutions, reviewed the facility and is working on a general material list so that we can estimate possible costs for the project. Rich Carrera, MCL-260's "Construction Guy," is also trying to find someone to provide an estimate of installation costs. Rich and George have approached Home Depot for possible materials donations, but not much progress has been made to-date. Once an actual materials list is available, they will re-visit HD, and also try Lowes Hardware.

## What is MCL-260 planning for an encore? (continued)

All of the other planned donations are to organizations that we have worked with before. The largest 2023 grant, \$30K, is for the Servant Center's Building project. MCL-260 members Brian Sowers, Rich Carrera, and Jim Burgio all serve on SC's Board of Directors, and have kept us up-to-date with SC's continuing efforts to fund and start the major renovations of the in-house medical facility. Updates will be provided at the monthly membership meeting.

### MCL-260 2023 Plans

MCL-260 2023 events are well into the planning stages.

Judy Brenner has volunteered again heading up the Reverse Draw, scheduled for April 29<sup>th</sup>. The Shriners' Club will be the location for this event. Bigger and better prizes are expected this year. Please let Judy know asap if you can volunteer to help with this event

Brian Sowers and Jim Burgio are again co-chairs of MCL-260's 2023 Military Charity Golf Tournament, which is scheduled for Thursday, October 5, 2023 at Bryan Park. Brian and Jim, along with Jim Hayes, George Orfanedes, XL Beard, Al Ruggiero, Mike Clark, and the rest of the Golf Committee are planning for the 2023's event to surpass last year's financial success!



## Gift Bags for the Servant Center

December 15th, Nancy Stotz, Ginny Bull, and Sue Orfanedes, with list in hand, went shopping for 21 Vets at the Servants Center and 17 men that live in the Glenwood/Haworth Houses, which provide permanent housing for eligible Veterans. With the help of Jim Burgio (earbuds) and George Orfanedes (stamps), these 3 ladies had everything purchased within 2 hours and returned to the Orfanedes home to "stuff" the bags.

Bags included: \$10 gift cards to Wendy's (within walking distance of Servant Center); Hard Candy; Notepad; pen; 5 forever stamps; earbuds; and a holiday ornament.



Nancy, Sue, Leah, Ginny

The girls adorned each bag with festive Christmas stickers and bows and carefully packed them with the newly purchased items. They loaded the gifts into cars and off they went like elves on a sleigh. Leah, at the Servant Center was waiting for the "special" delivery! The Servant Center's staff was very happy to receive MCL260's gift bags and assured the ladies that all bags would be distributed by Christmas, so every Veteran would receive at least one gift and know that their fellow Veterans of the MCL260 had not forgotten them at Christmas.



Nancy, Ginny, Sue

# SAVE THE DATE



2ND ANNUAL MCL260 REVERSE DRAW

SATURDAY APRIL 29TH 2023

GREENSBORO SHRINE CLUB

TICKETS AND SPONSORSHIPS ON SALE NOW

GOLD: \$2500. (4 tickets) RED: \$1500. (3 tickets) BLUE: \$500. (2 tickets)

TICKETS ARE \$50.00 PER PERSON (includes dinner and chance at \$3000.00)

Don't miss this night of fun and camaraderie !

See Judy or email [Jbre1049@aol.com](mailto:Jbre1049@aol.com) or [adjutantmcl260@gmail.com](mailto:adjutantmcl260@gmail.com) or call 336-402-2909 with the number of tickets you want to purchase and/or sell !!! Don't miss the Fun!

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1-21 *Brian Sowers*

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## CALENDAR

1/9 1730 Regular MCL260 Meeting Golden Corral, [4404 Landview Dr](#)

1/31 1730 Marine Night Out Kickback Jacks, [1605 Highwoods Blvd](#)

2/13 1730 Regular MCL260 Meeting Golden Corral, [4404 Landview Dr](#)

*"We've been looking for the enemy for some time now. We've finally found him. We're surrounded.*

*That simplifies things"*

*~ Lt. Gen. Chesty Puller*

## *Semper Fidelis!*

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