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The Grinder

"Leadership is not about being in charge, it is about taking care of those in your Charge."

Simon Sinek



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K-Ben Featured Speaker at March 13, Meeting



Come hear our featured speaker, K-Ben fought along side our troops during the Viet Nam conflict. She is the wife of our member and photographer Steve Nash. Her story is compelling. You don't want to miss a real live hero.

North Carolina Department Meeting Scheduled

The Spring Meeting of the Department will take place the weekend of March 11-12. It will be held in Fletcher which is very close to the Asheville Regional Airport. If you want to attend, go to the NC Department website of the Marine Corps League.



Commandant's Office Hours

Roger Stockton

Those Marines and Associates that missed the Feb. party at the Barn Dinner Theatre really missed a fun time. The food was very good and the entertainment was fantastic. There's rumor that this may become an annual affair. We recognized our squad leaders that have been doing an outstanding job this past year. I don't feel we recognize our members enough. They do such a great job throughout the year.

We have a very special meeting coming in March. One of our members' wife will be our speaker. **K-Ben** fought along side our men in Viet Nam and I am sure her talk will be entertaining, as well as informative.

Also, **Jack Marin** will be here to receive the check from the Wounded Warriors Golf Tournament for the Hope for the Warriors Foundation.

We have quite a few new members in the 260. I hope you make them feel welcome. They should be invited to help on our many projects we are currently working on. I understand we have been contacted by a group to start working on homes for our fellow Marines in need.

My year is coming to a close and elections will be in May. I know that the position of Jr. Vice Commandant will be open. We need to get some members to run for office. Let's get the campaigns started. I want to thank you all for the cards, phone calls, and prayers for me after I had my heart attack. I am making steady progress and hope to be up to par in a couple of weeks.

Semper Fidelis



Chaplain's Corner

Winston Shearin

I pray that each of you is enjoying the unseasonably warm weather we are experiencing this month. These warm days are oh so beautiful. The flowers are popping up and the trees are blossoming. All so very lovely, and maybe a little bit too early. Why would I say that? Well, many times we need the cold of Winter to appreciate the warmth of Spring. I've been doing some reading about fruit trees that I would like to plant and I see that many of them require a good cold snap to help them fruit. If things stay warm all year, you might think that would be good for plants, but some of them need the winter to toughen up and be ready for the

hard work of the growing season. Isn't that just like life? Remember those times that seemed to be too tough to endure, yet somehow we gutted through them and ended up on the other side? Remember boot camp, deployments, and long goodbyes? Those were the things that made the EGA, the homecomings, and the hello kiss all the sweeter. It's the cold times that help us appreciate the warm days of summer. Now, I don't wish the hardships of winter on any of us, but I know that those times come in our lives. What I do wish is that in the midst of those harsh seasons, you and I, standing together, might find the power that comes from persevering through them so that we may grow in wisdom and strength. Semper FI my friends! Chaps.

Marine Night at Triad Lanes

January 25, 2017



Valentine's Dinner Party at the Barn Dinner Theatre

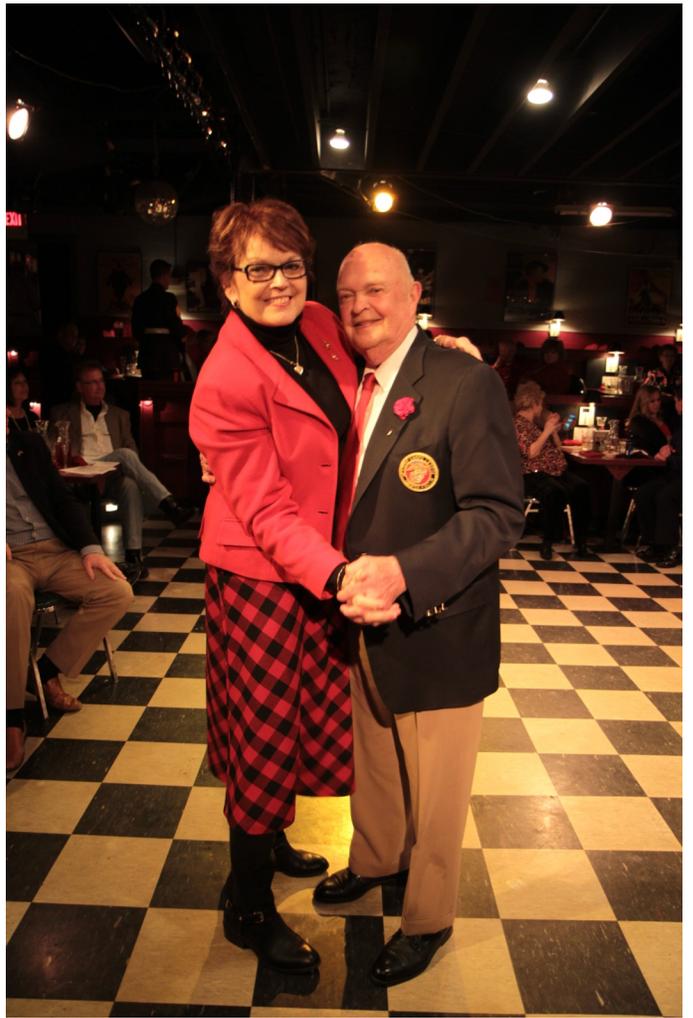
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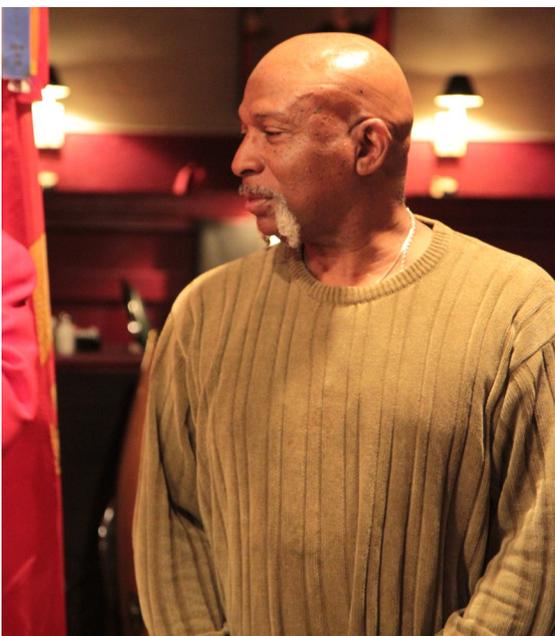








Comedian **Danny Jefferson** entertained us with his funny brand of humor



2016-17 Membership Drive.

We are pleased to welcome our 100th new member **Alex King**.

Foreign Accents

Supporting Hope for the Warriors, MCI 260 & Boy Scouts of America

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Parts & Accessories
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5361 W. Market St., Greensboro

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.

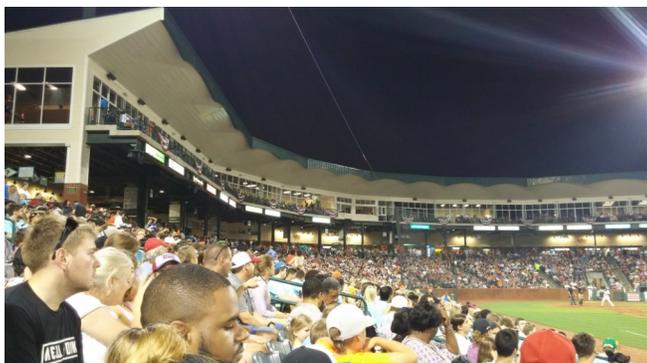
“ The U. S. Marine is a professional who stands ready to fight anytime, anywhere, any enemy that the President and Congress may designate and to do so coolly, capably, and in the spirit of professional detachment. He is not trained to hate, nor is he whipped up emotionally for battle or for any other duty the Corps may be called on to perform. Patriotism and professionalism are his only two 'isms.' “

Col Robert D. Heintz Jr. USMC (Ret) 1970

Bravery under extreme adversity, holding a bomb detonator between his teeth, Colonel John W. Ripley swung across the underside of the Dong Ha Bridge. For three hours, Col Ripley attached the explosives with one hand while gripping the bridge with the other. When finished, he returned to shore and destroyed the bridge, allowing his unit to hold off several thousand North Vietnamese forces. His courage and determination at the bridge earned him a Navy Cross and a place in Marine Corps history. Ripley demonstrated extraordinary courage throughout his 35-year career. By the time he retired, he had also earned the Silver Star, two Legion of Merit awards, two Bronze Stars with Combat "V," a Purple Heart and the Cross of Gallantry.

Col John W. Ripley 1972

Greensboro Grasshoppers Baseball Games



Beginning Friday, April 7, we will be manning the 3rd base concessions stand for the third year. Each of you are asked to sign up to help. Call **Chuck Stotz** to volunteer to work a Friday game. We work twice a month. **Tel. # 336-858-5153.**

HAPPENINGS

March 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 Vets Coffee Outback 8:30	10	11 NC Dept .Meeting, Fletcher, NC
12	13 REGULAR MEETING 5:30	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 MARINES NIGHT OUT TRIAD LANES	30	31	

UP COMING EVENTS

March 9, Veterans Coffee at Outback Steakhouse at Four Seasons Mall. Coffee and doughnuts are free. Come and meet other veterans. Starts at 8:30 a.m.

April 7, first 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.

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.