### National Convention

Now is the time to make plans for the Marine Corps League National Convention in beautiful Buffalo, New York. The dates are August 12 thru the 18th.

The convention hotel, the Hyatt Regency, is already sold out as is the Embassy Suites. The Holiday Inn Express is available and has sixty rooms being held for the MCL.

We held the convention here in 2008 and it was a huge success. If you have been, perhaps you should go to this one. Up-state New York is spectacular. The drive up I-81 is great and an easy drive.

### May Membership Meeting

The regular meeting of the League is Monday, May 14, at the Knight’s of Columbus Hall on Horse Pen Creek Road. Doors open at 5:30. Ham & Sweet Potato Dinner is served at 6:30. Business meeting and program follow dinner. A check will be presented to Jack Marin for Hope for the Warriors from the golf tournament.

### Election of Officers

Officers will be elected at the April 10, meeting. These include Commandant, Sr. Vice Commandant, Jr. Vice Commandant and Judge Advocate.

### Military Charity Golf Classic

The 11th edition of the detachment’s golf tournament will be here before we know it. Mark your calendar for October 5th. That is a Friday. It will be at Grandover Resort for the tenth time.

If you can find businesses to be sponsors or players to participate, let the committee know. The profits come mostly from the sponsors not the players. The players produce about $7500 after the payout to Grandover.

Ask how you can help make the tournament a success in 2018.
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Contact Alan Atwell: agatarheel@yahoo.com or 336-706-7675
COMMANDANT’S OFFICE HOURS
RICH CARRERA

Easter Blessing

It is our desire to see all members “in uniform” which is the case when you the Marines, Corpsmen and Friends of the Fighting 260:

The nominating committee will place into nomination those names who have indicated an interest in seeking a leadership role by running for office, and we appreciate all who are so inclined. If you have an interest, be sure that Chuck Stotz is aware and he will add you to be nominated.

We are about to wrap up our Belk’s fundraising event and the results are remarkable, as usual primarily due to our Squad Leader, Jr. Vice Commandant, Sharon Reddick. Sharon has been so diligent and dedicated to this effort and we are so grateful to her and her family for their support. Results will be announced as soon as they are available. We actually adjusted our budget because of the income produced by Sharon’s work. Thank you, Sharon.

Our efforts have been ongoing regarding putting these funds to work right here in our community. You will be told about what is being done and to whom at the next meeting. George Orfanedes is the Squad Leader of our Community Relations Committee, and his group are the ones who seek out worthy groups and individuals who are in need and are within the scope of the mission. If you know of a need, bring it to his attention and they will be considered. We are aware of many voids to be filled by caring organizations such as MCL 260, but some are beyond the parameters we can achieve, due to the enormity of some and also their eligibility. Our guidelines are: Marines, their families, veterans and that they be local. It is not possible, nor desirable, to try to “do it all”. Be mindful of the work done by your committee and be willing to step up when we ask you to do so. None of us are above doing the work at times. Remember, in one well known Eastern religious clan, “Before enlightenment, you chop wood and carry water, and after enlightenment, you chop wood and carry water”. A great lesson in humility for us all.

During this meeting, we will present the check to Hope for the Warriors, and announce other donations we have made.

Staff have agreed that we will assist all members and particularly all new members, to purchase a Marine Corps League cover by paying at least some of the cost. It is our desire to see all members “in uniform” which is the case when you wear the cover.

Semper Fidelis, and Warm regards, Rich

CHAPLAIN’S CORNER
BEN CRAVEN, CHAPLAIN

The world is full of mystery and beauty. And yet there is darkness for many.
We have an opportunity to shine a light into that darkness. Where there is hunger,
let's feed them, where there is a need for a friend, let's be one, and where there
is a need for leadership, let's lead.
Blessings to each one of you in the 260 for what you do.
Community Services Squad

April 19, 2018 Meeting Summary


ITEMS DISCUSSED: The meeting started off with a review of the authorized funding of $9,280 from the April MCL regular meeting. The following projects were allocated funding:

1. **Doors for The Servant Center** – Rob, Jim and George along with Rich and K-Ben Nash presented a check for $3,200 to Stacey Kyser for MCL260’s share for this project. The Jamestown Veterans Committee presented a matching check. The project will replace current plexi-glass panels with tempered glass plus the installation of electronics security locks for the three (3) external door in TSC’s main building. Steve Nash took pictures. Stacey will notify George when the work has been completed so that we can share that information with the MCL membership. We also discussed possible other TSC needs. Stacey said that they need cleaning items (mops, brooms, brushes, cleaning agents, etc.) for the veterans that are moving into apartments. This will require additional CSC funding which will be requested at the May 14th MCL meeting.

2. **2. Horsepower Therapeutic Riding** – With the $1,500 allocated to this project, Rob O’Hanlon will contact Jan at Horsepower to inform her of the grant. We will provide four (4) $300 scholarships for veterans to attend the therapeutic classes, plus $300 for a laptop computer.

3. **3. Women Veterans Dinner** - G. Orfanedes will contact Don Timmons to confirm our sponsorship of $500 for one (1) table at this event in June. Sharon will be attending.

4. **4. ROTC Project Funding** - Based upon the information that Jim had obtained, the Committee agreed to the following projects: NE ROTC - $1780 Equipment for Air Rifle Team and Page High School - $1300 Target Range Scoring Equipment and Software.

Other Discussions

A. **Presentation of Checks** The Committee will request all recipients to come to the May 14th MCL regular meeting for the presentation of the checks. Rob and Jim will coordinate this effort, along with the check presentation to Jack Marin, Hope for the Warriors.

B. **Partners Ending Homelessness: George reported that he had contact Debbie Baily, PEH Director, to see about providing “Welcome Home” baskets for newly housed Veterans. Debbie will let us know when we can help.

C. **Operation Inasmuch: George pointed out that this May 19th event is an opportunity to have some MCL volunteers work on this project in High Point. We would participate as part of Sue Orfanedes’ agency (Caring Services). Further details will be forthcoming.**

D. **Habitat for Humanity – George reported that at this time, they do not have any veteran specific projects planned.**

E. **Purple Heart Homes – No Info as K. Zimbro was not present.**
Jarheads

Ten (10) men and women are needed to help sustain all that we are doing. Get on the phone and call Bill Moss (336) 708-1988 or Sharon Reddick (336) 252-9253 with the names of prospects. They will follow up for you if you don’t want to do it yourself. How simple can it be?

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**RECRUIT NEW MEMBERS**

It is time to return the favor. Yes it is. The life blood of any organization is new and active members. Your detachment is wanting to recruit twenty new members this Spring. You probably know someone who is a Marine who would enjoy being involved in the 260, making new friendships, helping others thru our outreach programs and taking part in our many activities.

Give Sharon Reddick a call and she will help you recruit them.

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Community Service Squad Provides Gift Baskets

The Community Service Squad in conjunction with Partners Ending Homelessness delivered five gift baskets to Debbie Bailey for newly housed vets who were formerly homeless. PEH is an agency that is working to house all homeless veterans in Guilford County. On Tuesday, April 24, Jim Hayes and George Orfanedes purchased all of the items on a list for the “Welcome Home” baskets. Included in the baskets were pots and pans; dishes, cups and glasses; silverware, dish towels and potholders; paper towels and toilet paper; a broom and dustpan; laundry detergent and dish soap. All items were packed into two laundry baskets for each vet. They were delivered on April 27. Members of the 260 delivering the baskets were Bob Cavanaugh, Norma Cavanaugh, Jim Hayes and George Orfanedes.

Two sets were immediately delivered to a Marine and an Army vet, as they had just moved into their apartments. The three remaining basket sets would be delivered within the next few days.

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Pictured from left: Donna Dean-Aguayo of the Salvation Army, Jim Hayes, Norma Cavanaugh, Bob Cavanaugh, and George Orfanedes

Getting the baskets out to the car are Donna Dean-Aguayo & Jim Hayes

The car is brimming full and George only hopes he can close the back door.
Faces in the Crowd at the April Meeting

Acting Sgt. at Arms Bill Wood

New Member Bobby Wesley

Featured Speaker Dan Comia

Welcome Back to Bill Wood

Bruce Rutherford

Wallace Estes

Recruiting Sgt. Kilar

Ernie Karoly

Welcome Back to Bill Wood
NEW MEMBER UPDATE

Thru the concerted efforts of the Junior Vice Commandant, we are pleased to report the addition of 41 new members during this fiscal year. Sharon Reddick and a group of member finders have done a yeoman’s job. The new members will have their orientation and receive their welcome at this month’s meeting. Come out and greet your fellow Marines. We are pleased to give an update on our membership. As of 1 May we have 269 members. This does not include the people who will be sworn in at the May meeting.

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Life Time Regular Members - 49
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The mission of the Servant Center is to empower the homeless and disabled, particularly veterans, to become independent, contributing members of our community through housing, healthcare, and restorative services. They are located at 1312 Lexington avenue in the Glenwood community just south of UNCG. It began in 1991 as an Episcopal outreach program. The program was so successful that the Cone Health system contracted the group to keep providing the service.

Their Food Pantry was integrated in the late 90’s in order to address the need of those facing food insecurity in the Greensboro community and for the residents in The Servant Center’s transitional housing program.

The detachments involvement began recently with the addition of two new computers for their use. The latest effort is to replace the doors into the residential area with security doors so that the residents can feel secure in their environment.
Welcome New Member

Justin Nicholson attending Marine Night at Triad Lanes

Dylan Smith Earns His Eagle

Congratulations

X. L. Beard presenting the Marine Corps League Good Citizenship Award

Dylan & X.L.
Brothers Noah & Jonathan Weaver Receiving Eagle Awards

Rep. Jon Hardister Speaking at the Eagle Ceremony

X.L. Beard presenting the Good Citizenship Award to the brothers
Forty-four members and guests were in attendance.

Guests: Maxine Pruett, Col. Dan Comia (USA-ret.-guest speaker) and Tom O'Hanlon Navy Chief-brother of Member Rob O'Hanlon.

New Members: Tim Calhoun, George Grace Jr., Bobby Wesley.

George Orfanedes (Community Service Committee) presented a check from Foreign Accents (for Eagle Scout Scholarships). He reported paying for dental work for veterans through Caring Services.

Commandant, Rich Carrera, read thank you letters from Member Ginny Bull (flowers), donation from Charlotte Robbins (in honor of XL Beard, and family of John Tedder (deceased).

Roger Stockton received a plaque commemorating his service as past Commandant from 7/2016-6/2017.

George Orfanedes reported that the Jamestown Veterans Association and MLC 260 will share the cost of Servant Center door improvements. Rich Carrera clarified details of the glass replacement costs and improved security measures there. Sharon Reddick, Jr. Vice Commandant, reported the overwhelming success of our fund drive efforts at the Friendly Center Belk store.(Drive ending May 5th)

Motion (Bill Moss) approved to pay for a one page ad in the Winston-Salem MLC Detachment Program at the State Convention which they are hosting in June.

Our Guest speaker was Retired Army Colonel Dan Camia (see his bio. in April "Grinder"vol.5#9). Among his informative/entertaining exploits were the evacuation of over 400 women/children on his second Vietnam tour (earning him the Soldier's Medal for Heroism) as well as a brief encounter with Marine Lt. Col. Oliver North.

George Orfanedes (Community Service Squad) requested funds for Northeast High School shooting team equipment, Servant Center doors, a table at the Women's Veterans Conference, "Horsepower" Veterans Program, and baskets for the "Ending Homeless Project".(Motion approved by 260 Membership).

Jim Hayes, Sr. Vice Commandant, introduced an Infantry Battalion-like Table of Organization for the 260, designed to improve organization/communications for the Detachment.

Scott Mathews announced that he will have a table at the American Heroes event at the Carolina Field of Honor, May 19, 11:00 AM-2:00 PM (bands performing).

A sign-up sheet was available for CPR and defibrillator instruction May 19 and 26.

Returning 260 Members Bill Woods and Jerry Snyder were recognized.

Rusty Boaeuf thanked Members (especially Becky Tyree and George Orfanedes) for assistance for a homeless Marine.

Harry Thetford announced publication of his book on WWII Vets and its availability for a donation to "American Heroes", who helped fund the project.

XL Beard reminded us of his work with Don Timmons and the Hospice projects in their 4th year of honoring WWII and Korea Vets. This year's event will honor "Women Who Served"-Sunday June 10th. Benton Convention Center, 3:00 PM (with 82nd Airborne Choir, "Letters From Home, etc."). (Vets Coffee Thursday at the Outback Steakhouse, Four Seasons Mall.

Bill Moss introduced Sgt Kilar from Greensboro Marine Recruiting Center.

Jim Hayes announced that Jack Marin will attend our next meeting to accept our check to Hope for the Warriors and describe how they utilize our funds.

Greg Ross announced 5 new Young Marines and that the Greensboro Young Marines are providing color guards for the Greensboro "Sharks" Arena League football team. Fourteen nationally selected Young Marines will visit Bellau Wood in France this summer.

Veterans Resource Fair Saturday, April 28th Lewis Recreation Center, 3110 Forest Lawn Drive, Greensboro. 10:00 am-2:00 pm. (Congressman Mark Walker will attend.)

Respectfully submitted,
Jack Masarie, Adjutant, MCL 260