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

Simon Sinek

The following Marines have been nominated to serve a one year term for 2017-18.

Commandant: Rich Carrera
Is the current Senior Vice Commandant
Has also served as the Chaplain and as Junior Vice Commandant

Senior Vice Commandant: Jim Hayes
He is the current Junior Vice Commandant
Served as the General Chairman of the Hope for the Warriors Tournament in 2015 & 2016

Junior Vice Commandant: Wesley Fortman
New to Greensboro, he served as Junior Vice Commandant in Illinois. He is chair of volunteers at the Greensboro Grasshoppers games

Judge Advocate: Harold Turner
He is the current Judge Advocate. Has served as Junior Vice Commandant
Commandant’s Office Hours
Roger Stockton

As most of you know, our commandant, Roger Stockton, is in the hospital. Roger has had a setback as he developed a case of pneumonia and congestive heart failure. He will be going to rehab, or by the time you read this, will be in rehab to help him get stronger so that he can lead a productive life. I know you will want to say a prayer for him during this difficult time.

For the past month the detachment has been having difficulty getting people to volunteer on two fronts. The Belk Charity date is now complete and thanks to the supreme effort of Sharon Reddick and her crew, we have had an amazing fundraiser. At last count we were nearing the $7000 mark in donations. Please give a shout out to Sharon for all she has done for the detachment. The second problem is the ongoing work at the Greensboro Grasshopper games. We’ve had a lot of people say they were going to help; however, at the game two weeks ago we had only eleven members show up. It takes eighteen people to run the concessions stand. It is not hard work, it just takes some time every other Friday night. We don’t have any other projects going on that require your time, so please volunteer by calling Chuck Stotz. We work every other Friday at the ball park.

At our meeting this month we will be selecting the Marine and Associate of the Year. This is not a popularity contest. It is recognizing the person who has contributed so much to the ongoing success of the detachment. The only ineligible members are those who have been voted Marine of the Year previously. Put on you thinking cap and vote for who you think is most deserving of this honor.

For your commandant,
Alan Atwell, Junior Past Commandant

Chaplain’s Corner
Chaplain Winston Shearin

May is a special month. College students graduate, full of hope and aspirations, and dream about the promising days ahead. Celebrations punctuate the month. Somber days like the National Day of Prayer call us all to intercede for the blessings of our nation, and festive days like Cinco de Mayo, remind us that we are a nation composed of many different peoples and cultures. As the temperatures warm, gardens sprout up and at the end of the month comes the unofficial beginning of the summer season. Tucked away in the last weekend of May, however, is the sober holiday of Memorial Day. It is a time when those of us who have lost friends and loved-ones in the service of our country turn our thoughts to the sacrifices that freedom has demanded. For others, it is a day when our nation’s flag is hoisted and our honored military dead are remembered. For those who understand the day, we teach our youth that we must always remember the high price America has paid to be free. Certainly some will only see cookouts and bar-be-ques and will only laugh and welcome the lengthening days of summer, not fully understanding the power of the Memorial weekend. We however, will pause, and pray, and thank God for our honored dead, and resolve to always remember in order that their sacrifices will not have been in vain.

Semper Fi
Jim Burgio, Rob O’Hanlon, Hiawatha Clark, and Bill Moss had such a good time talking that they forgot to order their dinners.

Rich Carrera, Jim Hayes and Bob Cavanaugh enjoying some spirits and conversation.

Active Duty Marines rarely sit down, such is the case with Dustin McCormack

Scenes from April, 2017 Meeting
Knight’s of Columbus Hall

Charlea Reddick receives a Meritorious Commendation for her work on Belk Charity Days.

Tom Dayvault, speaker at our April meeting recounting his 1st year as a plebe at West Point.

MCL 260 Grasshopper Workers at the Ballpark

above: Tireless Workers
below: Waiting for Game Time

Alan Atwell looking gloomy as the rain brings the game to a halt.

Clint Eudy exuding pleasure at getting the order right. Yeah!!!
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Battle of Nassau - 1776

The first amphibious raid was conducted just weeks after banding together. The Continental Marines successfully executed their first landing on a hostile shore. The British had been storing large supplies of gunpowder at Fort Nassau in the Bahamas for use against the 13 colonies. Captain Samuel Nicholas and 234 Marines sailed with the Navy on a mission to capture the supply. Within minutes of their arrival, the British troops surrendered. They acquired gunpowder, cannons and other military stores.
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

May 5, Grasshoppers Ball Game - Fundraiser working the 3rd Base Concessions Stand
May 8, Detachment Meeting, Knight's of Columbus Hall. 5:30 p.m.; Dinner 6:30; Business 7:00
May 11, Veteran’s Coffee @ Outback Steakhouse, Four Seasons Mall 8:30 a.m. Everything is Free
May 19, Grasshoppers Ball Game - Fundraiser working the 3rd Base Concessions Stand
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.
Thursday, May 25, a ceremony with the NROTC at Southeast Guilford High School. All are invited to attend.
May 31, Marine Camaraderie Night @ Triad Lanes. 5:00 p.m. until. Bring a friend to our get together in the Triad Lanes restaurant.
In Memoriam

Paul Daniel Talbert, 84, passed away on March 29, 2017. Paul was a long time member of the 260. Funeral services were held April 1, 2017. Those in attendance at his funeral were Jack Connors, Virginia Bull, Jerry Snyder and Ralph Farthing. Active duty Marines handled the flag presentation to Paul’s Great Grandson. They also played taps.

Carolina Field of Honor

Rob O’Hanlon and Bill Moss with new plaques near the front entrance to the Memorial

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Minutes of April 10, 2017

44 members/guests in attendance

Bill Moss introduced guest speaker, Tom Dayvault, as a veteran, a humanitarian, and fellow recipient of the "NC Order of the Long Leaf Pine." Tom was also a key organizer in the planning and development of the Carolina Field of Honor.

He recalled his experiences as a West Point ’Plebe’. A naïve eighteen year old from Kannapolis, NC, intimidated by his lack of experience with calculus, suffering with mononucleosis, he received help from a retired Colonel and classmates; and joining the Academy lacrosse team, he survived his ordeals. Though he ”hated every day of it”, he ’appreciated every day, since.”

Guests included: Mike Dancart, Jeff Cullots, Ken Johnson, Tim Tickle, and a gentleman named Col. Quist, from Newport, RI.

Young Marine, Charleah Reddick (granddaughter of Sharon Reddick) was presented with a certificate of Meritorious Commendation for her work at the Belk's Charity fund raiser.

New members sworn in included: Fred Phillips (57-71) and Ken Johnson (68-93).

Commandant Roger Stockton announced officers' approval of expense reimbursement for MCL members attending state meeting June 2-3.

Substituting for Chaplain, Winston Shearin, Ben Craven, Asst. Chaplain explained that Chaplain Shearin was in Florida at a national competition with the drill team from his Jr. NROTC group from S.E. Guilford HS. The Chaplain invited 260 Members to attend May 25th ceremonies at the School. Alan Atwell has sent a letter to the Principal at NEGHS commending Chaplain Shearin's achievements there. Chuck Stotz suggested the Chaplain as a future guest speaker for the 260.

Belk’s Squad Leader, Sharon Reddick, thanked her volunteers for Belk's, and explained that our "presence" was of greater importance than our earnings.

Next month we will elect new officers. The candidates include:

Commandant: Rich Carrera
Sr. Vice Commandant: Jim Hayes
Jr. Vice Commandant: Wesley Fortman
Judge Advocate: Harold Turner

Rich Carrera reminded us of ticket sales for May 20th pancake breakfast.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Masarie
Adjutant