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ALMOST DONE!!

MCL-260 Community Services Squad member Rich Carrera recently reported that efforts to modernize Judy Brenner's bathroom are almost complete! This on-going project had run into several unforeseen obstacles like water leaks, each of which required additional oft-times innovative solutions by Rich and his Build team from Mt. Pisgah Church.

Judy's note says it all!

GENTLEMEN, JOB WELL DONE!

7-2026

MCL 260,

There are no words to express my gratitude to you for my "spa". Rich, Charles, Don, & Bill worked through yuk, damage, and challenges to build or renew my bathroom to give me independence and I am so grateful. Thank you all for facilitating this change for me. You are my heart!!

It's an uphill climb and has not played out in reality as it played out in my head, (Life seldom does) but I'm still climbing!!

With God's grace & much love,

Judy



Commandant's Quest

Robert Hare

Members of the Fighting 260,

I hope everyone has been staying indoors with all the heat and now all of the rain we have received. This is a perfect time to be conducting "buddy checks" on all of our members. Of course, we should be doing this regularly, but this summer has been unusually difficult.

We have also hit a season where we have a lot of members and/or their families with health issues. Please, keep them all in our thoughts and prayers.

I will be representing the Detachment at the National Convention in Indianapolis on the second week of August. Also, I will be participating in the MCL's first Veteran's Claims Clinic where any veteran, regardless of their League membership, will have an opportunity to sit down with not only a VSO, but with a VA disability claims team as well. At our September meeting, I will have VSO Representative forms for anyone that would like to have their claims started, reviewed, and/or appealed.

I believe we are going strong as we head into our 55th anniversary as a detachment. Bingo has been a huge success and we have been able to assist with the operating expenses and smaller community support while the golf tournament focuses on our larger support organizations. I can't be more proud of the accomplishments our members have achieved supporting not only our community, but across the state as well.

Finally, as a reminder, we are coming up on time memberships will soon expire. If you have not renewed your membership yet, please get with the Paymaster. In addition, I challenge you to get involved more in the detachment activities. That isn't always just attending the monthly meetings, but assist with the various events we have. One in particular is our annual Christmas Party. I will discuss more when I return from Indianapolis.



Semper Fi



Chaplain's Corner

Al Ruggiero



Fellow Marines,

In the past, I have asked for prayers for our country and our leaders. Today is no exception.

Over the past few years, our country has experienced a massive influx of people from other lands, some of whom may not share our nation's founding principles, our love of country, or our belief that America was established upon enduring Judeo-Christian values that recognize the God-given rights and freedoms of all people.

This nation was carved from a wilderness and sustained through the faith, courage, and sacrifice of those who founded it. The men who signed the Declaration of Independence understood that doing so could cost them their lives. Those same patriots went on to establish our Constitution, drawing upon timeless principles that have guided our nation for 250 years.

Today, many seek to reshape our nation's heritage and influence the direction of our government through elected and appointed positions at every level—from city halls to state legislatures and Congress. It is more important than ever that we remain vigilant in preserving the principles upon which our nation was founded.

My prayer is that we leave a safe, prosperous, and hopeful future for our children and grandchildren—a nation that is secure, clean, just, abundant with opportunity, and, above all, free to worship Almighty God without fear or judgment.

Therefore, we must seek leaders who will faithfully serve our country and our communities under God's guidance; leaders who honor our heritage and the legacy of our Founding Fathers. We need leaders who will stand for the Flag, kneel before the Cross, and never apologize for believing that America is the freest and most honorable nation in history!

We should also seek leaders who will protect our children and grandchildren, safeguard their well-being, and preserve the values we hold dear. Our children are among God's greatest gifts, and they deserve our love, our guidance, and our protection.

May God continue to bless America.

Al Ruggerio, Chaplain,
MCL-260



Prayer List:
Jim Birdwell and Family
Harold Turner and Family
Judy Brenner
All those deployed and defending our great Nation

August

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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9	10 X	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 X
23	24	25 X	26	27	28	29
30	31					

August 10th – Regular, monthly dinner meeting at the Golden Corral beginning at 17:30

August 22nd – Semper Bingo, Pinetop Neighborhood Resort in Gboro, doors open 17:00, Bingo starts 18:30

August 25th – Marine Night Out at Rody's Tavern. Lots of fun and great food! Come on out and bring a friend.



-Public service announcement brought to you by Jim Nehlsen,



GREATER GREENSBORO DETACHMENT 260

July Meeting Minutes



Meeting Started: 6:47

Attendance 25

Sgt, At Arms, led the pledge of allegiance.

Chaplin opened in prayer



Sgt At Arms declared the meeting open. Commandant Hare declared a quorum.

We had a guest who introduced herself, Pam Goetz, a former Marine and an army wife.

Meeting minutes from June were approved as presented in the Grinder.

Paymaster report given and approved as presented.

Senior vice had nothing to report.

Junior Vice provided his card to our guest. The golf tournament report was given for October 1, 2026. The SE Guilford HS Drill Team has been secured for the event.

Judge Advocate told a lawyer joke.

Chaplin welcomed the guest and discussed the prayer list. He reported on the bingo events as a success. He plans to run a slideshow of our active-duty pictures for the breaks between games or the dead air. Raised $6000 net from the bingo games.

CSS reported on the disbursement prepared for eagle scouts and triad honor flight. Looking at veteran farmers of NC near Fayetteville, where the operator trains vets to farm. We will also look at the ROTC groups in Guilford County.

Commandant Hare said he did not have any eagle scout requests for the summer.

Also mentioned that one of the Marines family was in Venezuela when the earthquake took her entire family. 'Toys for Tots' is right around the corner. Jim Hayes will be our liaison with I&I staff. Last year there were a lot of families needing Christmas gifts.

No requests for the Honor Guard this month.

Commandant also discussed the Marine for Life program and reported that Mike Clark will consider leading that project.

Next two Bingos scheduled for July 18 & 25th.



November 8, 2026- is the Birthday celebration. Rob O'Hanlan will secure the cake.

Secured two banners from another closed detachment, for 260. Planning now for the next flag raising on November 11, looking at hanging flyers at the friendly center businesses.

Question raised and discussed the zoo trip for the detachment and a trip to the marine corps museum at Quantico.

Good of the League: Call from John and Jim Rumley, with a recruit heading to Paris Island. Chaplain also talked about another recruit currently at Parris Island that could also use encouragement. Mike Clark recommended a letter or package campaign.

Judge Advocate lead the Marine Corps hymn.

Meeting adjourned at 7:31.

Marine State of Mind

- from Skipper Seawell

Being a Marine is a state of mind. It is an experience that some have likened more to a calling than a profession. Being a Marine is not a job – not a paycheck; it is not an occupational specialty. It is not male or female, majority or minority; nor is it a rank insignia. Stars, bars, or chevrons are only indicators of the responsibility or authority we hold at a given time. Rather, being a Marine comes the eagle, globe, and anchor that is tattooed on the soul of everyone who wears the Marine Corps uniform. It is a searing mark in our innermost being which comes after the right of passage through boot camp or other Officer Candidates School when a young man or woman is allowed for the first time to say, "I'm a United States Marine." And unlike physical or psychological scars, which, over time, tend to heal and fade in intensity, the eagle, globe, and anchor only grow more defined – more intense – the longer you are a Marine.

"Once a Marine, always a Marine." Semper Fi

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND OUR NEXT

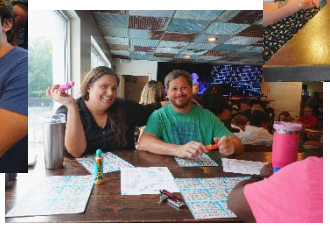


August 22nd

PINETOP NEIGHBORHOOD RESORT

PINETOP ROAD, GREENSBORO




BINGO BOOKS ($20 FOR 10 GAMES) GO ON SALE AT 6 PM

















19th Annual MCL-260 MILITARY CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

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EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Opening Ceremony with USMC Color Guard and ROTC Drill Team
- ✓ Each golfer to receive Tournament gift
- ✓ Box Lunch included
- ✓ Post-Tournament Presentation of Awards
- ✓ All Sponsors listed on www.mcl260.info after event

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