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19th Annual MCL-260 MILITARY CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

When: **Thursday, October 1, 2026 - 10 AM Shotgun Start**

Where: ***Players Course, Bryan Park***

Why: **Marines Helping Veterans of all Armed Services Branches in Our Community**

This year's event boasts $90K+ in sponsorships with at least 30 teams playing!!

Event Highlights Include:

- USMC Color Guard
- SE HS JROTC Drill Team
- Saving Grace K9/ veteran team
- Horsepower Therapeutic ambassador
- Tournament gifts
- Box Lunch
- Award Ceremony



Please join us for the day!

Opening ceremony begins promptly at ***9:15 AM***.



Commandant's Quest

Robert Hare

Marines, Sailors, and Associates of the Fighting 260,

Now that the National Convention is over, it's time to continue the mission of the Marine Corps League. I don't have much, if anything, to report on the convention. That's because I was involved with the 1st MCL Veterans Claims Clinic. During that week, we assisted over 300 Veterans with disability claims, appeals, and other benefits we have earned. It was a very humble experience being able to assist all those veterans.

At our next meeting, we will be presenting monetary awards to Grimsley High School AJROTC, and Reidsville High School MCJROTC. Please come and hear about all the amazing things those cadets have planned during the new school year. We will also be talking about an amazing opportunity our detachment has been given. The Greensboro Auto Auction will be placing a vehicle on the auction block, and all the proceeds will be given to us so that we can continue supporting the mission of the Fighting 260.

We are also going through some changes within our administrative duties. First, National has rolled out a new program for detachments, so that our Paymaster and/or Adjutant can file the necessary documents electronically, subsequently saving lots of man hours filling out paper documents then having them kicked back due to errors. This program solves all of that. You, as members, can even go into your own profile and update pertinent information, like change of address, phone numbers, and email addresses. Second, George Orfanedes and I had a conversation regarding our website. We have decided to build, update, and monitor the website ourselves. The new domain is going to be MCL-260.org. The .info domain will still be active until it expires, and until then, it will be linked to the new site once it's complete.

At the last detachment staff meeting, we discussed creating a Programs Committee to schedule various events, guest speakers at meetings, etc. The purpose is to create the excitement we once had and increase not only the attendance at our meetings, but additional members to participate in our functions. So, if you are interested in Chairing the committee, please reach out.

Finally, I'm excited about a lot of ideas the Board has discussed regarding the future of our detachment legacy. Keep moving forward and invest in the younger generation so that they can carry on after we are no longer able.



Semper Fi



Chaplain's Corner

Al Ruggiero



Fellow Marines,

As we turn the page on summer and its warm-weather activities, we can now look forward to our children and grandchildren heading off for another year of school and college. It is both awesome and amazing to watch these wonderful gifts from God continue their journey of learning, growing, and hopefully building better lives for themselves.

I will pray for them every day, for they are among our most valued treasures. I will stand by them, guide them, and lead them whenever and however I may be needed. I will love and support them at any cost. But, most importantly, I am happy they are back in school so that all of us grandparents can finally get a little peace and quiet!

We can hardly enter September without pausing to remember and honor those who lost their lives in the horrific terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001—25 years ago. Even after all these years, that terrible day remains crystal clear in my memory.

I tip my hat and salute those who gave all. I cannot imagine the terror and suffering those innocent people endured. May the Lord God bless and keep them, comfort their families, and help ensure that we, as a nation, **never forget.**

Let us also remember those who have lost their lives and homes to devastating floods in Texas and the North Carolina mountains. Entire communities have suffered tremendous loss. The news cameras may be gone, but the families and communities affected by these disasters still need our help, our compassion, and our prayers.

May God bless those in need, our Marines and their families, all of our troops, deployed and stateside and their families, and may God continue to bless and guide our great Country and its Leaders.

Al Ruggerio,
Chaplain,
MCL-260

Prayer List:

Two very special Marines need our prayers but have requested privacy; K. Ben & Steve Nash

Continue to pray for Dan Cross, Jenny Bull, Judy Brenner, Matthew Marrion, the Turner family, the Birdwell family, the Reddick family and as always, our Country and leaders!

September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 X
13	14 X	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 X
27	28	29 X	30			

September 12th – Semper Bingo, Pinetop Neighborhood Resort in Gboro, doors open 17:00, Bingo starts 18:30

September 14th – Regular, monthly dinner meeting at the Golden Corral beginning at 17:30

September 26th – Semper Bingo, Pinetop Neighborhood Resort in Gboro, doors open 17:00, Bingo starts 18:30

September 29th – Marine Night Out at Rody's Tavern. Lots of fun and great food! Come on out and bring a friend



PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND OUR NEXT

September 12th

BINGO

3723 PINETOP ROAD,
GREENSBORO

$20 for 10 games



BINGO BOOKS GO ON SALE AT 5:30 PM

GREATER GREENSBORO DETACHMENT 260

August Meeting Minutes

Meeting Started: 6:35

Attendance 23

Sgt. At Arms, posted colors and led the pledge of allegiance.

Chaplin opened in prayer.

Junior Vice, Brian Sowers served as acting Commandant in Robert Hare's absence.

Treasurer's report provided by George Orfanedes. He then gave the Community Services Squad (CSS) report. Provided "Welcome Home" baskets. Sue, Nancy and George assembled 12 baskets at $150 each. Each basket contained supplies to clean and maintain a home. This is the third basket drive this year and they anticipate one more for a total of 50 baskets total for the year. Additionally, next Tuesday, August 18 the CSS will deliver 10 queen size mattresses and bedding for the 20 single beds established for the medical respite care at the Servant Center.

Junior Vice provided his report on the golf tournament. Up to $85,000 so far and running out of space for teams, at 31. Regarding the Servant Center, as of last week, they have accepted three medical respite patients, for homeless. The first patient is Tammy who had been in the hospital for 900+ days. Cone Hospital has asked to provide Tammy's story with the Board of Directors. The detachment has contributed well-over $100,00 over the years in addition to the supplies provided.

Sgt. At Arms had no report.

Judge Advocate did not have a report (or a joke).

Chaplin asked Rob O'Hanlan to provide an update on K'ben Nash. Chaplain also reported on Dan Cross status as well as the Birdwell family. Please keep all on the prayer list in mind. Cards were passed around for signatures. Alan Atwell reported on Betty's recovery, she is doing so much better since her hospital stay.

Thank you for BINGO crew and support. Next BINGO scheduled for August 29. Financial report updated by George to reflect balance in BINGO, for a gross gain of ~$10,000.

Rob O'Hanlan presented Mike Clark with his star for 20 Honor Guard details. Reminder to all to send funeral shoot requests through I & I.

Eagle Scout, Lance Carter, in attendance with his mother Allison Carter, was presented a scholarship of $5,000.

Additional Business: Mike Clark requested motions to accept and approve the minutes as presented in the Grinder, motion made, seconded and approved. The same was requested for the Paymaster's report, so moved and approved.

Sgt. At Arms retired the colors.

Chaplain closed the meeting in prayer.

Alan Atwell led the Marine Corps hymn.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15





BIG NEWS for the fighting 260



Coming in November, the Greensboro Auto Auction will donate the funds raised through their Classic Car's charity auction to the Marine Corps League 260! The 2003 Hummer H2, seen here, will be the vehicle auctioned. It may even get a new patriotic wrap for the event. Thanks to Rob O'Hanlan for putting the detachment forward for consideration and for George and the leadership team for quickly putting together all the required information and the highlight reel of 260's accomplishments, making this possible. Mark your calendar for ***Saturday, November 7th*** and join your fellow Marines for the event.

SEMPER FI BINGO KEEPS GROWING AND GOING!

So far, Semper Fi Bingo has been a great success and seems to be growing! At almost every event, we meet new bingo enthusiasts and people who are interested in supporting Veterans.

MASTER Bingo Caller Al Ruggerio and his two helpers, Brian Sowers and Keith Ingold, are all doing a great job keeping everyone happy and the games moving along! Thanks to the Hares and the Orfanedes for taking turns manning the Front Desk, making sure that everyone has bingo books and the right-color daubers.

Our Fall schedule (all on Saturdays) is as follows:

September 12	September 26
October 10	October 17
November 7	November 14











