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MCL-260 IS GOING TO THE CAR AUCTION!

Through the efforts of Rob O'Hanlon, MCL-260 has been invited to participate in a special charity auction at

GAA Classic Cars at the Palace in Greensboro!

On **Saturday, November 7, 2026**, at approximately 11:00 AM, a donated **2003 Hummer H3** will be auctioned to the highest bidder—with the TOTAL proceeds from the auction being donated to MCL-260!

Prior to the auction, we will have an opportunity to tell the audience about MCL-260, our Community Services programs, and our continuing efforts to support local Veterans and Veterans organizations. Our recently created 2-minute MCL-260 Community Services video will be shown, with Commandant Robert Hare providing the narration.

This is a wonderful opportunity to showcase MCL-260, recognize the work of the Detachment, and introduce a new audience to the many ways we serve Veterans throughout our community!

WANT TO ATTEND?

If **YOU** would like to attend this special event, please **contact Robert Hare or Rob O'Hanlon as soon as possible** so your name can be added to the MCL-260 Guest L

EVENT DETAILS

Saturday, November 7, 2026

Please arrive by approximately 10:30 AM



GAA Classic Cars
301 Norwalk Street
Greensboro, NC

COME OUT AND SUPPORT MCL-260 AS WE TAKE THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE MISSION TO THE AUCTION FLOOR!



Commandant's Quest

Robert Hare

Marines, Sailors, & Associates of the Fighting 260,

The 19th Annual Charity Golf Tournament is now in the history books. Great job to the golf committee for the hard work, and to all of the volunteers who made the day go smoothly. If the calculations are correct, we will gross over $100k again. Once the smoke clears, the bills are paid, and members are rested, we will know how much of that we can give back to the community. Next year is our 20th year; I hope the committee makes this milestone a tournament to remember.

We are getting ready to enter into our next big event – Toys for Tots. Every year, we assist the Marine Corps I&I staff at the warehouse, delivering boxes and picking up toys across 2 counties. In order for this to be a huge success, we need every able body to step up and assist. I am hoping that we can get some table locations scheduled while the Marines are busy getting the families coordinated. In addition, I will be contacting Ward Black Law to see if they would like some assistance with their event as well. With the economy the way it is currently, I'm sure there will be more families than ever trying to have a great Christmas for their children. I am also asking that we continue to adopt a veteran family as we have done for the last 5 years.

The 2026 Marine of the Year (MOY) & Associate of the Year (AOY) nominations are officially open. I have created the Detachment MOY/AOY Society, of which all previous recipients are members. Instead of sending your nomination to the Commandant, it will now be sent to the Society Chair. The Society members will review the nominations and select the 2026 MOY/AOY that will be presented at our Christmas Party in December. All levels of the League select in this manner, and it works really well.

Finally, we have a new Paymaster! I will make the official identification of who it is at the meeting.

Semper Fi



Chaplain's Corner

Al Ruggiero



Fellow Marines,

Please keep all our Service members around the world in your prayers. This month has been incredibly busy for our own Chaplain, Al Ruggiero, so let's keep him and Anne in our prayers as they continue to make progress on renovations at their home!

Prayer List:

K. Ben & Steve Nash

Dan Cross

Jenny Bull

Judy Brenner

Matthew Marrion

Ann and Mike Sankewitsch

The Turner family

The Birdwell family

The Reddick family

and, as always, our Country and leaders!



The NC Zoo announces the opening of 'ASIA'!

March 1, 2027, our friends at the zoo will open the doors for its new, 12.5-acre exhibit. I will begin coordinating the Marine's Day Out for early in the Spring of next year…Stay Tuned!

FLAGPOLE DEDICATION FOR LENNY YOUNGBLOOD, USMC

The dedication was held on October 8, 2026 at the new Kernersville McDonalds at 1020 North Main Street. Harry and Cindy Youngblood, along with multiple friends, family, local dignitaries and MCL-260 members were in attendance to honor the memory of Sergeant Lenny Youngblood, USMC.

Sgt. Youngblood enlisted in 2005, served two (2) tours in Iraq and two (2) tours in Afghanistan. He was injured in an IED blast, retiring from the Corps in 2011. He passed away in September 2016.



Afte the dedication service, Ken Vanhoy handled the raising of the flag.

The Youngbloods presented this Shadowbox with Sgt. Youngblood's picture and his Marine memorabilia for permanent display inside the store.

MCL-260's Honor Guard presented Honors, with HG Member and resident US Navy Seal Steve Nash rendering Taps.



The Honor Guard consisted of Mike Clark, Rob O'Hanlon, Harry Youngblood, and Charles Jones, with Jim Hayes in command.

In addition to the Honor Guard, the following MCL-260 Regular/Associate members were in attendance: Ken Vanhoy, K-Ben Nash, RV Wakefield, and George Orfanedes.



COMMUNITY SERVICES SQUAD ACTIVITIES

Our major efforts during September and early October have involved the JROTC units at area high schools.

Reidsville HS : The Marine JROTC unit under the command of Major Adolfo Torres (ret) received a grant of $1,400. This will be used to fund several activities (Shooting Team, Military Museum visit) for the cadets. An important point: Major Torres is our only JROTC instructor that participates in MCL-260 events. His most recent effort was on October 1st, where he helped at the Golf Tournament's Registration Table.

Grimsley HS: SFC Duane Robinson, JROTC Instructor for Grimsley High School (Greensboro) submitted a request for $2,100 to purchase 144 Battalion T-shirts for the cadets. These shirts would allow the Cadets to proudly represent Grimsley High School, their JROTC Battalion, and themselves while participating in community service events and other activities throughout the year. Mr. Robinson attended our September meeting where Commandant Hare presented the check.

SE Guilford HS: First Sargent Hillard requested financial support for the NJROTC unit's upcoming regional Drill Meet on October 24th. The competition will host 14 JROTC units from across the region. The grant request was for $2,000 to help cover the cost of awards purchased for the winning drill teams.

FS Hillard informed us that in appreciation of our support, our Detachment will be formally recognized as an official event sponsor in all competition materials and announcements at the meet.

The check was presented on October 1st at the Golf Tournament



The NJROTC Unit's Drill Team has performed at several MCL-260 Golf Tournaments, including on October 1st. It should be noted that the NJROTC Lady Cadets, after completing an outstanding silent drill routine, stepped up at Sgt Hillard's command to sing our National Anthem, after our planned music did not work out.

As their voices faded away, everyone cheered, not only for our National Anthem, but also for appreciation of what these young people represent!

October

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 X
11	12  X	13	14	15	16	17 X
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 X	28	29	30	31 

October 10th – Semper Bingo, Pinetop Neighborhood Resort in Gboro, doors open 17:00, Bingo starts 18:30

October 12th – Regular, monthly dinner meeting at the Golden Corral beginning at 17:30

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

October 27th – Marine Night Out at Rody's Tavern. Lots of fun and great food! Come on out and bring a friend

Detachment 260

Christmas Party

December 14, 2026

Woodland Hall, Triad Park

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND OUR NEXT

October 17th

3723 PINETOP ROAD, GREENSBORO

$20 for 10 games

BINGO



BINGO BOOKS GO ON SALE AT 5:30 PM

GREATER GREENSBORO DETACHMENT 260

September Meeting Minutes

Meeting Started: 6:47 pm Attendance 29

Sgt. At Arms led the Pledge of Allegiance. Rich Carrera opened in prayer.

Commandant Hare opened with award presentations to the Reidsville MCJROTC Major Torres, and the Grimsley AJROTC with SFC (Ret) Duane Robinson.

Sgt. At Arms called the meeting to order and declared a quorum, with Jr. Vice and Chaplin excused.

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

Paymaster report given and approved as presented.

Judge Advocate delivered a lawyer joke.

George Orfanedes presented the CSS Report: flowers to the servant center lady, SE HS had a request for funds, and Toys for Tots recruiting for this year.

Rob O. reported on the Greensboro Auto Auction auctioning off a Humvee on November 7. MCL 260 friends are encouraged to attend that morning.

Jim Hayes reported on the Golf Tournament: thirty-three teams and $93K in pledged funds, with $58K collected. He also updated us on this year's TFTs plans with I&I. Lastly, Page HS Gunnery Sgt. Contacted CSS for assistance for an organization providing support for underserved teens.

Commandant Hare presented on BINGO: $ 11,652 raised with a net of $10,083. He then presented a check for $4000 to the league. George Orfanedes accepted the check and then talked about a $500 donation on behalf/ in memory of Barbara Hayes.

Dates: October 1 is the Golf Tournament, November 7th is the auto auction, November 8, is the Birthday celebration, Military appreciation week at the NC Zoo is November 7 – 12.

Commandant Hare talked about the decision by the Leadership team to host a table at the VA in Kernersville. He also discussed George Orfanedes stepping down from Paymaster, mail chimp, and all duties except the CSS Chair. Lastly, discussion of the advantages of the new website. The new domain is going to be MCL-260.org, with the link to the old domain name embedded.

Good of the League: Commandant discussed the National Convention and the VSO veteran's clinic he manned the entire event. Harold Turner thanked and honored the league for supporting him through the loss of his wife. Rob O'Hanlan discussed the program with the Servant Center to provide job placement assistance. He also mentioned the thirty shots for the honor guard. Mike Clark mentioned the donations at Pisgah Church. Kernersville McDonald's will be holding a grand opening with the 260 Honor Guard on behalf of Lenny Youngblood.

Sgt. At Arms retired the colors. Chaplin Closed the meeting in prayer.

Sgt. At Arms declared the meeting adjourned. Meeting ended at 7:58

The 19th Annual GOLF Fundraiser was another resounding success!



Thanks to our highly effective golf committee (George, Jim Hayes, Jim Burgio, and Al) and the wonderful volunteers who helped along the way, the event went off without a hitch (mostly) and had the best weather! MCL 260 brought in over $95,000 and after expenses, should net around $80K to distribute to worthy organizations and individuals. More to come on that part soon! Thanks to all our sponsors and members of the detachment for continuing our amazing efforts to help those in need. ***Semper Fi, Brian Sowers***



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:

October 10	October 17
November 7	November 14











