



THE GRINDER

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Featured Speaker—Major Mike Linnane, U.S. Army

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We are pleased to have as our guest speaker, Major Mike Linnane, U.S. Army Green Beret, Viet Nam veteran and leader of Special Forces Team A244 in 1969 during the Battle of Ben Het in the Central Highlands. His story is one of dogged determination and bravery by a small group of our Army brothers against the NVA. This should be an outstanding program that you won't want to miss.

Installation of Officers

At the June 9, meeting the new officers were installed by Senior Past Commandant Scott Matthews. Those installed were: Alan Atwell, Commandant, Roger Stockton, Senior Vice Commandant, Harold Turner, Junior Vice Commandant, Jack Masarie, Adjutant, Chuck Stotz, Judge Advocate, Ken Cobleigh, Chaplain, Gerald Peek, Sgt-at-Arms, George Orfanedes, Paymaster, Rich Carrera, Asst. Chaplain, and Ralph Farthing, Junior Past Commandant.



Commandant's Office Hours

I want to thank all of you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your commandant for the coming year. Everyone has expectations of the leadership and we need to know what you are thinking as none of us are mind readers. With any organization there are always issues and we are not without our own. Your officer corps is already on the job and getting things done. My hope is that you will support them and participate in the activities of the detachment.

We now have a **Finance Squad, Fundraising Squad, WWGT Squad, Eagle Scout Awards Squad and a Social Squad**, and the **Wyndham Golf Squad**. Each of these groups has met or will in the next week or two. We need to develop a squad that will address Marines' needs. Thru the Finance Squad we must find ways to apply for grants as needs arise. Having someone with a grant writing experience would be very helpful.

The motto "**Marines Helping Marines**" needs to be taken seriously. An app is being established in Greensboro that will give detailed information on how to help Marines in distress. It should be forthcoming in a few weeks.

The greatest needs that we have now are our finances, getting dues up-to-date for our members, and attendance at our Monday meetings. They all go hand in hand. Please check the expiration date on your membership card. If your membership has expired, talk with George Orfanedes and if you haven't paid your dues, please do so.

Again, many thanks for the chance to be your leader this year. Please support me and encourage me along the way. Failure of the detachment is not an option.

Semper Fidelis,
Alan Atwell

1st Annual Marine Corps League Family Picnic

Saturday, August 23, we are having our first summer MCL picnic. It will be held at Shelter #6 next to the Carolina Field of Honor in Kernersville. Chow time is 12:30 so come any time after 11:30. Burgers, hot dogs, buns, and utensils will be provided. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish to share and your own beverage. All family members are invited. RSVP to Nancy Stotz to let her know how many are coming. 336-307-3139

2nd Annual Yard Sale

Attention all Marines and Associates. Our MCL Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, July 26, at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Horse Pen Creek Road. Hours of operation are **6:30 a.m. until** we sell out or all the customers have gone home.

We need two things from our members. **First** we need your help with donations of household items, good furniture, clothing, games, Christmas items, automobiles, etc. **Second**, we need your help in pricing goods the day before and getting everything from Filtration Technology on Pomona Drive over to the Hall the day before.

Please don't bring items the day of the Yard Sale. We won't have time to sort and price.

Presentation of the Order of the Long Leaf Pine by Governor Pat McCrory at the Carolina Field of Honor Dedication



Taps & Sick Call

We regret the passing of Jeanne Wilkerson, wife of Major General Lloyd Wilkerson Ret., on Sunday, June 22. A Memorial Service for her was held at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 2105 West Market St. on Tuesday, July 8. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

Finance Squad Has First Meeting

The first meeting of the Finance Squad was held on June 16. Jim Birdwell was elected chairman. Other members are Ben Craven, Bob Shelton, Bob Cavanaugh and George Orfanedes, Ex Officio. They discussed current income and expenses, shortfalls (poor WWGT receipts) and no 5K race, procedure for presenting 2014-2015 budget to membership. A moratorium on non-essential expenditures until next budget is approved. At the time of this writing, the next meeting will be held on June 30.

Boy Scout Scholarships to be Presented in July

The Eagle Scout Scholarship Squad met on June 16, and selected four Eagle Scouts as recipients of \$500 scholarships. There were twelve applicants to choose from. The following young men were the award winners: Trevor Gamache, Jacob Lewis, Joshua Spain, and Osburne Randolph, III. The squad is headed by Ron Boylston. The other members are Jim Hayes Scott Matthews, Ron Medder, Becky Tyree and George Orfanedes, Ex Officio. The Eagle Scouts and their parents will be at our July meeting where they will receive their scholarships.

Marines Invade Ramada In Burlington

The annual Department of North Carolina MCL gathering was held in Burlington, June 6-9. Attending the meetings were Ralph and June Farthing, Chuck Stotz, Steve Winsett, Alan Atwell, and Jack Masarie. Ralph is the Sgt. at Arms and the busiest Marine there. A theme was honoring the Navy Corpsmen who served Marines in combat theatres. NC Asst. Sec. for Veterans Affairs, Ilerio Connaugh, spoke regarding plans to

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Continued from page 3 revamp/repair the State Agency. The 260 received a gold streamer for perfect attendance at quarterly meetings. After a voice vote, \$2500 from a discontinued program, was given to W.W.Bn East, “Gunny Claus” and to the Navy Corpsmen Memorial. Department Commandant Greg Hunt recognized two

members of the 260 for their scores in recent competition. Michael Johnson for 1st place with the rifle and Daniel Hecht for 2nd place in pistol.

In elections all of the current officers were reelected after a challenge for the position of Department Commandant.

Our own Steve Winsett, “Gunny Claus” gave a lengthy presentation on the ongoing program. Perhaps that is why the pizza was cool when we got to lunch. More of our members should attend these meetings to learn about MCL and to participate in state and national activities. Jack Masarie

MINUTES OF JUNE 9TH MEETING
JACK MASARIE, ADJUTANT

Fifty-seven members and guests were present at the meeting

Ralph Farthing read a thank you note from the Wheels for Hope recipient Kevin Lewis. The organization refurbishes cars and makes them available to needy veterans at a very modest cost to them.

Keith Zimbardo accepted plaques from the Department of NC for the shooting of Michael Johnson (1st place rifle) and Daniel Hecht (2nd place pistol) at a recent rifle and pistol competition.

The program was given by Jim Purdy. He was a Navy radioman, ordained minister,

pastor to a local congregation and former chaplain at Moses Cone Hospital. He spoke about the Adult Center for Enrichment. Their e-mail address is www.acecare.org

Ralph Farthing thanked the 260 for the honor of serving as Commandant last year.. He pledged his continued support in the future.

Chaplain Ken Cobleigh reported on the deaths of Mickey Burchfield and Jim Burgio, Sr. father of member Jim Burgio, Jr.

Clyde Dungee thanked everyone for helping with the Memorial Day flag raising ceremony. He described how the new method of finding the “pole holes” came about. He also asked

us to look into putting permanent flags along the road at the Carolina Field of Honor. The next flag raising is July 4th.

Nancy Stotz promoted the picnic planned for August 30, at the C.F.H.

Ron Boylston and Ron Medder said that we had 12 applications for the four Eagle Scout scholarships awards. We are giving out four @ \$500 each. \$1000 came from outside contributions.