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**Gunnery Sgt. Carlos Hathcock**

**This sniper crawled nearly 2 miles to kill just one enemy General.**

Gunnery Sgt. Carlos Hathcock is a legend of Marine Corps history. One of the most lethal snipers in history, he even repeatedly succeeded in killing snipers sent to hunt him. In one of his last missions on a tour in Vietnam, he crawled nearly two miles to kill a Vietnamese General and escape. When the mission came down, he didn't have all the details but he knew tough missions at the end of a tour were a recipe for disaster. Rather than send one of his men, he volunteered for the mission himself.

"Normally, when you take on a mission like that, when you're that short, you forget everything," Hathcock said in an interview. "Ya know, tactics, the whole ball of wax, and you end up dead. And, I did not want none of my people dead, and so I took the mission on myself." Hathcock was flown towards the objective, but was dropped well short of the target so he wouldn't be given away. He made his way to a tree line, but still had 1,500 yards to move from the tree line to his final firing position. So, he started crawling.

"I went to my side. I didn't go flat on my belly, because I made a bigger slug trail when I was on

my belly. I moved on my side, pretty minutely, very minutely. I knew I had a long ways to go, didn't want to tire myself out too much."

As he crawled, he was nearly discovered multiple times by enemy soldiers.

"Patrols were within arm's reach of me. I could've tripped the majority, some of them. They didn't even know I was there."

The complacency of the patrol allowed Hathcock to get 700 yards from his target.

"They didn't expect a one-man attack. They didn't expect that. And I knew, from the first time when they came lolly-gagging past me, that I had it made."

The talented sniper made his way up to his firing position, avoiding patrols the whole way and slipping between machine gun nests without being detected.

He arrived at his firing position and set up for his shot.

"Seen all the guys running around that morning, and I dumped the bad guy."



Hathcock took his shot and punched right through the chest of the General he was targeting. At that moment, he proved the brilliance of firing from grass instead of from the trees.

"When I made the shot, everybody run the opposite direction because that's where the trees were," he said. "That's where the trees were. It flashed in my mind, 'Hey, you might have something here.'"

Per his escape plan, Hathcock crawled to a nearby ditch and crawled his way back out of the field. For the first time in four days, he was able to walk.

"So, I went to that ditch, little gully, and made it to the tree line, and about passed out when I stood up to get a little bit better speed."

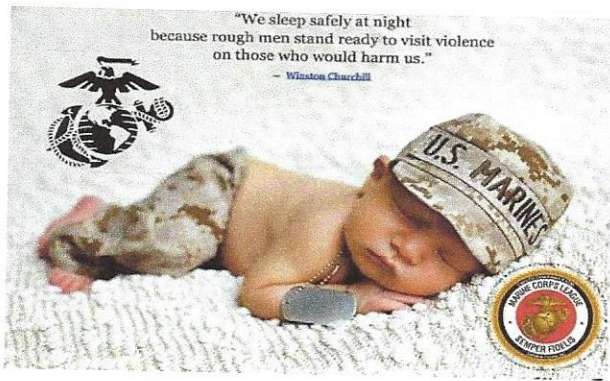
# Good of the League



19 JAN 2019 - Military Order of the Devil Dogs, Jesse O. Price Pound 210, NC Pack held a Winter Growl in Cary, North Carolina hosted by the Marine Corps League Tar Heel Detachment 733.

Besides our normal fundraiser for the Children's Hospital that we do every single year and donate on a national level which we are still doing this year, but as Devil Dogs, we also previously started another one where we donate supplies to the local animal shelter in the community where our Growls are held, four different locations per year. We collected 268 lbs of dog food, 109 lbs of cat litter, and 16 lbs of cat food. Woof-Woof!

PDD Rice (left) is accepting the award from Pound Keeper PDD Rick Thomason (right) which reads: Pound Dog of the Year is presented to Lewis W. Rice III for dedication and signal distinction to the Country, Community and The Military Order of the Devil Dogs for Outstanding service to the Pound. Awarded 06 OCT 2018, Presented 19 JAN 2019. PDD Rice also was presented with a Pound Keeper's Meritorious Commendation which reads: In appreciation and gratitude for meritorious service in the interest Of the United States of America, the United States Marine Corps, the Marine Corps League, and the Military Order of the Devil Dogs. Awarded 06 OCT 2018, Presented 19 JAN 2019.



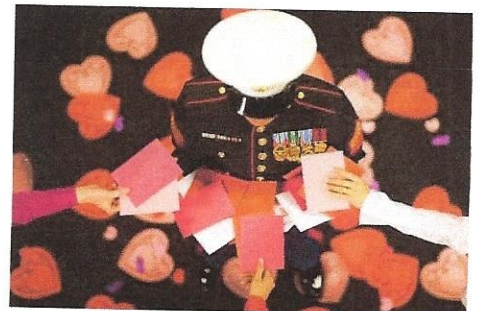
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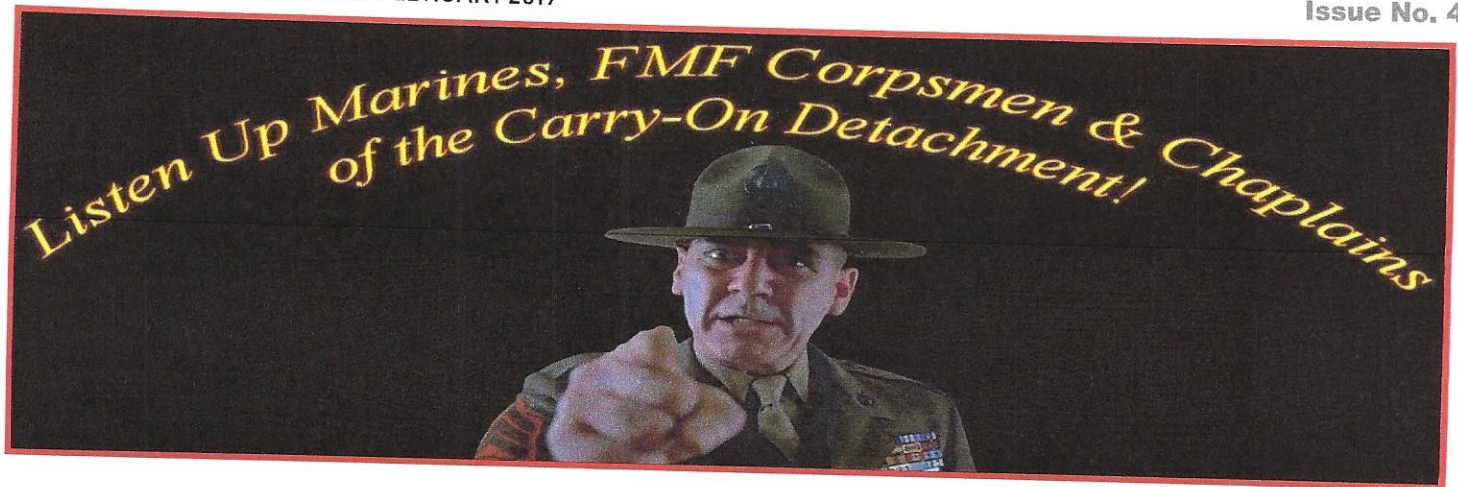
## 2019 MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

February 28- March 2, 2019  
 Fredericksburg, Virginia  
 Fredericksburg Hospitality House Hotel & Conference Center

Guests may call (540) 786-8321 to book their reservations. Be sure to mention the Marine Corps League to get the group rate of \$99 per night plus tax. Reservations can be made now.

Happy Valentines Day Marines.





### Greetings Fellow Marines,

As we enter the second month of 2019, and look at what is happening around the world, we realize that this world we live in is still in a big mess. In the past month, we lost several of our fellow Marines to suicide bombers and other acts of war in a far off land. I believe that we here in the United States take a lot for granted. I know that Veterans Day is in November, Memorial day is in May, and Independence day is in July, but we as Marines, should remember our fallen brothers and sisters each and every day. If it was not for the bravery and sacrifices of these men and women in uniform, we would not enjoy the things we take for granted. Someone once said it is the Veteran, not the reporter, who has given us freedom of the press; It is the Veteran, not the poet, who has given us freedom of speech. It is the Veteran, not the campus organizer, who has given us freedom to protest.

We have all served our country in the military, and are proud to have done so. Each of us took an oath to defend the constitution of the United States from all enemies foreign and domestic. No one has relieved us of that duty. Even though our active duty days have come and gone, we are still Marines. We are a special breed and will be that way until we die. Each month that has 5 Tuesdays, we as a Detachment visit Veterans at the VA hospital in Durham. We do this on the 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of that month. We play bingo and just spend some quality time with the Veterans there. Our next trip will be on 30 April, 2019. Plan to attend. You won't regret it. Remember, all gave some, and some gave all.

This month we will start accepting nominations for a new slate of Detachment Officers for the coming year. I encourage each of you to consider serving in some capacity. We are still looking for a few good men and women to lead us through April of 2020. Remember, "All men are created equal, then some become MARINES". Again, I am proud to serve with each and every one of you my fellow Marines. Semper Fi and God Bless!

**Greg Quinn, Commandant, Carry-On Detachment 1236 MCL**

# Committee Reports



## Good Business Award Committee (Lewis W. Rice III – Chair)

- McLaurin Funeral Home  
12830 US Business Hwy 70 West. Clayton, NC 27520  
**04 February 2019 @ 0930 hrs.**



## Eagle Scout Good Citizenship Award Committee (Lewis W. Rice III – Chair)

- None scheduled at this time.



## Youth Committee (Lewis W. Rice III – Chair)

- None scheduled at this time.

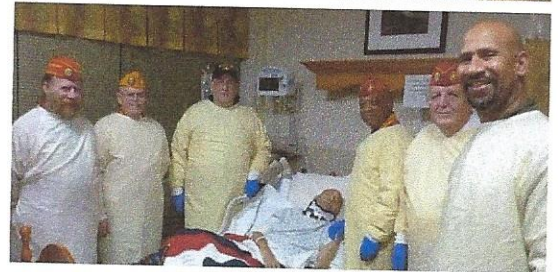


## VA Hospital Visit Committee (Ken Parker – Chair)

JoCo Marines visit the Durham Veterans Affairs Hospital.

Two photos from our visit to the Durham VA last night, 29 JAN 2019. The first photo was taken after the Bingo game. On the left is Army Veteran Benny Green served 1977-1981, on the right is Marine Veteran Harry Parvin 1985-1992. Both of these warriors had their right leg amputated below the knee this week. Both have purpose in their hearts "this set back is temporary" they stated they will be fighting until they walk out of the VA.

The next photo is Marine Joe Pedrego served 1980-1994 Pedrego was moved to Hospice earlier, he had requested that we come to see him. We found Joe to be vibrant and his heart was at peace as he shared his experiences during boot camp at MCRD San-Diego. Currently, Marine Joe is blind and only could hear from one of his ears, but when we started singing our Marines' Hymn Joe uttered every word. All were moved from our visit last night. - Semper Fi!



## Adopt-A-Highway Clean-Up Committee (Ken Parker – Chair)

- **09 February 2019 @ 0800 hrs.** Meet up at Speedway Gas Station on Hwy. 42 in Clayton.



## Scholarship Committee (Alfred Peavy – Chair)

- None scheduled at this time.

**Correspondence:** Letter from Tuscarora Council Boy Scouts of America was read by Commandant. Letter from Todd Abbott Department Representative, Marine 4 Life, was read and Ken Parker was appointed the Detachment Marine 4 Life representative. Robert Herbert volunteered to help with the Marine 4 Life program.

**Applications for membership:** Michael Picklemiser has applied for membership into our Detachment. Marine Picklemiser was escorted out of the hall and a vote for acceptance was taken. Results were unanimous votes to accept into the Detachment. Commandant issued the oath of membership to Michael Picklemiser. Commandant Quinn called a five minute recess to welcome our new member.

**Unfinished Business:** Devell Durham reported our Detachment took part in the Ceremony for the Oath of Office for County elected officers. We presented Colors and led in the Pledge of Allegiance. We also led the monthly County Commissioners meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Past Detachment Marines of Year met and adopted new guidelines for future submissions. A motion was made by Timothy Daniel and seconded by Jodie Hislop to accept the recommendation. Motion carried.

**New Business:** Commandant Quinn announced elections were coming up in March and he appointed Willie Williams as the Nominating Committee Chairman. Willie Williams polled the current Officers for their intentions. Commandant Quinn stated he would not seek reelection, Bill Dunn and Fred Panasci stated they have not made up their mind as to their intentions. Bob Long stated he would serve at the pleasure of the membership as did Ken Parker. Commandant appointed Willie Williams Election Chairman.

**Good of the League:** North District Vice-Commandant John Staley spoke briefly. Veterans Rally Point is being hosted by Benson American Legion Post tomorrow morning from 09:00 till 11:00. Devell Durham stated not to worry that active duty military personnel are still getting paid during the government shutdown. He stated there was another Veterans Experience Action Center hosted in Greensboro on January 25 from 09:00 to 15:00. We need to figure out how to attract younger veterans to all our service organizations. Bill Dunn stated his friend is still making the vinyl decals for car rear windows if anyone is interested. Ken Parker stated he still has Department Calendars for sale.

**Announcements:** Timothy Daniel announced Four Oaks American Legion Post 346 is having a pancake breakfast this Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup>, at Hwy 55 in Four Oaks.

**Sick and Distressed:** Commandant Quinn's wife has had two surgeries and is at home recuperating. Alfred Peavy's wife is still having spasms, and he is not back to 100% but recovering. Carl Naus and his wife Marsha are not doing well. Ron Trowbridge is awaiting surgery on his left shoulder, and they have found spots on is left lung. He is scheduled for CAT scan on his left lung.



IN MEMORY OF OUR FALLEN MARINE BROTHERS AND SISTERS, FMF CORPSMEN AND CHAPLAINS

**Tom Barrie, John Bullock, George Gillespie, Robert Moore, Willard Pleasants, Gordon Young, Mark Wayne Williams, Linwood Johnson, and George Hartley.**