



EAST COAST DRILL INSTRUCTORS ASSOCIATION
PARRIS ISLAND CHAPTER

"THE GRINDER"

March 4, 2020

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

We are once again approaching our annual reunion. This is an event that many members start planning for on their way home from Parris Island. We look forward to seeing everyone the first weekend in April. Things will be much better this year as we will be back in the Lyceum. For some reason, advanced registrations are down this year from previous years. If you are planning to attend, please get those registrations in as soon as possible. Planning for these events is paramount and numbers drive the planning. It also saves you money to preregister, as there is an increased cost to register at the door.

The Association continues to meet all its obligations, thanks to the dedication of our membership. We are recognizing more Marines than ever before and are still poised to assist should a need arise.

Mary and I wish you all safe travels to Parris Island.

MEMORIAL BRICKS:

There will be 12 new bricks placed in the walkway this year. The footprints at the monument have been replaced and because of their excellent quality will last for many years to come. We revamped the brick order form making it easier to

navigate. Bricks are still available for purchase but will not be placed in the walkway until next year.

MEMBERSHIP:

I receive many questions about notification for membership renewal. There is no process in place to allow for advance notification. We periodically go through the membership roster and any membership expired for over three months gets a reminder. So far, this process has resulted in most memberships being renewed. There is no penalty for failing to renew in a timely manner, but the revenue helps us meet our obligations.

GOLF OUTING:

Bob and Mary Warren have volunteered to coordinate the golf outing this year. Their information is on the website. If you like to golf give them a call.

AUCTION ITEMS:

We are going to have a large silent auction this year. Mike Thompson, a great friend of the Association, has duplicated his efforts from last year and will have many motivational and historic items available for bid. Bring your checkbook and be ready to support your Association by purchasing a one of a kind item.

DONATIONS:

Finally, the hardest part of my letter is to ask for donations. Only you know your financial situation and I would never want to cause hardship. If you have a little left at some time in the year, please consider a donation to support Drill Instructors. All donations are tax deductible.

Semper Fidelis,

SgtMaj Kenneth D. Miller USMC (Ret)