



EAST COAST DRILL INSTRUCTORS' ASSOCIATION
PARRIS ISLAND CHAPTER

"THE GRINDER"

February 7, 2022

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

First let Mary and I send our prayers and hopes that you are all well. I am purposely putting this newsletter out early to highlight the upcoming reunion. We are a go and I hope we have a big turnout. We are happy to announce that SgtMaj Troy Black, SgtMaj of the Marine Corps, and his wife Stacie are our guests of honor. This newsletter will be a little short since the intent is to prepare for the reunion. If you are planning to attend, please get your registrations in as early as you can since numbers are the driving force for a successful reunion. There will be an additional charge at the door for anyone registering at the door. We had a modest price increase this year; it is the first increase in over ten years.

Mary, Jacy and I wish you all safe travels as you come to the reunion. It is my honor to serve as your President. I look forward to seeing all of you in April.

MEMORIAL BRICKS:

To date we only have three bricks for installation. To have a brick installed at this reunion I must have the request by February 21st. Please send them to me at the North Carolina address so I can have them in on time. There is no wiggle room on these.

AUCTION:

We are very fortunate as an Association to have Mike Thompson, the Regimental Historian, generously donating many items to our E-Beach and Silent Auctions.

These are all one-of-a-kind items that he has gotten together for us. Bring your generous hearts and finances so you can take one or more of these items home. You will not find these items on E-Bay.

HOST HOTEL:

After much discussion we decided to go with the Quality Inn again, mainly due to the cost. We realize the hotel is a little dated but at \$68.00 plus tax it is a real bargain. Once they renovate the cost will surely go up. They are cheaper than staying on base. When calling the hotel at 843-524-2144 chose option 2 this is the front desk, and they are aware of the rates.

MEMBERSHIP ROSTER:

Mary is constantly working on our membership roster. She spent many hours recently tracking down many of our life members, many who had passed on. Please check your membership card, membership is important all through the year. Some members only renew when they plan to attend a reunion. The Association must function throughout the year and dues go a long way to ensure we always meet our obligations.

DONATIONS:

We are always grateful for any amount you can spare. I do not know anyone's finances but if you can give any amount, I assure you it will help. All deductions to the Association are tax deductible.

QUARTERMASTER:

We have placed the order to replenish what we sold at the October reunion. There will be a new and different Khaki jacket available.

Semper Fidelis,


SgtMaj Kenneth D. Miller USMC (Ret)