



EAST COAST DRILL INSTRUCTORS' ASSOCIATION
PARRIS ISLAND CHAPTER

"THE GRINDER"

September 21, 2022

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Mary and I hope everyone is having an uneventful 2022. Everything in the Association is going very well. We continue to meet all our obligations and operate smoothly. This has been the quietest time I can remember. I continue to stay in touch with Board and Trustees to solicit their input. We have a very dedicated Leadership team. I would like to thank them for their guidance and support, without them this Association would not function well at all.

We have picked dates for the 2023 Reunion. Save the weekend 27-30 April 2023 for our annual Reunion. We are just starting to plan but stay on the website for frequent updates. Hopefully gas will be cheaper this year and we can have more attendees. I hope to keep costs as low as we can and still insure a great reunion.

As we navigate these trying times in our country, we can still be proud of our Association and our members. I am proud to represent you every time I go aboard the Depot. If you ever have any suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I always welcome new ideas.

If anyone got an email from me or Mary asking if you shop on Amazon, it was not us. We will never send an email asking for anything for us. Thanks to several of you who brought it to our attention so we could take immediate action. I did lose all my email contacts on our personal site. I had the group contact for our board and trustees on that email. I will get it pieced back together as soon as I can.

FINANCES:

Thanks to Mary and our generous membership we are financially stable. We did take a little hit at last year's reunion due to the decline in attendees. I know we will bounce back with the continued support of our members. All our tax and South Carolina solicitation applications were filed on time and put on the website.

MEMBERSHIP:

We had a period where we signed several new members. We had a motion to allow each DI School graduate to have free membership for one year. It was made available last class and not one student filled out an application. I have made the offer to the current graduates. I get many questions about why we do not send out reminders. We actually do. About every 6 months, Mary sends out reminder cards to any member whose membership had lapsed. There is no penalty, send in your dues and a new membership card will be issued.

MEMORIAL BRICKS:

Sales of memorial bricks have fallen off the last couple of years. If you would like a brick in the walkway at the monument, get your order in as quick as you can. I must cut it off about a month and a half before the reunion to insure we get the bricks installed prior to the reunion.

QUARTERMASTER GEAR:

I have ordered new polo style shirts in the Battalion colors. I ordered limited stock to see how sales go. They should be on the website soon. I still have some of the items already on the website. These items make excellent Christmas or birthday presents. We also have plenty of our Association challenge coins. They are well done.

DONATIONS:

We rely largely on the generosity of our members to support the many things we do in supporting the active-duty Drill Instructor and their families. I know everyone's situation is different and some may not be able to give. If your situation allows you to donate, rest assured it will go a long way in support of our mission. We have several members who have set up automatic donations.

Semper Fidelis,


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