



EAST COAST DRILL INSTRUCTORS' ASSOCIATION
PARRIS ISLAND CHAPTER

"THE GRINDER"

September 30, 2024

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Hope this newsletter finds everyone well. Mary, Jacy, and I had a very busy summer. We tried to keep Jacy as occupied as we could. Things at the Miller household are going very well.

The Association continues to do well. We continue to operate in the black with all our obligations met. We are starting to move into the reunion preparation stage. The board met on ZOOM on 23 September and decided to plan the reunion for 1-4 May 2025. There were just so many things happening in April with the Air Show and Easter. I hope many of you will decide to attend.

We are cutting ties with the Quality Inn due to mounting complaints from the membership. I am working with one of our local members trying to secure a better location. As soon as the decision is made, I will get the information on the website. Announcements will be sent out in late December or early January to allow adequate time for planning.

It has been my pleasure to serve as your president through the years. My time is winding down as we need new blood and leadership. While I am not done yet, we are planning to step down in the next couple of years. We are up for reelection in 2025. We will see what the desires of the membership are. I would like to just say a sincere thank you for the support you all have shown to Mary and me. This Association will always be something that I am of.

FINANCES:

Through the generosity and loyalty of many of our members we are operating in the black with plenty of reserve to meet our obligations for this year.

QUARTERMASTER:

I have not ordered any replacement items since the reunion. The current system we are using online is costing about as much as we are making. I still have quite a few items left so if you want to order any items let me know.

MEMORIAL BRICKS:

Just a reminder that bricks are only installed just prior to the reunion. There is plenty of time left to get your brick ordered for 2025. I have several already ordered.

MEMBERSHIPS:

We continue to have the issue with expiration of memberships. Membership dues go a long way to helping sustain our level of support to the Regiment. Renewals can be done on the website at the store. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

DONATIONS:

Finally giving is a personal decision. If you can afford to give it is greatly appreciated. All donations go to directly support the Active-duty Drill Instructor.

Semper Fidelis,

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President