



EAST COAST DRILL INSTRUCTORS' ASSOCIATION
PARRIS ISLAND CHAPTER

"THE GRINDER

December 31, 2025

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Where has another year gone. Mary and I would like to thank the membership for their continued trust and support. This Association would not be where it is today without the leadership and support of the membership. We hope each of you had a wonderful Christmas and approach the New Year with confidence.

We continue to meet all our obligations in the Regiment. We recently had our first awards picnic, where we honored the SDI/DIs of the quarter. With the support of the DAV in Beaufort we hope this can become a quarterly event.

With Jacy's busy school schedule, we find that visits to Parris Island are harder to plan. Mary and I realize we have done this far too long. It is time for new innovative leadership. I will always cherish the time I spent as the President of such a prestigious organization.

REUNION:

Planning is well underway for our annual reunion 14-17 May 2026. Announcements will go out to all active members in the next couple of weeks. The host hotel is in the works but nothing solid yet.

MEMORIAL BRICKS:

Bricks will be ordered in time for placement prior to the reunion. If you would like a brick, get your order in. I am going to place the order 2 March 2026.

QUARTERMASTER GEAR:

We still have gear available, but sales are slow. We plan to have gear available at the reunion.

MEMBERSHIPS:

This continues to be one of our biggest issues. With the price of postage these days only those members with active memberships will receive a reunion announcement. Memberships are one of our biggest sources of income for our programs. You can have as many years as you would like. Support your Association even when you are not attending a reunion.

M1A RIFLE RAFFLE:

Ticket sales are going well. We have about half of the tickets checked out for sale. With four and a half months left I think we can sell them all. If you just want a few tickets just send a check for \$10.00 per ticket and I will get them to you. I would like to see a member win this year.

DONATIONS:

Finally, the hardest part for me, Donations are a large part of our success. I don't know anyone's situation. If you are able, please send your tax deductible donation to support your Association.

Semper Fidelis,


SgtMaj Kenneth D. Miller USMC (Ret)
President