



EAST COAST DRILL INSTRUCTORS' ASSOCIATION  
PARRIS ISLAND CHAPTER

## "THE GRINDER"

March 7, 2025

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:**

Mary, Jacy and I hope everyone is surviving the winter. Spring is right around the corner with preparations well underway for our annual reunion. The dates are 1-4 May 1025. We encourage everyone to get their registration in as soon as possible. The reunion is a number driven event. I have already been informed that several of our members will not be able to attend this year due to health issues. Please join us sending prayers for their speedy recovery.

Mary and I have been doing this for 16 years. The Association deserves new leadership and direction. While we will not let the Association fold, we are looking for new leadership. We will stay in advisory roles as long as needed. If you are interested, please let me know.

The host hotel this year is the Holiday Inn and Suites. I checked with them last week and reservations are sluggish. If you plan to stay there, you need to make those reservations.

Our guest of honor this year is the Commanding General, Brigadier General Williamson.

### **MEMORIAL BRICKS:**

Brick sales are still open until April 1<sup>st</sup>. If you would like a brick in place this year, get those requests in. Once the order is placed all bricks ordered after that date will not go in until next year.

**PICNIC:**

The picnic will be in the Indoor All Weather Training Facility. After the picnic we will move to Traditions for the Cadence Calling/ Story Telling event.

**QUARTERMASTER:**

Through the years we have tried many things to increase Quartermaster sales. Some years are better than others. I will try to have a variety of shirts and jackets on hand. Sales will go on at registration on Thursday and during cadence calling/story telling at Traditions on Friday. Make your purchases early to ensure availability.

**DONATIONS:**

Finally, if you are able consider a donation to your Association. We survive on the generosity of our members.

Semper Fidelis,

  
SgtMaj Kenneth D. Miller USMC (Ret)