

EAST COAST DRILL INSTRUCTORS' ASSOCIATION
PARRIS ISLAND CHAPTER

"THE GRINDER"

September 24, 2025

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Mary, Jacy and I hope you all had a great summer. We always try to keep Jacy busy in the summer and this year was no exception. Jacy has grown up in the Association and has a special bond with many of our members. We have enjoyed our time leading the Association with the support of our awesome Board of Directors.

It has been brought to my attention that we need the duties of each officer spelled out. I am currently working on the duties and should have a product to the Board for review and finalization prior to our 2026 Reunion.

We continue to meet all obligations and with the generosity of our membership we are planning to add some items. The SDI of the Quarter will now receive a banner with the DI Monument on it. We will have them on display at the reunion. We are also bringing out a travel mug with our logo on it. One will be given to all the winners of the DI/SDI of the Quarter. The mugs are also available for purchase. Cost is \$20.00 each plus postage if mailed.

Through the generosity of a couple of our members we are conducting another rifle raffle. We have purchased a Springfield Arms M1A with a walnut stock. I am attaching the flyer to the end of this newsletter. If we get enough participation we can have a very successful raffle. Contact Mary if you would like to participate. We are only offering 1000 tickets at \$10.00 each.

FINANCES:

The generosity of our members helps to keep us operating at a high level. Thank you all for what you do. Mary continues to keep a close eye on our accounts.

QUARTERMASTER:

We have not ordered any replacement items since the reunion. Storage is becoming a problem and postage has continued to climb. We still have many shirts available; however, sizes may be limited.

MEMORIAL BRICKS:

I continue to get questions about bricks. Bricks are ordered once a year to be placed prior to the annual reunion. The walkway is not going to get any bigger, if you want a brick get your order in. I will announce the cutoff date in December's letter.

MEMBERSHIPS:

One of our biggest challenges is keeping memberships current. We still have approximately 75 members whose membership has lapsed. To make it easier on the membership you can renew for as many years as you want. We only send out Drill Instructor Reunion announcements to current members. I will continue to advertise on the website but the easiest way to stay connected is through keeping a current membership.

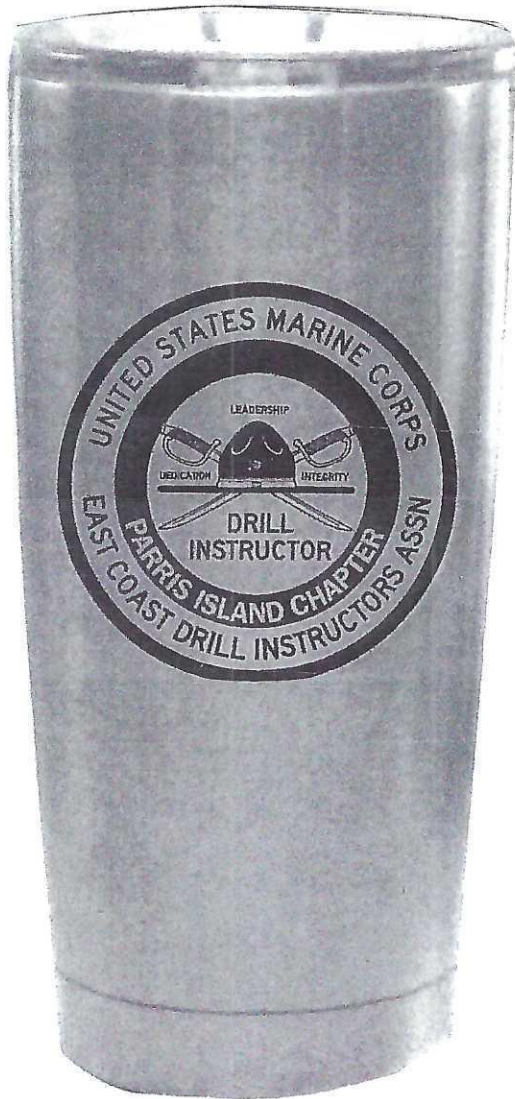
DONATIONS:

For all of you that contribute regularly, thank you. I know everyone's finances are different. Please give if you can. Donations are tax deductible.

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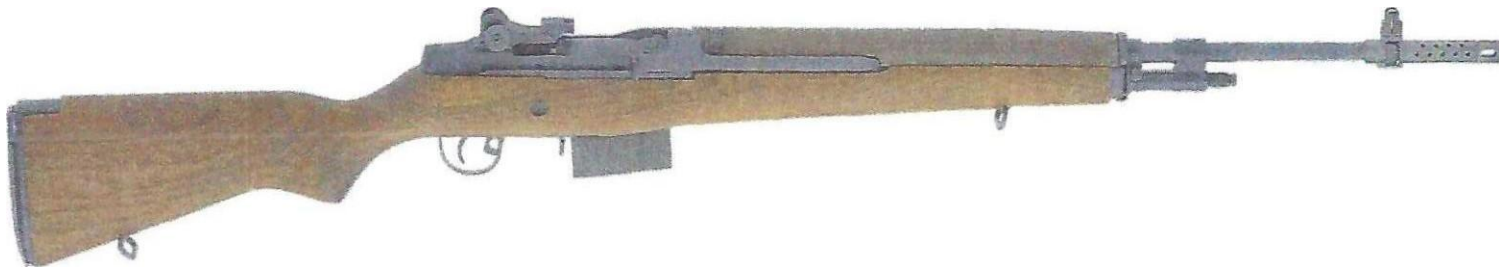
Kenneth D Miller
SgtMaj Kenneth D. Miller USMC (Ret)
President

This is a picture of the travel mug we are offering .



The rifle raffle flyer is on the last page.

SPRINGFIELD ARMS MIA



The East Coast Drill Instructors' Association is having a fundraiser. Tickets are \$10.00 each and can be purchased from a member or contact SgtMaj (Ret) Ken Miller at usmcpidi@charter.net or go to the website www.parrisislanddi.org. This fundraiser will enable us to provide better support and recognition to Active-Duty Drill Instructors and their families. The drawing will be held May 16, 2026 at our annual banquet. You do not need to be present to win, and the rifle will be shipped to a Firearms dealer close to the winner.