



EAST COAST DRILL INSTRUCTORS' ASSOCIATION
PARRIS ISLAND CHAPTER

"THE GRINDER"

March 21, 2026

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Hope this newsletter finds everyone thawing out from a cold winter. Preparations are well underway for our annual reunion. On a more serious note, thus far registrations are way off compared to years past. I would like to remind everyone that this is a number driven event. We cannot wait until the last minute to raise our numbers. Right now, we have less than 50 registered to attend. I know there will be a lot more attending so if you are reading this letter and plan on attending, please get your registration in soon. I hope if you intend to stay at the Holiday Inn, you have made your reservation. Reservations will be cut soon at the Association rate.

I am aware and so is the Board of Directors that costs continue to rise. I wish I could keep rates lower, but it is just not possible.

Your Association continues to operate in a positive direction. We continue to recognize those active-duty Drill Instructors and support the local community as best we can.

Rifle Raffle tickets are not going as well as we hoped. To date we have sold less than 500 tickets. If you can buy one or more, please get in touch to make this a successful event. If you would like to help by selling a couple of books to friends and family, please call me!

Mary, Jacy and I look forward to seeing you all in May. Please drive safely.

MEMORIAL BRICKS:

Brick sales will cut off on March 27, 2026, for us to get them in place for this year's reunion. Sales are really off this year. To date we have 3 pre-ordered bricks.

PICNIC:

The picnic will be at the Indoor All Weather Training Facility and will again be catered by the DAV and Trench Rats. After the picnic there will be time for visiting the Exchange or take a nap before the Cadence Calling Story Telling event at Traditions beginning at 1600.

QUARTERMASTER:

We will be selling Quartermaster gear at registration and again at Cadence Calling. Sales have been sluggish for the last couple years so you may notice less items offered.

DONATIONS:

Finally, if you are able in these trying times donate to your Association so we can continue to support the Depot.

Semper Fidelis,


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