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MEETING TIME & PLACE

Meetings are always held on the second Wednesday of each month. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on May 14th, 2014 at 1900 (7:00 P.M.) at the American Legion Post 64, 1109 American Legion Road, Salisbury, MD 21801. Please make every effort to attend.

Important Upcoming Dates & Events



2014 Mideast Division Conference will be June 27-29, 2014 at the Holiday Inn in Martinsburg, WV hosted by Eastern Panhandle Detachment 1143. Room rate is \$83.00 plus tax, ask for "Marine Corps League" rate. Telephone: 304-267-5500. Banquet: \$35.00. Complete info may be found on the following link:
<http://www.mcleaguedeptofwv.org/CONTENT/2014MideastDivisionConferenceBrochureMartinsburgWV.pdf>

2014 MCL National Convention
August 3 - 9, 2014, Charleston, WV

The two main hotels are booked up but here are two additional hotels which have a block of rooms for the 2014 MCL National Convention in Charleston, WV. Each has free parking, wi-fi and breakfast.

Fairfield Inn, 1000 Washington Street East, Charleston, W.V. <http://www.charlestonwvhotel.com/>
 Telephone: 304-343-4661. This hotel is 5 blocks from the Marriott and Embassy Suites. Room rate is \$89.00 plus room tax. Mention Marine Corps League when making reservations. This hotel has no shuttle service.

Holiday Inn Express, 100 Civic Center Drive, Charleston, W.V. Telephone: 304-345-0600.
<http://www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/us/en/charleston/crwcc/hoteldetail?&stopredirect=true> This hotel is about 2 blocks (easy walk) from Marriott and Embassy Suites.. Room rate is \$107.00 plus room tax. Mention Marine Corps League when making reservations. This hotel has a van and will shuttle guests to the airport and convention site

Reservations commenced August 20, 2013

More information available on this link <http://www.2014mclnationalconvention.com/>

"Sick or in Distress"

MCL Members Walt COHEE, Jimmy Lee HOWARD, and Jim SIEGEL are having or have recently had various health problems. Please keep these folks and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

"Membership Happenings"

(Please advise the Editor of any errors or omissions)

<p><u>MAY "HAPPY BIRTHDAYS"</u> 15th Rhuel GOSLEE 22nd Renee KELLEY 23rd Jimmie Lee HOWARD 27th Kyle HEBERLE</p>	<p><u>MAY ANNIVERSARIES</u> Helen & Paul TOMKO (59 yrs)</p>
<p><u>MAY MCL ANNIVERSARIES</u> None Known</p>	<p><u>MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS DUE IN MAY</u> John FISHER</p>
<p><u>WELCOME ABOARD</u> None reported to your editor</p>	<p><u>MEMBERSHIP'S RENEWED</u> None reported to your editor</p>

DON'T LET YOUR MEMBERSHIP LAPSE

Please send your \$24.00 checks made payable to "MCL Det 115" to our paymaster.

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**DON'T DELAY...JOIN TODAY
 THEN CONSIDER GOING 'LIFE'
 NOW IS THE TIME TO DO IT**



In Marine Corps history, only 34 Marines have had the distinct honor of leading America's finest from the front as commandant of the Marine Corps.

On April 2, 2014, one of these great men, retired Gen. Carl Epting Mundy Jr., passed away at the age of 78. Mundy honorably served the Corps for 38 active duty years. From 1991-1995, he was our 30th commandant.

Even in his final moments, Mundy maintained his warfighter spirit, and he shaped the following metaphor to describe the cancer that took his life:

"The fire support provided by recent chemotherapy did not achieve the desired result. Although it hit the target, the Merkel Cell proved to be quite resilient, and the disease rebounded quicker than expected. It has now gained a position of overwhelming strength."

Mundy drew great comfort in knowing that he would soon join forces with the legion of Marines who have gone before.

Semper Fidelis, Sir.

Man known as kissing sailor in WWII-era image dies

HOUSTON (AP) — A man who became known for claiming he was the sailor kissing a woman in Times Square in a famous World War II-era photo taken by a Life magazine photographer has died. Glenn McDuffie was 86.

McDuffie died March 9 in a nursing home in Dallas, his daughter, Glenda Bell, told The Associated Press. A mail carrier and semi-professional baseball player after he returned from World War II, McDuffie's life became more exciting about six years ago when Houston Police Department forensic artist Lois Gibson was able to identify him as the young man leaning over the woman in his arms to kiss her.

By taking about 100 pictures of McDuffie using a pillow to pose as he did in the picture taken Aug. 14, 1945, by photographer Alfred Eisenstaedt, Gibson said, she was able to match the muscles, ears and other features of the then-80-year-old McDuffie to the young sailor in the original image.

"I was absolutely positive," Gibson said of the match. "It was perfect."



AP Photo: Pat Sullivan

Glenn McDuffie holds a portrait of himself as a young man, left, and a copy of Alfred Eisenstaedt's iconic Life magazine shot of a sailor, who McDuffie claims is him, embracing a nurse in a white uniform in New York's Times Square, at his Houston home in 2007.

The identification remained controversial, partly because other men also claimed to have been the sailor in the image, but also because Life magazine, whose photographer had died years earlier, was unable to confirm that McDuffie was in fact the sailor, noting Eisenstaedt had never gotten names for those in the picture.

Yet for McDuffie, Gibson's word was enough. A well-respected forensic artist who was in the 2005 Guinness Book of World Records for helping police identify more suspects than any other forensic artist, Gibson said McDuffie was ecstatic when she told him the results he had waited 62 years to hear.

And so began a whirlwind lifestyle of going to air shows, gun shows, fundraisers and parties to tell his story. Women would pay \$10 to take a picture kissing him on the cheek, Gibson said.

"He would make money and kiss women," Gibson said. "He had the most glamorous life of any 80 year old." McDuffie had told the AP he was changing trains in New York when he was told that Japan had surrendered.

"I was so happy. I ran out in the street," said McDuffie, then 18 and on his way to visit his girlfriend in Brooklyn.

"And then I saw that nurse," he said. "She saw me hollering and with a big smile on my face. ... I just went right to her and kissed her."

"We never spoke a word," he added. "Afterward, I just went on the subway across the street and went to Brooklyn."

Gibson's daughter, Bell, said on anniversaries of the war's end her father would recall that moment and the air of excitement in Times Square.

For years it bothered him that he wasn't identified as the man in the photo, she said, and he turned to Gibson for help to clear it up. "He wanted to do it before he died," she said.

McDuffie is survived by his daughter and two grandchildren. His funeral was held March 21 at the Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery.

One of the Last

Edmond Harjo, one of the last remaining Native American code talkers, has died. He was 96.

The Swearingen Funeral Home says Harjo died March 31 at Mercy Hospital in Ada. Harjo's nephew, Richard Harjo, says his uncle had a heart attack.

Harjo was a member of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma. He was also one of the last surviving members of a group of American Indians who used their native languages to outwit the enemy and protect U.S. battlefield communications during World Wars I and II.

Harjo traveled to Washington D.C. last November to take part in a ceremony where congressional leaders bestowed the Congressional Gold Medal, its highest civilian honor, on American Indian code talkers.

A funeral service was held for Harjo on April 4.

His nephew said one of his uncle's last moments was recalling his favorite song called, "The Little Church in the Wildwood," The Native American Times [reported](#). The song was played during the funeral service.

Veterans covered under VA care meet requirements

March 9, 2014 By Eric Norwood Jr.

Veterans who already have Veteran Affairs health care are covered under the new American Care Act requirements.

Any veterans who are already enrolled in VA health care are also not required to take any additional steps to meet ACA coverage standards. Enrolled veterans can also continue to use VA and other federal health care coverage such as Medicaid, Medicare, TRI-CARE, and private insurance.

However, non-enrollment in medical insurance for veterans and non-veterans alike can prove costly. Penalties applied to an individual's taxes will begin being issued in 2014.

The penalty will be \$95 or 1 percent of taxable income, whichever is greater, and those penalties will rise significantly in the next two years. For those veterans who aren't insured, there is still time to get enrolled in VA health care, and you can get it done in Clovis.

"What I would do if I was a veteran, is I would definitely apply for the VA health care, and they can come to my office to get it done," said Matt Barela, the Veteran's Service Officer in Clovis.

Veterans can also apply online by submitting the VA Form 1010EZ at www.1010ez.med.va.gov/sec/vha/1010ez/, or over the phone by dialing 1-877-222-VETS (8387) from Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.

Those veterans who apply and don't qualify should apply again annually because the qualifications change every year.

Clovis veterans who are enrolled in VA health care can visit the Clovis VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic for many care services. Some of the services provided include health screening, routine or urgent care, health maintenance, management of acute and chronic diseases, and education. Amarillo features a larger facility, and Lubbock, Roswell and Hobbs have VA clinics as well.

Small Surgery Team Revolutionizes Combat Medicine

The war in Afghanistan has been winding down over the last few months in the effort to end our participation at current levels by December 31st of this year. Thousands of troops have come home and dozens of military bases have been closed, including the big hospital facilities that have been working so successfully in country since the beginning of the war in 2003.

These hospital facilities and the military medical units associated with them have developed very efficient systems for saving the lives of our wounded troops, including helicopter and huge transport planes outfitted as flying medical units. This sophisticated system made it possible for them to do sophisticated emergency surgical procedures within what is known as the "Golden Hour" after being wounded, enhancing survival rates from the devastating wounds of that war exponentially. These are almost all gone now. But a unique and experimental medical unit from Fort Carson, Colorado has revolutionized forward medical care for wounded troops during an experiment that the 29-member group participated in during a recent nine month tour in Afghanistan.

Moving On Up

This small group from Fort Carson, Colorado took the current situation, as we wind down from our participation in Afghanistan, and created smaller, more agile, yet still highly sophisticated, surgical units into the field, pushing ever closer to the fighting troops. They have developed these forward surgical units to be used with Special Forces units and expeditionary forces. These smaller teams are made up of two surgeons, two anesthesiologists, and one combat medic who are able to set up in remote locations, equipped with enough supplies to conduct up to five surgeries on two operating tables. This brings the kind of surgical skill and medical care that has been so successful in saving lives during this war right up close to the fighting.

This creative thinking was based on our understanding and experience with the types of wounds that our troops are sustaining in the Afghan war and the "Golden Hour" concept. During their time in Afghanistan, these units from Fort Carson had a 100% survival rate. They did so well in fact that the team members were awarded the following: 5 Bronze Stars, 18 Army Commendation Medals, 7 Army Achievement Medals, and 5 Combat Action Badges.

The Ability to Adapt

This is another example of something that American military forces are famous for around the world. Americans are not just the best-trained military forces in the world, but they have demonstrated many times, over the course of our history, a skill that few others have been able to match: adaptability. Yes, we are trained in a superior fashion, but war is not often a measured, predictable reality. Stuff happens! Things often happen in the midst of battle or in the course of a campaign that were unseen in the planning stages, but Americans have shown their ability to adapt to unforeseen circumstances in every conflict since the Revolutionary War. This is another case of this adaptability skill.

Once again, this Army medical unit from Fort Carson has shown the intelligence, the adaptability, and the courage that makes American military forces second to none in the world. War is hell and freedom isn't free.

We do not want wars, but if they are thrust upon us, we are going to bring forces that are shaped by their superior training, but also by an American spirit of agile adaptability. The medical services in our armed forces have made it possible for more troops to survive the wounds of war than at any time in history. We can not thank them enough for their dedication to saving lives, for their skills and for the care that they bring to their duties. They are true life-savers. The best there are. Thanks to all who serve and who have served in the medical services of our armed forces.

RAO Bulletins

Each month your editor attempted to review all RAO Bulletins and put articles deemed important to veterans into our newsletters.

However, what may be important to me may not be important to you and I may very possibly overlook something you as a veteran might like to know about, so I am providing a link below that will take you to the current bulletin so that you might look it over. The below bulletin is dated April 1st, 2014 and needs to view before April 15th or the link will no longer work.

<http://www.nhc-ul.com/Bulletin%20140401.pdf>

EVERY DAY PRAYER REQUEST

Life in Afghanistan is very difficult to bear right now. Our troops need our prayers for strength, endurance and safety. Stop for a moment each and every day and say a prayer for our troops around the world.

"Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Amen."

The Final Roll Call



The following Marines and/or Corpsman paid the ultimate sacrifice for God, Country and Corps since the last Newsletter

None

**If You Are Not Willing To Stand Behind Our Troops,
Please, Please Feel Free To Stand In Front Of Them!**

On behalf of a grateful nation.

**FREEDOM IS NOT FREE
Support Our Troops**



I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands,
One Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

From your editor

If you are receiving this newsletter via "Snail Mail" and have email capability, please email me at 53usmc73@bvunet.net so that I can add you to my address book and cut down on the postage.

Any comments or suggestion on what should be in our newsletter! Articles/information you need! Let me know! The newsletter will go to press on or about the weekend following each meeting.

Don Elseroad, Editor

LINKS TO CHECK

Many of you if not all skip over these links. If you do you are missing out on some good stuff.

<http://www.youtube.com/embed/bxR1tZ08FcI?rel=0>

<http://www.wimp.com/specialfinds/>

<https://youtube.googleapis.com/v/ervaMPt4Ha0%26autoplay=1>

<http://www.mesotheliomaguide.com/veterans/>

God Bless America

-- *Once a Marine, Always a Marine* --