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MEETING TIME & PLACE

Meetings are always held on the second Wednesday of each month. The next regularly scheduled meeting would be held on May 13th, 2015 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.

Upcoming Holiday's & Events

May 10



May 25



May 14 thru 16, 2015: Department of Maryland Convention will be held at the Princess Royale Oceanfront Hotel & Conference Center 9100 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD 21842-2745. Reservations can be made by calling 1-800-4-ROYALE or 1-410-524-7777. Complete information may be viewed on the following link. http://deptofmdmcl.org/Conventions/2015_Convention_Packet_MCL_Dept_of_Md.pdf For hotel information click here. <http://princessroyale.com/>

2015 Mideast Division Conference will be hosted by the Department of Virginia on 26-28 June 2015 at the Hospitality House Hotel and Conference Center, 2801 Plank Rd, Fredericksburg, VA 22401 Phone: (540) 786-8321 or (800) 682-1049. Room rate is \$89.00 per night plus tax and your host detachment will be the Jack Maas Detachment. Information on the hotel can be viewed on the following link: <http://www.fredericksburghospitalityhouse.com/>

2015 MCL National Convention will be held August 9th through the 15th, 2015 at the Scottsdale Plaza Resort, 7200 N. Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale, Arizona 85253. Room rate is 94 dollars plus room tax. Phone 480-948-5000. More information on the Scottsdale Plaza Resort is available on the following link:

<http://www.scottsdaleplaza.com/> As of 10/19/2014, the Scottsdale Plaza Resort is completely sold out. Overflow hotel information can be viewed on the following link:

http://www.mcleague.com/mdp/pdf/2015_Convention-Additional_Accommodations.pdf

Additional information on the Convention will be posted as it becomes available.

"Sick or in Distress"

MCL Members Jimmy Lee & Gloria HOWARD, and Tom CORCORAN 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)

<u>MAY "HAPPY BIRTHDAYS"</u> 15th Rhuell GOSLEE 22nd Renee KELLEY 23rd Jimmie Lee HOWARD	<u>MAY ANNIVERSARIES</u> Helen & Paul TOMKO (60 yrs)
<u>MAY MCL ANNIVERSARIES</u> None Known	<u>MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS DUE IN MAY</u> John FISHER
<u>WELCOME ABOARD</u> None reported to your editor	<u>MEMBERSHIP'S RENEWED</u> Carl EBAUGH

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**

3/26/1945: Iwo Jima

On March 26th, 1945, Iwo Jima was declared "secured". The Marines handed the island over to the Army so the Army Air Corps could use the air fields. Then many of the Marines sailed off to another party on Okinawa.

February 19th was the start of the invasion of Iwo. For the Marines and sailors who assaulted Iwo, every one of the 36 continuous days of that battle seemed nearly that long.

About 77,000 US Marines from the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Marine Divisions converged on tiny Iwo Jima in late February. LtGen Tadamichi Kuribayashi had fortified Iwo for a full year before the invasion, and had an estimated 22,000 troops dug in under the island. US forces began bombing Iwo in June 1944, 8 full months before the invasion. Naval bombardments then shelled the island mercilessly around the clock for four consecutive days prior to the invasion.

Iwo set a number of "firsts":

It was the longest concentrated bombardment of any target in the history of mankind up to that date.

It was the largest total tonnage of bombs and artillery ever delivered on a single target to that date.

It was the largest armada of ships ever assembled for an invasion up to that date (about 700 ships).

It was the largest number of invaders to ever invade any island up to that date (each of those new records was broken by the invasion of Okinawa in April 1945).

It was the first (and last) time Seabees accompanied Marines in the first waves of a beach invasion (they swore they'd never do THAT again!).

It was the first and last time any Marine unit landed on D-Day and served an entire campaign without being relieved by another unit.

And it was the only time in Marine Corps history when the number of invading casualties exceeded the number of defending casualties. More than 19,000 Marines were wounded on Iwo, and 6,821 died there. As such, it remains the costliest battle in Marine Corps history.

One-third of all Marines killed during WWII, died on Iwo Jima.
All but about 200 Japanese defenders died on Iwo.

Marine LtGen Harry Schmidt and LtGen H. M. Smith led Task Force 56. It made up V Corps, composed of the 3rd MarDiv (MGen Erskine), 4th MarDiv (MGen Clifton Cates) and 5th MarDiv (MGen Rockey). The 5th Division had been formed expressly for the battle of Iwo Jima. It was disbanded following the battle.

Among the participants were names of distinction:

- Son of the sitting Commandant LtCol AA Vandergriff Jr (3/24)
- Future Commandant 1stLt Robert E Cushman, Jr (2/9)
- Future Commandant Clifton Cates (CG 4thMarDiv)
- Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal
- LtGen "Howlin' Mad" Smith
- And the first enlisted Marine Medal of Honor recipient of WWII, "Manila John" Basilone. Basilone had received his MOH from Chesty Puller, for action on Guadalcanal. He was KIA on Iwo.

The invasion planners felt confident the battle would take 7-10 days. It took 36. LtGen Kuribayashi's body has never been found.

The final two Japanese defenders surrendered 4 years after the battle. In January of 1949 two Japanese soldiers surrendered themselves to the occupying US Army garrison on Iwo. They had hidden in the 11 miles of tunnels and bunkers under Iwo, successfully raiding the Army supplies for food and water at night.

They had found a Stars and Stripes newspaper which showed pictures of GIs celebrating New Year's Eve in downtown Tokyo, 1948-49, and knew Japan had lost the war.

They reported in full uniforms, well fed, and surrendered clean, fully-functional weapons.

Iwo Jima stands as an icon for every Marine who has earned the Eagle, Globe and Anchor since 1945. The men who fought there are true heroes to our nation and our Corps. We can never thank them enough for what they went through for us on that small patch of hell. I've stopped often today and thought about them.

THANK YOU, Marines. Because of what you did, I grew up a safe healthy kid in comfort and freedom speaking English instead of Japanese.

Semper Fidelis.

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, 2015 and needs to view before April 15th or the link will no longer work.

<http://www.nhc-ul.com/Bulletin%20150401%20PDF%20Edition.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

"When I joined the military it was illegal to be homosexual, then it became optional, and now it's legal. I'm getting out before the Democrats make it mandatory."

Sgt Harry Berres, USMC

 Veterans For Capitalism and The Constitution

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.kladblog.com/embed_flv.asp?id=http://youtu.be/ErzYulC6gB0
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NOg8i0R3T1E&feature=youtu.be>
<http://stories.wellsfargobank.com/wartime-tail-nonprofit-reunites-soldiers-dogs/?cid=ob15>
<http://voxvocispublicus.homestead.com/morrow.html>
<https://www.youtube.com/embed/cLj4akmnCSA>

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-- Once a Marine, Always a Marine --



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