

# Semper Fi

## "THE SCUTTLEBUTT"

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### DETACHMENT OFFICERS

2017 - 2018

*Commandant: Bob Miller*

Senior Vice Commandant: Andy Bouma	Junior Vice Commandant: Roger Martinson
Judge Advocate: Currently Vacant	Junior Past Commandant: Ed Elder
Paymaster: Andy Bouma	Adjutant: Richard Hyson
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Web Sergeant/Scuttlebutt Editor: Don Elseroad	

*Original Charter Date May 10, 1970*

### MEETING TIME & PLACE

Meetings are always held on the second Wednesday of each month. The next regularly scheduled meeting would be held on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 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



### Mid-East Division Convention

June 15 - 17, 2018

To be hosted by the Department of Maryland at the Turf Valley Resort, 2700 Turf Valley Road, Ellicott City, MD 21042. Phone: 410-465-1500 or 888-883-8873

Individuals are responsible for making their own hotel reservations.

The Turf Valley Resort has set aside a block of rooms for the Marine Corps League Mideast Division Conference. All room rates are based on double occupancy, exclusive of tax. Rates are per night's stay. Additional adults over and above the double occupancy rate will be charged \$15.00 per person, per night. Room rates are honored three (3) days before and three (3) days after the conference if you would like to extend your visit. Traditional 2 bed rooms are \$109.00 (plus tax) per night. Check in time is 1600 and check out is 1100. Reservations must be made by Friday - 16 May 2018 to get the reduced Conference rate. Any requests after this date will be subject to room rate and availability. Please identify yourself as being with the Marine Corps League Mideast Division Conference.

Reservations can be made online by accessing their website at <https://www.turfvalley.com/>

Be sure to use Group Code 2844UW in order to get the reduced room rate.

[2018 Registration Convention Packet](#)

**2018 MCL National Convention** will be held August 12<sup>th</sup> through the 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at the Buffalo Hyatt, Two Fountains Plaza, Buffalo, NY 14202. Phone: (716) 856-1234. Reservations open 0801 20 August 2017. Room price \$113 for one and \$130 for 2 people plus room tax.. Free parking, breakfast and wifi. More info will be made available ASAP.

**"Sick or in Distress"**

MCL Members and/or family members Paul TOMKO, Karen MILLER, Rhuel GOSLEE, Missy HYSON, Don ELSEROAD, Ed ELDER, Gloria HOWARD, Walt and Jeanne COHEE 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><b><u>MAY "HAPPY BIRTHDAYS"</u></b>          6<sup>th</sup> Amanda MARTINSON      6<sup>th</sup> Norris BARNES          13<sup>th</sup> Bill WALLACE          15<sup>th</sup> Rhuel GOSLEE          20<sup>th</sup> Clifford FRIDLIND      22<sup>nd</sup> Renee KELLEY          29<sup>th</sup> Tom KELLAR</p>	<p><b><u>MAY ANNIVERSARIES</u></b>          6<sup>th</sup> Amanda &amp; Roger MARTINSON (8 yrs)</p>
<p><b><u>MAY MCL ANNIVERSARIES</u></b>          None Known</p>	<p><b><u>WELCOME ABOARD</u></b>          Recruit...Recruit...Recruit</p>
	<p><b><u>MEMBERSHIP'S RENEWED</u></b>          None Reported to your Editor</p>

**DON'T LET YOUR MEMBERSHIP LAPSE**

Check the expiration date on your membership card and if it reads November 1, 2017 or earlier you are due to renew.

Please send check made payable to "MCL Det 115" to our paymaster.

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**Heads Up**

We have just gotten word about the newest Medicare scam from a division within the Better Business Bureau.

Here's what you need to know to protect yourself, family and friends throughout the US.

Starting 4/1/18 Medicare will start a yearlong project to replace all current Medicare cards for beneficiaries to convert to alphanumeric ID numbers. Currently the ID number is your social security number. This is starting to hit the media.

Scammers are opportunistic

First of all the new Medicare card will come to you in the mail. You don't need to request it or do anything. It will show up.

#### WHAT'S THE SCAM?

Somebody from "MEDICARE" will call to tell you are getting a new Medicare card. But until it comes you will need a temporary card. Fee for the card is between 5 and 50 dollars. They want personal information, bank account or credit card so they can process your temporary card.

#### THINGS TO REMEMBER

Medicare will never call you unless you ask them to.

Medicare does all communications by mail unless you ask them to call.

Ditto for anybody saying they "work with Medicare to make sure you get everything you are entitled to".

Scammer alert

#### HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF FROM THIS ONE?

First of all spread the word. Feel free to share these notes.

Use your answering machine to screen calls or just don't even answer a number you don't recognize.

If it has happened to you or your friends or loved ones and personal info had been given out (happens considerably more often than you think so don't feel bad or stupid) immediately take action to protect yourself against identity theft.

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##### 2011 - 2012

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##### 2012 - 2013

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##### 2013 - 2015

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##### 2015 - 2016

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### 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 and must be viewed before April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 when it will go off-line.

[http://www.nhc-ul.org/Bulletin%20180401%20\(PDF%20Edition\).pdf](http://www.nhc-ul.org/Bulletin%20180401%20(PDF%20Edition).pdf)

### EVERY DAY PRAYER REQUEST

"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."

**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@byunet.net](mailto:53usmc73@byunet.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.

<https://media.defense.gov/2018/Mar/23/2001894037/-1/-1/0/MILITARY-SERVICE-BY-TRANSGENDER-INDIVIDUALS.PDF>

<https://www.vettix.org/index.php>

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

**OOORAHHH !!!!!**

**GOD BLESS AMERICA**