

# *Semper Fi*

## "THE SCUTTLEBUTT"

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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 September 12<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



### Upcoming Detachment Events

August 25, Saturday, Maryland MCL State Quarterly Meeting, 0800-1200, Salisbury Post 64 (SSgt Cohee Detachment is hosting)

### "Sick or in Distress"

MCL Members and/or family members Paul TOMKO, Karen MILLER, Rhuel GOSLEE, Missy &

Richard HYSON, Don ELSEROD, 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)

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| <u>SEPTEMBER "HAPPY BIRTHDAYS"</u><br>9th Sandra BOUMA      10th Sharon MILLS<br>17th Danny PARSONS    19 <sup>th</sup> Ray GRANT | <u>SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES</u><br>5th Jeanne & Walter COHEE (46 yrs)<br>11th Sally & Terry HERLING (48 yrs)                  |
| <u>SEPTEMBER MCL ANNIVERSARIES</u><br>Louis JONES (12 yrs)      David MILLS (9 yrs)<br>Diana MERRITT (7 yrs)                      | <u>WELCOME ABOARD</u><br>Recruit...Recruit...Recruit   |
|   | <u>MEMBERSHIP'S RENEWED</u><br>Ralph CAPEN              Rhuel GOSLEE<br>David MILLS                Gene POWELL<br>Paul TOMKO |

**DON'T LET YOUR MEMBERSHIP LAPSE**

**Check the expiration date on your membership card and if it reads September 2018 or earlier you are due to renew.**

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I thought the day had finally come when I would be publishing our monthly newsletter with no feature articles. However, just this morning I run across the following and decided to throw it in for whatever it is worth.

**Marine Accused Of Marching At Charlottesville Rally Kicked Out Of Service**

U.S. Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Vasillios Pistolis has been kicked out of the service 11 months after allegedly demonstrating with white supremacists at last summer's deadly "Unite the Right" rally in Charlottesville, Virginia.

"The Marine Corps' stance on membership in extremist or hate groups remains the same: there is no place for racial hatred or extremism in the Marine Corps," Major Brian Block wrote in a statement to The Daily News, a North Carolina newspaper. The Marine Corps did not immediately respond to HuffPost's request for comment.

Pistolis was assigned to the 2nd Marine Logistics group at North Carolina's Camp Lejeune. Marine Corps Times reported that he was booted from the service July 11.

The Marine Corps opened an investigation into Pistolis' behavior after ProPublica and PBS' "Frontline" jointly identified him in early May as one of several members of neo-Nazi organizations who also serve in the military. The report earned support from Rep. Keith Ellison (D-Minn.) in the form of a letter urging Defense Secretary James Mattis to take action.

All branches of the U.S. military prohibit members from belonging to extremist groups.

“Our strength is derived from the individual excellence of every Marine regardless of background,” Block’s statement continued. “Bigotry and racial extremism run contrary to our core values.”

Pistolis allegedly bragged online about assaulting counterprotesters, describing a flag soaked in blood that he noted was not his own. On Aug. 12, 2017, he allegedly wrote: “Today cracked 3 skulls open with virtually no damage to myself.” The same day, a car driven by an alleged alt-right supporter rammed into a crowd of anti-racist counterprotesters, killing 32-year-old Heather Heyer. James Alex Fields Jr. has been accused of killing Heyer.

Before his departure, Pistolis was sentenced to 28 days behind bars, ProPublica reported in June, after a low-level military court convicted him on charges of disobeying orders and making false statements. His pay was also docked.

Pistolis is allegedly a member of the Traditionalist Worker Party and the Atomwaffen Division, two militant alt-right groups. Atomwaffen members have been charged in five murders and a bomb plot in the past year and a half.

According to Marine Corps Times, two other Marines, Sgt. Michael Chesny and Staff Sgt. Joseph Manning, were similarly removed from the service in 2017 for ties to white supremacist groups.

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

[http://www.nhc-ul.org/Bulletin%20180801%20\(PDF%20Edition\).pdf](http://www.nhc-ul.org/Bulletin%20180801%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@bvunet.net](mailto: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

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

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*GOD BLESS AMERICA*

