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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 January 8th, 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



The Marine Corps League Mid-Winter National Staff Conference will be held February 14, 15 at the [Fairview Park Marriott](#) in Falls Church, VA. The room rate is \$99 + tax per night, single or double. Please make your room reservation directly to the [Fairview Park Marriott](#) no later than January 20, 2014 at (703) 849-9400 or (800)228-2900. Request a "Marine Corps League Winter Conference" room at the [Fairview Park Marriott](#). If booking online - use the code "LWCLWCA" in the "Group Code" field. Conference information is now available on the following link: http://www.mcleague.com/mdp/pdf/Mid-Winter_Schedule_Reg_2014.pdf

May 8 thru 10, 2014: Department of Maryland Convention to 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 is on the following link. [2014 Convention Announcemen](#) For hotel information click here. <http://princessroyale.com/>

2014 Mideast Division Conference will be June 27-29, 2014 at the Holiday Inn in Martinsburg, WV hosted by Eastern Panhandle Detachment 1143. More information will be made available at a later date.

2014 MCL National Convention

August 3 - 9, 2014, Charleston, WV

Town Center Marriott \$119.00/night plus 12% tax, (304-345-6500)

Embassy Suites \$114.00/night plus 12% tax (304-347-8700)

Note: All of the above rooms have all been booked.

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/crwc/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 Rhuell GOSLEE, Jimmy Lee HOWARD, and Joseph BACHTLER 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>JANUARY "HAPPY BIRTHDAYS"</u> 5th Ralph CAPEN 7th John ROBINSON 9th Missy HYSON 9th Barbara MURRAY 9th William WHEATLEY 18th David CHERRY 24th Tara PARSONS 28th Sally HERLING 28th Tom CORCORAN</p>	<p><u>JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES</u> None</p>
<p><u>JANUARY MCL ANNIVERSARIES</u> Terry HERLING (3 yrs)</p>	<p><u>MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS DUE IN JANUARY</u> Terry HERLING</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 \$22.00 checks made payable to "MCL Det 115" to our paymaster.

Andy Bouma, Paymaster
32175 Bonhill Dr
Salisbury, MD 21804-1464

Effective January 1, 2014 initial dues for a new member are \$29.00 for the first year, thereafter yearly renewal dues are \$24.00.



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

Moe Berg: A second-rate baseball player but a first-rate spy.

When baseball greats Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig went on tour in baseball-crazy Japan in 1934, some fans wondered why a third-string catcher named Moe Berg was included. The answer was simple: Berg was a US spy. Speaking 15 languages—including Japanese—Moe Berg had two loves: baseball and spying.

In Tokyo, garbed in a kimono, Berg took flowers to the daughter of an American diplomat being treated in St. Luke's Hospital--the tallest building in the Japanese capital. He never delivered the flowers. The ball-player ascended to the hospital roof and filmed key features: the harbor, military installations, railway yards, etc.

Eight years later, General Jimmy Doolittle studied Berg's films in planning his spectacular raid on Tokyo.

Berg's father, Bernard Berg, a pharmacist in Newark, New Jersey, taught his son Hebrew and Yiddish. Moe, against his wishes, began playing baseball on the street aged four. His father disapproved and never once watched his son play. In Barringer High School, Moe learned Latin, Greek and French. He graduated magna cum laude from Princeton—having added Spanish, Italian, German and Sanskrit to his linguistic quiver, During further studies at the Sorbonne, in Paris, and Columbia Law School he picked up Japanese, Chinese, Korean, Indian, Arabic, Portuguese and Hungarian—15 languages in all, plus some regional dialects.

While playing baseball for Princeton University, Moe Berg would describe plays in Latin or Sanskrit.

During World War II, he was parachuted into Yugoslavia to assess the value to the war effort of the two groups of partisans there. He reported back that Marshall Tito's forces were widely supported by the people and Winston Churchill ordered all-out support for the Yugoslav underground fighter, rather than Mihajlovic's Serbians.

The parachute jump at age 41 undoubtedly was a challenge. But there was more to come in that same year.

Berg penetrated German-held Norway, met with members of the underground and located a secret heavy water plant—part of the Nazis' effort to build an atomic bomb. His information guided the Royal Air Force in a bombing raid to destroy the plant.

The R.A.F. destroys the Norwegian heavy water plant targeted by Moe Berg.

There still remained the question of how far had the Nazis progressed in the race to build the first Atomic bomb. If the Nazis were successful, they would win the war.

Berg (under the code name "Remus") was sent to Switzerland to hear leading German physicist Werner Heisenberg, a Nobel Laureate lecture and determine if the Nazis were close to building an A-bomb. Moe managed to slip past the SS guards at the auditorium, posing as a Swiss graduate student. The spy carried in his pocket a pistol and a cyanide pill. If the German indicated the Nazis were close to building a weapon, Berg was to shoot him—and then swallow the cyanide pill. Moe, sitting in the front row, determined that the Germans were nowhere near their goal, so he complimented Heisenberg on his speech and walked him back to his hotel.

Werner Heisenberg—he blocked the Nazis from acquiring an atomic bomb.

Moe Berg's report was distributed to Britain's Prime Minister, Winston Churchill, President Franklin D. Roosevelt and key figures in the team developing the Atomic Bomb.

Roosevelt responded: "Give my regards to the catcher."

Most of Germany's leading physicists had been Jewish and had fled the Nazis mainly to Britain and the United States.

After the war, Moe Berg was awarded the Medal of Merit— America's highest honor for a civilian in wartime. But Berg refused to accept, as he couldn't tell people about his exploits. After his death, his sister accepted the Medal and it hangs in the Baseball Hall of Fame, in Cooperstown,

Your Freedom Wasn't & Still Isn't Free!

IN CASE YOU HAVE FORGOTTEN

NCO Creed: (excerpt from *Warrior Culture of the U.S. Marines*, copyright 2001 Marion F. Sturkey)

The Marine NCO, the Marine Non-Commissioned Officer. Tales of their combat exploits have become the stuff of legend. NCOs are the Corporals and Sergeants responsible for the lives of their men in combat. They must be leaders of men, but also much more. They carry with them the unbroken traditions of duty and dedication to their assigned mission. Their creed need not be lengthy. It is short, succinct, and to the point:

I am an NCO dedicated to training new Marines and influencing the old. I am forever conscious of each Marine under my charge, and by example will inspire him to the highest standards possible. I will strive to be patient, understanding, just, and firm. I will commend the deserving and encourage the wayward.

I will never forget that I am responsible to my Commanding Officer for the morale, discipline, and efficiency of my men. Their performance will reflect an image of me.

Staff NCO Creed: (excerpt from *Warrior Culture of the U.S. Marines*, copyright 2001 Marion F. Sturkey)

We all need roadmaps for life. We all need goals. Those unfortunate souls who don't know what is expected of them can rarely accomplish anything of significance, and they can never be a team player.

In the Marine Corps each Marine -- regardless of rank, in war or in time of peace -- has goals and responsibilities. Goals change from time to time and from situation to situation. But, the elementary and constant responsibility of each Staff NCO is outlined in the Staff NCO Creed:

I am a Staff Noncommissioned Officer in the United States Marine Corps. As such, I am a member of the most unique group of professional military practitioners in the world. I am bound by duty to God, Country, and my fellow Marines to execute the demands of my position to and beyond what I believe to be the limits of my capabilities.

I realize I am the mainstay of Marine Corps discipline, and I carry myself with military grace, unbowed by the weight of command, unflinching in the execution lawful orders, and unswerving in my dedication to the most complete success of my assigned mission.

Both my professional and personal demeanor shall be such that I may take pride if my juniors emulate me, and knowing perfection to lie beyond the grasp of any mortal hand, I shall yet strive to attain perfection that I may ever be aware of my needs and capabilities to improve myself. I shall be fair in my personal relations, just in the enforcement of discipline, true to myself and my fellow Marines, and equitable in my dealing with every man.

MARINE CORPS EXERCISE REGIMEN FOR PEOPLE OVER 60

For those of us over 60 – this is a great exercise regimen – for you young'uns out there (under 60), just keep it in mind until you reach that magic 60 number!

Begin by standing on a comfortable surface, where you have plenty of room on each side. With a 5-lb potato bag in each hand, extend your arms straight out from your sides. Hold them there as long as you can. Try to reach a full minute, and then relax. Each day you'll find that you can hold this position for just a bit longer.

After a couple of weeks, move up to 10-lb potato bags. Then try 50-lb potato bags, and then eventually, try to get to where you can lift a 100-lb potato bag in each hand and hold your arms straight for more than a full minute. (I'm currently at this level.)

After you feel confident at that level, put a potato in each bag.

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 December 15th, 2013 and needs to view before January 1st or the link will no longer work.

<http://vets4vets.zymichost.com/Bulletin%20131215%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@bvn.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

MILITARY WISDOM

"Any ship can be a minesweeperOnce."

"Never tell the Platoon Sergeant you have nothing to do."

"Don't draw fire; it irritates the people around you."

"If you see a bomb technician running, follow him."

"Though I Fly Through the Valley of Death, I Shall Fear No Evil. For I am at 80,000 Feet
and Climbing."

At the entrance to the old SR-71 operating base Kadena, Japan

"You've never been lost until you've been lost at Mach 3."

Paul F. Crickmore (test pilot)

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://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uoABty_zE00

http://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=RZ7968BbMnU&vq=medium

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GIRnd3IN05s&feature=share>

<http://www.wtop.com/696/3518316/Aerial-Flash-Mob>

<http://www.americanveteranscenter.org/2013/12/2013-chester-nez/>

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0dFIZX_RXuU

http://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=W6tB8Lf7YoU

God Bless America

-- Once a Marine, Always a Marine --

***YOUR EDITOR DOES NOT BELIEVE IN POLITICAL CORRECTNESS AND SAYS IT LIKE IT
IS***

Merry Christmas



AND A

Happy New Year!

TO YOU AND YOURS