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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 January 14th, 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

January 1



January 19



2015 Marine Corps League Mid-Winter National Staff Conference will be held February 12, 13 and 14 with meetings on the 13th and 14th. It will again be held at the [Fairview Park Marriott](#) in Falls Church, VA. Room rate for single or double rooms is \$99.00 + TAX per night.

Reservation should be made directly to the [Fairview Park Marriott](#) no later than January 20, 2015 by calling (703) 849-9400 or (800)228-2900. Request a "Marine Corps League Winter Conference" room. If booking online - use the code "MCRMCR" in the "Group Code" field.

More info is available on this link:

<http://sediv.org/files/SE%20Conference%20Info/2015%20SEDiv%20Conference.pdf>

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 Walt COHEE, 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)

<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 (4 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 \$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**

The Grey-Haired Brigade

This is a point of view of the Old Folks of this country. It's worth a read.

The typical U.S. household headed by a person age 65 or older has a net worth 47 times greater than a household headed by someone under 35, according to an analysis of census data released recently.

They like to refer to us as senior citizens, old fogies, geezers, and in some cases dinosaurs. Some of us are "Baby Boomers" getting ready to retire. Others have been retired for some time. We walk a little slower

these days and our eyes and hearing are not what they once were. We worked hard, raised our children, and worshiped our God and grown old together. Yes, we are the ones some refer to as being over the hill, and that is probably true. But before writing us off completely, there are a few things that need to be taken into consideration.

In school we studied English, history, math, and science which enabled us to lead America into the technological age. Most of us remember what outhouses were, many of us with firsthand experience. We remember the days of telephone party-lines, 25 cent gasoline, and milk and ice being delivered to our homes. For those of you who don't know what an icebox is, today they are electric and referred to as refrigerators. A few even remember when cars were started with a crank. Yes, we lived those days.

We are probably considered old fashioned and out dated by many. But there are a few things you need to remember before completely writing us off. We won World War II, fought in Korea and Viet Nam. We can quote The Pledge of Allegiance, and know where to place our hand while doing so. We wore the uniform of our country with pride and lost many friends on the battlefield. We didn't fight for the Socialist States of America; we fought for the "Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave." We wore different uniforms but carried the same flag. We know the words to the Star Spangled Banner, America, and America the Beautiful by heart and you may even see some tears running down our cheeks as we sing. We have lived what many of you have only read in history books and we feel no obligation to apologize to anyone for America.

Yes, we are old and slow these days but rest assured, we have at least one good fight left in us. We have loved this country, fought for it, and died for it, and now we are going to save it. It is our country and nobody is going to take it away from us. We took oaths to defend America against all enemies, foreign and domestic, and that is an oath we plan to keep. There are those who want to destroy this land we love but, like our founders, there is no way we are going to remain silent.

It was mostly the young people of this nation who elected Obama and the Democratic Congress. You fell for the "Hope and Change" which in reality was nothing but "Hype and Lies."

You youngsters have tasted socialism and seen evil face to face, and have found you don't like it after all. You make a lot of noise, but most are all too interested in their careers or "Climbing the Social Ladder" to be involved in such mundane things as patriotism and voting. Many of those who fell for the "Great Lie" in 2008 are now having buyer's remorse. With all the education we gave you, you didn't have sense enough to see through the lies and instead drank the 'Kool-Aid.' Now you're paying the price and complaining about it. No jobs, lost mortgages, higher taxes, and less freedom.

This is what you voted for and this is what you got. We entrusted you with the Torch of Liberty and you traded it for a paycheck and a fancy house.

Well, don't worry youngsters, the Grey-Haired Brigade is here, and in 2014 we are going to take back our nation. We may drive a little slower than you would like but we get where we're going, and in 2014 we're going to the polls by the millions.

This land does not belong to the man in the White House or to the likes of Nancy Pelosi, Harry Reid, and Eric Holder. It belongs to "We the People" and "We the People" plan to reclaim our land and our freedom. We hope this time you will do a better job of preserving it and passing it along to our grandchildren. So the next time you have the chance to say the Pledge of Allegiance, Stand up, put your hand over your heart, honor our country, and thank God for the old geezers of the "Grey-Haired Brigade."

Were you aware that November 12th was "Band of Brothers" Day

You may have served in Combat or in non-combat.

You may have retired out or you may have served for a short time.

You may have been a draftee or a volunteer.

You may have served in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard or the Marines,
BUT YOU SERVED. YOU DID YOUR JOB HONORABLY and for that I am PROUD

to call you Brother.

You may have served during Korea, WWII, Vietnam, the Cold War, Persian Gulf, Iraq or Afghanistan, but you served. You did not run.

You have a DD 214 with those words "HONORABLY DISCHARGED"
two of the most Noble words in the world.

Again I am proud to know each and every one of you.

To the cool men and women that have touched my life: Here's to you!! I was never a hero, but I am thankful and proud to have served among them.
A real Brother walks with you when the rest of the world walks on you.

Military Facts and Legends: Nicknames for U.S. Marines

Since the days of the Barbary pirates, United States Marines have called themselves "leathernecks." Legend and lore have it that the term leatherneck was derived from leather neckbands worn in the late 1700s to protect Marines from the slash of the cutlass. Another more likely reason is that the high stocks were worn for discipline to keep the Marines' heads high and straight. Neither explanation has ever been verified.

Whatever the reason, the name leatherneck stuck and the distinctive dress blue uniform blouse still bears a high stock collar to remind Marines of the leatherneck legacy.

During WWI the Marines fought with such ferocity and valor that they were called GI's. But Marines hate being called GI's. They want to be called Marines. Somewhere along the line the GI and Marine got mixed resulting in the word "Gyrene."

Another nickname given Marines was "Devil Dogs." According to United States Marine Corps legend, the moniker was used by German soldiers to describe U.S. Marines who fought in the Battle of Belleau Wood in 1918. The Marines fought with such ferocity that they were likened to "Dogs from Hell." The term "Devil Dog" is historically a well-accepted term of endearment, as a title of honor and is a common mascot in the Corps. Devil Dog tattoos are very popular among Marines.

Since World War II, Marines have been called "jarheads". The term originates from the "high and tight" haircut that many Marines have, which makes their head look like a jar. When used by civilians or other U.S. military it could be considered derogatory, but it is used often among Marines. It did not originate from their uniform or cover as is widely believed.

Marine serving aboard Navy ships as sentries, security, orderlies, honor guards for special occasions, and the nucleus of the ship's landing party among other things are called "Sea-going bellhops". Sea duty is one of the oldest traditions of the Corps, so this is a good epithet for starting a fight with any Marine, especially if said with plenty of sarcasm.

The phrase "grunt" grew in popularity during the Vietnam War when referring to Marines serving as infantry rifleman. The opposite of a "grunt" is a "pougue", which is a derogatory reference to pretty much anyone who isn't a grunt, but normally reserved for Marines who work in an office or some other rear-echelon job as part of their regular duties ("In the rear with the gear"). Call a pougue a "grunt" and they love it, but call a grunt a "pougue" and see what happens :-)

ISIS Soon To Be Non-Existent

The Pentagon announced TODAY the formation of a new 500-man elite fighting unit called the United States Redneck Special Forces (USRSF).

These boys will be dropped off in Iraq, and have been given only the following facts about ISIS:

1. The season opened today.
2. There is no limit.
3. They taste just like chicken.
4. They don't like beer, bacon, BBQ, pickups, nude women, country music...or Jesus.

AND

5. They are directly responsible for the death of Dale Earnhardt.

The Pentagon expects the problem in IRAQ to be over by Friday.

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 1st, 2014 and needs to view before December 15th or the link will no longer work.

<http://www.nhc-ul.com/Bulletin%20141201%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

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/embed/iKlt6rNciTo?rel=0>
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lq2BbVZ2LEc&feature=player_embedded

God Bless America

-- Once a Marine, Always a Marine --



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