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"THE SCUTTLEBUTT"

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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 March 14th, 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



2018 MCL Midwinter Staff Conference will be March 1-3, 2018 at the Fredericksburg Hospitality House and Conference Center, 2801 Plank Rd, Fredericksburg, VA 22401. Group code: MCLMDWINTER18 Phone: (540) 786-8321 Room rate includes up to 4 breakfast vouchers per occupancy. TBA per night + prevailing tax (currently 11.3%) Please make your room reservation direct to the hotel no later than TBA at 540-786-8321.

Department of Maryland Convention

May 10-11 & 12, 2018

Princess Royale Oceanfront Hotel & Conference Center
9100 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD 21842-2745

The following link provides all info needed for those that will be attending
http://deptofmdmcl.org/Conventions/2018_Convention_Packet-Full.pdf

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 www.turfvalley.com

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

More information will be made available ASAP.

2018 MCL National Convention will be held August 12th through the 18th, 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 Karen MILLER, Carl EBAUGH, Rhuel GOSLEE, Missy HYSON, Fran HEARTHWAY, 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>MARCH "HAPPY BIRTHDAYS"</u> 14th Paul TOMKO 23rd Barb EBAUGH 31st Diana MERRITT | <u>MARCH ANNIVERSARIES</u> 3 rd Lizanne & Bill WALLACE (34 yr) 24th Renee & 'Josh' KELLEY (11 yrs) |
| <u>MARCH MCL ANNIVERSARIES</u> Warner SUMPTER (18 yrs) Carl EBAUGH (15 yrs) Richard HYSON (9 yrs) Jeff MERRITT (8 yr) Thomas GORMAN (3 yrs) | <u>WELCOME ABOARD</u> Thomas "Tom" KELLAR (Salisbury) |
| | <u>MEMBERSHIP'S RENEWED</u> Carl EBAUGH |

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.

Andy Bouma, Paymaster

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Marine Corps' first Super Bowl ad in 30 years targets 'cord-cutters'

The U.S. Marine Corps aired an ad during the Super Bowl for the first time in 30 years, using an online-only spot Sunday to target a young, tough, tech-savvy audience for potential recruits.

The 30-second ad – which can be viewed at www.marines.com – shows Marines deploying off ships in amphibious vehicles, dropping bombs from aircraft and hurling a shoulder-launched drone into the air, simulating real-life combat missions.

The goal, said Maj. Gen. Paul Kennedy, head of the Marine Corps Recruiting Command, is to reach young men and women who have faced and conquered challenges in their lives.

"I'm trying to enlist 18- to 24-year-olds," Kennedy said. "And they tend to be cord-cutters. They take in entertainment differently and they tend to do it on a device rather than a television."

Military recruiters have historically found February through May to be the toughest period for finding new enlistments. By this time, many high school seniors have decided what they will do after graduation, or which college they will attend.

Kennedy hopes the ad will reach some who may still be open to serving in the Marine Corps. Targeting the streaming broadcast has now become a more effective option as viewership online grows, he said, and is the best way to reach more young people while spending less money. The ad is expected to reach 20 million viewers.

"This ad talks to the fighting spirit of young people that have come up through high school," Kennedy said. "We want young, tough, smart warriors that want to continue to seek challenges, and we're seeking them from men and women from all walks of life."

Khe Sanh veterans recall Vietnam battle's start 50 years ago Sunday (Jan 21, 1968 – Jul 9, 1968)

Sunday January 21, 2018 marked the 50th anniversary of the start of one of the most significant battles of the Vietnam War – the Battle of Khe Sanh.

Across the U.S., groups of Vietnam veterans will gather to commemorate the 77-day battle, in which some 6,000 U.S. Marines defended a small combat base from tens of thousands of North Vietnamese fighters. Others are making plans to attend a reunion of Khe Sanh veterans scheduled for August in Washington, D.C. One such gathering Sunday is planned in Oroville, Calif. Its organizer is Tom Horchler, 71, who served at Khe Sanh as a lance corporal with the 1st Battalion 13th Marines Headquarters Battery Motor Transport Section.

"They say it was the Marines who fought there," Horchler told the Chico Enterprise-Record, "but just about every branch of the service was there.

"There are not many battles in history where guys from different branches fought shoulder to shoulder," he added, "but Khe Sanh was one of them."

In Michigan, the Oakland Press reported that Chaplain Ron Rayner, 71, of Oakland County, is trying to reach local Khe Sanh veterans who can accompany him to the Washington event.

He and other members of Khe Sanh Veterans Inc. will participate that week in a washing of the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Wall.

In Maine, Khe Sanh veterans Ralph Sargent and Evan Plourde told the Kennebec Journal they were making plans to attend the Khe Sanh commemoration in Washington.

Sargent, 82, was a gunnery sergeant in Khe Sanh – and, at 33, an “old man” among a group of guys in their 20s.

Plourde, 70, was a Marine private first class who carried an M60 machine gun during his time at Khe Sanh. Plourde told the Journal about a brutal attack that occurred Feb. 23, 1968.

“We were in our foxhole for hours,” he said. “When we came out and picked up the pieces, there were a lot of casualties.”

Both men said they feel lucky to have survived the battle. “There was just somebody out there looking over me,” Plourde told the newspaper. “I sure wish that happened for the guys we lost.”

Marine Arrogance

A Marine Sergeant wrote this in response to an army guy who posted a comment on the Marine Corps site that he was sick and tired of "Marine arrogance".

The Sergeant says...

"I think that's what makes Marines special, if only in our own minds, is that elusive Quality of Esprit De Corps. It's the fact that we, as individual Marines, don't feel that we are individual Marines. When we wear our uniform, when we hear our Hymn, when we go into battle, we are going with every other Marine who ever wore the uniform.

Standing behind us are the Marines who fought during the birth of our nation. We're standing with the Marines who fought in WWI and gave birth to the legend of the "Tueful Hunden", or "Devil Dogs". We are standing with the Marines who took Iwo and Tarawa and countless other blood soaked islands throughout the Pacific.

We are standing with the "Frozen Chosin" and our beloved Chesty Puller. We are standing with the Marines who battled at Hue City and Khe Sanh and the muddy rice paddies of South East Asia. We are standing with the Marines who fought in Desert Storm and Iraqi Freedom and now, are fighting in Afghanistan.

Like real brothers, their blood courses through our veins, and when we go into battle, we would rather lay down our lives than be a disappointment to them. We carry on our backs, their legacy, their deaths and their honor. We carry that for the rest of our lives.

The Marines Corps uniform doesn't come off when our active duty is over. We wear it daily in our attitude, and our love of Corps and country. We wear it on our tattoos and our bumper stickers. We wear it in our hearts.

Its why, no matter where we are in the world, on November 10th, every Marine celebrates the Marine Corps birthday. It's why we'll never be an army of 1. It's why we never stop being Marines. Its why, for most of us, being a Marine isn't something we were? It's something we are.

It's the most important part of who and what we are. Some say we're arrogant. We say we're proud. We have a right to be proud. We are the United States Marines the most feared and ferocious group of warriors to walk the face of this earth.

When Americas' enemies formulate their battle plans, they plan on going around Marine units, because they know damn well that they can't go through them. We are what other branches wish they were.

We are the modern day Spartans. This isn't bragging. It's written in the battle history of our country. When there's a parade and the Marines march by, everyone pays a little more attention. Some say "arrogance". We

call it "pride". Its why, in a crowd of service men, you can always spot the Marine. Why are Marines special? I don't know. We just are.

Saepius Exertus, Semper Fidelis, Frater Infinitas
Often Tested, Always Faithful, Brothers Forever

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 February 14th, 2018 and must be viewed before March 1st, 2018 when it will go off-line.

[http://www.nhc-ul.org/Bulletin%20180101%20\(PDF%20Edition\).pdf](http://www.nhc-ul.org/Bulletin%20180101%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 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.

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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.meltreacoheedet115.org/dummies3\[1\].pdf](http://www.meltreacoheedet115.org/dummies3[1].pdf)

https://www.youtube.com/embed/C6f_FvZpm3g

http://soloshideawayfunpages.com/tqxs/004/iwo_jima.htm

<http://www.marines.mil/News/Marines-TV/video/579818/#DVIDSVideoPlayer27131>

http://wallythekat.tripod.com/A_Pages/AA-Videos-YOU-Tube/Clydesdales.html

-- Once a Marine, Always a Marine --

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GOD BLESS AMERICA

