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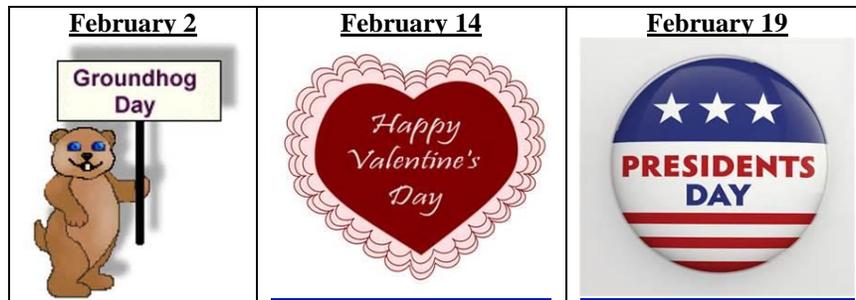
Original Charter Date May 10, 1970

MEETING TIME & PLACE

Meetings are always held on the second Wednesday of each month. The next regularly scheduled meeting would be held on February 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
More info will be made available ASAP.

Mid-East Division Convention

June 15 – 17, 2018

To be hosted by the Department of Marine 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 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)

<u>FEBRUARY "HAPPY BIRTHDAYS"</u> 10th Louis JONES 23rd Walter COHEE 26th Sylvia GOSLEE 28th George "Buddy" MURRAY	<u>FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES</u> 17th Sandra & Andy BOUMA (52 yrs) 23rd Sharon & David MILLS (23 yrs) 28th Nicole & Kyle HEBERE (12 yrs)
<u>FEBRUARY MCL ANNIVERSARIES</u> David HACKETT (3 yrs) Roger MARTINSON (3 yrs)	<u>WELCOME ABOARD</u> None reported to your editor
	<u>MEMBERSHIP'S RENEWED</u> None reported to your editor

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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Virginia's Medal of Honor Recipient Col. Wesley Fox Dies



Bob Brown/Richmond Times-Dispatch.

All of us at the Virginia Department of Veterans Services mourn the death of Medal of Honor recipient, U.S. Marine and former deputy commandant of the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets, Col. Wesley L. Fox. Col. Fox passed away on November 24 in Blacksburg at age 86.

Col. Fox grew up on a farm in the Shenandoah Valley and enlisted in the Marines in 1950 at the start of the Korean War. After service there as a rifleman, he spent the first 16 years of his 43-year military career as a non-commissioned officer. He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in 1966.

President Richard Nixon presented Col. Fox with the Medal of Honor in March 1971 for his heroic actions while serving as the commanding officer of Company A, 1st Battalion, 9th Marines, 3rd Marine Division in Vietnam.

He retired from active duty in 1993 as a colonel having served in every Marine enlisted rank except Sergeant Major and every officer rank except General. He then served as Deputy Commander of the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets from 1993-2001. In 2016, Col. Fox was recognized at the State Capitol by the Virginia General Assembly "for his heroic service and sacrifices in the defense of the nation."

History of the US Marines

With equal command over both land and water, the United States Marine Corps (USMC) is responsible for planning and conducting critical amphibious operations in support of the Navy and with close coordination with the Army and Air Force. We look at the history of America's premier crisis response force.

Nov. 10, 1775: Birth of the Marine Corps

During the Revolutionary War (1775-83), Captain Samuel Nicholas formed two battalions of Continental Marines in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as part of the naval infantry. That day is considered to be the birthday of the Marine Corps. Although the Continental Marines had several responsibilities, their main purpose was to serve as a security force on-board Navy ships, protecting the captain and his officers.

March 3-4, 1776: First amphibious raid

The Continental Marines launched their first amphibious landing during the Battle of Nassau, as the American Colonial forces attacked the British port in the Bahamas. Under the leadership of Captain Nicholas, 234 Marines captured the enemy supply of gunpowder as the British troops surrendered within minutes.

April 1783: Disbandment

After the Revolutionary War was over following the Treaty of Paris, both the Continental Marines and Navy were disbanded. At the time, the Marines had 131 colonial officers and around 2,000 enlisted personnel.

March 27, 1794: Naval Act of 1794

To deal with harassment by the French naval forces during the French Revolutionary Wars (1792-1802), the U.S. Congress passed an act that created the U.S. Navy and to support it, the Marine Corps. Signed by President George Washington, it not only authorized the construction of new frigates but also specified the number of Marines to be assigned to each one.

July 11, 1798: US Marine Corps established

Signed by U.S. President John Adams, the “Act for establishing and organizing a Marine Corps” marked an official formation of the U.S. Marines and stated that the force must consist of a battalion of 500 privates, led by a major and supporting officer’s. William Ward Burrows I was appointed as the major on the next day.

July 1798-September 1800: Quasi-War

Fought almost entirely at sea, the undeclared war between the U.S. and France saw the Marines working side-by-side with the Navy to defend the American merchant fleet. The conflict resulted in the reduction of naval activities of French privateers and a victory for the U.S. and co-belligerent Great Britain.

April-May 1805: Battle of Derna

During the Barbary Wars (1801-15), when American merchant ships were plagued by pirates off the Barbary Coast in Libya, President Thomas Jefferson ordered an expeditionary Marine force to tackle the situation. Under the leadership of First Lieutenant Presley O’Bannon, the troops marched over 600 miles through the Libyan Desert to take the port city of Derna and rescued the kidnapped crew of the USS Philadelphia. At the time, the Marine uniforms were marked by their high collars designed to deflect pirates’ saber swords. It earned them the nickname “Leathernecks.”

Remainder of 19th century: Shaping customs and traditions

During the Civil War (1861-65) Marines primarily guarded ships and forts. Also, as the Navy evolved from sail to steam vessels, the necessity of Marines on the ship was put into question. All this time, the Corps was used as a major resource for intervention and landings overseas. The forces were responsible for 28 interventions in a period of 30 years. Also during this time, the Corps adopted the Marine Corps emblem in November 1868 and their motto “Semper Fidelis” (Latin for “Always Faithful”) around 1883.

1917: Participation in World War I

When the U.S. entered the conflict on April 6, the Marine forces came in with their marksmanship and shock troops, turning the war in favor of the Allies. Their biggest win was seen in the Battle of Belleau Wood (June 1-26, 1918), in France, where the Marines faced fierce machine-gun fire to capture German positions. According to legend, after seeing the Marines’ spirit, the Germans nicknamed them “Devil Dogs.”

1918: First woman in the Marines

World War I also saw the first enlistment of women in the Marines. In 1918, Opha May Johnson joined the Marine Corps Reserve, becoming the first woman to do so. She was assigned as a clerk at the Marine headquarters.

1941-45: Vital participation in World War II

After the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor in December 1941, the American military entered the war with all its might. The Marines proved pivotal in the Battle of Iwo Jima, where they captured the strategically important island and its Japanese airfields in 1945.

The Marine Corps War Memorial in Arlington, Virginia, U.S., depicts the second U.S. flag-raising atop Mount Suribachi, on Iwo Jima. The memorial is modeled on Joe Rosenthal's famous photograph, “Raising the Flag on Iwo Jima.”

Nov. 27-Dec. 13, 1950: Battle of Chosin Reservoir

During the Korean War (1950-53), U.N. forces faced a lot of trouble when China entered the conflict in support of North Korea. At the Chosin Reservoir in modern-day Changjin County, North Korea, the 1st Marine Division became surrounded by Chinese forces and was outnumbered eight-to-one. Despite the deadly cold weather and lack of air support, the “Chosin Few” destroyed 10 Chinese infantry divisions.

1968: Battle of Huế

During the Vietnam War (1955-75), the Huế Massacre saw mass killings of civilians and prisoners of war by the Viet Cong and People’s Army of Vietnam. The Marines retaliated by engaging in intense urban warfare

with the enemy forces. After a month of house-to-house street fighting and heavy losses on both sides, the Marines secured the victory on March 2, 1968.

Jan. 17-Feb. 28, 1991: Operation Desert Storm

During the Gulf War (1990-91), the Marines played a huge role in the United Nations' response to Iraq's invasion of Kuwait. The 1st and 2nd divisions broke through Iraq's southern border while 8,000 Marines engaged the Iraqi army in the north. The offensive—titled Operation Desert Storm—led to the liberation of Kuwait.

Post-2001: Global War on Terrorism

Following the 9/11 attacks, President George W. Bush first used the term “war on terrorism” on Sept. 16, 2001, and a global military campaign was launched with one sole aim—“the defeat of Al-Qaeda, other terrorist groups and any nation that supports or harbors terrorists.” All the branches of military services, including the Marine Corps, engaged in Operation Enduring Freedom (2001-) to take on terrorist outfits.

March 20, 2003-Dec. 18, 2011: Iraq War

Also known as the Second Gulf War, the invasion saw an U.S.-led coalition force take on the dictatorial regime of Saddam Hussein. The Marines fought in dense metropolitan areas, breaching and clearing one building after the other in search of insurgents. The conflict resulted in the overthrowing of Hussein's Ba'athist government and eventually his execution by hanging.

2011–present: Continuing to serve

As of 2016, the Marine Corps had a strength of 182,000 active duty members and over 38,500 reserve personnel. Even though it is the smallest military service within the U.S. Department of Defense, the Marines continue to engage in operations on land, sea and air around the world. They are also responsible for developing doctrine and innovations which aid other nations in global military operations.

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 January 1st, 2018 and must be viewed before January 15th, 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://kepler.pratt.duke.edu/USMCRibbons.html>

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GOD BLESS AMERICA

