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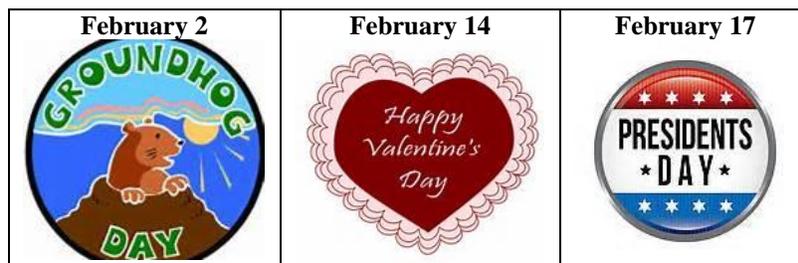
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MEETING TIME & PLACE

Meetings are always held on the second Wednesday of each month. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on February 12th, 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 Rhuel 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>FEBRUARY "HAPPY BIRTHDAYS"</u> 8th Ed HEARTHWAY 10th Louis JONES 23rd Walter COHEE 26th Sylvia GOSLEE 28th George "Buddy" MURRAY 28th Tom MIFFLETON</p>	<p><u>FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES</u> 17th Sandra & Andy BOUMA (48 yrs) 23rd Sharon & David MILLS (19 yrs) 28th Nicole & Kyle HEBERE (8 yrs)</p>
<p><u>FEBRUARY MCL ANNIVERSARIES</u> Ed HEARTHWAY (14 yrs)</p>	<p><u>MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS DUE IN FEBRUARY</u> None</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
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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**



Andy Rooney and Prayer

I don't believe in Santa Claus, but I'm not going to sue somebody for singing a Ho-Ho-Ho song in December.

I don't agree with Darwin, but I didn't go out and hire a lawyer when my high school teacher taught his theory of evolution.

Life, liberty or your pursuit of happiness will not be endangered in any way because someone says a 30-second prayer before a football game.

So what's the big deal?

It's not like somebody is up there reading the entire Book of Acts. They're just talking to a God they believe in and asking him to grant safety to the players on the field and the fans going home from the game. But it's a Christian prayer, some will argue.

Yes, and this is the United States of America, and Canada, countries founded on Christian principles. According to our very own phone book, Christian churches outnumber all others better than 200-to-1. So what would you expect -- Somebody chanting Hare Krishna?

If I went to a football game in Jerusalem, I would expect to hear a Jewish prayer.

If I went to a soccer game in Baghdad, I would expect to hear a Muslim prayer.

If I went to a ping pong match in China, I would expect to hear someone pray to Buddha.

And I wouldn't be offended. It wouldn't bother me one bit. When in Rome.....

But what about the atheists? That's another argument. What about them?

Nobody is asking them to be baptized. We're not going to pass the collection plate. Just humor us for 30 seconds. If that's asking too much, bring a Walkman or a pair of ear plugs. Go to the bathroom. Visit the concession stand. Call your lawyer! Or, just exercise their right to leave this country!

Unfortunately, one or two will call their lawyer. One or two will tell thousands what they can and cannot do. I don't think a short prayer at a football game is going to shake the world's foundations.

Christians are just sick and tired of turning the other cheek while our courts strip us of all our rights. Our parents and grandparents taught us to pray before eating, to pray before we go to sleep. Our Bible tells us to pray without ceasing. Now a handful of people and their lawyers are telling us to cease praying.

God, help us. And if that last sentence offends you, well, just sue me.

The silent majority has been silent too long. It's time we tell that one or two who scream loud enough to be heard that the vast majority doesn't care what they want!

It is time that the majority rules! It's time we tell them, "You don't have to pray; you don't have to say the Pledge of Allegiance; you don't have to believe in God or attend services that honor Him. That is your right, and we will honor your right; but by golly, you are no longer going to take our rights away. We are fighting back, and we WILL WIN!"

God bless us one and all...Especially those who denounce Him, God bless America and Canada, despite all our faults, and we are still the greatest nations of all. God bless our service men that are fighting to protect our right to pray and worship God.

Let's make 2014 the year the silent majority is heard and we put God back as the foundation of our families and institutions. And our military forces come home from all the wars.

Keep looking up.

Enjoy this bit of USMC history

Sir Winston Churchill, British Prime Minister, became an ardent admirer of the U.S. Marine Corps. In the company of guests of state, he often demonstrated his respect for U.S. Marines by reciting, from memory, all three verses of The Marines' Hymn.

History of The Marines' Hymn: (excerpt from Warrior Culture of the U.S. Marines, Copyright 2001 Marion F. Sturkey)

The U.S. Army, the U.S. Navy, and the U.S. Air Force all have their own songs.

For the U.S. Navy, Anchors Aweigh was written in 1906 by Lt. Charles Zimmerman and midshipman Alfred Miles. Initially the song was a tribute to the Naval Academy Class of 1907. Various people revised it later, trying to weed out the nonsense. Another midshipman, Royal Lovell, penned the final stanza in 1926. Anchors Aweigh has a snappy little tune, but no one knows what the words imply. The original first stanza in 1906 had dealt solely with the game of football. Even today, the song offers a bittersweet "farewell to college joys." The lyrics end by "wishing you a happy voyage home." Many musical experts think that Anchors Aweigh is a ballad for football players who like sailboats. But, no one really knows for sure.

The U.S. Army adopted a snazzy tune for The Caisson Song. Unlike the words in the Navy's song, the words of the Army's song make sense. According to the words of each stanza, The Caisson Song clearly is a melody for rural motorists.. Edmund Gruber wrote the original lyrics in the Philippines during World War I. Naturally, since most of the fighting was 8000 miles away in Europe, Gruber made only a passing reference to warfare. Yet, he was careful to be "politically correct." He apparently sought the help of first grade students in composing the lyrics. The banal "Hi, hi, hee" is a dead giveaway. No one has a clue as to what it might mean. Still, at least it rhymes.

The U.S. Air Force did not exist in 1938. But, that year Liberty Magazine sponsored a contest for an official song for the Army Air Corps. The magazine received 757 entries. A group of Army Air Corps wives (yes, believe it or not, wives) selected the entry from Robert Crawford, Off We Go into the Wild Blue Yonder. After World War II the Army Air Corps evolved into the U.S. Air Force. This fledgling flying club adopted Off We Go' as their official song. It suited the illusionary nature of the new Wild-Blue-Yonder-Wonders with references to "those who love the vastness of the sky" and the fictitious "rainbow's pot of gold." The final stanza speaks of the "gray haired wonder," an admirable gesture of non-discrimination for the new civilianized Air Force.

These three songs, Anchors Aweigh, The Caisson Song, and Off We Go into the Wild Blue Yonder, are often played at public events. They obviously delight the members and advocates of the affected service: Navy, Army, or Air Force. When their song is played, sailors, soldiers, and zoomies leap to their feet and shout, cheer, clap their hands, and jive with the music. They have a jolly time.

The U.S. Marine Corps is the United States ' military band of brothers dedicated to pure warfighting. The

proud Brotherhood of Marines is guided by principles, values, virtues, love of country, and it's Warrior Culture. This brotherhood of American Patriots has no song. Instead, Marine Warriors have a hymn.. When The Marines' Hymn is played, United States Marines stand at attention. They silently show their pride in their fellow Marines, their Corps, their Country, their heritage, and their hymn.

The Marines' Hymn is a tribute to Warriors. Marine Warriors stormed fortress Derna, raised the American flag, and gave us "the shores of Tripoli." Marines fought their way into the castle at Chapultepec and gave us the "halls of Montezuma." Marines exist for the purpose of war fighting. Fighting is their role in life. They "fight for right and freedom" and "to keep our honor clean." They fight "in the air, on land, and sea." The Marine Corps is Valhalla for Warriors. U.S. Marines need no song. They have a hymn.

Ironically, no one knows who wrote the hymn, which was in widespread use by the mid-1800s. Col. A.S. McLemore, USMC, spent several years trying to identify the origin of the tune. In 1878 he told the leader of the Marine Band that the tune had been adopted from the comic opera Genevieve de Barbant, by Jaques Offenback. Yet, others believe the tune originated from a Spanish folk song. Whatever! Regardless of its origin, The Marines' Hymn has remained a revered icon of the United States Marine Corps for well over 225 years. When the Hymn is rendered, ALL Marines within earshot, stand to attention. There is no cheering; no clapping, no shouting.

In 1929 The Marines' Hymn became the official hymn of the Corps. Thirteen years later in November 1942 the Commandant approved a change in the words of the first verse, fourth line. Because of the increasing use of aircraft in the Corps, the words were changed to "In the air, on land, and sea." No other changes have been made since that time. When you have attained absolute perfection, there is no need for further modification.

IN CASE YOU HAVE FORGOTTEN

The Marine's Prayer: (excerpt from *Warrior Culture of the U.S. Marines*, copyright 2001 Marion F. Sturkey)
Regardless of the situation, the Marine Corps has an answer for almost everything.

Contact with The Deity is serious business. It is also an excellent idea for Warriors who are expected to put their lives on the line against an assortment of foes. For U.S. Marines of any faith who may desire guidance when contacting their Maker, the Marine Corps has a ready aid, The Marine's Prayer:

Almighty Father, whose command is over all and whose love never fails, make me aware of Thy presence and obedient to Thy will. Keep me true to my best self, guarding me against dishonesty in purpose and deed and helping me to live so that I can face my fellow Marines, my loved ones, and Thee without shame or fear. Protect my family.

Give me the will to do the work of a Marine and to accept my share of responsibilities with vigor and enthusiasm. Grant me the courage to be proficient in my daily performance. Keep me loyal and faithful to my superiors and to the duties my Country and the Marine Corps have entrusted to me. Help me to wear my uniform with dignity, and let it remind me daily of the traditions which I must uphold.

If I am inclined to doubt, steady my faith; if I am tempted, make me strong to resist; if I should miss the mark, give me courage to try again.

Guide me with the light of truth and grant me wisdom by which I may understand the answer to my prayer.

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

<http://vets4vets.zymichost.com/Bulletin%20140101.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

[Rodriguez, Lance Cpl. Matthew R.](#)

New Bedford, MA

[Hess, Sgt. Jacob M.](#)

Spokane, WA

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

MILITARY WISDOM

"The only time you have too much fuel is when you're on fire."

"Blue water Navy truism: There are more planes in the ocean than submarines in the sky."

From an old carrier sailor

"If the wings are traveling faster than the fuselage, it's probably a helicopter
and therefore, unsafe."

"When one engine fails on a twin-engine airplane you always have enough power
left to get you to the scene of the crash."

"Without ammunition, the USAF would be just another expensive flying club."

"What is the similarity between air traffic controllers and pilots? If a pilot screws up, the pilot dies;
If ATC screws up, The pilot dies."

"Never trade luck for skill."

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://youtube.googleapis.com/v/8D-OL-KQOt4>

http://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=LemllfcAY8A&sns=em

God Bless America

-- Once a Marine, Always a Marine --