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## "THE SCUTTLEBUTT"

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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 February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016 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

<u>February 2</u> GROUND HOG DAY 	<u>February 10</u> ASH WEDNESDAY 	<u>February 14</u> Happy Valentine's Day 	<u>February 15</u> PRESIDENTS DAY 
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### MID-WINTER NATIONAL CONFERENCE

MARCH 3 - 5, 2016

MARRIOTT FAIRVIEW PARK

3111 Fairview Park Dr., Falls Church, VA 22042

Phone: (703) 849-9400 \$103.00 per night

Registration information

ALL DEADLINES ARE 8 FEBRUARY 2016

### Department of Maryland Convention

April 28, 29 & 30, 2016

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  
 For hotel information click here: <http://princessroyale.com/>  
 Complete convention information with fillable form can be found on the following link  
<http://www.deptofmdmcl.org/Conventions/default.htm>

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August 7 through 12, 2016

Hyatt Regency Tulsa, 100 East 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Tulsa, OK (918) 234-1234

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**Online reservations**

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**Group code is MCL**

**"Sick or in Distress"**

MCL Members Gloria HOWARD, Walt & Jeanne COHEE and Tom CORCORAN are having or have recently had various health problems. Patricia M. Corcoran of Westover Md., wife of detachment member Marine Thomas Corcoran passed away on December 11, 2015. Please keep these folks and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

**"Membership Happenings"**

**(Please advise the Editor of any errors or omissions)**

<p><b><u>FEBRUARY "HAPPY BIRTHDAYS"</u></b>        8th Ed HEARTHWAY      10th Louis JONES        23rd Walter COHEE      26th Sylvia GOSLEE        28th George "Buddy" MURRAY</p>	<p><b><u>FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES</u></b>        17th Sandra &amp; Andy BOUMA (50 yrs)        23rd Sharon &amp; David MILLS (21 yrs)        28th Nicole &amp; Kyle HEBERE (10 yrs)</p>
<p><b><u>FEBRUARY MCL ANNIVERSARIES</u></b>        Ed HEARTHWAY (16 yrs)        David HACKETT (1 yr)        Roger MARTINSON (1 yr)</p>	<p><b><u>MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS DUE IN</u></b>  <b><u>FEBRUARY</u></b>        David HACKETT        Roger MARTINSON</p>
<p><b><u>WELCOME ABOARD</u></b>        None reported to your editor</p>	<p><b><u>MEMBERSHIP'S RENEWED</u></b>        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.

Andy Bouma, Paymaster

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

## Marine Corps Ordered to Make Boot Camp Coed, Remove 'Man' from Titles

Jan 07, 2016 | by Hope Hodge Seck

Navy Secretary Ray Mabus has given Marine Corps brass two weeks to submit a plan to train male and female recruits together at boot camp and fully integrate officer candidate school.

He's also calling for the Marines to make all job titles gender-neutral as the service opens currently closed ground combat jobs to women.

In a Jan. 1 memo obtained by Military.com and first reported by Marine Corps Times, Mabus ordered the Corps to send him a detailed plan by Jan. 15 for making boot camp and officer training coed. He also requested that the Marines provide him with a "subject matter expert" on the issue. The plan should identify where training is already integrated by gender, where it is separate, and how the Marines will work to fully integrate all training, Mabus said.

"Colocation does not meet the requirement for gender integrated training," Mabus wrote. "This plan will complete [the Department of the Navy's] implementation plan and ensure full integration of female sailors and Marines within the DON in accordance with [Defense Secretary Ashton Carter's] guidance."

A Marine Corps spokesman, Capt. Philip Kulczewski, confirmed that the Corps had received the memo but offered no further comment.

Mabus also included a memo for Marine Corps Commandant Gen. Robert Neller requesting that he review Marine Corps job titles and remove "man" from applicable job titles to make them "gender-integrated." This means military occupational specialties ranging from 0311, infantryman, to 0321, reconnaissance man, could soon get new names. Mabus demanded this be done and a report submitted to him no later than April 1, 2016, the services' final deadline for opening all jobs to women.

The Navy Secretary also sounded a warning note to Neller about a list of "critical information requirements" the Corps included in the integration plan submitted to Carter this month.

That list of developments to be monitored closely include:

- Indications of decreased combat readiness or effectiveness;
- Indications of increased risk to Marines in previously closed units, including incidents of sexual assault and harassment, and hazing;
- Indications of a lack of career viability for female Marines in newly opened ground combat jobs;
- Indications that Marine commands and culture is unreceptive to the inclusion of women in ground combat units; and
- Indications that moral or cohesion is degrading in newly opened units.

None of those potential problems should serve to hinder the rollout of the new integration policy, Mabus said.

"As the Marine Corps adds elements such as the leadership plan that includes the goals of female leadership teams, cohesive cohorts, and mentors, I expect you will ensure that a worthwhile goal does not unreasonably delay or prevent the execution of a policy imperative," he wrote.

The strongly worded admonition underscores tensions between the Marine Corps and Mabus' office over the issue of women in combat jobs.

The Marine Corps was the only service to request that some combat job fields remained closed to women, citing data from an internal experiment that showed that mixed-gender groups of Marines performed combat tasks more slowly and even shot less accurately than all-male groups.

Mabus made clear he wouldn't countenance the Marines' objections to women serving in combat and

publicly criticized the Corps' study, saying negative attitudes towards women on the part of those overseeing the research had served to "almost [presuppose] the outcome."

To date, the Marines have strongly defended their choice to keep enlisted boot camp segregated by gender, even though all the other services conduct coed recruit training.

In August, Marine officials told this reporter that dividing boot camp by gender allowed recruits to learn from same-sex role models, limited distractions, and created a safe space to discuss topics such as sexual assaults that had occurred prior to enlistment.

"In general, [recruits] arrive with immature, undeveloped and unfocused thoughts on professionalism and professional conduct," Marine Corps Training and Education Command spokesman Anton Semelroth said at the time. "The only thing they have in common is their desire to be a Marine. By capitalizing on that desire, recruit training transforms these individuals from many diverse backgrounds into Marines imbued with a common set of values and standards."

That reasoning came under scrutiny this summer with the firing of Lt. Col. Kate Germano, commander of 4th Recruit Training Battalion at Parris Island, South Carolina -- the only unit in the Marine Corps in which female recruits are currently trained.

An investigation into Germano's conduct at the battalion found she was "hostile" and "abusive," but her supporters claim she came under fire for trying to bring training standards in her unit up to the level of the three male recruit battalions at Parris Island. In an editorial published by The New York Times, Germano said the incident and her experience at the unit served to prove that training female Marines separately encouraged underperformance and lower expectations.

Notably, the issue of coed training has been studied before by the Pentagon.

In 1997, the Defense Department assembled a bipartisan panel to examine the implications of gender-integrated enlisted training. At the time, the panel concluded that the coed approach used in Army, Navy and Air Force recruit training resulted in "less discipline, less unit cohesion, and more distraction from the training programs."

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### **Pentagon Chief to Military: Open All Combat Jobs to Women**

Removing the final barriers that kept women from serving in combat, Defense Secretary Ash Carter has ordered the military to open all military jobs to women, including the most dangerous commando posts. The historic decision Thursday is a formal recognition that thousands of women have fought — and many were wounded or killed — in the Iraq and Afghanistan wars. But it's uncertain how many will actually want to compete for some of the more grueling Army and Marine Corps infantry posts or for spots on the high-risk special operations teams.

Carter's move also is a direct rebuff to the Marine Corps, which asked for an exception to prevent women from serving in certain infantry and combat jobs.

"We are a joint force, and I have decided to make a decision which applies to the entire force," Carter told a news conference.

But he acknowledged some concerns. "Implementation won't happen overnight. And while at the end of the day this will make us a better and stronger force, there still will be problems to fix and challenges to overcome. We shouldn't diminish that."

Carter said the military can no longer afford to exclude half the population from high-risk military posts. He said that any man or woman who meets the standards should be able to serve, and he gave the armed services 30 days to submit plans to make the change.

Carter's order opens the final 10 percent of military positions to women — a total of about 220,000 jobs. And it allows them to serve in the most demanding and difficult jobs, including as special operations forces, such as the Army Delta units and Navy SEALs.

On Friday, White House spokesman Josh Earnest said the White House would work with Congress to consider changing the selective service law that would make women eligible for the draft.

In recent years, women have steadily moved into many jobs previously open only to men, including on Navy submarines, in Army artillery units, and as Night Stalkers, the elite special operations helicopter crews, best known for flying the Navy SEALs into Osama bin Laden's compound in 2011. And three women became the first to take and pass the Army's difficult Ranger course.

The reactions have been a bit mixed. In a survey disclosed early last year, the Army found that less than 8 percent of women soldiers said they'd like to move into one of the combat posts. And it also revealed that soldiers of both genders were nervous about women entering combat jobs, with men worried that unit readiness would be degraded and women worried they would be seen as getting a job because of their gender and not their qualifications.

As women worked to pass the Navy's Riverine course for the first time, they said they were happy to get a chance to serve in combat. And the men in the course largely shrugged, saying as long as the women could do the same tasks and physical training, it wasn't a big deal.

Still, there have been problems. A male sailor pleaded guilty in June to illegally videotaping female officers in a submarine's shower area. The women in the videos were among the first to serve on subs. The male sailor was sentenced to 10 months in the Navy brig and received a bad conduct discharge.

Overall, however, military leaders have said they've not seen a lot of problems in the early integration efforts. But the decision to open all combat jobs took months of study and vigorous debate. The military services forwarded their recommendations to Carter earlier this fall. The Army, Navy, Air Force and Special Operations Command all said they would not seek any exceptions and would recommend removing the ban on women in dangerous combat jobs.

Only the Marine Corps sought to keep some jobs closed.

The Joint Chiefs of Staff chairman, Gen. Joseph Dunford, was the Marine Corps commandant at the time and argued that the Marines should be allowed to keep women out of certain front-line combat jobs. He cited studies showing that mixed-gender units aren't as capable as all-male units.

Months of testing, the Marine review said, found that women often couldn't carry as much weight or shoot as well as the men. Allowing women to compete for ground combat jobs, it concluded, would make the Marine Corps a less-efficient fighting machine.

Carter on Thursday said he came to a different conclusion, but he said the integration of women into the combat jobs will be deliberate and methodical and will address the Marines' concerns.

Dunford did not attend the news conference to announce the change, and when pressed about his absence, Carter said he has discussed his decision multiple times with the chairman. In a prepared statement, Dunford said he provided his best military advice on the issue, and now his focus is "to lead the full integration of women in a manner that maintains our joint warfighting capability, ensures the health and welfare of our people, and optimizes how we leverage talent across the joint force."

A spokesman for the Marines, Maj. Christian Devine, said in a statement that the corps will begin immediately to implement the change, but will maintain the standards of the force while also working to "optimize individual performance."

Notably, Gen. Joseph Votel, head of U.S. Special Operations Command, said his office also did extensive analysis and decided not to keep any of the high-risk, high-pressure commando jobs closed. Votel said that integrating women into certain jobs in recent years, including as Night Stalkers and in cultural support teams in Afghanistan, benefited the force.

"If candidates meet time-tested and scientifically validated standards, and if they have proven that they have the physical, intellectual, professional, and character attributes that are so critical to special operations, they will be welcomed into the special operations forces ranks," Votel said.

#### OPERATION WE CARE

Detachment member Jeff MERRITT the founder of "Operation We Care" spearheaded a yard cleanup of Jimmie Lee and Gloria HOWARD's property on Sunday December 13<sup>th</sup> the day after Jimmie Lee was laid to rest. He was assisted by several detachment members (Bob MILLER along with Ed and Fran HEARTHWAY that your editor is aware of), plus a few veterans and some Young Marines from Seaford. Jeff took the Young Marines out to lunch for their support. The Young Marines are wearing red shirts in the below picture.



### 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 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 and needs to view before February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 or the link will no longer work.

[http://www.nhc-ul.com/Bulletin%20160115%20\(PDF%20Edition\).pdf](http://www.nhc-ul.com/Bulletin%20160115%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."

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**Support Our Troops**



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From your editor

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**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.

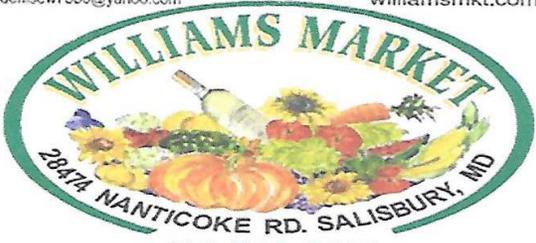
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