

# *Semper Fi*

## "THE SCUTTLEBUTT"

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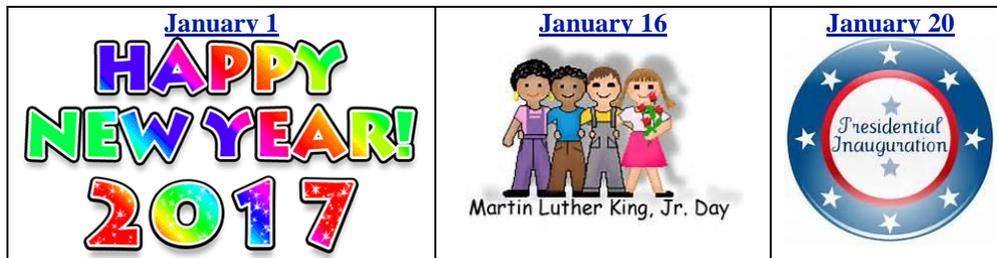
*Original Charter Date May 10, 1970*

### MEETING TIME & PLACE

Meetings are always held on the second Wednesday of each month. The next regularly scheduled meeting would be held on February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 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



2017 MCL Midwinter Staff Conference will be March 2 - 4, 2017 at the Fredericksburg Hospitality House and Conference Center, 2801 Plank Rd, Fredericksburg, VA 22401. Group code: MCLMDWINTER17  
Phone: 1-540-786-8321. Room rate includes up to 4 breakfast vouchers per occupancy.

**Department of Maryland Convention**

**May 4,-5 & 6, 2017**

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/>  
More information forthcoming

**2017 Mideast Division Conference** will be June 23-25, 2017 hosted by Department of North Carolina at the Double Tree Hilton Hotel Raleigh-Durham Airport at Research Triangle Park, 4810 Page Creek Lane, Durham, North Carolina, 27703. Tel: 1-919-941-6000 after May 17, 2016 for reservations. Room rate: \$99.00 plus room tax. Free breakfast and parking provided. Check out the hotel on the following link: <http://doubletree3.hilton.com/en/hotels/north-carolina/doubletree-by-hilton-hotel-raleigh-durham-airport-at-research-triangle-park-RDUDADT/index.html> More information will be provided as it becomes available.

**2017 MCL National Convention**

**August 13 - 18, 2017**

At the Sheraton Overland Park at the Convention Center, 6100 College Boulevard, Overland Park, KS, 66211. Sheraton Web-Site: <http://www.sheratonoverlandpark.com/>  
Book By Phone: 1-866-837-4214. Room rate: \$115.00 with 18% tax, free parking, free breakfast and free wifi.

More information will be made available ASAP

**"Sick or in Distress"**

MCL Members Lee HOLLOWAY, Ed HEARTHWAY, Gloria HOWARD, Walt & Jeanne COHEE 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)**

<b><u>FEBRUARY "HAPPY BIRTHDAYS"</u></b> 8th Ed HEARTHWAY      10th Louis JONES 23rd Walter COHEE      26th Sylvia GOSLEE 28th George "Buddy" MURRAY	<b><u>FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES</u></b> 17th Sandra & Andy BOUMA (51 yrs) 23rd Sharon & David MILLS (22 yrs) 28th Nicole & Kyle HEBERE (11 yrs)
<b><u>FEBRUARY MCL ANNIVERSARIES</u></b> Ed HEARTHWAY (17 yrs) David HACKETT (2 yrs) Roger MARTINSON (2 yrs)	<b><u>MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS DUE IN</u></b> <b><u>FEBRUARY</u></b> David HACKETT Roger MARTINSON
<b><u>WELCOME ABOARD</u></b> Chris HAGEL (Delmar, MD)	<b><u>MEMBERSHIP'S RENEWED</u></b> None reported to your editor

**DON'T LET YOUR MEMBERSHIP LAPSE**

Because of recent changes made by National HQ, if your name appears above to renew your dues, please contact your paymaster shown below and he will advise you of the amount you would need to send him to renew your dues. Then make your checks made payable to "MCL Det 115" and send it to our paymaster

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## Board of Education Chairman Warner Sumpter Honored for Service to MABE



Brigadier General Warner I. Sumpter (Ret.) was recently honored on October 5 at the Maryland Association of Boards of Education Annual Conference in Ocean City. He was presented with a plaque in honor of his dedicated service as the 2015-2016 President of the Maryland Association of Boards of Education. He was the first Somerset County Board of Education member to serve in this capacity. [Click in the title to learn more.](#)

BG Sumpter has served nearly two four year terms as a member and chairman of the Somerset County Board of Education. His career and post –employment activities are characterized by a spirit of service. He served with the Maryland Army National Guard for 23 years. He began his military career in the United States Marine Corps from 1962-1967. He culminated his time with the Marine Corps as a platoon Sergeant and platoon commander in the former Republic of Vietnam. While there and subsequently, he was highly decorated for service and valor.

Other experiences include 20 years of service with the Maryland State Police moving through the ranks as patrol trooper and retiring as Major. He was the Chief of Police of the Maryland Capitol Police and served as Commanding General of the Maryland Army National Guard. After attacks on the World Trade Towers and the Pentagon he was involved in the preparation, training and deployment of over 3000 Maryland Army National Guard soldiers in support of operations Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom. In addition, he was the Director of Public Safety and Chief of Police for the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. He worked for a period as Director of Shore Transit.

General Sumpter is involved in many civic organizations as an active member. The school system is fortunate to have his experience and leadership as it continues to move forward.

*For those of you that do not recognize this distinguished gentleman, he IS a “Life Member” of our detachment.*

**Pallbearer: ‘No one should be buried without people who care present’**



Six young men from Long Beach High School gave up a morning of their Christmas vacation to pay final respects to a man they didn't know.

The teens, all upperclassmen, served as pallbearers for Jerry Wayne Pino, who died Dec. 12 at age 70.

He served his country in Vietnam and wanted to be buried at Biloxi National Cemetery. Pino pre-arranged his service, but something was missing. Pallbearers were needed.

"He was an unclaimed veteran," said Cathy Warden, who works at Riemann Family Funeral Homes, which handled Pino's services. "Eva Boomer, who also works at Riemann's, is a veteran, too. She asked me, 'Do you think we could get (Warden's son) Bryce and some upperclassmen to come out?'"

Unfortunately, Bryce already had accepted an invitation out of town, which he nearly canceled to serve as one of Pino's pallbearers. But he texted some classmates and within minutes, Boomer had six young men to serve as pallbearers.

JT Tripp, Bailey Griffin, Joseph Ebberman, Jake Strong, Kenny McNutt and James Kneiss served as Pino's pallbearers Tuesday morning.

Pino was a Navy veteran who lived on the Coast after Vietnam. The Baton Rouge man had joined the military in 1970 in New Orleans and left the service as a petty officer third class.

"Bryce sent the text and asked them to wear khaki pants, shirts and ties. 'Let's do this!' he told his classmates. Almost immediately, they said yes," Warden said.

One of the boys' moms posted on Facebook about what the teens had done.

"This morning, JT and fellow Bearcats will be pall bearers at a veteran's funeral service," Stacie Tripp wrote. "Proud mom when he told me that no one should be buried without people who care present, especially a veteran.

"Exposure to patriotism and respect comes from the home, schools and community. Proud of all these boys!" The Navy provided the honor guards, who folded the American flag that draped Pino's casket and presented it to Jim Hudson, the funeral director for the service.

Hudson, in turn, gave the flag to the boys, four of whom are on the Long Beach football team. All six decided they would have it placed in the Bearcats' locker room. Warden said she would have a case made with a plaque that bears Pino's name to display the flag.

"It doesn't cost anything to take some time to do something like this," Warden said. "If our young people can figure this out, our country is going in the right direction."

### **Who Was America's First President?**

Source Not Known

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I suspect George Washington was your first guess.

After all, who else comes to mind?

But think back to your history books - The United States declared its independence in 1776, yet George Washington did not take Office until April 30, 1789.

So who was running the country during these initial years of our young country? It was the first eight U. S. Presidents. In fact, the first President of the United States was one John Hanson. I can hear you now - John who? John Hanson was the first President of the United States.

John Hanson, first President of the United States.

Check Google for more detailed information. There was also a U.S. stamp made in his honor.

The new country was actually formed on March 1, 1781 with the adoption of The Articles of Confederation. This document was actually proposed on June 11, 1776, but not agreed upon by Congress until November 15, 1777. Maryland refused to sign this document until Virginia and New York ceded their western lands (Maryland was afraid that these states would gain too much power in the new government from such large amounts of land).

Once the signing took place in 1781, a President was needed to run the country. John Hanson was chosen unanimously by Congress (which included George Washington). In fact, all the other potential candidates refused to run against him, as he was a major player in the revolution and an extremely influential member of Congress.

As the first President, Hanson had quite the shoes to fill. No one had ever been President and the role was poorly defined. His actions in office would set precedent for all future Presidents. He took office just as the Revolutionary War ended. Almost immediately, the troops demanded to be paid. As would be expected after any long war, there were no funds to meet the salaries. As a result, the soldiers threatened to overthrow the new government and put Washington on the throne as a monarch.

All the members of Congress ran for their lives, leaving Hanson as the only guy left running the government. He somehow managed to calm the troops down and hold the country together. If he had failed, the government would have fallen almost immediately and everyone would have been bowing to King Washington.

Hanson, as President, ordered all foreign troops off American soil, as well as the removal of all foreign flags. This was quite the feat, considering the fact that so many European countries had a stake in the United States since the days following Columbus. Hanson established the Great Seal of the United States, which all Presidents have since been required to use on all official documents.

President Hanson also established the first Treasury Department, the first Secretary of War, and the first Foreign Affairs Department. Lastly, he declared that the fourth Thursday of every November was to be Thanksgiving Day, which is still true today.

The Articles of Confederation only allowed a President to serve a one year term during any three year period, so Hanson actually accomplished quite a bit in such little time. Seven other presidents were elected after him:

1. John Hanson
2. Elias Boudinot (1782-83),
3. Thomas Mifflin (1783-84),
4. Richard Henry Lee (1784-85),
5. John Hancock (1785-86),
6. Nathan Gorman (1786-87),
7. Arthur St. Clair (1787-88), and
8. Cyrus Griffin (1788-89),

....all prior to George Washington taking office.

So what happened? Why don't we hear about the first eight presidents? It's quite simple - The Articles of Confederation didn't work well. The individual states had too much power and nothing could be agreed upon. A new doctrine needed to be written - something we know as the Constitution.

And that leads us to the end of our story.

George Washington definitely was not the first President of the United States. He was the first President of the United States under the Constitution we follow today.

And the first eight Presidents have been forgotten in history.

**YOU HAVE TO BE A LOVER OF HISTORY TO APPRECIATE THIS!!**

There you are - another lesson in U.S. History and you may have learned something new today.

## 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>, 2017 and must be viewed before February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 when it will go off-line.

[http://www.nhc-ul.org/Bulletin%20170115%20\(PDF%20Edition\).pdf](http://www.nhc-ul.org/Bulletin%20170115%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](mailto: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.

<http://insider.foxnews.com/2016/12/20/marine-veteran-photographer-salutes-mattis-trump-hospital-deathbed>

[http://www.topbuzzapp.com/article/i6260659452401566212?app\\_id=1106](http://www.topbuzzapp.com/article/i6260659452401566212?app_id=1106)

-- *Once a Marine, Always a Marine* –  
OOORAHHH !!!!!

**GOD BLESS AMERICA**

