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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 August 8th, 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 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 if National ever publishes it.

Upcoming Detachment Events

August 25, Saturday, Maryland MCL State Quarterly Meeting, 0800-1200, Salisbury Post 64 (SSgt Cohee Detachment is hosting)

"Sick or in Distress"

MCL Members and/or family members Paul TOMKO, Karen MILLER, Rhuel GOSLEE, Missy HYSON, Don ELSEROAD, 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)

<p><u>AUGUST "HAPPY BIRTHDAYS"</u> 4th David MILLS 30th Don ELSEROAD</p>	<p><u>AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES</u> 4th Barb & Carl EBAUGH (27 yrs) 11th Tara & Danny PARSONS (22 yrs) 19th Barbara & George "Buddy" MURRAY (62 yrs) 22nd Alane & Ralph CAPEN (19 yrs) 26th Jeannie & Paul WARD (55 yrs)</p>
<p><u>AUGUST MCL ANNIVERSARIES</u> Walter COHEE, Jr. (14 yrs)</p>	<p><u>WELCOME ABOARD</u> Recruit...Recruit...Recruit</p>
	<p><u>MEMBERSHIP'S RENEWED</u> None Reported to your Editor</p>

DON'T LET YOUR MEMBERSHIP LAPSE

Check the expiration date on your membership card and if it reads September 2018 or earlier you are due to renew.

We currently have 13 members in September 2018 category. These members need to send a check to our paymaster for \$24 made payable to "MCL Det 115" ASAP. There are also 15 members whose membership expired effective September 2017 or earlier. These members would need to contact our paymaster to find out what amount would be required to continue your membership.

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US Marine Corps weighs wooing older members for new cyber force

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The head of the Marine Corps says it's time the U.S. military branch known for its fierce, young warriors becomes a little more mature.

The Marine Corps is considering offering bonuses and other perks to entice older, more experienced Marines to re-enlist as it builds up its cyber operations to defend the nation, especially against cyberattacks from Russia and China. About 62 percent of Marines are 25 years old or younger with many serving only four years.

The move marks a historical change that could transform a force made up primarily of high school graduates lured by the bravado and physical challenges of joining a branch that prides itself on being the "tip of the spear," the first to go into battle and knock in doors. It's part of the Marine Corps' modernizing efforts after 16 years of largely low-tech, counterinsurgency fights.

"It's going to be a Marine Corps that's a little bit older, a little more experienced because as much as we love our young Marines ... we need a little bit older because it takes longer to learn these skills," Gen. Robert Neller told defense leaders at a San Diego conference. "And so we're an organization looking at the whole way we do business, and it's going to change our culture."

Marine Corps officials are quick to emphasize the core recruiting mission will remain the same for the branch that boasts having the toughest warriors in the U.S. military.

But getting more Marines to re-enlist could inadvertently ease pressure on recruiters. Less than 30 percent of the U.S. population is qualified physically, mentally and morally to serve, according to military leaders. A greater number of older Marines could also help lessen behavior problems like excessive drinking that can be more prevalent among junior Marines.

"By older Marines, we're not talking guys with walkers but rather second- and third-tour enlisted Marines," said Gary Solis, a military expert at Georgetown University who served 26 years in the Marine Corps. "They may be only a few years older than the 18- and 19-year-old Marines, but those three or four years difference could make a hell of a difference as far as maturity when it comes to their outlook and unit cohesion."

The commandant said it also ensures the military gets a return on the money and time it spends training troops in cyber operations, something that could take three or more years.

The 2018 defense budget earmarked money for the Marine Corps to add 1,000 Marines, many of whom will work in cyber and electronic warfare.

Tampering with networks that control the operations of air defense, for example, could be as or more lethal than firepower in the future. Extremists have also been able to use mobile technology and social media to recruit members and raise money to become a real threat.

The Marine Corps is opening jobs this October in its new cyberspace occupational field. After the announcement of the field, Neller tweeted: "'Trigger fingers turn to Twitter fingers'? Not exactly, but this is the next step in professionalizing our cyber force, which will be critical to our success, now and in the future."

The Marine Corps floated the idea of allowing people with cyber skills to bypass boot camp, but Neller opposed that, saying a Marine should be a Marine. Any applicant over the age of 28 will still be evaluated to ensure they exhibit the physical stamina to undergo the rigors of recruit training.

Though it will not be easy to compete against six-digit salaries in the private sector, the military plans to tout how its tech people are sent out in the field, offering the chance for high-adrenaline experiences beyond sitting in an office at a computer.

Marine recruits with high-demand technical skills who choose to enlist into cyber operations may be eligible for an enlistment bonus. The Marine Corps is also developing plans to recruit and retain cyberspace professionals in the Reserves, and in May unveiled new badges for enlisted troops and officers who work as drone operators.

David Coan, a 35-year-old chief warrant officer based at Camp Pendleton, north of San Diego, has applied to be a part of the new cyber force after serving 17 years in the Marine Corps. Many Marines retire after 21 years, but the combat veteran who served in Iraq and Afghanistan said now he's found more reason to stay beyond that.

"There are a lot of Marines at my level who foster the hope of trying to move into these operations in this new realm," he said, adding it's exciting to be at the forefront of a new force and receive cyber training. "This is going to change the Marine Corps and the way it fights."

Take a knee...

I don't think I've ever read anything more powerful than this piece.
It was written by Ted Nugent [1] - yes, THAT Ted Nugent

Take a little trip to Valley Forge in January. Hold a musket ball in your fingers and imagine it piercing your flesh and breaking a bone or two. There won't be a doctor or trainer to assist you until after the battle, so

just wait your turn. Take your cleats and socks off to get a real experience.

Then, take a knee on the beach in Normandy where man after American man stormed the beach, even as the one in front of him was shot to pieces, the very sea stained with American blood. The only blockers most had were the dead bodies in front of them, riddled with bullets from enemy fire.

Take a knee in the sweat soaked jungles of Vietnam. From Khe Sanh to Saigon, anywhere will do. Americans died in all those jungles. There was no playbook that told them what was next, but they knew what flag they represented. When they came home, they were protested as well, and spit on for reasons only cowards know.

Take another knee in the blood drenched sands of Fallujah in 110 degree heat. Wear your Kevlar helmet and battle dress. Your number won't be printed on it unless your number is up! You'll need to stay hydrated but there won't be anyone to squirt Gatorade into your mouth. You're on your own.

There are a lot of places to take a knee where Americans have given their lives all over the world. When you use the banner under which they fought as a source for your displeasure, you dishonor the memories of those who bled for the very freedoms you have. That's what the red stripes mean. It represents the blood of those who spilled a sea of it defending your liberty.

While you're on your knee, pray for those that came before you, not on a manicured lawn striped and printed with numbers to announce every inch of ground taken, but on nameless hills and bloodied beaches and sweltering forests and bitter cold mountains, every inch marked by an American life lost serving that flag you protest.

No cheerleaders, no announcers, no coaches, no fans, just American men and women, delivering the real fight against those who chose to harm us, blazing a path so you would have the right to "take a knee." You haven't any inkling of what it took to get you where you are, but your "protest" is duly noted. Not only is it disgraceful to a nation of real heroes, it serves the purpose of pointing to your ingratitude for those who chose to defend you under that banner that will still wave long after your jersey is retired.

If you really feel the need to take a knee, come with me to church on Sunday and we'll both kneel before Almighty God. We'll thank Him for preserving this country for as long as He has. We'll beg forgiveness for our ingratitude for all He has provided us. We'll appeal to Him for understanding and wisdom. We'll pray for liberty and justice for all, because He is the one who provides those things. But there will be no protest. There will only be gratitude for His provision and a plea for His continued grace and mercy on the land of the free and the home of the brave. It goes like this, GOD BLESS AMERICA!

FYI: I just looked this up as my youngest grandson just completed Navy boot camp to see how long boot camp is. My oldest grandson just reenlisted in the Navy for another 4 years. Your editor is very proud that my grandsons' are both serving their country.

ARMY BASIC COMBAT TRAINING	MARINE CORPS RECRUIT TRAINING	NAVY BOOT CAMP	AIR FORCE BASIC MILITARY TRAINING	COAST GUARD RECRUIT TRAINING
Duration:	Duration:	Duration:	Duration:	Duration:

10 weeks

12 weeks

7-9 weeks

8.5 weeks

8 weeks

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 July 1st, 2018 and must be viewed before July 15th, 2018 when it will be taken off-line.

[http://www.nhc-ul.org/Bulletin%20180701%20\(PDF%20Edition\).pdf](http://www.nhc-ul.org/Bulletin%20180701%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.

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.

<https://www.insideedition.com/best-military-homecomings-reunions-will-melt-your-heart-44148>
<https://www.toddstarnes.com/inspiration/food-city-delivers-a-powerful-independence-day-commercial/>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I3ZiYQ-RTM&feature=youtu.be>

-- *Once a Marine, Always a Marine* --

OOORAHHH !!!!!

GOD BLESS AMERICA

