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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 July 13th, 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



93rd Annual National Convention – Tulsa, OK

August 7 through 12, 2016

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

Online reservations: <https://aws.passkey.com/event/14080583/owner/55460/home>

More information coming soon!

Overflow Hotel

8 - 12 August 2016
 Courtyard by Marriott - Tulsa Downtown
 415 South Boston Avenue, Tulsa, OK
 (800) 721-7033 or (918) 508-7400

Online reservations

*Rate \$107.00 per night (plus tax)
 Standard King or Double Queen
 includes valet parking and breakfast
 Group code is MCL*

"Sick or in Distress"

MCL Members 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)

<p><u>JULY "HAPPY BIRTHDAYS"</u> 1st Terry HERLING 2nd Donna JONES 2nd John ROBINSON 3rd Ric LINDSTROM 12th Fran HEARTHWAY 13th 'Josh' KELLEY 16th Richard CARRILLO 16th Kathleen HASTING 17th Madeline PARSONS 18th 'Doc' BRENNER 23rd Bill MARSICH 27th Tara CARRILLO 28th Leslye BRENNER</p>	<p><u>JULY ANNIVERSARIES</u> 5th Cecelia & Jim SIEGEL (41 yrs) 8th Fran & Ed HEARTHWAY (10 yrs) 9th Donna & Louis JONES (42 yrs) 11th Tracy & Gary REVEL (24 yrs) 31st Diana & Jeff MERRIT (12 yrs)</p>
<p><u>JULY MCL ANNIVERSARIES</u> Eric WILK (4 yrs)</p>	<p><u>MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS DUE IN JULY</u> Eric WILK</p>
<p><u>WELCOME ABOARD</u> None reported to your editor</p>	<p><u>MEMBERSHIP'S RENEWED</u> None reported to your editor</p>

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

Memorial Day 2016: Remember the fallen. Their sacrifice is often forgotten too soon

By Matt Cassady

As a retired Army chaplain, I had the honor of serving alongside amazing soldiers who inspired me daily to be better than yesterday. This weekend, as Memorial Day approaches, it is heart-wrenching to consider the fallen. They are gone from this world, and their sacrifice is often forgotten too soon.

Although those who gave the ultimate sacrifice will be honored Monday, we as a nation seem more and more unwilling to shoulder the responsibility of caring for the living who still carry visible and invisible wounds from the battlefield.

An unthinkable average of 22 veterans commit suicide every day in this country. Clearly, the wars we fight continue to take our brave warriors years later.

For the uninitiated, it is difficult to explain the vacuum of night when immersed in combat. You are desperately isolated from the free world you love. You have freely given up the most basic of freedoms to ensure the people at home will never know that feeling.

You may briefly look up at incredible stars that shine brighter because of the complete darkness around you. If you dare look up through your night-vision goggles, you witness the expanse of the universe. You may even see a shooting star. Then you realize there are people very close by who want to kill you. Your mind focuses on staying sharp and protecting your fellow soldiers.

On those dark nights in combat, you may wonder about your own mortality. But if you can reach down into your cargo pocket and touch an audio or written Bible, you're reminded that Jesus won't leave you. Perhaps people back home cared enough about you to send God's Word to reassure and comfort you. And the darkness loses its power, because you don't have to be in the light to know He is always there and dawn will soon break.

Please join me in remembering and honoring the sacrifice of those who have given their life in defense of our great nation on this Memorial Day. And take a moment to reflect on those brave souls who are still hurting, broken and seeking the peace that continues to elude them.

Matt Cassady is the Director of Chaplaincy Ministries for the Military BibleStick, a digital audio player loaded with the New Testament and specially selected Psalms. Cassady, who served two tours in Afghanistan, suffered wounds to his legs and hips from an explosion during a Taliban ambush in 2005. A Purple Heart recipient, he retired as a major in 2015.

Why Memorial Day is different from Veterans Day



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Why? According to the Department of Veterans Affairs:

Many people confuse Memorial Day and Veterans Day. Memorial Day is a day for remembering and honoring military personnel who died in the service of their country, particularly those who died in battle or as a result of wounds sustained in battle. While those who died are also remembered, Veterans Day is the day set aside to thank and honor ALL those who served honorably in the military — in wartime or peacetime. In fact, Veterans Day is largely intended to thank LIVING veterans for their service, to acknowledge that their contributions to our national security are appreciated, and to underscore the fact that all those who served — not only those who died — have sacrificed and done their duty.

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Veterans Day and Memorial Day have different histories.

The first official observance of Memorial Day was May 28, 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. According to the Department of Veterans Affairs:

The ceremonies centered around the mourning-draped veranda of the Arlington mansion, once the home of Gen. Robert E. Lee. Various Washington officials, including Gen. and Mrs. Ulysses S. Grant, presided over the ceremonies. After speeches, children from the Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphan Home and members of the GAR [Grand Army of the Republic] made their way through the cemetery, strewing flowers on both Union and Confederate graves, reciting prayers and singing hymns.

After World War I, the holiday was extended to all soldiers who had fallen in all American wars.

On Monday at Arlington National Cemetery, the U.S. Army Military District of Washington will conduct a presidential Armed Forces full-honor wreath-laying ceremony at 11 a.m. at the Tomb of the Unknowns, to be followed by an observance program hosted by the Defense Department in Arlington Memorial Amphitheater.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Veterans Day has its origins in the early 20th century. In November 1919, one year after the armistice ending World War I went into effect, President Woodrow Wilson declared Nov. 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day with the following words:

To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations. ...

In 1938, Congress approved a bill that made Nov. 11 an annual legal holiday known as "Armistice Day" that would honor the cause of world peace, but it was primarily used to honor World War I veterans. In 1954, after World War II, the law was amended, the word "Armistice" was changed to "Veterans" and Nov. 11 became a day to honor veterans of all American wars.

HOW JOHN WAYNE SAVED THE MARINES

John Wayne was born on May 26, 1907, in Winterset, Iowa, as Marion Morrison, weighing 13 pounds. His birthplace is a museum. There is a guest book, opened to a page with the entry, in the entrant's handwriting, Name: Ronald Reagan, Address: 1600 Pennsylvania Ave., Washington DC.

To celebrate the birthday of a truly great American, let me tell you how John Wayne saved the Marine Corps. In the aftermath of World War II, the psychological letdown after years of war and bloodshed, the huge demobilization of servicemen, the desire to slash military spending, and the antipathy towards the military by the leftist liberals in the Democrat Party.... all combined in a call by a number of Senators and Congressmen to abolish the Marine Corps.

In this, they were supported by the Doolittle Board, created by Harry Truman, which called for the Marine Corps to be "disbanded" as a separate military force, and "unified" with the Army [yes, the board was headed by Air Force General Jimmy Doolittle].

A group of enterprising Marines – you can always depend on Marines to be enterprising – with Hollywood connections, thought a movie made around the most famous photograph of World War II, Joe Rosenthal's photo of the Marines raising the flag on Mount Suribachi on Iwo Jima, could help sway public opinion against their disbandment.

They approached Hollywood director Allan Dwan, who agreed to commission a script. The movie was to be called "The Sands of Iwo Jima," and everybody agreed there was only one man who could play the lead role of Sergeant Stryker: John Wayne.

To their great surprise, Wayne turned it down. He didn't like the script, and he wasn't enamored of the character of Stryker. The Marines came to the rescue again. The Marine Corps Commandant, General Clifton B. Cates, got on an airplane and flew from Washington to California to personally request Wayne make the picture. When General Cates explained the stakes involved – the very existence of the Marine Corps – Wayne immediately changed his mind, promising the general he would do everything in his power to have the movie be a success.

The Sands of Iwo Jima was released in 1949 and quickly became a runaway blockbuster, with millions of moviegoers packing every theatre showing it. Wayne was nominated for a Best Actor Oscar, establishing him as Hollywood's Number One box-office star. The Doolittle Board folded its tent, and no politician on Capitol Hill ever again said a word about disbanding the Marines.

So let's all say "Semper Fi" to the memory of John Wayne.

To further celebrate his birthday, here's a treat and some advice. The treat is this link: A biography of John Wayne written by Ronald Reagan, in the October 1979 Reader's Digest.

The advice is this: *Don't ever trust a man who doesn't like John Wayne.* A man's opinion of John Wayne is a good rule-of-thumb test of his character and moral values. To admire John Wayne is to admire the heroic and the morally noble. To sneer at John Wayne is to admire the opposite. It's revealing that you find very few liberals among his admirers, and very few conservatives among his detractors.

And John Wayne's famous quote? "Sgt Stryker: Life is tough, but it's tougher if you're stupid."

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 June 1st, 2016 and needs to view before June 15th, 2016 or the link will no longer work.

<http://www.nhc-ul.com/Bulletin%20160601%20PDF.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



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

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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.

<http://www.odmp.org/>

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/ie3SrjLlcUY>

<http://www.msn.com/en-us/video/wonder/the-military-just-built-the-most-advanced-prosthetic-arm-we%E2%80%99ve-ever-seen/vi-BBsYU18?ocid=U348DHP>

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-- Once a Marine, Always a Marine --

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