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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 April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015 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

April 1



April 5



May 14 thru 16, 2015: Department of Maryland Convention will 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 may be viewed on the following link. [http://deptofmdmcl.org/Conventions/2015\\_Convention\\_Packet\\_MCL\\_Dept\\_of\\_Md.pdf](http://deptofmdmcl.org/Conventions/2015_Convention_Packet_MCL_Dept_of_Md.pdf) For hotel information click here. <http://princessroyale.com/>

2015 Mideast Division Conference will be hosted by the Department of Virginia on 26-28 June 2015 at the Hospitality House Hotel and Conference Center, 2801 Plank Rd, Fredericksburg, VA 22401 Phone: (540) 786-8321 or (800) 682-1049. Room rate is \$89.00 per night plus tax and your host detachment will be the Jack

Maas Detachment. Information on the hotel can be viewed on the following link:

<http://www.fredericksburghospitalityhouse.com/>

2015 MCL National Convention will be held August 9th through the 15th, 2015 at the Scottsdale Plaza Resort, 7200 N. Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale, Arizona 85253. Room rate is 94 dollars plus room tax. Phone 480-948-5000. More information on the Scottsdale Plaza Resort is available on the following link:

<http://www.scottsdaleplaza.com/> As of 10/19/2014, the Scottsdale Plaza Resort is completely sold out. Overflow hotel information can be viewed on the following link:

[http://www.mcleague.com/mdp/pdf/2015\\_Convention-Additional\\_Accommodations.pdf](http://www.mcleague.com/mdp/pdf/2015_Convention-Additional_Accommodations.pdf)

Additional information on the Convention will be posted as it becomes available.

**"Sick or in Distress"**

MCL Members Don ELSEROAD, Ed ELDER, Walt COHEE, Jimmy Lee & Gloria HOWARD, 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>APRIL "HAPPY BIRTHDAYS"</u></b> 19th Richard HYSON      27th Ed ELDER 29th Jeanne COHEE	<b><u>APRIL ANNIVERSARIES</u></b> None Known
<b><u>APRIL MCL ANNIVERSARIES</u></b> 'Josh' KELLEY (11 yrs) Danny PARSONS (5 yrs) Paul TOMKO, Sr. (Unk)	<b><u>MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS DUE IN APRIL</u></b> 'Josh' KELLEY Danny PARSONS Paul TOMKO, Sr
<b><u>WELCOME ABOARD</u></b> Thaddeus "David" HACKETT Kathleen HASTINGS Thomas A. GORMAN	<b><u>MEMBERSHIP'S RENEWED</u></b> None reported to your editor

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

**SEVEN MARINE'S KILLED IN HELICOPTER CRASH**

**ANDREW SEIF**

On March 6, just days before the helicopter crash, Staff Sgt. Andrew Seif was awarded the Silver Star Medal. Seif received the award for facing enemy fire to save a mortally wounded friend in Afghanistan in July 2012. The Camp Lejeune Globe reported that Seif was from Holland, Michigan. He grew up playing soldier in his backyard and joined the Marines just weeks after graduating from high school.

By 2012, he was a critical skills operator with the 2nd Marine Special Operations Battalion, U.S. Marine Corps Forces, and Special Operations Command. Seif and his teammate, Sgt. Justin Hansen, were closing in on one of western Afghanistan's bomb experts, according to the paper. They came under fire, and Hansen was hit. Seif moved Hansen to safer position, treated his teammate's wounds and returned fire.

"The fact that (Seif) continued to fight through the objective to get Sgt. Hansen taken care of, putting himself in the line of fire, speaks volumes to who he is and demonstrates that he would never leave a Marine behind," said Maj. Gen. Joseph L. Osterman.

Seif's wife was at his side when he received the medal.

He was born in Fairbanks, Alaska.

"I think sometimes the worst situations bring out the best in people, and that day a lot of people showed their worth," Seif told the newspaper.

#### TREVOR BLAYLOCK

Staff Sgt. Trevor P. Blaylock was born in Lake Orion, Michigan, and swam on the varsity swim team. Upon graduation, he attended Henry Ford Community College.

In 2006, he enlisted in the Marine Corps and was previously stationed at Camp Pendleton in California.

He served in Operation Iraqi Freedom in Al Anbar Province.

#### THOMAS SAUNDERS

Born in Bonn, Germany, Master Sgt. Thomas Saunders enlisted in the Marines after graduating from high school in Virginia. Following basic training in 1999, he was assigned to Camp LeJeune.

He deployed in Kosovo and served in Operation Iraqi Freedom with a special operations task force.

#### LIAM A. FLYNN

Born in Reading, England, Staff Sgt. Liam Flynn moved to Queens, New York in 2002.

He enlisted in the Marine Corps that year. After boot camp, he was assigned to Camp LeJeune.

He served tours of duty in Iraq and Afghanistan.

#### STANFORD HENRY SHAW III

Capt. Stanford Henry Shaw III was from Basking Ridge, New Jersey, and attended Ridge High School, where he was student government president and captain of the varsity lacrosse team.

He attended the United States Naval Academy and upon his graduation in 2006 became a commissioned Marine officer. After graduating from the Infantry Officer Course, he was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 7th Marines.

He served two tours of duty in Iraq, according to information provided by the Marines at Camp Lejeune.

#### MARCUS BAWOL

Staff Sgt. Marcus Bawol from Warren, Michigan, "loved everything about the military," said his sister, Brandy Peek.

"He couldn't wait to join. He wanted to fight for our country and was always striving to be the best Marine he could be."

The 27-year-old graduated in 2006 from Warren Mott High School. Bawol played baseball and football and was a member of the school's swim team, according to district Superintendent Robert Livernois.

Bawol attended Olivet College for a year, where he was a catcher on the baseball team.

He had planned to marry his fiancée in October, Peek said.

On Thursday, Warren Mayor Jim Fouts ordered flags in the city, just north of Detroit, flown at half-staff.

#### KERRY KEMP

Staff Sgt. Kerry Michael Kemp was the proud father of a baby just shy of her first birthday and loved horsing around with his nephews.

"He would wrestle with them. He really got into that, the wrestling and playing. He'd carry them around on his back," said his sister-in-law, Lora Waraksa.

He was a "proud Marine, a loving husband and most wonderful father," she said. He also loved golfing and the ocean — he often took his nephews out to hunt for sea shells.

Born in Memphis, Tennessee, Kemp met his wife, Jenna, at Port Washington High School in Wisconsin, where he was voted "best smile" by his senior class. He graduated in 2005.

He was stationed at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina.

### US Marines in Yemen Forced to Surrender Their Weapons!

The Obama administration has evacuated the U.S. Embassy in Yemen. That wasn't too much of a surprise. We knew that this day would come. Iran-backed rebel fighters toppled Yemen, a country that Obama once touted as a War-on-Terror success story, has.

Some of the last personnel to leave the embassy were the Marine guards. When they got to the airport, they were allegedly ordered to remove the firing pins from their weapons and surrender them to Yemeni officials. The Houthi rebels would not let them take their weapons with them and orders came down from Obama's State Department for the Marines to hand them over to the rebels.

This story has created quite a scandal and the administration is trying to cover their actions. They're now claiming that service rifles were destroyed at the embassy, but that the Marines' personal weapons were surrendered to Houthi rebels at the airport. Not a chance. As many as 100 Marines were providing security for the convoy travelling to the airport. When have on-duty Marines providing a security escort ever used their privately owned weapons? I'd venture to guess NEVER.

Words cannot describe how infuriating this is. I served in the Marines, and have many friends who have served to know that Marines don't surrender their rifles EVER. It is just so disgraceful. I mean honestly, what is the point of this? The Marine guards could have taken their weapons with them. Instead, they were instructed to surrender them to Yemeni officials in some messed up ceremony straight out of Obama's politically correct playbook!

It's one thing to surrender a diplomatic post. At the end of the day, the safety of our personnel has to be our top priority. If the country is going to hell and terrorists are taking control of the government, then it is time to move our personnel to safety.

But that's not what happened. What happened was a surrender ceremony where U.S. Marines were forced to hand over their rifles to a rebel force. The headline reads "U.S. Marines in Yemen Forced to Surrender Their Weapons" but the headline should read "Houthi Rebels Killed Trying to Seize Marines' Weapons."

Some media outlets are reporting that the rifles were destroyed. That is a LIE! The Marines removed the rifles' firing pins. The only way to truly destroy a weapon is to take a blowtorch to it, which I doubt was done in the backseat of an SUV while these Marines were racing to the airport. Now, these Iran-backed Houthi rebels have American rifles and 20 of our vehicles. They've also stormed the Embassy and taken it over.

Meanwhile, our perpetually stupid State Department announced that it is confident that these rebels will let the Americans back into the Embassy. Yes, folks... it doesn't get any dumber than this. We evacuated our embassy, had our Marines surrender their weapons, and ran with our tail between our legs. All this was going on while the rebels were ransacking our embassy. State Department Spokesperson Marie Harf has the gall to say the administration is "confident" we'll be allowed to return.

This is what I'm talking about. This wanton disregard for the facts that permeates through the entire investigation. Islamic terrorists attack a Kosher deli in Paris? The administration says that is nothing but a random attack... ISIS burns a captured pilot alive? Obama says we can't judge because of atrocities committed by Christians 1000 years ago... Shi'ite rebels seize and ransack our embassy after Marines are ordered to surrender their weapons? Don't worry; they'll let us come back...

These rebels are shouting "Death to America" from the courtyard of our embassy. It takes a special kind of stupid to believe that these extremists – who control the Yemeni government – would ever let Americans return.

I knew that the Obama administration's weakness would come to a head sooner or later, but I never imagined something like this. I never imagined that Marines would be humiliated and forced to surrender their weapons...

Do you want to know why the world is in chaos? It is because the Obama administration is weak and unwilling to stand up to our enemies. Now, the President wants Congress to give him a blank check to fight ISIS however he pleases. This *Authorization for the Use of Military Force* will determine how ISIS and other extremists are fought for the remaining years of Obama's presidency. Barack Obama is telling Congress, "Don't worry about the specifics... I know what I'm doing." Absolutely not! Barack Obama has proven himself to be unfit to fight the war on terror on his own. His idea of fighting terror is to remove the phrase "radical Islamic extremism" from our lexicon, send weapons to our enemies, and force our Marines to surrender their rifles to the enemy.

Six months after calling Yemen a success story, the U.S. Embassy is now in rebel hands. Congress has the

Constitutional authority to decide how the fight against ISIS will be waged. It is imperative that we tell your Congressman and Senators to intervene! Obama cannot be allowed to surrender anymore. Demand that Congress intervene and stop the administration from portraying any more weakness!

### **ATTORNEY'S ADVICE-NO CHARGE**

Read this and save it to your files in case you need to refer to it someday. Maybe we should all take some of this attorney's advice! A corporate attorney sent the following out to the employees in his company:

1. Do not sign the back of your credit cards. Instead, put 'PHOTO ID REQUIRED.'
2. When you are writing checks to pay on your credit card accounts, DO NOT put the complete account number on the 'For' line. Instead, just put the last four numbers. The credit card company knows the rest of the number, and anyone who might be handling your check as it passes through all the check processing channels won't have access to it.
3. Put your work phone # on your checks instead of your home phone. If you have a PO Box use that instead of your home address. If you do not have a PO Box, use your work address. Never have your Social Security number printed on your checks. (DUH!) You can add it if it is necessary. But if you have it printed, anyone can get it.
4. Place the contents of your wallet on a photocopy machine. Do both sides of each license, credit card, etc. You will know what you had in your wallet and all of the account numbers and phone numbers to call and cancel. Keep the photocopy in a safe place. Also carry a photocopy of your passport when you travel either here or abroad. We've all heard horror stories about fraud that's committed on us in stealing a Name, address, Social Security number, credit cards. In case your luggage is lost, take another list in your carry-on bag, especially if you are abroad and need immediate access to those numbers.
5. We have been told we should cancel our credit cards immediately. But the key is having the toll free numbers and your card numbers handy so you know whom to call. Keep those where you can find them.
6. File a police report immediately in the jurisdiction where your credit cards, etc., were stolen. This proves to credit providers you were diligent, and this is a first step toward an investigation (if there ever is one).

But here's what is perhaps most important of all:

7. Call the 3 national credit reporting organizations immediately to place a fraud alert on your name and also call the Social Security fraud line number. I had never heard of doing that until advised by a bank that called to tell me an application for credit was made over the Internet in my name.

The alert means any company that checks your credit knows your information was stolen, and they have to contact you by phone to authorize new credit.

By the time I was advised to do this, almost two weeks after the theft of my wallet, all the damage had been done. There are records of all the credit checks initiated by the thieves' purchases, none of which I knew about before placing the alert. Since then, no additional damage has been done, and the thieves threw my wallet away (someone turned it in). It seems to have stopped them dead in their tracks.

Now, here are the numbers you always need to contact about your wallet, if it has been stolen:

- 1.) Equifax: 1-800-525-6285
- 2.) Experian (formerly TRW): 1-888-397-3742
- 3.) Trans Union: 1-800-680 7289

### **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 March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015 and needs to view before April 1<sup>st</sup> or the link will no longer work.

<http://www.nhc-ul.com/Bulletin%20150315%20PDF%20Edition.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 following Marines and/or Corpsman paid the ultimate sacrifice for God, Country and Corps since the last Newsletter  
NONE

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](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.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a70tPzBKO70>

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7tvT4glkvBs&feature=player\\_embedded&app=desktop](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7tvT4glkvBs&feature=player_embedded&app=desktop)

# GOD BLESS AMERICA

-- Once a Marine, Always a Marine --



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