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"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 April 12th, 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



Department of Maryland Convention

May 11-12 & 13, 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/>

Complete info on this ink: <http://deptofmdmcl.org/Conventions/2017ConventionPacket.pdf>

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 Ed ELDER, Lee HOLLOWAY, Ed HEARTHWAY, Gloria HOWARD, Walt and Jeanne COHEE are having or have recently had various health problems. Detachment member Tom CORCORAN answered the final roll call on February 4th, 2017. Please keep these folks and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

"Membership Happenings"

(Please advise the Editor of any errors or omissions)

<u>APRIL "HAPPY BIRTHDAYS"</u> 19th Richard HYSON 27th Ed ELDER 29th Jeanne COHEE	<u>APRIL ANNIVERSARIES</u> 19 th Tina & Ric LINDSTROM (2 yrs)
<u>APRIL MCL ANNIVERSARIES</u> 'Josh' KELLEY (13 yrs) Danny PARSONS (7 yrs) Paul TOMKO, Sr. (Unk) Kathleen HASTINGS (2 yrs)	<u>MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS DUE IN APRIL</u> Kathleen HASTINGS 'Josh' KELLEY Danny PARSONS Paul TOMKO, SR.
<u>WELCOME ABOARD</u> None reported to your editor	<u>MEMBERSHIP'S RENEWED</u> 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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Non-VA Facility Care Update

When it is not possible for you to go to a VA Medical Center (VAMC), you should go to the nearest hospital that has an emergency room (ER). If you are in an ambulance, the paramedics will usually take you to the closest emergency room.

What is an emergency? A medical emergency is an injury or illness so severe that without immediate treatment, it threatens your life or health. Your situation is an emergency if you believe your life or health is in danger. If you believe your life or health is in danger, call 911 or go to the nearest ER right away. You do not need to call the VA before calling for an ambulance or going to an emergency room.

When should I contact the VA regarding an ER visit? You, your family, friends or hospital staff should contact the nearest VAMC as soon as possible, preferably within 72 hours of your emergency, so you are better aware of what services VA may or may not cover. Provide VA with information about your emergency and what services are being provided to you. Ask VA for guidance on what emergency charges are covered, so you can plan accordingly.

If the doctor then wants to admit me to the hospital, must I obtain advance approval from the VA? If the admission is an emergency, advance approval is not required although prompt notification to the VA is necessary (within 72 hours). If the admission is not an emergency, then you must obtain advance approval from the VA. Will I have to pay for transportation to a VA facility? VA will assist with transportation arrangements and may be able to pay for such expenses. Contact the nearest VA Medical Center for guidelines.

If a VA bed is available and I can be safely transferred, do I have to move to the VA hospital? Yes, if you want VA to continue to pay for your care. If you refuse to be transferred, VA will not pay for any further care.

If I am admitted to the hospital as a result of an emergency, how much will VA pay? Depending on your VA eligibility, VA may pay all, some or none of the charges. Some highlights are listed in the next paragraph, and you may ask your local VA Medical Center's Non-VA Medical Care Office for further eligibility guidance.

For service-connected conditions, some of the criteria that must be met are: • Care or services were provided in a medical emergency, AND • VA or another federal facility was not feasibly available, AND • VA was notified within 72 hours of the admission. For non-service-connected conditions, some of the criteria that must be met are: • Veteran is enrolled in the VA health care system, AND • Veteran has received health care services from VA within the previous 24 months, AND • Veteran has no other health insurance coverage.

How do I know if I have a service-connected condition? A service-connected condition refers to an illness or injury that was incurred during or aggravated by military service, and has a rating assigned by the Veterans Benefits Administration.

How long do I have to file a claim for reimbursement for emergency medical care? File your claim with the nearest VAMC quickly because time limits usually apply. For non-service-connected care, the time limit is 90 days. Again, consult your local VA Medical Center for more information.

Will VA pay for emergency care received outside the United States? VA will only pay for emergency care outside the U.S. if your emergency is related to a service-connected condition. For more information about care provided outside the U.S., contact the Foreign Medical Program at 1-877-345-8179, or visit the website at <http://www.va.gov/purchasedcare>.

How do I get more information? Visit the Chief Business Office Purchased Care website at <http://www.va.gov/purchasedcare> for more information.

Liver Fluke - Cancer Causing Parasite

(Adapted from an article by Claudia Gary in the January/February 2017 edition of The VVA Veteran magazine)

One of the most insidious (of parasites) is the liver fluke -- *Opisthorchis viverrini* or *Clonochis sinensis* -- a freshwater-fish-borne flatworm that causes cholangiocarcinoma (cancer of the bile duct).

Cholangiocarcinoma is widespread in areas of Southeast Asia due to the popularity of traditional dishes in which fish is either raw or insufficiently cooked to kill the parasite. Many veterans who served in or near Vietnam acquired the parasite.

What makes liver fluke infection especially ominous is the parasite can live and reproduce in the bile duct for thirty years or longer. This causes chronic inflammation that eventually creates cancerous cells before producing noticeable symptoms. Although detection and elimination of the parasite are easy at an early stage, all too often the infection is not discovered until a patient has Stage IV cancer. Typically, the first visible signs include jaundice resulting from a blocked bile duct. At this stage, the prognosis is dismal and the same cancerous blockage that causes jaundice also locks in a still-thriving colony of liver flukes, preventing their detection in stool samples.

Liver flukes often cannot be detected by the usual method because they are sealed into the bile duct. A non-invasive test is being developed that would detect liver fluke infection by determining species-specific antigens in the urine. This is described in a 2016 article from Thailand published in the journal "PLOS Neglected Tropical Diseases."

All in-country Vietnam veterans are encouraged to get tested for liver flukes before cancer symptoms appear. In the worst cases, the test would provide survivors with the information to help prove service connection when applying for VA benefits. Unfortunately, lack of information and the resultant confusion about this cancer have continued to obstruct such claims, making them more difficult for veterans and their families. Recent studies have focused on increased awareness, education, cancer treatment and early diagnostic methods. Today, the evidence and explanation are clearer and widely available. See also http://vvaveteran.org/34-2/34-2_parasites.html for additional information.

For anyone who has traveled to Southeast Asia and eaten local food but has no symptoms, testing is worthwhile and simple. It can be done through the VA or a private physician. If liver fluke infection is detected, it is easily treated using the following guidelines from CDC. <https://www.cdc.gov/dpdx/opisthorchiasis/dx.html>

Tell It To The Marines

The Department of the Navy is now assigning all females to separate area berthing quarters on all aircraft carriers, and now these areas are declared "OFF LIMITS" zones.

Talking to all military personnel stationed at Pearl Harbor, HI. Admiral Zoomie with the CINCPACFLT Staff announced; "All female berthing quarters are now designated as out-of-bounds to all male Sailors and Marines.

- (1) "Anybody caught breaking this rule the first time will receive Captains Mast, fined \$50 and one day in the brig".

(2) "Anybody caught breaking this rule a second time will receive Captains Mast, fined \$150 and three days in the brig".

(3) "And if any of you clowns get caught a third time you'll receive Captains Mast, fined \$500 and five days in the brig!"

(4) "Are there any questions?"

At this point, a well-traveled, Marine Gunnery Sergeant, attached to the ships Marine Detachment, steps forward from his Marine Formation and inquires:

"Sir, How much for a season pass?"

The year is 1907, one hundred-ten years ago.



Theodore Roosevelt's ideas on Immigrants and being an AMERICAN in 1907.

'In the first place, we should insist that if the immigrant who comes here in good faith becomes an American and assimilates himself to us, he shall be treated on an exact equality with everyone else, for it is an outrage to discriminate against any such man because of creed, or birthplace, or origin. But this is predicated upon the person's becoming in every facet an American, and nothing but an American...There can be no divided allegiance here. Any man who says he is an American, but something else also, isn't an American at all. We have room for but one flag, the American flag... We have room for but one language here, and that is the English language.. and we have room for but one sole loyalty and that is a loyalty to the American people.'

Theodore Roosevelt 1907

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 1st, 2017 and must be viewed before March 15th, 2017 when it will go off-line.

[http://www.nhc-ul.org/Bulletin%20170301%20\(PDF%20Edition\).pdf](http://www.nhc-ul.org/Bulletin%20170301%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.youtube.com/watch?v=BXyfCGDnuWs&ab_channel=NationalGeographic

<http://www.armedforcesgear.com/marine>

<http://sfglobe.com/2016/02/02/us-navy-band-performs-selections-from-jersey-boys/?src=bottomxpromo&ro=9&et=syn&eid=53949&pid=49202&syn=lmd>

-- *Once a Marine, Always a Marine* –

OOORAHHH !!!!!

GOD BLESS AMERICA

