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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 June 10th, 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



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

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

"Sick or in Distress"

Paul TOMKO's wife Helen passed away on 5/4/2015 just 3 days before their 60th Anniversary. MCL Members 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)

<u>JUNE "HAPPY BIRTHDAYS"</u> 4th Tina PEARSON 21st Cecelia SIEGEL 23 rd Thomas GORMAN 24 th Eric WILK	<u>JUNE ANNIVERSARIES</u> 13th Missy & Richard HYSON (57 yrs) 20th Leslye & John BRENNER (40 yrs)
<u>JUNE MCL ANNIVERSARIES</u> None Known	<u>MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS DUE IN JUNE</u> William WHEATLEY
<u>WELCOME ABOARD</u> Lewis L. RIDEOUT-BEY	<u>MEMBERSHIP'S RENEWED</u> David CHERRY George MURRAY, Jr. Louis SLOWIK

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

Military dogs save lives and serve our nation: They deserve better

By Robin Ganzert Published April 14, 2015 FoxNews.com

Superheroes come in all forms, and my favorite ones have fur, four-legs, wagging tails and distinguished service records on the battlefields in the war on terror.

I am an advocate for war dogs, their handlers and the incredible humane bond that exists between the two. The bond between service members and their military working dog (MWD) or contract working dog (CWD) is powerful, and can be healing after their return from the sands of Iraq and Afghanistan. The healing happens on both ends of the leash as the invisible wounds of war, such as post-traumatic stress (PTS), impact both humans and animals.

One story of healing and hope is United States Marine Corporal Jeff DeYoung and MWD Cena N641.

Their story began in August 2009, when at 19-years-old, Jeff went to special handler training school to learn how to handle and care for Cena in Afghanistan.

After training, Jeff and Cena found themselves in Helmand Province, Afghanistan, a far cry from home in Muskegon, Michigan. They supported combat operations and counter improvised explosive device warfare, and were wounded in the line of duty. However, the team continued their missions and participated in Operation Moshturok, the largest operation in Afghanistan at that time. The pair spent three months living

out of a backpack, dealing with sandstorms, floods and hailstorms. Their battle bond was formed out of necessity and out of unconditional love.

One harsh day on the battlefields, Jeff used his own body to protect his battle buddy Cena from sporadic machine gun fire. They made it to Marjah alive. Together, they witnessed tragic losses, unimaginable conditions and the reality of modern warfare.

Jeff and Cena were separated on April 25, 2010 after Jeff's deployment ended. But, Jeff's battle with PTS was just beginning as he returned home alone, and all he wanted was his dog back. To Jeff, Cena wasn't just a dog owned by the military, a piece of equipment for use in the war on terror. Cena was his best friend.

PTS is real for veterans, these young men and women who sacrifice so much for America's freedom. For Jeff, his battle with PTS was his private hell, and his only wish was to see Cena again. He was always on the lookout for black labs that would remind him of his battle buddy.

Like so many other veterans, depression and a suicide attempt were Jeff's new reality. That was until June 5, 2014 when MWD Cena was retired and adopted by Jeff. The battle buddies were reunited, and the healing process began.

Jeff reports that his PTS is 80% less than last year. He suffers from the occasional nightmare, and so does Cena. Not many people know that military service dogs can also suffer from PTS as well. But, these battle buddies find solace, hope and peace with each other.

The power of the human-animal bond is mysterious and inspirational. What I know is that both two and four-legged veterans deserve the chance to retire together with dignity, and that the four-legged veterans deserve more than they get today.

Americans who love and admire all those who serve our nation would be surprised to learn that MWDs and CWDs are considered equipment. And, while MWDs are provided with some assurances of being returned to the United States for their retirement, that is not the case for CWDs.

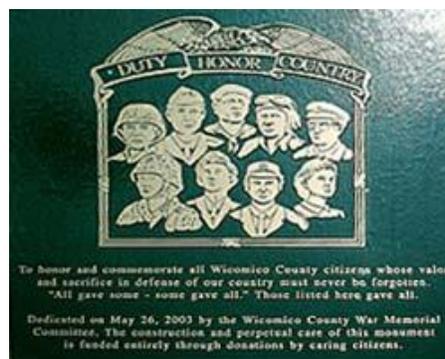
We need to do much better by our four-legged superheroes who serve our country. Therefore, Jeff, Cena and I along with another pair of battle buddies Brent Grommet and Matty will be on Capitol Hill this week to discuss with members of Congress, a legislative proposal we are calling Matty's Wish. This legislation will, among other things, make it easier to reunite all of our MWDs and CWDs with their human handlers.

This effort is fitting considering it is estimated that each MWD and CWD saves the lives of between 150-200 service members. American Humane Association is committed to be the voice for our canine battle buddies who are suffering from the invisible wounds of war. Superheroes on both end of the leash, together at last.

Robin R. Ganzert, Ph.D, is president and CEO of the American Humane Association.

Wicomico County War Memorial and Veteran's Tree of Honor

Mission: To honor the armed forces from Wicomico County who lost their lives while serving the United States during war. The Wicomico War Memorial will be maintained into perpetuity to mark the sacrifice of these heroes and the high price of the freedom we share.



A memorial to the fallen servicemen and women of Wicomico County is permanently situated in front of Salisbury's centerpiece the Wicomico Youth and Civic Center. Bearing service flags and name plaques, the memorial was erected in 2003 to honor those who paid the ultimate sacrifice while serving for the United States Army, Air Force, Navy, Coast Guard, Marines and Merchant Marines. Veterans of World War I, World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War, Desert Storm, Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom and Prisoners of War are honored.

One hundred eighty eight names are engraved on the memorial's bronze plaques. These fallen war heroes are listed in the order of their death by the war in which they served. To further preserve the memory of those lost, the War Memorial Committee is actively seeking the background information of each individual. Those who can share stories or offer photos are asked to call Ed Hearthway at 410-430-6473. The committee hopes to assemble all information received into a website or CD-Rom.

Visit the Wicomico County Civic Center web page to see a complete listing of all servicemen from Wicomico County that lost their lives in the service to our Country. To the extent information has been made available; there is a biographical summary for each Veteran. The web page is:

<http://www.wicomicociviccenter.org/about-the-center/war-memorial>

Prompts will take you to additional information regarding many of the Veterans.

Veteran's Tree of Honor

To complement the outdoor War Memorial, the Veteran's Tree of Honor was added to the Civic Center lobby in 2005. Family and friends of both living and deceased veterans are invited to honor their loved ones with a visible reminder of their service – an engraved, gold leaf. For the past ten years, the SSgt Cohee Detachment, Marine Corps League, has donated \$4,000 to the Veteran's Tree of Honor; in the Memory of 40 Marines from the lower eastern shore that proudly served their Country. SSgt Trae Cohee was the first Marine our Detachment honored.

Both the War Memorial and Veteran's Tree of Honor were built with contributions made by county citizens and businesses and are currently maintained by the War Memorial Committee.

For questions regarding the War Memorial or Veteran's Tree of Honor and to make donations, please contact Tammy Taylor at 410-548-4900 ext. 115 or email ttaylor@wicomicocounty.org .
Wicomico County War Memorial Committee

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Harrison Ford's PT-19 Mishap - Unofficial Results

Checklist, who needs a dang checklist?

Hot scoop from Santa Monica, California. Mr. Ford is known as 'somewhat of a Hot Shot' and prima donna at the aerodrome.

A former USMC jet jock reports that his tax preparer's boss is a major player at Mr. Ford's preferred airport. Mr. Ford has been known to use his 'celebrity status' to circumvent the normal cue for departing aircraft, and slipping into 'number one for takeoff', ahead of others, in-line ahead of him. He is not well respected by fellow aircraft owners at Santa Monica.

On the day of his municipal links landing, it is alleged that the intrepid aviator went from his auto to his

idling PT-19, that an assistant had made it ready for takeoff. Mr. Ford, and his "assistant", apparently had neglected to move his fuel tank lever from the 'shut off' position to the 'ON' position....giving him just a minute or two of flight time, before the engine became starved for fuel.

I'm sure the NTSB must have that information, by now, but has neglected to post their findings.

Only a broken pelvis and ankle...priceless.

"Political Correctness" the beginning

Below are copies of four telegrams that were between Harry Truman and Douglas MacArthur on the day before the actual signing of the Japanese Surrender Agreement. The contents of those four telegrams below are exactly as received, not a word has been added or deleted!

(1) Tokyo, Japan

0800-September 1, 1945

To: President Harry S Truman

From: General D A MacArthur

Tomorrow we meet with those yellow bellied bastards and sign the Surrender Documents, any last minute instructions?

(2) Washington, D C

1300-September 1, 1945

To: D A MacArthur

From: H S Truman

Congratulations, job well done, but you must tone down your obvious dislike of the Japanese when discussing the terms of the surrender with the press, because some of your remarks are fundamentally not politically correct!

(3) Tokyo, Japan

1630-September 1, 1945

To: H S Truman

From: D A MacArthur and C H Nimitz

Wilco Sir, but both Chester and I are somewhat confused, exactly what does the term politically correct mean?

(4) Washington, D C

2120-September 1, 1945

To: D A MacArthur/C H Nimitz

From: H S Truman

Political Correctness is a doctrine, recently fostered by a delusional, illogical minority and promoted by a sick mainstream media, which holds forth the proposition that it is entirely possible to pick up a piece of shit by the clean end!



The "Spring" issue of the Woof-O-Gram can be viewed on the following link.

<http://moddkennel.org/Portals/4/Barks/WOGSpring2015.pdf>

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 May 15th, 2015 and needs to view before June 1st or the link will no longer work.

<http://www.nhc-ul.com/Bulletin%20150515%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 Final Roll Call



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@bvnnet.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/v/AgYLR_LfhLo?version=3&hl=en_US&rel=0%22%3e%3cparam%3c
<http://www.ecnmag.com/blogs/2015/04/how-blue-angels-are-changing-future-aviation>
<https://www.youtube.com/v/qWcDIMrd6eE>

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-- Once a Marine, Always a Marine --



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