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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 December 10th, 2014 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 Marine Corps League Mid-Winter National Staff Conference will be held February 12, 13 and 14 with meetings on the 13th and 14th. It will again be held at the [Fairview Park Marriott](#) in Falls Church, VA. Room rate for single or double rooms is \$99.00 + TAX per night.

Reservation should be made directly to the [Fairview Park Marriott](#) no later than January 20, 2015 by calling (703) 849-9400 or (800)228-2900. Request a "Marine Corps League Winter Conference" room. If booking online - use the code "MCRMCR" in the "Group Code" field.

More info is available on this link:

<http://sediv.org/files/SE%20Conference%20Info/2015%20SEDiv%20Conference.pdf>

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. National is working on a contract with a nearby resort (1 mile away) for an overflow hotel.

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

"Sick or in Distress"

MCL Members 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)

<p><u>DECEMBER "HAPPY BIRTHDAYS"</u> 7th Jeff MERRITT 18th Jim SIEGEL 19th Gloria HOWARD 24th Paul WARD</p>	<p><u>DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES</u> 11th Tara & Richard CARRILLO (10 yrs)</p>
<p><u>DECEMBER MCL ANNIVERSARIES</u> Don ELSEROAD (20 yrs) Wayne LAWSON (12 yrs) Richard CARRILLO (11 yrs) George MURRAY, Jr. (6 yrs) David CHERRY (4 yrs) Dena HOLLOWAY (2yrs) Lee HOLLOWAY (2 yrs)</p>	<p><u>MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS DUE IN DECEMBER</u> Richard CARRILLO David CHERRY Dena HOLLOWAY Lee HOLLOWAY Wayne LAWSON George MURRAY, Jr.</p>
<p><u>WELCOME ABOARD</u> None reported to your editor</p>	<p><u>MEMBERSHIP'S RENEWED</u> John BRENNER Mitchell CAREY Thomas CORCORAN, Sr. Gene POWELL John ROBINSON William WHEATLEY</p>

DON'T LET YOUR MEMBERSHIP LAPSE

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

Dunford takes command of the Corps, issues first order to Marines

The 36th commandant's first order to the Marine Corps as he took command was a simple one: "Continue to march".



General Joe Dunford, 58, became the 36th Commandant of the Marine Corps at Marine Barracks Washington Friday morning October 17, 2014 with an array of VIPs in attendance, ranging from Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel to U.S. ambassadors and Gen. John Kelly, head of U.S. Southern Command and one of Dunford's closest friends. Dunford's wife, Ellyn, and his children, Joseph Jr., Patrick, and Kathleen looked on from a place of honor in the stands.

Surveying the assembled guests, Dunford kept his remarks very brief, thanking his parents in attendance. "I'm a Marine because of my dad," he said. "And I attribute any discipline I might have to the drill instructor in our family, my mother."

Acknowledging his previous joint post as commander of U.S. and allied forces in Afghanistan, Dunford said he had taken the past weeks to "re-green" and reacquaint himself with the Marine Corps' current posture and the challenges it faced.

"Every single engagement I have had has reinforced my assessment that the Corps is in great shape," he said. "We're recruiting and retaining high quality Marines; we're providing relevant capabilities to the combatant commanders. Marines today find themselves in every clime and place doing what must be done and they're delivering ... Today I'm not so much proud to be the commandant as I am to wear the cloth."

Dunford closed his address simply, saying he was humbled to command the Corps.

"My focus in the coming years will be to take care of our Marines and their families and to ensure that our Corps remains the expeditionary force in readiness that our nation has come to expect," he said. "God bless you all, Semper Fidelis, and for those still in uniform, continue to march." Hagel spoke highly of Dunford's accomplishments.

"He is a highly respected, battle-tested infantry officer," Hagel said, praising his work to keep combat drawdown efforts on track in Afghanistan. "I've gotten to know General Dunford very well over the last 20 months. I've come to rely on his wise judgment. The president of the United States trusts his judgment."

Dunford received the Marine Corps flag in a formal passage of command ceremony from General Jim Amos, 67, who will be entering retirement Nov. 30 after a 44-year career in the Navy and Marine Corps, having been the first Marine aviator to serve as commandant.

Home of the Free because of the Brave!!

For those fast food employees striking for \$15 an hour, let's do some math.

At \$15 an hour Johnny Fry-Boy would make \$31,200 annually. An E1 (Private) in the military makes \$18,378. An E5 (Sergeant) with 4 years of service only makes \$30,661 annually. So you're telling me, Sally McBurgerflipper, that you deserve more than those kids getting shot at, deploying for months at a time, in hostile environments, and putting their collective asses on the line every day protecting your unskilled butt!?

Here's the deal, Bacon-ator, you are working in a job designed for a kid in high school who is learning how to show up for work on time and earning enough for gas, and hanging out with their equally goofy high school pals. If you have chosen this as your life long profession, YOU have failed !!!

If you don't want minimum wage, don't have minimum skills. Kinda puts this whole minimum wage argument in an entirely different light doesn't it?



"BURY ME NEXT TO A MARINE"

By HM2 (FMF) Robert L. Owens, August 31, 2007

*Bury me next to a Marine, when my time has come to an end,
So I can spend eternity, beside my brother and friend
I've served beside them for years, and they've inspired me every day
They've never asked for anything, so a debt I can never repay
None of them served for glory, none for money or fame
But they've served in every clime and place, Heroes with but one name
No one will ever outdo them; their honor is never outdone
They will all go down in history, As America's favorite sons
Marines will never fail you, and their guard will never cease
Please bury me next to a Marine, so I may rest in peace*

Military songs vs a hymn

These three songs, *Anchors Aweigh*, *The Caisson Song*, and *Off We Go into the Wild Blue Yonder*, are often played at public events. They obviously delight the members and advocates of the affected service: Navy, Army, or Air Force. When their song is played, sailors, soldiers, and zoomies leap to their feet and shout, cheer, clap their hands, and jive with the music. They have a jolly time, almost like a high school pep rally.

The U.S. Marine Corps is the United States' military band of brothers dedicated to warfighting. The proud Brotherhood of Marines is guided by principles, values, virtues, love of country, and its Warrior Culture. This brotherhood of American Patriots has no song. Instead, Marine Warriors have a *hymn*. When *The Marines' Hymn* is played, United States Marines stand at attention. They silently show their pride in their fellow Marines, their Corps, their Country, their heritage, and their hymn.

The Marines' Hymn is a tribute to Warriors. Marine Warriors stormed fortress Derna, raised the American flag, and gave us "the shores of Tripoli." Marines fought their way into the castle at Chapultepec and gave us the "halls of Montezuma." Marines exist for the purpose of warfighting. Fighting is their role in life. They "fight for right and freedom" and "to keep our honor clean." They fight "in the air, on land, and sea." The Marine Corps is Valhalla for Warriors. U.S. Marines need no *song*. They have a *hymn*.

Ironically, no one knows who wrote the hymn, which was in widespread use by the mid-1800s. Col. A.S. McLemore, USMC, spent several years trying to identify the origin of the tune. In 1878 he told the leader of the Marine Band that the tune had been adopted from the comic opera *Genevieve de Barbant*, by Jaques Offenback. Yet, others believe the tune originated from a Spanish folk song. Whatever! Regardless of its origin, *The Marines' Hymn* has remained a revered icon of the United States Marine Corps.

In 1929 *The Marines' Hymn* became the *official* hymn of the Corps. Thirteen years later in November 1942 the Commandant approved a change in the words of the first verse, fourth line. Because of the increasing use of aircraft in the Corps, the words were changed to "In the air, on land, and sea." No other changes have been made since that time. When you have attained absolute perfection, there is no need for further modification:

From the Halls of Montezuma,
To the Shores of Tripoli;
We fight our country's battles
In the air, on land, and sea;
First to fight for right and freedom
And to keep our honor clean;

We are proud to claim the title
Of UNITED STATES MARINES.

Our flag's unfurled to every breeze,
From dawn to setting sun;
We have fought in every clime and place
Where we could take a gun;
In the snow of far off northern lands
And in sunny tropic scenes;
You will find us always on the job --
The UNITED STATES MARINES.

Here's health to you and to our Corps
Which we are proud to serve;
In many a strife we've fought for life
And never lost our nerve;
If the Army and the Navy
Ever look on Heaven's scenes;
They will find the streets are guarded
By UNITED STATES MARINES.



The "Fall" issue of the Woof-O-Gram can be viewed on the following link. It is all about the 75th Supreme Growl held in August.

<http://moddkennel.org/Portals/4/WOGs/2014%20-%202015/WOGFall2014Extended.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 November 15th, 2014 and needs to view before December 1st or the link will no longer work.

<http://www.nhc-ul.com/Bulletin%20141115%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@bvn.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.

<http://biggeekdad.com/2014/09/john-wayne-1970/>

<http://biggeekdad.com/2012/07/the-man-who-rode-thunder/#.VD-zGxV3sOw.email>

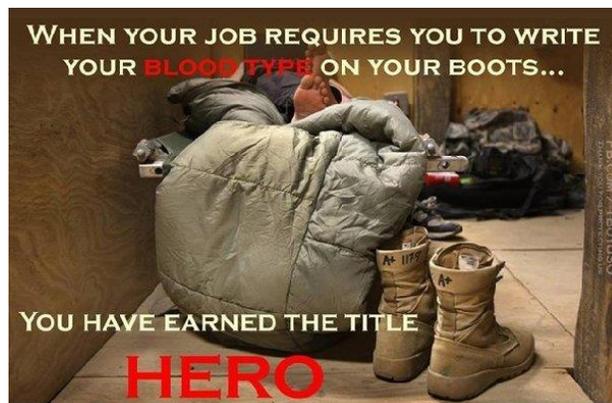
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http://www.youtube.com/embed/MgE2KiPd3xg?feature=player_detailpage

<https://www.facebook.com/video.php?v=10152609827619335&fref=nf>

God Bless America

-- Once a Marine, Always a Marine --





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