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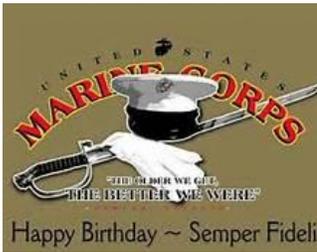
Original Charter Date May 10, 1970

MEETING TIME & PLACE

Meetings are always held on the second Wednesday of each month. The next regularly scheduled meeting would be held on November 12th, 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.

Important Upcoming Dates & Events

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| <p>November 2 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS IT'S OVER! Fall Back</p>  | <p>November 10</p>  <p>Happy Birthday ~ Semper Fidelis</p> | <p>November 11</p>  <p>Veterans Day</p> | <p>November 27</p>  <p>Happy Thanksgiving</p> |
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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>

"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)

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| <u>NOVEMBER "HAPPY BIRTHDAYS"</u> 3rd Bob MILLER 7th Alanel CAPEN 10th USMC 238TH 10th Tom PRICE 11th Warner SUMPTER | <u>NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES</u> 8th JoAnne & Tom MIFFLETON (6 yrs) 21st Joan & John ROBINSON (16 yrs) |
| <u>NOVEMBER MCL ANNIVERSARIES</u> Jimmie Lee HOWARD (44 yrs) Paul WARD (25 yrs) Jim SIEGEL ((16 yrs) Ralph CAPEN (9 yrs) Louis SLOWIK (8yrs) William HOBBS (2 yrs) | <u>MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS DUE IN</u> <u>NOVEMBER</u> Ralph CAPEN Louis SLOWIK William HOBBS |
| <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

Please send your \$24.00 checks made payable to "MCL Det 115" to our paymaster.

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

Honoring America's Veterans and Caring for Camp Lejeune Families Act

Camp Lejeune Care Update: The Department of Veterans Affairs released final regulations for the "Honoring America's Veterans and Caring for Camp Lejeune Families Act." The published regulations put in motion VA's ability to provide hospital care and medical services for veterans, and to reimburse eligible Camp Lejeune family members for out-of-pocket health care costs related to any of the 15 covered medical conditions listed in the law (P.L. 112-154). (See the following link for P.L. 112-154

<http://fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/R42810.pdf>

What you should do now:

- * Call 1-877-222-8387 and ask to be added to VA's Camp Lejeune database. VA will contact you after Oct. 24.
- * Gather documents showing your relationship to a veteran who served at Camp Lejeune, such as marriage license or birth certificate, and copies of orders or base housing records that showed you lived on base for 30 days or more between Jan. 1, 1957 and Dec. 31, 1987.
- * Keep receipts for health care expenses you paid for a covered condition on or after March 26, 2013. This is the date when Congress began to fund this program. Hold on to your documents and receipts. You'll be able to submit these starting Oct. 24.

For more information about VA's Camp Lejeune program, including eligibility and how to apply, visit <http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/camp-lejeune/> or call 1-877-222-8387.

'Walking Dead' Marine battalion to be deactivated

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Decades before the television show, a Marine Corps battalion decorated for extensive combat in World War II and Vietnam earned the nickname the "Walking Dead."

Now the 1st Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment, which also saw action in Iraq and Afghanistan, is being deactivated during a ceremony Friday at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune in North Carolina. The step comes as top U.S. military and political leaders are moving to trim the size of America's military after more than a decade of war in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Marine Corps historians say the battalion appears to have gotten the nickname because of its high rate of casualties during the Vietnam War. But the unit also has a reputation for heroism that included Medal of Honor recipients at Guam and Iwo Jima during World War II and two in Vietnam. Formed during World War I, the battalion had previously been deactivated in 1994 and reactivated in 2007. Its insignia depicts a cloaked grim reaper carrying a scythe.

Related Photos: [Stunning color images of World War II](#)

Related Photos: [How the First World War began](#)

Retired Marine Col. Wesley Fox, who received the Medal of Honor while leading a company within the battalion in Vietnam, said he resents the deactivation.

"Not a better battalion in the world. I don't know why they're the ones who keep getting put on the bench but that's the way it goes I guess," Fox said.

The deactivation comes as the Pentagon plans to reduce the size of the Marine Corps by several thousand to 182,000 by 2016 and could cut further. The Corps' wartime peak in recent years was more than 200,000. More than 300 battalion members who have been reassigned to other units will participate in Friday's ceremony, which will include each platoon or company marching to the reviewing stand to salute the battalion commander. Veterans of the unit are also gathering for a reunion.

A memo by Marine Corps historian Annette Amerman says the nickname was changed for at least a while starting in 1984 to "Walking Death" and the insignia became a dragon because some members thought the older nickname was derogatory.

However, when the battalion was reactivated in 2007, "Walking Dead" was once again embraced and the battalion's official Marine Corps website currently bears the grim reaper design.

On the eve of the deactivation, Fox recalled first hearing the nickname in 1968 from a personnel officer. "He asked me if I wanted the 1/9, and I said that sounded good to me. He did the paper work," said Fox, who's 82. "Then he asked: 'Have you ever heard of the Walking Dead?' My response to him was: 'Maybe a better name is the Walking Death.'"

Your editor hopes the Marine Corps never go's the following route

Air Force says 'so help me God' is optional for enlistment oath

Published September 17, 2014 [FoxNews.com](#)

The Air Force says airmen will now be allowed to omit the words "so help me God" from its enlistment oath — marking a change in policy that is being affirmed by both atheist and religious liberty groups.

The decision comes after an airman at Creech Air Force Base in Nevada struck out the words on his Department of Defense reenlistment paperwork and ran up against a policy that prohibits omissions.

The case went up to the Department of Defense General Counsel, which issued an opinion Wednesday saying the language could be left out if the airman preferred.

"We take any instance in which Airmen report concerns regarding religious freedom seriously," Secretary of the Air Force Deborah Lee James said in a statement. "We are making the appropriate adjustments to ensure our Airmen's rights are protected."

The American Humanist Association is representing the airman, who requested anonymity.

The policy change was also welcome news to religious liberty groups, who say fair is fair.

"I am glad the Air Force is coming online with the other branches of service to allow airmen to opt out of saying 'so help me God' if that is offensive to them," said Ron Crews, executive director of Chaplain Alliance for Religious Liberty. "There has always been a respect for those who are not theists in our country. We want those airmen who believe in God to be able to say these words and we respect the right of those who abstain."

The Liberty Institute's Hiram Sasser also supported the move – but for a different reason.

"I am glad the Air Force allows airmen to omit parts of oaths with which they disagree because one day the Air Force will ask airmen to take an oath regarding controversial subjects like marriage and Bible-believing airmen will likewise refrain from such oaths," said Sasser, director of litigation for Liberty Institute.

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 October 1st, 2014 and needs to view before October 15th or the link will no longer work.

<http://www.nhc-ul.com/Bulletin%20141001%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

Strong, Sgt. Charles C.
Suffolk, VA

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@byunet.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://video.foxnews.com/v/3810688590001/honoring-gold-star-mothers-and-families/?intcmp=life_topics&playlist_id=931078420001#sp=show-clips

God Bless America

-- Once a Marine, Always a Marine --



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