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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 November 8th, 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

<p><u>November 5</u></p> <p>DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS SET YOUR CLOCK BACK ONE HOUR, PLEASE</p>	<p><u>November 10</u></p> <p>RGD MEDAL OF HONOR MARINE CORPS</p>	<p><u>November 11</u></p> <p>VETERANS DAY HONORING ALL WHO SERVED</p>	<p><u>November 23</u></p> <p>Happy Thanksgiving!</p>
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2018 MCL Midwinter Staff Conference will be March 1-3, 2018 at the Fredericksburg Hospitality House and Conf Center, 2801 Plank Rd, Fredericksburg, VA 22401. Group code: MCLMDWINTER18 Phone: (540) 786-8321 Room rate includes up to 4 breakfast vouchers per occupancy. TBA per night + prevailing tax (currently 11.3%) Please make your room reservation direct to the hotel no later than TBA at 540-786-8321.

Department of Maryland Convention

May 10-11 & 12, 2018

**Princess Royale Oceanfront Hotel & Conference Center
9100 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD 21842-2745
More info will be made available ASAP.**

2018 MCL National Convention will be in August 2018 at the Buffalo Hyatt, Two Fountains Plaza, Buffalo, NY 14202. Phone: (716) 856-1234. Reservations open 0801 20 August 2017. Room price \$113 for one and \$130 for 2 people plus room tax.. Free parking, breakfast and wifi. More info will be made available ASAP.

"Sick or in Distress"

MCL Members and/or family members Missy HYSON, Fran HEARTHWAY, Ed ELDER, Gloria HOWARD, Walt and Jeanne COHEE 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>NOVEMBER "HAPPY BIRTHDAYS"</u> 3rd Bob MILLER 7th Alanel CAPEN 10th USMC 242st 11th Warner SUMPTER	<u>NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES</u> 21st Joan & John ROBINSON (19 yrs)
<u>NOVEMBER MCL ANNIVERSARIES</u> Paul WARD (28 yrs) Jim SIEGEL ((19 yrs) Ralph CAPEN (12 yrs) Louis SLOWIK (11yrs) William HOBBS (5 yrs) Daniel HUNTINGTON (3 yrs)	<u>MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS DUE</u> Review the names and amount due posted in the August issue of the "Scuttlebutt" and send your dues to the Paymaster ASAP
<u>WELCOME ABOARD</u> None reported to your editor	<u>MEMBERSHIP'S RENEWED</u> Cliff FRIDLIND

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The following article appeared in the Lebanon, VA Newspaper on August 30, 2017.

History/Meaning of The U.S. Pledge Of Allegiance



BY: RUTH WHITT

(Freelance) Ruth was a Lieutenant in the Marine Corps

Before you decide not to read this article based on the title, read the following before you make a decision. Have you thought about what your life would be like if some morning you wake up and the American flag has been replaced with a foreign flag? Has it ever occurred to you that America can be destroyed from within? Destruction is not limited to acts of a military nature. All who say the Pledge of Allegiance have made a promise to help keep America safe and our freedoms secure. There is another pledge for all who enter the military. Without military men and women who pledge to defend our Constitution, our freedom, your rights, my rights will no longer have protection. Symbolism of our flag will have no meaning.

The Military Pledge: Entering the military requires a very serious pledge. The following oath with right hand raised will be administered to all military personnel: "I,....., do solemn swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I will obey the orders of the President of the United States and the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to regulations and the Uniform Code of Military Justice. So help me God." *(The State of Virginia has the greatest number of female veterans.)* **Fact check by your editor found Virginia is 4th in this category. Texas, California and Florida are 1st, 2nd and 3rd.**



Donald Ryan McGlothlin

Remember Ryan? When 9/11(2001) happened, Donald Ryan McGlothlin was on his way to Stanford University where he was an honor student with outstanding leadership qualities. When he heard the terrible news about the orchestrated attack on America, he called his father, Judge Don McGlothlin and said, "Dad, I am going to join the Marines. They can't do that to us. I've been born into privilege. Why should you and I depend on others to fight and defend that privilege? It's my duty." Against his father's wishes at this time, Ryan joined the Marines. His leadership qualities were soon recognized. He became a Platoon Leader in charge of several Marines. The potential of an impressive military career ended during operation Steel Curtain, Ubaydi, Iraq, Nov. 16, 2005. During a final cleanup search of a shack like building, Lt. Ryan McGlothlin was killed. Weapons fire came from holes in the walls. Tossed grenades followed successfully killing some of the men. In an attempt to save those near, Marine Ryan McGlothlin made the ultimate sacrifice. He used his body to cover a grenade. The flag that Ryan McGlothlin had saluted and pledged allegiance to covered his coffin for his return to America and to Lebanon, Virginia. An estimate of six hundred people came to the Lebanon Memorial United Methodist Church to express their feelings for Ryan's sacrifice. Twenty four active duty Marines also came to say farewell. Ryan was remembered for his valedictorian message he delivered at his Lebanon High School graduation and for the "Don't Quit" emphasis for life. When Ryan was killed, he was still carrying his billfold with the message, "Don't Quit." (Videoing Lt. Ryan McGlothlin that day as he went about his mission was the War Historian. The Historian had the sad duty of covering Ryan's body soon after the ambush. (This writer communicated with and later met the War Historian.)

Dec. 14, 2005 President George Bush's Speech: Following are quotes about Ryan McGlothlin taken from President George Bush's Dec. 14, 2005 speech, "The work ahead will also require sacrifice...we have on our side the greatest force for freedom in human history, the men and women of the United States Armed Forces. One of these men was a Marine Lieutenant named Ryan McGlothlin from Lebanon, Virginia. Ryan was a bright young man who had everything going for him, and he always wanted to serve our nation. He was the valedictorian of his high school class. He graduated from William and Mary with near perfect grade aver-

ages, and he was on full scholarship at Stanford where he was working toward a doctorate in chemistry. In his pocket was a poem that Ryan had read at his high school graduation, and it represented the spirit of this fine Marine. The poem was called “Don’t Quit.” Ryan didn’t support me in the last election, but he supported our mission in Iraq, and he supported his fellow Marines. Ryan was killed last month fighting the terrorists near the Iraq/ Syrian border.” Five paragraphs in the speech were about Ryan and the example he set for all those who love their country.

Ryan’s death resulted in many Marines naming their new born sons Ryan. One being the son of Rebecca Pepin of WCYB TV-5, author of “Faces of Freedom” which included Ryan’s story. In life and death, Lt. Ryan McGlothlin made a difference. Many scholarships in his name are now helping young people advance their educational pursuits. At Quantico, VA, the Marine Officer’s training base, there stands a building with the name Donald Ryan McGlothlin. He pledged Allegiance to the Flag of America and to the preservation of our United States Constitution. What if he hadn’t? But he did. He lost his life in doing so. He paid the ultimate price for our freedom. One of Ryan’s quotes came from a marker on a soldier’s grave on Iwo Jima...It read: “When you go home tell them for us –and say— for your tomorrow, we gave our today.”

(This article is dedicated to all our military men and women who have served and are serving our country. This article is in memory of all who have paid the ultimate sacrifice. We honor and must remember the families/ the children, who are left behind. They, too, made the ultimate sacrifice. Also, we remember those whose stories are not known. Fifty years later, through the efforts of his friends and family, the then 19 -year of Terry Dane Alsup’s story is now known. Credited with saving lives of his fellow soldiers in Vietnam, Terry lost his own life. In his honor and memory, and requested by his family and friends, a section of the Cleveland, Virginia road is now known as the Terry Dane Alsup Road. (Previous coverage of the well-attended ceremony held at The Cleveland Elementary School was covered by The Lebanon News.)



Terry Dane Alsup

We honor and salute those who also fought for America, and came home with life changing wounds. They too made a sacrifice.) Russell County Veteran’s names on the Vietnam Memorial Wall: Castlewood: Sgt. James Franklin Austin. SP4 Robert Gilmer Garrett. SPC Fred Taylor. Cleveland: PFC Terry Dane Alsup; Lebanon: SP4 Giles Wilson Gilmer. Swords Creek: SP5 Buford Ronald Spencer.)

Intro: Like me at one time you perhaps thought, “I know the Pledge of Allegiance. I was taught that in Elementary School. What else is there to know?” Take a few minutes to read this article and see if you learn something you didn’t know. What do the words mean? What have you pledged to do? The first pledge written in 1892 had 23 words. Today’s pledge has 31 words. What was missing in 1892? Why was the salute at that time controversial? What was it about the salute that some thought it too similar to the salute rendered to Hitler? Who wrote the words to the Pledge? Why were the words, “Under God” not in the first Pledge? When and who is responsible for including those words in today’s Pledge of Allegiance? America is changing. What we know, remember, and pass along to future generations could very well become our safest link to the past.

Education must begin early: Did I know what I was doing when I said the Pledge of Allegiance in first grade? No. But I knew it was something important. We were taught to stand at attention, face the American Flag,

place our right hand over our heart and repeat the following: *"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."* Did we know then what we had pledged to do? No. But it was the first step in teaching us respect for our flag. Do you know now what you have pledged to do when you repeat the words in the Pledge? Included in this article will be the meaning of the words in the Pledge of Allegiance as well as the history of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meaning of the Pledge of Allegiance: "The Pledge of Allegiance is an oath of loyalty to the U.S flag and the United States of America." The Pledge was first used in public schools on October 12, 1892 during Columbus Day Observances. The Pledge, written by Francis Bellamy, a Baptist minister, was as follows: "I Pledge allegiance to my Flag and the Republic for which it stands; one Nation indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for All." Note the absence of "Under God." Many years would pass before the words "Under God" would officially be made a part of the Pledge. (On June 14, 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed into law the words "Under God" to the Pledge. Public Law 396, 83rd Congress)

In 1923 the original pledge containing the words "my Flag" was changed to "to the flag of the United States of America." Reason given for the change was that many citizens had been born in other countries and large numbers of people had come to America to seek a better life which included religious freedom. The American flag would now become their flag. *"The Mayflower Compact became the first American freedom document."*

Meaning of the Pledge's words: "I Pledge"? "I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America." The individual has made a sincere promise to be "loyal to the United States, support the Constitution, and obey the nation's laws." *"Allegiance"?* You have promised to give faithful service even in the face of hardships. *"And to the Republic for which it stands"?* The United States is a democracy. "Democracy is a Greek word that means the people rule." *"One Nation under God"?* The words "Under God" declare that the United States is "one nation." *Indivisible:* A state cannot leave the Union to be a separate state nor can the United States be divided into smaller states. (Reference Civil War (1804-1805) (More than 600,000 soldiers died during this war.)

Republic / Democracy: "A Republic is a representative type of government limited constitutionally, and with the power divided between the three branches. *Legislative* makes laws; Congress; Senate 100 elected senators. 2 Senators per state. House of Representatives; 435 elected representatives; total representatives based on each state's population. *Executive* carries out laws. President, Vice President, Cabinet. Cabinet nominated by the President and must be approved by the Senate with at least 51 votes. *Judicial.* Evaluates laws. 9 justices nominated by the President and must be approved by the senate with at least 51 votes. Other. Federal Courts. *Democracy:* A democracy is a type of government that grants eligible citizens the right to equal participation. A Republic is a representative form of democracy. A Republic has an elected head of state such as a President. A Republic has a constitution that protects the minority from being entirely overruled or unrepresented."

The Beginning - 1887 (Patriotism in Public Schools.) Flags first appeared in schools in 1887. George T. Balch, a former Captain in US Army, wanted to teach Patriotism in the Public Schools. His other purpose was to educate and "Americanize" foreigners. He developed a manual for schools to assist with the teaching. He had US flags placed in all schools. He presented small flags to students as a reward for their good citizenship. A Pledge had not yet been written. It would be another five years before Francis Bellamy's Pledge was written and published.

Bellamy's Pledge of Allegiance- 1892: Francis Bellamy was "admired for his command of language." After resigning as a Baptist pastor, he was approached by Daniel Ford, who was in the publishing business. He hired Bellamy to assist with the organizing of a program for Columbus Day Celebration held September 1892. Bellamy wrote the first Pledge of Allegiance during this time. *Following are his words: "I Pledge allegiance to my Flag and the Republic for which it stands; one Nation indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for All. Instructions given for the salute to the flag were as follows: "At the words 'To the Flag,' the right hand is extended gracefully, palm upward, toward the Flag, and remains in this gesture till the end of the affirmation; whereupon all hands immediately drop to the side."* (Ref: *The Story of The Pledge of Allegiance, John Hudson Tiner.*)

The Controversial Salute: Research reveals that the first Pledge of Allegiance was known as the Salute to the Flag. Children raised their right hand to their forehead and as they said the pledge they extended their arm

to point toward the flag. Why was this controversial? When Adolph Hitler came to power as head of the Nazi party of Germany, (1930), the German people were not only required by law to salute Hitler, but to greet each other with the same salute plus the words "Heil, Hitler." In 1941 America declared war against Hitler. Americans noticed that America's pledge while raising the hand toward the flag looked like a Nazi salute. In 1942 Congress agreed to change the name from the Salute to the Flag to The Pledge of Allegiance. Also, the Pledge would now be said with the right hand over the heart. Any uniformed military person present will render the hand salute.

Burning The Flag: Research to the question "is it illegal to burn the American flag" reveals that the answer has varied based on interpretation of Freedom of Speech, etc. Today's answer, written by S. Danilina and Fact Checked by The Law, reads as follows: "Currently, flag burning is not illegal in the United States. The Supreme Court of the United States in its decision from 1969 has ruled that the burning of the flag is protected by the First Amendment. However, the person who burnt the flag can be found guilty of a misdemeanor for starting a fire without permit."

Writer's Note: *If you made it to the end of this article, thank you. While recently sitting in an out of town restaurant, I was entertained by a family with three small children. The two little girls sang, in between bites of food, while sitting at their table and were very impressive. Prior to eating they said a blessing for their food. The parents and grandparents bowed their heads according to their tradition. A short time later I was approached by one of the children and the small girl said, "I can say The Pledge of Allegiance"! Yes, I was surprised. So I said, "Let me hear you say the pledge." Was perfect with one addition to be made. I said, "You did a wonderful job." I then said, "Put your right hand over your heart and you will be perfect". That she did. The future of America depends on all of us. We can make a difference as we go about our daily life. The task lies before us! God Bless America!*

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

[http://www.nhc-ul.org/Bulletin%20171001%20\(PDF%20Edition\).pdf](http://www.nhc-ul.org/Bulletin%20171001%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."

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Support Our Troops



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One Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.**

From your editor

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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://www.military.com/marine-corps>

<http://www.msn.com/en-us/news/world/remembering-the-vietnam-war/ss-AArKU39?li=BBnbcA1&ocid=U348DHP>

-- *Once a Marine, Always a Marine* –
OOORAHHH !!!!!

GOD BLESS AMERICA

