

# *Semper Fi*

## "THE SCUTTLEBUTT"

<http://www.mcltraecoheedet115.org/>

October 2019 Edition



*Don Elseroad, Editor*

355 Beaverview Drive  
Bristol, VA 24201-1880  
276-645-0482  
53usmc73@bvunet.net



*SSgt Walter F. "Trae" Cohee III*  
*Detachment # 115*  
*Salisbury, MD*

### DETACHMENT OFFICERS

2019 – 2020

*Commandant: Ed Elder*

Senior Vice Commandant: Andy Bouma

Junior Vice Commandant: William Jones

Judge Advocate: Thomas Kellar

Junior Past Commandant: Bob Miller

Paymaster: Clifford Fridlind

Adjutant: Richard Hyson

Sgt-At-Arms: Jeff Merritt

Chaplain: Rhuel Goslee

Web Sergeant/Scuttlebutt Editor: Don Elseroad

*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 will be held on November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019 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 3</u></p> <p>DAYLIGHT<br/>SAVING<br/>TIME<br/>ENDS</p> <p>SET YOUR CLOCK BACK<br/>ONE HOUR, PLEASE</p> | <p><u>November 10</u></p> <p>244 YEARS<br/>HAPPY<br/>BIRTHDAY<br/>MARINES</p> | <p><u>November 11</u></p> <p>VETERANS DAY<br/>HONORING ALL WHO SERVED</p> | <p><u>November 28</u></p> <p>Happy<br/>Thanksgiving!</p> |
|---|---|---|--|

### THE 2020 NATIONAL CONFERENCE PREVIOUSLY CALL MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

February 27-29, 2020 Norfolk, Virginia  
SHERATON NORFOLK WATERSIDE HOTEL  
777 WATERSIDE DRIVE, NORFOLK, VA 23510

RESERVATIONS: 1-800-325-3535 OR CALL THE HOTEL DIRECT AT (757) 622-666

SEE BELOW LINK FOR COMPLETE INFO

<https://www.mcleaguelibrary.org/conference/>

**97th National Convention**

August 9 through 15, 2020

Hosted by Department of Florida

Hilton Daytona Beach Oceanfront 100 N Atlantic Ave, Daytona Beach, FL

<https://www.daytonahilton.com/>

More info will be provided when it becomes available

**"Sick or in Distress"**

MCL Members and/or family members Richard HYSON, Paul TOMKO, Rhuel GOSLEE, Ed ELDER, Gloria HOWARD, Don ELSEROAD, Carl EBAUGH 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)

|  |   |
|--|---|
| <b><u>NOVEMBER "HAPPY BIRTHDAYS"</u></b><br>3rd Bob MILLER      7th Alanel CAPEN<br><b>10<sup>th</sup> USMC 244th</b><br>11th Warner SUMPTER | <b><u>NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES</u></b><br>None  |
| <b><u>NOVEMBER MCL ANNIVERSARIES</u></b><br>Paul WARD (30 yrs)      Jim SIEGEL (21 yrs)<br>Ralph CAPEN (14 yrs)                              | <b><u>MEMBERSHIP RENEWED</u></b><br>Richard CARRILLO<br>Clifford FRIDLIND<br>Christina LINDSTROM<br>Diana & Jeff MERRIT<br>Thomas KELLAR<br>Paul TOMKO, SR<br>Dena & Lee HOLLOWAY<br>Charles KELLEY<br>John BRENNER<br>Rhuel GOSLEE |

**JUST A REMINDER**

**PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP  
IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO**

|             |                  |
|-------------|------------------|
| Eric WILK   | Roger MARTINSON  |
| David MILLS | Danny PARSONS    |
| Gene POWELL | William WHEATLEY |

**DON'T LET YOUR MEMBERSHIP LAPSE**

**ALL DETACHMENT MEMBERS THAT ARE NOT "LIFE" MEMBER'S OF THE  
DETACHMENT NEED TO RENEW THEIR MEMBERSHIP NLT AUGUST 31<sup>ST</sup> EACH YEAR.**

**Make your check for \$24.00 payable to "MCL Det 115" and send it to our paymaster ASAP**

Clifford Fridlind, Paymaster  
26267 Evesboro Lane  
Eden, MD 21822-2112  
410-742-7505  
[plcmlind@juno.com](mailto:plcmlind@juno.com)

**REMEMBER:** The one job every MCL member has is to recruit new members so always carry a Membership Application with you and also remember membership is not limited to just MARINES and FMF Corpsmen. There are family members, friends, etc., out there that have served in other branches of our Armed Forces or

for one reason or another never served in the Armed Forces. Talk to them!!! They can become "Associate Members" in the Marine Corps League and we would be honored to have them join us.

#### Army proposes changes to who qualifies for burial at Arlington National Cemetery

The Army is proposing changes to who is eligible for burial at Arlington National Cemetery amid a nationwide effort to increase access to burial options for America's veterans as existing cemeteries, including Arlington, run out of space.

According to the proposed changes published by the Army last week, service members who die on active duty, but not in combat, would no longer be eligible for burial at Arlington. There are fewer than 95,000 remaining burial spaces there for nearly all of the 22 million living service members and veterans currently eligible, the Army said.

The proposed changes come as a new Government Accountability Office (GAO) report found additional actions are needed to increase veterans' burial access across the country. Currently, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) estimates that 92% of veterans have reasonable access to burial options, defined as a national or state veterans' cemetery located within 75 miles of the veterans' home, the GAO said.

While the National Cemetery Administration has plans to establish 18 new national cemeteries in urban and rural areas to increase that access, the GAO described the office's progress as "limited" and "years behind its original schedule for opening new cemeteries." The primary challenge delaying the completion of cemeteries has been acquiring suitable land, the GAO found.

Arlington National Cemetery, the final resting place of more than 400,000 service members and their family members, is expected to break ground on a 37-acre expansion next year.

But that change will not be enough to address the shortage in burial sites there. Congress directed the Army to revise its eligibility criteria to ensure the cemetery could remain an active burial ground. At the current pace of burials, Arlington could be closed to new interments by the mid-2050s, including Medal of Honor recipients, the Army said.

The new guidelines proposed by the Army set aside 1,000 grave sites for current and future Medal of Honor recipients. Below-ground interment would be reserved for service members killed in action, recipients of the Silver Star and higher awards who served in combat, Purple Heart recipients, combat-related deaths and former prisoners of war.

Presidents and vice presidents, as well as "veterans with combat service who also served out of uniform as a government official and made significant contributions to the nation's security at the highest levels of public service," would also qualify.

"Arlington National Cemetery is a national shrine for all Americans, but especially those who have served our great nation," said Army Secretary Ryan McCarthy. "We must ensure it can honor those we have lost for many years to come."

The proposed changes will now begin the federal government's public rule-making process, which includes soliciting feedback from the public. The full list of proposed changes is available online.

The proposed changes would not affect previously scheduled services, veterans' burial benefits or veteran eligibility at VA national and state cemeteries, the Army said.

#### BEING AN ANIMAL LOVER I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE THE FOLLOWING WITH YOU

At 84 years of age, living alone and in failing health the only thing that keeps me going is my "Precious." She is an 11 year old Terrier Mix and the love of my life. Before her I had 2 other little girls, Penny and Duchess. They were both 13 years old when they went to the "Rainbow Bridge." They were both cremated and when I go they will both be at my feet.

With regards to the "Rainbow Bridge" mentioned above you will find it below. I have had it for many a year and when someone I know loses a pet I have always printed it out and given it to that person. If you would like a copy for yourself or to give to someone that has lost a pet you only need to *COPY & PASTE* it to a

Microsoft Word Document, save it and when you print it out it fits perfectly on one side of a page. I've always used hard stock as it hold up better and is better for framing.

## **TEN COMMANDMENTS** **FOR RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERS**

1. My life is likely to last 10 to 15 years. Any separation from you will be very painful.
2. Give me time to understand what you want of me.
3. Place your trust in me – it is crucial for my well-being.
4. Don't be angry with me for long, and don't lock me up as punishment. You have your work, your friends, your entertainment, I only have you.
5. Talk to me. Even if I don't understand your words, I understand your voice when it's speaking to me.
6. Be aware that however you treat me, I'll never forget it.
7. Before you hit me, remember that I have teeth that easily crush the bones in your hand, but I choose not to bite you.
8. Before you scold me for being lazy or uncooperative, ask yourself if something might be bothering me. Perhaps I'm not getting the right food, I've been out in the sun too long, or my heart may be getting old and weak.
9. Take care of me when I get old. You too, will grow old
10. Go with me on difficult journeys. Never say, "I can't bear to watch it" or "let it happen in my absence." Everything is easier for me if you are there. Remember, I love you!

### **Bill of Rights for Grieving Animal Lovers**

**It is Hereby Declared that Grieving Animal Lovers have the Right:**

*To feel the pain of grief when the bonds with our pets are broken. The bonds we have with our companion animals are deep and strong; the pain we feel when those bonds are broken is real and worthy of our grief.*

*To feel shocked and overwhelmed by the intensity of our grief. Since our animals' life spans are so much shorter than our own, it is inevitable that eventually we will experience the loss of our beloved animal companions. The grief we feel at such times can be far more intense than we ever expected, no different from that of losing another special family member or cherished friend.*

*To understand our grief reactions, feelings and behaviors as normal. Grief is a natural, spontaneous response to the loss of a significant relationship.*

*To express our grief in our own unique way, within our own time frame. The course of grief is unpredictable and uneven, with no specific time frame. How we express our grief will vary among individuals, but we all get through it in personally meaningful ways.*

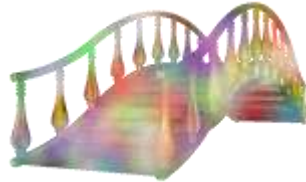
*To have our grief recognized by others as significant and legitimate. Since grieving over animals isn't generally accepted in our society, we may feel uneasy or embarrassed, as if we have no right to feel or express our grief because our loss is not significant enough. But we're not grieving "just an animal". Since we're the only ones who know how much our animals meant to us, when they're gone we're the only ones who can measure how very much we've lost.*

*To feel supported by others in our grief. When our companion animals die, there are no formal, public rituals where we can express and share our sorrow, talk about our loss and obtain the sympathy and support of others. At the very time when we need to be with others who understand, we feel isolated and alone. We need to find someone with whom we can openly*

acknowledge our feelings, express and work through our pain, and come to terms with our loss.

*To honor the memory of our pets in whatever way we see fit.* To memorialize our beloved companion animals is to honor and acknowledge the important role they played in our lives, to bring comfort to ourselves and to help us keep their love and presence in our hearts. Among other things, we can memorialize our pets by writing about them, making an album or a scrapbook, planting a living memorial in our garden, having a meaningful memorial service, funeral or ritual, or making a donation to a charitable animal organization in our pet's name.

*Copyright © 2003-2007 by Martha M. Tousley, APRN, BC, FT All rights reserved*



~ Rainbow Bridge ~

Just this side of heaven is a place called Rainbow Bridge.  
When an animal dies that has been  
especially close to someone here,  
that pet goes to Rainbow Bridge.

There are meadows and hills for all of our special friends  
so they can run and play together.  
There is plenty of food, water and sunshine,  
and our friends are warm and comfortable.



All the animals that had been ill and old  
are restored to health and vigor; those who were  
hurt or maimed are made whole and strong again, just  
as we remember them in our dreams  
of days and times gone by.

The animals are happy and content,  
except for one small thing;  
they each miss someone very special to them,  
who had to be left behind.



They all run and play together, but the day comes  
when one suddenly stops and looks into the distance.  
His bright eyes are intent;  
His eager body quivers.

Suddenly he begins to run from the group,  
flying over the green grass,  
his legs carrying him faster and faster.  
You have been spotted, and when you and your  
special friend finally meet, you cling together in joyous

reunion, never to be parted again.



The happy kisses rain upon your face;  
your hands again caress the beloved head,  
and you look once more into the trusting eyes of your pet,  
so long gone from your life but never absent from your heart.

Then you cross Rainbow Bridge together....

### RAO Bulletin

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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019.

[http://www.nhc-ul.org/Bulletin%20191001%20\(PDF%20Edition\).pdf](http://www.nhc-ul.org/Bulletin%20191001%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.

### 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.petsplusus.com/pet-information/health/age-calculator>

<https://www.google.com/search?q=Your+Pet+First+Aid+Kit&oq=Your+Pet+First+Aid+Kit&aqs=chrome..69i57j0.12462j0j8&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8>

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/lifestyle/pets-animals/50-secrets-your-veterinarian-wont-tell-you/ss-AAgpLol?li=BBnb7Kz#image=12>

-- *Once a Marine, Always a Marine* --

OOORAHHH !!!!!

# GOD BLESS AMERICA



Saeplus Exertus, Semper Fidelis, Frater Infinias  
Often Tested, Always Faithful, Brothers Forever

*Good night "Chesty" wherever you are*

