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MEETING TIME & PLACE

Meetings are always held on the second Wednesday of each month. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on October 9th, 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

October 14



October 31



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)

<u>OCTOBER "HAPPY BIRTHDAYS"</u> 3 rd Mary Alice JONES 9 th Lee HOLLOWAY 10 th Andy BOUMA 14 th Carl EBAUGH 15 th Jeannie WARD 24 th Jeanette COUNTS	<u>OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES</u> 1 st Dena & Lee HOLLOWAY (36 yrs) 11 th Sally & Terry HERLING (50 yrs)
<u>OCTOBER MCL ANNIVERSARIES</u> Norris BARNES (2 yr)	<u>MEMBERSHIP RENEWED</u> Norris BARNES Mary Alice & William JONES

PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Eric WILK

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Dena & Lee HOLLOWAY

Thomas KELLAR Charles KELLEY

Christina LINDSTROM Roger MARTINSON

Diana & Jeff MERRIT

David MILLS Danny PARSONS

Gene POWELL Paul TOMKO, SR

William WHEATLEY.

DON'T LET YOUR MEMBERSHIP LAPSE

ALL DETACHMENT MEMBERS THAT ARE NOT "LIFE" MEMBER'S OF THE DETACHMENT NEED TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP BY THE END OF AUGUST.

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

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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.

Male and female US marines begin training together at boot camp for first time

Marines become last branch of military to integrate basic training.

New female recruits to the United States Marines are being trained alongside men for the first time. A platoon of about 50 women began training at boot camp on Saturday in South Carolina alongside five all-male platoons.

In a statement, the Marine Corps said this marked the first time men and women had ever been integrated in basic training.

"About 50 female recruits, which is smaller than what is typically part of a training cycle, are prepared to begin training at the depot on 5 January 2019," the statement said.

"The program of instruction remains unchanged and the recruit training order continues to be the standard for training recruits."

The standard Marine Corps boot camp schedule involves a series of punishing physical fitness tests, including running three miles in less than 28 minutes and completing 70 crunches in two minutes.

Recruits are then instructed in Marine Corps history and culture and military protocols, learn martial arts, complete obstacle courses, and trained in marksmanship.

"[Mixed training] enables appropriate acclimation to the training environment, development of relationships with drill instructors, and focus during the historic experiment in training men and women side by side would still see recruits being taught by instructors of the same gender, the Corps also said transformation of young women and men into United States Marines."

Women will live on a separate floor in the barracks and still mostly train within their single-sex platoons, apart from the final endurance test, known as the Crucible, and some other larger-scale exercises.

After the 13-week boot camp, the Marines will evaluate the training results to determine whether mixed-gender instruction will become the norm.

Women have been able to join the Marines permanently since 1948 but were banned from most frontline combat roles until 2016.

The leader of an organization which advocates for women in the armed forces said the Marines' move was far from progressive, and in fact long overdue.

Retired army colonel Ellen Haring, the chief executive of the Service Women's Action Network, said the Marines were badly lagging behind the army, navy and air force in the US.

"The Marine Corps' recent announcement that it would integrate an all-female platoon within a company of all-male platoons on a trial basis comes decades after all of the other services integrated all of their basic training units," she said.

Sources within the Corps told *The New York Times* the decision to integrate a female platoon with male platoons was in fact taken to maximize efficiency.

Not enough women had joined up for the winter training cycle so it was more practical to include the smaller female group alongside the men rather than run a separate women-only boot camp.

In a statement Col Haring said any separation of men and women during boot camps reflected "systematic inequality" and also violated the constitutional right of "equal protection".

It was no coincidence the Marine Corps had the fewest women of any of the services but saw the highest rates of sexual assault, she also said.

"We encourage the Marine Corps to conduct this experiment transparently, fairly and with independent expert oversight so as to assure sound methodology and reliable results."

A retired Marine lieutenant colonel who was fired by the Corps after criticizing the way women recruits were trained said the experiment should be the beginning of a broader cultural shift.

"This may seem small, but it's huge," Lt Col Kate Germano told the New York Times. "It will be difficult for the Marines to go backward after this.

"The Marines are a very conservative culture. [This is] where we have a chance to shape perceptions or stereotypes. It's where we can teach respect for women and their accomplishments."

Marine who served on Iwo Jima recalls the time a Japanese soldier asked for some of his hot chocolate

The Battle of Iwo Jima, which began Feb. 19, 1945, was one of the bloodiest battles in Marine Corps history, as former Cpl. Don Graves knows firsthand and will never forget.

He'll also never forget the time a Japanese soldier smelled hot chocolate being brewed near him and called out for him to bring him some. The moment, as he recounted in a video posted to the Marine Corps Facebook page Tuesday, was almost like the [Christmas truce](#) that wasn't.

Sitting in a fox hole with two other Marines on the fifth week of the battle, he said, Graves decided to make himself some hot chocolate. "So my other two buddies, they said, 'make enough for three of us.'"

So there he was, slicing up his chocolate ration with a Ka-Bar and chopping it into a powder. Then he cut off a piece of his Composition C2 demolition charge and used it to light a flame.

"Just a nice little fire going, and we sat there and we watched it," he said. "And then all of sudden I could smell hot chocolate."

Of course, so could everyone else, including enemy soldiers.

A few minutes later, he heard a Japanese voice calling out to him, "hey Marine, very good chocoletto. You bring chocoletto here."

"If you want chocoletto, you come here and get it," he said back. "He says, 'oh no, you bring here,'" Graves said, laughing.

"There's humor in combat. Every man that's been in combat knows that sometimes funny things happen."

HOW JOHN WAYNE SAVED THE MARINES

May 26, 2019 was John Wayne's 112th birthday. He was born on May 26, 1907 in Winterset, Iowa, as Marion Morrison, weighing 13 pounds. His birthplace is a museum. There is a guest book, opened to a page with the entry, in the entrant's handwriting, Name: Ronald Reagan. Address: 1600 Pennsylvania Ave., Washington DC.

To celebrate the birthday of a truly great American, let me tell you how John Wayne saved the Marine Corps. In the aftermath of World War II, the psychological letdown after years of war and bloodshed, the huge demobilization of servicemen, the desire to slash military spending, and the antipathy towards the military by left-wingers in the Democrat Party all combined in a call by a number of Senators and Congressmen to abolish the Marine Corps.

In this, they were supported by the Doolittle Board, created by Harry Truman, which called for the Marine Corps to be "disbanded" as a separate military force, and "unified" with the Army (yes, the board was headed by an Air Force general, Jimmy Doolittle).

A group of enterprising Marines – you can always depend on Marines to be enterprising – with Hollywood connections, thought a movie made around the most famous photograph of World War II, Joe Rosenthal's of the Marines raising the flag on Mount Suribachi on Iwo Jima, could help sway public opinion against their disbandment.

They approached legendary director Allan Dwan, who agreed to commission a script. The movie was to be called "The Sands of Iwo Jima," and everybody agreed there was only one man who could play the lead role of Sergeant Stryker: John Wayne.

To their great surprise, Wayne turned it down. He didn't like the script, and he wasn't enamored of the character of Stryker. The Marines came to the rescue again. The Marine Corps Commandant, General Clifton B. Cates, got on an airplane and flew from Washington to California to personally request Wayne make the picture. When General Cates explained the stakes involved – the very existence of the Marine Corps – Wayne immediately changed his mind, promising the general he would do everything in his power to have the movie be a success.

The Sands of Iwo Jima was released in 1949 and quickly became a runaway blockbuster, with millions of moviegoers packing every theatre showing it. Wayne was nominated for a Best Actor Oscar, establishing him as Hollywood's Number One box-office star. The Doolittle Board folded its tent, and no politician on Capitol Hill ever again said a word about disbanding the Marines.

So let's all say "Semper Fi" to the memory of John Wayne.

To further celebrate his birthday, here's a treat and some advice. The treat is this link: A biography of John Wayne written by Ronald Reagan, in the October 1979 Reader's Digest.

The advice is this: Don't ever trust a man who doesn't like John Wayne. A man's opinion of John Wayne is a good rule-of-thumb test of his character and moral values. To admire John Wayne is to admire the heroic and the morally noble. To sneer at John Wayne is to admire the opposite. It's revealing that you find very few liberals among the former, and very few conservatives among the latter.

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 September 1st, 2019.

[http://www.nhc-ul.org/Bulletin%20190901%20\(PDF%20Edition\).pdf](http://www.nhc-ul.org/Bulletin%20190901%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.mclnational.org/find-a-detachment.html>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qCxYexboSAY>

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/autos/classic-cars/meet-the-canadian-whos-driven-the-same-model-t-for-70-years/ar-AAGsY8Q?li=BBnb7Kz>

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

OOORAH!!

GOD BLESS AMERICA



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

Good night "Chesty" wherever you are

