



MCL Mission:

"To promote the interest and perpetuate the traditions of the United States Marine Corps; strengthen the fraternity of Marines and their families; serve Marines, FMF Corpsmen, and FMF Chaplains who wear or who have worn the Eagle, Globe and Anchor; and foster the ideals of Americanism and patriotic volunteerism."

MCL MARINE CORPS LEAGUE CHESAPEAKE DETACHMENT 853

Meetings

4th Thursday of the month – 7 pm
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MARINE CORPS LEAGUE



DETACHMENT 853

SITREP

IN MEMORIAM:
LCPL Cody Childers - 0331
1991 - 2010



Golf Company, 2/6 Marines, 3rd Platoon.
Killed In Action in Afghanistan August 20, 2010



CHESAPEAKE DETACHMENT AFTER ACTION REPORT

SEPTEMBER 2026

During The Month of September, Detachment 853:

- Held monthly Detachment meeting
- Sworn in two new members
- Spoke with Senior NCOs of Marine Air Control Squadron 24 & Company A, 4Th Assault Amphibian Battalion
- Received monetary donations
- Visited Detachment member in the hospital
- Attended Sgt Maj Wayne N. Smith Funeral Service
- Retired damaged /worn American flags



DETACHMENT 853 COMMUNIQUÉ

COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE

MARINES,



Marine Corps Birthday Ball: Last day to purchase 'BALL' tickets is 15 October.

Golf Tournament: LCPL Cody Childers Golf Tournament is on October 8th, 2026 at Broad Bay Country Club.
Time: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Guitar Lessons: Guitars For Vets (G4V), a non-profit veteran's organization, provides 10 free hours of guitar instruction and a free guitar upon completions of lessons to any veteran that attends. Any MCL member that is interested, please contact member, Sean Murray, at seanmurray3006@gmail.com.

Department Meeting: 10 October, I will be representing our Detachment at the MCL Virginia Department fall meeting in Winchester VA. **Note:** Any Detachment member is welcome to attend Department meetings, future National Conventions and the upcoming National Mid-Winter Conference.

Donations: Members, Woody Keating and Joe Colby made monetary donations to our general fund and a member who wishes to be anonymous, made a monetary donation to our holiday food basket project by purchasing four NFCU gift cards.

Food Baskets: Any member who wishes to donate to our holiday food baskets program, please contact me or David Weber. Donations may take the form of the food listed below or a monetary donation that will be applied for purchasing \$25 Navy Federal Credit Union gift cards that will be included in the food baskets.

Please make sure all donated food doesn't expire before 2027

FOOD NEEDED:

100 CANS GREEN BEANS
100 CANS CORN
50 CANS CRANBERRY SAUCE
50 CANS YAMS (MEDIUM SIZE)
100 CAN/JARS TURKEY GRAVY

Best Wishes to our members who have birthdays this month. HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
Stay Safe.

Semper Fi!

Ed Pearia

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SR VICE COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE

MARINES,

Starting with the most important day of the year, 10 November, the holiday season is upon us. A liberty brief is probably appropriate:

- Do not add to the population.
- Do not subtract from the population.
- Stay out of the hospital, the newspaper, and jail.
- If you end up in jail, establish dominance quickly.
- Do not fight local wildlife.
- Deny everything and admit nothing if questioned.
- Do not do anything that creates a new safety rule for the next group.

Semper Fi!

David Perdue

dkperdue@verizon.net

JUDGE ADVOCATE'S MESSAGE

MARINES,



OCTOBER SAFETY TIPS

October is Fire Prevention Month. While Smokey the Bear says “Only you can prevent Forest Fires!”, your Surgeon says “Only You Can Prevent Home Fires”. Fire prevention in your home requires action and monitoring to reduce the chance of a fire. Actions you can take include:

- Test smoke and CO detectors monthly. Refresh batteries as needed.
- Review your home evacuation plans and ensure all family members know of evacuation routes.
- Check any and all fire extinguishers for pressure levels and “green” condition.
- Check for heating hazards before cold weather sets in:
 - Keep heaters at least 3 feet from flammable materials.
 - Check your chimney for free flow of smoke and gases.
 - Check for blocked heating vents.
 - Check for excess use of extension cords.

Proper preventive techniques can save the lives of you and your loved ones. Stay safe and live long and prosper!

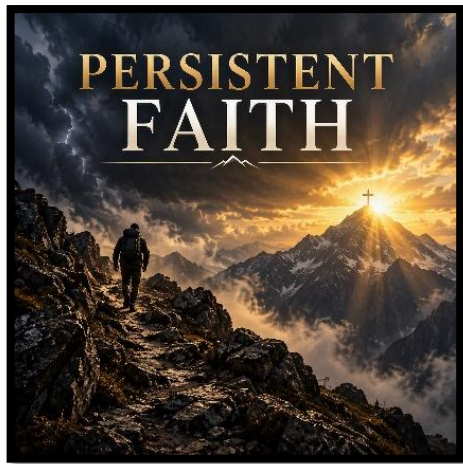
Semper Fi!

David Weber

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CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE



MARINES,

The theme for this month's prayer is PERSISTENT FAITH.

Hebrews 12:1 declares, "Faith shows the reality of what we hope for, the evidence of things we cannot see." Persistent or persevering faith has confidence in the reality of what we hope for despite everything that attempts to defeat that faith.

Writing to his disciple, Timothy, Paul warns that "in the last days there will be difficult times." He even goes so far as to say the people "will act religious, but they will reject the power that could make them godly." 2 Timothy 3:5. But Paul urges Timothy and us to "endure suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. Soldiers don't get tied up in the affairs of civilian life, for then they

cannot please the officer who enlisted them. And athletes cannot win the prize unless they follow the rules. And hardworking farmers should be the first to enjoy the fruit of their labor." 2 Timothy 2:3-6. Likewise, those who persist in their faith are not defeated or distracted by what is going on around them. And because they endure, they will receive "salvation and eternal glory in Christ Jesus." 2 Timothy 2:10. That is worth being persistent in our faith regardless of adversity and opposition.

If we are going to persist in our faith, we must "pursue righteous living, faithfulness, love, and peace" while we "enjoy the companionship of those who call on the Lord with pure hearts." 2 Timothy 2:22. Let's join Paul in developing a faith that persist every circumstance.

Lord, Sustaining God, thank you for the gift of faith that is rock solid. Help me to persist in holding on to that faith regardless of the twists and turns of life. Thank you for the reward you have prepared for me as I grow in my faith. I commit to relentlessly pursue righteous living, faithfulness, love, and peace so that through your grace I receive the fullness of salvation and eternal life in Christ Jesus that you have prepared for me. Amen.

Prayer List:

Our thoughts and prayers go out to our Detachment's Marines: Woody Keating, Tim Lyman, William Sweeney Sr, Mike Jeannotte, Wayne Smith's Family, Wilmont "Griff" Griffin, Pete Harris, Jen Edinger, Gary Sneed, Joe Hoadley and all members and their families that are dealing with health issues or the life challenges in their lives.

Semper Fi!

Rev. Dana Lortie
dlort522@gmail.com
MSgt (Ret)



QUARTERMASTER'S MESSAGE

MARINES,



At the Detachment, we try to keep a number of the official Marine Corps League red covers and Eagle globe and anchor emblems available for our members. We also have a selection of red embroidered, polo shirts in various sizes

Prices:

- The Marine Corps League cover without emblem: \$35
- Eagle globe, and anchor emblem is \$8.30 (Price increase. National is now \$10)
- MCL cover with eagle, globe, anchor emblem is \$43.30
- Embroidered polo shirts: \$30.

We do not mark up prices. In fact, the Detachment absorbs the shipping costs from National. The Semper Fi store sells embroidered polo shirts for \$45, and they are not specific to our Detachment.

Note - The only required item for a uniform is the red Marine Corps League cover. The website for the Semper Fi store is: <https://the-semper-fi-store.myshopify.com/>

Semper Fi!

David Perdue

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



HEADS UP!
DETACHMENT MEETING
SATURDAY, 24 OCTOBER 1000 HOURS



CHESAPEAKE DETACHMENT DATES TO REMEMBER:

October ~ Trustee Meeting; Date & Time To Be Decided (TBD)
24 October ~ Detachment Members' Meeting, Saturday, 1000 Hours
07 November ~ Marine Corps Birthday Ball, Virginia Beach
10 November ~ Marine Corps Birthday
11 November ~ Veterans Day
21 November Detachment Members' Meeting, Saturday, 0900 Hours (Prep Thanksgiving Baskets)
7 December ~ Detachment Dinner / Installation of 2027 Officers
19 December Detachment Member Meeting, Saturday, 0900 Hours (Prep Christmas Baskets)

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT MCL DATES TO REMEMBER:

9-10 October ~ MCL VA Department Fall Meeting; Winchester, VA

NATIONAL MCL DATES TO REMEMBER:

25-27 February ~ 2027 National Mid-Winter Conference; Virginia Beach, VA



Vietnam Era 3rd Marine Division T-Shirts

Sizes: XL and 2XL

\$18.00 each



If interested, contact Jake Peters

jakey.peters@proton.me



The Coins Chesapeake Marines Carry

By The AllCoin Team

Every Marine has a coin with a story. The one a commanding officer pressed into your hand. The one from a deployment nobody outside the unit remembers. The Detachment's own. The coins survive in drawers and shadow boxes, but the stories behind them usually leave with the Marine who earned them.

AllCoin is a place to write those stories down. You photograph both sides of a coin you already own, add a few lines about how it was earned and who gave it to you, and it lives in a searchable Coin Library your family can find decades from now. Uploading and sharing is free, and there is nothing to buy. Family members can add a Marine's coins on his behalf.

To take part, create an account at allcoin.braav.co and upload your first coin. Once your account is set up, you can also text a photo of a coin, with your account name, to (805) 395-6805.



FORMER CHAIRMAN, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

General Colin Powell's Thoughts On Leadership

THOUGHT #13

"Powell's Rules for Picking People:"

"Look for intelligence and judgment, and most critically, a capacity to anticipate, to see around corners. Also look for loyalty, integrity, a high energy drive, a balanced ego, and the drive to get things done."

"How often do our recruitment and hiring processes tap into these attributes? More often than not, we ignore them in favor of length of resume, degrees and prior titles. A string of job descriptions a recruit held yesterday seem to be more important than who one is today, what they can contribute tomorrow, or how well their values mesh with those of the organization. You can train a bright, willing novice in the fundamentals of your business fairly readily, but it's a lot harder to train someone to have integrity, judgment, energy, balance, and the drive to get things done. Good leaders stack the deck in their favor right in the recruitment phase."

To Be Continued.....



THIS MONTH IN HISTORY:



1 October 1997 - Gilda A. Jackson, of Columbus, Ohio, became the first African-American female Marine to achieve the rank of Colonel during a ceremony at MCAS Cherry Point, North Carolina. Prior to her promotion, Jackson served as the Special Projects Officer of the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing

6 October 1945 - U.S. Marines under the command of Major General Keller E. Rockey accepted the surrender of 50,000 Japanese troops in North China on behalf of the Chinese Nationalist government.

8 October 1899 - 375 Marines under the command of future Commandant of the Marine Corps George F. Elliott captured the insurgent town of Noveleta, Luzon, in the Philippines during the Philippine Revolution. There were 11 Marine casualties

9 October 1917 - The 8th Marine regiment was activated at Quantico, Virginia.

11 October 1951 - A Marine battalion was flown by transport helicopters to a front-line combat position for the first time when Marine Helicopter Transport Squadron-161 (HMR-161) lifted the 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines, as a part of Operation Bumblebee, northeast of Yanggu, Korea.

19 October 1968 - Operation Maui peak ended nearly two weeks after it began 11 miles northwest of An Hoa, Vietnam. More than 300 enemy forces were killed in the 13-day operation

23 October 1983 - Marks the anniversary of the bombing of the Marines' barracks in Beirut. The single deadliest day for the Marine Corps since Iwo Jima in World War II.

28 October 1962 - 10,000 Marines of the 5th Marine Expeditionary Brigade left Camp Pendleton by sea en-route for the Caribbean during the Cuban Missile Crisis.

31 October 1919 - A Marine and gendarme, led by Sergeant Herman H. Hanneken, disguised themselves as Cacos and entered the headquarters of the Haitian Caco Leader, Charlemagne Peralte, killing Peralte and dispersing his followers. Sergeant Hanneken and Corporal William R. Button were each awarded the Medal of Honor for their respective roles in the mission.





Marine Air Control Squadron 24 and Company A, 4th Assault Amphibian Battalion



Place

**The Westin
4535 Commerce St.
Virginia Beach, Va 23462**

Time

Saturday, November 7, 2026

Itinerary

**Social Hour 5:00 pm
Ceremony 6:00 pm
Dinner 7:00 pm
Dancing 9:00 pm
Conclusion 10:00 pm**

Dinner

Buffet (Beef, Chicken, Veggie), Mixed Salad, Various Desserts

Dress:

Marines: Mess Dress, Dress Blue “A” or equivalent for other services

Civilians: Black Tie

Ticket Price: \$110

Payment can be made with Cash Section Ball Representative or
through Cash app Venmo: \$VBAMA2 VENMO: @Jason-Cimo

Contact GySgt Cimo [757-652-2238] if there are any questions or concerns with payments

LAST DAY TO PURCHASE TICKETS IS 15 OCTOBER



VFW Post 2894 Chesapeake, VA Fall Rifle Raffle

Beretta 12GA Semi-Automatic Shotgun A300 Ultima Patrol!



This NEW weapon features:

- Enhanced Loading port for faster loading
- Oversized Controls
- Black synthetic stock with aggressive textured grips
- Custom Barrel Clamp for 7+1 shell capacity
- 19.1 " Barrel
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- Oversized reversible safety button

Raffle Tickets are \$10

Drawing to be conducted at the
Chesapeake City Hall, Veterans Day,
11 November 2026

Contact VFW Post 2894 Members for
Raffle Tickets.

Coordinator Mike Kust
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Mob: 757-633-7157

Tickets are subject to eligibility of
purchaser.

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FROM THE OBSERVATION POST



"There Are No Atheists In Foxholes"

- Army Chaplain William T. Cummings during
The Battle of Bataan, 1942



DO YOU KNOW.....

The Hardest Non-Combat MOSs To Earn And Pass In The Marine Corps?

The Marine Corps Air Traffic Controller (7257) and "The President's Own" Marine Band (9811) are widely considered among the hardest non-combat Military Occupational Specialties (MOS) due to intense mental pressure, high academic failure rates, or extreme qualification standards.



Air Traffic Controller (7257): Marines in this job manage aircraft in all weather conditions with zero room for error. A single mistake puts pilots' lives and multi-million dollar aircraft at risk, leading to high burnout and strict qualification phases



Marine Band Musician (9811): "The President's Own" is arguably the most exclusive non-combat assignment. It requires winning an elite national audition, direct enlistment as a staff non-commissioned officer, and performing under constant high-level scrutiny.



VA



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NEWS

NEW VA CLINIC OPENS IN WESTERN BRANCH, CHESAPEAKE



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- Thu: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
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- Sun: Closed

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TEXT: 838255

Chat Online: <https://www.veteranscrisisline.net/get-help-now/chat/>



- Anyone living in Chesapeake and needs a ride to our Detachment's meetings or activities, please contact us at **ChesapeakeMCL@gmail.com** or call or text one of our officers.
- I-RIDE, a service from the Peninsula Agency on Aging, offers rides to and from local VA clinics at no charge to veterans age 60 and over. The clinics include those in Portsmouth, Chesapeake, Virginia Beach, and the newest one, the North Battlefield VA Clinic at 70 Knells Ridge Blvd, Chesapeake. You can book your ride at (757) 461-9481. **Make the appointment today!**
- The VA Urgent care facility in Chesapeake is **Patient First located at 705 Battlefield Blvd. (757) 547-068**



ATTENTION ON DECK!
DETACHMENT 853 NEWEST MEMBERS:
ROXANNE COLBY
SEAN MURRAY
OoRAH!



DETACHMENT BIRTHDAYS FOR OCTOBER



Andrew Kelly ~ 21 October
Jeffery Johnkins ~ 21 October

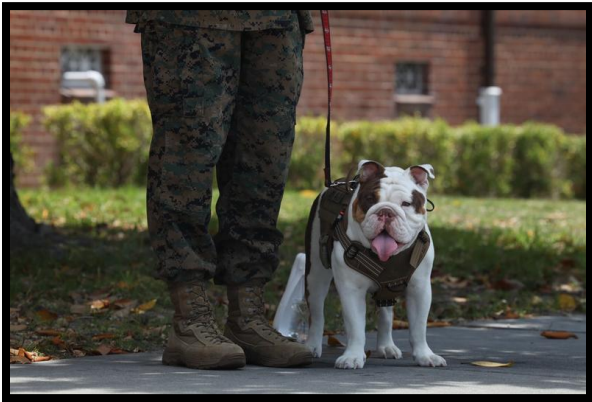


OUR MARINE CORPS

By Cristina Stassis

September 25, 2026

Marines Search For Next Parris Island Mascot



The Marine Corps is looking for its next recruit: small in stature and between 8 and 16 weeks old by the time paws meet yellow footprints.

Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, South Carolina, put out a solicitation this week for a purebred English bulldog puppy to fill the role of its next mascot.

The puppy should have white and brown markings, be of “sound and stable temperament” and come from a lineage with “genetic

tolerance to the heat and humidity” unique to the swampy Parris Island environment.

The request notes that the future mascot must be a female and registered with the American Kennel Club by the Dec. 1 to Dec. 15 delivery window.

The Parris Island mascot attends parades, ceremonies and other events across the depot to boost morale for recruits, Marines and their families.

The current Parris Island mascot is Cpl. Opha Mae II — named after the first woman to enlist in the Marine Corps, Opha Mae Johnson — who reported for recruit training in March 2023 and graduated two months later.

New mascot recruits are obtained no less than three months before the retirement of the incumbent mascot to avoid a gap in service, according to a 2021 MCRD order.

Interested vendors are instructed to provide the puppy’s cage code, socioeconomic status and a Breeders Capability Statement that shows the satisfaction of all requirements.

Responses to the solicitation must be submitted by Oct. 1.

- MARINE CORPS TIMES



THE MARINES



Staff Sergeant Johnny Jones

“Americans always say, ‘Thank you for your service’...
I had a hard time knowing what to say back for a long time.
Now I say, ‘Thank you for being worth serving.’”
- Staff Sergeant Johnny Jones

NOTE ~ Staff Sergeant Jones, a decorated Marine, lost both legs above the knee when he stepped on an IED during a deployment to Afghanistan in 2010.

Saepe Expertus, Semper Fidelis, Fratres Aeterni

"Often Tested, Always Faithful, Brothers Forever"

