



**CHESAPEAKE
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
DETACHMENT 853**



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DETACHMENT 853 NEWSLETTER
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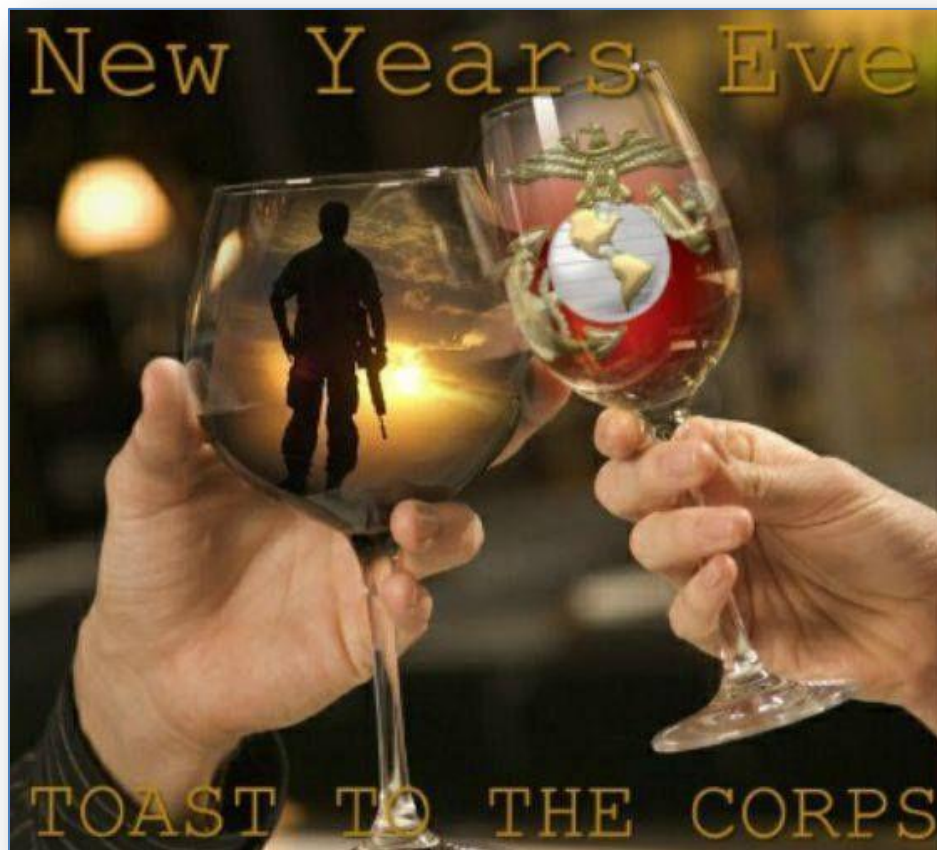
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MARINE CORPS LEAGUE MISSION STATEMENT:

“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.”



HAPPY NEW YEAR !



“CHARLIE MIKE”

In 2024, Detachment 853 achieved significant milestones, showcasing our commitment to excellence and teamwork. We successfully completed various missions, enhanced our operational capabilities and fostered strong relationships with our city, military and veterans. As we move forward into the new year, we remain dedicated to “CHARLIE MIKE”.... **CONTINUE MISSION: Building a brighter future for our veterans and active duty Marines and Navy personnel and their families.**

2024 RECAP

During 2024, Detachment 853:

- Distributed 208 food baskets to Marine and Navy families in Norfolk, Virginia Beach, and Chesapeake, and sponsored a concession stand at special events in the Hampton Coliseum.
- Fostered engagement and collaboration with the following Marine and Navy commands:
 1. Marine Force Command, Norfolk
 2. A Company, 4th Amphibious Assault BN, Norfolk
 3. Marine Security Forces Training Co ,Chesapeake
 4. Naval Support Activity, Chesapeake
 5. Marine Air Control Squadron 24, Virginia Beach
 6. Marine Recruiting Sub-Station, Chesapeake

AND







Provided support for the Mayor’s Commission for Veteran Affairs and the Chesapeake City Jubilee Committee.

- Attended Chesapeake’s Memorial Day and Veterans Day Ceremonies.
- Visited Boy Scout Troop 462’s Eagle Court of Honor and presented their new Eagle Scout, Timothy Adam Linsky, with the Marine Corps League’s Good Citizenship Award.
- Showcased the Detachment by launching a new website and Facebook page. To date, our webpages have been viewed 1256 times by 12 countries, 18 states, and 62 cities around the world
- Enhanced our building by hanging up a new USMC exterior seal, a new MCL sign, & recruiting poster; in addition, we installed a new monument flag spot light, new security lights and replaced three window air conditioner units.
- Participated last year, in the Marine Corps’ birthday cake cutting ceremony in Smithfield, VA. on November 10.
- Held monthly memberships meetings and Quarterly Trustee meetings
- Represented the Detachment at the MCL Virginia Department’s meetings and attended the MCL Department of VA Spring Convention, and the National Midwinter Conference in Arlington, VA
- Recognized at Chesapeake Hall by the Mayor and City Council for the Detachment’s community service

- Filed yearly corporate tax return with IRS
 - Submitted and received approval from the Department for the Detachment's amended bylaws
 - Launched the Chesapeake Marine Corps League (CMCL) college scholarship for any student who is a child, stepchild, grandchild, or step grandchild of a Marine or of a Navy Corpsman or Navy Chaplain that has served with Marines, are eligible. In July, we awarded the Detachment's first 2 college scholarships to the winning recipients with their parents present.
 - Donated money and material to nonprofit community organizations that provided support for our military and veterans.
 - Distributed CMCL recruiting flyers to the Chesapeake Police Department and the Chesapeake FBI field office
 - Met with the new Chesapeake Young Marines Unit Commander to discuss the future of the reactivated unit.
 - Held a preliminary meeting with the City's Parks & Recreation Director regarding the future of our building
 - Sworn in four new CMCL members
 - Retired damaged American flags throughout the year.
 - Elected and sworn in the Detachment's 2025 Officers.
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AFTER ACTION REPORT – DECEMBER 2024

During the month of December, Detachment 853:















-  **Held monthly members meeting**
-  **Distributed bimonthly and Christmas food baskets to applicable junior enlisted Marine families**
-  **Elected and sworn in the Detachment's 2025 Officers**
-  **Sponsored a concession stand for special events at the Hampton Coliseum**
-  **Participated in the Great Bridge 41st Christmas Parade.**
-  **Retired Damaged American Flags**

MARINES and MEMBERS:




I hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and all was well with you and your families. In this new year, there will be a lot of events coming up that we will keep you posted on. This coming year is the 250th year of our great Marine Corps and there will be events going on in various locations. Congratulations go out to our newest Marine of the Year: Ed Pearia. We also have our first associate member of the year, which still needs to be presented. The food basket program was a big success again this year and we were also able to help other programs last year as well. At the January meeting we will finalize meeting and events dates for this year, 2025, and have them sent out by email, and also have them posted on our website, Facebook page and in our monthly newsletters.

We want to wish the following Marines a very Happy Birthday for the month of January:
David Perdue on the 22nd, and Everett Cossaboon on the 30th.

History of the Corps for January:

-  1/4/1904 ~ US Marines are sent to Santo Domingo to aid the government against rebel forces.
-  1/6/1967 ~ US and South Vietnamese Marines conduct amphibious operations in the Mekong Delta 62 miles south of Saigon.
-  1/7/1993 ~ During Operation Restore Hope, 500 Marines engage in a shoot-out with Warlord Aidid's forces in Mogadishu.
-  1/10/1942 ~ LtCol Vernon M. Guymon takes command of the Marine Corps first glider unit.
-  1/12/1990 ~ Operation Just Cause in Panama officially concludes.
-  1/14/2011 ~ Operation Godfather begins to clear Durzay the last holdout of the Taliban in Garmsir, Afghanistan.
-  1/15/1920 ~ Marines and Haitian gendarmes fight bandits in the Battle of Port-au-Prince Haiti.
-  1/17/1991 ~ Start of Operation Desert Storm.
-  1/18/1902 ~ The famous March Across Damar ends during the Philippine Insurrection.
-  1/21/1968 ~ NVA troops begin shelling the Marine base at Khe Sanh.
-  1/22/1969 ~ Operation Dewey Canyon begins in the A Shau /Da Krong Valleys in Vietnam.
-  1/28/1922 ~ Marines from 8th & I Street Barracks assist in rescue efforts after the roof of the Knickerbocker Theater in DC collapses due to heavy snow.
-  1/29/1914 ~ US Marines land in Haiti to protect US consulate.
-  1/31/1968 ~ The Battle for Hue City begins as part of the Communist forces Tet Offensive.

Other dates for January:

-  January 1 ~ New Years Day
-  January 20 ~ Martin Luther King Jr Day
-  January 27 ~ International Holocaust Remembrance Day.

I and the Detachment Officers wish you all a very Happy New Year's and a safe and healthy year.

Semper Fi !

Message from....

DETACHMENT SENIOR VICE COMMANDANT

ED PEARIA

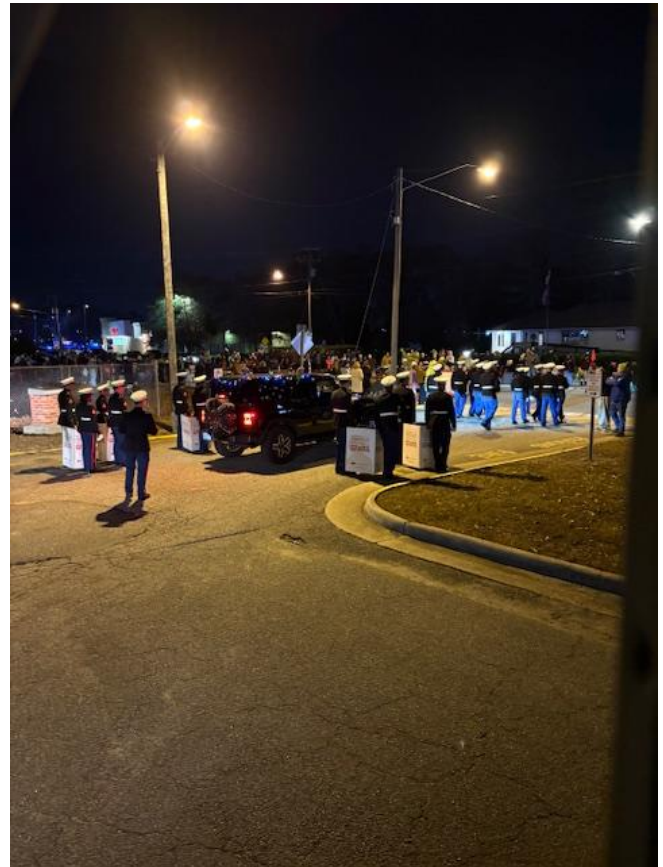
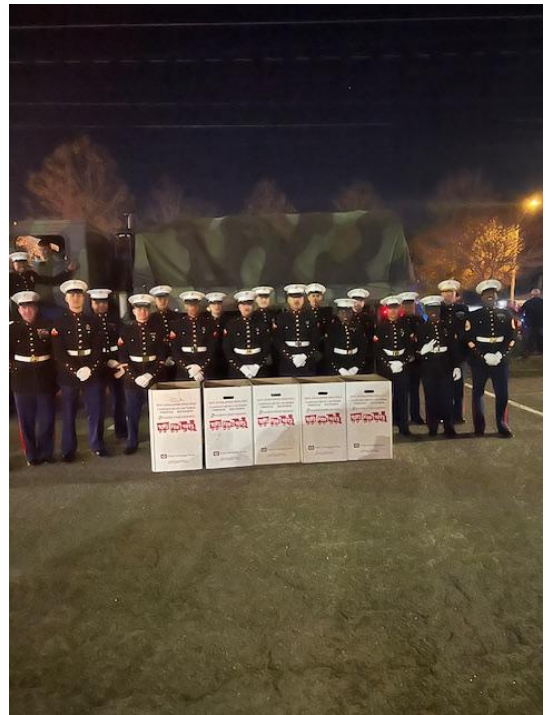
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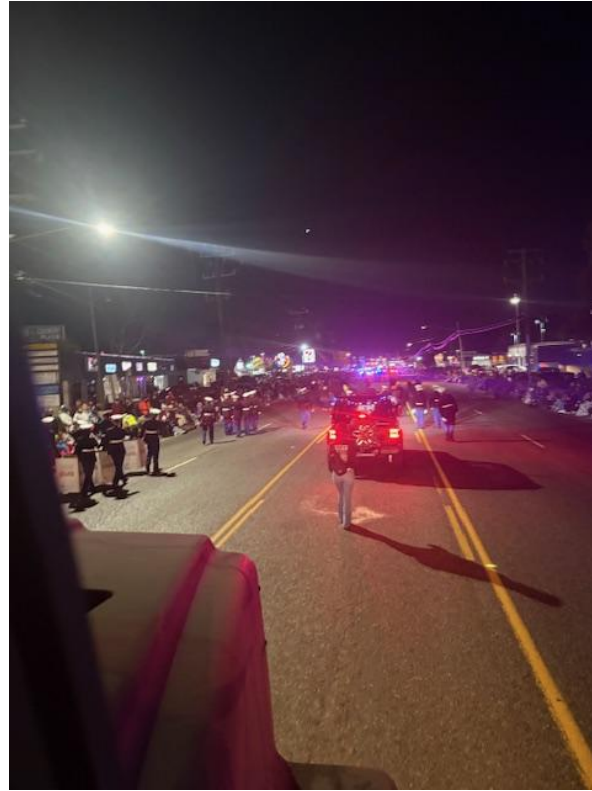
CHRISTMAS PARADE



On Saturday evening, December 7th, Detachment 853 and Marines from Marine Air Control Squadron 24 participated in Chesapeake's 41st annual Christmas Parade, supporting the Mayor's Commission on Veterans Affairs. This year, MACS-24's Marines spearheaded the parade, proudly donning their dress blues to represent the Marine Corps and promote the Toys for Tots Program, which aims to provide gifts for children in need during the holiday season. Their participation highlighted the Corps' commitment to community service and honoring the spirit of giving during the Christmas festivities.

Representing Detachment 853 in the parade were Joe Hoadley, David Weber, Ed Pearia, Bill Fogle, and Wanda Hoadley. Their involvement alongside the Marines from Marine Air Control Squadron 24 not only showcased the unity and dedication of the Marine Corps community but also reinforced the importance of giving back during the holiday season. The parade was a wonderful opportunity to connect with the local community, spreading joy and support for the Toys for Tots Program, which ensures that children in need can experience the magic of Christmas.





SICK CALL:

Our thoughts and prayers to go out to our Detachment's Marines and their families: Wayne Smith, Willmont "Griff" Griffin, Mike Jeannotte, Dean Weber as they continue to deal with their health issues.

REMINDERS:

- Anyone living in Chesapeake and needs a ride to our Detachment's meetings or activities, please contact me.
- Every Thursday from 1000 – 1200 hours, we have an informal working party to make improvements to our headquarters. Feel free to show up when you can spare the time.
- VA will transition to two modern, secure, sign-in options in 2025: a Login.gov or ID.me account. After this transition, Veterans, beneficiaries and caregivers looking to access VA's online services (VA.gov, the VA: Health and Benefits mobile app, and other VA online services) will need to sign in with either a Login.gov or ID.me account. Veterans and other beneficiaries will no longer be able to use usernames and passwords for My HealtheVet after Jan. 31, 2025, or DS Logon after Sept. 30, 2025.

May The Best Of Last Year Be Your Worst For This Year. Be Safe And Happy New Year!

Semper Fi !

Message from....

DETACHMENT JUNIOR VICE COMMANDANT

DAVID PERDUE

MARINES and MEMBERS:

EMBROIDERED SHIRTS

The Detachment has plenty of embroidered CMCL regular and tech performance short sleeve polo shirts for \$25. Sizes are from Medium to XXL.

Happy New Year!

Semper Fi !

Message from....

DETACHMENT JUDGE ADVOCATE

DAVID WEBER

MARINES and MEMBERS:








JANUARY SAFETY TIP:



January in our area starts our winter season, with shorter days and colder weather. January also is the month where we can and sometimes do get snow. The action of sudden strenuous activity after weeks of sedentary life can be taxing on the body. Shoveling snow results in over 11,500 medical emergencies

annually across the U.S. Adding the fact that cold weather increases heart rate and blood pressure as arteries restrict can increase your chances of injury or death, there are a few things we can do to safely keep our driveways and sidewalks clear (especially if we are over 40 years of age).

To decrease your chance of suffering from a back injury, leg injury, or cardiac incident:

-  Do not shovel just after eating or while smoking.
-  Do take it slow. Stretch your back, arms, and legs before beginning.
-  Wear layered clothing, adjusting as the work warms you up.
-  Try to shovel only freshly fallen snow. It is lighter.
-  For heavier, older or packed snow, push it, don't lift it. If you must lift to clear the area, only lift small amounts, or use a smaller shovel.
-  Rest regularly. The snow isn't going anywhere.
-  If you feel dizziness, chest pain, shortness of breath, or palpitations, STOP.

Clear driveways and walkways are safe and neat ... but not worth your life.

Happy New Year!

Semper Fi !

Message from....

DETACHMENT ADJUTANT

BILL FOGLE

MARINES and MEMBERS:

CHESAPEAKE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
DETACHMENT 853
MINUTES OF 07 DECEMBER 2024 MEETING

Meeting was called to order by the Commandant at 0930 hours. Colors were posted and Pledge of Allegiance was made. Bible was opened and opening prayer was read.

A Roll Call of officers was held. All elected officers were present; 8 present total.

Joe Hoadley, Commandant
Ed Pearia, Senior Vice Commandant
Dave Perdue, Junior Vice Commandant
Dave Webber, Judge Advocate
Mike Pray, Sergeant at Arms
Bill Fogle, Adjutant
Bill Bradshaw, Charter Member
Mike Jeannotte, Former Commandant

Minutes of November meeting were distributed and approved.

A motion was made to delay the Paymasters Report until our next meeting. The motion was seconded and approved.

The Commandant stated that Phil Harris's son, a retired Marine Captain, donated a \$50.00 gift card to the Detachment's general fund and recognized Ed Pearia as the Detachment's "Marine of the Year"

The Senior Vice Commandant stated that next year's meeting schedule will be discussed at our January meeting and the date for the January meeting will be in our January 2025 newsletter,

Motions were made to make monetary donations to the Semper Fi, American and the LCPL Cody Childers Memorial Funds.

No Discussions

Motions were seconded and approved.

Closing was held with retiring of the colors, closing prayer, and playing of the Marine Corps Hymn.

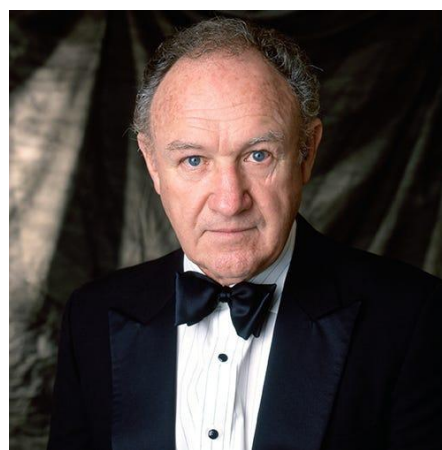
Following the meeting, there was a luncheon followed by the Swearing In and Installation of new Officers. The Swearing In was performed by Mike Jeannotte, former Commandant of our Detachment.

Bill Fogle
Adjutant



DID YOU KNOW.....

Gene Hackman, A famous American Actor, Was A Marine?



He left home at age 16 and lied about his age to enlist in the [Marine Corps](#). He served from 1946 to 1951 . Discharged as a field-radio operator and earned the rank of corporal.



HEADS-UP!
DETACHMENT MEETING
THURSDAY, 23 JANUARY: 1900 HOURS

DATES TO REMEMBER:

23 January ~ Detachment Meeting, Thursday, 1900 Hours

27 February ~ Detachment Meeting, Thursday, 1900 Hours



U.S. Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Bruno, mascot for the Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego and the Western Recruiting Region, recons the Grinch at the Holiday Express event at the recruit depot on Dec. 7.

(Photo By Cpl. Alexander O. Devereux /U.S. Marine Corps)

December 12, 2024

VA lowers life insurance premiums for more than 3 million Veterans, service members, and spouses

The Department of Veterans Affairs announced that more than 3 million Veterans, service members, and spouses who receive life insurance from VA's programs will receive a discount on premiums starting in the spring of 2025.

These decreased premiums apply to those insured under Veterans' Group Life Insurance (VGLI), Service members' Group Life Insurance (SGLI) and Family Service members' Group Life Insurance (FSGLI) — and to those who enroll in those programs in the future. The decreased rates vary based on the program and policyholder:

- **Veterans:** Approximately 450,000 VGLI members will see their premium rates discounted between 2% to 17%, depending on the Veteran's age, with an average discount of 11%.
- **Service members:** Approximately 2 million active duty, Reserve, and National Guard members insured under SGLI will see their premium rates discounted one cent from \$0.06 to \$0.05 per \$1,000 of coverage, lowering the cost for the maximum \$500,000 in life insurance coverage from \$30 to \$25 per month. With the addition of \$1 per month for SGLI Traumatic Injury Protection coverage (TSGLI), most service members with maximum coverage will have \$26 per month deducted from their pay.
- **Spouses:** Life insurance premiums for approximately 870,000 spouses covered under FSGLI will decrease between 11% and 22%, depending on the spouse's age, with an average discount of 13%.

To read more go to: <https://news.va.gov/press-room/va-lowers-life-insurance-premiums-for-more-than-3-million-veterans-service-members-and-spouses/>



Marine Gunner Has AWOL Charges Tossed, Gets Reprimand For Statements



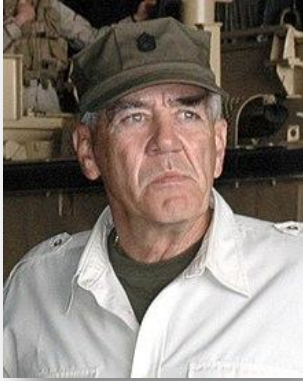
A senior Marine Corps weapons expert who had a Navy Cross recipient and retired major general testify as character witnesses left his court-martial Friday night with a reprimand, having been convicted of one specification of issuing a false official statement and two related counts of conduct unbecoming an officer.

Chief Warrant Officer Stephen LaRose was acquitted on dereliction of duty and other false official statement charges, according to a sentencing sheet reviewed by Marine Corps Times. The most serious charges, unauthorized absence — equivalent to absent without leave — were tossed out early in the trial.

LaRose, whose career bona fides include two years on the Close Combat Lethality Task Force spearheaded by then-Defense Secretary Jim Mattis, two Bronze Stars and induction into the National Infantry Association's Order of St. Maurice, ended up at court-martial, he said, after an anonymous Marine Corps Inspector General complaint made allegations about how he'd spent time on the job in 2022 and 2023.



THE MARINES



Ronald Lee Ermey enlisted in the **United States Marine Corps** in 1961 at age 17. He was a Drill Instructor and a Vietnam Veteran. In 1972, he was medically discharged and retired as a staff sergeant.

Ermey achieved fame for his role as Gunnery Sergeant Hartman in the 1987 film, *Full Metal Jacket*, which earned him a Golden Globe nomination for Best Supporting Actor. In 2002, he received an honorary promotion to gunnery sergeant from the Commandant of the Marine Corps, General James Jones. It was the first and only time the Corps has promoted a retiree.



Saepe Expertus, Semper Fidelis, Fratres Aeterni

"Often Tested, Always Faithful, Brothers Forever"



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