



**CHESAPEAKE
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
DETACHMENT 853**



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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.”



AFTER ACTION REPORT – JANUARY 2025

During the month of July, Detachment 853:

-  **Cancelled monthly members' meeting due to inclement weather and hazardous road conditions**
-  **Held this year's first quarter Trustee meeting**
-  **Distributed food baskets to applicable junior enlisted Marine families**
-  **Sponsored a concession stand for special events at the Hampton Coliseum**
-  **Retired damaged American Flags**

Message from....

DETACHMENT COMMANDANT

JOE HOADLEY

MARINES and MEMBERS:






I don't know about you all, but I am ready for some warmer weather. The snow was nice but we don't need anymore. I have already started with the Chesapeake Jubilee meetings and before you know it, we will be there. We are in the process of trying to set up meetings with Parks and Rec. for an update on the building, and also with the Young Marine organization. We will let you all know of the outcomes.

Birthdays for February are as follows:




Lindsey Boone 2/5

Dennis Phelps 2/28

History of our Corps for February:

-  2/13/1943 ~ Marine Corps announces women will be recruited to serve in the reserves during WWII
-  2/13/2010 ~ Battle of Marjah begins in Helmand Province Afghanistan.
-  2/19/1945 ~ Marines land on Iwo Jima.
-  2/23/1945 ~ Flag raisings on Iwo Jima.
-  2/24/1991 ~ 1st Marine Division's two task forces begin operations to liberate Kuwait.

Days to remember for this month:

-  2/2 ~ Groundhog Day
-  2/14 ~ Valentine's Day
-  2/17 ~ President Day

As always, we look forward to your presents at our meetings, try and recruit, always looking for new Members!

Semper Fi !

Message from....

DETACHMENT SENIOR VICE COMMANDANT

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MARINES and MEMBERS:

ChesapeakeMCL.com

Two new webpages have been added to our website last month:

“A War Remembered” webpage: [chesapeakemcl.com/war] and a ***“MCL Virginia Department Scholarship Announcement”*** webpage [chesapeakemcl.com/vascholarship]. Our website was / is designed to be viewed using a desktop or laptop computer. Using a mobile device may give you an unintended configuration of our website.

A War Remembered webpage is an ongoing project and will continue to evolve over time. Our website viewing was increased 131% last month after the new webpage was added.

SICK CALL:

Our thoughts and prayers to go out to our Detachment’s Marines: Wayne Smith, Willmont “Griff” Griffin, Mike Jeannotte and all members’ and their families that are dealing 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.

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.

Semper Fi !

Message from....

DETACHMENT JUDGE ADVOCATE

DAVID WEBER








MARINES and MEMBERS:

FEBRUARY SAFETY TIP:



February is Heart Health Month. Heart disease is the leading cause of death worldwide. One in four deaths in the US are from heart disease, averaging one death every minute. There are multiple risk factors, some of which you can affect. These include high blood pressure, high cholesterol, smoking, diabetes, obesity, and genetics.

Make an effort to limit your risk and help prevent heart disease. Some actions you can take are:

-  Eat a healthy diet. One of the most powerful things you can do is to limit your intake of fast foods, salt, and sugar.
-  Limit use of tobacco products.
-  Maintain a healthy weight.
-  Limit your alcohol consumption.
-  Exercise regularly. Try to achieve about 2 ½ hours of physical activity weekly, including walking, swimming, or even dancing.
-  Manage stress.
-  Get regular health checkups with your physician.

If you take and maintain the above actions, you can improve your overall health, not only reducing your chances of developing high blood pressure or high cholesterol, but also developing heart disease. As the Vulcans say, “*Live Long and Prosper!*”

Semper Fi !

Message from....

DETACHMENT ADJUTANT

BILL FOGLE

MARINES and MEMBERS:

A required quarterly Trustee meeting was held on 14 January, for an audit of the Paymaster and the Detachment's accounts.

A proposed budget and meeting schedule was determined, pending membership approval, at the next meeting with a quorum, before becoming official.




Semper Fi !



DID YOU KNOW.....

MCL Department of Virginia offers the “Dick Branich” Memorial Scholarship ?

\$1500 Scholarships shall be awarded based on the following criteria:

-  Son, daughter, grandchild, or stepchildren of a Marine who lost his/her life in the line of duty **or**,
-  Son, Daughter, grandchild, stepchildren of a Department of Virginia Marine Corps League or Marine Corps League Auxiliary member in good standing **or**,
-  A member in good standing in the Marine Corps League Young Marine Program with two (2) years honorable service and obtain the grade of Corporal or higher.

For complete information, go to the following webpage: ChesapeakeMCL.com/vascholarship

NOTE: Webpage is best viewed on computer [desktop / laptop] not on a mobile device



From The Observation Post

VETERAN RESOURCES:

Combined Arms is a non-profit organization that serves as a reference for veterans. By vetting and validating over 400 organizations, it ensures that veterans and their spouses have access to high quality care and assistance, many times at no cost to them..

Combined Arms is working with the Commonwealth of Virginia Division of veteran Services to form an integrated veteran's network. Through collaboration with non-profits, state, and international organizations, Combined Arms hopes to improve the well-being of our veterans. For information, see www.combinedarms.us or call 1(844)489-8387.

MYHEALTH.VA.GOV:

Don't forget that your MyHealthVet log on will go away after 31 January 2025. The actual MyHealthVet site will not change, but you will need a Login.gov or an ID.me account to sign on and access your MyHealthVet account. You can link to either logon accounts on the current www.myhealth.va.gov site. But hurry! Don't wait until the end of the month.



HEADS-UP!
DETACHMENT MEETING
THURSDAY, 27 FEBRUARY: 1900 HOURS

DATES TO REMEMBER:

27 February ~ Detachment Meeting, Thursday, 1900 Hours

27 March ~ Detachment Members' Meeting, Thursday, 1900 Hours





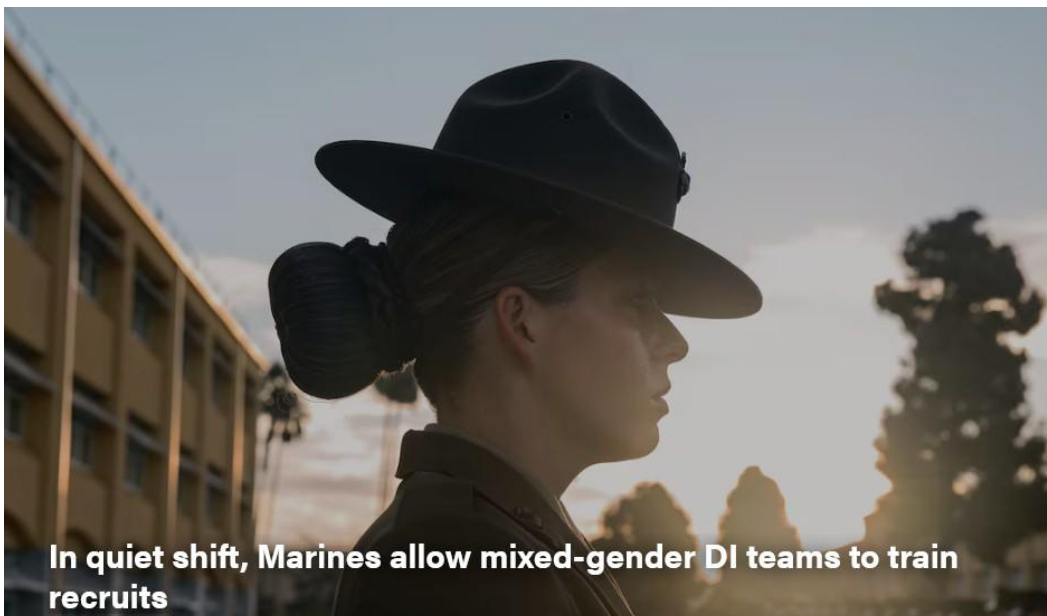
70 Knell's Ridge Blvd; Chesapeake

196,000-square-foot facility; the clinic is located adjacent to Chesapeake Region Medical Center and is projected to open between April and May, 2025

Marine^{CORPS}**Times**

By Hope Hodge Seck

January 13, 2024



In quiet shift, Marines allow mixed-gender DI teams to train recruits

Last year, without fanfare or a formal announcement, the Marine Corps took a step a key leader had formerly said was not feasible due to manpower constraints, assembling teams of both male and female drill instructors to train recruit companies and platoons at its two boot camps.

The Marine Corps Recruit Depots received a directive in December 2023 from the then-commander of Marine Corps Training and Education Command, Lt. Gen. Kevin Iiams, instructing boot camp staff to start building the teams, Lt. Col. Stephen Draper, TECOM branch head for individual training, told Marine Corps Times in an interview.

“They were able to start in a matter of months,” Draper said. “I believe [Marine Corps Recruit Depot] San Diego was able to knock it out as early as Jan. 24.”

While not every DI team can be gender-integrated due to a limited number of female drill instructors at the depots, Draper said minimums were established.

At San Diego, where a total of 12 DI teams train as many recruit companies at any given time, leaders decided to have no fewer than three integrated teams, with the potential to staff more if resources permit.

Across the depots, he said, about 10% of all DI teams are integrated — about the same proportion of female recruits at the depots. A typical integrated team, he added, will have three DIs of one gender and a fourth of the opposite gender, with most featuring three male instructors and one female.

“That number certainly fluctuates,” Draper said. “[Recruit training battalion leaders] look at the flow of people coming in and where their DIs are employed, and then they allocate their DI teams and put them together as they see fit.”

Moving to a mixed-gender DI team model was a key recommendation of a \$2 million independent study commissioned by the Marine Corps and carried out by the University of Pittsburgh between 2020 and 2022.

The study, which ran to more than 700 pages, cited a counterproductive “group think” they’d found that develops in single-gender leadership teams, and said a move to mixed-gender teams would give recruits a broader range of role models.

“The Marine Corps posits ‘having strong leaders of both genders as role models for young recruits is integral to their assimilation into our ranks’ yet recruits’ primary training experiences are currently executed by same-gender drill instructor teams,” the report stated. “Receiving direct, sustained training from drill instructors of both genders reinforces for recruits the concept that men and women are equally respected and authoritative leaders of their service.”

The Marine Corps, which has taken significant steps — under pressure from Congress — to further integrate its training depots, including closing its exclusively female Fourth Recruit Training Battalion in 2023 and admitting female recruits to San Diego for the first time in 2021, continues to operate single-gender recruit platoons, citing privacy and safety reasons.

TO Read More go to the following webpage:

marinecorpstimes.com/news/your-military/2025/01/13/in-quiet-shift-marines-allow-mixed-gender-di-teams-to-train-recruits/



THE MARINES



“Old breed? New breed? There’s not a damn bit of difference so long as it’s the Marine breed.” - Lt General Chesty Puller

During World War II, there was tension between older soldiers who joined the Marines before Pearl Harbor and younger ones who joined after its shocking occurrence. In the end, the rivalry didn’t cause too many issues, but Chesty wasn’t having any of it at all. In order to shut everyone up on both ends, Chesty reminded everyone that they were all part of the same team.

Saepe Expertus, Semper Fidelis, Fratres Aeterni

"Often Tested, Always Faithful, Brothers Forever"

