



**CHESAPEAKE
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
DETACHMENT 853**



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SITREP

DETACHMENT 853 NEWSLETTER
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MARINE CORPS LEAGUE 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.”



AFTER ACTION REPORT – JULY 2025

During the month of July, Detachment 853:

-  Held Monthly Detachment Meeting
-  Presented Educational Scholarships To Seven College Bound Students
-  Held Quarterly Trustee Meeting
-  Sponsored A Concession Stand For Special Events At The Hampton Coliseum
-  Retired Damaged American Flags



DETACHMENT COMMUNIQUÉ

COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE

MARINES,

We are getting into summer and the weather is hot. I hope you are all staying cool, and if on vacation enjoy and be safe.









The detachment had donated the hamburgers, hot dogs and rolls that was left over from the Chesapeake Jubilee to the Marine's over at tracks so they could raise money for their MC ball.

We received this message from 1st Sgt. Lawrence: *"Thank you to the team, we raised about \$1000.00 off of the burgers and dogs."* They are going to let us know when the ball is, we will be invited.

The seven scholarships were presented to the students; if you look on our Facebook page, you can see a photo of six of the scholarship recipients. [Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/chesapeakemarinecorpsleague>]

I have to apologize to those who have birthdays this month. I am on vacation and forgot to bring this list, so **Happy Birthday!** to all who have birthdays this month.

History Of The Corps For This Month

-  8/1/1944 Tinian declared secure by Major General Harry Schmidt.
-  8/3/1950 Black sheep squadron begins Marine Aviation involvement in Korean War.
-  8/7/1990 U.S. Marines and aircraft sent to Saudi Arabia.
-  8/9/1942 Henderson field secured on Guadalcanal.
-  8/17/1942 Marine raiders strike Makin Island.
-  8/21/1968 PFC James Anderson Jr. awarded Medal of Honor; first time an African/American Marine received this medal
-  8/24/1984 Marines return home from Lebanon.
-  8/24/1814 Captain Samuel Miller leads a detachment from Marine Barracks to the battle of Blandensburg.

I hope you all have a safe August, and if traveling enjoy your vacation.

Semper Fi!
Joe Hoadley

SR VICE COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE

MARINES,

Annual Membership Dues

Dues are required to become and maintain good standing as a member of the Marine Corps League. Initial dues are paid when a member joins. Current members must pay dues in August of every year to remain in good standing. Portion of the dues received are sent to the Department. Members who have been in the Marine Corps League for at least one year may choose to become lifetime members. The dues for life membership are determined by age. Please support our Detachment by paying your dues in a timely matter.

Dues may be paid in person or by mailing a check of \$30.00.

The checks should be made payable to **Chesapeake Marine Corps League** and mailed to:

**116 Reservation Rd,
Chesapeake, VA 23322-5253**

ON ANOTHER NOTE....

Our monthly newsletter, the *SITREP*, can now be downloaded on our website [ChesapeakeMCL.com]. After opening our site's homepage, click on the above *SITREP* link. Our website is best viewed on a desktop/laptop computer. Not all of the site's webpages are compatible utilizing the cell phone platform. Our new Detachment email address is now ChesapeakeMCL@gmail.com.

WOODY KEATING

Our thoughts and prayers go out to our member Woody Keating and his family.

Woody's brother passed away last Saturday, 23 July.

SICK CALL:

Our thoughts and prayers go out to our Detachment's Marines: Wayne Smith, Willmont "Griff" Griffin and his wife, and all members' and their families that are dealing with 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!
Ed Pearia

JR VICE COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE

MARINES,

The Detachment has plenty of embroidered CMCL regular and tech performance short sleeve polo shirts for \$30. Sizes are from Medium to XXL. Detachment covers may have to be special ordered. Call, text ,email or see me to special order or pick up.

Semper Fi!
David Perdue

JUDGE ADVOCATE'S MESSAGE

MARINES,

EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Last month, the Detachment awarded educational scholarships to seven deserving students to help further their education. The scholarships, in the amount of \$500 each, were awarded directly to the students to assist with those unexpected and last-minute expenses when getting ready to leave for college.

The awardees, all from the Tidewater area, were:

-  Alyssa Affa, Deep Creek High School
-  Phoenix Banks, Oscar Smith High School
-  Even Grabarczyk, Ocean Lakes High School
-  Anna Griesmer, Princess Anne High School
-  Emily Johnson, Salem High School
-  Cara McLeod, First Colonial High School
-  Anyia Woods, Nasemond River High School



Six of Seven Awardees

Congratulations to the awardees and good luck with your continuing education!



AUGUST SAFETY TIP

August is Immunization Awareness Month. Vaccines against communicable diseases are important throughout life. They protect individuals and their families and communities against infectious diseases. This is especially important for those most vulnerable ... infants, the elderly, and those with compromised or reduced immune systems.

Although no vaccine is 100% effective, vaccination is the important first step to beef up your immune system. Yearly, over 50,000 adults die from vaccine-preventable illness. Get vaccinated against diseases for which you are at risk and keep up to date as time passes and you age. Certain vaccines, such as tetanus, require periodic booster shots. As always, consult your health care provider as to what vaccines you need.

Stay healthy, for yourself, your family, and your fellow veterans.

Semper Fi!
David Weber

ADJUTANT'S MESSAGE

MARINES,

MARINES, CHESAPEAKE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
DETACHMENT 853
MINUTES OF 12 JULY 2025 MEETING

Meeting was called to order by the Commandant at 1000 hours. Colors were posted and Pledge of Allegiance was made. Bible was opened and opening prayer was read.

Roll Call: 6 members present including all elected officers:

Joe Hoadley, Commandant

Ed Pearia, Senior Vice Commandant

David Perdue, Junior Vice Commandant

David Weber, Judge Advocate

Mike Pray, Sergeant at Arms

Bill Fogle, Adjutant

The Commandant stated that our Detachment donated a \$50.00 Commissary gift card, hamburgers, and hot dogs to A Co, 4th AAV BN's July Marine Corps Ball Fundraiser.

The Commandant stated that a Detachment's membership must be 70% Marines. Also, that any family member of Marines do qualify for membership.

The Commandant stated that the 9 October 2025 Cody Child's Golf Tournament would be discussed at our next meeting.

The Detachment awarded 7 Scholarships prior to this morning's meeting. The recipients and their families were in attendance.

The Judge Advocate stated that our Food Distribution Program is currently on pause.

The Commandant reminded those present that membership payments are due in September.

It was announced that our Quarterly Trustee Meeting would soon be held.

The Adjutant announced that he would be stepping down from that position at the end of August.

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

Semper Fi!
Bill Fogle

ANNOUNCEMENTS



HEADS UP!
AUGUST DETACHMENT MEETING
THURSDAY, 28 AUGUST, 1900 HOURS

DATES TO REMEMBER:

11-15 August ~ National Conference 2025; Dallas TX
28 August ~ Detachment Members' Meeting, Thursday, 1900 Hours
20 September ~ Chesapeake Mayor's Veterans Breakfast, 0800 Hours
25 September ~ Detachment Members' Meeting, Thursday, 1900 Hours
27 September ~ Military And Veterans Community Wellness Day, Saturday 800 – 1400 Hours;
Chesapeake Conference Center
23 October ~ Detachment Members' Meeting, Thursday, 1900 Hours
November ~ Detachment Members' Meeting, Time & Date TBD
[Prep for Thanksgiving Food Baskets]
10 November ~ MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY
11 November ~ Chesapeake Veterans Day Ceremony – 1100 Hours; City Hall
December ~ Detachment Members' Meeting - 1200 hours; Date TBD
[Prep Christmas Food Baskets]
6 December ~ Chesapeake Christmas Parade ~ 1500 Hours [Prep] – 1800 Hours (Parade)
7 December ~ Detachment Dinner / Installation of officers – Time TBD

SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATIONS

Six of seven scholarship recipients and twenty family members attended the ceremony.





DID YOU KNOW.....

Glenn Ford, one of the most prominent actors during Hollywood's Golden Age was a Marine?



Glenn Ford, interrupted his rising film career to serve in the United States Marine Corps during World War II. Ford refused an officer rank despite being offered one due to his celebrity status. He preferred to serve as a private and avoid preferential treatment. He obtained the rank of sergeant before transferring to the Navy Reserves. In the 1970s, Ford retired from the Naval Reserves with the rank of captain.

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FROM THE OBSERVATION POST



Life is the sum of all of our choices

-- Albert Camus, Nobel Prize Recipient

Marine^{CORPS}**Times**

By Todd South

July 17, 2025

Marines To Field Rifle-Mounted Smart Scopes To Help Counter Drones



The U.S. Marine Corps will field smart scopes to help shoot down moving targets, such as drones, in the coming months.

“Multiple units across all elements of the [Marine Air-Ground Task Force] will receive this technology with priority going to those units that are deployed or deploying soon,” Lt. Col. Eric Flanagan, spokesman for Combat Development and Integration, told Marine Corps Times via email.

Flanagan declined to share quantities due to security concerns but said the fielding would begin in fiscal 2026, which starts Oct. 1, as part of a program to counter small, unmanned aircraft systems.

“The SMASH 2000L will give the rifleman the ability to quickly obtain a positive firing solution and increase their probability of kill when engaging Unmanned Aircraft Systems,” Flanagan wrote, describing the SMASH 2000L advanced fire control system.

In April, Marine leaders noted a new emphasis on counter drone equipment, both for dismounted troops and for fixed sites such as bases.

“One of the things that is apparent to all of us is that unmanned aerial systems are a threat not just to infantry Marines, but to all Marines,” Lt. Gen. Eric Austin, head of Combat Development Command said at the Navy League’s annual Sea, Air and Space Exposition in April.

The Corps also has a larger ground-based air defense program known as GBAD, which works against larger threats, such as missiles and mortars.

MARINE CORPS SCOUT DOGS



PART ONE

WWII MARINE SCOUT DOGS IN THE PACIFIC THEATER

Canines have served in military operations since ancient times and have participated in nearly every United States conflict since the nation's establishment. The United States Marine Corps current working dog program is recognized as one of the worlds' most advanced. However, the widespread adoption of military working dogs in the United States did not occur until after observing their effective use by foreign forces during World War I.

The term "Devil Dogs" was originally coined by German forces during World War I to describe the formidable fighting capabilities of U.S. Marines at the Battle of Belleau Wood. German officers reportedly referred to them as *"Teufel Hunden,"* meaning "Devil Dogs" in German. The nickname was subsequently adopted by the Marines and became well established. In mid-1942, approximately six months after the United States entered World War II, the Marine Corps Commandant initiated the use of war dogs to support Marine Corps efforts in the Pacific; these canines also came to be known as Devil Dogs.

The Marine Corps primarily employed the German Shepherd and the Doberman Pinscher as scout / patrol dogs in the Pacific Theater. Following the Vietnam era, in the 1980s, the Belgian Malinois was also incorporated into the Corps' roster of scout / patrol canines.

Scout dogs proved highly effective in the Pacific, assisting Marines in challenging environments like dense jungles and extreme heat. About a thousand "Devil Dogs" served; twenty-nine died in action, mostly in Guam, with losses also due to heatstroke and jungle diseases. Initially buried in Guam, their graves were later relocated to the United States by veterinarian Dr. Bill Putney. A war memorial still remains in Guam.



WAR MEMORIAL



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THE MARINES



"I do not intend for 'honor, courage, and commitment to be just words; I expect them to frame the way that we live and act.'" -- General Charles C. Krulak

On June, 29, 1995, Lieutenant General Krulak was promoted to general and assumed duties as the 31st Commandant on June 30, 1995

The Commandant served in the Marine Corps 36 years, from 1963 to 1999. Tours of duty included : Vietnam War & Persian Gulf War (Operation Desert Shield, Operation Desert Storm)

Saepe Expertus, Semper Fidelis, Fratres Aeterni

"Often Tested, Always Faithful, Brothers Forever"

