



**CHESAPEAKE
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
DETACHMENT 853**



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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 – JUNE 2025

During the month of June, Detachment 853:

-  Held Scholarship Committee Meeting
-  Attended Mideast Division Conference
-  Met With Chesapeake Jubilee Committee
-  Held Monthly Detachment Meeting
-  Met with A Co, 4th AAV BN's First Sergeant
-  Made A Donation To A Co, 4th AAV BN's July Marine Corps Ball Fundraiser
-  Distributed Food Baskets To Various Chesapeake Churches.
-  Sponsored A Concession Stand For Special Events At The Hampton Coliseum
-  Received A Scholarship Applications
-  Retired Damaged American Flag

DETACHMENT COMMUNIQUÉ

COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE

MARINES,












The month of June is gone, and we are now starting the second half of the year. I would like to give you all a little information about the Marine Corps League. If you are looking to find out more about what is going on the best place to go is to National Marine Corps League, then go to the library. There is plenty of info in there. You can even dig deeper if you log into the library, for this you need a password. It is a very simple one: **dd4**. If you do not remember, the **dd4** form was what you filled out when you entered the Marines. You can learn a lot in the library.

July Birthdays:

7/6 Chris Clausen
7/19 Joe Colby
7/24 Harley White
7/31 Jean Dobrenco

If I have missed some one, my apologies.

Marine History for July:

-  7/1/1920 ~ MajGen John A Lejeune becomes the 13th Commandant of the Marine Corps.
-  7/7/1941 ~ The 1st Marine Brigade lands at Reykjavik, Iceland, to prevent the island's occupation by Germany for use as a naval or air base against the Western Hemisphere
-  7/11/1798 ~ President John Adams signs the act establishing a United States Marine Corps, continuing the legacy of the Continental Marines. Marine Corps Band, the Presidents Own is established.
-  7/13/2001 ~ 1stLt. Vernice Armour earns her wings, becoming the Marine Corps first African American female aviator
-  7/15/1958 ~ 2nd Provisional Marine Forces (TF-62) land near Beirut
-  7/18/1918 ~ The 4th Marine Brigade begins a counterattack against German forces near Soissons, France.
-  7/21/1861~ Battalion of 365 Marines fight in Battle of Bull Run.
-  7/23/2004 ~ 6 Marines from 1st Recon Battalion, 1st Marine Division, complete the first combat high-altitude, high-opening parachute drop in the history of the Marine Corps (OIF).
-  7/24/1944 ~ The V Amphibious Corps lands on Tinian in the Mariana Islands.
-  7/27/1953 ~ Korean War Armistice signed at Panmunjom.
-  7/29/2006 ~ 2MV-22B Ospreys from VMT-22 complete the Aircraft's first ever transatlantic flight

I hope you all have a great 4th of July and that you all stay safe and as cool as you can.

Semper Fi!
Joe Hoadley

SR VICE COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE

MARINES,

An Overview of the Marine Corps League Operations:

The Marine Corps League is organized with a national structure and local detachments. The national organization includes a National Commandant, a National Board of Trustees, and various elected officers. The League is further divided into ten Divisions, which contain Departments (states), and finally, Detachments (local communities). Day-to-day operations are managed by a National Executive Director.

Key elected national leadership positions include:



National Commandant: The head of the organization.



National Senior Vice Commandant: Also serves as the Corporate Secretary.



National Junior Vice Commandant: Also serves as the Corporate Treasurer.



National Judge Advocate:



Junior Past National Commandant: The previous National Commandant.



National Vice Commandants (representing different Divisions): These members are also elected members of the National Board of Trustees.

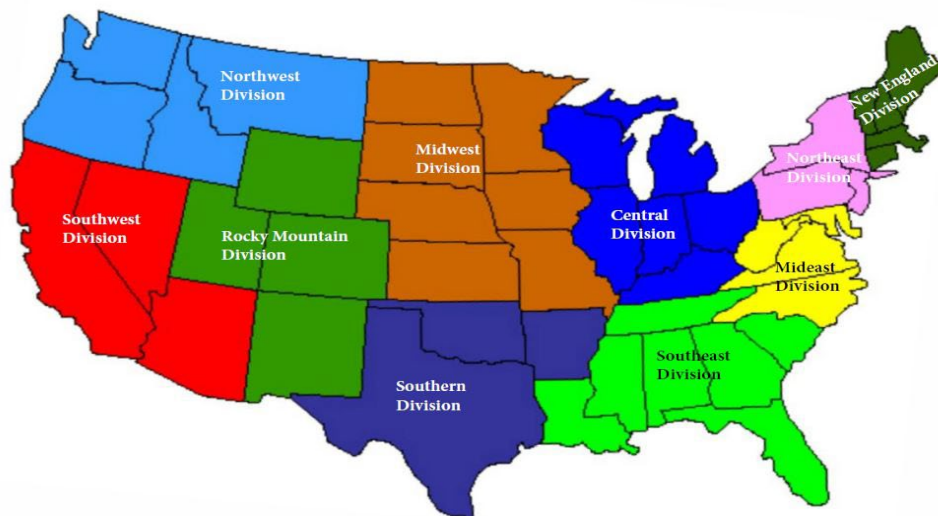
Here's a more detailed breakdown:

National Level:

The League is headed by a National Commandant, who is elected. There's also a Trustees, comprised of elected officers, including the National Commandant, National Senior Vice Commandant, National Junior Vice Commandant, National Judge Advocate, and Junior Past National Commandant.

Divisions Level:

The country is divided into ten Divisions, each overseen by an elected National Vice and Assistant Vice Commandant.



Department Level:

Each Division contains multiple Departments, which are typically state-level organizations.

Detachments:

Departments contain numerous Detachments, which are local, community-based units

Detachment 853 falls under the Virginia Department with Shiri Moore as Department Commandant. The Virginia Department is under the umbrella of the Mideast Division. The Mideast Division consists of 5 states: Delaware with 5 Detachments, Maryland with 15 Detachments, West Virginia with 15 Detachments, Virginia with 20 Detachments and North Carolina with 57 Detachments.

SICK CALL:

Our thoughts and prayers to go out to our Detachment's Marines: Wayne Smith, Willmont "Griff" Griffin and his wife, Mike Jeannotte, Woody Keating 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.

Have A Happy And Safe 4th Of July!

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,

Last month, the Scholarship Committee convened and awarded CMCL College Scholarships to seven tidewater high school graduates. Due to expectations of numerous family members attending the presentation, the event will be held in a conference room at Chesapeake Central Library this month. The date and time are yet to be determined.





JULY SAFETY TIPS:



For July, let us focus on Surviving Hot Weather! We are well into the notorious semi-tropical coastal wetlands summer heat. No matter if we are working in the yard, lounging at the beach or pool, or engaging in summer sports, we are at the mercy of Mother Nature, and her desire to warm the planet. (For us more experienced/older adults, we are at increased risk as our mature bodies find it harder to regulate our temperature.)

The best way to cool off in the Tidewater summer is ... AC!

Unfortunately, that means we are limited to indoor activities. To cope with the outdoors, there are several things we can do.

-  Dress in lightweight, loose clothing. Wear a hat.
-  Drink fluids even if you are not thirsty. Water is best ... beer is not.
-  Work or play in short sessions, resting often.
-  Don't take salt tablets. You are already low on fluids. Drink fruit juice or sports drinks to replenish electrolytes (yes, salt is one).

Watch out for yourself and others. Be aware of early signs of heat exhaustion. Pale or ashen moist skin is obvious. Muscle cramps start when electrolytes get low. Soon you will notice weaknesses, dizziness, and headaches. The heart rate increases to try to shunt blood to the brain and internal organs. Nausea kicks in. Time to call 911! Move the individual to a cool or shaded spot. Wet clothes applied to the armpits and groin areas will help cool the body.

Semper Fi!
David Weber

ADJUTANT'S MESSAGE

MARINES,

MARINES, CHESAPEAKE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
DETACHMENT 853
MINUTES OF 26 JUNE 2025 MEETING

Meeting was called to order by the Commandant at 1900 hours. Colors were posted and Pledge of Allegiance was made. Bible was opened and opening prayer was read.

Roll Call: 6 members present including 3 elected officers.

Joe Hoadley, Commandant
Ed Pearia, Senior Vice Commandant
David Perdue, Junior Vice Commandant
Bill Fogle, Adjutant
Chris Clausen
Wayne Smith

Minutes of April and May meetings were distributed to those in attendance. Motion was made that they be approved. The motion was seconded and approved.

Paymasters Report was distributed to those in attendance. Motion was made that they be approved. The motion was seconded and approved.

The Commandant stated that he had attended the Jubilee Committee Meeting and again, they expressed much praise for the job done by the Marines. Letters of Commendation from the Commandant and the Jubilee Committee have been forwarded to be awarded to the Marines involved to be placed in their personnel files.

The Commandant stated that he will be attending the Mid-East Conference this month where he is a nominee for Assistant Division National Commandant.

The Senior Vice Commandant stated the Scholarship Committee has awarded 7 Scholarships. A motion was made, second and approved that the scholarship applicants be accepted and the award ceremony be held at the Library conference room.

A motion was made, seconded and approved our monthly meeting will be held directly after the award ceremony The day and time for the presentation and our monthly meeting, will be determined in early July..

A motion was made, seconded and approved that we donate our leftover frozen hamburgers, hot dogs from the Chesapeake Jubilee and a \$50.00 Commissary gift card for the Co A, 4th AAV BN's , July Marine Corps Ball Fundraiser.

A motion was made, seconded and approved for the remaining money in the Scholarship Fund be returned to our general fund.

Wayne Smith expressed his concern for the number of Veterans committing suicide each day in our Country. He feels compelled to do something to address the concerning issue and plans to introduce some thoughts and ideas at a future meeting.

The Senior Vice Commandant emailed the Pastor at the City Hall Memorial Service and invited him to join Detachment 853. The Pastor is a retired Marine Sergeant Major.

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

Semper Fi!
Bill Fogle

ANNOUNCEMENTS



HEADS UP!
JULY DETACHMENT MEETING
TO BE ANNOUNCED AT A LATTER DATE

DATES TO REMEMBER:

4 July ~ Chesapeake 4th July Parade
24 July ~ Detachment Members' Meeting, TBA At A Later Date
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
23 October ~ Detachment Members' Meeting, Thursday, 1900 Hours
TBD November ~ Detachment Members' Meeting, Thursday, 1200 Hours
[Prep for Thanksgiving Food Baskets]
10 November ~ MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY
11 November ~ Chesapeake Veterans Day Ceremony – 1100 Hours
TBD December ~ Detachment Members' Meeting - 1200 hours
[Prep Christmas Food Baskets]
6 December ~ Chesapeake Christmas Parade ~ 15 Hours [Prep] – 1800 Hours (Parade)
7 December ~ Detachment Dinner / Installation of officers – TBD Hours





DID YOU KNOW.....

Dale Dye the movie actor, technical military advisor, radio personality and writer, who acted in countless movies like Platoon, Band Of Brothers, was a decorated USMC combat veteran?



During three tours of duty in South Vietnam, he participated in 31 combat operations. During his 1967-to-1968 and 1969-to-1970 tours of duty, he was attached to two different battalions of the 3d Marine Division. Dye spent a total of 13 years as an enlisted Marine, rising to the rank of Master Sergeant before being appointed a warrant officer in 1976. Afterward, he entered into the Limited Duty Program and became commissioned as a captain. He is considered a "mustang", an enlisted man who receives a commission as an officer. While he was a captain, he was deployed to Beirut for duty with the Multinational Force in Lebanon in 1982 and 1983.

VA



U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs



June 18, 2025

Insurance Service, Veterans Benefits Administration :

Life insurance premiums discounted for service members, spouses and Veterans

Starting July 1, 2025, service members, their spouses and Veterans covered under VA life insurance programs will see lower monthly premiums, reinforcing VA's commitment to making life insurance more affordable.

VGLI allows Veterans to continue their life insurance coverage after separating from military service, ensuring long-term financial protection. Starting July 1, 2025, monthly premiums for VGLI will be reduced for all ages.

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FROM THE OBSERVATION POST



SAN DIEGO – The Marine Corps just made its recruiting goals in Fiscal Year 2024, but Col. Charles Von Bergen, chief of staff at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Western Recruiting Region, is optimistic about meeting the goals for 2025.

Reference: USNI NEWS

By Claire Barrett

June 20, 2025

After more than 80 years, this Marine returned home from Guadalcanal



Following a decade-long recovery and identification mission led by the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency — and more than 80 years since he was killed in the hellish Guadalcanal campaign — U.S. Marine Corps Pvt. Charming Rowe returned home this month.

“Today we close the chapter on a story that began in 1942 and bring home a hero,” said Sgt. Matthew Wedding, the Marine charged with escorting Rowe’s remains. “This mission embodies our commitment to never forget and to fulfill our promise to bring every Marine home.”

A native of Orlovista, Florida, Rowe enlisted in the Marine Corps on Jan. 20, 1942, just six weeks after the United States’ entry into World War II. Following recruit training at Parris Island, South Carolina, Rowe was assigned to Company A, 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Division.

The American campaign to wrest the island of Guadalcanal from the Japanese began on Aug. 7, 1942. The first land campaign of the Pacific, Guadalcanal was to play an outsized roll in turning the Japanese tide in the war.

It was, as historian John D. Lukacs writes, “America’s first steps toward the ultimate, unconditional victory over Japan almost exactly three years later.”

Between July 1942 and February 1943, the U.S. won the naval battle, the air battle and the land battle — initially with nothing more than sheer tenacity and courage, but then by grinding down the enemy with increasingly superior lines of supply.



At just 21 years old when he arrived on Guadalcanal on Sept. 18, 1942, Rowe was among those many green recruits facing down a ruthless enemy. He would be killed only six days later.

During a patrol southwest of the vital Henderson Field, Rowe engaged in a firefight with Japanese forces near Mount Austen. Rowe and three other Marines — Pvt. Randolph R. Edwards, Pfc. Erwin S. King, and Pfc. Morris E. Canady — were killed by enemy gunfire and buried in hasty battlefield graves dug by his fellow Marines. The graves were known as Hill X and Hill Y. Six other fallen Marines would shortly be buried alongside the men.

However, according to the Marine Forces Reserve, “despite post-war efforts by the American Graves Registration Service in the late 1940s, none of the 10 Marines buried at Hills X and Y were recovered. In 1949, Rowe was officially declared ‘non-recoverable.’”

In 2012, the case was reopened by the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency following new intelligence that revealed postwar recovery teams may have searched the wrong locations due to mislabeled records, the Marine Forces Reserve wrote.

A 1942 aerial map that had gone previously unnoticed and unused in a Hawaiian museum archive held the key to locating Rowe and his fellow Devil Dogs.

In 2016, excavation efforts resumed, leading to the discovering of human remains and military artifacts.

On June 5, the remains of Rowe were, at long last, repatriated to his family in Orlando.

“This mission highlights the institution’s commitment to never leaving a Marine behind,” said 1st Sgt. Juan Duque, inspector-instructor, 4th Marine Logistics Group.



THE MARINES



"You can never have too much ammunition, unless you're on fire or trying to swim."

- **Gunnery Sgt. Carlos Hathcock**

With 93 confirmed kills – his longest was at 2,500 yards – and an estimated 300 more non-confirmed kills.

For Gunny Hathcock, it really wasn't about the killing. "I really didn't like the killing," he once told a reporter. "You'd have to be crazy to enjoy running around the woods, killing people. But if I didn't get the enemy, they were going to kill the kids over there." Saving American lives is something Gunny Hathcock took to heart.

Carlos Hathcock died on February 22, 1999, in Virginia Beach, Virginia, aged 56, from complications resulting from multiple sclerosis.

Saepe Expertus, Semper Fidelis, Fratres Aeterni

"Often Tested, Always Faithful, Brothers Forever"

