



**CHESAPEAKE  
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE  
DETACHMENT 853**



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# SITREP

DETACHMENT 853 NEWSLETTER

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# MARINE CORPS LEAGUE MISSION














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“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 – MAY 2025

### **During the month of May, Detachment 853:**

-  Met With SNCOIC At Recruiting Sub-Station Chesapeake
-  Met With Chesapeake Jubilee Committee
-  Held Monthly Detachment Meeting
-  Held Quarterly Trustee Meeting
-  Distributed Food Baskets to Applicable Junior Enlisted Marine Families
-  Attended MCL Department Of Virginia Spring Convention
-  Sponsored A Concession Stand For Special Events At The Hampton Coliseum
-  Talked with SNCO At Marine Corps Training Company; NAS Northwest Annex
-  Sold And Delivered Ice To Chesapeake Jubilee Vendors / City Departments
-  Attended And Participated In The Mayor's Commission on Veterans Affairs Memorial Day Ceremony
-  Received Three Scholarship Applications. [6 Total for the Year].
-  Retired Damaged American Flags
-  Painted Detachment's Mailbox

## DETACHMENT COMMUNIQUÉ

### COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE

MARINES,

We are getting into that time of year when schools are closed, and people are going on vacation. Stay safe and enjoy your summer with family and friends.

As always, the Jubilee was a big success. We had 30 Marines from the training company, and they did a outstanding job for the detachment and the Jubilee committee. All the committee members had nothing but good things to say about the Marines. I have made up letters for the Marines along with the Jubilee, and I also have a award to present to the training company.













I want to congratulate our JA Dave Weber's granddaughter for receiving one of the Department of Virginia Scholarships. Next month, I will be attending the MidEast Division meeting. I have put my letter of intent in, for running, for Asst. Division National Commandant. The election will the weekend of the meeting.

#### **Birthdays For The Month Of June:**

6/1	Joe Hoadley
6/7	Gary Sneed
6/12	Don Doherty
6/21	Willie Bradshaw

Also, June 15 is Father Days.

#### **Marine History For The Month Of June:**

-  6/1/1942 - First African American Marines enlist following the signing of Executive Order 8802 in 1941, prohibiting racial discrimination in the armed forces.
-  6/4/2020 - LtCol Juliet H. Calvin takes command of the Marine Corps newest battalion, 1st network battalion, which will ensure mission execution in the face of cyber threats.
-  6/6/1918 - Marines advance into Belleau Wood against German machine guns.
-  6/6/1944 - D-Day
-  6/7/1898 - Company A 1st Marines, land at Santiago, Cuba.
-  6/8/1995 - A Marine recovery team rescues Capt. Scott O'Grady USAF, who had been shot down over Bosnia.
-  6/10/1999 - The first waves of 2,200 Marines and Sailors of the 26th MEU come ashore in the northern Greektown of Litochoro bound for Macedonia as Kosovo peacekeepers.
-  6/11/1871 - During the Korean Expedition, 650 Marines and sailors attack and capture Fort McKee (also known as the Citadel) in Korea.
-  6/15/1944 - The V Amphibious Corps assaults the west coast of Saipan in the Mariana Islands.
-  6/20/1993 - The 24th MEU returns to Mogadishu, Somalia to support UN peacekeeping troops.
-  6/25/1950 - Start of the Korean War.
-  6/28/1918 - Marines land at Vladivostok, Siberia.

Once again have a safe and great summer.

*Semper Fi!*  
*Joe Hoadley*

## SR VICE COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE

MARINES,

Last month, I announced that Frank Ashbrook would be taking point on the Chesapeake Jubilee. However, with Frank being out of town, longtime volunteers Fred Ebeling, his son Austin and daughter Kourtney stepped in and executed an exceptional job leading the efforts. Additionally, volunteer Scott Hooper took on the responsibility of becoming the Detachment's chef, skillfully cooking for thirty perpetually hungry Marines. These contributions, along with the leadership of our Commandant and support of other volunteers and Detachment members, were instrumental in making this year's Jubilee a resounding success.

### Attending Detachment Members:

Joe Hoadley  
David Weber  
Ed Pearia  
Bill Fogle

### Attending Detachment Volunteers:

Fred Ebeling  
Austin Ebeling  
Kourtney Ebeling  
Scott Hooper  
Andrew Ashbrook  
Kevin Goodey  
Christina Goodey  
Ethan Goodey  
Marines From Training Company; [NAS Northwest Annex](#)



**L To R: Austin, Kourtney & Fred Ebeling**

### 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.

*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,







The Detachment Trustees met and successfully conducted the required quarterly audit of the Paymaster's Accounts.

### JUNE SAFETY TIPS:

June means that summer is upon us, and we are looking forward to fun with family and friends. To really enjoy the fun and games, we need a good attitude. And we must be in our best mental health!

Mental Health Awareness ... this means more than being aware of the mental disorders that can affect us or the ones that we love or care for. For any of us, we may just experience episodes of slight depression, the "blahs", or "just not enjoying life".

There are things we can do to help us maintain that feeling of happiness and fulfillment. Try to emphasize the positive aspects of your life ... your family, your accomplishments, your friends. Boost that emotional wellness quotient. Some specifics strategies are:

-  Exercise regularly, eat well, and limit caffeine or alcohol.
-  Do activities you enjoy, like sports, fishing, or reading.
-  Practice gratitude toward others, even for the little things.
-  Go out with friends.
-  Practice self-acceptance ... look for the positives in life.
-  Set goals. Accomplishing a goal, no matter how small, boosts your sense of purpose and overall satisfaction.



Finally, as you go through life, if you think you need help, ASK FOR IT! There is no shame in checking in for a mental evaluation. Just talking through your perceptions and problems with a mental health specialist can often turn things around. Live life to the fullest

*Semper Fi!*  
*David Weber*

## ADJUTANT'S MESSAGE

MARINES,

MARINES, CHESAPEAKE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE  
DETACHMENT 853  
MINUTES OF 22 MAY 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  
Dave Weber, Judge Advocate  
Bill Fogle, Adjutant  
Woody Keating  
Kelly Martin

Minutes of our April and May Meetings to be distributed next month.

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

Commandant stated that he had received an invitation to the American Legion's 102nd Anniversary of the drafting of their Flag Code on 7 June 2025 from 1100 to 1400 hours,

Senior Vice Commandant stated that Tim Lyman's mother had passed away. Also that former Commandant Bill Griffin is in need of a lung transplant.

Senior Vice Commandant stated that life member, Ron Palmer, had made a \$100.00 donation to our holiday food baskets project. Also there were 18 visits to our Scholarship Page. Six applications were downloaded.

Commandant announced that he will be running for Assistant Division National Commandant. Voting to take place in August at Dallas, Texas.

Judge Advocate stated that 5 Marine families received food baskets this month.

Commandant stated that the Jubilee Committee had given glowing compliments concerning the performance of the Marines during the Jubilee. A Distinguished Service Award will be presented to each of them.

Commandant Presented the Associate Member of the Year Award to Kelly Martin.

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

*Semper Fi!*  
*Bill Fogle*



# „OPERATION CHESAPEAKE JUBILEE”

**DETACHMENT 853 COMMAND POST, MEMBERS, VOLUNTEERS AND MARINES:**



## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**HEADS UP!**  
**DETACHMENT MEETING**  
**THURSDAY, JUNE 26, 1900 HOURS**

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

26 June ~ Detachment Members' Meeting, Thursday, 1900 Hours  
4 July ~ Chesapeake 4th July Parade  
24 July ~ Detachment Members' Meeting, Thursday, 1900 Hours  
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





## ***ATTENTION ON DECK!***

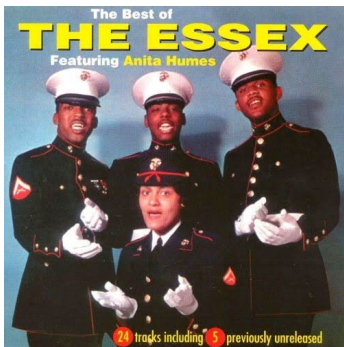
Detachment 853 Newest Member:  
Gary Insley

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## **DID YOU KNOW.....**

The 1960s Rock & Roll Band, *The Essex*, were active duty Marines?



Marines Waler Vickers and Rodney Taylor formed the group while stationed in Okinawa. Later they added fellow Marines Billy Hill, Rudolph and Anita Humes.

From 1962 – 1965, the Marines recorded and released music while serving the U.S. Marine Corps.

## My HealtheVet is moving, June 4, 2025

We're transitioning to the new My HealtheVet on VA.gov experience on June 4, 2025. After this date, you will manage your health records, medications, appointments, and messages on VA.gov. You will no longer use My HealtheVet as a personal health record to enter and store your own health information outside of your electronic health record.

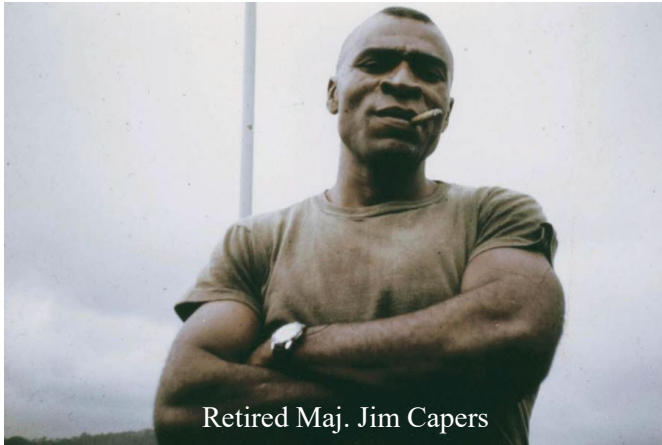
This change helps ensure that all your important information is in the record your care team relies on to manage your health. Check out the new My HealtheVet on VA.gov today.

[Go to My HealtheVet on VA.gov](#)

[Learn more about My HealtheVet on VA.gov changes](#)



## Medal of Honor upgrade for Vietnam-era Recon Marine part of new bill



Retired Maj. Jim Capers

A bill recently introduced in Congress would upgrade a Silver Star Medal to a Medal of Honor for a recon Marine who fought through severe injuries while under attack on a mission in the jungles of Vietnam in 1967.

Retired Maj. Jim Capers received the Silver Star in 2010 for those actions, but supporters believe his valor deserves the nation's highest military honor.

House Resolution 3377, sponsored by Rep. Ralph Norman, R-S.C., was filed — and coupled with a letter to President Donald Trump — on May 13 and remains in the House Armed Services Committee as of Monday.

The letter, signed in February by six U.S. senators and 41 representatives, details Capers' actions and asks the president to review the award for the purpose of an upgrade.

In late March 1967, Marine 2nd Lt. Jim Capers stepped off on a four-day patrol into the jungles near Phú Lộc, South Vietnam.

Capers, recently promoted via a battlefield commission to second lieutenant, led nine 3rd Force Reconnaissance Company Marines alongside a dog named "King."

The mission was to observe a North Vietnamese Army regiment and protect the flank of Company M, 3rd Battalion, 26th Marines.

On the final day of their mission, enemy claymore mines exploded, triggering an attack on his team. Capers received multiple wounds from both the explosion and the "dense barrages of direct and indirect enemy fire" that followed.

Suffering two broken legs and heavy bleeding, Capers continued fighting and directed his team in the counterattack. He coordinated supporting fire and moved his team to the helicopter extraction, which saved their lives.

"While struggling to maintain consciousness and still under attack, Major Capers demanded continuous situation and status reports from his Marines and ensured the entire team was evacuated before himself," his award citation reads. "Barely able to stand, Major Capers finally boarded the helicopter and was evacuated."

Capers twice got off of an evacuation helicopter so it could take off with the other wounded. When he did finally board a helo for extraction, the aircraft crashed. The wreck resulted in another man losing his leg and another individual losing a kidney.

Retired Marine Lt. Col. David "Bull" Gurfein, CEO of United American Patriots, has compared Capers' story to that of another reconnaissance Marine who did receive the Medal of Honor.

Nearly a year after Capers heroics, 2nd Lt. Terrence Graves, also with 3rd Force Reconnaissance Company, was on a deep jungle patrol in the jungles of Quang Tri Province, South Vietnam, where he led an eight-Marine recon team behind enemy lines.

Once his team made contact with a large NVA force, Graves exposed himself to repeated enemy fire to lead assaults, attend to wounded and command the element — all while suffering from a gunshot wound to his thigh. Shortly after boarding a medevac helicopter, Graves and another Marine got back off to search for another Marine until a second helicopter could arrive to retrieve the three of them. The helicopter that eventually picked up the three Marines was shot down. Graves died in the crash.

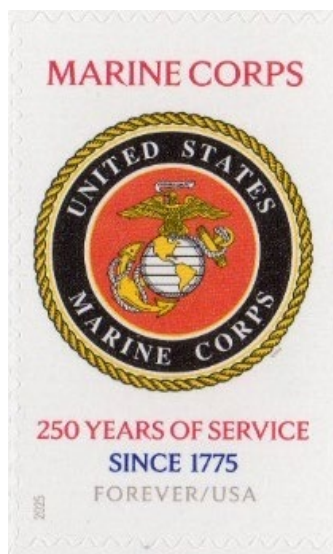
Graves received the Medal of Honor for his actions. Capers' award, meanwhile, was initially a Bronze Star Medal that was later upgraded to a Silver Star Medal.

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### FROM THE OBSERVATION POST



**The U.S. Postal Service Celebrates the 250th anniversary of the U.S. Marine Corps with a Forever®stamp. The new stamp was issued May 16, 2025 and can be ordered on the U.S. Postal Service website.**







# ***THE MARINES***



General Raymond Gilbert Davis, WWII, Korea, and Vietnam veteran who earned the Medal of Honor in Korea in 1950. In 1968 and 1969 he was the Commanding General of the 3d Marine Division.

On 23 February 1971, President Richard M. Nixon nominated LtGen Davis for appointment to the grade of general and assignment to the position of Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps. His nomination was confirmed by the Senate and he received his fourth star on assuming those duties, 12 March 1971. He served as Assistant Commandant until he retired from active duty on 31 March 1972, after more than 33 years with the Marine Corps

General Davis died of a heart attack at the age of 88 on 3 September 2003.

***Saepe Expertus, Semper Fidelis, Fratres Aeterni***

*"Often Tested, Always Faithful, Brothers Forever"*

