



**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 – AUGUST 2025

During the month of August, Detachment 853:



Held Monthly Detachment Meeting



Received A Monetary Donation



Replaced Exterior Recruiting Poster



Started Dismantling The Outdoor Deck



Sponsored A Concession Stand For Special Events At The Hampton Coliseum



Retired Damaged American Flags



DETACHMENT COMMUNIQUÉ








COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE

MARINES,

Well, we made it through the month of August and now heading into the fall months. Of course, this does not mean we are out of the hurricane season just yet, so always stay prepared. Now that school has started, we all need to be aware of the children and the buses on the road. Also, with Labor Day, it is nice to go and party with friends and family but stay safe if you are traveling.

We only have one birthday this month, Bill Butlin. Bill is the original starter of the Chesapeake Marine Corps League and first Commandant. HAPPY BIRTHDAY BILL!

Marine History For The Month Of September:

-  9/2/1945 ~ V-J Day the Japanese officially surrender to the Allies on board the Battleship Missouri.
-  9/5/1979 ~ Chesty VI, mascot of the Marine Barracks Washington DC, receives an Article 15 for willfully destroying a punching bag and is reduced in rank to Private.
-  9/12/1995 ~ Capt. Matthew Cooper and Sgt Tad Snidecor awarded the Navy/Marine Corps Medal for their efforts in the aftermath of the Oklahoma City federal building bombing
-  9/13/1988 ~ Marines from 5th Marines arrive to help battle wildfires in Yellowstone National Park. .
-  9/15/1950 ~ Marines land at Inchon Korea.
-  9/19/1937 ~ 6th Marines deploy to Shanghai, China to reinforce the 4th Marine.
-  9/25/2017 ~ 1stLt Marina Hierl graduates IOC to become the Marine Corps' first female infantry officer.

Some Other Days This Month To Remember:

- .9/11 ~ PATRIOTS' DAY
- 9/19 ~ POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY
- 9/22 ~ FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN
- 9/22 ~ ROSH HASHANAH BEGINS AT SUNDOWN.
- 9/28 ~ GOLD STAR MOTHER'S & FAMILY DAY

Have A Great September And A Safe One!

Semper Fi!
Joe Hoadley

SR VICE COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE

MARINES,

With sincere gratitude and heartfelt respect, we extend A BIG THANK YOU to Bill Fogle for his diligent dedication and unwavering commitment as our Detachment Adjunct for the last 12 months. His efforts are appreciated very much and will always be remembered.

American Legion vs VFW

The American Legion and the VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars) are both prominent veterans' organizations in the U.S. Both organizations focus on supporting veterans, serving their communities, and advocating for veteran-related issues. The main factor that differentiates the two organizations is their membership criteria. **The American Legion** is now open to anyone who has served honorably in the U.S. military. However, Legion's membership requirements were once tied to serving during a wartime conflict. But when Congress started adding so many different war times to the list, the Legion decided to simplify its requirements.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars requires veterans or active duty personal to had served in a foreign conflict or combat zone with a campaign medal or badge or having received hostile fire pay and have a honorable discharge, if applicable, to meet the requirements for membership.

The bottom line is, in essence, both organizations share the common goal of supporting veterans, the VFW's focus on overseas combat service distinguishes it from the broader membership of the American Legion.

→ HERE'S THE SCOOP

“GRUNT” vs “POG”

In military slang, "Grunt" and "POG" (or "pogue") represent contrasting roles, with "grunt" referring to infantry or combat arms personnel, while "POG" (Person Other than Grunt) denotes those in non-combat support roles.

Approximately 15% of the total active and reserve Marines are in the infantry.

Now You Know The Rest Of The Story!

SICK CALL:

Our thoughts and prayers go out to our Detachment's Marines: Gary Insley, 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.
- Most Thursday from 1000 – 1200 hours, we have an informal working party to make improvements to our headquarters. Please check with me if you are planning to show up to see if there's a planned working party.

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,

SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH.








You need to be ready to cope with and survive emergencies or disasters that often strike our area. Among many things, preparedness includes emergency plans, emergency supplies, and possible evacuation routes. Extensive heat, floods, power outages, thunderstorms, tornados, all provide us with a challenge. But in our neck of the woods, the big bad wolf is the HURRICANE!



As we live through the peak of our hurricane season, it is important that we remain alert. Stay informed about coming storms. The National Weather System and FEMA provide early warnings, but our local weather watchers effectively keep us aware of what is brewing.

Plan ahead. Ensure that you have effective communication with your loved ones about what to do for a coming storm. Decide on a suitable shelter if you are staying in place but also plan on what evacuation routes are available for use.

Build and maintain an emergency kit. Update it yearly. Whether staying or going, certain things are critical:

-  A minimum of 3 days' supply of water and non-perishable food.
 -  2 weeks' supply of prescription medicines (pharmacies may be closed or without power).
 -  Battery powered or hand crank powered radio.
 -  Flashlight with extra batteries.
 -  First-aid kit.
 -  Whistle (to sound for help).
 -  If evacuating, include hand sanitizer, cash, plastic tarp, blankets/sleeping bags, trash bags, and changes of clothes.
- Remember the five P's - Prior Planning Prevents Poor Performance! (Ha! You thought I was going to say the six P's, didn't you?)

Mental Health Day -- Your overall health includes both your physical wellbeing and your mental state. The City of Chesapeake is hosting a Military and Veterans Community Wellness Day on September 27, from 0800-1400, at the Chesapeake Conference Center. Co-sponsors include the City of Chesapeake Integrated Behavioral Healthcare, Post 280 of the American Legion, and the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

The subjects will cover many areas, including how your financial wellness impacts your mental health, coping with stress, suicide prevention, and the availability of local resources. As an added benefit, lunch will be provided. To register for the event, log on to [MVCWDSept25.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mvcwd-sept-25-2019-tickets-54444444444).

NEED A RIDE TO THE DOCTORS? -- I-RIDE, a service from the Peninsula Agency on Aging, offers rides to and from local VA clinics ... at no charge ... to veterans age 60 and over. The clinics include those in Portsmouth, Chesapeake, Virginia Beach, and the newest one, the North Battlefield VA Clinic at 70 Knells Ridge Blvd, Chesapeake. You can book your ride at (757) 461-9481. **Make the appointment today!**

Semper Fi!
David Weber

ADJUTANT'S MESSAGE

MARINES,

MARINES, CHESAPEAKE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
DETACHMENT 853
MINUTES OF 28 AUGUST 2025 MEETING

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

Roll Call: 6 members present including 3 elected officers and a member from NC Detachment 1070:

Joe Hoadley, Commandant

Ed Pearia, Senior Vice Commandant

David Weber, Judge Advocate

Bill Fogle, Adjutant

Tim Lyman

Dana Lortie, Detachment 1070

Minutes of July meeting were distributed. Motion was made that they be approved. Motion was seconded and approved.

Paymasters Report was distributed. Motion was made that they be approved. Motion was seconded and approved

The Commandant announced he will be attending a Chesapeake Jubilee meeting on 3 September 2025 at 1600 hours; Christmas Parade arraignments are being made and discussed the possibility of the Detachment having a Challenge Coin minted.

The Senior Vice Commandant stated that the Postal Service will now notify the Detachment when Detachment mail is being delivered and also distributed copies of the Battlefield Park South Proposed Park Improvements for our review; he announced that the Mideast Division Adjutant has requested that our Detachment submit articles and photos to the Mideast Division Bulletin Editor, Patti Leib, now and in future, "heralding the endeavors of our Detachment". The Senior Vice Commandant also stated he emailed two articles and photos to the Editor as requested and has added her to the Detachment's newsletter email list.

It was agreed that our Detachment would provide a \$500.00 sponsorship for the Children's Golf Tournament to be held, 9 October 2025, at the Broad Bay Country Club at 1120 hours.

The Judge Advocate announced the City of Chesapeake is hosting a Military and Veterans Community Wellness Day on September 27, from 0800-1400 hours and Thanksgiving Baskets would be distributed on 15 November 2025; Details on the Thanksgiving baskets to be announced in the September newsletter.

On the behalf of member, Keli Martin, Senior Vice Commandant discussed the possibility of our Detachment participating in the distribution of School Baskets for the children of Marine and military families. It was agreed that it would be under consideration for next year's budget.

The Commandant 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, 25 SEPTEMBER, 1900 HOURS

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- 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
- 15 November ~ Marine Corps 250th Birthday Ball – Saturday, 1800 – 0000 Hours; VA Beach
- 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



ATTENTION ON DECK!
2025 MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY BALL
SATURDAY, 15 NOVEMBER 2025
1800 - 0000 HOURS

250th U.S. Marine Corps Birthday Ball

Marine Air Control Squadron 24/Company A, 4th AAV Bn

Squadron Commanding Officer
 LtCol Jeremy Davis

Guest of Honor
 TBD

Social Hour 6:00 pm
 Ceremony 7:00 pm
 Dinner 8:00 pm
 Dancing 10:00 pm
 Conclusion 12:00 am

Hotel Reservation Link



Double Tree by Hilton
 615 Atlantic Ave
 Virginia Beach, VA 23451

**Ticket Purchases must be made
 via cash or Navy Federal transfer
 to Hampton Roads Marine Fund
 via (carey.edwards@usmc.mil)**

***Cannot accept payment via PayPal,
 CashApp, Venmo, etc*
 **provide or email GySgt Edwards full name of
 guest(s) after ticket purchase****

	Until 30 Sept	After 30 Sept
E1 – E3	\$80	\$85
E4 – E5	\$90	\$95
E6 – O6	\$100	\$105

all guests cost same as host member

Ball Gift



Dinner: Buffet with three entrée options (Beef, Chicken, Veggie) and three salad options (Caesar, Pasta, Tomato and Mozzarella)
 (All you can eat)

Photography will be available. Prices to be pushed at later date

Marines: Mess Dress, Dress Blue "A" or
 equivalent for other services

Civilian: Black Tie

Saturday, November 15, 2025
Virginia Beach Convention Center
1000 19th Street
Virginia Beach, VA 23451

Questions may be directed to:
 SgtMaj Bolt, Brandon
 GySgt Edwards, Carey

MILITARY AND VETERANS COMMUNITY WELLNESS DAY

Saturday, September 27 · 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Chesapeake Conference Center



WHAT TO EXPECT



**INFORMATION
SESSIONS**



**RESOURCE
TABLES**



**COMMUNITY &
CONNECTION**

Chesapeake
VIRGINIA
Integrated Behavioral Healthcare



VA  U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs

To register for the event, scan the QR code below!



<https://MVCWDSept25.eventbrite.com>

Chesapeake
VIRGINIA



HONORING THOSE WHO SERVED
VETERANS BREAKFAST

**The 16th Annual
MAYOR'S BREAKFAST TO HONOR VETERANS**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2025
8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.**

CHESAPEAKE CONFERENCE CENTER
700 CONFERENCE CENTER DRIVE
CHESAPEAKE, VA 23320

★ **Preregistration Required ♦ Seating is limited** ★

WWW.CITYOFCHESAPEAKE.NET/VETERANS



JOIN MAYOR RICK WEST AND OUR CITY'S PROUD VETERANS,
FOR THIS SPECIAL TIME AND TRIBUTE TO HONOR OUR MILITARY HEROES
FOR THEIR SERVICE AND SACRIFICE.

BREAKFAST IS FREE ♦ DONATIONS ARE WELCOME

Points of Contact:

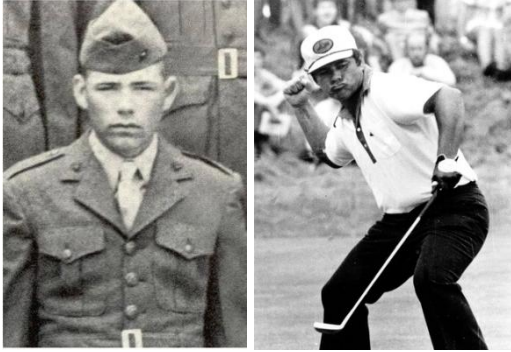
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DID YOU KNOW.....

Golfer, Lee Trevino, winner of three national titles: the British Open, the U.S. Open and the Canadian Open, was a Marine?



When Trevino was 17, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. From 1956 to 1960, he served as a machine gunner, 0331, in the 3rd Marine Division. His love of golf did not wane, and he continued to play the sport with other Marines who were also avid golfers. During his time in Asia, he participated in many Armed Forces tournaments along with fellow Marine and professional golfer Orville Moody. Trevino was discharged from the 3rd Marine Division as a corporal.

VA



U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs

August 4, 2025

VA Offers Yearlong Community Care Authorizations For 30 Services

WASHINGTON — The Department of Veterans Affairs today announced it will improve Veterans' access to health care by extending the length of new VA community care authorizations to one year for 30 standardized types of care.

The change means Veterans referred by VA to community care for eligible standardized types of care will receive 12 full months of uninterrupted treatment at VA expense before having to obtain a VA reauthorization.

Veterans will benefit from uninterrupted access to essential specialty services, allowing them to focus more on their health and less on navigating administrative requirements. Community providers will be empowered to manage care with fewer administrative barriers and greater flexibility.

Prior to the change announced today, some VA community care specialty referrals were reevaluated every 90 to 180 days, increasing the likelihood of interrupted or delayed care.

“No Veteran should have their health care disrupted by red tape,” said VA Secretary Doug Collins. “This change means better continuity of care, which leads to better health outcomes. It also improves convenience for Veterans and cuts administrative work for VA staff and community care partners.”

With today's announcement, VA is now offering year-long community care authorizations for the following standardized types of care:

- Cardiology
- Dermatology
- Endocrinology
- Neurology and Otology
- Otolaryngology or ENT
- Gastroenterology
- Urogynecology
- Addiction Psychiatry Outpatient

- Family & Couples Psychotherapy Outpatient
- Mental Health Outpatient
- Nephrology
- Neurology
- Nutrition Intervention Services
- Oncology and Hematology
- Neuro-Ophthalmology
- Oculoplastic
- Eye Care Examination
- Optometry Routine
- Orthopedic Hand
- Orthopedic General
- Orthopedic Spine
- Pain Management
- Podiatry
- Podiatry DS
- Addiction Medicine Outpatient
- Pulmonary
- Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (Physiatry)
- Rheumatology
- Sleep Medicine
- Urology

Veterans are encouraged to contact their local VA Medical Center Community Care Office for questions to see how these new updates may affect their care.

VETERANS IN CRISIS OR CONCERNED ABOUT ONE? 24/7, CONFIDENTIAL CRISIS SUPPORT FOR VETERANS AND THEIR LOVED ONES

BE THE ONE

To ASK veterans in your life how they are doing

To LISTEN when a veteran needs to talk

To REACH OUT when a veteran is struggling



TEXT: 838255

Chat Online: <https://www.veteranscrisisline.net/get-help-now/chat/>

FROM THE OBSERVATION POST



“Strength does not come from physical capacity.

It comes from an indomitable will.” - *Mahatma Gandhi*

The Marine Corps instills upon its Marines the indomitable will to succeed on the battlefield and in life.

Marine^{CORPS}**Times**

By Riley Cede

August 5, 2025

Future Destroyer To Be Named After Marine Medal Of Honor Recipient



The Navy contracted a new Arleigh Burke-class destroyer that is set to be named after a Marine who received the Medal of Honor for saving a fellow service member's life, Navy Secretary John Phelan announced Monday.

The destroyer Kyle Carpenter will be named after Cpl. Kyle Carpenter, who on Nov. 21, 2010, shielded another Marine from a grenade blast by throwing his body in front of the explosive. Carpenter was severely wounded as a result but managed to survive.

“In 2010, Cpl. Carpenter went above and beyond the call of duty to shield a fellow Marine from a grenade blast in Afghanistan,” Phelan wrote. “May this warship represent his valor, resilience and devotion to our Nation.”

Former Navy Secretary Carlos Del Toro announced the arrival of the destroyer Kyle Carpenter in January.

Carpenter was serving with the 2nd Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment, at the time of the blast.

Along with two reinforced Marine squads, and partnered with an Afghan National Army squad, Carpenter was in a small village in the Marjah District of Afghanistan. Coalition forces were shielding the local population from enemy activity, according to Carpenter's Medal of Honor citation.

MARINE CORPS SCOUT DOGS



PART TWO

KOREAN WAR

The first Marine Corps Scout dog teams arrived in Korea in the early years of the war. Initially, their roles were experimental and limited, but the effectiveness of the teams quickly became apparent. Scout dogs were deployed with Marine infantry units, often at the front of reconnaissance patrols or leading columns through unfamiliar terrain. Their primary mission was to detect enemy ambushes, infiltrators, and hidden dangers before Marines stumbled into them.

In the dense forests, rice paddies, and mountain passes of Korea, visibility was often poor and the threat of sudden attack ever-present. Scout dogs could smell or sense enemy soldiers waiting in ambush, tripwires stretched across paths, or the faintest traces of explosives buried underground. By silently alerting their handlers, these dogs frequently saved Marine patrols from disaster.

Accounts from the Korean War are filled with stories of canine courage. In one instance, a Scout dog named "Chips" led his patrol to the discovery of a concealed North Korean machine-gun nest, allowing the Marines to prepare for the attack and avoid casualties. In another, a dog named "King" halted suddenly on a night patrol, alerting his handler to a tripwire connected to an explosive booby trap. Such acts of quiet bravery became legendary among those who served with the Scout dog teams.

Despite their value, Scout dogs and their handlers faced significant hardships. The Korean climate—with its freezing winters and sweltering summers—was tough on both humans and animals. Medical facilities for dogs were limited in the field, and handlers often improvised treatments for injuries and illnesses. The attachment between handlers and their dogs also led to emotional strain, especially when a dog was wounded or killed in action. Additionally, integrating dog teams into traditional Marine units sometimes met with skepticism from commanders unfamiliar with the capabilities of Scout dogs. However, as their effectiveness became evident, attitudes shifted, and requests for dog teams increased throughout the conflict.

The experiences in Korea led to important changes in the way the Marine Corps and the wider US military approached the use of working dogs. Training methods were refined, logistical support improved, and the scope of their roles expanded. The lessons learned in WWII and Korea paved the way for even greater reliance on canine teams in later conflicts, such as Vietnam, Iraq, and Afghanistan.

Marine Corps Scout dogs of the Korean War are today commemorated in military memorials, museums, and reunion events. Their contribution, long overshadowed by the exploits of human warriors, is increasingly recognized by historians and veterans alike. Through oral histories, records, and personal accounts, the stories of these loyal animals are preserved for future generations.

The history of Marine Corps Scout dogs in the Korean War was one of partnership, courage, and sacrifice. These intelligent and loyal animals not only provided a tactical edge on the battlefield but also formed deep, unbreakable bonds with their handlers. Their legacy endures a testament to the enduring power of trust and teamwork—even across the boundaries of species—in the most trying of circumstances.





THE MARINES



“Partial Commitment Changes Everything — it reduces the sense that the mission comes first. From my first days, I had been taught that the Marines were satisfied only with 100 percent commitment from us and were completely dissatisfied with 99 percent. You can’t have an elite organization if you look the other way when someone craps out on you.”

- ***General James Norman Mattis***

Saepe Expertus, Semper Fidelis, Fratres Aeterni

"Often Tested, Always Faithful, Brothers Forever"

