

**MCL 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."

MCL**MARINE CORPS LEAGUE****CHESAPEAKE DETACHMENT 853****Meetings**

4th Thursday of the month – 7 pm
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Chaplin:	Dana Lortie
Adjutant:	David Weber
Sargeant of Arms:	Vincent Amos
Quartermaster:	David Perdue

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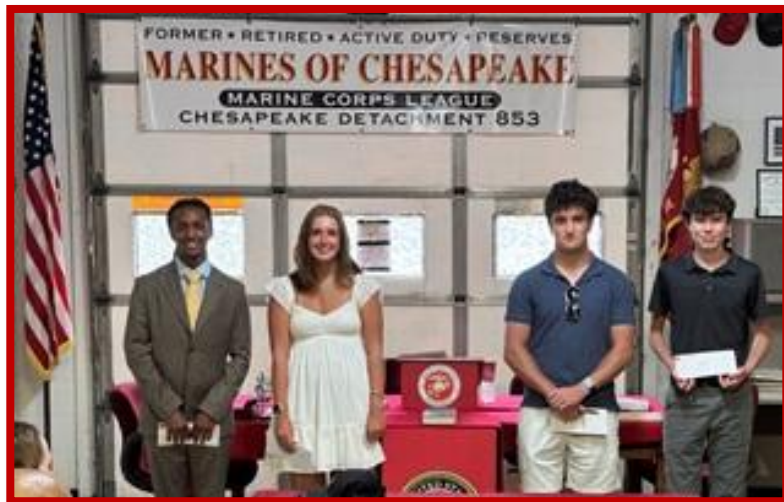
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VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT

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DETACHMENT 853

ChesapeakeMCL.com

**Detachment 853 2026 College Scholarship Recipients**

Scholarship Recipients Left to Right:

Zayvion Gaines, Carleigh Gaines, Owen Johnson, Jacob Spenser

On July 23, 2026, Chesapeake Detachment 853 presented \$500 scholarship checks to four exceptional college-bound high school students to help cover last-minute expenses for dorm move-in, books, and supplies.



AFTER ACTION REPORT – JULY 2026

During the month of July, Detachment 853:

- Held monthly detachment meeting
- Received monetary and material donations from life members
- Held quarterly Trustee meeting
- Filed annual 990-N form with the IRS
- Presented checks to the 2026 Detachment 853 scholarship recipients
- Met with Chesapeake Parks & Recreation's Director
- Replaced 4 sets of window blinds and one window AC unit.
- Sandblasted and primed Detachment's "Flag Box"
- Retired damaged American flags



DETACHMENT 853 COMMUNIQUE

COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE

MARINES,

Building Update - Last month, David Weber and I met with the Director of Chesapeake Parks and Recreation for an update on the Detachment's building at 116 Reservation Road. The city does not anticipate beginning interior renovations for another 18 months to two years, giving the Detachment ample time to clear the attic and remove unnecessary clutter inside the building. In the meantime, Parks and Recreation will be focused on moving the Great Bridge Rowing Club to the park and building storage facilities to house the club's boats. The club, currently located at the Atlantic Yacht Basin farther down the canal, must leave that site by year-end. The relocation cannot begin until Parks and Recreation receives approval from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Life Member Willie Bradshaw - Willie celebrated his 99th birthday in June, making him the Detachment's oldest member. Last month, he also made a generous monetary donation for the Detachment to use where needed. Thank you, Willie! Oorah!

Donations - In addition to Willie's donation, Joe Hoadley and I each donated a window AC unit, and David Weber donated and installed four new window blinds at the Detachment's CP.

Flag Box - At the Detachment's request, the city sandblasted and primed our flag collection box on Friday, July 31. Repainting will begin on Saturday, August 1, and new decals will be added later in the month.

Best Wishes to our members who have birthdays this month. HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
Stay Safe.

Semper Fi!

Ed Pearia

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SR VICE COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE

MARINES,

One of the last things said at a regular meeting requests you to secure new members.

How do you do that?

First, you need to understand the types of memberships and what the requirements are for membership.

As of 2024-

Membership within the Marine Corps League (MCL) is classified as REGULAR member; ASSOCIATE member; and HONORARY member. The criteria for 'regular membership' changed during the 2021 MCL National Convention, in Springfield, IL. The criteria for each category of membership is posted below – copied verbatim from the MCL National bylaws.

Section 515. Categories of Membership

a. Regular Membership. Only the following may be regular members of the MCL:

(1) Marines who are serving or have served honorably* in the United States Marine Corps or the United States Marine Corps Reserve;

(2) U.S. Navy Personnel who are serving or have served honorably* in the United States Navy and who have trained with Marine FMF units in excess of ninety (90) days and earned the Marine Corps device (clasp) worn on the Service Ribbon, (i.e.: Southwest Asia Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, etc.) or (ii) earned the Fleet Marine Force Enlisted Warfare Specialist Device (FMFEWS) (1 Oct 2006 to present) or the Fleet Marine Force Officer (FMFQO) Insignia (1 Jan 2006 to present) which must be noted on the

DD214 form. An Award of the Fleet Marine Force Ribbon (FMF Ribbon) (1 Sept 1984-30 Sept 2006), the FMFEWS or FMFQO may serve as prima facie evidence of eligibility. (Rev 2021)

Note * - “Served Honorably” is determined by the last DD Form 214 or certificate of discharge that the applicant received. A General Discharge under Honorable Conditions is acceptable.

b. Associate Member. Those individuals not qualified for regular membership in the Marine Corps League who espouse the principles and purposes of the Marine Corps League as contained in its Congressional charter and meet the criteria in Section 515(b)(1) below may upon application to a Detachment be accepted for associate membership in the Marine Corps League. Upon acceptance, associate members will pay dues in the same amount as prescribed for regular members, including initiation fees.

(1) Enrollment Criteria

(a) Individuals must have reached the statutory minimum age for enlistment into the Armed Forces of the United States;

(b) Individuals may join who have never served in a branch of the Armed Forces of the United States;

(c) Individuals who are serving or have served honorably in other branches of the Armed Forces of the United States;

(2) Join Detachment. Individuals applying for associate membership must join a Marine Corps League Detachment only. Associate members can not directly join the Marine Corps League as a “Member at Large.”

(3) Rights. Associate members shall be entitled to the rights, privileges, and benefits of a regular member unless otherwise prohibited as listed paragraphs 515(b)(4) and (5) below.

(4) Voting

(a) Associate members shall not vote on a regular or associate membership application;

(b) Associate members shall not participate in the nomination process and/or voting for elected officers; and

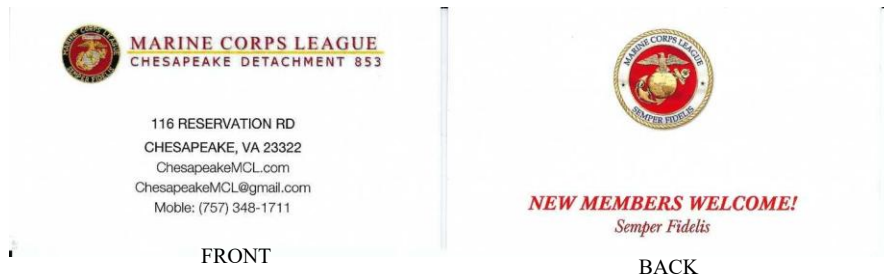
(c) A Department or Detachment, by provisions in the bylaws and/or administrative procedures, may allow an Associate Member to vote on its internal affairs if such vote does not affect a policy of the Marine Corps League, such as Bylaws or Bylaw changes.

(5) Elected Office. Associate members shall not hold an elective office.



c. Honorary Member. Detachments, Departments, and the National Headquarters may, at the discretion of the respective commandant, issue honorary membership to those persons who have been of extraordinary service to the Nation, the United States Marine Corps, or the Marine Corps League. The honorary member will not be entitled to the rights, privileges, and benefits available to a regular or associate member. A suitable certificate will be issued to honor the occasion by the organization making the award. Payment of dues or initiation fees is not required; however, an honorary member will not be entitled to the official publication of the Marine Corps League except as directed by the National Board of Trustees or paid subscription. All "Honorary Memberships" are for a one-year period only and must be renewed each year by the Detachment, Department, or National.

Our commandant Ed Pearia has had cards made up for the members to hand out to any Marines that might be interested in joining our detachment. Get with him, and he will provide them to you.



Semper Fi!

David Perdue

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JUDGE ADVOCATE'S MESSAGE

MARINES,

PREVENTIVE HEALTH MONTH

As we wind up our summer adventures, August is a good month to review preventive health measures. We must always be proactive in maintaining good health.

Areas for review include:

- If it has been over 6 months since your last visit to your physician. Schedule a medical checkup for yourself. A thorough exam and targeted lab tests can avoid bigger problems later.
- Have your physician carefully review your vaccinations for possible updating.
- If it has been over a year since your last visit to your eye doctor, have your vision checked. That may explain changes in your vision or those occasional headaches.
- Continue using sunscreen when outdoors; you can get too much exposure even on cloudy days (especially near the water).
- Continue using DEET bug repellent if you venture afield.
- Check your house for trip hazards, both inside and out.
- When working or playing hard, be sure to take occasional rest periods. Fatigue will increase the chance of accidents or mistakes in judgement.
- Maintain a healthy diet and continue to exercise regularly.



Take better care of yourself, and you'll survive another year.
Live long and prosper!

Semper Fi!

David Weber

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CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

MARINES,

Undoubtedly, you have heard the old adage, "*Don't ask for patience because you will find yourself in plenty of circumstances where your patience will be tested.*" The reality is that the struggles and circumstances of life roll over us much like waves crashing on the beach. As someone once said, "Life comes at you fast." You can approach this reality with tight fists and a warrior's mentality, fighting against the uncertainties of life. But such an approach is not conducive to enjoying the life with which you have been blessed. Instead, you will always be on guard, anxious about what is going to happen next. God calls us to approach life from a different perspective--remembering God who created all that there is, including you and me, and who has plans for us that are good, to give us a future and hope.

Rather than praying for patience, the Apostle Paul invites us to join him in praying that we will be strengthened with all God's glorious power so that we will have all the endurance and patience we need. Colossians 1:11. We live in anticipation of the day when the kingdoms of this world will become the Kingdom of our God-- when God's reign will make all things new. We are assured that the day will arrive. In the meantime, again with Paul, we wait with eager hope for the day when God will give our full rights, and as we look forward to something we don't yet have, we wait patiently and confidently. Romans 8:23,25.

Lord,

Strengthen us with your glorious power so that we will have the endurance and patience we need to navigate this day and every day of our lives. Thank you that Your plans for us are good. to give us a future and hope. Enable us to wait patiently and confidently as You make all things new. Amen.

Prayer List:

Our thoughts and prayers go out to our Detachment's Marines: William Sweeney Sr, Mike Jeannotte, Wayne Smith, Wilmont "Griff" Griffin, Pete Harris, Jen Edinger, and all members and their families that are dealing with health issues or the life challenges in their lives.

Semper Fi!

Rev. Dana Lortie

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MSgt (Ret)



QUARTERMASTER'S MESSAGE

MARINES,



At the Detachment, we try to keep a number of the official Marine Corps League red covers and Eagle globe and anchor emblems available for our members. We also have a selection of red embroidered, polo shirts in various sizes.

Prices:

- The Marine Corps League cover without emblem: \$35
- Eagle, globe, and anchor emblem: \$7.
- Embroidered polo shirts: \$30.

We do not mark up prices. In fact, the Detachment absorbs the shipping costs from National. The Semper Fi store sells embroidered polo shirts for \$45, and they are not specific to our Detachment. I currently buy the EGA cover emblems at the Camp Elmore Marine Corps Exchange for about \$3 less than what the Semper Fi store is selling them. We have a bunch of MCL ribbons if you need them.

If there is anything that you need ordered from the Semper Fi store at National, you can either go through me or you can order items for yourself.

Note - The only required item for a uniform is the red Marine Corps League cover. The website for the Semper Fi store is: <https://the-semper-fi-store.myshopify.com/>

Semper Fi!

David Perdue

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



HEADS UP!
DETACHMENT MEETING
THURSDAY, 27 AUGUST 1900 HOURS



UPCOMING EVENTS

CHESAPEAKE DETACHMENT DATES TO REMEMBER:

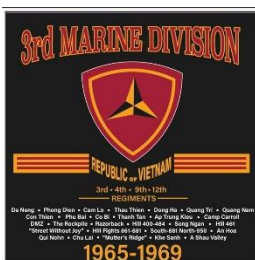
- 04 July ~ Fourth of July
- 23 July ~ Detachment Members' Meeting, Thursday, 1900 Hours
- 23 July ~ Trustee Meeting;
- 27 August ~ Detachment Members' Meeting, Thursday, 1900 Hours
- 19 September ~ Chesapeake Mayor's Veterans Breakfast, 0800 Hours
- 24 September ~ Detachment Members' Meeting, Thursday, 1900 Hours
- October ~ Trustee Meeting; Date & Time To Be Decided (TBD)
- 22 October ~ Detachment Members' Meeting, Thursday, 1900 Hours
- 10 November ~ Marine Corps Birthday
- 11 November ~ Veterans Day
- 21 November Detachment Members' Meeting, Saturday, 0900 Hours (Prep Thanksgiving Baskets)
- 7 December ~ Detachment Dinner / Installation of 2027 Officers
- 19 December Detachment Member Meeting, Saturday, 0900 Hours (Prep Christmas Baskets)

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT MCL DATES TO REMEMBER:

- 9-10 October ~ MCL VA Department Fall Meeting; Winchester, VA

NATIONAL MCL DATES TO REMEMBER:

- 15 August ~ 2026 National Convention, Indianapolis, IN



Vietnam Era 3rd Marine Division T-Shirts

Sizes: XL and 2XL

\$18.00 each



If interested, contact Jake Peters

jakey.peters@proton.me



FORMER CHAIRMAN, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

General Colin Powell's Thoughts On Leadership

THOUGHT #11

"Fit no stereotypes. Don't chase the latest management fads. The situation dictates which approach best accomplishes the team's mission."

"Flitting from fad to fad creates team confusion, reduces the leader's credibility, and drains organizational coffers. Blindly following a particular fad generates rigidity in thought and action. Sometimes speed to market is more important than total quality. Sometimes an unapologetic directive is more appropriate than participatory discussion. Some situations require the leader to hover closely; others require long, loose leashes. Leaders honor their core values, but they are flexible in how they execute them. They understand that management techniques are not magic mantras but simply tools to be reached for at the right times.

To Be Continued...



THIS MONTH IN HISTORY:



1 August 1944 - After nine days of fighting in a battle termed "the perfect amphibious operation of World War II," MajGen Harry Schmidt, commander of V Amphibious Corps, declared the island of Tinian secured. The combination of surprise, heavy preassault bombardment, and effective logistical support was responsible for Tinian's recapture with a much lower casualty rate (344 killed and 1550 wounded) than had been experienced in previous landings.

2 August 1990 - On this day, Iraq invaded Kuwait, within two days the country was fully occupied.

3 August 1950 - Eight Corsairs of VMF-214, the famed "Black Sheep" squadron of World War II, launched from the USS SICILY and executed the first Marine aviation mission in the Korean War in a raid against enemy installations near Inchon. After the F4Us delivered their incendiary bombs and rockets on their targets, the Marines concluded their greeting to the Communist troops with a series of strafing runs.

7 August 1990 - President Bush ordered U.S. military aircraft and troops to Saudi Arabia as part of a multinational force to defend that nation against possible Iraqi invasion. One week later the Marine Corps announced the commitment of 45,000 troops to the Persian Gulf area as part of Operation Desert Shield which would become the largest deployment of U.S. forces since the Vietnam War.

9 August 1942 - With the Guadalcanal airstrip secure after heavy fighting with the Japanese, the 1st Engineer Battalion commenced work on the runway using captured equipment. Three days later, on 12 August, the first plane landed on Henderson Field, a Navy PBY which evacuated two wounded Marines. Nearly 3,000 wounded Marines would be evacuated from Henderson Field during the battle.

14 August 1950 - Each year on August 14th, National Navajo Code Talkers Day honors the contributions of the Native Americans who brought their unique abilities to the World War II effort. The day also highlights their impact on U.S. code and the Native American language that made it possible.

17 August 1942 - Just prior to dawn, the 2d Marine Raider Battalion under LtCol Evans F. Carlson landed on Makin Island from the submarines NAUTILUS and ARGONAUT. The next day the Marines left the island after destroying a seaplane base, two radio stations, a supply warehouse, and killing about 100 Japanese soldiers.

21 August 1968 - PFC James Anderson, Jr., was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor by Secretary of the Navy, Paul R. Ignatius, for heroism in Vietnam while serving as a rifleman with Company F, 2d Battalion, 3d Marines in February 1967. This was the first Medal of Honor presented to an African American Marine. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Anderson, Sr., received the award during ceremonies at Marine Barracks, 8th and I.

23 August 1984 - The last Marines to serve peace-keeping duty in Lebanon arrived home. The 24th Marine Amphibious Unit (MAU) arrived off the coast of Lebanon on 9 April to relieve Marines of the 22d MAU who were guarding the U.S. Embassy in Beirut. The 24th MAU left Beirut on 31 July, marking the last presence of U.S. combat troops in Beirut since Marines entered almost two years earlier.

24 August 1814 - Captain Samuel Miller's 100-man detachment from Marine Barracks, Washington, fought in the battle of Bladensburg for the defense of the national capital. After helping to fight back three British charges, Captain Miller was wounded and the enemy began to work around both flanks of the American force. Almost encircled, the force of sailors and Marines was forced to retire to avoid capture. The Marines lost 8 killed and 14 wounded.



DEPT OF VIRGINIA BRIEFING



- Former Department Paymaster John Clickener passed away on July 10 following a prolonged period of health challenges. A longtime Honor Guard member, he helped develop many National MCL guidelines now used by Honor Guards across the country. He also co-founded the nonprofit Operation Purple Heart Truck (OPHT) after Herb Delbridge, who established the rolling memorial, passed away several years ago. There will be a Celebration of Life Service held on Saturday August 1st @ 2:00 pm at Cedarfield Retirement Community, 2300 Cedarfield Pkwy, Richmond, VA 23233.
- Virginia Department Fall Meeting October 9-10 at Winchester, Virginia
- Membership Expires 31 August. **Renew Today with Detachment Paymaster.**
- VA Caregiver Program Materials and Resources **VA Caregiver Support Program (CSP):**
VA Caregiver Support Line: (1-855-260-3274)
 VA Caregiver Support Program Website: <https://www.caregiver.va.gov/>
 VA Caregiver video: [Caregiver Resources in 2 \(Caregiver Support Teams\)](#)
 Spanish Translated Self-Care Live Webinar: [Registration](#)

Elizabeth Dole Foundation (EDF)Website: <https://www.elizabethdolefoundation.org/>Contact us: <mailto:info@elizabethdolefoundation.org>Bob Hope Critical Financial Assistance Program: [Learn more or apply](#)The Academy for Inclusive Care: [Training \(1.25 CME Credits Available\)](#)
[Face the Fight](#)[Mental Wellness Framework, Book Club, Workshops, and Care Groups](#)
[EDF Connect](#)**Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS)**Website: <https://www.taps.org/>

TAPS 24/7 Helpline: 202-588-TAPS (8277)

The Caregiver to Survivor Grief Journey: <https://www.taps.org/caregiver>Research Conducted by TAPS: <https://www.taps.org/research>Learn more about TAPS 2025 Impact: <https://www.taps.org/impact/2025>Learn more about TAPS resources: <https://www.taps.org/resources/>Connect with TAPS via online form: <https://www.taps.org/jointaps>

NATIONAL MCL BRIEFING



- **15 August ~ 2026 National Convention, Indianapolis, IN.**
- **34 Proposed Changes to the MCL National Bylaws (NBL) and the National Admin Procedures (NAP) will be voted on during the convention.**



THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

VA BENEFITS CLAIMS CLINIC

FREE ADMISSION

TO ALL VETERANS, SURVIVORS, DEPENDENTS, AND FAMILY MEMBERS

MCL membership is NOT required

DATES	TIME	LOCATION
Monday-Friday August 10-14, 2026	8:00 AM-4:00 PM Each Day	Wyndham Indianapolis Airport Hotel International Boardroom

2544 Executive Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46241

Meet one-on-one with accredited Veterans Service Officers and
representatives from VA Indianapolis Regional Office for no-cost claims and benefits guidance.

BOOK THROUGH VERA — MEET US AT THE CONVENTION

Schedule through the Indianapolis VA Regional Office, then report to the
Claims Clinic at the convention.

1. Scan the QR code.
2. Select the Indianapolis VA Regional Office.
3. Choose an available appointment from August 12-14.
4. At your scheduled time, report to the International Boardroom.

VA WILL NOT BE ON SITE ON 8/10 OR 8/11.

DO NOT REPORT TO THE REGIONAL OFFICE.

YOUR APPOINTMENT WILL BE HELD AT THE CONVENTION.

**SCAN TO
SCHEDULE**



VERA Appointment Scheduler

HOW WE CAN HELP

- Start or update a VA disability compensation claim
- Review VA decisions, correspondence, and evidence
- Discuss claim status, next steps, and review options
- Address PACT Act and toxic-exposure questions
- Ask about survivor, dependent, and other VA benefits

WHAT TO BRING

- Government-issued photo identification
- DD-214 or other separation documents, if available
- Recent VA decision letters or claim correspondence
- Relevant medical records and supporting statements
- Dependent, survivor, or provider information, as applicable

ALSO AT THE CONVENTION: VA MOBILE CLINIC FOR COMPENSATION & PENSION EXAMS

Wednesday-Friday, August 12-14 • 8:00 AM-4:00 PM • Hotel Parking Lot

Exam availability is determined by VA

YOU SERVED.

LET US HELP YOU ACCESS THE BENEFITS YOU EARNED.

Bring copies when possible. Do not leave original irreplaceable documents.



FROM THE OBVERSATON POST



“Veterans carry a moral imperative long after they hang up their uniforms. The commitment to serve, to lead and to look out for one another doesn’t fade with time—it evolves”

- Barry A. Jesinoski, DAV National Adjutant



DID YOU KNOW.....

James Henry Webb Jr..... Published Author, a United States senator from Virginia, secretary of the Navy, assistant secretary of defense for reserve affairs, counsel for the United States House Committee on Veterans' Affairs is a Marine Officer?



After graduating from the Naval Academy, Webb was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps. Attending the Marine Corps Officer Basic School shortly after leaving Annapolis, he graduated first in his class. He was promoted to first lieutenant in the second half of his tour in Vietnam. He served as a platoon commander with Delta Company, 1st Battalion 5th Marines. He was awarded the Navy Cross for heroism in Vietnam, Webb also was awarded the Silver Star, two Bronze Stars, and two Purple Hearts

Enlistment: 1968-1972; Webb retired as a Captain

**VA**U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs**NEWS**

VA URGENT CARE

Getting urgent care at VA or in-network community providers

If you're an eligible Veteran, you can get urgent care at VA medical centers and in-network urgent care providers near you. Use urgent care for minor injuries and illnesses that aren't life-threatening—like strep throat, sprained muscles, and skin and ear infections. Keep reading on this page to find out how to get urgent care.

Eligibility for urgent care

You can get urgent care at VA medical centers and in-network community providers, if both of these descriptions are true for you:

- You're a Veteran enrolled in VA health care, **and**
- You received care at a VA or in-network provider in the past 24 months (2 years)

To check your eligibility, contact your local VA health facility. Or call us at 800-698-2411 (TTY: 711). Select option 1, then option 3, then option 1.

Note: Your family members can't use your urgent care benefit.

Covered urgent care services

We cover urgent care services at VA medical centers as well as in-network urgent care centers and walk-in retail health clinics. You don't need to get a referral before you get urgent care.

These are examples of covered services:

- Care for minor injuries and illnesses (like strep throat, pink eye, sprained muscles, and skin and ear infections)
- Diagnostic services like X-rays and some types of lab tests
- Some types of medicines and vaccines

Note: If you think your life or health is in danger, call 911 or go to the nearest emergency room.

What to bring with you to a community urgent care provider

- A valid, government-issued photo ID, **and**
- A copy of the VA urgent care billing information card

What to do when you arrive at a community urgent care provider

- **Confirm that the provider is in our network.** Check for a posted sign or ask a staff member. If you go to an out-of-network urgent care provider, you may have to pay the full cost of care. By law, we can't pay claims for out-of-network providers.
- **Fill out the provider's intake form.**
- **Tell the provider you want to use your VA urgent care benefit.** Show the provider your urgent care billing information card. The provider will call the phone number for your region listed on the card to check your eligibility.
- **Don't pay a copay.**

NOTE: The in-network urgent care services at Urgent care facility in Chesapeake is **Patient First** located at **705 Battlefield Blvd. (757) 547-068**



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/>



- Anyone living in Chesapeake and needs a ride to our Detachment's meetings or activities, please contact us at ChesapeakeMCL@gmail.com or call or text one of our officers.
- 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!**



ATTENTION ON DECK!

MILITARY AND VETERANS' COMMUNITY WELLNESS DAY

Saturday, September 26th – 10:00 am -1:00 pm

Chesapeake Conference Center

DETACHMENT BIRTHDAYS FOR AUGUST:



Bill Brightwell ~ 08 August

Jean Dobrenko ~ 09 August

Robert Mayenchein ~ 31 August



OUR MARINE CORPS

LANCE CORPORAL



Overview: The Marine Corps is currently the only branch of the U.S. Armed Forces that uses the rank of lance corporal. It is the Corps' third enlisted rank, designated E-3, and serves as an important step in a Marine's development. At this level, Marines are expected to continue building technical proficiency while beginning to demonstrate stronger leadership skills.

Promotion and Advancement: Promotion to lance corporal is based on time in grade, time in service, and a Marine's conduct. Advancement to noncommissioned officer ranks, such as corporal and above, is competitive and takes each Marine's service record into account. Because every Military Occupational Specialty has a limited number of corporal and sergeant billets, promotion may be delayed even when a Marine meets the required score.

History of the Rank: Although lance corporal became a permanent Marine Corps rank in 1958, the title has a much longer history within the Corps.

- **1830s:** Marines used "lance corporal" and "lance sergeant" as informal billet titles for privates temporarily assigned higher responsibilities.
- **1930s:** Use of the informal appointment declined after the rank of Private First Class was created.
- **1958:** Congress amended the Career Compensation Act of 1949, officially establishing lance corporal as the E-3 rank between Private First Class (E-2) and corporal (E-4).



THE MARINES



**Captain Joe Foss: Marine Fighting Squadron 121, Marine Air Group 11,
1st Marine Aircraft Wing,**
tied for the top Marine Corps ace record with 26 enemy aircraft downed at
Guadalcanal, earning him a Medal of Honor.
Retired as Brigadier General

Saepe Expertus, Semper Fidelis, Fratres Aeterni

"Often Tested, Always Faithful, Brothers Forever"

