



# THE SCUTTLEBUTT

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## Calendar of Events

### April 2016

Apr 12<sup>th</sup> Tues 1830 Hrs.....VLG  
Apr 26<sup>th</sup> Tues 1830 Hrs.....VLG

### May 2016

May 8<sup>th</sup>.....Mother's Day  
May 10<sup>th</sup> Tues 1830 Hrs.....VLG  
May 21<sup>st</sup>.....Armed Forces Day  
May 24<sup>th</sup> Tues 1830 Hrs.....VLG  
May 30<sup>th</sup>.....Memorial Day

### June 2016

June 14<sup>th</sup> Tues 1830 Hrs.....VLG  
June 14<sup>th</sup>.....Flag Day  
June 19<sup>th</sup>.....Father's Day  
June 20<sup>th</sup>.....1<sup>st</sup> Day of Summer  
June 28<sup>th</sup> Tues 1830 Hrs.....VLG

## Quotable

My trust in God flows out of the experience of his loving me, day in and day out, whether the day is stormy or fair, whether I'm sick or in good health, whether I'm in a state of grace or disgrace. He comes to me where I live and loves me as I am. – Brennan Manning (1934-2013)

For me, every hour is grace. – Ellie Wiesel (Holocaust survivor, Nobel laureate)

I believe that a trusting attitude and a patient attitude go hand in hand. You see, when you let go and learn to trust God, it releases joy in your life. And when you trust God, you're able to be more patient. Patience is not just about waiting for something...it's about how you wait, or your attitude while waiting. – Joyce Meyer

This is the very perfection of a man; to find out his own imperfection. – Augustine (354-430 AD)

## Warrior's Witness

I'm sure you've heard the axiom "practice makes perfect". However, practice, which is simply repetition, makes permanent and does not make perfect, unless we practice perfectly. This is why our drill instructors made us practice close order drill, with seemingly endless repetition, until perfection was achieved and, indeed, we came as close to perfection as is humanly possible. Unfortunately, perfection is not humanly possible and we often exceeded the patience of our drill instructors and suffered their wrath.

When I became a Christian, I practiced Christianity. In other words, I thought being a Christian consisted of acting like Jesus. In the Marine Corps, I had the Marine Corps Manual, which told me how to perform my duty and, as a Christian, I had the Owner's Operating Manual (Bible) which told me how to act like Jesus. So I practiced acting like Jesus. But, I was wrong. The Bible is not a manual. The Bible tells us who Jesus is, not how to act like Him. No matter how much we practice, we cannot act like Jesus. We can only let Jesus live and love in and through us.

I also found that I was unable to overcome those bad habits I had practiced in my pre-Christian life. If difficulty loomed, I worried. If wronged, I became angry and there were many other sinful habits embedded in my flesh. This constant falling into old patterns, wherein I did not trust God and looked for my own ways to meet my needs, made me certain that I would wear out His patience and He would give up on me. But, it was not God who was giving up on me, it was I who was giving up on God. Yet, Romans 5:20 tells us that where sin abounds, grace much more abounds. We may wear out many people's patience, including our patience with ourselves. But, we cannot wear out God's grace.

Semper Frateri  
*Bud Strope*

*"For we do not want you to be uninformed brothers, about the hardships we suffered in the province of Asia. We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired even of life. Indeed, in our hearts we felt the sentence of death. But this happened that we might rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead. He has delivered us from deadly peril and He will deliver us. On Him we have set our hope that He will continue to deliver us..." II Corinthians 1:8~10*