



# THE SCUTTLEBUTT

Newsletter of Point Man - Piedmont Outpost

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## Calendar of Events

The Piedmont Outpost Veterans Life Group meets, at 1830 hours, at Goshen Glenn, on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays.

### January 2014

Jan 1<sup>st</sup> .....Happy New Year  
Jan 7<sup>th</sup> Tues 1830 Hrs.....VLG  
Jan 21<sup>st</sup> Tues 1830 Hrs.....VLG

### February 2014

Feb 4<sup>th</sup> Tues 1830 Hrs.....VLG  
Feb 14<sup>th</sup> .....Happy Valentine's Day  
Feb 18<sup>th</sup> Tues 1830 Hrs.....VLG

### March 2014

Mar 4<sup>th</sup> Tues 1830 Hrs.....VLG  
Mar 9<sup>th</sup> .....Daylight Saving Time Begins  
Mar 18<sup>th</sup> Tues 1830 Hrs.....VLG

## New Outpost

The Point Man Ministries, Union County Outpost is now meeting in Waxhaw, NC. Contact Art Spurr (704) 582-1541 or Kevin Tillet (704) 574-1987 for meeting details. Welcome aboard, brothers.

## Quotable

"Anyone who doesn't take truth seriously in small matters cannot be trusted in large ones either." – Albert Einstein (1879-1955)

"If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything." - Mark Twain (1835-1910)

"People try to make truth complicated, like the workings of a Swiss watch. But lies are complicated and truth is simple, like a sundial." - Nate Atwood

"It's no wonder that truth is stranger than fiction. Fiction has to make sense." – Mark Twain (1835-1910)

*"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*

## Warrior's Witness

Vietnam 1967: Echo Company was crossing an open field. There was a bridge to our left and high ground to our front. Just as we reached the middle, we received sniper fire from both the bridge and the high ground. Except for a small pagoda, there was no cover. However, the snipers probably used the pagoda to zero their weapons. It was a well planned attack. Fortunately, we had only one Marine wounded. Our hapless comrade was grazed in the buttocks. Just as a corpsman finished dressing the wound, which I'm certain was painful but not serious, our Captain ordered us to attack. He knew indecision, or the wrong decision, would have caused casualties and he did not have to wonder what to do. As we charged across the open ground, I glanced at the wounded man, obedient to his Captain's command, he was charging and screaming like a banshee, while firing his rifle with one hand and holding up his trousers, which were still at half-mast, with the other hand. Had we not been in the situation we were in, he would have made quite a comical sight.

Often we wonder what to do when faced with moral dilemmas or when under spiritual attack. Perhaps you've heard the question, "What would Jesus do?" While this question might make a thought provoking bumper sticker, it contains a false premise and a false premise is simply a subtle means of concealing a lie. The lie concealed in this question is the inference that being Christian consists of acting like Jesus. If we believe this religious lie, we will attempt to emulate Christ by acting as we think Christ would act in any given situation. Yet, we cannot simply act like Him for it is not in us to do so.

In **John 5:19**, Jesus tells us what He would do by telling us He only does what the Father shows Him. The Father has solved our problem, of not being able to act like Jesus, by placing us in Jesus at the cross, where we die with Him and, at the resurrection, He becomes our life. As we allow Jesus the freedom to live in us and through us, He continues to do only what the Father shows Him. Then, we do not have to emulate Jesus. Rather, we let Him make the decisions and our portion is to simply trust and obey Him, even if we do, in our obedience, occasionally make a comical sight to others.

Semper Frateri  
*Bud Strope*