



# THE SCUTTLEBUTT

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## Calendar of Events

The Piedmont Outpost Veterans Life Group meets, at 1830 hours on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays at the Journey Life Center, 5415 Highway 557, Lake Wylie, SC 29710. VLG is suspended for the summer and will resume meeting on Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### June 2014

June 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues 1830 Hrs.....No VLG  
June 6<sup>th</sup>.....D-Day  
June 14<sup>th</sup>.....Flag Day  
June 15<sup>th</sup>.....Fathers Day  
June 17<sup>th</sup> Tues 1830 Hrs.....No VLG

### July 2014

July 1<sup>st</sup> Tues 1830 Hrs.....No VLG  
July 4<sup>th</sup>.....Independence Day  
July 15<sup>th</sup> Tues 1830 Hrs.....No VLG

### August 2014

Aug 5<sup>th</sup> Tues 1830 Hrs.....No VLG  
Aug 19<sup>th</sup> Tues 1830 Hrs.....No VLG

## Quotable

"I offered myself to God with an admission that I could take no more on my own. Tears ran down my face as I repeated my vow of surrender to Him. Strangely, as soon as I made the vow, a deep feeling of peace settled into my tortured mind and pain-wracked body, and the suffering left me completely." – Jeremiah Denton, Adm. USN (1924-2014)

"...unity through our faith in God and in our love for country were the great strengths which kept us going..." – Joseph Charles Plumb, Capt. USN (POW 1967-1973)

"Stone walls do not a prison make, nor iron bars a cage..." – Richard Lovelace (1618-1658)

## Recommended Reading

I'm No Hero – Charlie Plumb

*"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

April 9<sup>th</sup> 1942: After holding out for three months, the American and Philippine allies, defending Bataan, were finally overwhelmed by Japanese forces and the infamous Bataan Death March began. The prisoners did not have enough food or water during the 80 mile force march through the jungle and through heat exhaustion, abuse and summary execution, more than 10,000 died. In 1944, as allied forces advanced, a mission to rescue POWs was planned. In late January 1945, U.S. Army Rangers and Alamo Scouts, with the assistance of Filipino guerillas, set out to rescue 513 survivors at Cabanatuan prison camp. When the camp's defenses were breached and the guards were killed, many prisoners, still believing they would be shot if they tried to leave, refused and had to be convinced to pass through the open gates to freedom.



Former prisoners of Cabanatuan Prison Camp

In **Proverbs 23:7** NKJV, we are told, as a man "thinks in his heart, so is he." To think in your heart means to believe. Some of those who had been set free believed they were still prisoners. Therefore, although they were free, they acted like prisoners. Because our actions are based on our beliefs, we will always act like the person we believe ourselves to be. Conversely, we tend to believe we are the person we act like. This can become a vicious cycle if we act like the prisoner we believe ourselves to be and believe we are the prisoner we act like. The problem is we have been prisoners of sin for so long we have believed the lie that we will always be prisoners.

**Psalm 146:7** tells us "The Lord sets the prisoners free" and **Isaiah 61:1** tells us Christ was sent to "proclaim freedom to prisoners." **John 8:32 & 36** tells us "...you will know the truth and the truth will make you free...So, if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed." Our personal prison gates are open. We need but have faith they are open and, because faith requires action, walk through them to freedom...in Christ.

Semper Frateri  
*Bud Strope*