



THE SCUTTLEBUTT

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Calendar of Events

The Piedmont Outpost Veterans Life Group meets, at 1830 hours on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays.

March 2014

Mar 4th Tues 1830 Hrs.....VLG
Mar 9th Sun.....Daylight Saving Time Begins
Mar 18th Tues 1830 Hrs.....VLG

April 2014

Apr 1st Tues 1830 Hrs.....VLG
Apr 15th Tues 1830 Hrs.....VLG
Apr 20^h Sun.....Happy Easter

May 2014

May 6th Tues 1830 Hrs.....VLG
May 20th Tues 1830 Hrs.....VLG
May 26thMemorial Day

Quotable

“Gratitude...turns what we have into enough...a meal into a feast, a house into a home...” – Melody Beattie

“Honesty is the first chapter in the book of wisdom.” – Thomas Jefferson (1743-1826)

“Humility is not thinking less of yourself, it’s thinking of yourself less.” – C. S. Lewis (1898-1063)

“Only those who risk going too far can possibly find out how far one can go.” T. S. Eliot – (1888-1965)

“When you arise in the morning, think of what a precious privilege it is to be alive - to breathe, to think, to enjoy, to love.” – Marcus Aurelius (121-180 AD)

“It does not require many words to speak the truth.” – Chief Joseph (1840-1904)

“Nobody made a greater mistake than he who did nothing because he could do only a little.” – Edmund Burke (1729-1797)

“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: The “six-by” (also known as a deuce-and-a-half) truck was filled with young Marines and I was the last one to climb up and over the tailgate. So the only place remaining to sit was the left rear corner of the bed. The regular morning mine sweep, of the dirt road leading out of our compound had just been completed. My only concern was that a six-by really does ride like a 2½ ton truck. We were only about a quarter mile from the front gate and my back and butt were already hurting and I was also already complaining, which is one of a Marine’s favorite pastimes. The new sergeant tried to get Lt. Panichi to sit up front. I was impressed when our platoon commander declined, stating his place was in the back with the troops. So the sergeant decided to ride shotgun.

Just as I was lamenting my uncomfortable position, the right front wheel struck a mine that had been missed during the sweep. The blast was deafening, as the 13,000 lb truck was thrust into the air. Fortunately, the truck didn’t flip and we came down in an upright position. The dust and smoke had barely settled when our comrades came pouring out of the gate. As he was badly wounded, with both legs broken, the sergeant, who had been riding in front, was medevaced.

Joseph was beaten, put into a pit and sold into slavery. In Egypt, he was lied about and thrown into prison. Yet, whatever his situation, he was content to trust and serve God. In **Genesis 45:8**, he told his brothers “Now, therefore, it was not you who sent me here, but God; and He has made me father to Pharaoh and lord of all his household and ruler over all the land of Egypt.”

Whether the situation is of our own making or seemingly through no fault of our own, we are occasionally stuck in an uncomfortable position. In **I Thessalonians 5:18**, we are told, “...in everything give thanks; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”

The left rear of the truck was as far away as I could possibly be from the blast and still be in the truck. When I was bouncing around back there and complaining, I had no idea I was in the safest place of all. How often do we refuse to trust God and complain without realizing He has us in the safest place of all?

Semper Frateri
Bud Strobe