



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 at the Journey Life Center, 5415 Highway 557, Lake Wylie, SC 29710.

May 2014

May 6th Tues 1830 Hrs.....VLG
May 11thMothers Day
May 20th Tues 1830 Hrs.....VLG
May 26thMemorial Day

June 2014

June 3rd Tues 1830 Hrs.....No VLG
June 14thFlag Day
June 15thFathers Day
June 17th Tues 1830 Hrs.....No VLG

July 2014

July 1st Tues 1830 Hrs.....No VLG
July 4thIndependence Day
July 15th Tues 1830 Hrs.....No VLG

Quotable

“Learning to trust is one of life's most difficult tasks.” – Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

“People are like stained - glass windows. They sparkle and shine when the sun is out, but when the darkness sets in, their true beauty is revealed only if there is a light from within.” Elisabeth Kubler-Ross (1926-2004)

“Put your trust in the Lord and go ahead. Worry gets you no place.” – Roy Acuff (1903-1992)

“When you rise in the morning...If you see no reason to give thanks, the fault lies in yourself.” – Tecumseh (1768-1813)

“I do not like that man. I must get to know him better.” – Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865)

“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: On those clear nights, when the stars were trying to show off but were being out shown by the gleaming full moon, you could see to the other side of a rice patty. Yet, there were those rainy, moonless nights when it was so dark even the light gathering Starlight scope had trouble producing its ghostly green image. There was simply too little light to gather. Oh, how I hated those nights. It didn't matter that the enemy couldn't see either. In our fearful minds we imparted to him the superhuman ability to see and ambush us in total darkness.

One night, like the blind leading the blind, we were stumbling down a trail, in a torrential deluge, with each man resting one hand on the shoulder of the man in front of him, trusting that man and knowing there was no shoulder on which the point man could rest his hand. The situation was so dire that the point man did the most dangerous and daring thing he could do. He turned on a flashlight. With his guiding beacon, he was able to lead us to a house where we took shelter for the night. A good point man must have certain critical capabilities. He must be aware of his surroundings at all times and he absolutely must have a good sense of direction. Although he knows he has a high potential to be the first to die, a point man's job is to say, “This is the way. Follow me.”

The Gospels make 23 mentions of Jesus saying “Follow Me” On one of those occasions, a rich young man, who was unwilling to give up everything for Jesus, went away sad. Another man wanted to wait until it was convenient.

In **John 8:12**, Jesus tells us why we should follow Him; “Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, “I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life.” In **John 14:6**, He promises, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.”

Jesus is our Point Man and our beacon in the night. Our hand rests on His shoulder as He leads us to shelter. Yet, He not only shows us the way; He is...The Way.

Semper Frateri
Bud Stroepe