



THE SCUTTLEBUTT

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Calendar of Events

The Veterans Life Group meets, for food and fellowship, at 1830 hours on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month, at the Journey Conference Center, located at 5415 Highway 557, Lake Wylie, SC 29710.

October 2015

Oct 13th Tues 1830 Hrs.....VLG
Oct 27th Tues 1830 Hrs.....VLG
Oct 31stHalloween

November 2015

Nov 1stDaylight Savings Time Ends
Nov 17th Tues 1830 Hrs.....VLG
Nov 24th Tues 1830 Hrs.....VLG
Nov 26thHappy Thanksgiving

December 2015

Dec 7thPearl Harbor Remembrance Day
Dec 8th Tues 1830 Hrs.....VLG
Dec 22nd Tues 1830 Hrs.....VLG
Dec 25thMerry Christmas

Quotable

“If you are going to win a battle, you have to do one thing. You have to make the mind run the body. Never let the body tell the mind what to do.” – Gen. George S. Patton (1885-1945)

“Do not dwell in the past, do not dream of the future, concentrate the mind on the present moment.” – Gautama Buddha (563-483 BC)

“You have power over your mind - not outside events. Realize this and you will find strength” – Marcus Aurelius (121-180 AD)

“Think twice before you speak, because your words and influence will plant the seed of either success or failure in the mind of another.” – Napoleon Hill (1883-1970)

Warrior's Witness

Parris Island - June 1965: The bus stopped at recruit receiving and we all stood up to disembark. That's when it started. A large and very angry man, wearing a Smokey-The-Bear hat and a semiautomatic 45 on his belt, jumped through the open door and shouted, “Who told you you could get off my bus?” None of us had expected that and no sooner had we started to sit back down than he screamed, “Get off! Get off my bus, now!” This was our first lesson in obedience as we learned to do what we were told, immediately when told and to not do anything we were not told.

Recruit training is a process of transforming the mind and body. However, since every action begins with a thought, training the mind is more important than training the body. Even when the body strongly objects, the mind must tell the body what to do and make it obey. Of course, we were almost all teenagers so our bodies were resilient and our minds were still malleable. But, even at our young age, we had formed habits that were incompatible with military service and, although habits cannot be changed, they can be exchanged. In essence, bad habits are difficult to break but they can be replaced with good habits.

Romans 12:2 tells us to “...be transformed by the renewing of our mind...” This renewing of the mind is the process by which we mature in Christ as defined in Ephesians 4:13-15. But, does the length of time we have been a Christian, or acting mature or immature, make a person any more, or any less, Christian? Of course not; because our maturity is not based on how long we have been a Christian any more than our righteousness is based on what we do or don't do. Yet, as we mature, we learn to let “Christ in us” do “only what the Father shows” Him in and through us.

Joining the military is an event and military training is a process by which recruits learn discipline. Salvation is also an event and maturing in Christ is a lifelong process and both are solely acts of...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