

# Semper Fi

## "THE SCUTTLEBUTT"

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### MEETING TIME & PLACE

Meetings are always held on the second Wednesday of each month. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on May 9th, 2012 at 1900 (7:00 P.M.) at the American Legion Post 64, 1109 American Legion Road, Salisbury, MD 21801. Please make every effort to attend.

| May 3                            | May 13                        | May 19               | May 28              |  |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|--|
| <br>NATIONAL<br>DAY OF<br>PRAYER | <br>Happy<br>Mother's<br>Day! | <br>Armed Forces Day | <br>Memorial<br>Day |  |

### Important Upcoming Dates & Events

**Department of Maryland Marine Corps League 2012 Convention**

Princess Royale

Oceanfront Hotel & Conference Center

Ocean City, Maryland

April 26 thru April 28, 2012

Full information is available on the following link

[2012 Convention Announcement](#)

Hotel Information can be viewed on the following link

<http://www.princessroyale.com/>

**June 15 – 17 , 2012:** Mid-East Division Conference. All info and forms can be viewed on the following link:  
[http://www.ncmcl.org/Portals/15/documents/2012%20Mideast%20Div%20Conf\\_Ad%20Book%20and%20Registration.pdf](http://www.ncmcl.org/Portals/15/documents/2012%20Mideast%20Div%20Conf_Ad%20Book%20and%20Registration.pdf)

**August 12 thru 18, 2012:** The P.L. Wilson Detachment #447 of the Marine Corps League will host the 2012 National Convention in Mobile, AL. More information can be found on the following link.  
<http://www.mobilemarines.org/2012Natl.html>

**"Sick or in Distress"**

MCL Members Jimmy Lee HOWARD, Ralph SMITH and Jeanie COHEE wife of member Walt COHEE are having or have recently had various health problems. Please keep these folks and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

**"Membership Happenings"**

**(Please advise the Editor of any errors)**

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| <b><u>MAY "HAPPY BIRTHDAYS"</u></b><br>15th Rhuel GOSLEE<br>22nd Renee KELLEY<br>23rd Jimmie Lee HOWARD<br>27th Kyle HEBERLE | <b><u>MAY ANNIVERSARIES</u></b><br>Helen & Paul TOMKO (57 yrs) |
| <b><u>MAY MCL ANNIVERSARIES</u></b><br>None  | <b><u>MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS DUE IN MAY</u></b><br>None           |
| <b><u>WELCOME ABOARD</u></b><br>None   | <b><u>MEMBERSHIP'S RENEWED</u></b><br>Carl EBAUGH              |

**DON'T LET YOUR MEMBERSHIP LAPSE**

Please send your \$22.00 checks made payable to "MCL Det 115" to our paymaster  
Jim Siegel, Paymaster  
30245 Southampton Bridge Rd  
Salisbury, MD 21804-2475

Initial dues for a new member are \$27.00 for the first year, thereafter yearly renewal dues are \$22.00.



**DON'T DELAY...JOIN TODAY  
THEN CONSIDER GOING 'LIFE'  
NOW IS THE TIME TO DO IT**

**Cover-up of Marine LCpl Edward Dycus Murder Exposed**



By Sean Osborne, Associate Director

16 February 2012:UPDATED The official US-Afghan military cover-up of the murder of 22-year old Marine Lance Cpl. Edward (Eddie) J. Dycus has just been revealed. According to most available reports, "*Marine officials discussed the matter on condition of anonymity because it is still under investigation.*"

Lance Cpl. Dycus, from Greenville, Mississippi, was murdered by a shot to the back of his head while standing guard duty with an Afghan National Army (ANA) soldier standing guard duty with him on Wednesday, 1 February 2012. According to iCasualties.org OEF webpage this murder was due to hostile small arms fire. So, the Afghan soldier shot Dycus from behind with his 45mm side arm. He was murdered in cold blood by Islam-inspired blood lust for the infidel American Marine. I have yet to learn of an apology from Afghanistan's president Hamid Karzai, a man who conveniently forgets that he owes his own life to American Special Forces soldiers.

An acute fact of the matter is that the burning of Qur'ans and other materials which were defaced by detained Taliban and Al Qaeda jihadists occurred on 20 February, or virtually 3 full weeks *AFTER* this murder. Therefore, applying the politically correct "muslim outrage" rationale that our media so loves to slap us in the face with simply DOES NOT exist here. This is atypical Qur'an-taught islamic treachery, plain and simple. Yet 45 days later, with the treacherous Afghan soldier in Afghan government custody, U.S. Marine spokesmen quoted by the Associated Press indicated this murder was still under active investigation. *Investigation by whom? The Naval Criminal Investigation Service (NCIS)?* Under the US-Afghan Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) in effect since 2003, I find that main stream media published assertion quite difficult to accept. In fact, I reject it as nonsense. Disinformation. A lie.

And this islamic treachery is even further complicated. The original Pentagon announcement that L.Cpl. Dycus' death occurred "*while conducting combat operations*" in Afghanistan's Helmand Province is pure bunkum. It constituted a bald-faced lie to Dycus' family and to the entire American nation. Dycus' family has now been informed of the truth. So has all of America. Outrage doesn't even begin to describe the current mood among active duty US military ranks. Prior service veterans and ordinary civilians are feeling the same outrage.

The Associated Press released a report stating:

"The Associated Press inquired about the Dycus case after Maj. Gen. John Toolan, the top Marine commander in Afghanistan at the time, said in an AP interview March 7 that the Afghan government has been embarrassed by recent cases of Afghan soldiers turning their guns on their supposed partners. "I had one just a month ago where a lance corporal was killed, shot in the back of the head, and the Afghan minister of defense was here the next day" to discuss custody of the shooter, Toolan said, speaking from his Regional Command-Southwest headquarters at Camp Leatherneck."

One lone American soldier going on a murderous rampage of his own recently is without a doubt the tip of an iceberg of rage within the ranks of US troops in Afghanistan. No wonder SECDEF Panetta had the Marines at Camp Leatherneck completely disarmed before he spoke. I can just imagine what will occur should such islamic treachery be allowed to continue.

### Marines To Lose 12 Aircraft Squadrons, 4 Infantry Battalions

The Marine Corps has finalized its plans for restructuring its force around a 182,100-person end strength that will result in steep cuts to aircraft squadrons, battalions and other parts of the force, and the service has briefed Congress and affected parties, a top Marine official has reported.

Marine Corps leadership decided to reduce the service's flight capability, going from 70 flying squadrons to 58, and cutting all three wing support group headquarters, according to information released recently by the Marine Corps Combat Development Command. The service will drop from 27 infantry battalions to 23 -- eight infantry regiments to seven -- 10 tank companies to eight and 15 light armored reconnaissance companies to 12.

Marine logistics groups will be reorganized to adjust to the new force structure, and, despite not being able to accommodate the five region-specific Marine Expeditionary Brigades the Marine Corps had envisioned, leadership built three joint task force-capable MEB command elements for contingencies that may arise, MCCDC commanding general Lt. Gen. Richard Mills said during a telephone conference with reporters.

Mills said the cuts were difficult, but his team spent more than a year studying the capabilities the Marine Corps of the future would need to have and how to come down from a surge-level force as the war in Afghanistan winds down. Marine Corps Commandant Gen. James Amos did not suggest a number for the end strength, Mills said, but after arriving at 186,000 as an ideal force, budget constraints forced the team to cut a little deeper.

Assuming that infantry units were at the core of Marine Corps missions, the team went back and analyzed the enablers and determined how many logisticians, engineers and more were really needed to support the infantry, Mills said. On the aviation side, the Marines found duplications of missions, allowing for further cuts there.

As promised, the new force will also boost the Marine Corps' cyber and special operations capabilities, with more than 250 Marines being added in the cyber realm over the next several years and 821 being added to Marine Corps Special Operations Command, Mills said.

Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune in North Carolina will face the steepest cuts, losing 5,800 Marines, including some at nearby Marine Corps Air Station New River. MCAS Cherry Point in North Carolina will lose 2,100. In California, Twenty nine Palms will lose 2,500, MCAS Miramar will lose 1,200 and Camp Pendleton will lose 2,300.

Mills said the cuts were not made with the assumption that any other service would make up for lost capability. However, he said the Army and Marine Corps were in talks lately about how to continue working closely together even after the war in Afghanistan ends. He cited the Joint Light Tactical Vehicle as one example of similar needs in equipment being a good starting point for inter-service cooperation, and Mills said that they were working on joint doctrine for areas like forcible entry. Joint training exercises are being planned that would incorporate amphibious and air assault phases, but Mills declined to give a time line for when those exercises could start.

In drawing down to this new force, no Marine will be forced to end his or her contract early, which was a primary concern for Amos, Mills said. The Marine Corps is still looking at options for voluntary early separation, though Mills said he didn't think that would be needed. Marine Corps spokeswoman Maj. Shawn Haney told Inside the Navy last week that Amos would look at the personnel drawdown plan after his last congressional testimony this week, and that more details could be available as soon as the end of March.

### RAO BULLETINS

Each month your editor has attempted to review all RAO Bulletins and put articles deemed important to veterans into our newsletters.

However, what may be important to me may not be important to you and I may very possibly overlook something you as a veteran might like to know about, so I am providing links below that will take you to THE current bulletin so that you might look them over. The below bulletin is dated April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012.

[http://z5.ifrm.com/9056/110/0/p1055593/Bulletin\\_120401\\_PDF\\_Edition.pdf](http://z5.ifrm.com/9056/110/0/p1055593/Bulletin_120401_PDF_Edition.pdf)

### EVERY DAY PRAYER REQUEST

Life in Afghanistan is very difficult to bear right now. Our troops need our prayers for strength, endurance and safety. Stop for a moment each and every day and say a prayer for our troops around the world.

"Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Amen."

*The Final Roll Call*



The following Marines/Corpsman paid the ultimate sacrifice for God, Country and Corps since the last issue of 'The Scuttlebutt' was published.

[D'Augustine, SSgt. Joseph](#)

Waldwick, NJ  
[Cazarez, Cpl. Roberto](#)  
Harbor City, CA  
[Palacio, Cpl. Michael J.](#)  
Lake Elsinore, CA  
[Bordoni, Cpl. Christopher D.](#)  
Ithaca, NY  
[Martinez, Cpl. Alex](#)  
Elgin, IL

If You Are Not Willing To Stand Behind Our Troops,  
Please, Please Feel Free To Stand In Front Of Them!

*On behalf of a grateful nation.*

**FREEDOM IS NOT FREE**  
**Support Our Troops**



I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands,  
One Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

From your editor

If you are receiving this newsletter via “Snail Mail” and have email capability, please email me at [53usmc73@bvn.net](mailto:53usmc73@bvn.net) so that I can add you to my address book and cut down on the postage.  
**Any comments or suggestion on what should be in our newsletter! Articles/information you need! Let me know!** The newsletter will go to press on or about the weekend following each meeting.

Don Elseroad, Editor

### Quotes about Marines

*They (Women Marines) don't have a nickname, and they don't need one. They get their basic training in a Marine atmosphere, at a Marine Post. They inherit the traditions of the Marines. They are Marines.*

LtGen Thomas Holcomb, USMC  
Commandant of the Marine Corps, 1943

### LINKS TO CHECK OUT

<http://voxvocispublicus.homestead.com/Battle-of-Athens.html>  
[http://www.youtube.com/watch\\_popup?v=cLj4akmncsA&feature=channel\\_video\\_title](http://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=cLj4akmncsA&feature=channel_video_title)

-- Once a Marine, Always a Marine --