

# Semper Fidelis



## "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 September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010 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.

### DETACHMENT OFFICERS

2010 - 2011

*Commandant: Andy Bouma*

Senior Vice Commandant: Bob Miller  
Junior Past Commandant: Jim Siegel  
Paymaster: Jim Siegel  
Sgt-At-Arms: Walt Cohee

Junior Vice Commandant: Ed Elder  
Judge Advocate: Ed Hearthway  
Adjutant: Richard Hyson  
Chaplain: Jim Siegel

Web Sergeant: Don Elseroad

### "Calendar of Events"

#### August 14, 2010

The SSgt Walter F. 'Trae' Cohee Detachment invites you to their annual family picnic.

The picnic will take place Saturday, 14 August, at the home of Ralph Capen and his lovely wife Alane; remember, there is a pool. The festivities will start at 1500 (3:00 pm) and end at 2000 (8:00 pm). All you have to do to attend is three things: 1- Bring a covered dish, 2 – RSVP (see below), and 3 – Bring some sea stories (that we have not heard before).

Beverages (hard libations, soda, etc.) will be provided. If you want something exotic please bring that yourself (I am talking about drinks); this would include beer. There will be grilled hotdogs and hamburgers, and chicken. Please RSVP @ 410-749-2057 (h) or 410-845-9127(c) (Jeanne & Walt) with the number of guests by 30 July.

We look forward to seeing you all there. Semper Fidelis.

#### Directions:

Turn onto Nanticoke from Rt 50  
From Nanticoke Road, turn on to Patriot Drive.  
Follow as it bears around to the left.  
Stay to the right as you pass Governors Sq.  
Stay to the left as you pass Cobblestone Ct.  
Stay to the right as you pass Centennial Dr.  
Follow as it bears around to the left - we're the third on the left after Centennial Dr. 27215 Patriot Dr. 410-546-8290 (h), 410-430-1344 (Ralph's cell)  
If you get to Barwick Dr. or where Patriot Dr. divides, you've gone too far.

\*Special thanks to Ed Hearthway for the recycled announcement work\*

September 2 thru 5, 2010: 63rd National Hard Crab Derby to be held in Crisfield, MD., at the Somers Cover Marina. Crab Races, Crab Cooking contest, Crab Picking contest, Parade,

Skiff Races, Boat Docking contest, Crafts, Carnival, Games, Swim Meet, Entertainment, Fresh Seafood, Beverages and MUCH MORE. See following link for details:  
[http://www.crisfieldevents.com/crisfieldevents.com/Crab\\_Derby.html](http://www.crisfieldevents.com/crisfieldevents.com/Crab_Derby.html)

**November 8, 2910: Operation We Care** takes flight Sunday, November 8, 2010 with its Veterans Day Packing Party at the Powellville Fire Department with packing starting at 10 am, sponsored by the Eastern Shore Harley Owners Group. The care packages that we put together will be shipped to our troops overseas in time to arrive before Christmas.

The following link will take you to a listing of what we need for the packages and where they can be dropped off.

[http://www.easternshorehog.com/misc/Care\\_Package\\_List\\_6.pdf](http://www.easternshorehog.com/misc/Care_Package_List_6.pdf)

#### **"Sick or in Distress"**

MCL Members Ed MIHALIK, Paul WARD, Jr., Walt COHEE, Rhuel GOSLEE, Louis SLOWIK, Ralph SMITH, Jimmie Lee Howard, Gloria Howard and Ed Hearthway are having or have recently had various health problems. Please keep these folks and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

#### **"Membership Happenings"**

##### **September Happy Birthday's**

9th Sandra BOUMA  
10th Sharon MILLS  
17th Danny PARSONS

##### **September Anniversaries**

5th Jeanne & Walter COHEE (39 yrs)

##### **September MCL Anniversaries**

Bob MILLER (8 yrs)  
Louis JONES (5 yrs)  
David MILLS (2 yrs)

##### **Welcome Aboard**

**Recruit** None **Recruit**

##### **Membership's Renewed**

None I am aware of

##### **Membership Renewals Due in September**

Louis JONES

Bob MILLER  
David MILLS

#### **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**

<u>Age</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Up to 35	\$500
36 to 50	\$400
51 to 60	\$300
61 & Over	\$150

#### **MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**

Our detachment continually strives to obtain new members and increase our membership. **BIGGER IS ALWAYS BETTER!!!**

Membership is not limited to just MARINES and FMF Corpsmen. There are family members, friends, etc., out there that have served in other branches of our Armed Forces or for one reason or another never served in the Armed Forces. **Talk to them!!!**

They can become "Associate Members" in the Marine Corps League and we would be honored to have them join us.

#### **TOYS FOR TOTS IS COOKING**

Several of the detachment ladies in conjunction with Minute Man Press of Salisbury are in the process of putting together a cook book that will be sold to support our local Toys for Tots program and your help is needed. It is requested that if you have a favorite recipe, please send it to Fran Hearthway via email at

[hearthwave@aol.com](mailto:hearthwave@aol.com) or mail it to her at 442 Monticello Ave, Salisbury, MD 21801-6108.

### NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE MARINE CORPS

If you have never had a chance to go to the Marine Corps National Museum here is your chance to have a virtual tour of it with audio. Click on the following link. Awesome.

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

#### VA Copay Update 11: Effective 1 JAN 2010

*Outpatient Services* - The following Co-pay amounts are limited to a single charge per visit regardless of the number of health care providers seen in a single day. The co-pay amount is based on the highest level of service received. There is no copay requirement for preventive care services such as screenings and immunizations:

- Basic Care Services provided by a primary care clinician \$15 / visit
- Specialty Care Services provided by a clinical specialist such as surgeon, radiologist, audiologist, optometrist, cardiologist, and specialty tests such as magnetic resonance imagery (MRI), computerized axial tomography (CAT) scan, and nuclear medicine studies \$50 / visit.

#### *Medications*

- Veterans in Priority Group 1 do not pay for medications
- Veterans in Priority Groups 2-6, for each 30-day or less supply of medication for treatment of non-service-connected condition \$8 (Veterans in Priority Groups 2 through 6 are limited to \$960 annual cap)
- Effective July 1, 2010 Veterans in Priority Groups 7-8, for each 30-day or less supply of \$9 medication for treatment of non-service-connected condition (Veterans in Priority Groups 7-8 do not qualify for medication co-pay annual cap)

*Inpatient Services* - Based on geographically-based means testing, lower income veterans who live in high-cost areas may qualify for a reduction of 80% of inpatient co-pay charges. Charges applicable to all priority groups:

- Inpatient Co-pay for first 90 days of care during a 365-day period \$1,100
- Inpatient Co-pay for each additional 90 days of care during a 365-day period \$550
- Per Diem Charge \$10 / day

*Long-Term Care* - Co-pays for Long-Term Care services start on the 22nd day of care during any 12-month period there is no co-pay requirement

for the first 21 days. Actual co-pay charges will vary from veteran to veteran depending upon financial information submitted on VA Form 10-10EC. Charges applicable to all priority groups:

- Nursing Home Care/Inpatient Respite Care/Geriatric Evaluation maximum of \$97/day
- Adult Day Health Care/Outpatient Geriatric Evaluation Outpatient Respite Care maximum of \$15/day
- Domiciliary Care maximum of \$5 / day

[Source: VA Fact Sheet 16-1 dtd Jun 2010 ++]

#### Estate Planning Update 02:

Use these common estate planning considerations to trigger thoughtful conversation with your family, ensuring them of your watchful assistance and giving you satisfaction of their future security:

*Planning for Mom and Dad.* Talking with your parents about their estate plan can dramatically reduce family tension and personal stress. Discuss questions like:

- Should your parents purchase long-term care insurance?
- How will the family decide when Mom and Dad need more assistance?
- Whom do your parents want to take on the role of agent for financial and medical powers of attorney?
- Which people and organizations do Mom and Dad want to receive their assets after they're gone?

*Planning for Your Spouse.* If you pass away before your spouse, you want to ensure that you provide for him or her. To do so, consider these elements of your estate plan:

- Would a trust for your spouse's benefit ensure that your spouse will receive proper care in the future?
- Whom should your spouse name as the agent for financial and medical powers of attorney?
- Should your spouse become the beneficiary of all your assets, or should some of the assets go to a trust, caregiver or charity?
- What ownership designations on property titles will ensure tax and legal efficiency?

*Planning for your Brother or Sister.* Sometimes, because of old age or disability, your siblings can require your help. If you're responsible for their well-being, consider these questions:

- Have you talked about assisted living or paid home-caregivers?
- Are they eligible for subsidized services or financial assistance?

- Should your brother or sister be listed as a beneficiary in your will?
- Does your brother or sister need to name a backup agent to you on his or her financial or medical power of attorney?

**Planning for your Children or Other Dependents.** If you still have children, grandchildren or other individuals depending on you, communicate these points in your estate plan:

- Who will act as their guardian (daily caretaker) and conservator (person who handles money)?
- Will your dependents receive your assets immediately or at a later date, should something happen to you?
- Will their inheritance be designated for a specific purpose, such as education?
- If your dependents leave behind no children, will the balance of their assets go to charity?

By taking time to answer these questions for yourself, asking them of others and recording the answers in writing with the assistance of an estate planning attorney, you can alleviate much of your worry about caring for your generations of loved ones. A prudent move would be to designate in advance who would act in your behalf in the event you could no longer make decisions. A durable power of attorney is the document you need to accomplish this. It allows you to name the person you designate to make legal, financial and business decisions when you're no longer able to make them yourself. Be sure to record your durable power of attorney in writing so that it's honored by businesses and other financial institutions. [Source: MOAA News Exchange 16 Jun 2010 ++]

#### Government Paper Checks:

The Treasury Department said that most government benefits payments will be made by direct deposit by 2013, the latest in a series of cost-cutting moves by the Obama administration. The change will eliminate about 136 million paper checks sent by the Social Security Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, Railroad Retirement Board and Office of Personnel Management, and caps years of efforts to cut back on paper and postage costs. The move should cut about \$48 million in government postage costs and save taxpayers approximately \$303 million in the first five years after the switch, Treasury said. Americans who enroll for benefits payments on or after 1 MAR 2011, will receive them by direct deposit or be enrolled in the government's Direct Express Debit MasterCard program if they do not provide bank account information. Beneficiaries now receiving payments will switch to direct

deposit or the debit card by 1 MAR 2013, after agencies inform them of the changes, according to the proposed rule change set for publication in the Federal Register.

About 1 million Americans already receive benefit payments through the Direct Express card, according to the Office of Management and Budget. Officials argue that direct deposits or the debit cards ensure safe, quick delivery of funds and make receiving payments easier for residents hit by natural disasters. The change also coincides with the Obama administration's ongoing efforts to address the soaring deficit and adapt government operations to new technology. "This is precisely the type of smart, streamlined improvement that this administration is committed to making across government to boost efficiency and modernize how we do business," OMB Director Peter Orszag said in a statement. [Source: The Washington Post Ed O'Keefe article 14 Jun 2010 ++]

#### EVERY DAY PRAYER REQUEST

Life in Iraq and 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 following Marine paid the ultimate sacrifice for God, Country and Corps during July 2010.

[Antonik, Staff Sgt. Christopher](#)

Crystal Lake, IL

[Raney, Lance Cpl Daniel](#)

Pleasant View, TN

[Roads, Lance Cpl Tyler](#)

Burney, CA

[Bartelt, Staff Sgt. Justus](#)

Polo, IL

[Rangel, Lance Cpl Christopher](#)

San Antonio, TX

[Deboer, Cpl Daane](#)

Ludington, MI

[Miller, Cpl. Paul](#)

Traverse City, MI

[Eastman, Gunnery Sgt. Christopher](#)

Moose Pass, AK

If You Are Not Willing To Stand Behind Our Troops,

Please, Please Feel Free To Stand In Front Of Them!



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@bvunet.net](mailto:53usmc73@bvunet.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

Have You Heard?

A crusty old Marine Sergeant Major found himself at a gala event hosted by a local liberal arts college. There was no shortage of young, idealistic ladies in attendance, one of whom approached the Sergeant Major and asked, 'Excuse me, Sergeant Major, but you seem to be a very serious man. Is something bothering you?' 'Negative, ma'am. Just serious by nature.' The young lady looked at his awards and decorations and said, 'It looks like you have seen a lot of action?' 'Yes, ma'am, a lot of action.' The young lady, tiring of trying to start up a conversation, said, 'You know, you should lighten up a little. Relax and enjoy yourself.' The Sergeant Major just stared at her in his serious manner. Finally the young lady said, 'You know, I hope you don't take this the wrong way, but when is the last time you had sex?' '1958,' he replied.

'Well, there you are. No wonder you're so serious. You really need To chill out! I mean, no sex since 1958! She took his hand and led him to a private room where she proceeded to help him 'relax' several times. Afterwards, panting for breath, she leaned against his bare chest and said, 'Wow, you sure didn't forget much since 1958.' The Sergeant Major said in his serious voice, after glancing at his watch, 'I hope not; it's only 2143 now.'



**Semper Parati**

and good night "Chesty" wherever

you are



-- Once a Marine, Always a Marine --

**God Bless America**

AND IF YOU SEE SOMEONE,  
ANYONE DESECRATE OUR  
BELOVED FLAG  
DON'T BOTHER  
TAKING NAMES  
JUST  
KICK @\$\$

If you can read this thank a Teacher.  
If you're reading it in English thank the Military.