

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 January 12th, 2011 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

Important January Dates

January 1, 2011



January 17, 2011



"Calendar of Events"

February 10, 11, 12, 2011: Marine Corps League Midwinter Conference: - Fairview Park Marriott,

Falls Church, VA. Complete information and forms can now be found on this [link](http://www.mcleague.com/mdp/pdf/Mid-Winter%20Schedule%20Regist.%202011.pdf)<http://www.mcleague.com/mdp/pdf/Mid-Winter Schedule Regist. 2011.pdf>.

April /May 2011: The Department of MD convention will be held at the Princess Royale Oceanfront Hotel & Conference Center in Ocean City, MD. Dates and complete information will be made available as soon as it becomes known.

June 2011: This is the time frame for Mid-East Division Conference. The dates and complete information will be provided as soon as it becomes known.

July 31, 2011/August 6, 2011: 88th National Marine Corps League convention is to be held in Boise, Idaho. Full information is not available,

however hotel reservations can be made and the sooner the better if you even think you will be attending as the main hotel normally fills up quickly. You can always cancel your reservations if need be. Room rates are \$86.00 per night plus taxes. For reservations call (208) 343-1871 and go to <http://www.boiseriverside.doubletree.com> for more information on the hotel. BE SURE TO IDENTIFY YOURSELF AS WITH THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE TO RECEIVE THE GROUP RATE. Additional information will be provided as it becomes available.

"Sick or in Distress"

MCL Members Ed MIHALIK, Paul WARD, Jr., Louis SLOWIK, Ralph SMITH, Jimmie Lee HOWARD, Gloria HOWARD, Paul EBAUGH (father) and Barb EBAUGH (wife) of member Carl EBAUGH are having or have recently had various health problems. Please keep these folks and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

"Membership Happenings"

January Happy Birthday's

5th Ralph CAPEN
9th Missy HYSON
9th Barbara MURRAY
9th William WHEATLEY
24th Tara PARSONS

January Anniversaries

10th Betty & Charles SANDS (60 yrs)

January MCL Anniversaries

Richard CARRILLO (8th)

Welcome Aboard

None I am aware of

Membership's Renewed

None I am aware of

Membership Renewals Due in January

None I am aware of

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**

Life Membership Dues

AGE GROUP	As of 01/01/2009
0 - 35	\$500
36 - 50	\$400
51 - 60	\$300
61 - Over	\$150

To become a Life Member, you must already be a "Member in Good Standing". That means becoming a member and paying your initial dues first. Yes, according to the Bylaws, you could join the League, pay your dues and then pay your Life Membership Dues all in the same day.

REMEMBER: 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.

Operation We Care Update - 11/15/10

Greetings to all supporters of Operation We Care, I have two words to describe the outcome of our Operation We Care packing party on November 14th:

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!!

We cannot thank everyone enough for their support during the past 2 months. We had well over 100 people at the Powellville Fire Hall and everyone worked as a team packing the care packages, restocking the inventory, working in the Quality Control Area, and of course the food. Tony Trader, Sonny Steele and several others worked in the kitchen to make sure no one went home hungry. Special thanks to John Trout from Froggy 99.9 for bringing the broadcast van out

and playing some great country music for everyone!!



We were honored to have many family members of some of the troops on our mailing list with us to see firsthand what we do and how we do it. Not only do we support the troops but we recognize the families as well for their dedication and determination while their loved one is deployed. Sonny Steele's son, SGT Jonathon Steele is on his 3rd deployment and he and his entire unit will receive care packages. We had PFC Brandon Oakley with us who returned Wednesday on his mid tour leave from Afghanistan. He will be returning to Afghanistan around Thanksgiving. PFC Oakley and his entire unit will receive care packages. There are so many stories, too many to list here but the impact of what we did on Sunday is immeasurable.

The 18 minute video produced by Karly Bolon was nothing less than awesome. The video included pictures of many interesting sights from all over this great country and was set to music. Karly went through well over 2000 pictures while she put this video together. Karly and her father

burned 350 copies so that a copy could be included in each care package. We have a FEW copies left over so if you are interested please let me know. There were numerous cameras that took hundreds of pictures on Sunday. Please email me some pictures so we can put an article together for some of the publications that have requested articles and pictures.

Our goal of 300 packages seemed a little ambitious last week but the Delmarva community rallied together with donations and we ended up with 328 care packages. They will be delivered to the 71st St. Post Office in Ocean City on Monday November 15 and will be shipped out this week. The packages should reach their destination within 2 weeks. As soon as I get any responses I will share them with everyone.

After a short decompression period we will get an official "thank you" out. This was an amazing team effort that unless you were there you cannot appreciate the magnitude of what happened on Sunday. Again, many thanks to everyone who supports our troops and Operation We Care.

Sincerely,

Jeff Merritt, Coordinator - Operation We Care/Detachment Member

More on 'Operation We Care' From Afghanistan

The following was received by Jeff on December 1st. Thank you Jeff for all you do to support our troops in Harm's Way. We salute you, your dedicated volunteer's and all those that support "Operation We Care" for another job 'Well done'.

Mr. Merritt,

We have received the care packages that you and your operation have sent us! Thank you so much for the warm thoughts, prayers, and effort to put all those packages together, we certainly appreciate it!

While we are extremely grateful for the packages you've sent, please don't send any more. Your generosity has provided us with more than enough supplies to finish out our deployment.

Thank you very much!
Sgt David Jeffcoat
USMC – Camp Leatherneck Afghanistan

**DETACHMENT CELEBRATES MARINE
CORPS BIRTHDAY**



On November 13th the detachment celebrated the 235th birthday of our beloved Marine Corps. After hors d'oeuvres and drinks the celebration started with a short greeting by Commandant Andy Bouma and a prayer by Chaplain Jim Siegel. The dinner was prepared by ladies from the Legion and consisted of crab cakes, fried chicken, roast beef, string beans and mashed potatoes and gravy. After dinner detachment member Ralph Capen read General Lejeune's 1921 birthday message and then Senior Vice Commandant Bob Miller showed a video of the Commandant of the Marine Corps (General James Amos') birthday message. It was then on to the cake cutting where Ralph Capen touched on the ceremony.



The first piece went to Ralph Smith (oldest) who in turn passed it to Josh Kelley (youngest). The age difference was 55 years.

The sea stories and camaraderie continued until about 2100. What better way to end a magnificent evening. Semper Fidelis.

More picture's may be viewed on the following link:

<http://www.mcltreacoheedet115.org/2010%20Salisbury%20Festival.htm>

**TOYS FOR TOTS IN FULL SWING ON THE
EASTERN SHORE**

On Saturday December 4, 2010 Santa joined forces with Froggy 99.9 and our detachment to "Stuff the Bus" at the Wal-Mart in Berlin. Thank you Delmarva for another successful Stuff the Bus event!



More pictures can be found and viewed on the following link.

<http://www.mcltreacoheedet115.org/T4T.htm>

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

[Zimmerman, 1st. Lt. James](#)

Aroostook, ME

[Pearson, Lance Cpl Brandon](#)

Arvada, CO

[Broehm, Lance Cpl Matthew](#)

Flagstaff, AZ

[Emrick, Staff Sgt. Jordan](#)

Hoyleton, IL

[Bragggs, Lance Cpl Randy](#)

Sierra Vista, AZ

[Kelly, 1st. Lt. Robert](#)

Tallahassee, FL

[Stack, Lance Cpl James](#)

Arlington Heights, IL

[Huse, Lance Cpl Dakota](#)

Greenwood, LA

[Ortiz Rivera, Staff Sgt. Javier](#)

Rochester, NY

[Smith, Sgt Jason T.](#)

Colorado Springs, CT

[Buenagua, Lance Cpl](#)

[Ardenjoseph](#)

San Jose, CA

[Donnelly, 1st. Lt. William](#)

Picayune, MS

[Wade, Cpl Chad](#)

Bentonville, AR

[Abbate, Sgt Matthew](#)

Honolulu, HI

[Scott, Lance Cpl Lucas](#)

Peebles, OH

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@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

Links to check out

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nKeTzBH6js>

http://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=5MtdlO23MKM

<http://www.youtube.com/user/leeretiree>

http://www.whc.net/rjones/USN/USN_team.html

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=21O6ts6Ano>

Semper Ji

and good night "Chesty" wherever
you are



-- Once a Marine, Always a Marine --

God Bless America

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

ALL GAVE SOME, SOME GAVE ALL

In future issues of 'The Scuttlebutt' I will be listing one or two Marines who gave their all in Viet Nam. You can click on each Marine's full profile for complete information on when, where and how they died.

If you lost a relative or friend in Viet Nam all you need know is their name and home state and you can look them up on the 'Virtual Wall' link below.
<http://www.virtualwall.org/iStates.htm>

William Thomas Parker, III

Private First Class
L CO, 3RD BN, 9TH MARINES, 3RD MARDIV, III MAF
United States Marine Corps
[Salisbury, Maryland](#)
January 19, 1948 to June 01, 1967
[WILLIAM T PARKER III](#) is on the Wall at [Panel 21E](#)
[Line 029](#)
See the [full profile](#) for William Parker



Don Lee Shockley

Lance Corporal
A CO, 7TH ENG BN, 1ST MARDIV, III MAF
United States Marine Corps
[Salisbury, Maryland](#)
April 30, 1946 to March 28, 1967
[DON L SHOCKLEY](#) is on the Wall at [Panel 17E](#)
[Line 064](#)
See the [full profile](#) for Don Shockley

