

# Semper Fi

## "THE SCUTTLEBUTT"

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*SSgt Walter F. "Trae" Cohee III*

*Detachment # 115*

*Salisbury, MD*

*Original Charter Date May 10, 1970*

### DETACHMENT OFFICERS

2011 - 2012

*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

### MEETING TIME & PLACE

Meetings are always held on the second Wednesday of each month. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on January 11th, 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.

### Important Upcoming Dates & Events

January 1st	January 16 <sup>th</sup>

**February 16 thru 18, 2012:** The Marine Corps League Mid-Winter National Staff Conference will be held at the Tysons Corner Marriott in Vienna, VA.

The room rate is \$95 per night, single or double. Please make your room reservation directly to the *Tysons Corner Marriott* no later than January 20, 2012 at (703)734-3200. Be sure to tell them you are with the Marine Corps League.

**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 Don ELSEROAD, 'Missy' HYSON wife of our Adjutant Richard HYSON , and Barbara MERRITT mother of member Jeff MERRITT are having or has 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)

<p align="center"><b><u>JANUARY "HAPPY BIRTHDAYS"</u></b>                  5th Ralph CAPEN                  7th John ROBINSON                  9th Missy HYSON                  9th Barbara MURRAY                  9th William WHEATLEY                  18th David CHERRY                  24th Tara PARSONS                  28th Sally HERLING</p>	<p align="center"><b><u>JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES</u></b>                  10<sup>th</sup> Betty &amp; Charles SANDS (61 yrs)                  "True Love"</p>  <p align="center"><small>©wondercliparts.com</small></p>
<p align="center"><b><u>JANUARY MCL ANNIVERSARIES</u></b>                  Terry HERLING (1 yr)</p>	<p align="center"><b><u>MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS DUE IN</u></b>  <b><u>JANUARY</u></b>                  Terry HERLING</p>
<p align="center"><b><u>WELCOME ABOARD</u></b>                  None</p>	<p align="center"><b><u>MEMBERSHIP'S RENEWED</u></b>                  None</p>

**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**

**Mid-Shore Board of Realtors donates to Toys for Tots**



Easton –The Mid-Shore Board of Realtors® donated \$1,200 to the Caroline, Dorchester and Talbot County Marine Toys for Tots Foundation. The Mid-Shore Board of Directors selected Toys for Tots as one of their charities due to the increased need in the three counties. “With so many families struggling, the REALTORS want to make sure all children have something special this time of the year; says MSBR President Val Brown; and Toys for Tots is excellent at distributing toys in our communities.

The U. S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program collects new toys and distributes them at Christmas to needy children in the community and provides a message of hope to less fortunate youngsters, allowing them to experience the joy of Christmas. Sgt. Greg Manning serves as the Toys for Tots coordinator for Talbot and Caroline Counties and plans on purchasing stocking stuffers, board games, and various toys to be distributed to over 250 families. The Dorchester Toys for Tots representative Sgt. Ed Hearthway noted the money will be spent locally with the gifts being donated to The Salvation Army in Cambridge. Over 100 families in Dorchester will receive these toys to make their holiday season brighter. For more information on how you can help call 410-860-0167 or visit [www.toysfortots.org](http://www.toysfortots.org).

The Mid-Shore Board of Realtors (MSBR) has over 400 REALTORS® and Affiliate members from Caroline, Dorchester and Talbot Counties. Established in 1953, its mission is to serve its membership and the community by developing and delivering products and services that elevate the standards of the Real Estate Profession and through collective efforts, promote the preservation of the right to own, transfer and use real property. The Mid-Shore Board of REALTORS® is located at 8615 Commerce Drive in Easton.

Pictured Left to Right: Karla Wieland-Cherry/MSBR Community Service member; Sgt. Greg Manning/Talbot & Caroline County Toys for Tots Coordinator; Ed Hearthway/Dorchester County Toys for Tots Coordinator; Shelby Roney/MSBR Community Service Chair and Val Brown/MSBR President

### **HOME OF THE BRAVE**

**Worcester County woman welcomes veterans and their families to stay at  
“The Home of the Brave”**



Tina Pearson welcomes veterans and their families to Home of the Brave with special touches, including hanging a flag for the branch of military in which guests served. / LAURA EMMONS/THE DAILY TIMES

**BERLIN --** Tina Pearson made a friend through her church who was a single mother and Iraq war veteran. The woman's toddler son, she told Pearson, had forgotten his mom when she returned from deployment, and getting to know her again took months.

That heart-rending tale stuck with Pearson and served as her inspiration to transform her three-bedroom home outside Berlin into a respite she calls "Home of the Brave," where service members and their families can visit to spend quality time together.

Using her own money, she had the first floor renovated for wheelchair access and built herself separate living quarters on the side of her home so visitors could have privacy.

"What if she and her son could have gone somewhere like this?" asked Pearson, 40. "It's quiet, it's peaceful; just have a few days to talk and play trucks or draw. Would that have sped it up a little bit?"

Pearson said military families get to stay for free if the service member has been deployed in the last 18 months or is a veteran recovering from injuries suffered in combat.

The home was ready for visitors in October 2010, but her first visiting family didn't arrive until last March, after she spread the word by contacting Maj. Gen. James Adkins, Adjutant General for Maryland, who oversees the state's Air and Army National Guard units. Adkins visited Pearson at her home about a year ago and then put the word out, said Maryland National Guard spokeswoman Lt. Jessica Donnelly. About 15 veterans and their families have visited so far, Pearson said.

One of them is Maryland Guardsman 1st Lt. Kristofer Baumgartner, 35, of Seven Valleys, Pa. He brought his wife, Jen, 31, and daughters, Abby, 6, and Izzy, 3, to Home of the Brave for a family weekend in August just before he left for a 12-month tour in Iraq.

"There was absolutely everything that we needed there -- food and nice fuzzy towels and soap for the kids," Jen Baumgartner said. "It was amazing to open up the closet and have there be games and toys and movies, and stuffed animals for the kids. There were baskets for them when we arrived with coloring books and teddy bears to take home. ... It's just amazing that there's those type of people out there still."

The house is nestled among the fields and farms of a winding, tree-lined country road in an unincorporated part of Worcester County, Maryland.

For the renovations, Pearson said she only needed approval from Planning and Zoning authorities, who green lit her project as a nonprofit bed-and-breakfast that needed no additional permits.

The excitement rises in Pearson's voice when she imagines a family enjoying Thanksgiving dinner or Christmas morning at the house. She especially wants to host families of wounded warriors who otherwise might be stuck in a hospital for the holidays. Last week, she visited the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Md., where she left snack-filled care packages -- and her business card -- for recovering soldiers who might like to visit.

"For those that can't go home, let them be able to come here, cook their own dishes and celebrate their favorite traditions," she said. "I want it to feel like you're home."

On a side note, Tina is a very dedicated and active member of the "Staff Sergeant Walter F. 'Trae' Cohee III" Detachment 115 of the Marine Corps League in Salisbury, MD. More information can be found on the following link. <http://www.thehomeofthebrave.us/>



On November 7, 2011, Don and Ruth McGlothlin granted permission to Marine Base Quantico to name one of the new Student Officer Quarter's for their son, 1stLt Donald "Ryan" McGlothlin, KIA Ubaydi Iraq, November 16, 2005. McGlothlin Hall will be dedicated in March 2012. The specific date of the dedication will be made available when it becomes known should any detachment members care to join me at the ceremony.

Many detachment 969 members were on hand at the unveiling of a Life Size bronze bust of "Ryan" that was made possible by your editor in his home town of Lebanon, Virginia on November 14, 2009. Picture of that event may still be viewed on the detachment 969 web-site on the following link.

[http://www.tricitymarines.com/mcglathlin\\_dedication.htm](http://www.tricitymarines.com/mcglathlin_dedication.htm)

### 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 a link below that will take you to THE current bulletin so that you might look it over. The below bulletin is dated December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

[http://z5.ifrm.com/9056/110/0/p1037984/Bulletin\\_111215\\_PDF\\_Edition.pdf](http://z5.ifrm.com/9056/110/0/p1037984/Bulletin_111215_PDF_Edition.pdf)

### 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 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.

[Corral, Lance Cpl. Joshua D.](#)

Danville, CA

[Reiff, Cpl. Zachary C.](#)

Preston, IA

[Buyes, Cpl. Adam J.](#)

Salem, OR

[Bell, Staff Sgt. Vincent J.](#)

Detroit, MI

[Levy, Lance Cpl. Christopher P. J.](#)

Ramseur, NC

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

*The United States Marine Corps, with its fiercely proud tradition of excellence in combat, its hallowed rituals, and its unbending code of honor, is part of the fabric of American myth.*

Thomas E. Ricks; Making the Corps, 1997

LINKS TO CHECK OUT

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9ETrr-XHBjE>

<http://www.godaddy.com/holiday/usmc/usmc-2011.aspx?isc=gdz1109>

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

[http://www.youtube.com/watch\\_popup?v=z3Z5fGwsZSs&vq=medium](http://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=z3Z5fGwsZSs&vq=medium)

[http://video.foxnews.com/v/1296852703001/blue-angels-deliver-toys-for-tots/?playlist\\_id=86856](http://video.foxnews.com/v/1296852703001/blue-angels-deliver-toys-for-tots/?playlist_id=86856)

<http://www.cbsnews.com/video/watch/?id=7367662n>

<http://voxxocispublicus.homestead.com/morrow.html>

[http://www.aircraftowner.com/videos/view/americas-first-jet-flight-october-1942\\_1617.html](http://www.aircraftowner.com/videos/view/americas-first-jet-flight-october-1942_1617.html)

-- Once a Marine, Always a Marine --

Merry Christmas

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Happy New Year!