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"THE SCUTTLEBUTT"

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DETACHMENT OFFICERS

2012 - 2013

Commandant: Bill Marsich

Senior Vice Commandant: Temporarily Vacant

Judge Advocate: Ed Hearthway

Paymaster: Andy Bouma

Sgt-At-Arms: Walt Cohee

Junior Vice Commandant: Ed Elder

Junior Past Commandant: Andy Bouma

Adjutant: Richard Hyson

Chaplain: Jim Siegel

Web Sergeant: Don Elseroad

Original Charter Date May 10, 1970

MEETING TIME & PLACE

Meetings are always held on the second Wednesday of each month. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on March 13th, 2013 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.

New Slate of Officers

At the detachment meeting on February 13th the following were nominated to serve in the position indicated for 2013 – 2014 so all members should make it a priority to be at the next meeting when voting will occur.

Commandant Ed Elder
Senior Vice Commandant Jim Siegel
Junior Vice Commandant Bob Miller
Judge Advocate Ed Hearthway

Important Upcoming Dates & Events

 <p>March 10</p>	 <p>March 17</p>	 <p>March 20</p>
March 24	March 29	March 31



Marine Military Expo South – 11-12 April 2013 – Camp Lejeune, NC

For complete info go here: <http://www.marinemilitaryexpos.com/modern-day-marine.shtml>

April 26 and 27, 2013: Department of Maryland Convention to be held in Ocean City, Maryland. Complete information and forms may now be viewed and printed out on the “Calendar of Events” page on our web site. <http://www.mcltreacoheedet115.org/calendar.htm>

2013 MCL National Convention (August 4 through 9, 2013) will be held at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel, 187 Monroe Ave NW in Grand Rapids, MI. Reservations: 1-800-253-3590. Rooms \$110 plus 14% tax per night includes free hot breakfast, self-parking and Internet in guest room. Complete information will be made available at a later date.

"Sick or in Distress"

MCL Members Bob HORTIE, Jimmy Lee HOWARD, Ralph SMITH, Jim HENDERSON and Joseph BACHTLER 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 or omissions)

<p><u>MARCH "HAPPY BIRTHDAYS"</u> 14th Paul TOMKO 23rd Barb EBAUGH 25th Nicole HEBERLE 31st Diana MERRITT</p>	<p><u>MARCH ANNIVERSARIES</u> 24th Renee & 'Josh' KELLEY (6 yrs)</p>
<p><u>MARCH MCL ANNIVERSARIES</u> Warner SUMPTER (13 yrs) Carl EBAUGH (10 yrs) Kevin GRIFFIN (8 yrs) Richard HYSON (4 yrs) Thomas MIFFLETON (4 yrs) Jeff MERRITT (3 yr) John ROBINSON (2 yrs) Raymond SITES (Unk)</p>	<p><u>MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS DUE IN MARCH</u> Carl EBAUGH Kevin GRIFFIN Richard HYSON Jeff MERRITT Thomas MIFFLETON John ROBINSON Raymond SITES</p>
<p><u>WELCOME ABOARD</u> None reported to your editor</p>	<p><u>MEMBERSHIP'S RENEWED</u> Bob MILLER</p>

DON'T LET YOUR MEMBERSHIP LAPSE

Please send your \$22.00 checks made payable to “MCL Det 115” to our paymaster. Also note we have a new paymaster....

Andy Bouma, Paymaster
 32175 Bonhill Dr
 Salisbury, MD 21804-1464

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



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THEN CONSIDER GOING 'LIFE'
NOW IS THE TIME TO DO IT**

Navy Annex being razed after 70 years

The Washington Post Published: January 5 | Updated: Sunday, December 30, 8:42 AM by Steve Vogel

The Navy Annex was never intended to last long or, for that matter, to house human beings. The 1 million-square-foot complex, perched on an Arlington County hill overlooking the Pentagon, was designed as a temporary warehouse but pressed by wartime needs into service as offices for the Navy and Marine Corps.

Seven decades later, including more than 50 years as Marine Corps headquarters, the Navy Annex is coming down. Demolition crews are gutting the interior and, late last month, began tearing down the complex's exterior walls. The 42-acre site is to be turned over to neighboring Arlington National Cemetery for grave sites.

The demise of the Navy Annex, built quickly in 1941 on the eve of U.S. entry into World War II, sheds light on a curious subspecies of Washington area structures: the temporary government office building.

“The old joke is there’s nothing in Washington as permanent as a temporary building,” said G. Martin Moeller Jr., senior curator at the National Building Museum.

Even by Washington temporary standards, the annex had a long life. The infamous Munitions and Main Navy buildings, enormous and ugly industrial-style buildings constructed during World War I on the Mall between the Lincoln Memorial and Washington Monument, were supposed to be torn down when the Great War ended but instead were not demolished until the Nixon administration. They lasted a little over 50 years, two decades less than the Navy Annex.

It will take a while to tear down the annex on Columbia Pike, with its seven four-story comb like wings that were home to 6,000 workers in its heyday. An eighth wing was torn down in 2004 to make way for the Air Force Memorial.

“It was built to last, even though it was built to be temporary,” said Kevin Mahoney, the project manager for the Corinthian-DSI joint venture that was awarded a \$10 million contract in August to demolish every trace of the annex and restore the grounds to green space by September.

A building of many uses

At a low-key demolition ceremony held recently at the annex’s main entrance, William Brazis, director of the Pentagon’s Washington Headquarters Service, which oversees the Navy Annex, paraphrased Ecclesiastes 3:3. “There’s a time to build, and a time to tear down,” he said, “and it is time to start tearing this building down.”

Not many tears were shed. “No one would tell you it was the most architecturally pleasing place,” Brazis said. “It was thrown up like a warehouse, and it showed.” Even its second official name — Federal Office Building 2, or FOB 2 — was inelegant.

Though perhaps never loved, the building proved quite useful over the years.

“There’s a tendency to underestimate the reluctance to tear down a temporary building,” Moeller said, “not because of any love for it, but because it’s there.”

Military headquarters in Washington were bursting at the seams during the buildup to World War II. The Arlington annex was part of an explosion of construction that also included the Pentagon, built by the War Department to house the Army headquarters.

On Nov. 8, 1941, the Marine Corps moved its headquarters from the temporary Main Navy building, where it had been for more than two decades, and into the new annex. One month later, after the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor, the annex became the rear command post from which the Corps directed Marines through the Pacific, from Guadalcanal to Iwo Jima.

After the war, even when President Harry Truman ordered the Navy to move its headquarters into the Pentagon in 1948, the Marine Corps stayed in the Navy Annex until 1996, preferring the independence. The annex also housed a variety of Navy offices and eventually became home to the Missile Defense Agency. When the Sept. 11, 2001, attack destroyed the Navy Command Center at the Pentagon, it was reconstituted at the annex.

The annex never underwent major renovation, other than a \$3.25 million spruce-up in the 1970s that included a new roof, carpeting and replacement of the World War II-era wiring. The windows were painted over so many times that many did not close, leading to regular complaints of freezing temperatures.

Some viewed assignment to the spartan building as a form of exile. “That’s how you knew you were a bad person,” said Michael Dangerfield, who did temporary duty at the annex while in the Army and is now the Defense Department program manager for the demolition. “They sent you to the Navy Annex. They didn’t send you to Rosslyn or Crystal City.”

Legislation passed in 2000 by Congress directed that the demolition be completed and the land turned over to the cemetery nearly three years ago. But the annex proved so useful as swing space for workers dislocated by the 2005 base closures and the Pentagon renovation that the Defense Department received a series of one-year extensions.

Occupants dismissed warnings to vacate by the end of 2011.

Dangerfield installed a countdown clock, but no one paid attention.

“People were laughing at us,” said Dangerfield, who responded by cutting off food service. “That’s when they took us seriously,” he said. Removing the ATM helped, too.

Now the Navy has carted away the World War II-era anchors and ship bells that provided decorative touches. At the entrance, a hole in the brick facade is all that is left where the Marine Corps plaque was chiseled out. Concrete mold eagles remain above another entrance, looking forlorn. They have proved impossible to remove and will be crushed into dust.

Remains of the day

Inside, windows have been smashed, holes knocked through walls and doors blown off their hinges. It is not the work of the demolition crews. For much of the past year, the annex hosted training exercises for police SWAT teams, FBI and Secret Service agents, and firefighters. Officers roamed corridors firing paintballs and beanbags at one another, setting off controlled explosions and running police dogs through the building. A huge panoramic glass entry to the Missile Defense Agency was blown to smithereens.

“There wasn’t a piece of glass that the police didn’t like blowing up,” Dangerfield said.

The last SWAT teams have been evicted, and the annex is the domain of 85 demolition workers, some of them mindful of the history they are dismantling. Mahoney’s grandmother worked at the annex during the war, typing letters to the families of deceased troops.

Hints of that history are scattered about, including abandoned wall placards and the wood wainscot in the corridor leading to the Marine commandant’s office.

On the fourth floor, an enormous, V-shaped wood-laminated table that once hosted top-secret video conferences was abandoned by the Missile Defense Agency.

“This conference table — everybody in the world wants it,” Dangerfield said. But no one wanted to pay \$1,500 to restore power for the elevator needed to remove the table.

In sealed-off areas, workers in protective suits are stripping asbestos-laden material and packing it in boxes for shipment to a toxic-waste facility.

Crews gutting the insides have pushed debris out of openings to the ground outside, where a 30-ton excavator sorts huge piles of brickwork, trash and metal. Truckloads of material depart every day to be recycled or dumped.

Some see the Navy Annex’s future as a cemetery as appropriate. “It’s fitting as a resting place for those who served the nation,” Brazis said.

View photo gallery on this link http://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/tearing-down-the-navy-annex/2013/01/05/14fd72e0-5778-11e2-8b9e-dd8773594efc_gallery.html#photo=1

2012 Toys-For-Tots



Marine Ed Hearthway is to be congratulated upon wrapping up his 12th and final year as the Detachment Toys-4-Tots Coordinator. Naturally Ed has had lots of help over the years by other detachment members, family and community members and just plain friends without whom Ed could not have done what he has but no one can fathom all the hard work that is involved in being the coordinator. The geographic areas covered by our detachment are the four (4) counties of Dorchester, Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester...total population 186,608. Marine Hearthway has done an exemplary job as the Detachment Toys-4-Tots Coordinator as the following results of the 2012 campaign “After Action Report” will attest to.

Total monetary donations collected during the year was: \$20,990.15

Total number of toys collected:	7,748	
Total number of toys purchased:	3,588	
Toys received from T-4-T’s Foundation:	<u>832</u>	
Total toys:	>	<u>12,168</u>
Total number of books collected;	629	
Total number of books purchased:	123	
Books received from T-4-T’s Foundation:	<u>100</u>	
Total books:	>	<u>852</u>
Total number of stocking stuffers collected:	>	<u>2,508</u>

The end results are that 7,734 less fortunate children on the Eastern Shore awoke on Christmas morning to find a little extra something under the tree for them. This could not have happened without the hard work of Marine Hearthway aka ‘Santa’ and all those wonderful “Elves” all over the Eastern Shore that support and/or donate to Toys-4-Tots.

I salute you Ed and although this was your last year as “Coordinator” I understand you will still be assisting our new member Dena Holloway who has graciously volunteered to become the new Toys-4-Tots Coordinator for the detachment. I have no doubt that Dena is up to the task, in that this is not something entirely new to

her. She and her husband Lee reside in Snow Hill and for 25+ years Dena has been running "Santa House" a program in Worcester County that provides toys, food and clothing as needed to needy families. During 2012 alone Dena, who says she has been blessed with a good crew of volunteers and family support, has provided help to 528 families which included 2,200 children and in addition helped 78 elderly in the county. Dena is an angel in disguise.

Myths & Misconceptions: Vietnam War Folklore by Michael Kelley July 1998

Editor's Note: Each edition of the "Sand-Flea" will now contain at least one of the 13 myths and misconceptions as written by Michael Kelley. I will continue with Myths & Misconceptions next month as number 6 is a long one and would have caused this newsletter to be something like 9 pages long and I need to hold it at 6 pages.

RAO Bulletins

Each month your editor 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 links below that will take you to the current bulletins so that you might look them over. The below bulletins are dated February 1st and February 14th 2013.

<http://www.veteransresources.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/02/Bulletin-130201PDF-Edition-97.pdf>
<http://vets4vets.zymichost.com/Bulletin%20130214%20PDF%20Edition.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.

I was beginning to think I would never see this day come. In all the years I have been Editor of the Scuttlebutt this is the first time we have had NO Marines and/or Corpsman pay the ultimate sacrifice in our war on terrorism.

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

Quotes about Marines

The raising of that flag on Suribachi means a Marine Corps for the next five hundred years.

James Forrestal, Secretary of the Navy; 23 February 1945

(the flag-raising on Iwo Jima had been immortalized in a photograph by Associated Press photographer Joe Rosenthal)



-- Once a Marine, Always a Marine --