

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 February 9th, 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 February Dates

February 1st

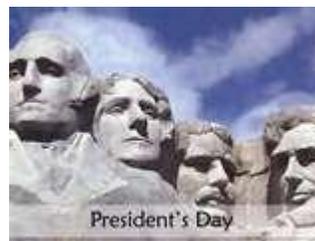
WILL THE GROUNDHOG
SEE HIS SHADOW?



February 14th



February 21st



"Calendar of Events"

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

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

May 5 thru 7, 2011: The Department of MD
convention will be held at the Princess Royale
Oceanfront Hotel & Conference Center in Ocean

City, MD. Additional information on the Princess Royal is on the following link:

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

All forms and information on the convention are available on the following link:

http://deptofmdmcl.org/Other/DptMD_2011_ConventionAnnouncement.pdf

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, Barb EBAUGH (wife) of member Carl EBAUGH are having or have recently had various health problems. Paul EBAUGH (father & WWII Vet) of member Carl EBAUGH passed away on January 3, 2011. Please keep these folks and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

THE PASSING OF 2 LOCAL WWII VETERANS



LILLIAN MARSHALL HOLLAND, 90, of Crisfield, died Thursday, December 9, 2010 at Manokin Manor Nursing Home in Princess Anne.

Mrs. Holland proudly served in the US Marine Corps during World War II and was a member of our detachment for several years.



PERRY HARDING REESE, 92, of Crisfield and formerly of Long Island, New York, died Monday, December 20, 2010 at Alice Byrd Tawes Nursing Home in Crisfield.

She was a World War II veteran serving from 1942-1945 with the Women's Army Air Corps (WAC) achieving the rank of Staff Sergeant. Her military occupation was Mess Sgt. and she also guarded enemy soldiers due to her ability to speak fluent German.

"Membership Happenings"

February Happy Birthday's

8th Ed HEARTHWAY
10th Louis JONES
14th Betty SANDS
23rd Walter COHEE
26th Sylvia GOSLEE
28th George "Buddy" MURRAY

February Anniversaries

17th Sandra & Andy BOUMA (46 yrs)
23rd Sharon & David MILLS (17 yrs)
28th Nicole & Kyle HEBERE (6 yrs)

February MCL Anniversaries

Ed HEARTHWAY (12 yrs)

Welcome Aboard

David E. CHERRY (Salisbury, MD)
John H. BRENNER (Salisbury, MD)

Membership's Renewed

None I am aware of

Membership Renewals Due in February

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.

Commandant Andy Bouma's Report

A well attended Marine Corps Birthday Dinner for our Detachment was held on Saturday, November 13 at the American Legion in Salisbury and a good time was had by all.

The next day November 14, several Detachment members were involved in the semiannual "packing party" for Operation We Care. 328 packages of everyday items that are not available

to the troops there but make life a little easier were packed and wrapped by volunteers. This group headed by member Jeff Merritt has since 2007 sent over 1,100 packages to our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan and the Detachment was once again able to donate a modest amount to help with postage that this time amounted to over \$4,000.

Another busy and successful Toys for Tots season has ended. Coordinator Ed Hearthway reports that 11,100 toys were either purchased or collected from the familiar Toys for Tots boxes throughout our area and distributed to 4,954 needy children on the lower eastern shore of Maryland. Many thanks are due to all the volunteers that make this worthwhile project a success.

The Home of the Brave is a dream come true for Tina Pearson of Berlin, MD. Seeing a need she wanted to do something for combat veterans. To fulfill that dream she had living quarters for herself constructed adjacent to her new four bedroom home and opened her home to recent combat veterans as a getaway for a few days in a peaceful setting and country environment. She held an open house on October 30 of last year which I attended and everything about her property is very impressive. In the last couple of weeks, Maryland Adjutant General visited and is getting the word out. If you know of a service member or veteran that has seen combat in the last 18 months here is a good way for them to get away with family and relax and reconnect. There is no charge for the use of this property. Go to the following link for more information.

<http://www.thehomeofthebrave.us/>

"OPERATION WE CARE" DOES MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Detachment Member Jeff Merritt received the following email on December 13th. This is the unit (HMLA-169 Vipers) we sent 75 care packages to last month. Two of the Marines are local to our area. Jeff and his supporters sent a total of 328 care packages to our troops on November 13th.

Greetings Sir,

On behalf of all the Marines and Sailors of Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 169, 3D Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward), I would like to say thank you. Your gifts have touched the hearts of all of the Marines and Sailors of this command. You have helped show my Marines and Sailors that they are being thought about through the holidays, especially when we are so far away from home. Our Marines and Sailors sometimes

struggle with the hardship of separation from family during these times. Your unwavering dedication and support to the troops has contributed to an increase in morale throughout the unit. Thank you again for the gracious gifts you have sent in support of our mission.

Sincerely,
Mark A. Byrd
Sergeant Major, HMLA-169
United States Marine Corps



Jonathan,

On behalf of thousands of deserving children in Dorchester, Somerset, Wicomico, and Worcester County, thank you for supporting the 2010 Toys for Tots Campaign, sponsored locally by the SSgt

Cohee Detachment, Marine Corps League. To date we have collected and purchased over 10,000 toys that were distributed to children through 26 organizations that serve families and children.

There were 130 businesses in the lower four counties that were drop off locations for new and unwrapped toys. All toys that were collected and donations received in a specific county were distributed/spent in that county.

Thank you again for your support.

Merry Christmas.

Ed Hearthway
Toys for Tots Coordinator
Salisbury, MD 21801

The above was directed to Jonathan Taylor aka The SalisburyGrinch. For more on the SalisburyCrinch go here
<http://www.salisburygrinch.com/>

P-47 Bombing Mission in COLOR

As we say GOOD-BYE and THANK YOU to our rapidly thinning ranks of World War II veterans, take a five minute break from whatever you're doing and join some of them on a P-47 bombing mission over Germany .

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OA4M9n-sJuo>

Interesting USMC Statistics - FY 2010

USMC Percentage of DOD Budget: 6.1%

For that, Marine Corps provides:

15% of ground maneuver brigades and Regimental Combat Teams

12% of fighter/attack planes

19% of attack helicopters

Average Cost per Active Duty Member

Marine \$63,335 Sailor \$76,694 Soldier \$72,781
Airman \$78,701

Officer/Enlisted Ratio

USMC 1:8.4 Army 1:5.0 Navy 1:5.3 AF 1:4.0

Civilian to Active Duty Member ratio

USMC 1:12.8 Army 1:2.1 Navy 1:1.9 AF 1:2.0

Operational Force and Percentage of Total Force

USMC 136,182 (67%) Navy 162,400 (50%) Army 307,700 (56%) AF 119,000 (36%)

Average Age

USMC 24.9 Army 28.5 Navy 28.7 AF 29.6

E-3 and Below

USMC 83,047 (45.7%) Navy 79,324 (28.9%) Army 118,792 (25.6%) AF 69,265 (26.0%)

Number of Generals

USMC 81 Army 315 Navy 221 AF 284 SECDEF 81

Afghanistan Force US 92,000

USMC 21,000 Army 57,000 Navy 4,000 AF 9,000

IS THIS WHERE THE EXPRESSION "MORE BANG FOR THE BUCK" CAME FROM?

"We, the unknowing, led by the unwilling, have done so much for so long with so little, we are now qualified to do anything with nothing"

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.

[Aleman, Sgt Nicholas](#)

Brooklyn, NY

[Rusk, Pfc Colton](#)

Orange Grove, TX

[Peto, Sgt Jason](#)

Vancouver, WA

[Geary, Lance Cpl Michael](#)

Derry, NH

[Green, Staff Sgt. Stacy](#)

Alexander City, AL

[Maldonado, Lance Cpl Jose](#)

Mathis, TX

[Osterman, Cpl Sean](#)

Princeton, MN

[Torbert, Cpl Eric](#)

Lancaster, PA

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/user/claythe1?feature=hum>

http://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=Iwa-ISVqAIM&vq=medium

<http://nation.foxnews.com/culture/2010/06/07/watch-marine-stuns-crowd-tea-party>

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.

From: Bolden LtCol Anthony C (3MAWFWD FOPSO/WTI)

Sent: Monday, August 02, 2010 4:36 PM

Subject: **The meaning of Semper Fidelis...**

Friends and family,

I watched a General of Marines cry today. Along with the General, were hundreds of others who hung on every word of honor that was spoken and every note of remembrance that was played, as we bid farewell to two of our brothers-in-arms who perished due to enemy action in Trek Nawa, Afghanistan on 22 July 2010. The General was unashamed, as were the rest of us. You will often hear average Americans talk of Patriotism and Honor, but many times those terms are used with little regard to what they truly mean.

In the Marine Corps, we have a simple motto - **Semper Fidelis - which means ALWAYS FAITHFUL.** We aren't the first to use that term, but I venture to believe that our adoption and use of it as our motto will endure much longer than any other. I believe that for one simple reason - I saw a General of Marines cry today. His tears were shed as he remembered the service and sacrifice, not just of the two Marines who were honored at this particular ceremony but of all those that bore the title "Marine," who have given the full measure.

What makes a grown man of 40 years decide to leave his wife and two young children to travel thousands of miles to a foreign land and risk his life? I can tell you that it is NOT because he believes that our way of life and style of government can be impressed upon a people who have never known anything remotely resembling what we assume is a god-given right. He does it because of his faith. He has faith that each and every man, woman and child on God's green earth "are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness..."

That may not sound familiar to some of you, but it is part of the Declaration of Independence. A document that the founding fathers of the United States of America created to communicate that which they believed in so dearly in that they were willing to start a war. That declaration, and the ensuing war, led them to eventually write the Constitution of the United States, the document upon which every serviceman and woman swears (or affirms) to support and defend. If you have never read both of those documents, or it has been a while, I suggest that you go to your local library, check them out and read them. I don't tell you this to sound "high and mighty," nor do I tell you this with contempt or disapproval for any one individual's beliefs. I tell you this because the fundamental belief to which we as

Marines cling to so dearly, is why you will find a 40 year old man willing to leave his family, travel thousands of miles to a foreign land, and die there.

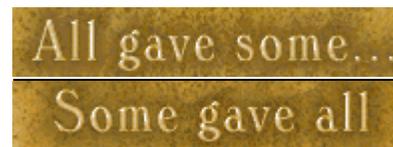
I have read recently that the death toll of American forces has soared here in Afghanistan. Almost every major news outlet has focused on the sheer numbers of Americans that have lost their lives here. Politicians and activists have used those numbers to push their own personal agendas and ideas. That is shameful. It is shameful because, by flaunting our loss of life as a reason why we shouldn't be doing what we are doing, they have lost sight of why America and its allies are here - Faith. Faith that we can make a difference. I have faith that if my presence here can serve to improve the life of one Afghan, then I have done something worthy and good. I have faith that the man or woman that stands beside me would give their life to protect mine. I have faith that I would do the same. I have faith that my family knows me, and believes in me enough to endure the hardships of military life. I have faith that, should I be unfortunate and lose my life trying to improve the lives of others, that the Marine Corps family will take care of My Family.

Many of you may not understand why we as Marines believe in such things, or why I am sharing this with you now. I can only hope that at some point in your lives, you have felt that unwavering feeling of faithfulness to something. For most, you have that with your family. I hope that everyone enjoys the comfort that faith can provide. Today, we committed to memory the lives and legacies of two phenomenal Marines. Both were husbands and fathers, and both were good, decent Men. I, for one, will be faithful to their memory and strive to protect that which they so dearly believed in. As I watched a General of Marines cry today, through eyes blurred with the sting of my own tears, all I could think of was, "Semper Fidelis."

Faithfully,

Ché Bolden

CAMP LEATHERNECK, AFGHANISTAN



All gave some...
Some gave all

As stated in the last issue 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>

Alphonso Lee Harmon

Private First Class
K CO, 3RD BN, 5TH MARINES, 1ST MARDIV, III
MAF

United States Marine Corps
[Berlin, Maryland](#)

April 09, 1946 to November 13, 1967

[ALPHONSO L HARMON](#) is on the Wall at [Panel 29E](#)
[Line 089](#)

See the [full profile](#) for Alphonso Harmon

Benjamin Tilghman

Lance Corporal
3RD PLT, H CO, 2ND BN, 9TH MARINES, 3RD
MARDIV, III MAF

United States Marine Corps
[Deal Island, Maryland](#)

February 27, 1949 to July 23, 1968

[BENJAMIN TILGHMAN](#) is on the Wall at [Panel 51W](#)
[Line 045](#)

See the [full profile](#) for Benjamin Tilghman

