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"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 August 11th, 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

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Adjutant: Richard Hyson
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Web Sergeant: Don Elseroad

"Calendar of Events"

August 8 thru 14, 2010:



To be held at the Sheraton Greensboro Hotel / Koury Convention Center in Greensboro, NC. Call for reservations at 1-800-242-6556. The reservation block includes check-in on Friday, 6 August, for the "early birds". Be sure and mention "MCL 87th National Convention" when making your reservation.

Complete information and forms are available on the following link: <http://www.mcl2010.org/> with hotel information on the following link: <http://www.sheratongreensboro.com/meetingrooms.shtml>

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

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

Our Own Jimmie Lee Howard Honored Again

The Distinguished Citizen Award, Gold is presented to Jimmie Lee Howard on 26 June 2010, in appreciation for your many years of faithful and honorable service to the Marine Corps League. I commend you for promoting many of our Marine Corps League programs.

Jimmie Lee, because of your steadfast dedication as a Marine, you have continued to strengthen the faith in our League. Thank you for your many years of service to our League.

James R. Laskey
Marine Corps League National Commandant

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<i>Paymaster</i>	Dick Wischhusen
<i>Chaplain</i>	Tony Begewald
<i>Sergeant at Arms</i>	Mike Betts

"Sick or in Distress"

MCL Members Ed MIHALIK, Paul WARD, Jr., Walt COHEE, Rhuel GOSLEE, Louis SLOWIK, Ralph SMITH 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"

August Happy Birthday's

4th David MILLS
8th Charles SANDS
30th Don ELSEROAD

August Anniversaries

4th Barb & Carl EBAUGH (20 yrs)
11th Tata & Danny PARSONS (15 yrs)
19th Barbara & George "Buddy" MURRAY (55 yrs)
22nd Alane & Ralph CAPEN (12 yrs)
26th Jeannie & Paul WARD (48 yrs)

August MCL Anniversaries

Walter COHEE, Jr. (7 yrs)
Robert HORTIE, Sr. (7 yrs)

Welcome Aboard

Recruit None Recruit

Membership's Renewed

Warner SUMPTER

Membership Renewals Due in August

Robert HORTIE, Sr.

Membership Renewals Overdue

I will no-longer be listing anyone under this category since I am not always aware when a member renews their dues. Instead, upon receipt of the quarterly National detachment listing, should anyone be listed as not having renewed their dues I will contact those members directly.

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 hearthway@aol.com or mail it to her at 442 Monticello Ave, Salisbury, MD 21801-6108.

Update 'Lungs for Chuck' quest continues

During the past year, Marine Veteran Chuck Campbell of Milford, DE has seen friends, co-workers and total strangers pledge \$1 million in donations to his double-lung transplant fund.

The generosity has touched the heart of the 46-year old father of four. Chuck has chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), a condition that has narrowed his airways so much that only 14 % of his lungs still work.

Even though Chuck has raised enough money to be added to the transplant waiting list, his battle isn't over. Next he has to worry about medication that will cost him thousands of dollars a month for the rest of his life. "With the medication, they're slowing the disease down as much as they can" Chuck said, "But it's one of those diseases that no matter what you do, it's going to get worse". "It's a one-day-at-a-time kind of thing until then". Chuck said he wouldn't have made it this far without the help of his former employer Pohanka and their 'New Lungs for Chuck' raffle back in March which was poised to fall short of its goal of raising \$1 million. But then an anonymous donor, who saw details of the raffle on The Bonnie Hunt Show, offered to cover the difference, a sum that came to \$650,000. All Chuck knows about the donor is that the donor's accountant has a Beverly Hills, CA address. "It definitely a prayer answered," Chuck said.

Chuck said he expects to be added "any day now" to the transplant list at Inova Hospital in Fairfax, VA. Once on the list, the average wait time before a transplant is about 3.5 months. Chuck further say's "our prayer now is that the surgery will be done before the end of the year. Then recovery will take another three to six months. And then I'm back to work".

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/>

Veterans' Medallion Available for Order

<http://www1.va.gov/opa/pressrel/pressrelease.cfm?id=1915>

June 29, 2010

New Option for Marking Veterans' Graves in Private Cemeteries

WASHINGTON – Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric Shinseki announced today that the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is offering bronze medallions to attach to existing, privately purchased headstones or markers, signifying a deceased's status as a Veteran.

"For Veterans not buried in a national or state Veterans cemetery, or those without a government grave marker, VA is pleased to offer this option that highlights their service and sacrifices for our country," said Secretary Shinseki.

The new item can be furnished instead of a traditional government headstone or marker for Veterans whose death occurred on or after Nov. 1, 1990, and whose grave in a private cemetery is marked with a privately purchased headstone or marker.

Under federal law, eligible Veterans buried in a private cemetery are entitled to either a government-furnished grave marker or the new medallion, but not both. Veterans buried in a national or state Veterans cemetery will receive a government headstone or marker of the standard design authorized at that cemetery.

The medallion is available in three sizes: 5 inches, 3 inches and 1 ½ inches in width. Each bronze medallion features the image of a folded burial flag adorned with laurels and is inscribed with the word "Veteran" at the top and the branch of service at the bottom.

Next of kin will receive the medallion, along with a kit that will allow the family or the staff of a private cemetery to affix the medallion to a headstone, grave marker, mausoleum or columbarium niche cover.

More information about VA-furnished headstones, markers and medallions can be found at <http://www.cem.va.gov/cem/hm/hmtype.asp>.

VA is currently developing an application form for ordering the medallion. Until it is available, applicants may use the form for ordering

government headstones and markers, VA Form 40-1330. Instructions on how to apply for a medallion are found on the VA Web site at www.cem.va.gov/hm_hm.asp.

Veterans with a discharge issued under conditions other than dishonorable, their spouses and eligible dependent children can be buried in a VA national cemetery. Other burial benefits available for all eligible Veterans, regardless of whether they are buried in a national cemetery or a private cemetery, include a burial flag, a Presidential Memorial Certificate and a government headstone or grave marker.

The new medallions will be available only to Veterans buried in private cemeteries without a government headstone or marker. Families of eligible decedents may also order a memorial headstone or marker when remains are not available for interment.

VA operates 131 national cemeteries in 39 states and Puerto Rico and 33 soldiers' lots and monument sites. More than 3 million Americans, including Veterans of every war and conflict -- from the Revolutionary War to the current conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan -- are buried in VA's national cemeteries on more than 19,000 acres.

Information on VA burial benefits can be obtained from national cemetery offices, from the VA Web site on the Internet at www.cem.va.gov or by calling VA regional offices toll-free at 1-800-827-1000.

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 June and July 2010.

[Suter, Jake](#)

Los Angeles, CA
[Hernandez, Lance Cpl Derek](#)
 Kingwood, TX
[Marler, Cpl. Donald](#)
 St. Louis, MO
[Rankel, Sgt John](#)
 Speedway, IN
[Shanfield, Sgt Derek](#)
 Hastings, PA
[Walters, Sgt Zachary](#)
 Palm Coast, FL
[Plank, Lance Cpl Michael](#)
 Cameron Mills, NY
[Brummund, Lance Cpl Gavin](#)
 Arnold, CA
[Standfest, Cpl. Jeffrey](#)
 St. Clair, MI
[Bailey, Lance Cpl Michael](#)
 Park Hills, MO
[Cueto, Cpl Kevin](#)
 San Jose, CA
[Dumaw, Lance Cpl Joshua](#)
 Spokane Valley, WA
[Patino, Cpl. Claudio](#)
 Yorba Linda, CA
[Serwinowski, Lance Cpl Timothy](#)
 North Tonawanda, NY
[Harris, Cpl Larry](#)
 Thornton, CO

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 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

**A PAGE OUT OF YOUR EDITORS
 HISTORY BOOK**



From late 1965 to early 1967 I was the Admin
 Chief for G-3-12 3rdMarDiv in RVN. My
 clerks consisted of a young Cpl whose name I
 regretfully cannot recall. My other two
 clerks' were LCpl's Jay Lauterbach and Bill
 Kowalyk. Both of these men performed
 double duty, as they were 3531 truck drivers
 when we were between firebases and admin
 clerks when we were set-up for fire missions.
 Early August 1966 LCpl Kowalyk approach
 me with everything he needed for a
 "Hardship Discharge." Not being a U.S.
 citizen it was my responsibility to explain to
 him that with another year's service in the
 Marine Corps he would be eligible for
 automatic citizenship. Bill's decision was to
 stick it out for that year. Two weeks later I
 found myself at the battalion aid station just
 before daylight doing a casualty report on
 Bill and I must admit, at the time I did not
 think he was going to make it. A week or so
 later I had the honor of preparing a "Silver
 Star" recommendation for him. Bill not only
 made it but within 90 days reported back to
 me for duty. He had refused to return to
 CONUS or go to any other outfit upon release
 from the hospital. For the record, the other 2
 men in the foxhole with Bill were my other 2
 clerks. Bill had taken the full blast of the
 grenade with the exception of couple pieces of
 shrapnel that wounded the other 2 that were
 behind him in the hole. Quite a few months
 later while on recruiting duty in Baltimore,
 MD I opened a Cherry Point newspaper to
 find on the front page a picture of LCpl
 William Kowalyk outlined in the "Navy
 Cross." Note the "Silver Star" had been
 upgraded to a "Navy Cross". Now read the
 citation, which I have recently researched and
 found.

KOWALYK, WILLIAM
Lance Corporal, U.S. Marine Corps
Battery G, 3d Battalion, 12th Marines, 3d
Marine Division (Rein.) FMF
Date of Action: August 26, 1966

Citation:

The Navy Cross is presented to William Kowalyk, Lance Corporal, U.S. Marine Corps, for extraordinary heroism while serving with Battery G, Third Battalion, Twelfth Marines, Third Marine Division (Reinforced), Fleet Marine Force, during operations against the enemy near Cam Lo, Republic of Vietnam, on 26 August 1966. During the early morning Lance Corporal Kowalyk and two other Marines were manning a foxhole on the battalion perimeter when it was breached by a company of North Vietnamese Regulars. In the initial onslaught, a hand grenade wounded all three men. Although painfully wounded in the chest, arms, and face, Lance Corporal Kowalyk assured the others that he was not seriously hurt and continued to fire his weapon. The others noticed that he could barely lift his rifle and attempted to evacuate him, but he refused to be moved and selflessly resumed firing. Now surrounded, the two less seriously wounded Marines again took up their positions. At this time, unknown to the two, a North Vietnamese soldier leapt into the foxhole and attempted to strangle the nearly helpless Lance Corporal Kowalyk with a rope. Summoning all his strength, he threw off the attacker and, with a heroic effort, killed him with his rifle. Again his companions rushed to him and, realizing how badly he was hurt, evacuated him still protesting to the aid station. Through his daring and resolute determination he was instrumental in thwarting the enemy attack. By his courage, selfless actions, and inspiring devotion to duty, Lance Corporal Kowalyk reflected great credit upon himself and the Marine Corps and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.



Semper Paratus

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.