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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 July 14th, 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

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

"Calendar of Events"

June 25 - 26, 2010: The Mid-East Division Conference, is to be held at the Westin Hotel in Virginia Beach, VA and will be hosted by the Department of Virginia, MCL. Complete information can be found on the following link.

<http://www.virginiamarines.org/pdf/Mideast%20info.pdf>

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>



"Sick or in Distress"

MCL Members Ed MIHALIK, Paul WARD, Jr., Walt COHEE, Rhuel GOSLEE, Louis SLOWIK, Ralph SMITH and family member Barb EBAUGH are having or have recently had various health problems. Please keep these folks and their families in your thoughts and prayers and for those that may not know, Gloria Howard lost her

mother on June 1. Please keep Gloria and Jimmy Lee in your thoughts and prayers also.

ONCE AGAIN MIA MEMBER'S

The following detachment member's are "Missing in Action"

Wilbur D. BOLTON last known address was Berea, KY

Richard R. BURTON last known address was Hollywood, FL and

Edward MIHALIK last known address was Charlotte Hall, MD

If you know where these Marine's are please contact your editor as soon as possible.

"Membership Happenings"

July Happy Birthday's

1st Cindy GRIFFIN

2nd Donna JONES

7th Ed MIHALIK

12th Fran HEARTHWAY

13th 'Josh' KELLEY

16th Richard CARRILLO

17th Madeline PARSONS

27th Tara CARRILLO

28th Joseph BACHTLER

July Anniversaries

5th Cecelia & Jim SIEGEL (35 yrs)

8th Fran & Ed HEARTHWAY (4 yrs)

9th Donna & Louis JONES (36 yrs)

25th Dorothy & Robert HORTIE (60 yrs)

31st Diana & Jeff MERRIT (6 yrs)

June MCL Anniversaries

None

Welcome Aboard

William WHEATLEY (Salisbury, MD)

Membership's Renewed

Wilber BOLTON

Kevin GRIFFIN

Membership Renewals Due in July

None

Membership Renewals Overdue

Raymond SITES

Warner SUMPTER

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.

NOTE: A proposal to raise National Dues will be presented at the National Convention. Should this increase become a reality it may be necessary for the detachment to increase the \$27.00 and/or \$22.00 dues we now have in place but not to worry, plenty of advance warning will be given.

The detachment has been fortunate in that we have been able to hold down the cost of becoming and staying a member in the Marine Corps League for many a year. However, depending on the proposed possible increase by National, we may have no choice but to increase our dues so should that come about you may want to consider becoming a "Life" member. See the chart below.



**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.

FISHER HOUSE FOR DOVER, DE

American Gold Star Mothers, Inc. has started a nation-wide campaign to support the Fisher House Foundation

AGSM's Campaign for Fisher House will help fund the building of a Fisher House at Dover Air Force Base in Delaware. This special house will be used by families attending the Dignified Transfer of Remains Ceremonies as their fallen loved ones are returned to American soil. Thanks to the assistance of the American Gold Star Mothers, families of our American Heroes will be able to stay at a Fisher House for this solemn occasion.

You can safely donate at:

<http://www.active.com/donate/AGSMforFisherHouse/Albuquerque>

OPERATION WE CARE



Operation We Care takes flight Sun, Nov, 8, 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.

Visitors are welcome to attend and sign Scrolls for the Troops, a project by George and Shirley Jackson. Also on hand will be the Marine Corps League to accept donations for Toys for Tots.

Any financial donations will be used for postage. Checks can be made payable to "Operation We Care". Names are also needed - if you know someone that is deployed - we would need their name, address overseas and local contact person's name. Donations for Operation We Care and Toys for Tots can also be dropped off at H-D of Ocean City.

For more info and shopping list:
www.easternshorehog.com

More on "Operation We Care"

Packaging a 'thank you'

Boxed gifts 'mean the world' to our military OCEAN CITY -- A week into a 10-day patrol, a group of Army Rangers in Afghanistan had run out of food and water. The mission was to find a soldier who'd gone missing. He never turned up, and by the time the soldiers returned to their forward operating base, they hadn't showered in days and their morale was low. But their commanding lieutenant had a special gift waiting for them when they got back: Individual care packages filled with candy, toiletries, Wet Naps and more. The 55 boxes were sent by a group of local Harley-Davidson owners based in Ocean City.

"One first lieutenant told me, 'About 10 or 12 of my guys just broke down and cried -- it got here at the right time,' " said Jeff Merritt, president of the Eastern Shore chapter of Harley Owners Group and the brains behind the program he calls Operation We Care. Jeff is a member of the SSGT Walter F. 'Trae' Cohee III Marine Corps League Detachment 115 in Salisbury, MD.

What began as a one-time project to keep Merritt and his other hog buddies busy in the wintertime has turned into a year-round philanthropy for service members deployed overseas. Community support never waned, and now they send packages twice a year, for Armed Forces Day and Veterans Day, with the latter shipment meant for a Christmas delivery.

When the Wicomico County Convention and Tourism Bureau holds a Fourth of July concert at Bordeleau Winery in Eden, a portion of ticket sales will go toward postage for future packages sent by Operation We Care. "This is the most rewarding project I've ever been involved in," Merritt said. "We try to support the families here as much as we can, because they're the ones taking care of the house while the soldier is deployed. The family's got to keep the fires burning back here. At our packing events, we try to get as many family members here as possible so they can include their own stuff."

Their most recent packing party was May 16 in Powellville, where 82 volunteers helped fill 226 boxes. Packages were sent May 19 to a Delaware Air National Guard unit from Wilmington; an Army National Guard unit from Louisiana; and a weapons platoon of Marines in Afghanistan, two of whom are from the Eastern Shore.

Each box gets, among other items: A toothbrush,

toothpaste, body wash, personal grooming items, pens and paper for letters home, a box of Girl Scout cookies and a pull-top can of Chef Boyardee pasta, because it's nonperishable and portable. Items are individually bagged "so your Girl Scout cookies don't taste like Dial soap" and because it prevents sand from getting into everything, Merritt said. They also try to put a roll of toilet paper in every box, he added, because "sometimes the government-issue stuff, as you can imagine, is not the best."

Troops write back. Merritt said he's getting more and more thank-you e-mails -- one sent in the last week described how the toilet paper roll was the bounty in a poker game -- saying what a morale booster the gifts have proven to be.

"You have no idea how much these things mean," wrote back one soldier stationed in Iraq, with a battalion support brigade that had just lost a soldier in action. "My soldiers looked like little kids at a Christmas party opening the packages you sent," one first lieutenant with the 108th Cavalry wrote. "I am sure whoever you send to next will be as thankful as we were." "Getting those packages really meant the world to our troopers," wrote another captain from the 108th. "Being deployed and away from our families sometimes can get really difficult, and it is always the kind words or gracious gestures such as yours that enable us to make it through the tough times."

Mark Doyle, a Harley owner and a father of a soldier in the Afghanistan Ranger unit, said the care packages are so meaningful to soldiers because they're deployed literally in the middle of nowhere, and their efforts are rarely in the spotlight unless there's a casualty. "They're just really not thinking that anybody cares whether they're over there or not. So when these packages come in from people that write their name on it and say, 'Hey, we care about you,' that's something they've not felt in a long, long time, if ever," he said.

"We're just trying to say thank you to people who are doing a difficult thing real far from home," said Bruce Bennett of Harley-Davidson of Ocean City. "It's Memorial Day, and this is a great way for people to know that those at home are thinking of them. A lot of times, they don't even know they're coming, these boxes. It's not their mom and dad, it's not their wife -- it's complete strangers thanking them for what they're doing, what they're being asked to do, while we're safe at home."

The Nursing Home Abuse Center

is an informational website created to help the elderly and their loved ones who are concerned about nursing home abuse and neglect. Our site covers everything from signs of nursing home abuse to what steps to take if you suspect abuse. Nursing home abuse is terrible whenever it happens, but when our own military veterans are abused it just cannot get much worse than that. In light of recent news stories about our veterans being abused in nursing homes we have added a new section to our website. We hope to draw increased attention to this problem and do our part toward ending abuse of our veterans in nursing homes. I encourage you to visit our website and check us out. We work hard to make our site both comprehensive and user friendly (www.nursinghomeabusecenter.org)

VA Handbook

The latest edition of the Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents Pamphlet can be obtained from the Department of Veterans Affairs online or by mail. It updates the rates for certain federal payments and outlines a variety of programs and benefits for American veterans. Most of the nation's 25 million veterans qualify for some VA benefits, which range from health care to burial in a national cemetery. In addition to health-care and burial benefits, veterans may be eligible for programs providing home loan guaranties, educational assistance, training and vocational rehabilitation, income assistance pensions, life insurance and compensation for service-connected illnesses or disabilities. In some cases, survivors of veterans may also be entitled to benefits. The handbook describes programs for veterans with specific service experiences, such as prisoners of war or those concerned about environmental exposures in Vietnam or in the Gulf War, as well as special benefits for veterans with severe disabilities. In addition to describing benefits provided by VA, it provides an overview of programs and services for veterans provided by other federal agencies. It also includes resources to help veterans access their benefits, with a listing of phone numbers, websites, and a directory of VA facilities throughout the country. The 2010 publication in English can be downloaded at no cost from VA's Web site at http://www1.va.gov/opa/publications/benefits_book.asp.

Detachment Meeting June 9, 2010

As your editor and Web-Sergeant I am pleased to report that I did in fact attend the above meeting. Prior to the meeting Ed Hearthway and his bride

Fran invited me to their home for the finest home cooked meal I have had in many a year. Now I understand why Ed is such a big boy. Fran is one awesome cook and I thank her from the bottom of my heart for such a scrumptious meal which included all my favorites, crab cakes, small red taters, corn on the cob, salad and for dessert one outstanding strawberry pie. I must apologize the detachment members as Ed and I were several minutes late arriving for the meeting because I found it necessary to have second helpings of just about everything. To top off one fine meal I had the honor and pleasure of seeing many of my old friends and making new ones while at the meeting and I certainly was not expecting any awards for doing what little I can for my detachment from afar but our Commandant Andy Bouma presented me with a plaque for the web site I have set up for the detachment along with a walking stick he personally hand carved for me except someone must have told him I stand 5 foot 6 and he thought they said 6 foot 5. :-) I won't mention who all was in attendance for fear of forgetting someone but it was worth the long ride up just to see you all again or meet those that I did not know other than by name.

1907 PHOTO This one needs to circulate

The year is 1907, one hundred and 3+ years ago.
READ PRINT UNDER PICTURE!



Theodore Roosevelt's ideas on Immigrants and being an AMERICAN in 1907.

'In the first place, we should insist that if the immigrant who comes here in good faith becomes an American and assimilates himself to us, he shall be treated on an exact equality with everyone else, for it is an outrage to discriminate against any such man because of creed, or birthplace, or origin. But this is predicated upon the person's becoming in every facet an American, and nothing but an American. There can be no divided allegiance here. Any man who says he is an American, but something else also, isn't an

American at all. We have room for but one flag, the American flag. We have room for but one language here, and that is the English language. And we have room for but one sole loyalty and that is a loyalty to the American people.'

Theodore Roosevelt 1907

Every American citizen needs to read this!

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 May 2010.

Desforges, Sgt Joshua
Ludlow, MA

May, Sgt Kenneth
Kilgore, TX

Johnson, Jeffery
Tomball, TX

Lamar, Sgt Donald
Fredericksburg, VA

Shea, Kurt
Frederick, MD

Davis, Lance Cpl Joshua
Perry, IA

Penny, Lance Cpl Richard
Fayetteville, AR

Barrett, 1st. Lt. Brendan
Marion, IN

Clark, Lance Cpl Philip
Gainesville, FL

Xavier, Lance Cpl Patrick
Pembroke Pines, FL

Perkins, Staff Sgt. Adam
Antelope, CA

[Paradarodriguez, Cpl Nicholas](#)

Stafford, VA

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

The Corps Bumper Stickers



Semper Ji

and good night "Chesty" wherever

you are



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

-- Once a Marine, Always a Marine --

God Bless America