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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 December 8th, 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

Important December Dates

7th Pearl Harbor



21st First Day of Winter



25th Christmas



MERRY CHRISTMAS!!



31st New Year Eve



"Calendar of Events"

November 14, 2010: *Operation We Care* takes flight Sunday, November 14, 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. Volunteers are need to help with this Packing Party so mark the time and date on your calendar and stop by and give us a hand.

http://www.easternshorehog.com/misc/Care_Pack_age_List_6.pdf

February 10, 11, 12, 2011: Marine Corps League Midwinter Conference: - Fairview Park Marriott, Falls Church, VA. Complete information and forms can now be found on this [link](http://www.mcleague.com/mdp/pdf/Mid-Winter_Schedule_Regist._2011.pdf)http://www.mcleague.com/mdp/pdf/Mid-Winter_Schedule_Regist._2011.pdf.

April /May 2011: The Department of MD convention will be held at the Princess Royale Oceanfront Hotel & Conference Center in Ocean City, MD. Dates and complete information will be made available as soon as it becomes known.

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 and Barb EBAUGH wife of member Carl EBAUGH are having or have recently had various health

problems. Please keep these folks and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

General James F. Amos 35th Commandant of the Marine Corps



On October 22, 2010 General James F. Amos assumed the duties of Commandant of the Marine Corps. General Amos was born in Wendell, Idaho and is a graduate of the University of Idaho. A Marine Aviator,

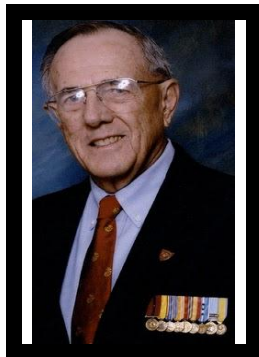
General Amos has held command at all levels from Lieutenant Colonel to Lieutenant General.

General Amos' command tours have included: Marine Wing Support Squadron 173 from 1985-1986; Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 312 – attached to Carrier Air Wing 8 onboard USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN-71) – from 1991-1993; Marine Aircraft Group 31 from 1996-1998; 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing in combat during Operations IRAQI FREEDOM I and II from 2002-2004; II Marine Expeditionary Force from 2004-2006; and Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Development Command and Deputy Commandant, Combat Development and Integration from 2006 to July 2008. Additional operational tours have included Marine Fighter Attack Squadrons 212, 235, 232, and 122.

General Amos' staff assignments have included tours with Marine Aircraft Groups 15 and 31, the III Marine Amphibious Force, Training Squadron Seven, The Basic School, and with the MAGTF Staff Training Program. Additionally, he was assigned to NATO as Deputy Commander, Naval Striking Forces, Southern Europe, Naples Italy where he commanded NATO's Kosovo Verification Center, and later served as Chief of Staff, U.S. Joint Task Force Noble Anvil during the air campaign over Serbia. Transferred in 2000 to the Pentagon, he was assigned as Assistant Deputy Commandant for Aviation. Reassigned in December 2001, General Amos served as the Assistant Deputy Commandant for Plans, Policies and Operations, Headquarters, Marine Corps. From 2008-2010 General Amos was assigned as the 31st Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps.

General Amos' personal decorations include the Navy Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit with Gold Star, Defense Superior Service Medal, Bronze Star, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

FALLEN MARINE



Detachment member Arthur (Art) Herbert Goetz, 82, of Salisbury, died Sunday, October 24, 2010. Art served in the United States Marine Corps for 22 ½ years, from 1945 to 1967, serving in China 1946-49, in the Korean War 1952-53, and in various other posts in the U.S. and overseas. He was particularly proud to have served for four years as a ceremonial staff member at Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C.

Upon retiring from the Marine Corps, he completed a B.A. in Business Administration and earned a Masters' in Library Science.

Mr. Goetz came to Salisbury in June 1978 as the new Director of Wicomico County Free Library, retiring from this position in April 1995 at the age of 67. He was a member of the local Chamber of Commerce for about 9 years and served on various committees. In 1979 he began serving on the Board of United Way as an area director, become Campaign Chairman in 1984 and Board President in 1985.

He joined the Salisbury Rotary Club in 1978 and was chosen Rotarian of the year two years in a row. Mr. Goetz and John Culver started two new clubs, the Wicomico Club in 1989 and the Seaford/Nanticoke Club in 1990. He also served as Treasurer 1987-88, President 1992-93, Area Representative for District Governor 1993-94, District Governor 1995-96, and chaired various committees over the 30 years of his membership, which included starting the Dictionary Project in the Salisbury club and the district. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Award in 2006-07. Goetz also served on the Board of

Deershead Hospital in the 1980's and as its President in 1989.

Mr. Goetz served on the Board of Directors of the China Marine Association 1993-2007, was President 1999-2001, Secretary 2002-2007, and remained active as their Historian and staff writer for their newsletter, writing articles about their service in North China. He is credited with having begun an archival collection of China Service artifacts and publications at the Marine Corps University Archives in Quantico, VA.

Art is survived by wife of 60 years, Dorothy Marie Olsen Goetz of Salisbury, 6 daughters and 21 grand and great-grand children.

Although Art answered the final roll call on October 24th, it was his wish that his funeral service be held on November 10 the 235 birthday of the U. S. Marine Corps.

Semper Fi Art and thank you for your service to God, Country and Corps and know that you will never be forgotten.

All members are requested to keep all of Art's family in your thoughts and prayers.



Pictured above is Detachment Member Staff Sergeant Ralph Smith USMC (Retired)
Now read the "rest of the story"

Broken anchor kept Princess Anne man from Iwo Jima

By Candice Evans Latshaw • Special To The Times • November 6, 2010

PRINCESS ANNE -- Ralph Smith almost took part in the invasion of Iwo Jima with his fellow U.S. Marines on Feb. 19, 1945. But a shipwreck off the coast of Maui, Hawaii, kept the Marine from carrying out the mission.

"They told me to stay with the ship," said Smith, now 85, who slept aboard the Landing Ship Tank, or LST, which was stationed outside Maui the night before his unit was scheduled to begin its journey to Japan.

The North Carolina native says a storm brought a torrential downpour and strong winds that evening. The ship lost its anchor when its chain snapped, and the LST started drifting toward a coral reef. There was no time to rescue the vessel before it crashed. "Our ship was laying sideways on the reef," Smith said. Smith received orders to secure the equipment on the ship, while the rest of the Marines boarded another LST destined for Iwo Jima.

"I wanted to be with my outfit, but you have to do what you're told to do," said Smith, who explained that it took two weeks for the crew to move the vessel from the reef.

Drafted into the military at the age of 18, Smith says he picked the U.S. Marine Corps because he believes it to be the best branch in the country's armed forces. In fact, after World War II ended, Smith decided to remain in the military and eventually served in the Korean War. That was an entirely different experience for the Princess Anne resident.

"That's the coldest I've ever been in my life," said Smith, who withstood frigid temperatures that dropped below zero at night. He didn't have that problem in Maui.

Smith has vacationed in Hawaii for the last five years during the winter months. He just makes sure to avoid pineapple while he's there. "We had pineapple three times a day during the war," he said. "You had to eat it until you got sick of it. I won't eat it anymore."

"Membership Happenings"

December Happy Birthday's

7th Jeff MERRITT
18th Jim SIEGEL
19th Gloria HOWARD
24th Paul WARD

December Anniversaries

11th Tara & Richard CARRILLO (6 yrs)

December MCL Anniversaries

Don ELSEROAD (16 yrs)
Richard CARRILLO (7 yrs)

George MURRAY, Jr. (2 yrs)
Wayne LAWSON (Unk)

Welcome Aboard

William P. MARSICH
Transfer from Baltimore Det. 565

Membership's Renewed

None I am aware of

Membership Renewals Due in December

Richard CARRILLO
Wayne LAWSON
George MURRAY, Jr.

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.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Department of Maryland Commandant Bud

RAINES has challenged every MD detachment to increase their membership by 10%. All detachments that do so will receive \$100 from the Department. For our detachment we would only need 4 new members. I know that we can do it but let's give Bud 5 or even more and show him we are the "Can Do" detachment. Over a period of 8 years with my old detachment I averaged recruiting 6.25 members a year on my own. Can we do it.... **"YES WE CAN"**.

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.

COMBAT TRAINING AT 29 PALMS

WARNING: The scenes are extremely graphic and very realistic..... not intended for children or weak stomachs...

Go to full screen....sound.

I have heard talk about Twenty-nine Palms and the realistic training conducted there, but this is the first video that I have ever seen showing what the guys actually go through. Most Marines and soldiers go to Twenty-nine palms before going to Iraq or Afghanistan . Now you can see why we have the best trained Marines and Soldiers in the world. At 29 Palms, upwards of 900 actors at a time are used, some of whom are Afghan Americans. Training IEDs are used and wounds are graphically simulated. There are even actors with amputated limbs who portray injured Marines. The training is extremely realistic. When completed, the training facility will have in excess of 1,200 buildings and will be larger than 29 Palms itself. It's quite different from when training consisted of crawling under barb-wire with machine gun fire overhead and thrusting a bayonet into a make-believe enemy.

WARNING: The scenes in this vidio are quite graphic.

<http://tinvurl.com/2e5pmme>



The Fall 2010 issue of the Woof-O-Gram is now on-line and can be viewed on the following link:

<http://moddkennel.org/portals/11/Woof-O-Gram/Woof-O-Gram,%20Fall%202010%20Final%20Complete.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 following Marines/Corpsmen paid the ultimate sacrifice for God, Country and Corps since the last issue of 'The Scuttlebutt' was published.

[Gonzalez, Hospital Corpsmen Edwin](#)

Miami Beach, FL

[Ceniceros, Lance Cpl. Irvin](#)

Clarksville, AR

[Catherwood, Lance Cpl Alec](#)

Byron, IL

[Lopez, Lance Cpl Joseph](#)

Rosamond, CA

[Johnson, Lance Cpl Raymon](#)

Midland, GA

[Cain, Cpl. Justin](#)

Manitowoc, WI

[Vinnedge, Lance Cpl Phillip](#)

St. Charles, MO

[Rodewald, Lance Cpl Joseph](#)

Albany, OR

[Dew, Pfc Victor](#)

Granite Bay, CA

[Boelk, Lance Cpl James](#)

Oceanside, CA

Villarreal, Cpl Jorge

San Antonio, TX

Tawney, Sgt Ian

Dallas, OR

Cullins, Staff Sgt. Joshua

Simi Valley, CA

Jackson, Lance Cpl Francisco

Elizabeth, NJ

Honeycutt, Lance Cpl Terry

Waldorf, MD

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

www.thehomeofthebrave.us

[http://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=KTb6q
dPu8JE](http://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=KTb6qdPu8JE)

[http://www.morningstartv.com/oak-
initiative/marxism-america](http://www.morningstartv.com/oak-initiative/marxism-america)



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.