

# *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 October 9<sup>th</sup>, 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.

### Important Upcoming Dates & Events

October 14th



October 31st



The Marine Corps League Mid-Winter National Staff Conference will be held February 14, 15 at the [Fairview Park Marriott](#) in Falls Church, VA. The room rate is \$99 + tax per night, single or double. Please make your room reservation directly to the [Fairview Park Marriott](#) no later than January 20, 2014 at (703) 849-9400 or (800)228-2900. Request a "Marine Corps League Winter Conference" room at the [Fairview Park Marriott](#). If booking online - use the code "LWCLWCA" in the "Group Code" field. Conference information will be available soon.

**May 9 and 10, 2014:** Department of Maryland Convention to be held in Ocean City, Maryland at the Princess Royale Hotel. Complete information will be made available at a later date.

**2014 Mideast Division Conference** will be June 27-29, 2014 at the Holiday Inn in Martinsburg, WV hosted by Eastern Panhandle Detachment 1143. More information will be made available at a later date.

**2014 MCL National Convention** will be August 3 - August 9, 2014 at Embassy Suites (\$114.00 plus 12% tax) tele: 304-347-8700 and Town Center Marriott (\$119.00 plus 12% tax) tele: 304-345-6500 in Charleston, WV. Reservations can be made commencing August 20, 2013. More information will be made available at a later date.

**"Sick or in Distress"**

MCL Members Bob HORTIE, Jimmy Lee HOWARD, 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><b><u>OCTOBER "HAPPY BIRTHDAYS"</u></b>          10<sup>th</sup> Andy BOUMA      14th Carl EBAUGH          15th Jeannie WARD    20th Robert HORTIE          24<sup>th</sup> Jeanette COUNTS</p>	<p><b><u>OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES</u></b>          23rd Gloria &amp; Jimmie Lee HOWARD (64 yrs)</p>
<p><b><u>OCTOBER MCL ANNIVERSARIES</u></b>          Kyle HEBERLE (5 yrs)          Rhuel GOSLEE (4 yr)</p>	<p><b><u>MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS DUE IN OCTOBER</u></b>          Rhuel GOSLEE      Kyle HEBERLE</p>
<p><b><u>WELCOME ABOARD</u></b>          None reported to your editor</p>	<p><b><u>MEMBERSHIP'S RENEWED</u></b>          None reported to your editor</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.



**DON'T DELAY...JOIN TODAY  
 THEN CONSIDER GOING 'LIFE'  
 NOW IS THE TIME TO DO IT**

**Little known benefit aids veterans of war**

A little-known veterans' benefit for long-term care expenses is available to wartime veterans and their spouses. But the benefit is being overlooked by thousands of families, industry observers say.

The Special Pension for Veterans' Aid and Attendance pays up to \$1,644 a month, \$19,736 annually, toward assisted living, nursing homes or in-home care for veterans 65 and older who served at least 90 days and one

day during wartime — stateside or overseas. Veterans and their spouses can receive up to \$23,396 annually and spouses of deceased veterans, \$12,681.

Yet, an estimated \$22 billion a year goes unclaimed, said Don Soard, a volunteer with Operation Veteran Aid in Oklahoma City. In 2007, only 134,000 seniors nationwide received the benefit, which was established in 1952.

"Literally hundreds of thousands don't even know about it," Soard said. "Due to incomplete information, many disqualify themselves on income or assets or find the paperwork too burdensome."

Soard helps families complete the necessary forms, so that approval comes in four to six months. The process is streamlined for vets who are blind or have memory issues and widows with medical needs, he said. Most applicants qualify and payments are retroactive, Soard said. The few who are denied on excessive liquid assets can seek financial advice to qualify, he said.

Soard started his volunteer mission two years ago, following the deaths of two family members who served in WWII. "If they'd known about this benefit, they'd have a much better quality of life in later years," he said.

Additional information can be found on the following link: <http://www.operationva.org/>

### Lake Michigan & The Last Great War

The Great Lakes provided vital support for the war effort in WWII, from building 28 fleet subs in Manitowoc to providing the bulk of US industrial output; we could not have won the war if not for the benefits of the Great Lakes and their related industry. However there was another benefit of the lakes that is often overlooked. Japan quickly lost the war because, among many other things, its navy could not replace its carrier pilot losses. We could. But how did we train so many pilots in both comfort (calm seas) and safety (no enemy subs)? We took two old side-wheel Great Lakes passenger steamers and turned them into training carriers on Lake Michigan! Virtually every carrier pilot trained in the war got his landing training on these amazing ships! Sadly nothing but these great photos and the wrecks of the aircraft that ditched alongside them remain to tell their fascinating story! Thanks to Tom Ursem for sending this link! Check this out! USS Sable and USS Wolverine... <http://warbirdinformationexchange.org/phpBB3/viewtopic.php?f=3&t=48962>

### THE BATTLING BOYS OF BENGHAZI (Written by an unnamed Marine Corps Officer)

We're the battling boys of Benghazi  
No fame, no glory, no paparazzi.  
Just a fiery death in a blazing hell  
Defending our country we loved so well.

It wasn't our job, but we answered the call,  
Fought to the Consulate and scaled the wall.  
We pulled twenty Countrymen from the jaws of fate  
Led them to safety, and stood at the gate.

Just the two of us, and foes by the score,  
But we stood fast to bar the door.  
Three calls for reinforcement, but all were denied,  
So we fought, and we fought, and we fought 'till we died.

We gave our all for our Uncle Sam,  
But Barack Obama didn't give a damn.  
Just two dead Seals who carried the load  
No thanks to us.....we were just "Bumps in the Road".

### IN CASE YOU HAVE FORGOTTEN

Selected USMC Slogans: (excerpt from *Warrior Culture of the U.S. Marines*, copyright 2001 Marion F. Sturkey)

- **First to Fight:** The media in the United States began using this term to describe U.S. Marines during World War I. And, for once the media was right. Marines have served in the vanguard of every American war since the founding of the Corps in 1775. They have carried out over 300 assaults on foreign shores, from the arctic to the tropics. Historically, U.S. Marines are indeed the *first to fight*.
- **Once a Marine, Always a Marine:** This truism is now the official motto of the Marine Corps League. The origin of the statement is credited to a gung-ho Marine Corps master sergeant, Paul Woyshner. During a barroom argument he shouted, "Once a Marine, always a Marine!" MSgt. Woyshner was right. Once the title "U.S. Marine" has been earned, it is retained. **There are no ex-Marines or former-Marines.** There are (1) active duty Marines, (2) retired Marines, (3) reserve Marines, and (4) Marine veterans. Nonetheless, once one has *earned the title*, he remains a Marine for life.
- **Gung-Ho:** The Chinese used this term to describe Marines in China around 1900. In the Chinese language, gung-ho means *working together*. That's what the "American Marines" were always doing, "working together," the Chinese explained. The term stuck to Marines like glue. Today it conveys willingness to tackle any task, or total commitment to the Corps.
- **Good night, Chesty, wherever you are:** This is an often-used tribute of supreme respect to the late and legendary LtGen. Lewis B. "Chesty" Puller, USMC. Chesty! Without a doubt he was the most outspoken Marine, the most famous Marine, the Marine who *really loved to fight*, the most decorated Marine in the history of the Corps. Chesty enlisted as a Private. Through incredible fortitude and tenacity he became a living legend. He shouted battle orders in a bellow and stalked battlefields as though impervious to enemy fire. Chesty rose to the rank of Lieutenant General. He displayed an abiding love for the Magnificent Grunts, especially the junior enlisted men who did the majority of the sacrificing and dying, and utter contempt for all staff pogues of whatever rank. During his four wars, he became the only Marine to be awarded the Navy Cross *five* times. The Marines' Marine! "Goodnight, Chesty, wherever you are."
- **A Few Good Men:** On 20 March 1779 in Boston, Capt. William Jones, USMC, advertised for "a few good men" to enlist in the Corps for naval duty. The term seemed ideally suited for Marines, mainly because of the implication that "a few" good men would be enough. This term has survived for over 200 years and has been synonymous with U.S. Marines ever since.

### 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 link below that will take you to the current bulletin so that you might look it over. The below bulletin is dated September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013 and needs to view before October 1<sup>st</sup> or the link will no longer work.

<http://vets4vets.zymichost.com/Bulletin%20130915%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 following Marines and/or Corpsman paid the ultimate sacrifice for God, Country and Corps since the last Newsletter

None Thank God

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@bvn.net](mailto:53usmc73@bvn.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

MILITARY WISDOM

"A slipping gear could let your M203 grenade launcher fire when you least expect it.  
That would make you quite unpopular in what's left of your unit."  
- Army's magazine of preventive maintenance.

"Aim towards the Enemy."  
Instruction printed on US Rocket Launcher

"When the pin is pulled, Mr. Grenade is not our friend."  
U.S. Marine Corps

"Cluster bombing from B-52s are very, very accurate. The bombs are guaranteed to  
always hit the ground."  
USAF Ammo Troop

LINKS TO CHECK

[http://www.youtube.com/embed/MgE2KiPd3xg?feature=player\\_detailpage%C2%A0%C2%A0for](http://www.youtube.com/embed/MgE2KiPd3xg?feature=player_detailpage%C2%A0%C2%A0for)

<http://www.jensensutta.com/slideshows/RTB/>

<http://player.vimeo.com/video/31549908?autoplay=1>

<http://www.stripes.com/news/sun-sets-on-marines-historic-phrogs-1.238222>

**God Bless America**

-- Once a Marine, Always a Marine --