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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 May 11th, 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

2011 - 2012

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 May Dates

May 1st



May 21st



May 30th



"Calendar of Events"

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 links:

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

[Entertainment Special Event May 6 -- "Magic Man & Patti"](#)

SPECIAL NOTE: Should anyone desire to place an Ad in the convention book, please contact your Editor or Marine Ed Hearthway for instructions as they need to be processed through the detachment. By doing this the detachment receive 50% of all Ad proceeds over and above \$300.

June 3 thru 5, 2011: Mid-East Division Conference. Complete information and forms may be viewed and downloaded from our web site:
<http://www.mcltreacoheedet115.org/calendar.htm>

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 is having or has 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)

MAY "HAPPY BIRTHDAYS"

15th Rhuel GOSLEE
22nd Renee KELLEY
23rd Jimmie Lee HOWARD
27th Kyle HEBERLE

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

None Recorded

MAY MCL ANNIVERSARIES

None

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS DUE IN MAY

None

WELCOME ABOARD

John ROBINSON (Salisbury, MD)
Recruit.....Recruit

MEMBERSHIP'S RENEWED

None Reported

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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.

OPERATION WE CARE

OWC is a local organization that supports our troops in harm's way by sending them care packages.

Jeff Merritt will be hosting the first "Packing Party" for 2011 at the Powellville Fire Hall on May 22nd. Volunteer help is needed on that date from 10:00 a.m. until approximately 3:00 p.m.

Donations are needed for these 'Care Packages' as well as monetary donations which are used for the postage involved in mailing the packages.

Full information on the "What", "When" "Where" "Why" and "How" is now available on OWC new web-site. PLEASE check out their web-site to see how you can help.

<http://www.operationwecare.org/>

MARYLAND MARINE/FATHER, KILLED IN AFGHANISTAN

Jimmy Malachowski grew up in Maryland and married his high school sweetheart Lindsay. They had two son's Vincent and Evan.

Malachowski, 25, of Westminster in Carroll County, was also a Marine who had served twice in Iraq, and was overseas again, this time in Afghanistan.

People called him Jimmy but he had another title: Staff Sgt. James M. Malachowski. He died Sunday March 20 while conducting combat operations in Helmand province, the Pentagon.

Before graduation from North Carroll High School in 2004, Jimmy went to a nearby Marine recruiting station to enlist. Even among Marines, Malachowski stood out. He had been an instructor in marksmanship and martial arts at the PISC.

Jimmy's mother, Alison, also served in the Marines. She had enlisted in 1976, and rose to sergeant before completing her service in 1980. His sister, Brandy, who became an Army Lieutenant, served in Iraq. At the ceremony when her officer's insignia was pinned on, Jimmy was the first member of the military to salute her.

Brandy, Jimmy's sister, was instrumental in providing the names and addresses of all the members in her unit to Jeff Merritt (Operation

We Care) so that care packages could be sent to them last Christmas and a care package was to be sent to Jimmy in May of this year.

Jimmy was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force at Camp Lejeune, N.C.

ARE YOU A VIETNAM VETERAN

Vietnam Veteran, OV-1D Mohawk/UH-1H Pilot "War is an ugly thing, but not the ugliest of things. The decayed and degraded state of moral and patriotic feeling which thinks that nothing is worth war is much worse. The person who has nothing for which he is willing to fight, nothing which is more important than his own personal safety, is a miserable creature and has no chance of being free unless made and kept so by the exertions of better men than himself."

John Stuart Mill

In case you haven't been paying attention these past few decades after you returned from Vietnam, the clock has been ticking. The following are some statistics taken from a variety of sources that are at once depressing yet, in a larger sense, should give you a HUGE SENSE OF PRIDE.

"Of the 2,709,918 Americans who served in Vietnam, less than 850,000 are estimated to be alive today, with the youngest American Vietnam veteran's age approximated to be 54 years old." So, if you're alive and reading this, how does it feel to be among the last 1/3rd of all the U.S. vets who served in Vietnam? I don't know about you guys, but kinda gives me the chills, considering this is the kind of information I'm used to reading about WWII and Korean War vets.

So, in the last 14 years, we are dying too fast, only a few will survive to the end of 2016, if any. If true, 390 VN vets die a day. So, 2180 days from now, if you're a live Vietnam veteran, you will be lucky.

VETERAN AFFAIRS SERVICES (VAS)

An organization called Veterans Affairs Services (VAS) is providing benefit and general information on VA and gathering personal information on veterans. This organization is not affiliated with VA in anyway. Websites with the name "vaservices" immediately after the "www" ARE NOT part of the Department of Veterans Affairs, the U.S. Government agency. Do not go to them or if approached or called, do not offer them any information concerning yourself or data on other veterans. Keep in mind that the real VA

website ends in “.gov” Be aware that the Department of Veterans Affairs does not randomly call veterans, nor does it ask veterans for information which it does not already have...like Social Security Numbers. In particular, if you have not dealt with the VA previously...and in person...and all of a sudden, you receive a call from someone saying they are with the VA or something similar sounding, hang up the phone. Also, do not respond to emails which suggest that they are from the VA. The VA never conducts official business nor asks for personal information by email. VAS may be gaining access to military personnel through their close resemblance to the VA name and seal. Our Legal Counsel has requested that we coordinate with DoD to inform military installations, particularly mobilization sites, of this group and their lack of affiliation or endorsement by VA to provide any services. In addition, GC requests that if you have any examples of VAS acts that violate chapter 59 of Title 38 United States Code, such as VAS employees assisting veterans in the preparation and presentation of claims for benefits, please pass any additional information to Michael G. Daugherty, Staff Attorney, Department of Veterans Affairs Office of General Counsel (022G2)810 Vermont Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20420.

[Source: Office of the Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs, VSO Liaison Kevin Secor msg. 23 Feb 2011 ++]

Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day

Update 02: The U.S. Senate declared March 30th “Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day.” On March 30, 1973, U.S. troops withdrew from Vietnam under the terms of the Treaty of Paris. Senator Richard Burr (R-N.C.), Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, introduced the legislation saying, "Our soldiers served honorably and bravely in Vietnam. Unfortunately, they arrived home to a country in political turmoil, and never received the recognition they deserve. By setting March 30th aside as a day to focus on our Vietnam veterans, we can show our unified gratitude for their service and the sacrifices that these veterans made on our behalf." This is a long-overdue tribute to honor the men and women who served bravely during the Vietnam War. The US Armed Forces began serving in an advisory role to the South Vietnamese in 1961, and in 1965, ground combat troops were sent into Vietnam. More than 58,000 members of the United States Armed Forces lost their lives and more than 300,000 were wounded in Vietnam. This is the second consecutive year of the resolution.

Postal Rates Update 03: New first-class stamps will no longer have a denomination on their face. That means the new stamps you buy next year can be used to mail a letter or pay a bill no matter how many times the first-class rate goes up. Every first-class stamp will be a "Forever" stamp...those denomination-free stamps that first appeared in APR 07. The change is expected to debut with a new stamp issued on 22 JAN. We can see several pluses in this:

- * You won't have to mess with 1 or 2-cent stamps whenever rates go up so you can use up your non-Forever first-class stamps.
- * You'll no longer have to choose between the practical but boring Forever stamp and the more festive 44-cent stamps the post office sells.
- * You won't have to anticipate every postal rate increase and plan your stamp supply accordingly. A clever reporter picked up on the change before the official announcement date in JAN when the new first-class commemorative stamps for 2011 were officially unveiled. They are all labeled "Forever." The Postal Service says that 28 billion Forever Stamps have been sold since (they first appeared), generating \$12.1 billion in total revenue. The stamps without denominations already account for 85 percent of its stamp program, the service says. The humble stamp is now one of the best investments around. We all know postage rates are going to keep going up. A lot. Over the past 10 years, first-class postage went up 29%, compared with a 0.1% gain for the Standard & Poor's 500 Index. Generous health care and retirement promises to postal workers, combined with weak revenue because fewer people use traditional mail, have created serious pressure to raise postage rates. [Source: <http://money.msn.com> Karen Datko article 28 Dec 2010 ++]

State Veteran's Benefits: The state of Maryland provides several benefits to veterans as indicated below. To obtain information on these refer to the “Veteran State Benefits MD” attachment to this Bulletin for an overview of those benefits listed below. Benefits are available to veterans who are residents of the state. For a more detailed explanation of each click on “Learn more about ...” wording highlighted in blue on the attachment.

- * Housing Benefits
- * Financial Assistance Benefits
- * Employment Benefits
- * Education Benefits
- * Health Care
- * Other State Veteran Benefits

[Source:

<http://www.military.com/benefits/veteran-benefits/maryland-state-veterans-benefits> Mar 2011++]

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/Corpsman paid the ultimate sacrifice for God, Country and Corps since the last issue of 'The Scuttlebutt' was published.

Muller, Cpl. Ian M.

Danville, IL

Meis, Lance Cpl.

Christopher S.

Bennett, CO

Malachowski, Staff Sgt.

James M.

Westminster, MD

Lew, Lance Cpl. Harry

Santa Clara, CA

Smith, Staff Sgt. Jeremy D.

Arlington, TX

Rogers, Staff Sgt. Jason A.

Brandon, MS

Rast, Seaman Benjamin D.

Niles, MI

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

[These first three are outstanding. Watch them](http://www.wimp.com/veteransniper/)

<http://www.wimp.com/veteransniper/>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h1d4opG2s0o>

<http://videos2view.net/PT658.htm>

<http://www.myfoxny.com/dpp/news/shame/veterans-support-organization-20110203>

http://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=vcnH_kF1zXc&feature=player_embedded

<http://www.baltimoresun.com/videobeta/4faab579-7391-4040-b04c-49c9c65d0194/N>

Semper Ji

*and good night "Chesty" wherever
you are*



-- Once a Marine, Always a Marine --

God Bless America

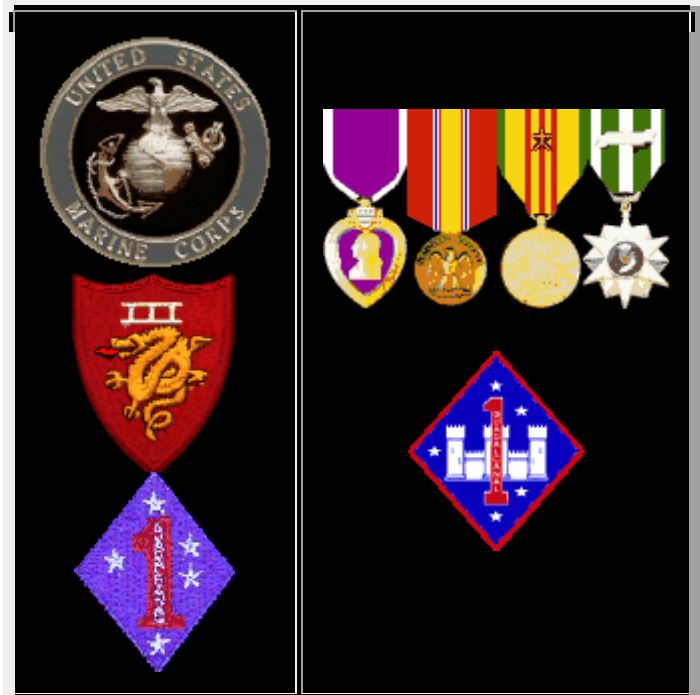
If you can read this thank a Teacher.
If you're reading it in English thank the Military.

All gave some...
Some gave all

Two more Maryland 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>

Earl Faison, Jr
Corporal
C CO, 1ST ENG BN, 1ST MARDIV, III MAF
United States Marine Corps
[Catonsville, Maryland](#)
March 31, 1945 to April 02, 1967
[EARL FAISON Jr](#) is on the Wall at [Panel 17E Line 091](#)
See the [full profile](#) for Earl Faison



Charles Niven Rudd

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

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

August 21, 1943 to March 25, 1966

[CHARLES N RUDD](#) is on the Wall at [Panel 06E Line 050](#)

See the [full profile](#) for Charles Rudd

