

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 March 9th, 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 March Dates

March 9



**Ash
Wednesday**

March 12

Spring ahead

Set your clocks an hour
ahead before you go
to bed tonight.
Daylight-saving
time starts
tomorrow.



AP

March 17



March 20



Marines, listen up! The Commandant of the Marine Corps has spoken!

No more "former" Marines!
This is very important information to all of us.
A quote from the Commandant, General James F. Amos:

"A Marine is a Marine.
I set that policy two weeks ago - there's no such thing as a former Marine.
You're a Marine, just in a different uniform and you're in a different phase of your life. But you'll always be a Marine because you went to Parris Island, San Diego or the hills of Quantico.
There's no such thing as a former Marine."

The Commandant of the Marine Corps, General James F. Amos

"Calendar of Events"

**Department of Maryland
SPRING STAFF MEETING**

Hosted by Harford County Detachment 1198
Jarrettsville VFW Post 8672
1714 Morse Rd
Forest Hill, MD 21050
Saturday, March 26, 2011

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 link:

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

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, Barb EBAUGH (wife) of member Carl EBAUGH is having or have recently had various health problems. Please keep these folks and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

"Membership Happenings"

March Happy Birthday's

23rd Barb EBAUGH
25th Nicole HEBERLE
31st Diana MERRITT

March Anniversaries

24th Renee & 'Josh' KELLEY (4 yrs)

March MCL Anniversaries

Warner SUMPTER (11 yrs)
Carl EBAUGH (8 yrs)
Kevin GRIFFIN (6 yrs)
'Josh' KELLEY (6 yrs)
Richard HYSON (2 yrs)
Thomas MIFFLETON (2 yrs)
Jeff MERRITT (1 yr)
Raymond SITES (Unk)

Welcome Aboard

Diana MERRITT

Membership's Renewed

Robert HORTIE Sr.
Louis JONES Jr.
Robert MILLER

Membership Renewals Due in March

Carl EBAUGH
Kevin GRIFFIN
Richard HYSON
Jeff MERRITT
Thomas MIFFLETON
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.



**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.

Eagle Scout Program

At our last detachment meeting the membership voted to adopt and implement an Eagle Scout Program. This is a National Program within the Marine Corps League where detachment's honor new Eagle Scout's with the Eagle Scout "Good Citizenship Award" which is an attractive 8 1/2 X 11 certificate and it is presented to the new Eagle Scout by a member of the detachment.

Your Editor has been requested to 'Chair' this program committee. Since this is a National program we will be making these presentations to

any Boy Scout that achieves the rank of Eagle Scout and is a member of any Boy Scout Troop within Wicomico County, Somerset County, and Worcester County (with the exception of Ocean City) as Ocean City is handled by a MCL detachment in Delaware.

If you know of anyone, be it a Troop Leader or just affiliated with a Troop in these areas, please have them contact me so that I might tell them about the program and get them involved. All my contact information appears at the top of this newsletter.

How to Obtain your Platoon Photo

If you went to boot camp at Parris Island, SC

Platoon Photos

Platoon photos dating back to 1939 are available through Recruit Photo by calling (843) 228-1555.

Graduation Videos/DVD's

Please contact Marine Corps Community Services-South Carolina at 800-889-6734. This is the main point of contact for all questions regarding recruit training/graduation videos.

Individual Photos

Individual photos of Marines are also available but only go back for four years. . To find out how to get photos, call Recruit Photo at (843) 228-1555.

Graduation Books

Recruit training series books are not available.

If you went to boot camp at San Diego, CA

Platoon Photos

To purchase Platoon Grad photos, please visit the Marine Corps Community Service website:

<http://www.mcrcdmuseumhistoricalsociety.org/histsoc/histsoc-photos.htm>

Graduation Videos/DVD's

To receive a video of graduation, please call (619) 725-6294 and place the order over the phone.

You will need to have a credit card ready to purchase by phone. The customer service representative assisting you can help you with price, shipping charges, etc.

Individual Photos

To obtain individual photos, the yearbook office can be reached @ (619) 296-3840.

Graduation Books

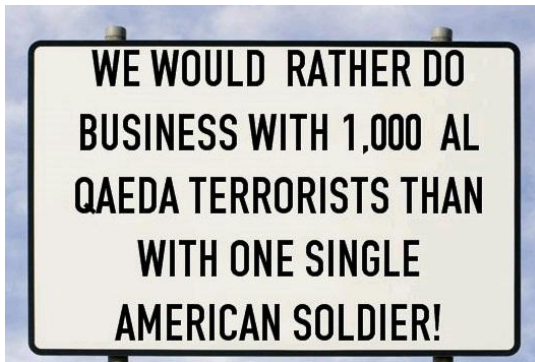
The yearbook office keeps records for two years. For more information they can be contacted by calling (619) 296-3840. For books older than two years, you can contact the MCRD Historical Society (619) 524-4426.



The winter edition of the Woof-O-Gram can be viewed on the following link.

<http://moddkennel.org/portals/11/Woof-O-Gram/Woof-O-Gram%20Winter%202010%20Complete.pdf>

A SIGN IN FRONT OF A BUSINESS IN FLORIDA!



This sign was prominently displayed in front of a business in Florida and you are probably outraged at the thought of such an inflammatory sign.

However, we are a society which holds Freedom of Speech as perhaps one of our greatest liberties.

And after all, it is only a sign, right?

You may ask: "What kind of business would dare post such a sign?"

Answer: A Funeral Home!

(Who said morticians had no sense of humor?)

You gotta love it!!!

God Bless AMERICA
and keep our Troops Safe and Well

As you open your pockets for the next natural disaster, please keep these facts in mind:

The American Red Cross

President and CEO Marsha J. Evans salary for the year was \$651,957 plus expenses

The United Way

President Brian Gallagher receives a \$375,000

base salary along with numerous expense benefits
UNICEF

CEO Caryl M. Stern receives \$1,200,000 per year (100k per month) plus all expenses including a ROLLS ROYCE Less than 5 cents of your donated dollar goes to the cause

The Salvation Army's

Commissioner Todd Bassett receives a salary of only \$13,000 per year (plus housing) for managing this \$2 billion dollar organization. 96 percent of donated dollars go to the cause.

No further comment is necessary. Please share this with everyone you can.

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.

Crouse, Lance Cpl William
Woodruff, SC

Corzine, Lance Cpl Kenneth
Bethalto, IL

Misener, Sgt Garrett
Cordova, TN

Nguyen Cpl, Tevan
Hutto, TX

Htaik, Lance Cpl Maung
Hagerstown, MD

Tate, Jacob
Columbus, OH

Giese, Lance Cpl Joseph
Winder, GA

Whitehead, Joseph
Axis, AL

Amores, Sgt Jason
Lehigh Acres, FL

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

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Po7k5O9LtBo
&feature=player_embedded](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Po7k5O9LtBo&feature=player_embedded)

<http://biggeekdad.com/2010/01/tango-mike-mike/>

<http://abclocal.go.com/wabc/video?id=7621105>

<http://www.youtube.com/user/leeretiree>

[http://www.whitehouse.gov/photos-and-
video/video/inside-white-house-marine-sentries](http://www.whitehouse.gov/photos-and-video/video/inside-white-house-marine-sentries)

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DEPHOavONT
Y&feature=related](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DEPHOavONTY&feature=related)

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 local 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>

David Scott Seldon

Private First Class
I CO, 3RD BN, 3RD MARINES, 3RD MARDIV, III
MAF

United States Marine Corps
Quantico, Maryland

January 11, 1949 to September 10, 1969
DAVID S SELDON is on the Wall at [Panel 18W Line
065](#)

See the [full profile](#) for David Seldon



Michael Edward Gordy

Sergeant

CAP 4-3-7, CACO 4-3, 4TH CAG, COMBINED
ACTION, III MAF

United States Marine Corps

[Snow Hill, Maryland](#)

November 04, 1946 to April 18, 1969

[MICHAEL E GORDY](#) is on the Wall at [Panel 27W](#)

[Line 108](#)

See the [full profile](#) for Michael Gordy

