

# Semper Fi

## "THE SCUTTLEBUTT"

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### DETACHMENT OFFICERS

2011 - 2012

*Commandant: Andy Bouma*

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Sgt-At-Arms: Walt Cohee

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Judge Advocate: Ed Hearthway

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Chaplain: Jim Siegel

Web Sergeant: Don Elseroad

### MEETING TIME & PLACE

Meetings are always held on the second Wednesday of each month. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on February 8th, 2012 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

February 2 <sup>nd</sup>	February 14 <sup>th</sup>	February 20 <sup>th</sup>
Happy Groundhog Day! 	Happy Valentine's Day 	PRESIDENTS' DAY 

February 16 thru 18, 2012: The Marine Corps League Mid-Winter National Staff Conference will be held at the Tysons Corner Marriott in Vienna, VA.

The room rate is \$95 per night, single or double. Please make your room reservation directly to the Tysons Corner Marriott no later than January 20, 2012 at (703)734-3200. Be sure to tell them you are with the Marine Corps League.



**Department of Maryland Marine Corps League 2012 Convention**

Princess Royale

Oceanfront Hotel & Conference Center

Ocean City, Maryland

April 26 thru April 28, 2012

Full information is available on the following link

[2012 Convention Announcement](#)

Hotel Information can be viewed on the following link

<http://www.princessroyale.com/>

August 12 thru 18, 2012: The P.L. Wilson Detachment #447 of the Marine Corps League will host the 2012 National Convention in Mobile, AL. More information can be found on the following link.


<http://www.mobilemarines.org/2012Natl.html>

**"Sick or in Distress"**

MCL Members Ralph SMITH, 'Missy' HYSON wife of our Adjutant Richard HYSON , and Barbara MERRITT mother of member Jeff MERRITT are 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)*

<p><b><u>FEBRUARY "HAPPY BIRTHDAYS"</u></b>        8th Ed HEARTHWAY        10th Louis JONES        14<sup>th</sup> Betty SANDS        23rd Walter COHEE        26th Sylvia GOSLEE        28th George "Buddy" MURRAY        28th Tom MIFFLETON</p>	<p><b><u>FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES</u></b>        17th Sandra &amp; Andy BOUMA (47 yrs)        23rd Sharon &amp; David MILLS (18 yrs)        28th Nicole &amp; Kyle HEBERE (7 yrs)</p> 
<p><b><u>FEBRUARY MCL ANNIVERSARIES</u></b>        Ed HEARTHWAY (13 yrs)</p>	<p><b><u>MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS DUE IN FEBRUARY</u></b>        None</p>
<p><b><u>WELCOME ABOARD</u></b>        None</p>	<p><b><u>MEMBERSHIP'S RENEWED</u></b>        Robert HORTIE, Sr.        Louis JONES, Jr.        Danny PARSONS        Raymond SITES</p>

**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**



**THIS IS WHAT IS ALL ABOUT**

As your editor I wish I could publish ALL the pictures I have received and acknowledge at least some of those that made the 2011 Toys-For-Tots Program the huge success that it was on the Eastern Shore but space in "The Scuttlebutt" is limited as I need to hold the newsletter down to 6 pages a month. BUT, as your Web-Sergeant I do have a second option available to me and that is on our web-site. More pictures can be viewed on the following link. <http://www.mcltreacoheedet115.org/T4T.htm>

**Franklin P. Perdue School of Business**





### Marine Arrogance

A Marine Sergeant wrote this in response to an army guy who posted a comment on the Marine Corps site that he was sick and tired of "Marine arrogance".

The Sergeant says...

"I think that's what makes Marines special, if only in our own minds, is that elusive Quality of Esprit De Corps. It's the fact that we, as individual Marines, don't feel that we are individual Marines. When we wear our uniform, when we hear our Hymn, when we go into battle, we are going with every other Marine who ever wore the uniform.

Standing behind us are the Marines who fought during the birth of our nation. We're standing with the Marines who fought in WWI and gave birth to the legend of the "Tueful Hunden", or "Devil Dogs". We are standing with the Marines who took Iwo and Tarawa and countless other blood soaked islands throughout the Pacific.

We are standing with the "Frozen Chosin" and our beloved Chesty Puller. We are standing with the Marines who battled at Hue City and Khe Sanh and the muddy rice paddies of South East Asia. We are standing with the Marines who fought in Desert Storm and Iraqi Freedom and now, are fighting in Afghanistan.

Like real brothers, their blood courses through our veins, and when we go into battle, we would rather lay down our lives than be a disappointment to them. We carry on our backs, their legacy, their deaths and their honor. We carry that for the rest of our lives.

The Marines Corps uniform doesn't come off when our active duty is over. We wear it daily in our attitude, and our love of Corps and country. We wear it on our tattoos and our bumper stickers. We wear it in our hearts.

Its why, no matter where we are in the world, on November 10th, every Marine celebrates the Marine Corps birthday. It's why we'll never be an army of 1. It's why we never stop being Marines. Its why, for most of us, being a Marine isn't something we were. It's something we are.

It's the most important part of who and what we are. Some say we're arrogant. We say we're proud. We have a right to be proud. We are the United States Marines The most feared and ferocious group of warriors to walk the face of this earth.

When Americas' enemies formulate their battle plans, they plan on going around Marine units, because they

know damn well that they can't go through them. We are what other branches wish they were.

We are the modern day Spartans. This isn't bragging. It's written in the battle history of our country. When there's a parade and the Marines march by, everyone pays a little more attention. Some say "arrogance". We call it "pride". Its why, in a crowd of service men, you can always spot the Marine. Why are Marines special? I don't know. We just are.

Saeplus Exertus, Semper Fidelis, Frater Infinitas  
Often Tested, Always Faithful, Brothers Forever

### RAO BULLETINS

Each month your editor has 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 January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012.

[http://z5.ifrm.com/9056/110/0/p1041233/Bulletin\\_120101\\_PDF\\_Edition.pdf](http://z5.ifrm.com/9056/110/0/p1041233/Bulletin_120101_PDF_Edition.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 Final Roll Call*



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

Griffith, Maj. Samuel M.  
Virginia Beach, VA

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](mailto: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

Quotes about Marines

*There are only two kinds of people that understand Marines:  
Marines and the enemy. Everyone else has a second-hand  
opinion.*

Gen. William Thornson, U.S. Army

LINKS TO CHECK OUT

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iD3cgDRsDck&feature=youtu.be>  
<http://www.military.com/video/forces/marine-corps/usmc-silent-drill-evening-parade/1288060514001/>  
<http://thebrigade.thechive.com/2011/09/28/im-pretty-confident-this-kid-will-be-a-marine-video/>  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AuW3G9VuwnQ>

-- *Once a Marine, Always a Marine* --