

# *Semper Fi*

## "THE SCUTTLEBUTT"

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*Salisbury, MD*

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### 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

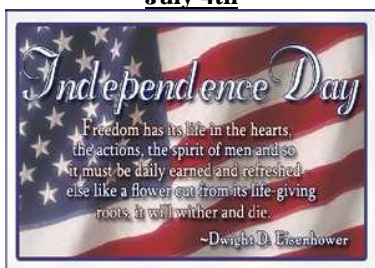
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### MEETING TIME & PLACE

Meetings are always held on the second Wednesday of each month. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on July 13th, 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.

### Important June Dates

July 4th



### "Calendar of Events"

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.

August 6, 2011: The detachments annual picnic will be held on this date with a rain date of August 13, 2011. Full information will appear in the next issue of 'The Scuttlebutt'. An abbreviated meeting will be held at the picnic in lieu of the normal monthly meeting.

### "Sick or in Distress"

MCL Members Ed MIHALIK, Louis SLOWIK, Ralph SMITH and 'Missy' HYSON wife of our Adjutant Richard HYSON 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)

**JULY "HAPPY BIRTHDAYS"**

1st Cindy GRIFFIN  
1st Terry HERLING  
2nd Donna JONES  
2nd John ROBINSON  
7th Ed MIHALIK  
12th Fran HEARTHWAY  
13th 'Josh' KELLEY  
16th Richard CARRILLO  
17th Madeline PARSONS  
18th 'Doc' John BRENNER  
23rd Bill MARSICH  
27th Tara CARRILLO  
28th Joseph BACHTLER  
28th Leslye BRENNER

**JULY ANNIVERSARIES**

5th Cecelia & Jim SIEGEL (36 yrs)  
8th Fran & Ed HEARTHWAY (5 yrs)  
9th Donna & Louis JONES (37 yrs)  
25th Dorothy & Robert HORTIE (61 yrs)  
31st Diana & Jeff MERRIT (7 yrs)

**JULY MCL ANNIVERSARIES**

None

**WELCOME ABOARD**

None

**MEMBERSHIP'S RENEWED**

None

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS DUE IN JULY**

None

**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**

<b>AGE GROUP</b>	<b>AS OF 01/01/2009</b>
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.



The Spring Edition of the Woof-O-Gram can be viewed on the following link.

<http://moddkennel.org/portals/11/Woof-O-Gram/Woof-O-Gram%20Spring%202011%20Complete.pdf>

**RAO BULLETINS**

Each month your editor attempts to review all RAO Bulletins and put articles deemed important to veterans into our newsletters and I will continue to do so. 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 ALL current bulletins so that you might look them over. These bulletins are up-dated on or about the 1st and 15th of each month.

[http://post\\_119\\_gulfport\\_ms.tripod.com/rao1.html](http://post_119_gulfport_ms.tripod.com/rao1.html)

**Department of Maryland, Marine Corps  
League, Convention Highlights**  
(Princess Royale Hotel, Ocean City, MD)

**6 May 2011**

The Department of Maryland had the following guest speakers on the first day of the Convention: Mr. Edward Chow, Maryland VA Secretary, and his assistant, Mr. Greg Jones; Mr. Richard Meehan, Mayor of Ocean City; Mr. Jim Cord, Maryland Veterans Healthcare representative; Mr. Fred Shinbur, Maryland DAV commissioner. All speakers gave very good information with many words of wisdom for our membership. Citations were presented to Commandant Raines, Auxiliary President Lillard, and MHM Program east coast director, Tony Begenwald, who received a standing ovation.

**7 May 2011**

Jarrettsville Young Marines posted the colors  
Detachments reported 10 member deaths since our last meeting.  
National MCL Commandant Vic Voltaggio recognized and thanked for coming to our convention  
Mid-east National vice Commandant Rudy Garcia recognized.  
Mid-east Vice Chief Devil Dog PDD Jerry Fay recognized  
Tony Begenwald and Bob Flick recognized for their work with the MHM Program.  
Kennel Police Dog PDD Jack Severn recognized.  
Deputy Kennel Watch Dog PDD Criag Reeling recognized.  
Department President Linda Lillard recognized. She in turn, introduced Past Presidents.  
Past Department Commandants recognized.  
Jack Severn was presented with a MCL Distinguished Citizen's award for heroism for saving a seven-year old boy from drowning.

**Old Business:** Craig Reeling reported on the success of the recent Department Professional Development Program. Another one will probably be held in September.

**New Business:** Judge Advocate Brady explained a proposed by law change dividing the Department into Divisions. Motion made and seconded to adopt proposed bylaw change. After very much discussion, the motion was tabled until the Convention of 2012.

There was much discussion about what could be done for the tornado victims at Camp LeJeune (i.e. clothing drive, gift cards, money donations, etc). Motion made, seconded, and passed, to

donate \$1,000.00 to the MCL Foundation to be earmarked to help the tornado victims at Camp LeJeune.

The floor was opened for officer nominations with the following results:

Commandant	Ed Ross	Accepted
Senior Vice	Stuart Blair	Accepted
Junior Vice	Mike Betts	Accepted
Junior Vice	Charlie Warns	Accepted
Judge Advocate	Craig Reeling	Accepted

**Good of the League:** The following individuals/organizations donated to the MHM Program:

Ray Chatary's VFW Post:	\$500.00.
Pax River Detachment:	\$100.00
Hospitality room bartenders, from the sale of jello shooters:	\$155.00.
Harford County Detachment:	\$1,804.00

Free State Detachment 544 is holding a raffle to provide a crab feast in your home, with the proceeds benefiting the MHM Program. Ray Chatary has tickets. Drawing to be held 10 August.

Tim Hoernig reported on a bogus article floating around the Internet requesting donations to build a theme park at 29 Palms Marine base.

Commandant Raines presented Distinguished Service Awards to Jack Severn, Ed Ross, Stuart Blair, Jim Brady, Tommy Grumwell, Paul Taylor, Richard Wischhusen, Mike Betts, Craig Reeling, Mike Hadley, Bill Knetzer, Vic Ryan, Doc Gunther, Ray Chatary, Jerry Devlin, Harry Yaukey, Dan Donnelly, Ray Ayers, Jack Colleran and Tony Begenwald.

The adjutant cast one unanimous vote for Ed Ross for Commandant, Stuart Blair for Senior Vice Commandant, and Craig Reeling for Judge Advocate. Ballots were distributed to delegates to decide the Junior Vice Commandant, with the winner being Mike Betts. Incoming Commandant Ross appointed Richard Wischhusen as paymaster, Paul Taylor as adjutant, and Tony Begenwald as Chaplain. National Commandant Vic Voltaggio did the honors of swearing in the new officers.

**Note:** At the banquet, the Marine of the Year Award was presented to Jerry Devlin of the Free State Marine Detachment 544.

**HOW JOHN WAYNE SAVED THE MARINES**

May 26, 2011 was John Wayne's 104th birthday. He was born on May 26, 1907 in Winterset, Iowa,

as Marion Morrison, weighing 13 pounds. His birthplace is a museum. There is a guest book, opened to a page with the entry, in the entrant's handwriting, Name: Ronald Reagan. Address: 1600 Pennsylvania Ave., Washington DC.

To celebrate the birthday of a truly great American, let me tell you how John Wayne saved the Marine Corps. In the aftermath of World War II, the psychological letdown after years of war and bloodshed, the huge demobilization of servicemen, the desire to slash military spending, and the antipathy towards the military by left-wingers in the Democrat Party all combined in a call by a number of Senators and Congressmen to abolish the Marine Corps.

In this, they were supported by the Doolittle Board, created by Harry Truman, which called for the Marine Corps to be "disbanded" as a separate military force, and "unified" with the Army (yes, the board was headed by an Air Force general, Jimmy Doolittle).

A group of enterprising Marines – you can always depend on Marines to be enterprising – with Hollywood connections, thought a movie made around the most famous photograph of World War II, Joe Rosenthal's of the Marines raising the flag on Mount Suribachi on Iwo Jima, could help sway public opinion against their disbandment.

They approached legendary director Allan Dwan, who agreed to commission a script. The movie was to be called "The Sands of Iwo Jima," and everybody agreed there was only one man who could play the lead role of Sergeant Stryker: John Wayne.

To their great surprise, Wayne turned it down. He didn't like the script, and he wasn't enamored of the character of Stryker. The Marines came to the rescue again. The Marine Corps Commandant, General Clifton B. Cates, got on an airplane and flew from Washington to California to personally request Wayne make the picture. When General Cates explained the stakes involved – the very existence of the Marine Corps – Wayne immediately changed his mind, promising the general he would do everything in his power to have the movie be a success.

The Sands of Iwo Jima was released in 1949 and quickly became a runaway blockbuster, with millions of moviegoers packing every theatre showing it. Wayne was nominated for a Best Actor Oscar, establishing him as Hollywood's Number One box-office star. The Doolittle Board folded its

tent, and no politician on Capitol Hill ever again said a word about disbanding the Marines.

So let's all say "Semper Fi" to the memory of John Wayne.

To further celebrate his birthday, here's a treat and some advice. The treat is this link: A biography of John Wayne written by Ronald Reagan, in the October 1979 Reader's Digest.

The advice is this: Don't ever trust a man who doesn't like John Wayne. A man's opinion of John Wayne is a good rule-of-thumb test of his character and moral values. To admire John Wayne is to admire the heroic and the morally noble. To sneer at John Wayne is to admire the opposite. It's revealing that you find very few liberals among the former, and very few conservatives among the latter.

#### LOOK FOR THE SILVER LINING OR IN GOD WE TRUST

Tour boats ferry people out to the USS Arizona Memorial in Hawaii every thirty minutes. We just missed a ferry and had to wait thirty minutes. I went into a small gift shop to kill time. In the gift shop, I purchased a small book entitled, "Reflections on Pearl Harbor" by Admiral Chester Nimitz.

Sunday, December 7th, 1941--Admiral Chester Nimitz was attending a concert in Washington D.C. He was paged and told there was a phone call for him. When he answered the phone, it was President Franklin Delano Roosevelt on the phone. He told Admiral Nimitz that he (Nimitz) would now be the Commander of the Pacific Fleet.

Admiral Nimitz flew to Hawaii to assume command of the Pacific Fleet. He landed at Pearl Harbor on Christmas Eve, 1941. There was such a spirit of despair, dejection and defeat--you would have thought the Japanese had already won the war. On Christmas Day, 1941, Adm. Nimitz was given a boat tour of the destruction wrought on Pearl Harbor by the Japanese. Big sunken battleships and navy vessels cluttered the waters everywhere you looked. As the tour boat returned to dock, the young helmsman of the boat asked, "Well Admiral, what do you think after seeing all this destruction?" Admiral Nimitz's reply shocked everyone within the sound of his voice. Admiral Nimitz said, "The Japanese made three of the biggest mistakes an attack force could ever make or God was taking care of America. Which do you think it was?" Shocked and surprised, the

young helmsman asked, "What do mean by saying the Japanese made the three biggest mistakes an attack force ever made?"

Nimitz explained. Mistake number one: the Japanese attacked on Sunday morning. Nine out of every ten crewmen of those ships were ashore on leave. If those same ships had been lured to sea and been sunk--we would have lost 38,000 men instead of 3,800. Mistake number two: when the Japanese saw all those battleships lined in a row, they got so carried away sinking those battleships, they never once bombed our dry docks opposite those ships.

If they had destroyed our dry docks, we would have had to tow every one of those ships to America to be repaired. As it is now, the ships are in shallow water and can be raised. One tug can pull them over to the dry docks, and we can have them repaired and at sea by the time we could have towed them to America. And I already have crews ashore anxious to man those ships. Mistake number three: every drop of fuel in the Pacific theater of war is in top of the ground storage tanks five miles away over that hill. One attack plane could have strafed those tanks and destroyed our fuel supply. That's why I say the Japanese made three of the biggest mistakes an attack force could make or God was taking care of America.

I've never forgotten what I read in that little book. It is still an inspiration as I reflect upon it. In jest, I might suggest that because Admiral Nimitz was a Texan, born and raised in Fredericksburg, Texas --he was a born optimist. But anyway you look at it--Admiral Nimitz was able to see a silver lining in a situation and circumstance where everyone else saw only despair and defeatism. President Roosevelt had chosen the right man for the right job. We desperately needed a leader that could see silver linings in the midst of the clouds of dejection, despair and defeat.

There is a reason that our national motto is, IN GOD WE TRUST.

#### 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.

Woitowicz, Cpl. William J.

Middlesex, MA

Garrison, Sgt. Joseph M.

New Bethlehem

Clore, Lance Cpl. Peter J.

New Philadelphia, OH

Balduf, Sgt. Kevin B.

Nashville, TN

Palmer, Lt. Col. Benjamin J.

Modesto, CA

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

### Quote from a Marine

*I come in peace, I didn't bring artillery. But I am pleading with you with tears in my eyes: If you f\*\*\* with me, I'll kill you all.*

Marine General James Mattis, to Iraqi tribal leaders

### Links to check out

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

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F67C8yzww\\_Y  
&feature=digest](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F67C8yzww_Y&feature=digest)

<http://objflicks.com/MoreThanAName.htm>

[http://rationalrevolution.net/articles/casualties\\_of  
\\_war.htm](http://rationalrevolution.net/articles/casualties_of_war.htm)

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and good night "Chesty" wherever

you are



-- Once a Marine, Always a Marine --