

# Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049

# Newsletter

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Remembering our VETERANS on Memorial Day!



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## **COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE**

Manny Airey



First of all I want to thank everyone who took part with the VFW #160 ceremony Memorial Day laying wreaths at the different monuments in Glen Burnie and then going to the Crownsville Cemetery for that ceremony. We had at last count about 20 marines from our detachment despite the threatening rain squalls.

Just wanted to let you know we had a great time this past Sunday 13 June. Thirty of us went to Harrington, DE to the Midway Slots Casino. Some won and some lost but all in all the comradeship was great. Mrs. Robby Robinson won the 50/50 winning ticket on the bus. This is the second time she has held the lucky ticket. We would like to go again in Sept. if we can get enough people interested. More to come about this in the August news letter. I want to thank all of you who went and supported us on this fund raiser. Ed Ross and his crew is working diligently on the Marine Corps Ball. The birthday is closer than you might think so make your plans to get your tickets early. Bill Creager is gallantly laboring on the "TOY'S FOR TOT'S" campaign. He could use some additional help. It isn't easy getting box's distributed to the various points and to empty them out occasionally.

Marines, we desperately need some younger men to get involved with the color guard. The senior Marines are starting to burn-out. The rifles and flags are getting heavier, the parades are getting lonnnnnnnger and the heat is getting hotter so won't you please get involved. Jake Jahelka, Rifle & Pistol Team Chairman is recruiting additional members for the rifle and pistol team for our detachment. You don't have to be an expert shooter. It is all in fun

If you want to get back into shooting get signed up with and comradeship. If you want to get involved see Jake and get signed up. Guy Hall is the chairman for the Department of Maryland and is trying to get more detachments involved and on board. He was at Mountainside Detachment in Cumberland, Maryland last week and has got a team started in that detachment. Have a safe 4 July holiday.

## Senior Vice Commandant

Tom Majorana

Thanks to all who attended our bus ride to Midway slots. It was a good day and all I hope had fun. We had 30 people, that's the most we have had to date. I'm told a couple of people even won. Do not include me in that group. Our detachment made \$225.00 and enjoyed the day. I would like to know from you guys and gals if we should go again in September? We are going to have a Day at the Races in October tell your friends and plan to attend, last year we made over \$1000.00 and we need the money, the exact date in October will come later.

Tickets for the Marine Corps Ball raffle are now printed we need everyone in our detachment to sell and or buy as many tickets as possible, we have 1500 tickets at \$ 1.00 each, the winner gets \$ 300.00 and does not have to be present to win. I am going to mail tickets to all Marines, who can't attend our meetings so please be generous. Know that the ball isn't until November but time goes by quickly and we need your help.

## Semper Fi

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## Junior Vice Commandant

**Denny Bynum** 



Semper Fi Marines and all members, First I'd like to welcome the latest and newest members into the Marine Corp League.

They are: Ruhl Rexroad of Baltimore Md., Jack Seal of Linthicum, Md., Philip Schwarzenberg of Glen Burnie, Md., Gregory Kennedy of Jacksonville, NC., (Active Duty), David Wilson of Severn, Md., James Parrish JR. of Severn, Md., Michael Lowman of Millersville, Md.

Welcome to one of the best MCL League Detachment in the state. We now have 119 paid members in our detachment. Of which 15 are associate members. We have 54 Life members as of this week.

The life member is the best way to go. You don't have to worry about yearly dues and the prices for life membership are:

| Age 18 to 40 | \$250 |
|--------------|-------|
| 41 to 50     | \$200 |
| 51 to 60     | \$150 |
| 61 and up    | \$75  |

So why not think about becoming a Life member? At the last National meeting a motion was made to raise the dues, But it failed. Who knows what will happen in the future, So GET AHEAD OF THE GAME.

We also have a MCL, Maryland license plate program for a car, van or your pickup. If you are interested in any of these things please call, my phone number is 410-672-3305 or visit our web site at http://mclaacdet1049.org/ PIO/detachment PIO main page.htm.

If I don't know the answer, I can put you onto someone that does.

Please make the meetings and bring at least one new member a year.



### **Public Relations**

**Danny Fischio** 

Who were the winners, who were the losers? Which one of our Marines got rousted for lying down on the smoking bench? If you made the bus trip to Midway Slots you would know the answers to these questions. All had a great time, the food was excellent and the camaraderie was great. We mustered 30 Marines and guests for this trip [not 27 - another inside joke, just ask Manny or Tom]. Congratulations to Chong Robinson for winning the 50/50 raffle, second trip in a row. How much you want to bet that she'll be on the next trip? Watch for dates and times for the next trip to Midway Slots.

There will be a Flea Market held by the Marine Corps League Ladies Auxiliary on Saturday, August 21st from 8 to 1 and again on Saturday, September 25th from 8 to 1, rain or shine. The cost is \$10.00 per space; tables are available for an additional \$5.00 charge per table. Food and beverages will be sold. To reserve your space today, please call Pat @ 443-366-4777 or email her at pattyandroland@comcast.net for additional information.

Our Detachment will host the VFW Friday night dinner on July 2<sup>nd</sup>, menu will consist of BBQ hamburgers, coleslaw and potato salad. So come out and support the Detachment's dinner fundraiser and enjoy a traditional 4<sup>th</sup> of July fare.

If you have an upcoming event you want advertised in the MD Gazette or put on the calendar of events on the Detachment's web site contact me at 443-604-2474 or email pio@mclaacdet1049.org



## Rifle & Pistol Team Captain

Jake Jahelka

The Marine Corps League Pistol Matches were held at Fort Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania, on the 4th and 5th of June this year. On Saturday the 4th, the match's were rained out. But the pistol match was completed on Sunday. Your Detachment did outstanding at the matches

Match Winner: Charles Grove 573-21X
1st Expert Class: Mike Hadley 485-2X
2d Expert Class: Eugene Lynch 484-5X
3d Expert Class: Jake Jahelka 481-3X
3d Sharpshooter: Danny Fischio 384-0X

#### Team Awards:

1st Master Class AA County 2591-44X 2d Master Class 3 Rivers Ln. 2556-36X 3d Master Class Chester Cty 1861-6X

The Anne Arundel County Team consisted of the following Members:

| Denny Bynum   | 548-13X  |
|---------------|----------|
| Eugene Lynch  | 484- 5X  |
| Ted Kees      | 501- 3X  |
| Mike Hadley   | 485- 2X  |
| Charles Grove | 573-21X  |
| Total Score:  | 2591-44X |

The enthusiasm and the comradeship of all the shooters made this a most enjoyable pistol match. Anyone interested in firing rifle or pistol, please contact one of the above named individuals.



## Historian Vic Halme

Some little known facts of Marines in the movies. Over the years, Marines have appeared in all types of movies that have included both combat and peace time movies.

A Marine pilot flew one of the planes that shot the original King Kong off the Empire State Building.

Marines served as extras in the 1936 disaster film "San Francisco" because the director, a Marine reserve officer needed men who could follow orders precisely during the re-creation of the earthquake.

Marines stationed at a communications facility in North Africa, played French Legionnaires in "March or Die" in 1977.

Off duty Marines played Navy aviation cadets in "An Officer and a Gentleman" (1982), even after the Navy had refused to cooperate because of the four-letter words, explicit sex, and the suicide of one of the would be officer cadets.

The next time you are washing your hands and complain because the water temperature isn't just how you like it, think about how things used to be. Here are some facts about the 1500's. Most people got married in June because they took their yearly bath in May, and still smelled pretty good by June. However they were starting to smell, so brides carried a bouquet of flowers to hide the body odor. Hence the custom today of the bride carries a "bouquet of roses" at her wedding. Baths consisted of a big tub filled with hot water. The man of the house had the privilege of the nice clean water then all the other sons and men, then the women and finally the children. Last of all the babies. The water by this time was so dirty you could actually loose a baby in it therefore as the saying goes, "Don't throw the baby out with the bath water.

Bread was divided according to status. Workers got the burned bottom of loaf, the family got the middle, guests got the top or "Upper Crust" Sometimes they could obtain pork which made them feel quite special. When visitors came to visit they would hang up the their bacon to show off. It was a sign of wealth that a man could "bring home the bacon". They would cut off a little to share with their guests and all would sit around and "chew the fat."

### Who is this Marine?



Hint: He is a member of our Detachment.

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**Danny Fischio** 

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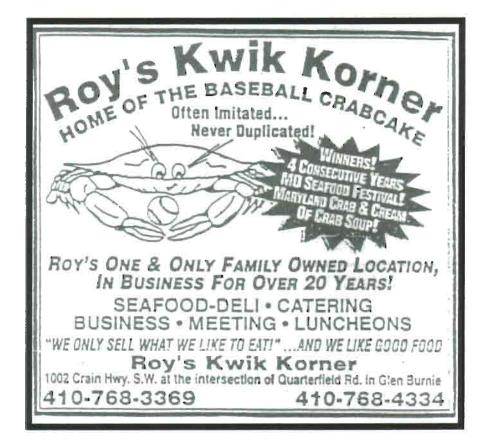


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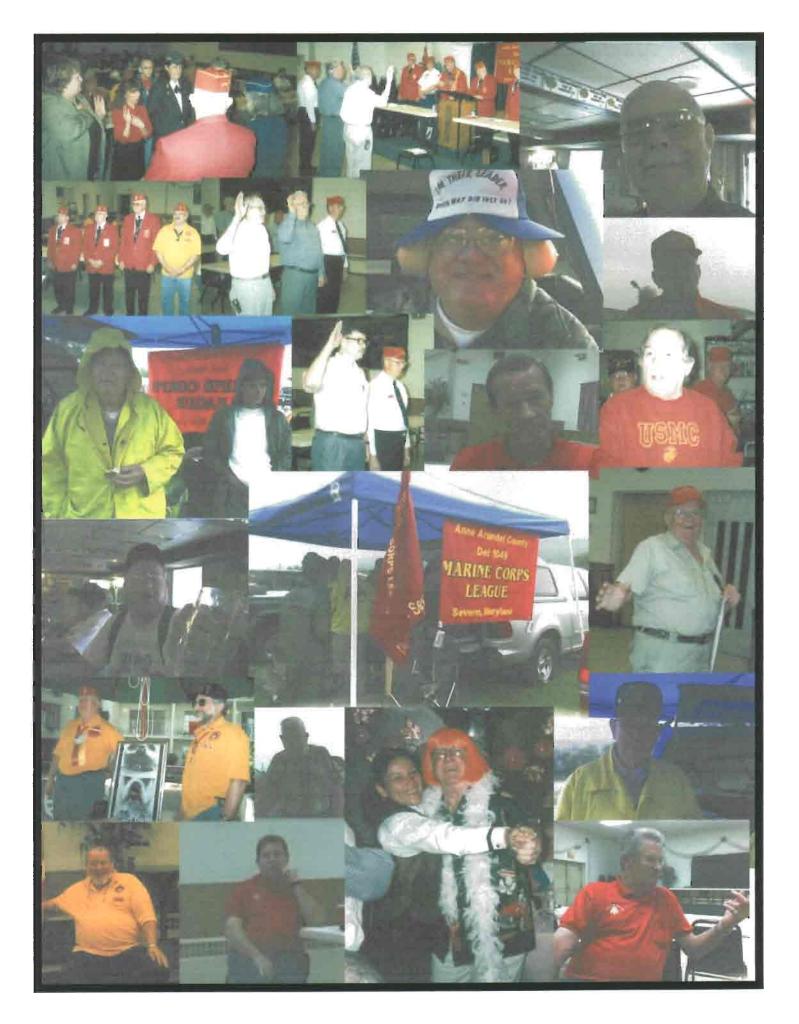


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RAYMOND M. CLAUSEN JR.
Private First Class
United States Marine Corps

Raymond M. Clausen Jr. *Citation* 

Private First Class Raymond M. Clausen Jr. United States Marine Corps

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty while serving with Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 263, Marine Aircraft Group 16, First Marine Aircraft Wing, during operations against enemy forces in the Republic of Vietnam on 31 January 1970. Participating in a helicopter rescue mission to extract elements of a platoon which had inadvertently entered a minefield while attacking enemy positions. Private First Class Clausen skillfully guided the helicopter pilot to a landing in a area cleared by one of several mine explosions. With eleven Marines wounded, one dead, and the remaining eight Marines holding their positions for fear of detonating other mines, Private First Class Clausen quickly leaped from the helicopter and , in the face of enemy fire, moved across the extremely hazardous, mine-laden area to assist in carrying casualties to the waiting helicopter and in placing them aboard. Despite the ever-present threat of further mine explosions, he continued his valiant efforts, leaving the comparatively safe area of the helicopter on six separate occasions to carry out his rescue efforts. On one occasion while he was carrying one of the wounded, another mine detonated, killing a corpsman and wounding three other men. Only when he was certain that all Marines were safely aboard did he signal the pilot to lift the helicopter. By his courageous, determined and inspiring efforts in the face of the utmost danger, Private First Class Clausen upheld the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and of the United States Naval Service.

Richard M. Nixon
President of the United States

Mr. Clausen passed away on May 30th, 2004.



Richard E. Bush Corporal United States Marine Corps Reserve

Richard Bush Citation

Corporal Richard E. Bush United States Marine Corps Reserve

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty as Squad Leader serving with the First Battalion, Fourth Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against Japanese forces during the final assault against Mt. Yaetake on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 16 April 1945. Rallying his men forward with indomitable determination, Corporal Bush boldly defied the slashing fury of concentrated Japanese artillery fire pouring down from the gun-studded mountain fortress to lead his squad up the face of the rocky precipice, sweep over the ridge and drive the defending troops from their deeply entrenched position. With his unit, the first to break through to the inner defense of Mt. Yaetake, he fought relentlessly in the forefront of the action until seriously wounded and evacuated with others under protecting rocks. Although prostrate under medical treatment when a Japanese hand grenade landed in the midst of the group, Corporal Bush, alert and courageous in extremity as in battle, unhesitatingly pulled the deadly missile to himself and absorbed the shattering violence of the exploding charge in his own body, thereby saving his fellow Marines form severe injury or death despite the certain peril to his own life. By his valiant leadership and aggressive tactics in the face of savage opposition, Corporal Bush contributed materially to the success of the sustained drive toward the conquest of this fiercely defended outpost of the Japanese Empire and his constant concern for the welfare of his men, his resolute spirit of self-sacrifice and his unwavering devotion to duty throughout the bitter conflict enhance and sustain the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service

Harry S. Truman
President of the United States

Mr. Bush passed away on June 7th, 2004.

#### Chaplain Les Bates



It is with great sadness to inform you of the passing of Legionnaire Willy Pluck, 80 yrs., former USN and member of AL Post #276, Severn. Willy should have

been a Marine. He and his wife Eva not only assisted when asked to attend funerals for AL Post 276 but would also respond on a moments notice when requested by our detachment when we needed them. Any other time we needed their help they were there up until a few months ago when Willy became ill and was spending time in and out of the hospitals. He was laid to rest at Crownsville Veterans Cemetery on Monday, 21 June.

Irene Airey, wife of our Commandant Manny was recently in the hospital for a day. She is now at home recuperating. Irene we wish you well.

## Chaplain

Continued

I have not heard from anyone else as far as sickness goes so I am assuming all is well.

Please let me know of anyone who is ill or in the hospital. Call me at 410-987-0386 and leave a message or 410-353-8903 (Cell).





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## Military Order of Devil Dogs

Jack Severn



Woof, woof to all my fellow Dogs

It has been busy since O.C. Ray Chatary and I have charted a new Pound at the Free State Detachment, they will be call the Oohrah Pound. They will have about 16 dogs. Way to go Free State. I have also travel up to Mountain

Side Detachment in Cumberland to talk to them about joining the Devil Dogs and starting their own Pound. There is good interest up there. Roger Evans has been a big help to me.

In Sept. at the Staff Meeting put on by the L/Cpl Copenhaven Detachment in Elkton, I'll be talking to them about starting a pound. As you can see we are starting to grow in the Pack of MD. This is good.

Mike Blum has given me the two handicapped trikes, one for the Pound and one for Pack. Now we will try to find a child that can use them. Any suggestion Let me know I have a few, will talk about it at the next Growl on Aug. 22 at our Dog House.

If any Dogs would like to talk to me about anything please do so. My E-mail is jack7rn@adelphia.net or phone 301-865-1962.

Woof, woof

Jack Severn Pound Keeper 204 Pack Leader Pack of MD

## Toys for Tots Coordinator Bill Creager



The wife of Major Bill Hendricks USMC Reserve hand crafted a Raggedy Ann doll and asked her husband to deliver it to an organization that would present it to a needy child on Christmas Day. That was 1947. Major Hendricks

and his Marine Corps Reserve unit did it themselves, collected and distributed 5,000 toys to children in the Los Angeles area.

Since then the Marine Corps Reserve, with help, has distributed over a quarter billion (that's billion with a "B") toys via this official project authorized by Marine Corps Order, including the chartering of the Toys for Tots Foundation, a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization recognized by the Internal Revenue Service. Donations to the Foundation, toys, cash or services in kind qualify for a tax deduction and the Foundation will issue a letter to a donor for tax purposes when a donation exceeds \$250.

Our local project will kick-off on October 1st, 2004 and will include at least four events, two toy collections at MUVICO theater in the Arundel Mills Mall (mark November 27th and December 11th on your calendars) and two at our October and November meetings. Everyone is encouraged to bring toys to the October and November meetings and to tell everyone you know.

Bill Creager Detachment Toys for Tots Coordinator





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