

# Marine Corps League



## Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049

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# Semper Fidelis

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SEMPER FI MARINES !!!!!!!!!!!

Manny Airey  
COMMANDANT

I am happy to tell you I take my new responsibilities very seriously and I am proud of the fact that you selected me to lead this fine organization into the next year. Any organization is great due only to the inspiration and dedication of the people who belong to it and have the desire to get involved with the activities.

I am hoping that we as a detachment can achieve this goal.

I am grateful the appointed officers chose to stay in their respective positions for another year. As a detachment we need to kick our endeavors up a notch or two so I will be asking for a little more of you than of the past year. First off, we need dollars, lots of dollars. We have been in business 3 years and we have yet to give anything back to the community, small scholarships to deserving high school seniors, donations of materiel things to the needy of the community, etc.

Secondly, we are going to step up our membership drive. I will be meeting with our Jr. Vice Commandant, Bynum and talk of a membership committee getting in place. One person can not do membership and retention alone. He is going to need some help. Membership is our life blood.

I will forewarn you of the intention of the National MCL of a pending raise in life membership dues to come to bear at the Convention in Washington State in August. The life dues will likely double,

especially the yrs. 61 and older. The 51 to 60 age group will probably also increase so if you in the 50 - 61 age group and thinking of a life membership, now is the time to do it. Once the life membership increases you can see an increase in the annual dues in a couple of years.

There will be no meeting per se this Monday evening due to the holiday.

Tom Maiorana  
SR. VICE COMMANDANT

Marines, the Ocean City Convention was a great success, thanks to our participation. Our detachment had 12 members in attendance, the most of any of the detachments. The Ladies Aux. also were in attendance with 4 members. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for giving me the chance to serve you as your Sr. Vice this coming year. As you know, fund raising is the objective of this position and I will be asking for your support in terms of a membership committee to carry out this program. I know that together we can improve our financial position within the detachment. The Memorial Day Parade in Glen Burnie this past Sunday was a great success. Our Young Marines, Les Bates and his Marine Fire Engine, Spike Miller and his Korea era Jeep, Ray Gonzales and his Korea War era Jeep, Our Commandant and myself in Manny's Lincoln, the Color Guard and Guy Hall in his Marine Membership Van. The spectators knew we were there and who we were.  
OuRRRAAAHHHH.

# **LAUERS**

**NEW HOURS!**

**Supermarket  
& Bakery**

7AM to 10PM Mon. thru Sat.  
Sun. 8AM to 8PM

Chesterfield Plaza  
**410-255-0070**

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**410-437-4800**

Les Bates  
CHAPLAIN

Vic Halme  
HISTORIAN

I am sorry to report that we lost our first Marine, James F. O'Toole of our detachment last week. I also thank each of you who attended the Marine Memorial at Loudon Park Funeral Home. He was recruited by Marine Ken Rollins who had served with him during the Korean War era. The family was very appreciative of our concern.

This Monday, 26 May, many of us will participate in the memorial service at the Crownsville Veterans Cemetery commencing at 1100 hrs. Prior to that many of us will assist the VFW Post #160 with their annual respects at the various military memorials throughout the Glen Burnie area starting at 0800. I appreciate all who can participate in both of these endeavors.

I am also pleased to say that Marine Karl Dungan is improving and doing as well as expected.

If any of you know of anyone who is sick or infirmed, please, please let me know at 410-987-0386. I am also pleased that my wife, Jean is out of the hospital and is doing well at home. I was so busy worrying about her I did not have time to notify anyone but the word did get around to a few of you and she and I appreciated your prayers.

According to J. Robert Moskin, a noted military historian states that following its great triumphs of WW II, the Marine Corps should have been riding high. Less than 5 years, between the surrender in Tokyo Bay and the North Korean attack across the 38<sup>th</sup> Paralell the Corps wrestled with a few problems. For the first half of this short period, Marine Corps problems had to be solved by Commandant Alexander A. Vandergrift, the hero of Guadalcanal who in April 1945 had become the first 4-star general of active duty in the history of the Corps. Trying to get the men home after V-J Day was in Vandergrift's word, "torrential." In all the services, demonstrations erupted among the civilians in uniform demanding to go home. On 10 Jan 46 a delegation of noncoms delivered a petition to Lt. Gen. Roy Geiger in Hawaii, he broke all of them to privates and had his SGT. MAJOR rip off their chevrons. Vandergrift wrote Geiger that a demonstration "to an old-line Marine still borders on near mutiny."

After WW II the marine corps strength had shrunk from a wartime peak of 485,000 men and women to 156,000 and by Feb 48 was down to 92,000.

Danny Fischio  
PUBLIC RELATIONS

As you recall our County lost a young Marine, Cpl. Jason David Mileo of Pasadena from friendly fire during a fire fight in Iraq. Many of us in the detachment attended his funeral.

Many of our detachment brought up the subject that perhaps we should consider renaming our detachment in his honor. Marine Guy Hall being a personal friend of the family stated we would have to get the parents, Leah and Phil Hall (no rel, to Guy) written permission to do so. Last week Guy reported to me that an oral permission has been given by the parents pending the majority wishes of the members of the detachment. I am urging all of you who can possibly attend the June meeting to make arrangements to be there if you can. There will be only one discussion and vote taken on this matter and if approved should be finalized and celebrated during a special ceremony in August.

I am asking everyone to get behind our new Commandant and officers to help get our detachment rejuvenated. Marines we can do it.

CASINO DAY

SUNDAY

22 JUNE 2003

LV POST #160

NOON

DELAWARE

\$ 15.00 EA.

FREE BUFFET

AC MOTOR  
COACH



**SHAMROCK**  
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M/W/F 9:00 - 4:30

T/T 9:00 - 7:30

SAT 9:00 - 1:00

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## Wearing of Medals, Insignia and the Uniform by Veterans and Retirees

One of the first lessons taught to new recruits is proper wear of the uniform and its insignia. The same principle applies to the wearing of military awards by veterans and retirees. There are a number of occasions when tradition, patriotism, ceremonies and social occasions call for the wear of military awards.

### Civilian Dress



The most common manner of wearing a decoration or medal is as a lapel pin, in the left lapel of a civilian suit jacket. The small enameled lapel pin represents the ribbon bar of a single decoration or ribbon an individual has received (usually the highest award or one having special meaning to the wearer). Many well-known veterans such as former Senator Bob Dole, a World War II Purple Heart recipient, wear a lapel pin. Pins are available for all awards and some ribbons such as the Combat Action Ribbon or the Navy Presidential Unit Citation. A small Marine Corps insignia and miniature wings are also worn in the lapel or as a tie tac. Additionally, retirees are encouraged to wear their USMC retired pin and World War II veterans are encouraged to wear their Honorable Discharge Pin (affectionately referred to as the "ruptured duck").



WW2 Honorable Discharge Pin



Honorable Discharge Pin



Retirement Pin

Honorably discharged and retired Marines may wear full-size or miniature medals on civilian suits on appropriate occasions such as Memorial Day and Armed Forces Day. It is not considered appropriate to wear marksmanship badges on civilian attire.

### Formal Civilian Wear

For more formal occasions, it is correct and encouraged to wear miniature decorations and medals. For a black or white tie occasion, the rule is quite simple: if the lapel is wide enough wear the miniatures on the left lapel or, in the case of a shawl lapel on a tuxedo, the miniature medals are worn over the left breast pocket. The center of the holding bar of the bottom row of medals should be parallel to the deck immediately above the pocket. Do not wear a pocket handkerchief.

Miniature medals can also be worn on a civilian suit at veterans' functions, memorial events, formal occasions and social functions of a military nature.

### Uniform

On certain occasions retired Marine Corps personnel may wear either the uniform prescribed at the date of retirement or any of the current active duty authorized uniforms. Retirees should adhere to the same grooming standards as Marine Corps active duty personnel when wearing the uniform (for example, a beard is inappropriate while in uniform). Whenever the uniform is worn, it must be done in such a manner as to reflect credit upon the individual and the corps. (Do not mix uniform items.)

The occasions for wear by retirees are:

- military ceremonies.
- military funerals, weddings, memorial services and inaugurals.
- patriotic parades on national holidays.
- military parades in which active or reserve units are participating.
- educational institutions when engaged in giving military instruction or responsible for military discipline.
- social or other functions when the invitation has obviously been influenced by the members having at one time been on active service.

Honorably separated wartime veterans may wear the uniform authorized at the time of their service.

The occasions are:

- military funerals, memorial services, and inaugurals.
- patriotic parades on national holidays.
- any occasion authorized by law.
- military parades in which active or reserve units are participating.

Non-wartime service personnel separated (other than retired and Reserve) are not authorized to wear the uniform but may wear their medals.