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National Award Winner

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Membership Statistics

Good Standing (Dues Paid)

Type	USMC	Associate	Multiple
Life Member-	96	11	6
Annual Member-		5	-
New Members			
			-
Sub-Totals			
	96	16	6
Total			
118			



Members' Birthdays

Members of our detachment, celebrating Birthdays during the month of February includes:

Gary Barr Chris Kalwa Pat Sharkey
Bill Merrill Tim Muniz George Owings

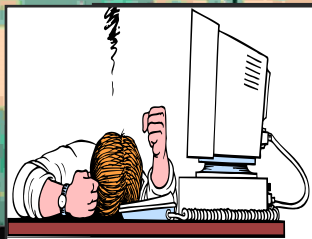
NOTE – *If you were born in February and your name is not listed above, please contact the editor to be included in the future.*

Quotation

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

Gen. William Thornson





From the Editor

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

Anyone planning to attend the Department of Maryland Convention as a delegate must let us know so the appropriate paperwork can be completed. Delegates from all of the Maryland detachments will be electing the Department of Maryland Officers for the coming year as well as deciding the fate of other important items. If you are interested in serving as a delegate, please notify me. I also want to remind everyone to push the sale of convention ads for this year's convention book. We earn 50% of all sales over \$300!

Detachment 1049 Marine of the Year 2021 Nominations for the Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049 Marine of the Year will be accepted until 23 March 2021 If you wish to nominate an individual, be sure to follow the guidelines on our Web page

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Junior Vice Commandant
Judge Advocate

The deadline for all March newsletter articles is NOON on Tuesday 16 March, 2021 Please do not wait until the last minute!



Coming Events

The following events are scheduled to occur through **May 2021** Unless otherwise noted, these events will take place at **VFW Post 160**, located at 2597 Dorsey Road, Glen Burnie, MD 21060 (410-766-9802).

NOTE – The dates and times listed below are subject to change. Please verify the information with the indicated organizational point of contact

Monthly Meeting, MCL Detachment 1049
Monday, 22 February 2021 @ 1900 (Ben Wells)
VFW Post 160

25-27 February 2021 NATIONAL WINTER CONFERENCE W
NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

Cancelled


March 6th 2021 Department of Maryland Meeting Jarrettsville VFW Post 86721720 Morse Road Forest Hill, MD 21050

Monthly Meeting, MCL Detachment 1049
Monday, 22 March @ 1900 (Ben Wells) VFW Post 160

16-18 April 2021 Mideast Division Conference Atlantic Sands Hotel & Conference Center Rehoboth Beach, Delaware

Monthly Meeting, MCL Detachment 1049
Monday, 26 April @ 1900 (Ben Wells) VFW Post 160

Department Convention: 7,8&9 May 2021
Princess Royale Oceanfront Hotel & Conference Center Ocean City, Maryland .



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- Spring Pistol League
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- Trap Shoot
- JR's Club Shoot
- 4H State Match
- Club Crab Feast
- Club Christmas Dinner

Affiliated with the National Rifle Association and Civilian Marksmanship Program.

Garrison Rifle & Revolver members have the following facilities available for their use:

- Covered bench rest-equipped rifle, black powder, and pistol range (25, 50, 75 & 100 yds.)
- Indoor air rifle range
- Fifty point covered outdoor pistol range (25 & 50 yds.)
- Ten point covered high power rifle range 200 yds with butts)
- A four field, lighted, outdoor trap range w/automatic and manual trap house.
- Messick Hall club house w/ kitchen & restrooms.
- Lower range house/meeting hall.

For more information contact club secretary Thomas Betty, at (443) 850-5737
E-Mail: secretary@garrisonrr.org
Website: <https://www.garrisonrr.org>

Club meets every second Tuesday of each month
Except January which is the third Tuesday.
1118 Marriottville Road
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Corps History

by Ed Dahling for Joe Wright, Historian

1 February

1967 Operation Prairie II began in Quang Tri province by elements of the 3rd Marine Division. During the 46 day search-and-destroy operation, 93 Marines and 693 enemy combatants were killed.

20 February

1815 Captain Archibald Henderson leads Marines in the USS Constitution's capture of HMS Cyane and HMS Levant, which occurs 3 days after the end of the War of 1812.

20 February

1962 Lieutenant Colonel John H. Glenn Jr. orbits the earth in first manned American space capsule.

23 February

1945 Men of the 5th Marine Division raise flag on Mount Suribachi.

24 February

1991 1st and 2nd Marine Divisions breach Iraqi defensive positions.

24 February

1991: The I Marine Expeditionary Force and coalition forces began a ground assault on Iraqi defenses in the final chapter of Operation Desert Storm.

26 February

1991 A Marine recon unit was the first U.S. force to enter Kuwait City and retake the American Embassy.

28 February

1991: Operation Desert Storm ends. I Marine Expeditionary Force, with a strength of more than 92,000 for the operation, becomes largest Marine Corps operation in history. 24 Marines were killed in action during the Gulf War.

28 February

1967 PFC James Anderson Jr. is first black Marine to win the Medal of Honor.



Junior Vice Commandant Joseph Wright

Marines & Associates,

With the COVID restrictions, there is still not a whole lot going on to report on. We still have several members with dues unpaid well beyond the August due date. If this includes you, please bring your membership into good standing and submit your dues. You should have received a letter.

Semper Fi,
Joe



Membership Renewal

Annual Notice

Expires 31 August



Renew today with your
local Detachment Paymaster





*Commandant
David (Ben) Wells*

Marines,

Well, I don't have a lot to say this month because not much is going on. The Mid-Winter convention has been canceled which is sad.

We do have a Department meeting coming up in Hartford County on March 6 so please attend if you are able.

There will be a MODD Gathering of the dogs April 8th - 10th in Greenville, SC, and all dogs are welcome. From my understanding, our Department convention in May is still a go so get your rooms booked.

We will have our regular meeting this Monday the 22nd and we will have our first round of nominations for officers. Please be there for this event and please step up as a leader.

Semper Fi

Ben Wells



Vets4Warriors is the leading national peer support and resource connection network for veterans, service members, family members and caregivers who need answers and understanding from someone who knows what they are going through.

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PARKING: COMPLIMENTARY SELF-PARKING IF STAYING AT HOTEL, OTHERWISE ITS \$13 PER DAY. VALET PARKING IS \$26 PER DAY

BREAKFAST: COMPLIMENTARY 2 PER ROOM DAILY

ANY CANCELLATIONS AFTER FEBRUARY 10, 2021 WILL FORFEIT THE ONE NIGHT DEPOSIT (2022 CANCELLATION PERIOD WILL BE POSTED AS INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE).

IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT UBER OR TAXI ARE THE BEST METHOD OF TRANSPORT FROM THE AIRPORT.

THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE IS NOT A CONVENTION. IT IS A BUSINESS MEETING.



Chaplain's Corner Bill Collins

Sad to report....Marine down. On February 4th, Bill Wild a friend and a longtime member of our Detachment was called by the Supreme Commandant. Bill's obituary can be found on the Singleton Funeral Home website. Bill will be missed, a memorial service will be held at a later date.

Hopefully, there is light at the end of the Covid tunnel. Vaccinations are finally underway. As an old folk, I was one of the lucky ones put at the head of the line. I received my first dose about three weeks ago and, as I write this, I am scheduled for my second shot tomorrow. The registration process was a bit cumbersome but once I arrived at the facility, where the shot was given, the process was very well run. My total time was less than 30 minutes including the required post shot 15 minute observation period. All in all, a much better experience than in the Old Corps.... When the needle was the size of your thumb and the Corpsman was only concerned with getting to the next guy in line. You don't even have to do push-ups afterward. I highly recommend it to everyone who is eligible. The sooner we are all immunized the sooner we can get back to the lifestyle that we all miss. Stay safe and well.

Bill Collins, Chaplain

Semper Fi



SUICIDE WARNING SIGNS

TALK:

- Killing themselves
- Feeling hopeless
- Having no reason to live
- Being a burden to others
- Feeling trapped
- Unbearable pain

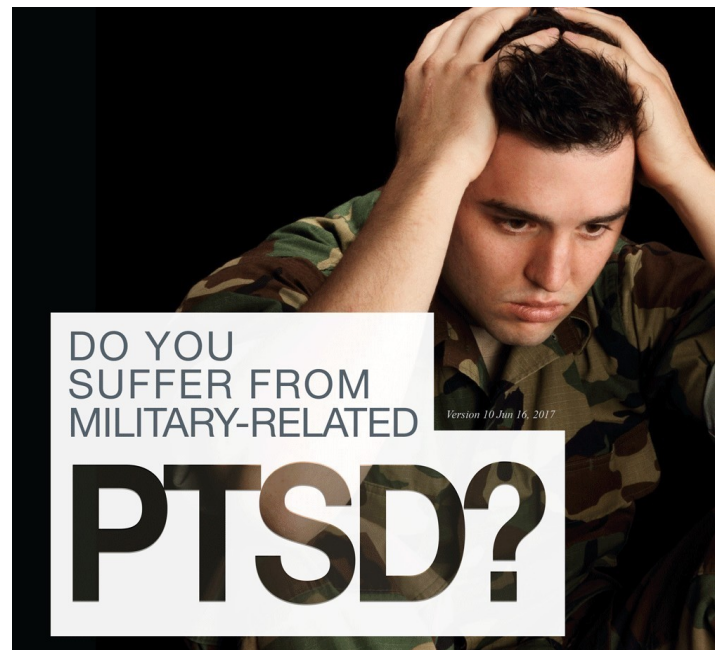


BEHAVIOR:

- Increased use of alcohol or drugs
- Looking for a way to end their lives
- Withdrawing from activities
- Isolating from people
- Sleeping too much or too little
- Visiting or calling people to say goodbye
- Giving away possessions
- Aggression
- Fatigue

MOOD:

- Depression
- Anxiety
- Loss of interest
- Irritability
- Humiliation/Shame
- Agitation/Anger
- Relief/Sudden Improvement



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Color Guard

Color Guard Commander Woody Bowman

- COMING EVENTS -

NO Events

Want to volunteer? Want to be part of the future of this valuable group? If the answer to any of these questions is **YES**, Call **Woody Bowman** the following number **(410) 647-9655**



Marine Corps League License Plates

Marine Corps League License Plates are available for a one time fee of \$30. You continue to pay your normal registration fee at the time it is normally due.

You must be a member in good standing and either the registered owner or co-owner of the vehicle.

Contact the Department License Plate Chairman, Craig Reeling, at 443-477-0670 or Craig.Reeling@MarylandMarines.org



Military Order of the Devil Dogs



Military Order of the Devil Dogs (MODD)

The Fun and Honor Society of the Marine Corps League

Hound Dog Pound 204, Maryland Pack, Military Order of Devil Dogs, will hold a Growl sometime around 0900, Sunday, 28 February 2021 at the Pound Dog House (VFW Post 160), 2597 Dorsey Road, Glen Burnie, phone 410 766 9802.

We would appreciate your attendance. Bring bones! All annual dues-paying Dogs' memberships expire on 31 August.2020 still have Dogs in arrears. As such, they cannot attend Growls or hold office. Arm yourself with 15 extra big bones for your dues. You can also send them to me with a check payable to MODD Pound 204.

All Pups report to Sir Mad Dog (PDD Bowman) NLT 0800 for fun and games.

Bloody Mary's and a delicious breakfast by our Devil Dog chef and canteen manager will be served at 0800.

Advancement reminder: There is a Pound requirement for Pups desiring to advance to Devil Dog to attend two Pound Growls in the year prior to the Grand Growl.

There is a Pack requirement for DDs desiring to advance to PDD, to attend two Pack Growls in the year prior to the Supreme Growl at which you desire to advance.

Get ahead of the game: Attend each Pound and Pack Growl.

There will be a Pack Growl on 6 march 2021 It will be held at 1300 after the Department Meeting Hosted by Cpl Pete Arnold Detachment 1198 Location Jarrettsville VFW Post 8672 1720 Morse Road Forest Hill, MD 21050

Senior Vice Commandant Burt Helmka

Marines,

It's getting to be that time again. Golf tournament, Bull & Oyster Roast and other fund raising things. The state seems to fluctuate on guide line for capacity on gatherings ever other week. Let's at least get some dates and contracts in place just in case.

Next hope all you Marines are enrolled in a vaccine program to get your shot. My personal experience is that the CVS website is easy negotiate and the VA program worked very well. I've received my first shot thru the VA and my second one, I should get by the time this is read.

Hope everyone is doing well. I know I'm in need of some fellowship plus a beer. Remember to wash your hands, and clear your mask, social distance and be safe.

SEMPER FI,
Burton Helmka



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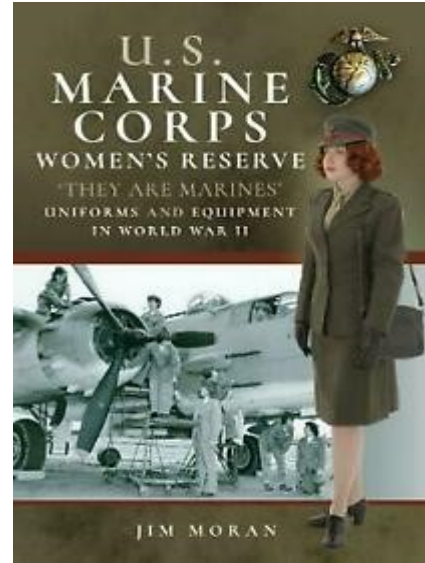
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Happy Birthday Marine Corps Women's Reserve

The Marine Corps Women's Reserve was established in February 1943. On June 12th, 1948, Congress passed the Women's Armed Services Integration Act, which made women a permanent part of the regular Marine Corps.



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Join our team and get involved! Use your creativity and passion to take an active role by fundraising, donating or spreading awareness for our cause.

Go to the following website to gain additional information and become involved with this important effort!

<http://semperfifund.org/>

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Mideast Division



April 16 -18, 2021

Hosted by the Department of Delaware Atlantic Sands Hotel & Conference Center Rehoboth Beach, Delaware

HOTEL INFORMATION

Atlantic Sands Hotel & Conference Center 1 Baltimore Ave. Rehoboth Beach, DE, 19971 Telephone: 302.227.2511 Room rates \$105. plus fees

Reservation may be made now by calling 1.800.422.0600, refer to the Mideast Division Marine Corps League Block #9579 arriving Friday, April 16, 2021. Website <https://atlanticsandshotel.com/>

Check-in Time/Check-out Time:

Check-in time is after 1600. Guest arriving before 1600 will be accommodated as rooms become available. Check-out is 1100. Safe Rental \$1.50 per day, 8% hotel occupancy tax, A 10% Coupon/Discount will be provided for a full Breakfast Buffet in the Grille, which includes both a waffle station and an omelet station.

Complimentary Wireless Internet Access Parking is provided for quest. Non-smoking Policy: The Atlantic Sands Hotel is a non-smoking facility including the balconies. Two outside smoking areas will be provided for smokers.

There will be a Hospitality Room starting Friday at 5 PM and Saturday 12 Noon - 4 PM

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"History is not there for you to like or dislike. It is there for you to learn from it. And if it offends you, even better. Because then you are less likely to repeat it. It is not yours to erase. It belongs to all of us."



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Department Meeting 6 March 2021

Department of Maryland Membership,

The next Department Meeting (in-person) will be hosted by the Cpl Pete Arnold Detachment 1198.

Date: 6 March - Saturday
Location: Jarrettsville VFW Post 8672
1720 Morse Road
Forest Hill, MD 21050

Times:

0800 Continental Breakfast
0900 Department Meeting Start
0915 Auxiliary Meeting
1200 Lunch (provided at the VFW)
1300 MODD Maryland Pack Growl

We will be using the LARGE Hall for the MCL & MODD and the Auxiliary will use the small hall in the morning.

COVID protocols will include Masks Required and Social Distancing will be in place.
Note: We are investigating streaming the Dept Meeting via ZOOM. More to follow.

Semper Fi,
Craig Reeling, PDC
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