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news for and about the members of Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049 of the Marine Corps League

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**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY DETACHMENT 1049  
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE**



### MEETINGS

Meeting Date and Time:

4th Monday of the  
Month at 19:00

Meeting Address: VFW  
Post #160  
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- Commandant** ..... Ben Wells
- Senior Vice-Commandant** ..... Burt Helmka
- Junior Vice-Commandant**..... Joseph Wright
- Judge Advocate** .....Ray Sturm
- Junior Past-Commandant** ..... Ray Sturm
- Adjutant** ..... Norman Huffman
- By-Laws Committee Chairman** Danny Fischio
- Chaplain** .....Bill Collins
- Color Guard Commander** ..... Woody Bowman
- Historian** ..... Joseph Wright
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- Legislative Officer** ..... Vacant
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- Sergeant-at-Arms** .....Jim Galvin
- VAVS Officer** ..... Vacant
- Web Sergeant** ..... Joseph Wright
- Toy For Tots Chairman**..... Vacant
- Young Marines Commander** ...April Westerlund

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**National Award Winner**

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Winner 2017  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winner 2018  
Marine Corps League  
National Newsletter  
Award

**Membership Statistics**

**Good Standing (Dues Paid)**

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



**Members' Birthdays**

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

- Bill Creager
- Charles Dorn,
- Gerald Grimes,
- Warren Lindgren

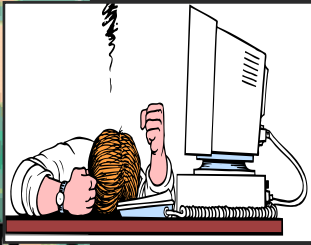
**NOTE** – If you were born in January and your name is not listed above, please contact the editor to be included in the future.

**Quotation**

“The Marine Corps has just been called by the New York Times, 'The elite of this country.' I think it is the elite of the world.”

William Halsey





## From the Editor

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

Marines,

I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and an outstanding New Year. With that being said, it is time to get back to business.

On a different note, we have many league activities coming up in the next few months activities such as our Golf Tournament, and our Bull & Oyster roast, the Mid-Winter Conference, the 2021 election of officers, the Department of Maryland Convention, etc. Please think about taking part in these activities and possibly running for office.

The acts of violence across America this year accompanied by such a contentious election combined with the restrictions of COVID-19 truly challenged Americans' resolve, yet we still stand. Let us cease all the violence and return to a level of peace so we can get back to the business of caring for our Veterans and providing a common defense of our nation. Protecting our country against the real enemies who are watching this chaotic mess as they maneuver into positions of power that we cannot see due to the unrest in our streets and our nation's Capital.

Lets end the violence and let us transition peacefully into 2021.

The deadline for all February newsletter articles is NOON on Tuesday 15 February, 2021 Please do not wait until the last minute!



## Coming Events

The following events are scheduled to occur through **April 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, 25 January 2021 @ 1900 (Ben Wells)  
VFW Post 160


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

**25-27 February 2021 NATIONAL MIDWINTER CONFERENCE WILL BE LOCATED IN NORFOLK, VIRGINIA**

**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



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- 🔫 JR's Club Shoot
- 🔫 4H State Match
- 🔫 Club Crab Feast
- 🔫 Club Christmas Dinner




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- 🔫 Ten point covered high power rifle range 200 yds with butts).
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Club meets every second Tuesday of each month  
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E-Mail: secretary@garrisonrr.org  
Website: <https://www.garrisonrr.org>





## Corps History

by Ed Dahling for Joe Wright, Historian

### 4 January 1991

Marine helicopters evacuate 281 people from U.S. Embassy in Mogadishu, Somalia.

### 7 January 1969

Medal of Honor awarded posthumously to 1st Marine Division Chaplain, Lt. V.R. Capodanno, U.S. Navy, who was killed in action in Quang Tin Province, Vietnam on 4 September 1967.

### 8 January 1915

Marines, with Andrew Jackson's help, repulsed British forces at New Orleans.

### 9 January 2002

All seven Marine crewmen were killed when their KC-130R crashed near a forward operating base at Shamsi, Pakistan. Enemy ground fire was not suspected in the crash. These Marines of VMGR-352 were the first to die in the war on terrorism.

### 10 January 1995

2,600 U.S. Marines deployed to Somali (Operation United Shield) to assist in the final withdrawal of UN peace-keeping troops from Somalia.

### 18 January 1951

Marines of the 1st Marine Division begin mop-up operations against guerrillas in the Pohang, South Korea region, following their epic battle with Communist Chinese troops at the Chosin (Changjin Reservoir).

### 20 January 1968

The second battle for Khe Sanh began when Marines from the 3rd Battalion, 26th Marines attacked a North Vietnamese battalion between Hill 881 South and Hill 881 North.

### 22 January 1969

Operation Dewey Canyon began with the airlift of the 9th Marines and supporting artillery into the A Shau/Da Krong Valleys.

### 25 January 1856

Marines and seamen from the U.S.S. Decatur went ashore at the village of Seattle, Washington, to protect settlers from Indian raids.

## Junior Vice Commandant Joseph Wright

Marines,

.Hope everyone had an outstanding holiday and have said good riddance to 2020! Let's hope that 2021 starts getting us back to some sort of normal and we can start conducting business as usual.

With that, there has not been anything going on so there is not a lot to report.

If you are behind with membership dues, please get those caught up to remain in good standing.

Semper Fi,  
Joe



## Membership Renewal

Annual Notice

Expires 31 August



Renew today with your  
local Detachment Paymaster





*Commandant  
David (Ben) Wells*

Marines,

Winter is upon us and it is cold outside so stay bundled up and warm. We are still waiting to see if there will be a Mid-Winter Conference this year. We would love to see you there so if you have not signed up please do. We have not heard a word for months from the Department Commandant so we do not know when the department will have its next meeting. Detachment 1049 will have a meeting on January 25th.

We have not made any arrangements for our annual Bull and Oyster Roast because of COVID-19. We will let everyone know what is happening as soon as the government lets us know. We will have our first meeting for the annual MHH golf tournament soon so stay tuned for this information. Anyone who would like to be involved please let us know. Please help us have another good golf tournament by helping sign up sponsors and golfers. We will be starting the meetings for the annual 5K run soon so also if you would like to part of this please let us know.



**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.

## THE 2021, & 2022 NATIONAL MIDWINTER CONFERENCE WILL BE LOCATED IN NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

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ROOM RATE: \$129 + TAX

TAX RATE: \$14%

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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.

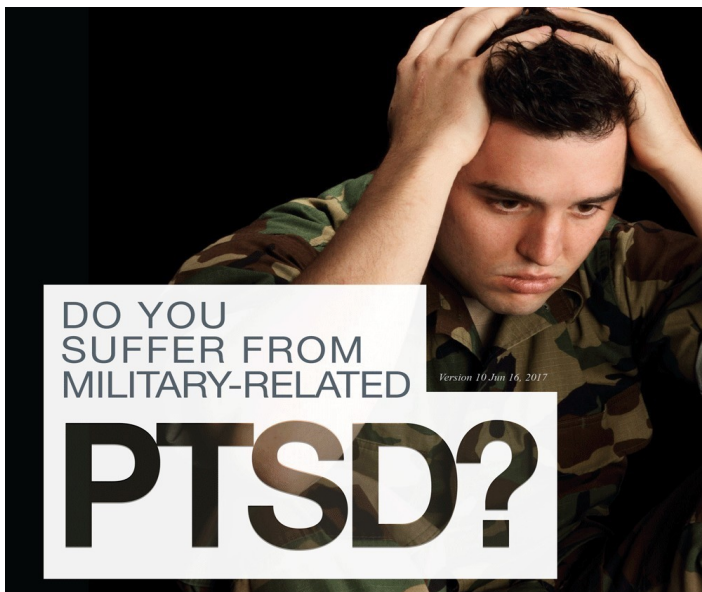
THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE IS NOT A CONVENTION. IT IS A BUSINESS MEETING.



## Chaplain's Corner Bill Collins

Covid is still with us...we are told that vaccine is on the way but it is still unclear as to the exact schedule for inoculation. The sad news that because of Covid related impacts on businesses Cookies Restaurant is forced to close. This closure, which we hope is temporary, reminds us that all local businesses are struggling to survive the impacts of this pandemic. These business owners are our friends and neighbors.....the same people who generously support us when we hold fund raising and social events. We can help them by doing as much business as possible with all of our local merchants. We are all hoping and praying for an early return to the life that we enjoyed before the pandemic. In the meantime, we must continue to do our part by wearing the mask, washing our hands, keeping our distance and getting the shot.

Stay safe and stay well,



**Veterans Crisis Line:**  
**1-800-273-8255 & Press 1**  
**Ntl Call Center for Homeless Vets**  
**1-877-424-3838**

## Young Veterans Experience Higher Suicide Rate

Veterans ages 18 to 34 experience a higher rate of suicide than all other age brackets of Veterans. The suicide rate for young Veterans increased by 76% from 2005 to 2017, according to the Department of Veterans Affairs' 2020 National Veteran Suicide Prevention Annual Report. A growing number of these Veterans never experienced combat. In 2017, President Donald Trump signed a bill that created the Recovery Engagement and Coordination for Health - Veterans Enhanced Treatment (REACH VET) program, which expands mental health resources for Veterans. The program screens all service members prior to leaving the military to help VA identify at-risk service members.

Nonprofit organizations and the VA are also collaborating to create a resource network to provide mental health services before and after service members leave the military. The FRA supports improvements and monitors the implementation of the VA and DoD suicide prevention programs that reduce the rate of suicide among Veterans and active-duty service members.







## 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](mailto: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

With August 31st gone, our Pound 204 still have Five (5) Dogs in arrears. As such, they cannot attend Growls or hold office. They can rectify this by remitting a check for 15 measly bones to their friendly Dog Robber (me) at 493 Procopio Cir. Make the check payable to MODD, Pound 204.

Hound Dog Pound 204, Military Order of Devil Dogs, Welcome two new pup Danial Dumell and Wayne Miller.

Remember to wear your mask and we need to keep social distancing do the best you can, protect yourself and your family, and try to make the best of the situation.

Ed Dahling Dog Robber  
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## Senior Vice Commandant Burt Helmka

I hope everyone had a good start to the New Year and that you're ready for another exciting year. Hopeful with out Corvid 19 Now it's time to get down to business, before you know it, the election of officers will be upon us. Nominations for the elected offices of Commandant, Senior Vice Commandant, Junior Vice Commandant and Judge Advocate will be held at the February and March meetings with voting being held at the March monthly meeting. So be thinking about those Marines of this Detachment that you consider to be most qualified to lead us during this coming year.

The Marines Helping Heroes will be working on the Golf tournament for this year I would like to see more members volunteer this year.

Stay Safe Remember to wear your **Mask**.

SEMPER FI,  
Ed Dahling For  
Burton Helmka



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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

## Detachment 1049 Election of Officers For FY 2021 – 2022

We will begin the nomination process at the next detachment meeting; so if anyone is interested in running for an elected position, please let your intentions be known. Candidates (nominees) are needed for each of the following positions.

**Detachment Commandant**  
**Detachment Senior Vice Commandant**  
**Detachment Junior Vice Commandant**  
**Detachment Judge Advocate**

## Detachment 1049 Marine of the Year 2021

Nominations for the **Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049 Marine of the Year** will be accepted until **22 March 2021**. If you wish to nominate an individual, be sure to follow the guidelines



**"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."**

ALL

As you know we have been playing the shut down game with the county executive, so we now have to use new rules.

As of today we must sign in, that is to give the powers that be the ability to do contact tracing. This will be strictly enforced so that we will not be shut down by the government agencies that oversees our business licenses.

There will be new pathways in and out of the canteen. The main door is for entering and the pool table side is for exiting the canteen.

There will be only authorized people in and out of the kitchen area and walk-in. You must get permission from either the bartender on duty, the canteen manager, the canteen chairman or the commander.

Food/serving will be done thru the hall windows or the service door by the pool table. Remember social distancing when ordering or receiving food.

As of right now, we can only have 40 people in the hall and 25 in the canteen. We can also gather outside, which will keep your beverages cold:)

There may be additional memoos coming soon so I ask that you be patient with the bartenders and the higher-ups as we try to address the new rules coming down from the county executive.

Scott Stevens  
Commander  
Post 160

Note: Any questions concerning dinners please direct to the cooks. All dinners/breakfast are served out of the kitchen windows. Please, go put your order in. Don't forget to practice social distancing and wear masks while not seated.







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