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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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Semper Fidelis!

Lt. Gen. David H. Berger will become Marine commandant — on the Corps' other birthday



Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. Robert B. Neller, left, speaks to Lt. Gen. David H. Berger before a change of command at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, on Aug. 8, 2018. (Sgt. Olivia G. Ortiz/Marine Corps)

Lt. Gen. David H. Berger will become the 38th commandant of the Marine Corps on July 11 — the Corps' other birthday.

That's right, the Corps actually has two birthdays.

The Continental Marines were established on Nov. 10, 1775, but on July 11, 1798, President John Adams approved "An Act for Establishing and Organizing a Marine Corps," according to a Marine Corps History Division article

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Membership Statistics

Good Standing (Dues Paid)

Type	USMC	Associate	Multiple
Life Member-	76	9	6
Annual Member-	17	8	—



New Members

			-
Sub-Totals			
93	17	6	
Total			
116			

Members' Birthdays

Members of our detachment, who will be celebrating Birthdays during the month of July includes :

Frank Berg Russell Bixler James Galvin
Ray Gonzales Tom Maiorana
Charles Sutton Ted Thompson
Charles Young Howard Throngard
Caulder-Rogers, Nila

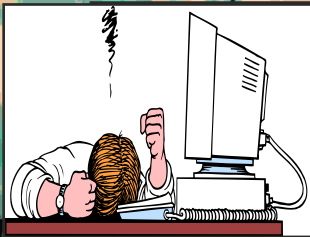
NOTE – If you were born in July and your name is not listed above, please contact the editor to be included in the future.

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, U.S. Army





From the Editor

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

All Annual dues are due now for 2020 Please send in your dues of \$35.00 to the Paymaster Ed Dahling 493 Procopio Cir Millersville Md. 21108-1791 You do have until August 31 2019 but please don't wait until then.

Attendance at detachment meetings has not been what one should expect for a detachment of this size. It's understandable that other commitments will necessitate missing the occasional meeting; however, we have members whom I've never met much less seen at meetings. I do not believe that an hour a month is too much to ask in exchange for the comradeship that one experiences at our meeting

More importantly, there are unfilled staff positions that have been vacant for almost as long as I have been a member of this detachment many years! We need more of our members to step up and do more than simply attend meetings. Please consider filling one of the positions marked 'Vacant' in the Detachment Staff listing in the sidebar adjacent to this column.

The deadline for August articles is MIDNIGHT on Tuesday, August 16 2019. Please do not wait until the last minute to submit your article

If you have an email account and are not currently receiving **the Cutting Edge** electronically, please consider doing so. Providing me with your email address will reduce our monthly newsletter costs.



Coming Events

The following events are scheduled to occur through **September 2019** 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 July @ 1900 (Ben Wells) VFW Post 160

4 to 10 August 2019 96th Annual Marine Corps League National Convention Billings Mt.

17 August The next Department meeting and Pack Growl will be wright after Department Meeting hosted by the Garrett County Detachment

25 August Pound 204 Growl VFW Post 160

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

31 August Annual Membership Dues Are Do for 2020

September 22th 2019 4th Annual MHH 5K Walk Arundel Mills @ 08:00 (Ray Sturm)

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Commandant David (Ben) Wells

Greetings Marines,

Well another 4th of July has come and gone and I hope everyone had a good time. The MCL National meeting will be in Billings, MT this year from 8/4-10/2019 so please come and enjoy the time there. Ray Sturm and I had the pleasure of attending the MCSB picnic this year. We set up our table so we could talk to all present about the Marine Corps League.

Marines Helping Heroes along with Detachment 1049 is sponsoring our 4th annual 5K race at the Arundel Mills Mall on 9/22/2019 to help the junior enlisted Marines at Ft. Meade go to the Marine Corps birthday ball, aid the Semper Fi Fund and Treat Now. We can use all the help we can get so please sign up.

Semper Fi

Ben Wells



96th Annual Marine Corps League Convention 2019 Billings MT.

4 August— 10 August



Rifle & Pistol Team
Ray Sturm



No Report



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Corps History

by Ed Dahling for Joe Wright, Historian

1 July 1920

Major General John A. Lejeune becomes the 13th Commandant of the Marine Corps.

4 July 1800

Marine Corps Band makes its first public appearance at Tun Tavern (Philadelphia, PA).

5 July 1968

Marines abandon Khe Sanh combat base Vietnam

6 July 1905

Marines escort the body of John Paul Jones during its relocation from France to Annapolis MD

7 July 1941

The 1st Marine Aircraft Wing activated at Quantico, Va. Within a year, the Wing would participate in the Guadalcanal offensive.

18 July 1918

The 4th Marine Brigade began an attack near Soissons, France, as part of a three-division counter-attack against the Germans. In the first two days of battle, the brigade sustained 1,972 casualties.

18 July 1948

Twelve Marines at consulate in Jerusalem (Israel) begin modern day Marine Security Guard program.

23 July 2002

Three Marines – Lt. Colonel James G. Kyser IV, Major Matthew Coon & Staff Sergeant Robert Wallace – awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Medal for heroism for their rescue efforts following the September 11th terrorist attacks on the Pentagon.


25 July 1930

Lieutenant Lewis Puller wins first of five Navy Crosses chasing Sandino guerrillas in Nicaragua.



Senior Vice Commandant Louis Gewirtz


Our Detachment is sponsoring our 4th annual 5K race at the Arundel Mills Mall on 9/22/2019 Our Detachment is also getting ready for the Quarter Auction This October see Blow Announcement



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Color Guard

Color Guard Commander Woody Bowman

- COMING EVENTS -

There is nothing on the calendar until November!!!!

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Military Order of the Devil Dogs



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The Fun and Honor Society of the Marine Corps League

Woof, woof,

The dues of all annual dues-paying Dogs expire on 31 August. They remain a paltry \$15.00. You can forward them to your friendly Pound Dog Robber (me) at any time.

The next Pound Growl will be on Sunday, 25 August at our Dog House at VFW Post 160, Glen Burnie. If you haven't forwarded your dues by then, have 15 extra big bones handy.

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Woof woof,
PDD Ed Dahling
Dog Robber



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Junior Vice Commandant Burt Helmka

Marines,

This is my first newsletter. I would like to thank Ed Dahling for covering my backside.


Gentlemen & Ladies my first transmittals have been submitted for membership and renewal slips are being sent out. I'm working on updating roster, recruiting members and re-organizing transmittal records.

Please if you're a annual or associate member, submit your dues for 2020. Also don't forget to seek out new members.

Semper, Fi

Burt





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Chaplain's Corner Bill Collins

Marines,

June brought with it our annual trek to Downs Park. This year's event was well attended and the Detachment was able to make some good contacts within the community. It is always beneficial to meet folks face to face. It provides an opportunity for us old Marines to familiarize community members with our good works. This year we had a special bonus. A young woman belly dancer offered to teach all of us Marines how to move in time with the music and to make all of the appropriate belly dancing moves. Only one Marine was willing..... but he was unable to get out of his chair. Something to keep in mind for next year. One of our members decided that in order to liven things up a bit that a hand to hand combat demonstration would do the trick where-upon he knocked down one of our oldest members and stomped on his hand for good measure. This did attract a few good Samaritans who tried to help by pulling the old Marine to his feet. Of course, they pulled in four different directions which caused more problems than the knock down. All ended well however..... the perpetrator and his four accomplices escorted the old Marine to his car..... from there they made a quick getaway. The day at Downs Park was, as always, great fun.

This month I had the great pleasure of sharing a fishing outing with the very special Boy Scouts of Troop 216. The Scouts each caught at least one fish and a good time was had by all. Bravo Zulu to Jim Galvin for the outstanding service that he provides to this great group of Scouts.

Bill Collins, Chaplain





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Have You Heard?

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

June 24th Meeting Highlights

OPENING BY RITUAL:

Meeting called to order by Senior Vice Commandant Lou Gewirtz at 1900 hours. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by prayer by Chaplain Bill Collins
Members in Attendance: 13

Ray Sturm Past Detachment Commandant (2018), Detachment Marine of Year (2017)
Woody Bowman Detachment Marine of the Year (2014)
William Collins Detachment Marine of the Year (2019)
Paul Taylor Department Marine of the Year

Sr. Vice Commandant Lou Gewirtz asked to drape the Charter in honor of the seven Marines killed in the motorcycle accident yesterday

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: One application, Captain Joseph (?) who is on active duty. All paperwork in order, motion to accept, voted on and accepted

READING OF THE MINUTES: Minutes of the May meeting were posted on the detachment website and included in the detachment newsletter

PAYMASTER: Ed Dahling gave a hardcopy report:

COMMANDANT: No Report

SENIOR VICE: No Report

JUNIOR VICE: No Report

JUDGE ADVOCATE: No Report

Junior Past Commandant :

Ray Sturm reported on the Mid-East Division Conference in Princeton, West Virginia. It appears there is a lot of support for the Eagle Scout program, but not for the Young Marine program. We have Young Marine programs in Annapolis and Ft. Meade, so we should try to show additional support.

All dues expire August 31st , despite what your card reads.

The Department of North Carolina did a Mud Run with 4,500 participants, netting \$40,000. They will talk with anyone interested in holding one.

There are Marine special operators training in coal mines for any conflict underground.

Morgantown Detachment signed up 36 new members, with 25 members under 40 years of age.

Woody Williams was the guest speaker. He is pushing to get a national suicide number for Marines or Veterans in crisis. Looking for an easy telephone number to be able to remember.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: If you have anything for the newsletter, see Ed Dahling.

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Have You Heard?

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

Chaplain REPORT: Chaplain Bill Collins gave a report on our recruitment drive at Downs Park. We talked to a lot of people, but had no sign ups this time. We are getting the Marine Corp League name noticed. We did receive \$85.00 donations. It was a great day. Had a fun time with Boy Scout Troop 216 at their fishing event. Attended the annual golf tournament. Not as well attended as in the past but a good time. Keep Charlie Young in your thoughts and prayers. He is not able to attend the meet

COLOR GUARD: Woody Bowman reported the Honor Guard were to participate in the following events: July 4th Parade at Severna Park lineup at 9am with start time at 10am. Next parade is the Pasadena Caring & Sharing Thanksgiving Parade on Sunday November 2nd. Have participated in 7 events, with 1 cancellation. Attended a few funerals.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Ray Sturm began discussion on a trade show backdrop (8X8) for the stage, which would cost approximately \$1200 - \$1500. Ray will check on it and bring more information back to the members. Ray Sturm also passed the generic business card containing Detachment information, etc. for all members to examine prior to the Detachment ordering. A member would write his name, telephone number on the card to give to anyone interested in learning about the Marine Corps League.

NEW BUSINESS: Ray Sturm commented on his trip to the Department of New Jersey growl. They had their version of a Department-level ship store. They carried a lot of items, such as covers which were already embroidered and had the EGA on it. Ray Sturm made a motion to purchase various items such as covers, shirts, etc. so we would have them in stock when we obtain a new member. When we sell an item, we would replace the item. A motion was made not to exceed \$500. Voted on and passed

Jim Galvin gave a report on Troop 216 and thanked the Detachment for their donations. Ray Sturm made a motion to purchase new scarves and hats for Troops 216, not to exceed \$500.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE: . The National Convention - Billings Montana August 4th – August 12th
Department meeting and Growl - August 17th at Oakland, Md
The Pound Growl - August 25th at the VFW Post 160
Modern Day Marine – September 17th – 19th at Quantico, VA
The 5K Run - September 22nd at Maryland Live – looking for volunteers
2020 – Mid-East Conference– Virginia Beach, VA
2021 – Mid-East Conference – Rehoboth DE in April 16-18 at Atlantic Sands Conference Center
Bill Collins was presented the Distinguish Service Medal for his work as Detachment Chaplain, by Past Commandant Ray Sturm.

Sr. Vice Commandant Lou Gewirtz organized an event with eight Verizon volunteers to clean headstones at a Veterans Cemetery in Bridgeville Pa. They cleaned 3,200 head stones. Thanks to Ron, a Korean and Vietnam War Marine, for taking care of the cemetery.
The Detachment received a streamer for attendance at the Mid-East Conference

CLOSING CEREMONIES: Sgt at Arms James Galvin closed the meeting IAW MCL rituals. The next detachment meeting will take place on July 22 2019 Closing prayer was given by Chaplain Bill Collins
Respectfully submitted,
Norm Hoffman Adjutant
Marine Corps League - A. A. County Detachment 1049



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(Address Correction Requested)



A UH-1Y Venom helicopter takes off from the flight deck of the amphibious assault ship USS Boxer (LHD 4) on July 18, 2019, during a Strait of Hormuz transit. (Lance Cpl. Dalton Swanbeck/Marine Corps)