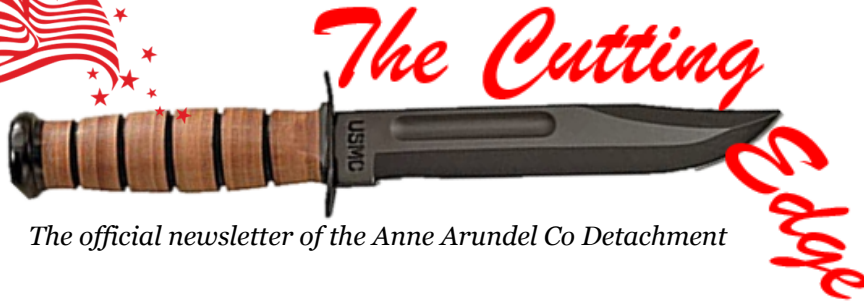


MARINE CORPS LEAGUE Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049

July 2022



The official newsletter of the Anne Arundel Co Detachment



NAVY DESTROYER “USS JOHN BASILONE CHRISTENTED

BATH, Maine (WMTW) - The U.S. Navy has a new destroyer, courtesy of Bath Iron Works.

The USS John Basilone (DDG 122) is an Arleigh Burke-class destroyer, and is the 39th guided-missile destroyer to be completed at Bath Iron Works.

It is the second ship named after Gunnery Sgt. John Basilone, who served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II.

Gunnery Sgt. Basilone received a Medal of Honor for heroism displayed in the Battle of Guadalcanal in the aftermath of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

After several years touring America to sell war bonds, he convinced his superiors to put him back into action.

During the Battle of Iwo Jima in February 1944, Gunnery Sgt. Basilone single-handedly destroyed an enemy blockhouse, and led a Marine tank through a minefield. He was killed in action that same day and was posthumously awarded a Navy Cross for his sacrifice.



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NEWSLETTER EDITOR

ALL THE NEWS THAT'S
FIT TO PRINT.. AND
SOME THAT ISN'T

Greeting all,

As you will see in the Minutes, and alluded to by the Chaplain, there was a Motion made and approved at the June meeting to explore other options for our monthly meeting. For details, please see the article on page 3.



Semper Fi,

Ray Sturm



CORRECTION AND APOLOGY

The editor wishes to apologize to Past Commandant, and former editor, **Wayne "Mac" McNeir** for the incorrect spelling of his name on the "Thank You" poster at the golf tournament. The poster also appeared as a photo in last month's newsletter.

From someone whose name is constantly misspelled also, we will do a better job proofreading in the future.

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COMMANDANT'S CORNER

Marines,

We are moving right into our next fundraiser, the 5k run. Please see Ben or Ray to volunteer or help in any way you can.

I'm looking into possible locations to gather, socialize, and enjoy the fellowship of Brother Marines. Ideas include a Saturday morning breakfast.

Give me your input on ideas or suggestions for places.

Last but not least, let's try and secure membership gentlemen.

Thank you, that is all.

Semper Fi,
Burt



Detachment Colors

YOUR DETACHMENT

STAFF

Commandant	Burt Helmka
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Marksmanship	Ray Sturm
Web Sergeant	Joe Wright
Young Marines	Ray Sturm

WEBSITE

<http://mclaacdet1049.org>

FACEBOOK

Anne Arundel County Detachment
1049, MCL

MEETINGS

The detachment meets the 4th Monday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Harry L. Cooper VFW Post 160, 2597 Dorsey Rd, Glen Burnie, MD

SOCIAL HOUR

Social hour commences immediately after the meeting. Come join us for a beverage and the telling of sea stories.

SUBMISSIONS

Submit articles, photos, or suggestions to Ray Sturm at Bandit6A@gmail.com by the Saturday following the detachment meeting.

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MOTION TO EXPLORE NEW VENUES APPROVED

During the meeting in June, a Motion was made and approved to explore other locations to hold the detachment's monthly meeting.

During the "Discussion" phase, members brought up our declining attendance and overall declining membership. One idea suggested was moving our meetings to another veterans' post in order to potentially capture new members.

Members discussed the pros and cons of such a move, including the longstanding relationship with VFW Post 160.

The Motion to explore new venues had the support of the Board of Trustees and was passed by unanimous consent of the members present.

Please note that this is not a motion to move, but to explore other options.

Constructive advice and input from the body of members is welcome.

~ Editor



SENIOR VICE COMMANDANT

Marines,

Well another 4th of July has come and gone and I hope everyone had a good time. The MCL National will be held in Daytona this year so please sign up and come. The Marines Helping Heroes 16th annual golf tournament was another success, thanks to everyone who help. Our 5K run will be coming up in September/ October timeframe. Please remember that we are having our monthly meetings so please come by.



Semper Fi

Ben Wells

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDANT

Marines,

All Annual Member dues are due by 31 August. Don't wait until the last moment to send them in.

Semper Fi,

Joe Wright



CHAPLAIN

Thanks to all who took part in the funeral service for former detachment member George Arbic. His family was very grateful for our participation.

Congratulations to our Associate Member of the year Jane Huffman.

Thankfully, local weather on the 4th of July was great, and outdoor activities, celebrations, cookouts, and accompanying fireworks displays were fun for friends and family alike.

As 2022 passes its midpoint our detachment is confronted with a serious problem. We are all aware that attendance at our monthly meetings has dwindled to just a dozen or so regular attendees. We hope that now that the effects of Covid are fading that it will be possible for all of us to resume our lives as they were before the pandemic. Those members who were present at last months meeting were treated to an after meeting gathering in the post bar complete with complimentary pizza and beer. The Commandant and his staff are looking for suggestions as to how to improve attendance at our monthly meetings and what can be done to make meetings not only productive but enjoyable as well.

Remember that our 5K run will be taking place in the fall, so get a group together and plan on a fun day of outdoor exercise.

Semper Fi,

Bill Collins-Chaplain



EAGLE SCOUT COORDINATOR



Sgt-at-Arms, and Eagle Scout Coordinator, Jim Galvin with Troop 216 at the BSA Special Needs Camporee at Camp Ware in Chester County PA.

Looks like everyone had a great time. The Detachment is proud to be a supporter of such an amazing organization.



MDVA CEMETERY & MEMORIALS PROGRAM

While planning for what is sometimes referred to as, "the time of need" is not something many of us want to think about, planning may be the most considerate thing you can do for your family.

MDVA manages five state veterans cemeteries in Maryland and you may pre-register for your time of need. The cemeteries are located in Allegany County, Anne Arundel County, Baltimore County, Dorchester County and Prince George's County. To pre-register, please complete the [Pre-interment application](#) and mail it to your desired cemetery location.

In case of an urgent situation where proof of service is needed, MDVA Secretary George Owings would also like to remind all Veterans to have a copy of your DD-214 stored with your important papers.

IN MEMORIAM: HONORING HERSHEL "WOODY" WILLIAMS



We lost a true hero this week, and many of us at MDVA are remembering the opportunity we had to meet Woody Williams. Woody and a team from the Woody Williams Foundation worked with MDVA to place a **Gold Star Families Memorial Monument in Annapolis**, adjacent to the World War II Memorial.

Woody was presented with the Medal of Honor "for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty as Demolition Sergeant serving with the First Battalion, Twenty-First Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Island, 23 February 1945". He was transferred in October 1945 to the Naval Barracks, Naval Training Station Bainbridge in Maryland for discharge. Woody later joined the Marine Corps Reserves in his home state of West Virginia and he continued helping his fellow veterans as a Veterans Service Representative at the United States Department of Veterans Affairs for thirty-three years.



GOLD STAR FAMILIES MEMORIAL MONUMENT

Located just north of the World War II Memorial in Annapolis, the Gold Star Families Memorial Monument was created by Medal of Honor Recipient Hershel "Woody" Williams to remember those families who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

The purpose of the Gold Star Families Memorial Monument is to honor Gold Star Families, preserve the memory of the fallen, and stand as a stark reminder that Freedom is not free. This stunning black granite monument features two sides. One side bears the words: Gold Star Families Memorial Monument, a tribute to Gold Star Mothers, Fathers, and Relatives who have sacrificed a Loved One for our Freedom. The other side tells a story through the four granite panels: Homeland, Family, Patriot, and Sacrifice. The scenes on each panel are a reflection of each community's Gold Star Families and their fallen Heroes. At the center of this tribute is the most distinct feature of the monument, the cut out which represents the Loved One who paid the ultimate sacrifice in the name of Freedom. (Description courtesy of the Woody Williams Foundation)

Caregiver Resource Fair

On July 20, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. ET (12:00 p.m. CT; 11:00 a.m. MT; 10:00 a.m. Pacific), join the Washington D.C. VA Medical Center CSP team for its Annual Caregiver Resource Fair! The Resource Fair will feature four organizations working to help support Veterans, caregivers, and their family members. This event is open for all community members, providers, caregivers, and Veterans. Registration is not required. Log in and dial-in information below. For more information, please contact: vhawas.generalcaregiversupport@va.gov. Please note there may be some organizations whose services are only available to those living in the D.C., Maryland, Virginia area.

WebEx: Link: <https://veteransaffairs.webex.com>

Access Code: 2764 200 7224

Password: Caregivers2022!

Dial in by phone: Number: 1-833-558-0712

Access Code: 2764 200 7224

Password: 22734483

Caregiver Support Line Monthly Education Call

Do you want to strengthen your family? Join July's Caregiver Support Line's (CSL) call for *Safe Haven: Building on Family Strength*. The call will be on the following dates and times:

- Tuesday, July 5, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. ET (9:00 a.m. CT; 8:00 a.m. MT; 7:00 a.m. Pacific)
- Wednesday, July 13, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. ET (6:00 p.m. CT; 5:00 p.m. MT; 4:00 p.m. Pacific)
- Wednesday, July 20, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. ET (2:00 p.m. CT; 1:00 p.m. MT; 12:00 p.m. Pacific)

Caregivers must register to join the CSL monthly education call. To register, call 1-855-260-3274. Caregivers unable to attend the calls can access presentations on the [CSL's](#) webpage.

MIA Update

The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency announced three burial updates and eight new identifications for service members who have been missing and unaccounted-for from World War II and Korea. Among those returning home for burial with full military honors is:

Marine Corps Sgt. Arthur B. Ervin, 22, was assigned to Company A, 1st Battalion, 24th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division. His unit was part of the invasion force when American forces participated in the battle for Saipan, which was part of a larger operation to secure the Mariana islands. On July 5, 1944, Ervin was shot and killed by a sniper while trying to assist a wounded comrade. His body was unable to be recovered due to the ongoing battle. Interment services are pending.



Fraud Alert Issued by VA

The VA Office of Inspector General (OIG) has issued a fraud alert regarding VA being billed for care veterans did not receive. This alert advises veterans and their representatives to help detect health care fraud by carefully reviewing benefit explanations and bills they receive from VA. If you see potential evidence of fraud or have concerns about patient care, please contact the VA OIG office at va.gov/oig/hotline or 800.488.8244.



**KEEP
CALM
AND
RENEW YOUR
MEMBERSHIP**

Annual Dues

\$35 by 31 Aug

On This Day

On 29 June 2022, we lost a true hero and long time member of the Marine Corps League in West Virginia.

Marine Corps History



Rest-In-Peace, Woody





Hound Dog Pound 204

Mer-lin Pack

Officers

Pound Keeper	Paul Gunther
Sr Vice PK	Pat Sharkey
Jr Vice PK	Howard Koontz
Smart Dog	Ray Sturm
Dog Trainer	Leonard Steipler
Mad Dog	Woody Bowman
Police Dog	Norm Huffman
Watch Dog	Ben Wells
Barking Dog	Stuart Blair
Dog Robber	Joe Wright

Next Growl

28 Aug 2022 @ 0900

Dog House

Harry L. Cooper VFW Post 160



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MODD

Hound Dog Pound 204

From Sir Pound Keeper

The next Growl will be 28 August, after the Grand Growl in Daytona. Breakfast is at 0800. The Growl begins at 0900 or when I'm done eating.

PDD Paul Gunther

Hound Dog Pound Keeper





Hosted by the National Public Relations Committee



This Month's Topic:
Associate Membership
July 14 @ 8:00 PM EDT

Event by The Marine Corps League

Public · Anyone on or off Facebook

This month's Commandant's Corner will focus on Associate Membership. Please share this information widely as our regular members could also use some of the information discussed to help their Associates grow and help in the success of the Marine Corps League Mission!

Meeting ID: 416 428 8328

Passcode: MCL2022 (all caps)

Note: by selecting "going" to this event, Facebook will send a reminder to you prior to the start time. This is a great tool to ensure you don't miss the great information discussed.

Reminder: This and all Commandant's Corners are recorded and uploaded to the National YouTube Channel. Be sure and visit and subscribe:

www.youtube.com/themarinecorpsleague

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Anne Arundel Young Marines Maryland Regiment



The Young Marines and their families would like to thank the Detachment for its generous donation to help offset the costs of the Cyber Safety event at Anne Arundel Community College on July 24th.

The event is designed to keep our kids safe while they are online. The topics covered will range from what personal information to protect, cyber bullying, to sexual predators.

Young Marines Upcoming Events

10 July	Unit Drill	VFW Post 160	1:30 to 5:00 PM
24 July	Cyber Safety Event	Anne Arundel Comm Col	1:30 to 4:00 PM
7 Aug	Unit Drill/Parent mtg	VFW Post 160	1:30 to 5:00 PM
21 Aug	Unit Drill	VFW Post 160	1:30 to 5:00 PM
4 Sept	Unit Drill	VFW Post 160	1:30 to 5:00 PM
9 - 11 Sept	Encampment	Fort Frederick	
18 Sept	Unit Drill	VFW Post 160	1:30 to 5:00 PM
1 Oct	VFWA Fall Festival	VFW Post 160	TBD
2 Oct	Unit Drill	VFW Post 160	1:30 to 5:00 PM
TBD	Vendor event	Bowie Elks Club	TBD
16 Oct	YM Birthday Ball	TBD	
22 Oct	YM Color Guard	Fisher House	12:00 PM
23 Oct	DDR Run	Marine Museum	TBD

Anne Arundel Young Marines Graduate from Senior Leadership School at the Young Marines National Leadership Academy



YM Sgts Timothy Clingenpeel and Bladen Wheatley



UPCOMING EVENTS

CALENDAR

25 July	MCL meeting	VFW Post 160	7:00 PM
15 Aug	MCL Nat'l Convention	Daytona Beach, FL	
22 Aug	MCL meeting	VFW Post 160	7:00 PM
27 Aug	Dept of MD meeting	Baltimore Det	9:00 AM
26 Sept	MCL meeting	VFW Post 160	7:00 PM
24 Oct	MCL meeting	VFW 160	7:00 PM
10 Nov	Cake Cutting	TBD	
19 Nov	Dept of MD meeting	Ellicott City	9:00 AM
28 Nov	MCL meeting	VFW Post 160	7:00 PM

Please send calendar additions to Ray Sturm at Bandit6A@gmail.com NLT the Saturday following the detachment's monthly meeting.



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Minutes



Detachment Meeting Minutes
Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049
Marine Corps League
June 27, 2022

OPENING BY RITUAL:

Meeting called to order by Commandant Burt Helmka at 1900 hours.
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by prayer by Chaplain Bill Collins.
Members in attendance: 12

Commandant Helmka announced guests in attendance.

National:

Ray Sturm (Marine for Life Committee)

Department:

Ray Sturm – Marine for Life Committee Chair

Past Department Marine of the Year – Ray Sturm (2018), Ed Dahling (2019), Ben Wells (2020)

Detachment:

Past Detachment Commandants - Joseph Wright (2011-2013), Ed Dahling (2013-2015), Ray Sturm (2015-2019), Ben Wells (2019-2022)

Past Detachment Marine of the Year – Woody Bowman (2014), Joe Wright (2015), Ed Dahling (2016), Ray Sturm (2017), Bill Collins (2019), Tom Maiorana (2020), Norm Huffman (2021), Burt Helmka (2022)

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:

Commandant	Burt Helmka	P
Sr. Vice Commandant	Ben Wells	P
Jr. Vice Commandant	Joe Wright	P
Judge Advocate	Ray Sturm	P
Jr. Past Commandant	Ray Sturm	P
Adjutant	Norm Huffman	P
By-Laws Committee Chairman	Danny Fischio	A
Chaplain	Bill Collins	P
Color Guard Commander	Woody Bowman	P
Historian	Joe Wright	P
Newsletter Editor	Ed Dahling	P
Paymaster	Ed Dahling	P
Public Information Officer	Vacant	
Quartermaster	Bill Collins	P
Rifle Pistol Team Captain	Ray Sturm	P
Sgt-at-Arms	James Galvin	P
Web Sergeant	Joe Wright	P
Young Marine Commander	Ray Sturm	P

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: None

ADJUTANT'S REPORT: Minutes from the May meeting were posted on the Detachment website and in the newsletter. Copies available on table.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

PAYMASTER: The financial report was given by Jr. Vice Commandant, Joe Wright.

Checking:	\$10,667.90
Savings:	<u>\$ 2,267.20</u>
Total assets:	\$12,935.10

CHAPLAIN REPORT: Chaplain Collins gave an update on the veterans beginning HBOT treatments.

Arizona has appropriated monies from their 2023 State General Fund to the Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy for Military Veteran Fund for the veterans to use for treatments.

COMMANDANT: Commandant Burt Helmka reported the Detachment received another ribbon for attending the Mid East Conference.

Former MCL member George Arbic passed away on June 18th. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Singletons Funeral Home on Tuesday June 28th from 2-4pm and 6-8pm. MCL service will be held at 7pm. Uniform for viewing is red shirt, black trousers, and cover.

SENIOR VICE: No report

JUNIOR VICE: No report

JUDGE ADVOCATE: No report

JR. PAST COMMANDANT: No report

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Ray Sturm reported he would like to have all articles turned in as soon as possible so he can get it out the first of the month so members are able to access National events.

QUARTERMASTER: Please see Bill Collins if you need to acquire anything.

HISTORIAN/ WEB SERGEANT: No report.

COLOR GUARD: Color Guard Commander Woody Bowman reported they will be participating in the July 4th parade in Severna Park and the Annapolis parade in November. To date, they have participated in five events.

YOUNG MARINES: Commander Ray Sturm reported the Young Marines have had a busy schedule:

- May 29 – Recruit graduation
- May 30 – Memorial parade in Annapolis
- June 4 – Downs Park Family Day – recruitment event
- June 11 – Clean-up Bowie Elks Club
- June 12 – VFW Post 160 Car Show
- June 18-26 - Sr. Leadership School for two Young Marines in Oregon – both passed
- July 24 – hosting Cyber Safety Event at AACC

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Commandant Helmka has not gotten in touch with By-law Chair Danny Fischio as of this time but will call him.

NEW BUSINESS: Commandant Helmka asked that all think about a monthly get together for members such as Saturday breakfast at a local eatery. Favorable remarks.

Commandant stated since the attendance at the meetings seem to be on a decline, perhaps we need to move to another venue that may draw attendance from their members. Motion was made by Joe Wright and second by Woody Bowman to investigate other venues. Burt Helmka will investigate further and will bring information back to the next meeting.

Young Marine Commander Ray Sturm stated the Cyber Safety Class is being hosted by our Young Marines and is open to others across the state. Price to the unit is @\$1,000 for the 2 ½-3-hour class. Ben Wells made a motion to donate \$500 to the YM to assist with the price of the class. The class will be held on July 24th from 1:30 to 4:00. The class will be taught by the Secret Service. Open to 75 children and 75 adults.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE: Jane Huffman was presented with her Associate of the Year ribbon.

CLOSING CEREMONIES: Sgt. at Arms Jim Galvin closed the meeting IAW MCL rituals. The next meeting will be held on July 25th, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,
Norm Huffman, Adjutant
Marine Corps League - A. A. County Detachment 1049



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

Harry L. Cooper VFW Post 160
2597 Dorsey Rd
Glen Burnie, MD 21061

The VFW Post 160 is a Veterans organization that stands for Veterans of Foreign Wars. We were founded on May 5th 1936, we moved to our current location in June 1958. We also have an auxiliary who are family of a Veteran.

The Marine Corps League Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049 is based here, as is the Fleet Reserve Association branch 212. Our members are from Marines, Army, Navy, Coast Guard, and Air Force.

We come together to help Veterans, their families, and community in our area. Why not see if you are eligible to join any of our organizations. ~ *VFW Post 160 website*

VFW EVENTS

- VFW House Committee 2nd Monday @ 6:00 PM
- VFW/VFWA 2nd Monday @ 7:00 PM
- MOC/MOCA 2nd Friday @ 7:30 PM
- Fleet Reserve Assn 2nd Saturday @ 10:00 AM
- Marine Corps League 4th Monday @ 7:00 PM
- Anne Arundel Young Marines Every other Sunday @ 1:30 PM

 Veterans of Foreign Wars of The United States <small>Col. Harry L. Cooper Post 160 2597 Dorsey Rd Glen Burnie, MD 21061-3268</small>	
SNACKS	
CHEESE BURGER	\$4.50
CHICKEN BITES	\$3.50
CHICKEN TENDERS	\$4.25
CHICKEN WINGS (12)	\$9.55
CHICKEN WINGS (6)	\$5.30
HOT DOG	\$1.50
MOZZARELLA STICKS	\$2.00
FRENCH FRIES	\$1.90
CHIPS 	\$1.25
PIZZA	
LARGE PIZZA	
CHEESE PIZZA	\$7.50
PEPPERONI PIZZA	\$7.80
3 MEAT PIZZA	\$7.80
THIN PEPPERONI PIZZA	\$7.80
PERSONAL SIZE	
CHEESE PIZZA	\$4.25
PEPPERONI PIZZA 	\$5.30

Canteen Hours

- Sun 12-6 PM Unless football. We could be open later.
- Mon—Thur 12-8 PM
- Fri-Sat 12-10 PM

Wednesday and Friday night dinners: 6-8 PM

We would like to thank all of

Our Sponsors, Supporters, & Friends

For your commitment to our community and charitable causes throughout the year.



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Inc



Stromberg Metal Works, Inc.



If our brother detachments are associated with a Young Marines unit, please forward this poster to a member of their staff.

Space is still available



Cordially invites you to attend the

Cyber Safety Event

Presented by the US Secret Service
And the National Center For Missing and Exploited Children

**Sunday, July 24, 2022
1:30 PM to 4:00 PM**

Anne Arundel Community College
101 College Parkway
Arnold, MD 21012

Keep Our Kids Safe On-line

Schedule to include

- Internet Safety: Parents and Guardians
- DDR event to run concurrently
- Age appropriate presentations to YMs
 - Being a Good Digital Citizen (Ages 8-10)
 - Internet Safety: NetSmartz (Ages 11-13)
 - Advanced Online Safety (Ages 14-17)
- Q&A session

- ✓ **Space is limited to the first 75 responders.**
- ✓ Limit one parent/AV per YM family.
- ✓ To reserve your seat(s), please reply to Adjutant@AnneArundelYM.org
- ✓ **Points of Contact**
 - ✓ **Ray Sturm 202-903-8480 (Unit Cdr)**
 - ✓ **April Westerlund 817-789-2815 (Adj)**

Uniform of the Day

Young Marines: Khaki shorts and unit T-shirt

Adult Volunteers: Khaki trousers and black YM polo shirt

Parents: Appropriate casual attire



Location

Anne Arundel Community College
West Campus
CALT Building
Conference Center

Enter on West Campus Dr
Proceed to **Parking Lot G**

