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news for and about the members of Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049 of the Marine Corps League
Ed Dahling, Editor / <http://mclaacdet1049.org/>

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14th Annual Marines Helping Heroes Golf Tournament



The 14th Annual MHH Golf Tournament sponsored by Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049 was conducted on 17 May.2019 What an amazing day for golf! On behalf of our members, I'd like to thank the participants, sponsors, and volunteers who made the event such a success.

More important factors was the time our Tournament Coordinator Christine Stevens and her team of volunteers making it another successful event

Please enjoy the attached photos. We look forward to seeing you next year. - Ben Wells Commandant

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- Commandant** Ben Wells
- Senior Vice-Commandant** Louis Gewirtz
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- Judge Advocate** Ray Sturm
- Junior Past-Commandant**..... Ray Sturm
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- Chaplain** Bill Collins
- Color Guard Commander** Woody Bowman
- Historian** Joseph Wright
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- Legislative Officer** Vacant
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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 June includes :

Robert Di Lauro Troy Bryant Francis Miller
Rudolph Snyder Joseph Stephens
Raymond Sturm

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

Quotation

“Patriotism:
Supporting your Country ALL THE TIME; and,
your government when it deserves it.

Samuel Langhorne Clemens
American author and humorist generally
known by his pen name Mark Twain





From the Editor

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

Memorial Day Commemoration at the Crownsville Veterans Cemetery

As has been true for years, our Color Guard was part of the combined Veteran's Color Guard at the Crownsville ceremony. Our own Commander Woody Bowman was not only a member of our Color Guard but served as Sergeant of the Guard for the combined Color Guard made up of all participating veterans organizations. While I was standing in formation with the Marine Corps Flag, I had an opportunity to scan the crowd. What I did not see was the lack of MCL red covers. It would have been nice to see more of our member there to pay their respect and share an hour with us in remembering our comrades...

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 **August 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, 24 June @ 1900 (Ben Wells) VFW Post 160

June 21-23, 2019 Mideast Division Conference hosted by Mountaineer Marine Detachment #957 and the Department of WV

Color Guard July 4th, the Color Guard will be participating in the Severna Park parade

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

18 August Pound 204 Growl VFW Post 160

31 August Annual Membership Dues Are Do for 2020



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Commandant Ben Wills

Greetings Marines,

There is not a lot going on right now so this will be short and sweet. We will start meeting soon for the MHH 5K run which will be September 22nd and once again we will need volunteers for this event. Ray Sturm and I will be attending the New Jersey department meeting on June 14th to see how they run their ship.

I will not be at the next meeting (off with the grandkids) so the Sr. Vice will be holding the meeting for me. Please give him the attention he needs to get through his first meeting.

Semper Fi

Ben Wells



96th Annual Marine Corps League Convention 2019 Billings MT.

4 August— 10 August



Mideast Division Conference will be June 21-23, 2019 hosted by Mountaineer Marine Detachment 957 and the Department of WV at the Days Inn, 347 Meadow Field Lane, Princeton, WV, 24739, Telephone: 304-425-8100.



Rifle & Pistol Team Ray Sturm



No Report




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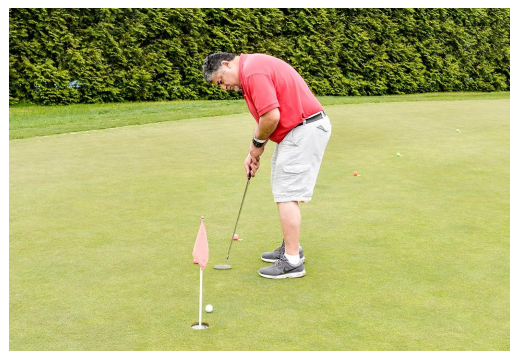
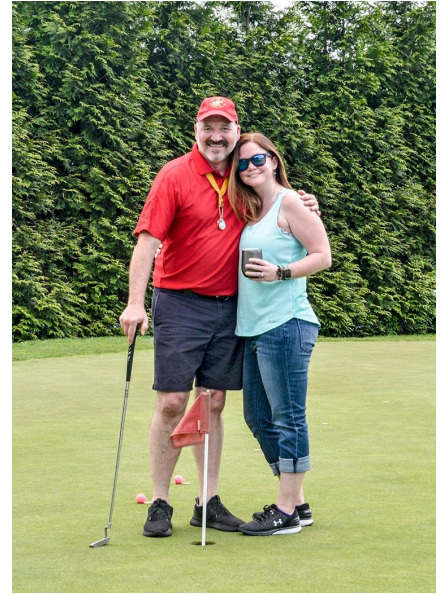
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14th Annual Marines Helping Heroes Golf Tournament Photos



More Golf Tournament Photos





Corps History

by Ed Dahling for Joe Wright, Historian

1 June 1918

"Retreat Hell! We just got here," said the 5th Marine Regiment in France.

5 June 1944

Lieutenant General H. M. (Howlin' Mad) Smith is designated the first FMF Pac Commander.

6 June 1918

Marines advance into Belleau Wood against German machine guns.

8 June 1995

Team of 40 Marines rescues downed USAF pilot, Captain Scott O'Grady, who had been shot down over Bosnia-Herzegovina six days earlier.

12 June 1961

President John F. Kennedy signs a presidential proclamation calling for the American flag to be flown at the Marine Corps War Memorial in Arlington, Virginia, "at all times... day and night."

18 June 1945

Major General Roy S. Geiger, USMC, assumes command of the 10th Army during the battle for Okinawa after Army Lieutenant General Simon Buckner is killed.

21 June 1945

The battle for Okinawa ends with the raising of the American flag by Lieutenant General Roy S. Geiger, USMC.

22 June 1954

President Eisenhower authorizes the use of the first official Marine Corps Seal.

25 June 1950

Korean War begins when North Korean forces invade South Korea.

25 June 1971

Last Marine ground troops depart Vietnam.



Senior Vice Commandant Louis Gewirtz

Marines,

I hope everyone had a safe Memorial Day weekend.

As your Senior Vice Commandant, one of my main duties is fundraising. Neither I nor the detachment can be successful without the whole-hearted support of all our detachment members. I am open to (1) your suggestions for fundraising and (2) anything to get detachment members more involved. If anyone has any suggestions on what we can do to raise funds... don't be shy... just let me know.

Semper Fi!
Louis Gewirtz



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Color Guard

Color Guard Commander Woody Bowman

- COMING EVENTS -

June 2nd Colors at American Legion Post 276 Quarterfield Road Installation of Officer

June 14th American Legion Post 277 Flag Retirement service

July 4th Severna Park Parade

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** at the following number **(410) 647-9655**



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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

Woof, woof,

Since the Grand Growl last month, there is not a lot of activity in Dogdom.

The next Pack Growl will be 17 August hosted by the Garrett County Detachment

Pound 204 Growl will be 18 August pound house VFW Post 160 Dorsey Road

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.

Remember: It is an honor to be a Devil Dog!

Woof woof,
PDD Ed Dahling
Dog Robber



Remembering the 75th Anniversary of D-Day June 6th, 1944

On June 6, 1944, after years of meticulous planning and endless training, more than 160,000 Allied troops landed on the beaches of Normandy, France as part of "Operation Overlord", marking the opening days of the ground war in Europe in what would become World War II.

The landing included over 5,000 ships, 11,000 airplanes, and over 150,000 service men. The cost in lives on D-Day was high. Many of the first young men (most not yet 20 years old) entered the surf carrying eighty pounds of equipment. They faced over 200 yards of beach before reaching the first natural feature offering any protection. Blanketed by small-arms fire and bracketed by artillery, they found themselves in hell. When it was over, more than 9,000 Allied Soldiers were killed or wounded, but their sacrifice allowed the ultimate defeat of Adolf Hitler's crack German Army and dreams of a German dominated



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The Flag Code, which formalizes and unifies the traditional ways in which we give respect to the flag, also contains specific instructions on how the flag is not to be used. They are:

- The flag should never be dipped to any person or thing. It is flown upside down only as a distress signal.
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- The flag should never be used for any advertising purpose. It should not be embroidered, printed or otherwise impressed on such articles as cushions, handkerchiefs, napkins, boxes, or anything intended to be discarded after temporary use. Advertising signs should not be attached to the staff or halyard
- The flag should not be used as part of a costume or athletic uniform, except that a flag patch may be used on the uniform of military personnel, fireman, policeman and members of patriotic organizations.
- The flag should never have placed on it, or attached to it, any mark, insignia, letter, word, number, figure, or drawing of any kind.

The flag should never be used as a receptacle for receiving, holding, carrying, or delivering anything.

When the flag is lowered, no part of it should touch the ground or any other object; it should be received by waiting hands and arms. To store the flag it should be folded neatly and ceremoniously.

The flag should be cleaned and mended when necessary.

When a flag is so worn it is no longer fit to serve as a symbol of our country, it should be destroyed by burning in a dignified manner.

Junior Vice Commandant Burt Helmka


Marines,

With your help, we can reach out to any Marines that for some reason have not heard about the Marine Corps League and our Detachment. If you know of a Marine of good standing, invite them to visit us during our next meeting. This will give them a chance to see what the league and our detachment is all about.

In addition to bringing in new members, let's not forget about keeping current with own dues. All dues are due now for 2020 Please send in your dues and not risk being dropped from our rolls as a member of good standing.

I look forward to seeing each of you at our next meeting.





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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

May 27th Meeting Highlights

OPENING BY RITUAL:

Meeting called to order by Commandant Ray Sturm at 1900 hours.
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by prayer by Chaplain Bill Collins
Members in Attendance: 17

Ed Dahling Department of MD Paymaster, Past Detachment Commandant,
Detachment Marine of Year (2016)
Joe Wright Past Detachment Commandant, Detachment Marine of the Year (2015)
Ben Wells Detachment Marine of the Year (2017)
Woody Bowman Detachment Marine of the Year (2014)
Ray Sturm Detachment Marine of the Year (2018) Past Detachment Commandant

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: There were no applications for membership.

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:

CORRESPONDANCE: None.

COMMANDANT: No Report

SENIOR VICE: No Report

JUNIOR VICE: Burt reported the Detachment bought \$100 worth of raffle tickets and won \$150 at the convention

JUDGE ADVOCATE: . Ray Sturm reported Marines Helping Heroes received the 501c3 status on May 10th, 2019.

Chaplain REPORT: .A great report. No one is sick.

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



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Have You Heard?

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

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COLOR GUARD: . Woody Bowman reported the Honor Guard were to participate in the following events: Ferndale Day Parade – cancelled

Crownsville Veterans Cemetery – Memorial Day

TOYS for TOTS: No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Ray Sturm made a motion to spend up to \$50 on business cards listing resources for those in need. Cards will be distributed to membership. Motion voted on and passed

Jim Sanchez will report on the official status of the bugle at the next meeting.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE: .Mid-East Division Conference, hosted by Mountaineer Marine Detachment 957 and the Department of West VA will be held June 21st – 22nd in Princeton West Virginia.

The National Convention will be held in Billings Montana August 4th – August 9th.

The Pound Growl will be held on August 18th at the VFW Post 160

The 5K Run will be held on September 22nd.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Happy Birthday to Charles & Ed Luthardt on their 81st birthday.

CLOSING CEREMONIES: Commandant Ben Wells closed the meeting IAW MCL rituals. The next detachment meeting will take place on June 24 2019 Closing prayer was given by Chaplain Bill Collins

There may be some additions or corrections to the minutes as the recorder had operator error.

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





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(Address Correction Requested)



Marines with the 3rd Recruit Training Battalion's India Company — the first combined company of male and female recruits — march ahead of graduation ceremonies on March 29, 2019. (Cpl. Vivien