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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!



We had a golf committee meeting. Regrettably, we agreed that it was becoming clear the tournament rescheduled for July 10th needed to be cancelled.

The lack of a buffet for both lunch and the hotdog stand, plus the social distancing required to have a luncheon, made it obvious the event would not be what our golfers have come to expect.

The committee is very disappointed that after 14 years, we had to cancel our 15th. We will be meeting again shortly to discuss continuing our tradition in 2021 at Walden CC.

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**Detachment Website**  
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### Detachment Staff:

- Commandant** ..... Ben Wells
- Senior Vice-Commandant** ..... Burt Helmka
- Junior Vice-Commandant**..... Joseph Wright
- Judge Advocate** ..... Ray Sturm
- Junior Past-Commandant**..... Ray Sturm
- Adjutant** ..... Joseph Wright
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- Chaplain** ..... Bill Collins
- Color Guard Commander** ..... Woody Bowman
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## 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 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

“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

**Our Monthly Meeting for June 22nd will be as schedule the VFW will be open if you are tired of sitting home come and join us It will be great to see everyone there.**

**Remember Face coverings are required except when you are seated at your table/bar.**

**Must be seated at least 6 feet away from each other,**

All Annual dues are due now for 2021 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 2020 but please don't wait until then.

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 2021 Please send in your dues and not risk being dropped from our rolls as a member of good standing.

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 2020** 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 June @ 1900 (Ben Wells) VFW Post 160

**July 10 5th 2020 Cancelled** Golf Tournament at Walden Country Club Crofton Md.

**Monthly Meeting**, MCL Detachment 1049  
Monday, 27 July @ 1900 (Ben Wells) VFW Post 160

**August 9th -15th** MCL National Convention  
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**August 31st** Annual Membership Dues Are Do for 2021



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*Commandant  
David (Ben) Wells*

Marines

The National convention has been canceled as of June 10, 2020. I have not heard any words from VFW Post 160 on when they will reopen for business. Once the post reopens, we will start or meetings again so keep your ears open for this information. As most have seen or heard the 15th annual golf tournament has been cancelled also. We will start meeting soon for the MHH 5K run which will be September or October and once again we will need volunteers for this event.

Ben




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- The flag should not be used as a drapery, or for covering a speaker's desk, draping a platform, or for any decoration in general. Bunting of blue, white and red stripes is available for these purposes. The blue stripe of the bunting should be on the top.
- 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.





# Marine Corps League Department of Maryland



## *National Convention 2020 CANCELLED A message from our National Commandant*

*Department of Maryland Membership,*

*As of today the convention is officially cancelled. They were notified this morning via a phone call as per our attorneys. I apologize for any confusion today, we were not expecting the hotel to immediately start sending out refunds. I hope to see some of you in the next few months if not at mid-winter. Please have a safe summer.*

*Semper Fi, Dennis Tobin  
National Commandant  
Marine Corps League*

*NOTE: Some of you may have already had your Hilton Dayton Beach Hotel reservation cancelled by the hotel if you booked under our MCL reservation code. If you left a deposit on a credit card, you will be refunded automatically.*

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# 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 Burt Helmka

Marines,

It is with deep regret that we have cancelled the 15th Annual Marines Helping Heroes Charity Golf Tournament. The logistics of providing a quality event that our golfers, sponsors, and supporters have come to enjoy and expect, simply became overwhelming. We hope you will join us next year at a soon to be announced date.

Semper Fi  
Burt Helmka



Anne Arundel county Detachment 1049  
**MARINE OF THE YEAR**  
Tommy (Macaroni) Maiorana





## Color Guard

Color Guard Commander Woody Bowman

### - COMING EVENTS -

All events have been **Cancelled** for the summer

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**



## Marine Corps League License Plates

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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](mailto:Craig.Reeling@MarylandMarines.org)



## Military Order of the Devil Dogs



### Military Order of the Devil Dogs (MODD)

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The Military Order of Devil Dogs is made up only of Members of the Marine Corps League. The Order only accepts the most worthy of League Members. You must be a paid-up member in good standing in the Marine Corps League. The applicant must be active in his/her Detachment in the League, and must request membership in the Order. He/She must be recommended by the Detachment Commandant and be sponsored by two Devil Dogs or Pedigreed Devil Dogs. The applicant is then interviewed by the the members of the Pound at a Pound Growl (a meeting is called a Growl). If accepted, the applicant must undergo an initiation and swearing-in ceremony.

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.

**I don't have a date as yet for our next Growl I will notify all dog's when I get one**

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

Woof woof, PDD Ed Dahling  
Dog Robber

## Remembering the 76th 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 Europe.

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### VFW Post opening: on June 19th.

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State of Maryland's "Best Practices for Businesses to Reopen for Restaurants and Bars."

MD Dept of Health Directive and Order regarding food service Establishments No: MDH 2020-06-10-01

Anne Arundel County Dept of Health Order for Public Safety – issued 12 June 2020

### Patrons:

Face coverings are required except when you are seated at your table/bar.

Must be seated at least 6 feet away from each other, except for households or a group seated together. No more than 6 people may be seated at a table.

Customers seated at the bar must comply with the appropriate social distancing guidelines of at least 6 feet, except for households or a group seated together. Standing in a bar area should not be permitted.

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## Junior Vice Commandant Joseph Wright

Marines,

Two months in and not a whole lot to report on membership. I am working with Sr. Vice Commandant, Burt Helmka, on the turnover of Jr. Vice Commandant duties. Looking forward to the day we can resume having meetings again and seeing all of your motivated faces. Wash your hands, wear your mask and maintain 6 feet. Hope to see everyone soon.

S/F

Joe



### Memorial Services Have Resumed at VA National Cemeteries:

On Tuesday, all but two VA national cemeteries resumed memorial services. Burials and visitations continued during the COVID-19 pandemic, however, the memorial services with military honors had been paused for over two months. These services have resumed with a set of measures in place to ensure the safety of all who attend, including limiting the number of individuals at the ceremonies, requiring face masks, practicing physical distancing, and asking sick individuals to stay home.

VA national cemeteries will contact families who were unable to hold a committal service due to the COVID-19 pandemic to arrange memorial services for their loved ones beginning in July.

## Chaplain's Corner Bill Collins

Marines,

Welcome to Phase 2 of the Covid 19 reopening of life as we know it process. God willing Phase 3 will not be far behind. These are indeed the times that try men's souls and I'm sure the ladies souls as well. Most of us are unaccustomed to this much togetherness. This whole quarantine business has gotten old in a big hurry. We will all be glad to get our lives back. Cancellation of both our golf tournament and our recruiting day at Downs Park have been great disappointments to everyone. It is now time to regroup and look ahead to our 5K run in the fall. If we work together we can make this run the best and most profitable one yet, so step up and lend a hand. A good time is guaranteed. If you wish to volunteer see any detachment officer. Stay safe.

Bill Collins, Chaplain

Semper Fi



# NATIONAL CONVENTION

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