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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



Friday, May 17, 2019 at 9:00 AM
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Winner**

3rd Place Winner 2017
2nd Place Winner 2018
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- Commandant**Ray Sturm
- Senior Vice-Commandant**Ben Wells
- Junior Vice-Commandant**..... Chris Wise
- Judge Advocate**Pat Sharkey
- Junior Past-Commandant**.....Ed Dahling
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- By-Laws Committee Chairman** Danny Fischio
- Chaplain**Bill Collins
- Color Guard Commander**Woody Bowman
- Historian**Joseph Wright
- House Chairman****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 March includes

Woody Bowman Butch Cavey
Frank Fleishman Burt Helmka Jack Seal

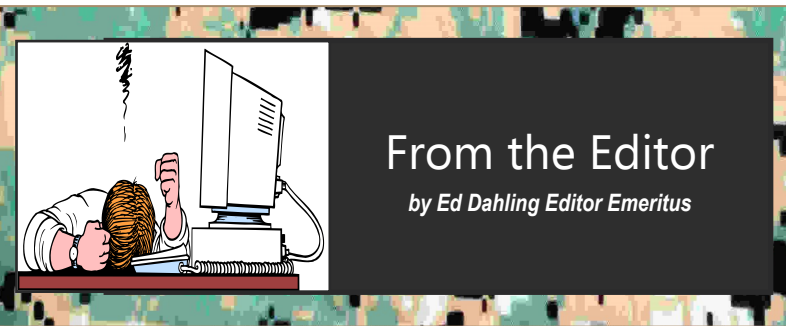
NOTE – If you were born in March and your name is not listed above, please contact the editor to be included in the future.

Quotation

Do not fear the enemy, for your enemy can only take your life. It is far better that you fear the media, for they will steal your HONOR.”

Samuel Langhorne Clemens
aka Mark Twain
American Author and Humorist





Anyone planning to attend the Department of Maryland Convention as a delegate must let us know so the appropriate paperwork can be completed. Delegates from all of the Maryland detachments will be electing the Department of Maryland Officers for the coming year as well as deciding the fate of other important items. If you are interested in serving as a delegate, please notify Joe Wright or myself. I also want to remind everyone to push the sale of convention ads for this year's convention book. We earn 50% of all sales over \$300!

Detachment 1049 Election of Officers for FY 2019 – 2020 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 for each of the following positions.

- Commandant,
- Senior Vice Commandant
- Junior Vice Commandant
- Judge Advocate

The deadline for all December newsletter articles is NOON on Tuesday, April 15th, 2019 Please do not wait until the last minute! **Bill**



The following events are scheduled to occur through **May 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

March 23rd Bull & Oyster Roast Place
American Legion Post 40 5th Ave Glen Burnie Md.

Monthly Meeting, MCL Detachment 1049
Monday, 25th March @ 1900 (Ray Sturm)

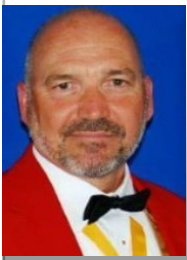
Leadership College - Department of Maryland
MCL April 13th 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM Harry L Cooper
VFW Post 160, 2597 Dorsey Rd, Glen Burnie, MD 21061

Monthly Meeting, MCL Detachment 1049
Monday, 22nd April @ 1900 (Ray Sturm) VFW Post 160

April 28th Pound 204 Growl @ 0800 Breakfast
0900 Growl (Ben Wells) at VFW Post 160 2597 Dorsey Road, Glen Burnie, MD 21060

MAY 9-10 & 11 2019 Department Convention
Princess Royale Oceanfront Hotel & Conference Center Ocean City, Maryland





Commandant Ray Sturm

Greetings Marines,

I want to thank those Marines who accepted nominations to lead the detachment in the next year. As you know, we have one more round of nominations and then elections on March 25th. We will install our new officers at the April meeting. If you would like to volunteer for an appointed position, please let me know.

Our Bull & Oyster Roast is March 23rd. It is not too late to buy or help sell a few tickets. We can certainly use your help.

On March 10th, the Sr Vice Cmdt and I attended an Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Gavin Matthews. I usually don't report on individual Courts, but Gavin's was special. He wore his great-grandfather's USMC campaign cover with his Scout uniform.. and yes, he had a BSA emblem in place of the EGA. His great-grandfather was Charles Dean Wirick, a former member of Post 160 and a combat wounded WW II Marine. Congratulations Gavin. (Please see the photo in this newsletter.)

Ben Wells, Bill Collins, and I attended the Mid-Winter Conference in Fredericksburg. During the conference, Bill spoke at length with National Senior Vice Commandant Dennis Tobin regarding the suicide epidemic among our servicemen and veterans. Bill was asked to participate in a new national committee regarding this issue. In the days since, due to his passion on subject, Bill was subsequently asked to chair the committee. National has no idea what they just unleashed. Go get 'em Bill!

On a final note, our annual golf tournament is rapidly approaching. If you would like to assist, please don't hesitate to let someone know.



Rifle & Pistol Team Ray Sturm



There will be an open pistol shoot on Thursday, March 28th at On Target in Severn. No experience is necessary.

The Department of PA has not posted an information regarding their service pistol match. I'll keep looking



Marine Corps League Department of Maryland



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Corps History

by Ed Dahling for Joe Wright, Historian

3 March 1776

First Marine landing on hostile shores in the Bahamas.

3 March 1809

Five-year enlistments in the Corps replaced the previous three-year terms.

8 March 1928

Captain Merritt Edson sets out on epic CoCo River patrol in search of Nicaraguan rebel leader Sandino.

8 March 1965

9th Marine Expeditionary Brigade lands at DaNang, Republic of Vietnam – first U.S. ground combat troops committed to that conflict.

11 March 1778

Marines aboard the frigate BOSTON, assisted in the engagement and capture of the British merchant ship MARTHA. Future President John Adams seized a musket and joined the Marines on deck until the frigate's commanding officer, Captain Samuel Tucker, sent him below for safety.

13 March 1943

First Women Marine officer candidates arrive at U.S. Midshipmen School at Mount Holyoke College.

21 March 1945

General A.A. Vandegrift, 18th Commandant, becomes first Marine four-star general on active duty.

25 March 1804

Secretary of the Navy approves first formal Marine Corps uniform.

26 March 1945

Iwo Jima secured. Marines suffer 25,851 casualties.

31 March 1801

Lt. Colonel Commandant William W. Burrows & President Thomas Jefferson select site for Marine Barracks, 8th & I.



Senior Vice Commandant Ben Wells



Marines,

Spring is right around the corner and St. Paddy's Day is this weekend.

The Mid-Winter meeting was great and we learned new things and got to see some old friends.

We have our Bull & Oyster Roast on the 23rd of this month at the American Legion Post 40 so please buy a ticket and join us.

We have had a couple of meetings for the annual MHH golf tournament which will be held May 17th and things are looking good. Please help us have another good golf tournament by helping sign up sponsors and golfers. We will have our first meeting on the 26th for the annual 5K run and met the new players, so if you would like to part of this please let us know.

All dogs, we have a Pound 204 Growl on April 28th and the MCL Maryland Convention starts May 9th. Hope to see everyone there.

Semper Fi!
Ben



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.



Color Guard

Color Guard Commander Woody Bowman

- COMING EVENTS -

Finished for the season. Next event not until 1st Sunday in May.

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

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



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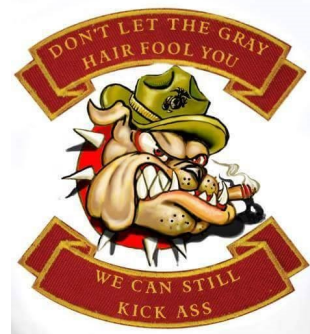
The Fun and Honor Society of the Marine Corps League

There is only one Pack Growl left for those DDs desiring to advance to PDD in Billings Montana this year. If you haven't attended one already, it is too late for you to advance this year. The next Pack Growl is on 10 May at Ocean City.

Likewise, there is only one Pound Growl left for those Pups aspiring to advance to DD in Ocean City in May. Again, if you haven't attended one already, it is too late for you to advance this year. By attending all Growls, you won't have this problem. The next Pound Growl will be on 28 April.

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

Woof woof,
PDD Ed Dahling
Dog Robber





MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
Department of Maryland

INCORPORATED BY ACT OF CONGRESS

ALL Marine Corps League Members, Associates and Auxiliary

Subject: 2019 DEPARTMENT LEADERSHIP COLLEGE - 27 APRIL 2019

A Department wide Leadership Training Class is scheduled to be held 27 April 2019 at the Glen Burnie VFW Post 160 (2597 Dorsey Road, Glen Burnie, MD 21061) home of the Anne Arundel County Detachment.

This will be our 9th Annual Class. The objective of this class is to educate and familiarize Marines with the duties and responsibilities of Detachment Officers and to expand the Marines knowledge of National, Department and Detachment operations.

The Saturday Class will begin at 0800 and conclude at 1600. The cost of the class is \$40.00 per student, payable in advance with the registration. This will cover morning coffee, pastry, lunch and printed materials. Detachments may wish to pay this fee for their Marines attending. I would suggest that the Detachments have the Marines pay and reimburse them when they return with a diploma. This will stop Marines from not showing up for the class after the Detachment paid. I am sure that there are Marines in the Detachment that would have attended in their place had they known a spot was open. We will have a waiting list.

EARLY REGISTRATION IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED, as the class will be limited to 30 students. Billets will be on first come first served basis. I expect this class to be filled. Applications should be mailed as early as possible. Enrolment will end on 1 April 2019. Our goal is to have as many Leaguers as possible attended the class.

If there is a cancellation, the opening goes first to the Detachment of the Marine that canceled. If no Marine from that Detachment is able to attend, that spot will go to the waiting list. There are no refunds. Your book is printed and food was ordered for you.

There is a registration form enclosed. You may make more if you need them. Registered Marines will be sent directions and other necessary information along with their confirmation approximately two weeks before the class date.

Please make every effort to get this information out to as many Marines as possible. Associate Members and Auxiliary Members are also welcome.

Semper Fidelis,

Craig P. Reeling Leadership College Dean

& Past Department Commandant 2015-2017

Phone: 443-477-0670 Email: Craig.Reeling@MarylandMarines.org

Once a Marine, Always a Marine

Junior Vice Commandant By Ed Dahling For Chris Wise


Marines,

Detachment membership numbers remain in relatively good shape. We continue to attract new members; But I am sorry to say that as of March 1st, there are 9 members of our detachment, who are delinquent in payment of their dues. So, please check your membership cards to see if your dues are current; if they are not, please send your dues to me as soon as possible. That will allow me to get them into the League's Department and National Headquarters and prevent you from being dropped from our roster.

Semper Fi,

Ed





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Chaplain's Corner Bill Collins

This month has been another very active period for our Detachment. Our application for nonprofit status for Marines Helping Heroes is finally in the hands of the IRS. We all know how responsive the IRS can be so it's difficult to predict when we'll get final approval. We're hoping in time for our 5K run in the fall. We'll keep you posted. Thanks to everyone involved in bringing that one off.

There is good news on the HBOT front. Funding donated by our Detachment for the treatment of a long suffering E9 stationed at Camp Lejeune has resulted in dramatic improvement in his condition. We continue to promote the use of this very effective treatment for PTSD/TBI.

Several of our members attended the Mid-Winter National Staff Conference in Fredericksburg, VA. Detachment participation in the Conference has provided us with the opportunity to become more involved in the League initiative to prevent suicides within the active duty military and Veterans communities.

Hope everyone had a very happy St. Patrick's Day. If you don't drink responsibly that green beer makes a real mess when it is rejected prior to complete processing.

Bill Collins, Chaplain

Semper Fidelis





BULL & OYSTER ROAST
SAT. MAR. 23, 2019
1PM-5PM
AMERICAN LEGION POST 40
500 FIFTH AVE. SE, GLEN BURNIE, MD 21061

Games of Chance Tickets: \$45.00

Pit Beef, Ham, Turkey,
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 Beer & Soda



Disc Jockey

Order Tickets : Call Burt (850-635-5575) or Ben Wells (443-223-8232)
 Make Checks Payable to MCL Det.1049




MARCH 29TH
VIETNAM VETERANS DAY




Cmdt Ray Sturm presents Eagle Scout Gavin Matthews with a Certificate of Good Citizenship at his Court of Honor on 10 March. Gavin is wearing his great-grandfather's WW II USMC campaign cover with BSA emblem



. I would also like to welcome our newest members Michelle. Joyce





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Have You Heard?

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

February 25th 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: 16

- Edward Dahling Department of MD Paymaster, Past Det. Commandant, Det. Marine of Year (2016)
- Joe Wright Past Detachment Commandant, Detachment Marine of the Year (2015)
- Ben Wells Detachment Marine of the Year (2017)
- Ray Sturm Detachment Marine of the Year (2018)

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:

Membership application for Marine Michelle Renee Joyce was presented, voted on and accepted as a new member

READING OF THE MINUTES

- Minutes of the December meeting (with corrections) were posted on the detachment website and included in the detachment newsletter

PAYMASTER:

Ed Dahling gave a hardcopy report:

CORRESPONDANCE:

- Received a Thank You letter from the Fisher House Foundation for the Detachments \$500.00 donation that was received in December

SENIOR VICE:

- No Report

JUNIOR VICE:

- No report.

JUDGE ADVOCATE:

- No Report.

Chaplain REPORT:

- Manny Airey back home from 5 days in rehab center.
- Wood Bowman is sick (Bronchial Infection).

NEWSLETTER EDITOR:

- Please get reports in on time.



Have You Heard?

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

(Continue From Page 12)

TOYS for TOTS:

Thank you to all that helped

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- No Report

NEW BUSINESS:

. Motion was made to spend no more than \$500.00 for Bull & Oyster Roast deposits to DJ and Caterer. Motion was voted on and approved.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:

Marine James Sanchez was at a funeral service for Kenny Smith and Woody Bowman was there in Marine Corps League uniform. James said Woody represented the Marine Corps League well. Associate Member Nila Caulder thanked everyone on behalf of the Fisher House Marathon Bluegrass Jam.

Commandant Ray Sturm presented Nila Caulder with her Gold Lifetime membership Card.

- Nominations for Detachment Officers were made:

Commandant: Ben Wells

Sr. Vice Commandant: Louis Gewirtz

Jr. Vice Commandant: Burt Helmka

Judge Advocate: Ray Sturm

2nd round of Officer Nominations as well as Elections will be held in March.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ed Dahling needs delegate names for those attending the Department Convention in Ocean City.

Need to sell adds for the convention book.

February 28 – March 2 – Mid Winter Conference, Fredericksburg, VA.

March 10 – Eagle Scout presentation in Pasadena.

March 23rd – Bull & Oyster Roast – American Legion Post 40 (Glen Burnie).

Need to Sell Tickets and please donate liquor for liquor basket.

April 13 – MCL Leadership College.

April 28 – Pound 204 Growl.

May 9-11 – Department of Maryland Convention.

May 17 – MHH Golf Tournament

CLOSING CEREMONIES:

Commandant Sturm closed the meeting IAW MCL rituals. The next detachment meeting will take place on March 25th. Closing prayer was given by Chaplain Bill Collins.

Respectfully submitted,
Joseph Wright, Adjutant

Marine Corps League - A. A. County Detachment 1049



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(Address Correction Requested)



EA-6B Prowler, one of the saltiest warfighters in the Marine Corps, retires

A U.S. Marine Corps EA-6B Prowler fires flares over Afghanistan, Dec. 30, 2014. (Senior Airman James Richardson/Air Force)

After supporting combat operations for the Marine Corps in nearly every conflict throughout the past 40 years, the Marines' electronic attack aircraft, the EA-6B Prowler, will fly its final flight mid-March.