

March 2021

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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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The Marines Helping Heroes Foundation
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Present The 15th

Marines Helping Heroes Charity Golf Tournament

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Registration Opens
9 AM Shotgun Start

Proceeds will also directly benefit our traditional partners, the Semper Fi Fund and the TreatNOW Coalition. Both organizations assist active duty military and veterans suffering from PTSD and Traumatic Brain Injuries. The Marines Helping Heroes Foundation is an IRS 501 (c)3 not for profit charitable organization. Your contributions may be tax deductible. Please consult your tax professional.

For additional information about Marines Helping Heroes, please visit our website at MarinesHelpingHeroes.org.

COUNTY COVID PROTOCOLS FOLLOWED

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- Commandant** Ben Wells
- Senior Vice-Commandant** Burt Helmka
- Junior Vice-Commandant**..... Joseph Wright
- Judge Advocate**Ray Sturm
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- Adjutant** Norman Huffman
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- Chaplain**Bill Collins
- Color Guard Commander** Woody Bowman
- Historian** Joseph Wright
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- Young Marines Commander** ...April Westerlund

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National Award Winner

3rd Place Winner 2017
2nd Place Winner 2018
Marine Corps League
National Newsletter
Award

Membership Statistics

Good Standing (Dues Paid)

Type	USMC	Associate	Multiple
Life Member-	96	11	6
Annual Member-		5	-
New Members			
			-
Sub-Totals			
	96	16	6
Total			
	118		



Members' Birthdays

Members of our detachment, celebrating Birthdays during the month of March includes:

- Woody Bowman
- Butch Cavey
- Frank Fleishman
- Burt Helmka
- Jack Seal

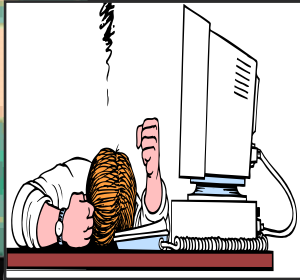
***NOTE** – If you were born in March and your name is not listed above, please contact the editor to be included in the future.*

Quotation

“The Marine Corps has just been called by the New York Times, 'The elite of this country.' I think it is the elite of the world.”

— William Halsey





From the Editor

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

Marines,

Detachment 1049 Election of Officers for FY 2021– 2022 last chance to nominate someone so if anyone is interested in running for an elected position, please let your intentions be known. Candidates (nominees) are needed for each of the following positions.

Commandant,
Senior Vice Commandant
Junior Vice Commandant
Judge Advocate

Detachment 1049 Marine of the Year 2021 Nominations for the Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049 Marine of the Year will be accepted until 22 March 2021. If you wish to nominate an individual, be sure to follow the guidelines on our Web page.

I need the names of any Delegates going to the Department Convention in Ocean City. Detachment will pay for Delegates.

Also, anyone bringing their family members to the Convention, please let me know so he can submit these names as well. Cost is \$10. This will assure you get nametags to allow your family to partake in the refreshments provided at the Hospitality House.

We need ads for the Convention book – anything collected over \$300 will assist the Detachment. There are 50/50 tickets available for sale.

The deadline for all April newsletter articles is NOON on Tuesday 13 April, 2021. Please do not wait until the last minute!



Coming Events

The following events are scheduled to occur through **May 2021**. 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 March @ 1900 (Ben Wells) VFW Post 160


16-18 April 2021 Mideast Division Conference
Atlantic Sands Hotel & Conference Center Rehoboth Beach, Delaware

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

Department Convention May 6, 7 & 8 2021
Princess Royale Oceanfront Hotel & Conference Center Ocean City, Maryland

Monthly Meeting, MCL Detachment 1049
Monday, 24 May @ 1900 (?) VFW Walden Country Club 1500 Riedel Rd Crofton, MD Post 160

4 June 2021 Friday Marines Helping Heroes Charity Golf Tournament Walden Country Club 1500 Riedel Rd Crofton, MD



Established 1943

Garrison Rifle & Revolver Club, Inc. is a Charter Member of the Associated Gun Clubs of Baltimore Inc.

The Club offers training and classes in most of the shooting sports and promotes shooting sports for all ages and abilities. Garrison hosts the following events:

- ☛ Spring Pistol League
- ☛ Bullseye Pistol Championship
- ☛ Trap Shoot
- ☛ JR's Club Shoot
- ☛ 4H State Match
- ☛ Club Crab Feast
- ☛ Club Christmas Dinner


Affiliated with the National Rifle Association and Civilian Marksmanship Program.

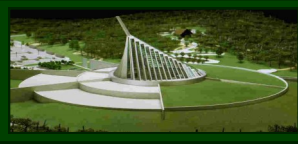
Garrison Rifle & Revolver members have the following facilities available for their use:

- ☛ Covered bench rest-equipped rifle, black powder, and pistol range (25, 50, 75 & 100 yds.)
- ☛ Indoor air rifle range
- ☛ Fifty point covered outdoor pistol range (25 & 50 yds).
- ☛ Ten point covered high power rifle range 200 yds with butts).
- ☛ A four field, lighted, outdoor trap range w/automatic and manual trap house.
- ☛ Messick Hall club house w/ kitchen & restrooms.
- ☛ Lower range house/meeting hall.

Club meets every second Tuesday of each month
Except January which is the third Tuesday.
1115 Marrottville Road
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For more information contact club secretary
Thomas Betty, at (443) 850-5737
E-Mail: secretary@garrisonrr.org
Website: <https://www.garrisonrr.org>





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.

Junior Vice Commandant Joseph Wright

Marines,

Hopefully winter weather is behind us, COVID rates continue to improve and life starts returning to some sort of normal. I am looking forward to seeing our members as things improve.

Not much going on so there's nothing to report on, so continue wearing your masks, social distance and get the vaccine when available.

Semper Fi,
Joe



Membership Renewal

Annual Notice

Expires 31 August



Renew today with your
local Detachment Paymaster





*Commandant
David (Ben) Wells*

Marines,

.The Mid-Winter conference was canceled this year due to covid. We have not planned a Bull & Oyster Roast yet due to the covid. We have had a couple of meetings for the annual MHH golf tournament which will be held June 4th and things are looking good for this event. Please help us have another good golf tournament by helping sign up sponsors and golfers. We will have our first meeting soon for the annual 5K run and met the new players. If you would like to be part of this please let us know.

Attention:

All monthly MCL meetings and growls are being held in person at the VFW Post 160. Next meeting is March 22, 2021.

Everyone please be safe out there!

Semper Fi

Ben Wells



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.



Mideast Division



April 16 -18, 2021

Hosted by the Department of Delaware Atlantic Sands Hotel & Conference Center Rehoboth Beach, Delaware

HOTEL INFORMATION

Atlantic Sands Hotel & Conference Center 1
Baltimore Ave. Rehoboth Beach, DE, 19971
Telephone: 302.227.2511 Room rates \$105.
plus fees

Reservation may be made now by calling
1.800.422.0600, refer to the Mideast Division
Marine Corps League Block #9579 arriving Fri-
day, April 16, 2021. Website [https://
atlanticsandshotel.com/](https://atlanticsandshotel.com/)

Check-in Time/Check-out Time:

Check-in time is after 1600. Guest arriving before 1600 will be accommodated as rooms become available. Check-out is 1100. Safe Rental \$1.50 per day, 8% hotel occupancy tax, A 10% Coupon/Discount will be provided for a full Breakfast Buffet in the Grille, which includes both a waffle station and an omelet station.

Complimentary Wireless Internet Access Parking is provided for quest. Non-smoking Policy: The Atlantic Sands Hotel is a non-smoking facility including the balconies. Two outside smoking areas will be provided for smokers.

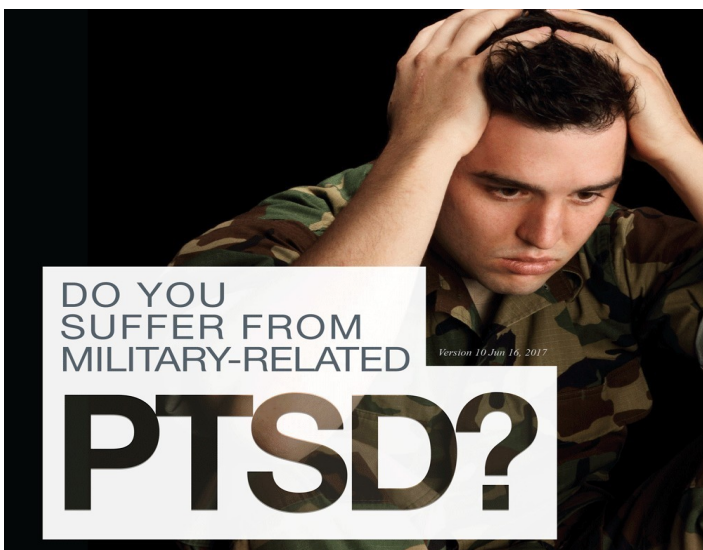
There will be a Hospitality Room starting Friday at 5 PM and Saturday 12 Noon - 4 PM

Chaplain's Corner Bill Collins

Well, spring is about to spring and hopefully we will leave Covid behind us with the winter. By now, many of us have had the vaccine... especially the old folks among us...including me. For those who have not... keep trying. The sooner we are all immunized the sooner this pain in the butt ordeal will be over. Meanwhile whether vaccinated or not, remain vigilant. Keep your distance, wash your hands and wear the mask.

On a brighter note, planning for our annual golf tournament is underway. It is a very important fund raiser for the Detachment so please give some thought to volunteering your time and talent to make this year's tournament the best and most profitable one ever. Ask any Detachment officer for details.

Semper Fidelis
Bill Collins, Chaplain



**Veterans Crisis Line:
1-800-273-8255 & Press 1
Ntl Call Center for Homeless Vets
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THE MARINE MINUTE

The month of March marks several iconic anniversaries for the Marine Corps. March 3 was the 245th Anniversary of the first amphibious landing by U.S. Marines on foreign soil. The landing occurred in Nassau, Bahamas where Marines captured the British Navy's gunpowder reserves secured there. While much of the gunpowder was evacuated by the British shortly before Marines captured the city, the amount that the Marines managed to take was vital to supplying George Washington's Army.

The 46th Anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War, one of the most difficult and protracted wars in United States history. The men and women of the Marine Corps were some of the first to put boots on the ground and some of the last to leave. In association with the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation has create a video honoring their sacrifice and showcasing some of the exhibits and artifacts in the National Museum of the Marine Corps. When the Museum reopens, the Foundation invites everyone to visit the Museum and explore the Vietnam War through the eyes of Marines.





Color Guard

Color Guard Commander Woody Bowman

- COMING EVENTS -

NO Events

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** 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



Military Order of the Devil Dogs



Military Order of the Devil Dogs (MODD)

The Fun and Honor Society of the Marine Corps League

With August 31st gone, our Pound 204 still have few Dogs in arrears. As such, they cannot attend Growls or hold office. They can rectify this by remitting a check for 15 measly bones to their friendly Dog Robber (me) at 493 Procopio Cir. Make the check payable to MODD, Pound 204.

Remember to wear your mask and we need to keep social distancing do the best you can, protect yourself and your family, and try to make the best of the situation.

Ed Dahling Dog Robber
493 Procopio Cir.
Millersville, Md.21108-1791
Phone: (410) 570-8673
Email: umpire86@aol.com



Senior Vice Commandant Burt Helmka

Marines,

This is my last newsletter as Senior Vice. I would like to apologize to the whole detachment for not being very active this year. As we all know Covid-19 pandemic coupled with shut downs across the board.

I have a few doctors appointments scheduled annually and then I will be cleared to go, so please accept my apologies. I will be getting back into the swing of things. Please remember to still mask up, wash hands and social distance to protect others who aren't vaccines yet.

SEMPER FI,
Burton Helmka



MARCH 29TH
VIETNAM VETERANS DAY



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Thu-Sat: 11am-2am



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Join our team and get involved! Use your creativity and passion to take an active role by fundraising, donating or spreading awareness for our cause.

Go to the following website to gain additional information and become involved with this important effort!

<http://semperfifund.org/>

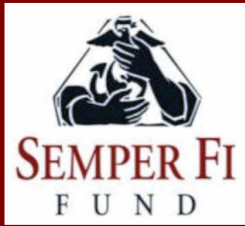
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Marine Corps League Department of Maryland



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 1-800-4-ROYALE
6,7 & 8 MAY 2021



Join our team and get involved!
 Use your creativity and passion to
 take an active role by fundraising,
 donating or spreading awareness
 for our cause.

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Have You Heard?

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

February 22nd Meeting Highlights

OPENING BY RITUAL:

Meeting called to order by Commandant David “Ben” Wells at 1900 hours. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by prayer by Chaplain Bill Collins. Members in Attendance: 17

Commandant Wells announced guests in attendance: National - Ray Sturm (Marine for Life Committee) Department Officers – Ed Dahling, Ray Sturm (Marine for Life) Department Marine of the Year – Ed Dahling, Ray Sturm Past Detachment Commandants: Ray Sturm (2015-2019), Ed Dahling (2013-2015), Joseph Wright, (2012-2015) Past Marine of the Year: Ben Wells (2018), Ray Sturm (2017), Ed Dahling (2016) , Woody Bowman (2014) Past Detachment Marine of the Year: Woody Bowman, Joe Wright, Ed Dahling, Ray Sturm, Ben Wells, Bill Collins and Tom Maiorana Maryland Pack Leader – Ray Sturm (2019)

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: None .

ADJUTANT’S REPORT: A thank you was received from Cookie’s Kitchen for Detachment 1049’s donation to the Caring Cupboard. Cookie thanked Ben and Norm for the visit. **PAYMASTER:** Paymaster Ed Dahling gave the following report: Checking \$13,730.03 Savings 7,409.42 Total assets \$21,139.45

CHAPLAIN REPORT: Chaplain Collins reported fellow Marine William Wild Jr. passed on February 4th . Detachment 1049 was listed as one of the recipients in lieu of flowers.

PAYMASTER: Paymaster Ed Dahling gave a hardcopy report:

COMMANDANT: Commandant Wells reported there will be a Department meeting, followed by a Growl on March 6th in Harford County. There will be a “Devil Dog Gathering” April 8-10th in South Carolina. Grand Growl will be held in Ocean City May 6-9th . Ben stated we need to create the Marine of the Year Committee for the Detachment. Ben will have paperwork to submit nominee to MIDEAST

SENIOR VICE: Absent

JUNIOR VICE: No report

JUDGE ADVOCATE: No report.

JR. PAST COMMANDANT: No report.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: If you have anything for the newsletter, contact Ed Dahling. Make sure Ed has your email address.



Have You Heard?

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

QUARTERMASTER: No report.

SGT-at-ARMS: Jim Galvin gave a report on the Scout troop. The troop has lost two members, Jim Dunn and Greg Corbin. All of the Scouts are currently confined to their group homes due to COVID. They are optimistic they will be able to attend summer camp in July and proceed with meetings. Many of the Scouts work for OBI and therefore are out of work.

HISTORIAN/ WEB SERGEANT: No Report

COLOR GUARD: No report.

YOUNG MARINES: Absent

TOYS for TOTS: Absent

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Jane Huffman gave the financial report for the Auction and the four 50/50 drawings. Profit of \$4500 was turned in to the Paymaster.

NEW BUSINESS: Norm Huffman has the Delegate form for anyone attending the Ocean City meeting in May. He also has the Convention book forms for ads or patron names.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE: Jr. Past Commandant Ray Sturm reported an internal audit was performed after realizing monies were deposited in the wrong account. Monies that were to be placed in the Marines Helping Heroes account was placed in the Detachment account. Funds totaling @\$6,000 need to be transferred from the Detachment account to the Marines Helping Heroes account. Ray wanted to assure transparency, and all knew the reason for the transfer. All are welcome to look at the books. Suggestion for future to obtain an independent auditor to look at the books. Thank you to Chris Steven for her help with the internal audit. Quickbooks and server has been established, enabling 3 people to have access to look at the accounts.

Commandant Wells asked for members to step up and hold a office as this will be his last year as a Detachment officer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: February 28th - Pound 204 growl

CLOSING CEREMONIES: Sgt at Arms Jim Galvin closed the meeting IAW MCL rituals. The next meeting will be held on March 22nd, 2021. Closing prayer was given by Chaplain Bill Collins.

Respectfully
submitted,
Norm Huffman, Adjutant
Marine Corps League - A. A. County Detachment 104



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U.S. Marines with Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron (HMH) 465 offload a CH-53E Super Stallion helicopter from a C-17 Globemaster III aircraft with the Alaska Air National Guard on MCAS Futenma, Okinawa, Japan, Mar. 4, 2021. The CH-53E was transferred from Hawaii to Okinawa in support of Force Design 2030. (Sgt. Branden J. Bourque/Marine Corps)