MARINE CORPS LEAGUE Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049

March 2023



Fellowship Dinner a Success





Happy Birthday, Burt

On 10 March, the detachment had it's first fellowship dinner at Casa Della Nonna in Severn, MD.

Absolutely NO Marine Corps League or detachment business was discussed. Those who attended had a great time.

Coincidentally, our Commandant's birthday was the same day. Burt was surprised with a cake after dinner.

We would like to make these dinners a monthly thing. If you have an idea for a nice restaurant (in Anne Arundel County of course) please let us know. Let's check it out.

Also, stand-by for a possible breakfast assembly. Anyone up for pancakes, waffles, or a huge omelet?





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FROM THE EDITOR

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

Greetings Marines,

I'd like to start by thanking everyone who came out to dinner at Casa Della Nonna. We all had a great time.

Special thanks to Jim **Gal-vin**, who set it up.. But then mysteriously failed to attend. LOL

The detachment held its first round of nominations for officers. Unfortunately, it was the same slate as this year. We need fresh blood to keep the detachment going. If you have an interest, let someone know. There is training available. Don't be afraid.

The Commandant reported that **Dan Fischio** is cur-

rently rewriting our bylaws. That is way overdue and no easy chore. Thanks, Danny, for doing so. We all look forward to seeing them.

Yes, it looks that the detachment is going to move its business meetings to another location. That process has begun in earnest. Please see the Commandant's comments on that.

Semper Fi, Ray Sturm



How old are leprechauns?

So old that they can remember when rainbows were black and white

COMMANDANT'S CORNER

Marines,

I would like to start off with our first fellowship dinner at Casa Della Nonna on March 10th. A special thanks to our Sgt-at-Arms Jim Gavin for setting up. A very good time was had by those who came. We will do this again.

Next it looks like early September will be target date for shrimp feast. Let's shoot for a nice turn-out of family and friends. Associate Jane Huffman with her crew are working on basket raffle/ auction.



On another note, we are exploring three places to move the detachment to. They're American Legion Posts # 276,175 & 40. Thanks to Jim Sanchez for reaching out and making contact with post #175 commander Ambrose. We will move forward, one idea put forth is to hold a meeting at all three posts for us to check them out. I'll check into this and logistics of this and get back to you.

March 25th is a Department Meeting & MODD Growl, Woof Woof. Area of operations is Garrett County at American Legion post #71.

Lastly **my new email address** is : **E5dogrob77@gmail.com**. This is for MODD, MCL Department or detachment correspondence, ideas or complaints. *This address is for my eyes only.*

Also my mailing address is Burton Helmka 250 Gina Ct. Pasadena, Md. 21122-2912.

Hopefully this gets to everyone out there.

Semper Fi, Burt

Famous Marines—Gene Hackman

Struggling through a troubled home life, Gene Hackman enlisted in the Marines at the age of 16 despite being underage. He ended up working as a radio operator in China and tried his hand at being a disc-jockey and newscaster. After he separated from the military, he used the GI bill to study journalism and TV production. He broke into acting when he was 30, and earned acclaim for his strong portrayal of everyman characters.





Detachment Colors

YOUR DETACHMENT

STAFF

Burt Helmka Commandant Sr Vice Cmdt Ben Wells Jr Vice Cmdt Joe Wright Judge Advocate Ray Sturm Jr Past Cmdt Ben Wells Adjutant Norm Huffman Bill Collins Chaplain Jim Galvin Sgt-at-Arms Color Guard Cdr Woody Bowman Newsletter Editor Ray Sturm Paymaster Joe Wright **Bill Collins** Quartermaster **Public Affairs** Vacant 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.

SENIOR VICE COMMANDANT

Marines,

The Mid-Winter conference was awesome this year and if you missed it well you missed a good time. We are not doing a Bull & Oyster Roast this year because of time restraints. We are having meetings now for the annual MHH golf tournament which will be held June 2nd and things are looking good for this event. Please help us have another good golf tournament by helping sign up sponsors and golfers.



Attention:

All monthly MCL meetings and growls are being held in person at the VFW Post 160. The next MCL meeting is March 28, 2023.

Everyone please be safe out there.

Semper Fi

Ben Wells



JUNIOR VICE COMMANDANT

Marines,

S/F Joe





I dance the Jig, every time someone pays their dues.

CHAPLAIN

Marines,

We are pleased to report that Marine **Tommy Maiorana** is home and recovering. He's doing well.

If you are aware of a Marine or a member of a Marine's family who is sick or in distress please let me know.

Spring is right around the corner. This is the perfect time to reach out to a member and just check in. Let's take care of each other.

Semper Fi,

Bill Collins





EAGLE SCOUT COORDINATOR







On Sunday, March 5, 2023, Sgt-at-Arms and Eagle Scout Coordinator, **Jim Galvin**, presented the MCL Good Citizenship Award to Eagle Scout **Mary Kate Stanley** of Troop 192G in Millersville, MD.





AFFAIRS

Created by the State Legislature in 1999 as an executive agency with the mission of assisting veterans, active duty service members, their families and dependents, in securing benefits earned through military service.



Service and Benefits Program

Providing representation for veterans and dependents seeking USDVA benefits 800-446-4926, ext 6450



Cemetery and Memorial

Program

Providing interment services for veterans and eligible dependents 410-923-6981, Cemeteries 410-354-3550, Memorials



Charlotte Hall Veterans

Home

Providing skilled nursing & assisted living care to veterans and eligible spouses 301-884-8171, ext 5111



410-260-3838



MDVeterans



@MdVeterans



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Maryland Veterans Trust Fund

Assisting veterans who are experiencing temporary financial difficulties 800-446-4926, ext 6460



Outreach and Advocacy Program

Providing education to the community about veteran benefits and services 410-260-3842/3840



Veterans Affairs



Service Program Office Locations*

Baltimore Regional Office 31 Hopkins Plaza, Room 3020 Baltimore 800-446-4926, ext 6450

Baltimore VA Medical Center 10 N. Greene Street, 6th floor Baltimore 410-299-0304

Bel Air/MVA Service Center 501 W. Macphail Road Bel Air 410-638-6501 (service officer) 410-638-6507 (secretary)

Camp Springs 6420 Allentown Road Camp Springs 301-248-0463

Carroll County Veteran Services 125 Stoner Avenue Westminster 410-386-3800

Charlotte Hall 29431 Charlotte Hall Road Charlotte Hall 240-577-7083

Cumberland//MVA Service Center 13300 Winchester Road, SW Cumberland 301-729-4676 Glen Burnie/MVA Service Center 6601 Ritchie Highway, room 30 Glen Burnie 410-424-3039

> Easton 11 South Harrison Street Easton 410-690-7181

Frederick 100 West Patrick Street, Room 2120 Frederick 301-600-2155

Gaithersburg/MVA Service Center 15 Metropolitan Grove Road Gaithersburg 301-987-8412/8413

Hagerstown/MVA Service Center 18306 Col. Henry K Douglas Drive Hagerstown 240-527-6894

Laurel 9900 Washington Blvd, Suite I Laurel 410-313-0229

Salisbury/MVA Service Center 251 Tilghman Road Salisbury 410-219-7256



*Service Offices are open by appointment only, call in advance of visiting

Cemetery Locations and Memorials

Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery Cheltenham, MD 301-372-6398 Crownsville Veterans Cemetery Crownsville, MD 410-987-6320 Eastern Shore Veterans Cemetery Hurlock, MD 410-943-3420 Garrison Forest Veterans Cemetery Owings Mills, MD 410-363-6090 Rocky Gap Veterans Cemetery

World War II Memorial, Annapolis Korean War Memorial, Baltimore Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Baltimore Gold Star Families Monument, Annapolis War Memorial Building, Baltimore

Flintstone, MD 301-777-2185

US Department of Veterans Affairs Phone Numbers

VA Healthcare Administration/Enrollment
Central Maryland/Eastern Shore Residents
877-222-8387
Western Maryland Residents
304-263-0811, ext 4
Tri County/Southern Maryland Residents
202-745-8000, ext 56333

VA Benefits Administration 800-827-1000
VA Education Benefits 888-GIBILL-1 (888-442-4551)
VA Home Loan Guaranty Program 877-827-3702
VA National Cemetery Administration 800-698-2411
Arlington National Cemetery 877-907-8585
VA Veterans Crisis Line 800-273-8255, press 1 or text to 838255
VA National Center for Homeless Veterans 877-4AID-VET
VA Women Veterans Call Center 855-VA-WOMEN (829-6636)

Must have been a slow month at the VA. I didn't find anything worth passing along.

If anyone has a submission, please forward to me.

~ the Editor



~ Our History ~ Customs ~ and Traditions ~



1918

THE FIRST FEMALE MARINE: OPHA MAY JOHNSON

In 1918, the Secretary of the Navy permitted women to enroll for clerical duty in the Marine Corps.

Responding to this ruling, Opha May Johnson is credited as the first woman to become a Marine, enlisting on August 13,1918. Three hundred fearless women followed suit and embarked on this historical milestone. These women took over stateside clerical responsibilities so that battle-ready Marines could head overseas for combat.

March is Women's History Month

Celebrating a few "firsts" in Marine Corps history.

1943

Captain Anne Lentz, first commissioned officer.





1947

Woman Marine T/Sgt Mary Wancheck became the first Woman Marine to rate a "hash mark".

1961

Bertha Peters Billeb became the first Woman Marine to be promoted to Sergeant Major (E-9)





Hound Dog Pound 204 Mer-lin Pack

Officers

Sr Vice PK

Pound Keeper Paul Gunther

Jr Vice PK Howard Koontz

Pat Sharkey

Smart Dog Ray Sturm

Dog Trainer Leonard Steipler

Mad Dog Woody Bowman

Police Dog Norm Huffman

Watch Dog Burt Helmka

Barking Dog Stuart Blair

Dog Robber Joe Wright

Next Growl

Dog House

Harry L. Cooper VFW Post 160





Hound Dog Pound 204

Pack Growl: 25 March Garrett County

Grand Growl: 12 May Ocean City

Next Pound 204 Growl:

Pound 204 has officially been reinstated as a non-profit by the IRS. We are now current and no longer in fear of losing our Charter.

Special thanks to Joe Wright and Ben Wells who assist me in this endeavor. ~ the Editor







Hosted by the National Public Relations Committee



No information available. Will advise on next Zoom.

From Marine Corps League Connections on Facebook

100th Anniversary Ribbon Approved

Marine Corps League (MCL) 100th Anniversary ribbon has been designed and approved - ribbons are, currently, not available (MCL membership will be informed when they are available).

Ribbon is worn at a lower precedence to the MCL Membership award but higher than department anniversary awards.

Ribbon, alone (without the gold frame), signifies that the member was active and in good standing at the time of the 100th Anniversary Convention (in Oklahoma City, 2023) and is authorized to wear the ribbon with other earned MCL ribbons.

Gold frame on ribbon is to signify 'being in attendance' at the 100th Anniversary Convention (in Oklahoma City, 2023), that the member was active and in good standing at the time of the anniversary convention and is authorized to wear the ribbon with other earned MCL ribbons.

The ribbon and gold frame device will be sold separately.

A medal is being developed; stand by to stand by.







Young Marines **Upcoming Events**

19 Mar Unit Drill (History.DDR) Am Leg Post 276 1:30 to 5:00 PM

31 Mar-2 Apr Division Drill Meet Cheltenham

16 Apr Drill & Recruit Graduation Am Leg Post 276 1:30 to 5:00 PM

21-23 Apr Downs Park Encampment Pasadena, MD

6 May Craft and Vender Show Am Leg Post 276

27 May Flag Placement Crownsville Cemetery

29 May Memorial Day Parade Washington DC

22-24 Sept Sandy Point Encampment Sandy Point, MD



Come out and support the Young Marines fundraiser

A full size flyer is available on page 16

O! say can you see....

Young Marines field trip to study US history at Fort McHenry



March 5, 2023



today.



A great way to welcome new Adult Volunter **Mike Mager**, seen here with Zevon Hill and Nic Walker.



Playing with cannonballs. What could possibly go wrong?





Fort McHenry Promotion







On 5 March, **Zevon Hill** was promoted to YM PFC. Our star spangled banner waves in the background as his grandmother, AV **Cynthia Alexander** and YM SSgt **Timothy Clinenpeel** pin his devices. His first promotion is sure to be memorable.

Congratulations! Well done, Zevon.





Fort McHenry Flag Ceremony





The Young Marines were invited to assist in the lowering of the 15 Star flag as the fort's garrison flag is raised for the night.

When the Park Ranger turned around he remarked, "Oh, you've already started folding it." He is not used to America's youth knowing how to properly fold a flag.









UPCOMING EVENTS



25 Mar	Dept meeting	Garrett Co	
27 Mar	MCL meeting	VFW Post 160	
24 April	MCL meeting	VFW Post 160	
11 May	Dept of MD Convention	Ocean City, MD	
22 May	MCL meeting	VFW Post 160	7:00 PM
2 June	Golf Tournament	Walden CC	9:00 AM
3 June	Downs Park Fam Day	Pasadena, MD	
23 June	MidEast Div Conference	TBD-MD	
26 June	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.

The Department of Maryland meeting will be held at the

Proctor-Kidlow American Legion

423 Memorial Drive

Oakland, MD

8:00 Breakfast

9:00 Meeting

12:00 Lunch

1:00 Growl



Paymaster's Report February 2023

23 Jan - 26 Feb 2023			

	Beginning	\$ 9,561.58
Checking	Receipts	\$ 1,130.00
Checking	Expenses	\$ (77.00)
	Ending	\$ 10,614.58

	Beginning	\$ 2,267.85
	Interest	\$ -
Savings	Deposits	\$ -
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	Ending	\$ 2,267.85

CD 1	\$	3,144.17
CD 2	\$	2,028.61

Total Assets	\$ 18,055.21
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Details regarding the Paymaster's Report are available to any member. Please contact Joe Wright.







Detachment Meeting Minutes

Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049

Marine Corps League Feburary 27, 2023

OPENING BY RITUAL:

Meeting called to order by Commandant Burt Helmka at 1900 hours.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by prayer by Sr. Vice Commandant Ben Wells.

Members in attendance: 14

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	Ben Wells	P
Adjutant	Norm Huffman	P
By-Laws Committee Chairman	Danny Fischio	A
Chaplain	Bill Collins	E
Color Guard Commander	Woody Bowman	P
Historian	Joe Wright	P
Newsletter Editor	Ray Sturm	P
Paymaster	Joe Wright	P
Public Information Officer	Vacant	
Quartermaster	Bill Collins	E
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 for January were distributed by Detachment web site and also newsletter.

PAYMASTER: Paymaster Wright gave the financial report to Adjutant for minutes.

Checking	\$10,614.58
Savings	2,267.85
Total	\$12,882.43

CHAPLAIN REPORT: Acting Chaplain Ben Wells asked everyone to continue to keep Bill Collins in your prayers. He is moving forward. Also, Leonard's wife had a stroke and has been put into a medically induced coma.

COMMANDANT: Commandant Burt reported he is now the Dog Robber for the Maryland Pack.

SENIOR VICE COMMANDANT: No report

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDANT: No report

JUDGE ADVOCATE: No report.

JR. PAST COMMANDANT: No report.

HISTORIAN / WEBMASTER: No report.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Ray Sturm reported he will try to condense his newsletter, but still requests all to send in their reports in a timely manner.

QUARTERMASTER: No report.

BY LAWS: Danny Fischio is still working on the bylaws and stated all are based on the National bylaws. Per Danny, the Marine of the Year was passed in prior meeting, but still needed to be incorporated into the bylaws. Judge Advocate Ray Sturm stated the Marine of the Year still needs to be voted on prior to being incorporated.

COLOR GUARD: Commander Woody Bowman reported he has nothing scheduled until May.

YOUNG MARINES: Commander Ray Sturm gave the following report:

- Participated in a Gun Safety course along with 5 other units. Approximately 30 in attendance
- Participated in a Night / Day land navigation at Cheltenham, along with promotion board Approximately 66 Young Marines participated.
- Promotions will be presented on March 5th at Ft. McHenry.

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Ray suggested asking if the detachment could hold a meeting at each venue and then determine which one the members like best.

NEW BUSINESS: The Annual Golf tournament will be held on June 2nd, 2023.

\$500 Valentine raffle was held on FB Live. Winner was Norm Huffman. Detachment profit of \$500. Will be holding another online raffle of prizes / baskets.

Norm Huffman reminded all that the Downs Park Family Day is June 3rd if we are going to participate as a recruitment day. The Young Marines will be participating, per Ray Sturm. We will need to know so the rangers can accommodate us on the map.

First round of nominations of officers were held. Ray Sturm made a motion that the slate of officers remain the same for the upcoming year. Second by Woody Bowman.

Commandant: Burt Helmka

Sr. Vice Commandant: Ben Wells Jr. Vice Commandant: Joe Wright

Judge Advocate: Ray Sturm

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE: Ben Wells reported the MCL is losing money on the life membership fees and are looking for new ways to handle this. Will eventually be raising the life membership fees. Commandant Helmka suggested holding a Shrimp Feast for the detachment and family. Probably be held in the September timeframe.

Sgt. At Arms Jim Galvin suggested holding a fellowship gathering at a local restaurant and suggested Casa Della Nonna in Severn. It was decided to meet on Friday, March 10th at 6pm for fellowship.

CLOSING CEREMONIES: Sgt. at Arms Jim Galvin closed the meeting IAW MCL rituals. The next meeting will be held on March 27, 2023. Closing prayer was given by Acting Chaplain Ben Wells.

Respectfully submitted,

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

A Brief History on Moving the Detachment

(compiled by Norm Huffman, derived from detachment minutes)

AUGUST 2022

The topic of moving to a new location for meetings was discussed. Burt visited the Severna Park American Legion and explained our needs. Waiting on a reply. Burt also contacted American Legion Post 40 in Glen Burnie. They welcomed the Detachment and are looking into finding storage in the building. Final decision to be determined.

OCTOBER 2022

COMMANDANT: Commandant Helmka reported he had contacted several venues for possible Det. 1049 headquarters and American Legion Post 40 was the only one to return his call. Burt will be checking with Jim's Hideaway for a fellowship meeting.

NOVEMBER 2022

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Commandant Helmka will be working on bylaws.

After long discussion on the detachment moving to AL Post 276, it was decided to table the motion and entertain it again in two months.

JANUARY 2023

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Ray Sturm reported the only days available for meetings at the American Legion Post 276 were Thursday and Fridays. Will not choose Friday as that's a busy day. Commandants will meet with the AL to assure they could accommodate the detachment. Great parking and lighting, private entrance. Will need to see where the storage container would be placed outside.

The purchase of a storage shed was discussed. Alternatives discussed were containers or a trailer for storage. There is \$2,500 already allocated toward the purchase.

FEBRUARY 2023

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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

4th Monday @ 7:00 PM Marine Corps League



Canteen Hours

Unless football. We could be open later. Sun 12-6 PM

Mon-Thur 12-8 PM

Fri-Sat 12-10 PM

Wednesday and Friday night dinners: 6-8 PM



Tuesday is Poker League from 7:00 to 11:00 in the hall **Wednesday** Night Dinner is Burrito Bowl: Polo (chicken) or carnitas (port) for \$10

Friday St Patrick's dinner is corned beef or ham, cabbage, potatoes, carrots and roll from 3:00 until the food runs out.



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