

March 2024



The official newsletter of the Anne Arundel Co Detachment



2024 OFFICERS INSTALLED

The Detachment’s elected and appointed officers were installed at the March meeting by Past Dept Commandant Howard Koontz.

- Commandant: Burt Helmka
- Sr Vice Cmdt: John Dunker
- Vice Cmdt: Joe Peacy
- Judge Advocate: Ray Sturm

The full slate of appointed officers can be found on Page 3.

MOU SIGNED

The Memorandum of Understanding between the Detachment and American Legion Post 175 has been signed by all parties. For full transparency, a copy is enclosed in this newsletter. Please see page 20.



If you have any questions regarding the MOU, please contact either Commandant Burt Helmka or Judge Advocate Ray Sturm.

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Elections Held

Leadership

College

Department Convention

Bass Pro Shop Recruiting Event

From The Editor

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

Greetings all,

I trust everyone had a good
St Patrick's Day. And now it's
time to wish you all a Happy



Easter.
March is
certainly
a busy
month.

Yes, we
installed
the new
slate of
officers a
bit early
this year.

It was mostly accidental, but
if anyone still wishes to be
considered for a position,
please let the Commandant
know.

We still have a need for golf
volunteers. We are well into
the planning stage, but help
is always appreciated.

The detachment is hosting a
Leadership College on 20
April. It will be at the Ameri-
can Legion Post 276 on
Quarterfield Rd.

The Department Convention
is right around the corner. If
you haven't registered, there
is still time to do so. Come
join us. It is a great time.

The schedule of events for
the convention is posted on
the Department's website.
Please visit
www.deptofmdmcl.org for
complete details.

One last call for assistance.
The detachment will hold a
recruiting drive at **Bass Pro
Shop** on 27 April. We will be
set up outdoors and will need
some help staffing the tent.
We plan to give away hot
dogs and sell MCL roses. If
you can donate some of your
time that Saturday, it would
be very much appreciated.

Semper Fi,
Ray Sturm



Anne Arundel Co Detachment members after the 2024 election of officers.

Commandant's Corner

Marines,

Our 2nd meeting at the American Legion is under the detachment's belt. The MOA is now in effect. It was very successful.

Officer final nominations were made and voted on. Newly elected officers were installed according to MCL by-laws and procedures. Nominations were made for MOY and Associate of the Year by ballot. Those who were selected will be notified and presented at next meeting.

Casa Della Nonna was a hit once again for the fellowship dinner. We are also looking into The German Stein Restaurant as a new venue.

The Bull & Oyster roast is tentatively set for September. Looking into dates for this function/ fundraiser. Tickets will roughly be \$45-\$60 depending on the logistics.

Finally, we had a new member initiated into the detachment and MCL. Welcome aboard Daniel Ryan. I presented a Good Citizen Award to an Eagle Scout in the South County area.

One last thing, the delegate list for the Department Convention is being mailed off on 28 March. I have a little room left for 1 delegate and 7 alternates. If interested, please contact me by COB 26 March.

That is all!

Semper Fi,
Burt



Detachment Colors

DETACHMENT STAFF

Commandant	Burt Helmka
Sr Vice Cmdt	John Dunker
Jr Vice Cmdt	Joe Peacy
Judge Advocate	Ray Sturm
Jr Past Cmdt	Ben Wells
Adjutant	Debbie Deene
Chaplain	Jim Sanchez
Sgt-at-Arms	Jim Galvin
Color Guard Cdr	Woody Bowman
Newsletter Editor	Ray Sturm
Paymaster	Ben Wells
Quartermaster	vacant
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 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00 PM at American Legion Post 175 at 832 Manhattan Beach Rd, Severna Park, 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.

April Social Dinner

Casa Della Nonna
8141 Telegraph Rd

Severn, MD

19 April 2024

6:30 PM

Past Department Commandant Howard Koontz presents newly installed Commandant Burt Helmka with his gavel.



Senior Vice Commandant

MY FIRST ARTICLE AND INTRODUCTION

Greetings Marines, first I'd like to thank you for your confidence in nominating me for the role of Senior Vice Commandant of Marine Corps League 1049 Anne Arundel Detachment. I am looking forward to the challenge of the post and will be diligently working to fulfill the duties of the position and to support Commandant Helmka. I'd also humbly ask for your council and advice in to help me do the best job possible for MCL 1049.

I'd also like to share a little about me. I'll start in the middle first, just because ;) I served in the Marine Corps from 1988-1994. I enlisted with the noble goal of learning to work on aircraft and to support the Marine Air Wing in accomplishment of their mission. My secondary goal was to get out of Glen Burnie after a failed attempt at college! I completed bootcamp at Paris Island, 3rd Battalion, then A-School at NAS Meridian MS as an Aviation Maintenance Admin/Designated Aviation Maintenance Data Analyst. That's a really long title for log-books and maintenance action form czar. My first, last and only duty station was New River, Jacksonville NC, specifically HMM-263 (CH46E), MAG-29. Things were pretty dull until the summer of 1990 when Sadam invaded Kuwait, we then became the Air Element of 24th MEU in support of Operation Desert Shield and later Desert Storm, serving on the USS GUAM. The 24th MEU was the great "Decoy" during the invasion of Kuwait. Most interesting mission our unit participated in was Operation Eastern Exit, evacuating the US Embassy in Somalia, December 1990. Through other deployments I earned both "Shellback" and "Bluenose" honors from USN. By 1993 reenlistment bonus/incentives had dried up and I decided to leave the Corps and finish college, which I did in 1996 with a degree in Management Information Systems. I worked as a database programmer and systems analyst until being laid-off in 2008. I then landed a position with the National Security Agency's Cybersecurity Mission where today I'm the Director of the Commercial Solutions for Classified Program Management Office.

On the personal side, my wife Melinda and I live in Pasadena and have 2 adult children Mallory and Abigail. We enjoy lots of outdoor activity, camping, boating, fishing crabbing, and generally living a Blessed Life!

S/F
John Dunker

Junior Vice Commandant

WELCOME ABOARD

The Detachment welcomed new member, Marine **Daniel Ryan** of Pasadena. Among his assignments, Dan served with our Sgt-at-Arms, Jim Galvin and Past Commandant Ed Dahling at the Marine Security Detachment at Fort Meade.



Commandant Helmka administers the oath to new member Dan Ryan.



MEMBERSHIP

Chaplain

Easter is fast approaching, and we're about to be reminded about the night Jesus shared His last meal with his disciples. That night, He wanted to teach His disciples the principles of humble service by washing their dirty feet.

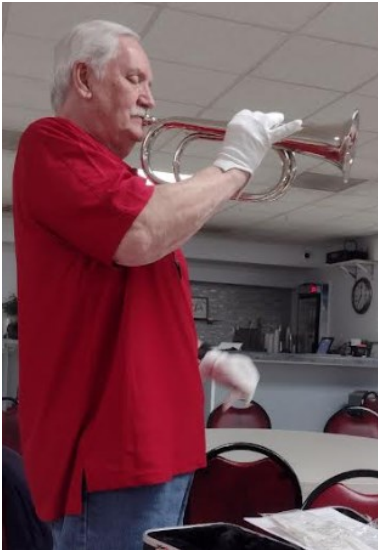
If He was willing to do the lowly job of washing a dozen men's feet, they too should joyfully serve others. Every one of us has served others. Whether it be as Marines, whether it be as the sacrificing family members, or whether it be in our day-to-day jobs.

While every perspective of service we encounter may look different, one thing can be the same. That is, there can be great joy in serving. The purpose behind acts of service isn't for the praise from others, and it's not to bring attention to ourselves. It is usually to just lovingly or generously serve others while directing our praise to God. Thank you all for your continued service!

James Sanchez
Chaplain



Color Guard Commander



Color Guard Commander **Woody Bowman** proudly shows off the detachment's new bugle.



BSA Liaison and Eagle Scout Coordinator

No report



From Around the Corps

Platoon level gender-integration ‘critical’ for Marines, committee says

By Todd Smith Marine Corps Times, Mar 19

A Pentagon committee has recommended to the secretary of defense that the Marine Corps should train male and female recruits in gender-integrated platoons at both recruit depots.

The recommendations were part of the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services, DACOWITS, which was released March 15.

The report also recommends mixed-gender drill instructor teams for all integrated companies at recruit training. “Maximizing integration, at the platoon level, develops the foundation of a successfully integrated force,” according to the report.

The report noted that gender-integration at the platoon level is, “critical to dismantling negative stereotypes and fostering positive inclusion across an organization.”

“Training separated by gender appears to have unintentional consequences to include perpetuating feelings that men are superior to women and promoting fear and suspicion of women,” according to the report.



The Marine Corps is the only military service that does not integrate female and male recruits at the platoon level. It also has the lowest percentage of female members. Nine percent of the Corps is female, as compared to 23% of the Air Force, 22% of the Navy, 19% of both the Army and Space Force and 16% of the Coast Guard, according to the report.

Report authors commended the service for recent efforts to integrate at the company level. “However, the committee feels more integration is necessary to better prepare male and female recruits as they become Marines, to operate within an integrated operational force and to better align the Marine Corps with its service counterparts.”

The report said that using segregated platoons, “reduces the opportunity for recruits to develop mutual respect and cohesion for one another during this formative training process.” The report quotes Brig. Gen. Walker Field, then-head of Marine Corps Recruit Depot-Parris Island, South Carolina, from a 2023 Associated Press report.

“We have established a tried-and-true manner by which we train Marines that proves effective in transforming young Americans,” Walker said. “We break down their individuality and grow them as a team. We’re adamant about that outcome. Having the platoon model is absolutely part of that.”

But, the committee said, that means that the recruits remain largely separated by gender because most of the training activities are conducted at the platoon or squad level, which continues to physically separate the recruits by gender. The committee noted “vast differences in the level of integration” due to this setup during key events such as obstacle course runs and the Crucible, the culminating field event near the end of the 13-week recruit training.

The 2020 National Defense Authorization Act mandated that the Corps integrate recruit training at the platoon level. Congress gave the service’s East Coast location five years to complete the integration and the West Cost facility eight years.

Full story at: [Platoon level gender-integration ‘critical’ for Marines, committee says \(marinecorpstimes.com\)](https://www.marinecorpstimes.com)

Spotlight on Education: University of Maryland Global Campus:



JOIN US AT MILVET NET: A MILITARY & VETERAN NETWORKING EVENT

Tuesday, April 23, 2024, 4–7 p.m.

University of Maryland Global Campus (UMGC) invites you to attend MilVet Net, a no-cost networking event highlighting national, regional, and local military and veteran support services. Veterans Service Organizations (VSOs), nonprofits, and a few select employers will be available to meet with you and answer your questions.

Save the Date

When: Tuesday, April 23, 2024, 4–7 p.m.

Where: College Park Marriott Hotel & Conference Center,
3501 University Blvd. East, Adelphi, MD 20783

Cost: Your admission, parking, and dinner are provided
at NO COST.

Get a Professional Headshot

Laura Hatcher Photography will be offering headshots
at NO COST. On-site sign-up is required.

Chat with Employers and Veterans Service Organizations

- Disabled American Veterans
- CACI International Inc.
- Easterseals
- Department of Veterans Affairs
Vet Centers
- Governor's Office of Small, Minority & Women Business Affairs
- ... and more



Hear from Guest Speaker Phil Briggs, Eye on Veterans Podcast Host

Phil Briggs is a U.S. Navy veteran,
radio host, and podcaster for
ConnectingVets.com and CBS

Radio. His show "Eye on Veterans" covers current
and significant veteran issues and earned a
"Best Podcast" award from the Associated Press.



Register now!

Scan the QR code to sign up or
email vesseyvrc@umgc.edu for
more information.



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State Partner News

Governor Moore's Statement on Proposed Cyber Wing for Maryland Air National Guard

Governor Wes Moore released the following statement regarding the proposed cyber wing for the Maryland Air National Guard: "Maryland is home to the nation's most advanced cyber assets, and the expansion of the National Guard's mission is further testament to the vital work our men and women do for our national security as our country prepares to confront future challenges and adversaries.

The Maryland Air National Guard has flown A-10s since 1979, making it one of the most experienced A-10 units in the Air Force. Through innovative service, the men and women of the 175th Wing have more than 60,000 hours of combined flying experience, 12,000 hours of combat flying experience, and provide support for combat airpower, cyber warfare capacity, partner nations, home communities and the State of Maryland. Any new cyber wing must be fully resourced in order to build the facilities and train personnel.

In partnership with our congressional delegation, we are advocating vigorously to maintain Maryland's flying mission, both in the interest of national security and the hundreds of jobs and families that will be affected by this transition. We are disappointed to learn of the Air Force's decision to hurriedly retire the A-10 mission across the nation, including the mission at Martin State, without a plan to retain experienced pilots and maintainers or to replace older systems with advanced aircraft. We are committed to working with our federal partners at the White House and the Pentagon to acquire another flying mission in Maryland this year.

As Maryland's A-10s prepare to deploy later this month to the U.S. Central Command theater of operations in the Middle East, we thank our dedicated service members for their skill, readiness, and valiant service to fulfill their mission—at home and abroad."



VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION UPDATE: GULF WAR VETERANS



VA released the spring 2024 issue of the online newsletter *Military Exposures & Your Health*. This issue includes the following articles:

- The Toxic Exposure Research Clearinghouse
- HOME Starts New Division: Surveillance Military Environmental Exposures

Read the newsletter at <https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/publications/military-exposures/meyh-12/index.asp>.

Info from veteranshealth@messages.va.gov

FIRST AMPHIBIOUS LANDING



March 3, 1776: Today in Marine Corps history, the Marines descended on Fort Nassau in the Bahamas. The British military had been storing munitions in the Bahamas for use against the colonies in the Revolutionary War. Initially, more than 200 barrels of gunpowder were moved from Virginia to the Bahamas by the British. Learning of the cache, the newly formed Continental Marines sailed to the Bahamas with 235 Marines and captured not just full stores of gunpowder, but also other weapons. The British surrendered within minutes after the Marines came ashore.



Originally built in 1742, Fort Montague still stands east of Nassau

MODD

Hound Dog Pound 204



Grand Growl

10 May in Ocean City

Pound 204 Growl

2 June @ VFW Post 160

Hound Dog Pound 204

Mer-lin Pack

Officers

Pound Keeper	Pat Sharkey
Sr Vice PK	Howard Koontz
Jr Vice PK	Bobby Lee
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	Vacant

Next Growl

2 June

Dog House

Harry L. Cooper VFW Post 160



Don't be a Bad Dog. Attend the Grand Growl at the Department of Maryland Convention in Ocean City.





Young Marines

Upcoming Events

30 Mar	NRA Basic Pistol Crs	
5-7 Apr	Division Field Meet	Cheltenham
19-21 Apr	Unit Encampment	Downs Park
27 Apr	Recruiting Event w/ MCL	Bass Pro Shops
28 Apr	Drill	Post 276
11 May	PFT	TBD
12 May	Drill	
18 May	Color Guard	Daughters of the American Revolution
18 May	Poker Run	Various location in MD
26 May	Drill	Post 276
27 May	Memorial Day Parade	Annapolis

Recruit Graduation

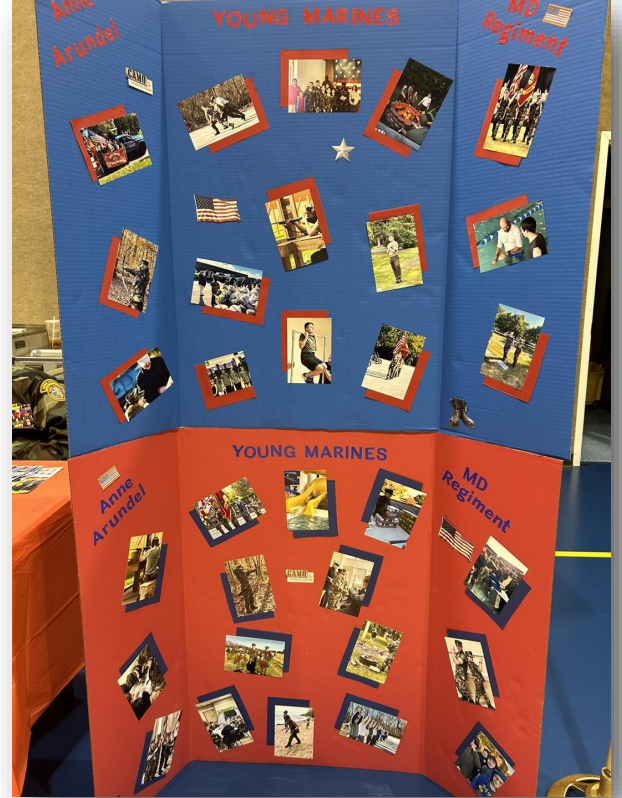


Congratulations to **Daniel Torres** who graduated from Recruit Training to become a full member of the Anne Arundel Young Marines.

Well done, Daniel. We look forward to watching you grow in the program.

Anne Arundel County Youth Career Day

March 23, 2024



Standing L-R, Nick Walker, Bladen Wheatley
Sitting, Michael Southward, Hudson Mager, Manny Pereira

UPCOMING EVENTS

CALENDAR

15 April	Detachment meeting	American Legion Post 175
19 April	Social Dinner	Casa Della Nonna
20 April	Leadership College	Am Leg Post 276
27 April	Recruiting event	Bass Pro Shop
9-12 May	Dept of MD Convention	Ocean City
20 May	Detachment meeting	American Legion Post 175
7 June	Golf Tournament	Walden Country Club

Please send calendar additions to Ray Sturm at Bandit6A@gmail.com NLT the Saturday following the detachment's monthly meeting.

HELP

If you are aware of a community event, and would like to see the Detachment set up a table or tent, please let us know. We are looking for recruiting events. We need new members.

Examples:

Festivals	Family Days
Street Fairs	Art Shows
Gun Shows	Church Events
Food Festival	Home Shows

Minutes



Detachment Meeting Minutes
Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049
Marine Corps League
February 19, 2024

OPENING BY RITUAL:

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by prayer by our Chaplain James Sanchez

Members in attendance:

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:

Commandant	Burt Helmka	P
Sr. Vice Commandant	John Dunker	P
Jr. Vice Commandant	Joe Peacy	P
Judge Advocate	Ray Sturm	P
Jr. Past Commandant	Ray Sturm	P
Adjutant	Debbie Deene	P
By-Laws Committee Chairman	Danny Eischio	E
Chaplain	James Sanchez	P
Color Guard Commander	Woody Bowman	P
Historian	Joe Wright	P
Newsletter Editor	Ray Sturm	P
Paymaster	Ben Wells	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: No report

ADJUTANT'S REPORT: Minutes from February were read aloud, and meeting minutes will be posted on the Detachment website and in the newsletter. Copies available on table.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

PAYMASTER: The financial report was given by Ben Wells. This amount is as follows:

Checking:	\$15350.50
Savings:	<u>\$ 2268.52</u>
Total assets:	\$17,619.02

CHAPLAIN REPORT: No Report. However Ray Sturm reporting on Bill Collins getting a lot of therapy requests no visitors due to his major stroke.

COMMANDANT:

Commandant Helmka reported Fellowship dinner will be held on February 19, 2024, was a success. Commandant also reported that there will be a Leadership college on April 20, 2024, at Post 276. This will be from 08:00-16:00 and lunch will be provided. The applications are available, and the fee is \$40.00 per person. Deadline is April 6, 2024, this is open to all MCL Members, Officers, and Associate members.

We have secured the American Legion Post 175, in Severna Park for our detachment. Our meetings will be moved to the 3rd Monday of each month. The next meeting is February 19, 2024.

Discussion brought up about our annual bull and oyster roast and planning for that accordingly. We are looking into trying to have this in April 2024, more details to follow. I will assist John Dunker with the planning of this event if we can do so.

Lastly a discussion was made to start thinking about Marine of the year and Associate of the year.

SENIOR VICE: No report

JUNIOR VICE: No report

JUDGE ADVOCATE: No Report

JR. PAST COMMANDANT: No report

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Ray Sturm reported he would like to process the monthly newsletter the early part of the month and would like all reports sent to him as soon as possible. If anyone has any interesting articles, please forward them to Ray. January newsletter will be attached with February's newsletter and minutes.

QUARTERMASTER: No report

BY LAWS- No report

HISTORIAN/ WEB SERGEANT: No report

COLOR GUARD: No report nothing until May 2024

YOUNG MARINES: Commander Ray Sturm reported the Young Marines it was basically the same as last month however there are a few items to share. We had a Young Marine of the Year from Division 2 come down and speak to us; he is a super great kid. We also will be having the Chief of Police of Baltimore County come speak with us in April; the topic will be "Drug use".

We will have a field meet in April in Cheltenham. Their shooting range event two weeks ago went well. I may start to volunteer at the 12th precinct and help with their youth program. We have purchased a few more guns for use, all in all the program is moving along very well.

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Commandant Helmka discussed what donations were recently made by the league and it appears that we made donations recently to Fisher House, The MCL Heritage Fund, The MCL Foundation. Subject brought up about purchasing yellow roses for MODD and the red roses are to be used for the MCL Detachment; yellow roses are used by National. Both can be used for our recruitment event. We still cannot find a place to purchase the bugle was told to look at vanguard.

GUEST/VISITOR- Don Benson- Don missed being here and has apologized due to being ill himself. Don has and has reported on several members of the detachment have been ill. Bill Knox has been given medical advice and was told to get his affairs in order. We had one female lose her leg due to cancer, and 3 other ladies fall. Leonard's wife has been ill, and he is taking care of her despite his current health condition; he refuses to place her in a home.

NEW BUSINESS: We have purchased an 8X12 shed which we will need to add power to it, ventilation, and shelving. Waiting on the commander from the post to give a final cost for the pad to place it on and installation.

Looking to do the Bull & Oyster Roast on April 13th from 1-5. Jason is on board for the beef, looking for his partner for oysters. Looking for a DJ and looking to purchase tickets. It looks as though this hall will hold about 120 people. Ticket prices to be determined upon discussion on prices of beef and oysters as well as availability. All this will factor in the cost. Point of contact would be Corey for use of the kitchen and caterers for events.

First round of officer Nominations for officers on February 19, 2024, second round nominations to be on March 18, 2024. Installation of officers to be done in April 2024.

Nominations as follows:

Commandant: Burt Helmka

Senior Vice: John Dunker

Junior Vice: Joe Peacy

Judge Advocate: Ray Sturm

All have been nominated and have been seconded.

As a detachment we will vote for Marine of the Year and Associate member of the year at our next meeting March 18, 2024. Nomination slips distributed and will be turned in on March 18, 2024

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE: Commandant Burt Helmka suggested continuing holding fellowship dinners at local restaurants, hoping to draw more attendance, this was a unanimous decision, and we all enjoyed the past dinners. Participation is encouraged.

Ben Wells wanted to share the proper way to exit and enter any MCL meeting and /or convention in progress in the event you must leave the room.

When leaving the room you stand up salute the American Flag the you salute the Sgt, At Arms, then salute the Sgt. At Arms upon entering and then the American Falg

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Leadership college April 20, 2024 Post 276, Severn, Md

Recruitment drive April 27, 2024 at 10:00am Bass Pro Hanover. Md

Department Convention Ocean City, Md. May 9-11, 2024

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Golf Tournament – June 7, 2024 -Golf tournament meetings to be held at Bens office dates will be announced.

Mid-East Conference Martinsburg, West Va. June 27-29.

CLOSING CEREMONIES: Sgt. at Arms Jim Galvin closed the meeting IAW MCL rituals. The next meeting will be held on March 18, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Deene, Adjutant

Marine Corps League - A. A. County Detachment 1049

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The below letter was received from the **Semper Fi & America's Fund** regarding the Detachment's annual golf tournament last year. We were able to donate \$7,000.

Your support matters!

See the numbers below.



MARINES HELPING HEROES FOUNDATION

"Semper Fi & America's Fund, to me, is about Americans remembering those that fought and lost a great deal to protect them.

It's about amazing people dusting you off and saying, 'You're not alone. We got you. . .' They never let me feel forgotten."

— Army Sergeant

Your gift provided tailored, timely, and life-saving support to service members with PTSD and TBI through the Marines Helping Heroes Golf Tournament 2023.

Thank you for embracing our mission and being by our side as we support the men and women who volunteered to serve our country and preserve our freedom. We would not be where we are today without you.

Because of your continued commitment, Semper Fi & America's Fund is able to provide innovative solutions to our service members, veterans, and military families, allowing us to support them for the long haul.

We are forever grateful for your help ensuring these heroes and their loved ones receive the care and resources they need.

With deepest appreciation,

Karen Guenther

Karen Guenther
President, CEO, and Founder

Your Support in 2023:

\$7,000

Assistance
Provided

10

Heroes
Assisted

21

Family Members
Supported

10

Grants
Issued





American Legion Post 175

Telephone: 410-544-2066

Mail to: P.O. Box 105, Severna Park, Maryland 21146-0105

Located at: 832 Manhattan Beach Road, Severna Park, MD.

WEB Site: <http://www.legionpost175.org/>

January 17, 2024

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) hereinafter referred to as the Memorandum or MOU, entered into on the date signed below, by and between the American Legion Post 175, Severna Park, MD, hereinafter referred to as the "First Party" or the "Post" and the Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049, Marine Corps League, hereinafter referred to as the "Second Party" or the "Detachment", and collectively known as the "Parties", for the purposes of establishing an agreement for the Post to host future monthly meetings and other veterans related business of the Detachment.

Detachment 1049 is a relatively new and small veterans' organization, and currently looking for a permanent home. Since inception Detachment 1049 has relied on the generosity and hospitality of other organizations to host its meetings and other events. Detachment 1049 is pursuing to enter the herein described agreement with AL Maryland Post 175 in which they shall work together to accomplish the goals and objectives set forth.

I. BACKGROUND

The Marine Corps League (MCL) and the American Legion have similar missions to serve the veteran community:

a. The Marine Corps League was founded in 1923 by MajGen John A. Lejeune. In 1937, the US Congress chartered the League as a veterans service organization. The MCL has a current membership of approximately 30,000. The MCL maintains an IRS 501(c)4 non-profit status. The Detachment, which primarily serves the local Anne Arundel County, Maryland area was chartered in 2000 and currently has approximately 100 members.

b. The American Legion (AL) was formally established on May 10, 1919 in St. Louis Missouri by executive committee comprised of seventeen WWI veterans including Lieutenant Colonel Theodore Roosevelt Jr. And Sergeant Alvin C. York. The AL has a current membership of approximately 2 million members, the Nation's largest wartime veteran service organization. Post 175 has over 575 members, serving veterans in the local community and beyond.

II. PURPOSE

The purpose of this MOU is to establish an agreement between the two Parties where the Post will function as the host location for the various activities of the Detachment. These activities include, but are not limited to the following:

- a. **The Detachment's monthly meeting on the third Monday of each month.**
- b. **The periodic hosting of the MCL Department of Maryland quarterly meeting. This statewide meeting is rotated among the various detachments in the state. This meeting includes a separate smaller meeting space for the MCL Auxiliary.**



American Legion Post 175

Telephone: 410-544-2066

Mail to: P.O. Box 105, Severna Park, Maryland 21146-0105

Located at: 832 Manhattan Beach Road, Severna Park, MD.

WEB Site: <http://www.legionpost175.org/>

- c. A springtime Leadership College. This event draws about 50 participants from throughout the northeast.**
- d. Various fundraising activities such as an annual Bull & Oyster Roast.**
- e. The birthday celebration of the US Marine Corps on 10 November.**

III. SCOPE

A. As the host location, the Post agrees to:

- a. Provide meeting space as discussed above.**
- b. Provide location for Detachment to emplace a secure storage space for the Detachment's property. The purchase, delivery, and maintenance of the storage container/shed will be at the Detachment's expense.**
- c. Provide indoor storage space for the Detachment's Colors**
- d. Provide a location within the Post to display the Detachment's charter, awards, and memorabilia.**
- e. If a display case is required, it shall be at the Detachment's expense.**

B. As the guest organization at the host location, the Detachment agrees to:

- a. Work closely with the Post's calendar coordinator to schedule all events and activities.**
- b. Support the activities of the Post to the greatest extent possible.**
- c. Abide by the Post's standards of conduct.**
- d. Provide a representative to attend appropriate meetings of the Post.**

C. Both Parties agree to keep an open and professional dialogue and to exchange appropriate contact information to facilitate the flow of information. At a minimum, the contact information should include the commanders, executive committees or staffs, and calendar coordinators. (Attachment A). The Detachment Commandant and Post 175 Commander will communicate often initially, until recurring Detachment activities are routine and harmonized within the busy schedule of the Post.

IV. COMMON OBJECTIVES

A. As both Parties share the common goals of supporting veterans and their families and community service through volunteerism, the Parties are encouraged to support each other in the pursuit of these goals.

B. The Parties shall endeavor to work together to establish policies, procedures, and programs that will promote and sustain membership in both organizations. The Detachment shall encourage its members to frequent the Post and consider membership in the American Legion, if so qualified. Conversely, the Post will permit the Detachment to solicit qualified members for membership in the MCL.



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V. MILITARY ORDER OF THE DEVIL DOGS

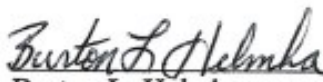
- A. The Military Order of the Devil Dogs (MODD) is a national independent subsidiary of the MCL. It is the "fun and honor society" of the MCL. Members of the MODD must be regular members of the MCL, nominated by two current MODD members, and approved by their respective detachment commandant. There are about 6,000 members nationally.
- B. The local unit of the MODD is Hound Dog Pound 204. The Pound is comprised of members from several different detachments including the Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049. Presently, Pound 204 meets quarterly on Sunday mornings.
- C. Should Pound 204 also wish to change their base location to Post 175, the Post would give it favorable consideration.


DURATION


This MOU is at-will, but may be modified by mutual consent of authorized officials (undersigned) or their duly elected replacements. This MOU shall become effective upon signature by the authorized officials from the (list partners) and will remain in effect until modified by mutual consent.

AUTHORIZATION AND EXECUTION

The signing of this MOU does not constitute a formal undertaking, and as such it simply intends that the signatories shall strive to reach, to the best of their abilities, the goals and objectives stated in this MOU.

 Date 7 MAR 24
Burton L. Helmka
Commandant
Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049

 Date 2/21/2024
Corey Clatworthy
Commander
Maryland American Legion Post 175

 Date 3/11/2024
Raymond J. Sturm
Judge Advocate
Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049

 Date 2/21/2024
Richard LaFleche
Adjutant
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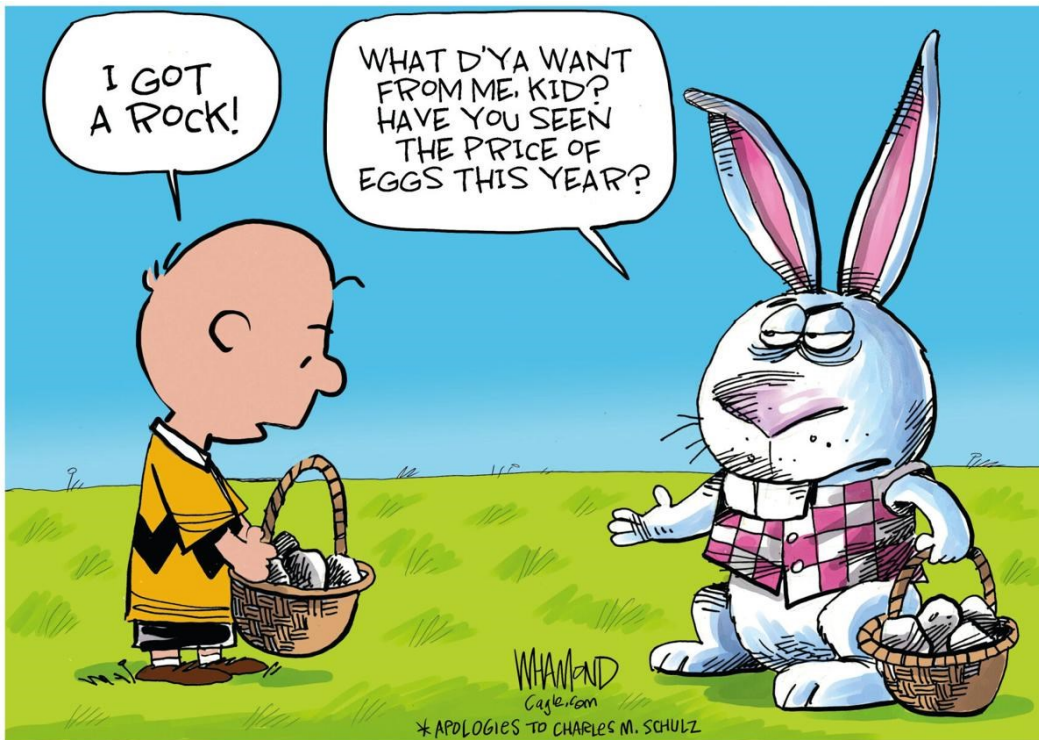
PAYMASTER'S REPORT



Checking	\$7,612.90
Savings	\$2,269.18
CD Accts	\$5,178.40
TOTAL	\$15,060.48

Note: The detachment recently purchased an 8'x12' "Amish" storage shed for our new home at American Legion Post 175. The cost was approximately \$3,200 delivered.

In the near future, the detachment will convert its CD and Savings accounts into an investment account at Morgan Stanley under the MCL's national umbrella. This will allow investment with lower fees. For additional information, please contact the Paymaster.





Welcome to

American Legion Post 175

832 Manhattan Beach Rd

Severna Park, MD

Post Operating Hours

Monday: 2 PM to 11 PM

Tuesday—Thursday 11 AM to midnight

Friday: 11 AM to 2 AM

Saturday: Noon to 2 AM

Sunday: Noon to Midnight

Kitchen Hours

Tue: 11 AM to 2 PM and 4 PM to 8 PM

Wed: 11 AM to 2 PM

Thur: 11 AM to 2 PM and 4 PM to 8 PM

Fri: 11 AM to 4 PM

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Daily until 10 PM

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