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# CUTTING EDGE

news for and about the members of Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049 of the Marine Corps League  
Ed Dahling, Editor / <http://mclaacdet1049.org/>

## Semper Fidelis!



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

Wherever there is need for help you will find Tommy. He is equally at home swabbing the deck, setting up tables, chasing golf balls, making signs, passing out goodies at Downs Park or knocking down old Chaplains.

Tom's medal will be presented at our next meeting.

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**National Award  
Winner**

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

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

- Commandant** ..... Ben Wells
- Senior Vice-Commandant** ..... Burt Helmka
- Junior Vice-Commandant**..... Joseph Wright
- Judge Advocate** ..... Ray Sturm
- Junior Past-Commandant**..... Ray Sturm
- Adjutant** ..... Joseph Wright
- By-Laws Committee Chairman** Danny Fischio
- Chaplain** ..... Bill Collins
- Color Guard Commander** ..... Woody Bowman
- Historian** ..... Joseph Wright
- House Chairman** ..... Vacant
- Legislative Officer** ..... Vacant
- Newsletter Editors** ..... Ed Dahling
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- Quartermaster** ..... Bill Collins
- Rifle & Pistol Team Captain** ..Ray Sturm
- Sergeant-at-Arms** ..... Jim Galvin
- VAWS Officer** ..... Vacant
- Web Sergeant** ..... Joseph Wright
- Toy For Tots Chairman**..... Chris Stevens
- Young Marines Commander** .....

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2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winner 2018  
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National Newsletter  
Award

## Membership Statistics

### Good Standing (Dues Paid)

Type	USMC	Associate	Multiple
Life Member-	96	11	6
Annual Member-		5	–
<b>New Members</b>			
			–
<b>Sub-Totals</b>			
	96	16	6
<b>Total</b>			
	118		



## Members' Birthdays

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

Jerry Fay Joseph Lowman Edward Luthardt  
Charles Luthardt Jr. Ron Short  
Robert Tavik Sr. William Wild

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

## Quotation

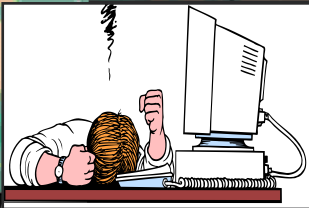
Why are there tens of thousands of people running around pretending to be Vietnam Veterans?"  
"I haven't seen anybody pretend that they were at Woodstock!"

"They can't steal our valor!"

General Anthony  
'The Godfather' Zinni

USMC Retired, former Commander-in-Chief Central Command, Special Envoy to Israel and the Palestinian Authority and father of a Marine





## From the Editor

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049 Election of Officers for FY 2020– 2021 Has ended our new elected officer are:

Commandant	Ben Wells
Senior Vice Commandant	Burt Helkma
Junior Vice Commandant	Joe Wright
Judge Advocate	Ray Sturm

Congratulations Marines



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## Coming Events

The following events are scheduled to occur through **June 2020** Unless otherwise noted, these events will take place at **VFW Post 160**, located at 2597 Dorsey Road, Glen Burnie, MD 21060 (410-766-9802).

**NOTE** – The dates and times listed below are subject to change. Please verify the information with the indicated organizational point of contact

### Monthly Meeting, **Cancelled**

MCL Detachment 1049 Monday, 23 March @ 1900 (Ben Wells) VFW Post 160 Detachment nominations-2nd round Detachment ELECTIONS

**March 21st** Bull & Oyster Roast **Postponed new date to be TBA** Place American Legion Post 40 5th Ave Glen Burnie Md.

### April 17th, 2020 **Postponed**

QUARTER AUCTION THROWDOWN Friday TIME: 7 P.M. til 9:15 P.M. at the Orchard Beach Volunteer Fire Company 7549 Solley Road \* Glen Burnie Maryland 21060 Postponed

### Monthly Meeting, **Cancelled**

MCL Detachment 1049 Monday, 27 April @ 1900 (Ben Wells) VFW Post 160 NSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

**April 26th Canceled** Pound 204 Growl @ 0800 Breakfast 0900 Growl (Ben Wells) at VFW Post 160 2597 Dorsey Road, Glen Burnie, MD 21060

**May 7- 8 & 9 2020 Canceled** Department Convention Princess Royale Oceanfront Hotel & Conference Center Ocean City, Maryland

**Monthly Meeting, Canceled** MCL Detachment 1049 Monday, 25 May @ 1900 (Ben Wells) VFW Post 160

**July 10 5th 2020** Golf Tournament at Walden Country Club



# Commandant David (Ben) Wells

Marines

With everything "not" going on in the world today, I hope everyone is doing well. Detachment 1049 had it's second round of nominations and the swearing in of the new officers via a conference call. It was a little rocky at first but smoothed out and end well. I would like to thank everyone for voting for me as your commandant one more time.

It seems that all MCL events are being canceled until further notice. I just received word that the Mid-East Division Conference has been canceled. We are still in a holding pattern concerning National but hope it will still happen. I would love to see the Maryland Department have a strong showing at national.

Please keep the President and the country in your prayer's while we go through this mess.

Semper Fi

Ben Wells



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# Rifle & Pistol Team Ray Sturm



## No Report

### QUARTER AUCTION THROWDOWN

at the  
Orchard Beach Volunteer Fire Company  
7549 Solley Road \* Glen Burnie Maryland  
21060

Charity of the evening  
Marine Corps League  
Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049

**DATE:** Friday April 15

**TIME:** 7 P.M. til 9 P.M.

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## Corps History

by Ed Dahling for Joe Wright, Historian

### 2 May 1946

Marines from Treasure Island Marine Barracks, under the command of Warrant Officer Charles L. Buckner helped suppress three-day prison riot at Alcatraz Penitentiary in San Francisco Bay.

### 3 May 1898

Marines from the U.S.S. Baltimore raise the Stars and Stripes over the Cavite Naval Station.

### 5 May 1961

Marine pilots retrieved America's first astronaut, Navy Commander Alan Shepard

### 6 May 1937

Marines at NAS Lakehurst, NJ helped rescue Hindenburg survivors

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### 6 May 1946

Commandant Archibald Vandergrift tells Senate Naval Affairs Committee that  
The bended knee is not a tradition of our Corps

### 8 May 1995

In the wake of the most devastating storm to hit the New Orleans area in more than 200 years, a group of Marines and sailors from Marine Forces Reserve assisted in the evacuation of 2,500 civilians and medical treatment of flood victims.

### 15 May 1862

Corporal John Mackie the first Marine to earn the Medal of Honor, was commended for service on the USS GALENA during action against Confederate shore batteries at Drewry's Bluff, which blocked the James River approaches to Richmond.

### 22 May 1912

First Lieutenant Alfred A. Cunningham the first Marine officer to be assigned to 'duty in connection with aviation' reported for aviation training at the Naval Aviation Camp at Annapolis, MD



## Senior Vice Commandant Burt Helmka

Marines,

First off, let me say thank you for the trust you put in me to elect me as your Senior Vice Commandant.

One of my tasks as Senior Vice is to come up with ideas for fund-raising, so if anyone has an idea please let me know.

Now it is time to move on to the next event and that is the Marines Helping Heroes golf tournament. The tournament will be **July 10th** at the Walden Country Club and we would love to see you there. We would love to see some new help with this fund raiser which is for a wonderful cause. I do want to thank the same people who get involved and help every year.

Semper Fi  
Burt Helmka



MARINE  
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FOUNDATION





# Color Guard

Color Guard Commander Woody Bowman

## - COMING EVENTS -

This event has been **Cancelled**  
May 25th at Crownsville Veteran Cemetery

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Contact the Department License Plate Chairman, Craig Reeling, at 443-477-0670 or [Craig.Reeling@MarylandMarines.org](mailto:Craig.Reeling@MarylandMarines.org)



# Military Order of the Devil Dogs



## Military Order of the Devil Dogs (MODD)

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All Applicants for Advancement and Membership must first register with the League for the Convention and then check into the Dog House prior to 17:00 the Monday prior to the Supreme Growl.

Get your Applications for Advancement into your Pound and Pack Dog Robbers early, even if you're not sure you're coming. Then it will be on file when you show up.

Bring a copy with you for safety sake. Applications for Membership must have the recommendation section completed and signed by the Detachment Commandant. Pups advancing to Devil Dog must have the Pound Endorsement.

All Application for Advancement forms must have the Pack Dog Robber Endorsement, where there is a Pack.

The Mad Dog and Witness signature lines are left blank.

Make sure the Applications are filled out completely. This includes the medical disclaimer. Incomplete forms will be returned

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

Woof woof,  
PDD Ed Dahling  
Dog Robber



# Memories 2019 Department of Maryland Convention



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## Junior Vice Commandant Joseph Wright

Marines,

I'd like to thank you for your confidence in me. As you're newly elected Junior Vice Commandant, it is my intention to dedicate my term of office to you – the membership.

One of the most important responsibilities of the Junior Vice Commandant is to grow the membership of the detachment. I plan on making that my number one goal and I am open to any suggestions that my fellow members feel would help meet that goal.

SEMPER FI

Joe Wright



2020 Mid-East Division Conference

June 19-21, 2020, Virginia Beach, Virginia  
Hosted by the 1st Marine Regiment of Virginia at the Holiday Inn 5655 Oceanfront Rd, Virginia Beach. Call 1-757-499-4400, once answered hit 0 to get reservations. Toll free 1-800-567-3856 Code-MED \$138.00 a night total 15% discount on breakfast, parking included. If ADA type of room is required, make sure you mention it when making reservations. Reservation may be made now.

**Cancelled**

## Chaplain's Corner Bill Collins

God willing, this pandemic is beginning to lose its intensity. This virus has given each of us an opportunity to better appreciate the blessings that we enjoy when life is "normal". I'm sure that we all miss visiting friends and family and the simple enjoyment of grocery shopping unencumbered by wearing a mask and keeping your proper social distance.

We have been provided with a great example of how good life is when we are free to come and go as we wish and to spend time in close proximity to those that we know and love. Let's say a prayer for the speedy recovery of all of those who are afflicted with this terrible illness and a prayer of thanks to all of those unselfish folks who are helping those who are in need during this trying time.

Semper Fidelis

Bill Collins,

Chaplain



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# Have You Heard?

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

## *April 27th Meeting Highlights . . . . .*

### OPENING BY RITUAL:

Meeting called to order by Commandant David “Ben” Wells at 1906 hours, via TELE-CONFERENCE due to COVID 19 restrictions. This meeting needed to be held for ELECTION purposes. Judge Advocate Sturm provided a script for the meeting, only to serve as a guide.

Members participating in teleconference were: Commandant Ben Wells, Jr. Vice Commandant Burt Helmka, Judge Advocate Ray Sturm, Chaplain Bill Collins, Adjutant Norm Huffman, Paymaster Ed Dahling, Joe Wright, Tom Maiorano, George Stallings Jr., Willie Merriweather, and Past Department Commandant Craig Reeling.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Commandant Wells turned the meeting over to Past Commandant Joe Wright to accept nominations for the 2020-2021 officers. All nominations were second and accepted.

**Commandant – Ben Wells  
Sr. Vice Commandant – Burt Helmka  
Jr. Vice Commandant – Joe Wright  
Judge Advocate – Ray Sturm**

Adjutant Huffman cast a unanimous vote for the slate of officers as nominated.

Craig Reeling installed the new officers, via teleconference.

Chaplain Collins shared prayer for the incoming officers. Installation of officers was closed. An updated Installation of Officers was closed. An updated Installation of Officers report will be sent to Craig Reeling.

Commandant Wells expressed his appreciation for all support shown.

Closing prayer was given by Chaplain Bill Collins at 1925 hours.

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





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(Address Correction Requested)



The aircraft carrier Nimitz (CVN 68) passes Mount Rainier while transiting Puget Sound on Feb. 21, 2020. (Mass Communication Specialist Seaman Olivia Banmally Nichols/Navy)