

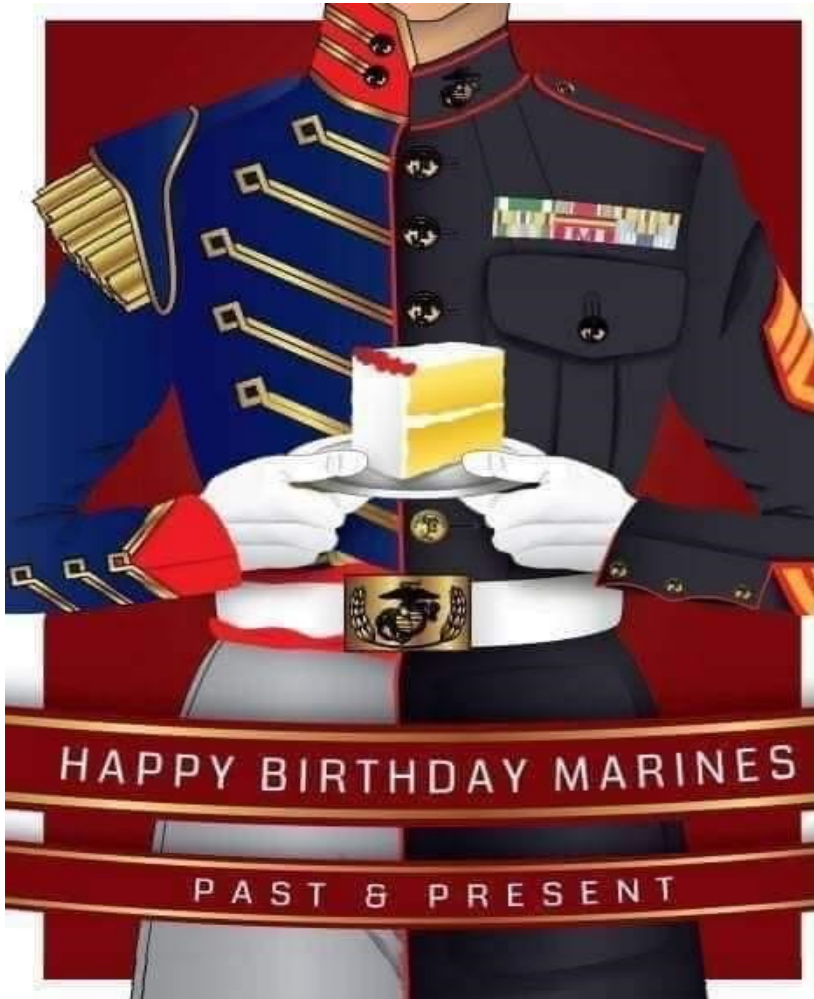
November 2019

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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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HAPPY BIRTHDAY to a special breed of men and woman for the last 244 years. The tradition moves forward and the past is never forgotten as a Marine is never left behind neither is our heritage

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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, celebrating Birthdays during the month of November includes:

Justin Asher Spike Miller, Jim Brady, Guy Hall, Ed Dahling, Mac McNeir John Ulrich

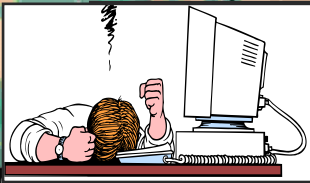
NOTE – If you were born in November and your name is not listed above, please contact the editor to be included in the future.

Quotation

"The deadliest weapon in the world is a Marine and his rifle."

-- Gen. John Pershing,
U.S. Army





From the Editor

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

Thanksgiving is a time we spend with our friends and family when we reflect on the past Year. Particularly we are thankful for what we hold closest, God, our loved ones, our Country and fellow Veterans.

This Thanksgiving let's give our thanks to all Veterans on this National Holiday, with special prayers for the brave men and women, here, abroad, on land, air and sea, that are currently deployed protecting the hallowed ground on which our homes stand.

If you have an email account and are not currently receiving *the Cutting Edge* electronically, please consider doing so. Providing me with your email address will reduce our monthly newsletter costs.

The deadline for all December newsletter articles is NOON on Tuesday, December 10, 2019 Please do not wait until the last minute!



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Coming Events

The following events are scheduled to occur through **January 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, MCL Detachment 1049
Monday, 25 November @ 1900 (Ben Wells)
VFW Post 160

November 7th Happy Hour observance of the Corps' 244rd Birthday, which will take place at VFW Post 160 beginning at 18:00.(Ray Sturm)

The Next Department Meeting and Pack Growl will be on 16 November Outdoor Club, 31 Thomas St., 21502. Hosted by Mountainside Marine Detachment 1071

December 7th Color Guard Presenting colors at Food Lion Mt. Road 11:30 Am

December 15th Pound 204 Growl @ 0800 Breakfast 0900 Growl (Ben Wells) at VFW Post 160 2597 Dorsey Road, Glen Burnie, MD 21060

Monthly Meeting, MCL Detachment 1049
Monday, 23 December @ 1900 (Ben Wells)
VFW Post 160

December 25th 2019 Christmas VFW Post 160 Will be Close

January 1st 2020 VFW Post 160 Will be Close



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Commandant David (Ben) Wells

Marines

The month of November is a full month with the 244th Marine Corps Birthday events. Our detachment has our cake cutting on November 7th at 7:00 PM at the VFW Post 160 and the MCSB ball is on the November 8th. Several detachments will be meeting in Philly for the Cookies Tavern MC Birthday street party. I hope everyone has a safe and fun time at whichever event you attend.

The Maryland department meeting will be held on November 16th in Cumberland, Maryland so please join us for the department meeting and the pack growl on this day. Detachment 1049 has there meeting November the 25th at 7:00 PM so please show your support by attending.

Last and most important Thanksgiving is November the 28th. Have a wonderful day with your family or whoever you are with on this day.

Semper Fi

Ben Wells



Rifle & Pistol Team Ray Sturm



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Well, it's that time again. Looking for help and volunteers to start dropping off the box's

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My Toys for Tots email is chris@aatft.org.

Thanks,
 Christine Stevens
 Anne Arundel County Toys for Tots Co-Coordinator
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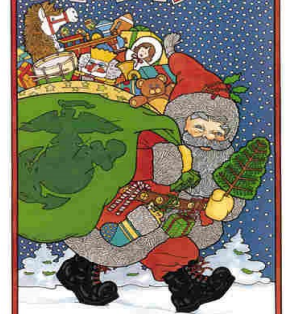
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“Toy Mountain”, event at the Village at Waugh Chapel. Radio personality Michael J and his WPOC





Corps History

by Ed Dahling for Joe Wright, Historian

2 November 1950

Marines engage Chinese in North Korea near the Chosin Reservoir.

3 November 2003

Presidential Unit Citation awarded to 1st Marine Expeditionary Force for its service in Operation Iraqi Freedom. It becomes the first unit to earn the award since the end of the Vietnam War..

4 November 1979

Mob overruns U.S. Embassy in Teheran, Iran; 13 Marines among 65 American hostages; 52 of whom were held captive for 444 days.

10 November 1775

Continental Congress authorizes creation of two battalions of Marines.

10 November 1948

First eight enlisted women are sworn in as regular Marines. First black women Marines enlist the following summer.

10 November 1954

Marine Corps War Memorial site dedicated near Arlington National Cemetery,

18 November 1915

Major Smedley D. Butler leads Marine attack on Fort Riviere, Haiti and is awarded 2nd Medal of Hono

20 November 1947

{date approximate) Toys For Tots program founded.

23 November 1950

7th Marines take Yudam-ni. Thanksgiving was celebrated in Korea with temperatures hovering about 20 degrees below zero.

27 November 1950

Eight Chinese Communist divisions launch a massive attack in Korea, with the express purpose of destroying the 1st Marine Division. This action leads to the successful Marine Corps attack out of the Chosin Reservoir and its relocation to the coastal port of Hungnam.



Senior Vice Commandant Louis Gewirtz

Marines,

As we celebrate our Corps' 244th Birthday, we should reflect on our own lives as Marines, on those of our buddies, some of whom are gone and others with whom we have stayed in contact through the years. While we are lovers of peace, we are also a Brotherhood of warriors, who by choice have always put Country and Corps above our own lives. We should also remember that our wives, children, parents, and sweethearts have had to live with our choice and suffer all the trials and tribulations of war.

Today, just as with previous generations, Marines and their families are making the sacrifice. As members of the Marine Corps League, we also serve by providing help and support to our successors and their families.

Semper FI
Louis



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Color Guard

Color Guard Commander Woody Bowman

- COMING EVENTS -

November 11th – presenting Colors at Quarterfield Road American Legion Post 276 at 0900 hours, followed by Crownsville Cemetery for event at 1100.

December 7th Color Guard Presenting colors at Food Lion Mt. Road 11:30 Am

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**



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Military Order of the Devil Dogs



Military Order of the Devil Dogs (MODD)

The Fun and Honor Society of the Marine Corps League

Woof, woof,

With three months of the Dog year gone, Anne Arundel County Detachment still has three Dogs in arrears. John Davis, Carl Lenhart, George Martin, 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. Millersville Md 21108-1791. Make the check payable to MODD, Pound 204.

As always, in order to be a good Dog, supporting the League's activities is a must. Right now, the Toys for Tots drive is in full swing. Testifying to that, several members were collecting toys Saturday instead of attending the Growl. This is totally acceptable and appreciated.

There are only two Pack Growls left for those DDs desiring to advance to PDD in Daytona Fl. next year. If you plan on advancing, you must attend both. The next one will be on 8th February 2020: 0800-1200, Hosted by Sgt Jack Hettchen Detachment 1428. Montgomery County, MD.

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

Woof woof,
PDD Ed Dahling
Dog Robber



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Disc Jockey Michael J from WPOC FM 93.1 teamed with Toys For Tots to create a Toy Mountain at Waugh Chapel in Gambrills, MD. He broadcast live from Friday, November 15 to Sunday afternoon November 17. Numerous Marines from Fort Meade participated and braved some rather cold and windy weather. He was also joined by several members of the detachment. (Pictured left to right are; Ben Wells, Christine Stevens, Nila Caulder, Michael J, Ray Sturm,



Junior Vice Commandant Burt Helmka

Marines,

We have 4 unpaid members
**COPFER JOSHUA, FELDMAN ROBERT, J
MAZARIEGOS JULIO, and TURNER LORENZO**

So check your membership card if does not have 2020 you need to send your dues in **now?**

Next lottery tickets for December drawing are still available, so let's buy some or help sell some. I thank you in advance.

Tickets for the Annual Bull & Oyster Roast are being printed. They will be ready for sale and distribution in December. Please, let's support the Detachment and sell a table.

Finally, a big OOORAH goes out to Ben, Ms. Jane & Norm and others on our first lotto fund raiser.

Semper FI
Burt



Chaplain's Corner Bill Collins

Thanksgiving is just around the corner and Toys for Tots is in "all ahead full" mode. Volunteers are needed and most welcome, contact Chris Stevens for details....just a few hours from those who are capable will be a great help. Chris coordinated a very successful, "Toy Mountain", event at the Village at Waugh Chapel. Radio personality Michael J and his WPOC 93.1 FM team did an outstanding job of broadcasting the event for the entire weekend (they stayed in a camper on the parking lot). OOH RAH!!! WPOC. Their efforts were complemented by local active duty Marines and members detachment 1049, Marine Corps League. The number of toys collected was truly impressive. Watching happy children and parents deliver their donations personally to Toy Mountain was an inspiration to us all. We hope that Michael J and the folks at WPOC will return next year to build on this year's success. The needy children of Anne Arundel County are most grateful

Bill Collins,
Semper Fi

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Have You Heard?

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

October 28th Meeting Highlights

Sorry but the battery went dead after the first 17 mins. and my memory is not that good any more this is all of the minutes of Oct Meeting that I can remember.

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:20

Commandant Wells announced guests in attendance: Past Detachment Commandants: Ray Sturm (2015-2019) , Ed Dahling (2013-2015), Past Marine's of the Year: Bill Collins (2019), Ben Wells (2018), Ray Sturm (2017), Ed Dahling (2016), Woody Bowman (2014) Department of Maryland Pack Leader – Ray Sturm

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:

New member HAD GySgt Robert Martinez was excepted .

CHAPLAIN REPORT:

Chaplain Collins reported member Charlie Young (87 years) has been having some problems lately. Woody Bowman reported Charlie fell and had been in rehab. He is recuperating, but please continue to keep Charlie in your thoughts and prayers.

ADJUTANTS REPORT:

Minutes of the September meeting were distributed via e-mail, detachment website, and newsletter.

PAYMASTER:

Ed Dahling gave a hardcopy report:

CORRESPONDENCE:. None

COMMANDANT: .

JUNIOR VICE:

Burt also reported there are 10 members who have not renewed their dues. He reported the 5 new members were acquired over the 5K weekend. A great recruitment drive.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR:

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

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Have You Heard?

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

QUARTERMASTER:

Bill Collins reported there are all kinds of items available through him. Challenge coins, shirts, etc.

COLOR GUARD:

November 3rd Pasadena Thanksgiving Parade 1;00 Pm, November 5th 1;30 Pm Quarterfield ES. November 10th Glen Burnie Veterans Day Parade 1;00 Pm Corkran Middle School
November 11th 8;30Am colors American Legion Post 276 Quarterfield Rd, Maryland Veteran Cemeteries Crownsville 10;30 Am.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

November 8th, 2019 Lake Shore Fire Department Veterans prestation Dinner November 16, 2019 - Department Meeting and Pack Growl in Cumberland - Outdoor Club,31 Thomas St., 21502. Hosted by Mountainside Marine Detachment 1071 December 15, 2019 - Pound 204 Growl @ 0800 Breakfast 0900 Growl (Ray Sturm) at VFW Post 160 2597 Dorsey Road, Glen Burnie, MD 21060

CLOSING Ceremonies:

Commandant Wells closed the meeting IAW MCL rituals. The next detachment meeting will take place on November 25th 2019. Closing prayer was given by Chaplain Bill Collins

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



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(Address Correction Requested)



From the Officers and Staff of Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049
would like to wish you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving