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22 September 2019

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The Marines Helping Heroes 5k Challenge is a charitable fundraising event that directly benefits local active duty Marines, the Semper Fi Fund, and Treat NOW. Funds These two organizations assist all servicemen and veterans suffering from Traumatic Brain Injuries and Post Traumatic Stress.

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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 October includes:

Harry Anderson Tom Hancock George Perez Sr.
Buddy Cadle Roger Pirkey Dee Cline
Bill Collins Steve Salanik Michel Mullikin

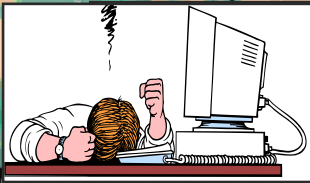
***NOTE** – If you were born in October and your name is not listed above, please contact the editor to be included in the future.*

Quotation

“I am more afraid of an army of 100 sheep led by a lion than an army of 100 lions led by a a sheep.”

Charles Maurice de Talleyrand
French Diplomat/Statesman





From the Editor

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

I need to mention that it is officially Toys4Tots season. Is kicking off Christine Stevens is once again our coordinator. She will need a tremendous amount of help again this year. I'm looking forward to seeing you all at the warehouse.

Don't forget about the Happy Hour observance of the Corps' 244rd Birthday, which will take place at VFW Post 160 on Thursday, November 7, 2019 beginning at 18:00. Hope to see all of you are there.

The deadline for November articles is MIDNIGHT on Tuesday November 18 2019. Please do not wait until the last minute to submit your article.

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.



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Coming Events

The following events are scheduled to occur through **December 2019** 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*

October 4th Friday Night Dinner VFW Post 160 6:00 to 8:00 Spaghetti and Meatballs DD Pound 204 (Ed Dahling)

October 9th Wednesday Quarter Auction Has been **Cancel**.

Monthly Meeting, MCL Detachment 1049 Monday, 28 October @ 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

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

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





Commandant David (Ben) Wells

Semper Fi

Marines

Well fall is kind of here, cool this morning when I walked out. I would like to say that the Marines Helping Heroes 5K was a great success.

The cake cutting for the Marine Corps birthday will be held at the VFW Post 160 on Thursday November 7th at 7:00 PM. On November 8th the

Marine Corps Ball with MCSB will be at Maryland Live. For those that would like to attend.

Cookies Tavern will hold their birthday street fest on November 10th in Philly. Ray and I will be attending along with folks from the Harford County detachment and some of the detachments from New Jersey.

Burt Helmka (Jr. Vice) doing an amazing job working to raise money for both the detachment and the pound. Please buy the pick three tickets for the month of December to help us raise money.

Toys for Tots will be kicking off soon so get to the store and buy some toys for the kids and raise your hand and volunteer to help Chris Stevens with this endeavor.

The next department meeting is November 16th and we would love to see you there.

Ben Wells



Rifle & Pistol Team Ray Sturm



No Report



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2019 4th Annual 5K Marines Helping Heroes Run



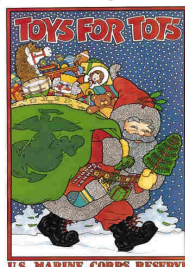
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TOYS FOR TOTS



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Marine Toys for Tots - Every Child Deserves A Christmas

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

. I will need help at the Warehouse and to pick up toy's form the drop off locations. If you can want to volunteer you may e-mail .

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

Thanks,
Christine Stevens
Anne Arundel County Toys for Tots Co-Coordinator
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Corps History

by Ed Dahling for Joe Wright, Historian

1 October 1880

John Phillip Sousa named 17th Director of the Marine Corps Band.

1 October 2001

General Peter Pace becomes first Marine to serve as Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

6 October 2008

The first Marine Special Operations Individual Training Course begins at Camp Lejeune, NC.

7 October 2001

The War in Afghanistan began as the armed forces of the United States, the United Kingdom, Australia, and the Afghan United Front (Northern Alliance) launched Operation Enduring Freedom.

14 October 1918

Marine flyers, 2nd Lieutenant Ralph Talbot and Gunnery Sergeant Robert G. Robinson, win Medals of Honor.

16 October 1820

Lieutenant Colonel Anthony Gale, 4th Commandant of the Marine Corps, having been found guilty of habitual drunkenness and conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman by a General Court Martial, was dismissed from the Marine Corps.

17 October 1820

Archibald Henderson appointed Commandant... a position he held until his death, a period of 38 years.

23 October 1983

At 0622, an explosive-laden truck slammed into the BLT headquarters building in Beirut, Lebanon, and took the lives of 241 Americans – including 220 Marines. This was the highest loss of life in a single day for Marines since D-Day on Iwo Jima in 1945.

31 October 1955

Lieutenant General Lewis B. 'Chesty' Puller, who earned five Navy Crosses – and an Army Distinguished Service Cross – retires



Senior Vice Commandant Louis Gewirtz

Marines,

October is nearly half over, and the we are in the final 3 months of 2019. Only two more meetings remain for the rest of the year. This means Veterans Day and the Marine Corps' 244th Birthday are upon us as well.

With Thanksgiving around the corner, it is never more important than this time of year to think of our fellow Marines and their families as well as those less fortunate in our communities. If it's possible to do so, I would encourage each of you to give of yourselves this holiday season, in any way possible, whether it be at a food bank, giving of your time to a worthy cause, donating to Toys for Tots, or any number of other options. As Marines, it is in our nature to be of service, and to be a part of something larger than ourselves.

Additionally, I want to encourage all of you to attend our monthly meetings and be an active member in our detachment. The more Marines that attend, the merrier! I, for one, look forward to each monthly meeting and being able to see every one's smiling faces. Happy Birthday, Marines!

Semper Fidelis!
Louis Gewirtz



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Color Guard

Color Guard Commander Woody Bowman

- COMING EVENTS -

There is nothing on the calendar until November!!!!

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**



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

Woof, woof,

Hound Dog Pound 204, Maryland Pack, Military Order of Devil Dogs, will hold a Growl sometime around 0900, Sunday, 15 December 2019, at the Pound Dog House (VFW Post 160), 2597 Dorsey Road, Glen Burnie, phone 410 766 9802.

We would appreciate your attendance. Bring bones!

The next Pack Growl will be held following the Department of Maryland meeting on 16 November

All annual dues-paying Dogs' memberships expire on 31 August. Arm yourself with 15 extra big bones for your dues. You can also send them to me with a check payable to MODD Pound 204.

All Pups report to Sir Mad Dog (PDD Bowman) NLT 0800 for fun and games.

Bloody Mary's and a delicious breakfast by our Devil Dog chef and canteen manager will be served at 0800.

Advancement reminder: There is a Pound requirement for Pups desiring to advance to Devil Dog to attend two Pound Growls in the year prior to the Grand Growl.

There is a Pack requirement for DDs desiring to advance to PDD, to attend two Pack Growls in the year prior to the Supreme Growl at which you desire to advance.

Get ahead of the game: Attend each Pound and Pack Growl.

Woof woof,
PDD Ed Dahling
Dog Robber



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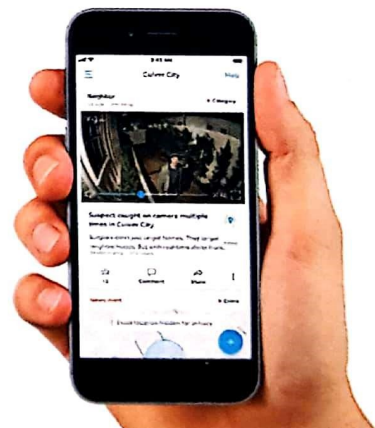
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Junior Vice Commandant Burt Helmka

Marines,


There are a few Marines still delinquent with dues. Let's correct this problem ASAP. Thank you very much.

We are one month into our fundraiser for the league and pound. Buy a few tickets and support are cause.

Finally 21 March 2020 is are Bull & Oyster Roast. Time is 1300 thru 1700 or 1pm till 5pm for you civilians. Event will be held at American Legion Post# 40.

Semper Fi
Burt





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Chaplain's Corner Bill Collins

Marines,

By now everyone is aware of the success of our 4th annual 5K Challenge. Once again our team of volunteers put together a great event. Anyone interested in getting in on the fun can step up to help organize next year's event....work will begin in the near future....everyone is welcome and encouraged to participate. Ask any Detachment Officer for details. The funds that are raised provide support to The Semper Fi Fund, TreatNow, Special needs Boy Scout Troop 216, 1st Responders, local active duty Troops and anyone in our community in need of assistance.

One of our long time members, Charlie Young, has recently become homebound. Charlie would enjoy a brief visit from any of our members who can find the time to stop by. Charlie lives in St. Margaret's.... Call his wife, Doris, for the best time to visit. (410-757-4486

Bill Collins, Chaplain

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Have You Heard?

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

September 23rd 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:20

Commandant Wells announced guests in attendance: Past Detachment Commandants: Ray Sturm (2015-2019) , Ed Dahling (2013-2015), Past Marine of the Year: Bill Collins (2019), Ben Wells (2018), Ray Sturm (2017), Ed Dahling (2016), Woody Bowman (2014), Wayne McNeir (2013) Department of Maryland District 2 Vice Commandant: Don Benson Maryland Pack Leader – Ray Sturm (2019)

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: Applications received for five new members; with four being active duty and one retired. All paperwork has been checked and in order. Motion made and second to accept all new members. Four of the members were sworn in: Willie Merriweather Jr., Chase L. Smith, David A. Gallerizzo and Benjamin L. Allrer. Courtney Derritt (?) will be sworn in at a later date. Associate member Jane Huffman was also sworn in at this time.

Commandant Wells explained the COVER is the only required part of the uniform of the Marine Corps League. We have a host of other shirts available for purchase. See Quartermaster Bill Collins.

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 August meeting were distributed via e-mail, detachment website, and newsletter.

PAYMASTER: Ed Dahling gave a hardcopy report:

CORRESPONDENCE: A thank you was received from Marine Corps Heritage Foundation, signed by James A. Kessler, Major General U.S.M.C. (Ret) thanking Detachment 1049 for the donation of \$100.

COMMANDANT: Commandant Wells reported on the 5K Run at Arundel Mills. There were not as many runners as in the past, but it was still a successful 5K Run. There were 134 people sign up, with 115 Runners. If anyone would like to get involved in any events, you are welcome to help.

The Detachment has many plaques and trophies in the office. Photographs of these have been taken and uploaded to the website. If you would like any of these, please see Commandant Wells as they are going to be destroyed. Would like to give them to those who received them. There is not enough space in the office to store them.

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: CG Commander Woody Bowman reported the Color Guard participated in the Rivera Beach Memorial parade on September 14th, along with the NEHS Marine Jr ROTC, Coast Guard Color Guard, and Lake Shore VFC Color Guard.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Mac McNeir reported on a project being performed on the WBA trail. It will be a memorial (expandable) to the four young Severna Park men who died while serving their Country. A site has been established, but operating funds are now being collected. There is a goal of \$55K. Mac reached out to the Detachment for a donation. Also, any private donations may be sent to the American Legion Post 175 with explanation as to the exact cause.

A motion was made and second to donate \$200 to the memorial fund. Burt Helmka asked to amend the motion to \$250. Amendment was accepted and carried to donate \$250.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE: Sr. Vice Commandant Lou Gewirtz reported the AA County Fire Department and Police Departments will be holding a Military Appreciation Day on Saturday October 5th from 10-4 pm at Headquarters Millersville. There will be many vendors on site. Ray Sturm reported on the 5K. It was very successful as everyone was very pleased. Many positive comments. On behalf of the entire committee, thank you to all of you who assisted with the event. Ray stated the new members are the lifeblood of the organization. Please participate wherever you can. You will be welcomed wherever you go. Our competition that day was the 911 RUN in Annapolis with 1700 runners.

Willie Merryweather remarked he was sorry he didn't run in last year's 5K, but he was in training for a marathon. Running the race this year allowed him to see all the work that went into preparing the 5K and he thanked those involved. His wife was a runner who won her age group.

Burt Helmka reported he has the December lottery tickets which will be divided between the Detachment and the Devil Dog Pound. Based on Maryland evening Lottery STRAIGHT. He is requesting everyone take 25 tickets. Commandant Wells explained the Devil Dog activities.

Burt stated there will be a CASH BASH in the near future. Ray Sturm welcomed back Buddy (?) who had been away for 5 years.

Jane Huffman reported on the Detachment's Quarter Auction which will be held on October 9th. Nila reported if you eat with your COVER on, you owe her a \$1.00, which will go to the Children's Hospital.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: • October 4, 2019 – Spaghetti & Meatballs, Salad Dinner by Ed Dahling - \$6.00 • November 3, 2019 – Pasadena Caring & Sharing Parade • 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 Oct 28, 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)



Biggest exercise of a lifetime? 2nd Marine Division to conduct largest unscripted training in decades
Assault Amphibious Vehicles with Marine Division are staged in a motor pool lot at Camp Wilson, Marine Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, California, Oct. 6, 2019, in preparation for MWX 1-20. (Pfc. Patrick King/Marine Corps)