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- Young Marines Commander** ??????

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Membership Statistics

Good Standing (Dues Paid)

Type	USMC	Associate	Multiple
Life Member-	96	11	6
Annual Member-		5	-
New Members			
			-
Sub-Totals			
	96	16	6
Total			
	118		



Members' Birthdays

Members of our Detachment, celebrating Birthdays during the month of October includes:

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

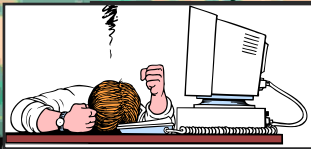
NOTE – If you were born in October and your name is not listed above, please contact the editor to be included in the future.

Quotation

“The safest place in Korea was right behind a platoon of Marines. Lord, how they could fight! “

MGen. Frank E. Lowe, USA;
Korea, 26 January 1952





From the Editor

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

Marines,

With the holidays coming around the corner I'd like to remind everyone that those who do "spring" cleaning at this time of year to keep in mind making donations of gently used items to the DAV or another Veteran Service Organization to help our Veterans in need.

If you have an e-mail 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 newsletter articles is NOON on Tuesday 17 November 2020 Please do not wait until the last minute!



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Coming Events

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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, 26 October 2020 @ 1900 (Ben Wells)
VFW Post 160

October 1- 4 Gathering of the Dogs for the Devil Dog Weekend Princess Royale Oceanfront Resort Ocean, City Maryland.

October 10th–November 10th Marines Helping Heroes Virtual 5th annual 5K race

October 30th virtual quarter auction and this will be live on Facebook

Monthly Meeting, MCL Detachment 1049
Monday, 23 November 2020 @ 1900 (Ben Wells)
VFW Post 160

December 13th 2020 Pound 204 Growl @ 0800 Breakfast 0900 Growl at VFW Post 160 2597 Dorsey Road, Glen Burnie, MD 21060

Monthly Meeting, MCL Detachment 1049
Monday, 28 December 2020 @ 1900 (Ben Wells)

GARRISON RIFLE & REVOLVER CLUB

Established 1943

Garrison Rifle & Revolver Club, Inc. is a Charter Member of the Associated Gun Clubs of Baltimore Inc.

The Club offers training and classes in most of the shooting sports and promotes shooting sports for all ages and abilities. Garrison hosts the following events:

- Spring Pistol League
- Bullseye Pistol Championship
- Trap Shoot
- JR's Club Shoot
- 4H State Match
- Club Crab Feast
- Club Christmas Dinner

Garrison Rifle & Revolver members have the following facilities available for their use:

- Covered bench rest-equipped rifle, black powder, and pistol range (25, 50, 75 & 100 yds.)
- Indoor air rifle range
- Fifty point covered outdoor pistol range (25 & 50 yds).
- Ten point covered high power rifle range 200 yds with butts).
- A four field, lighted, outdoor trap range w/automatic and manual trap house.
- Messick Hall club house w/ kitchen & restrooms.
- Lower range house/meeting hall.

Affiliated with the National Rifle Association and Civilian Marksmanship Program.

For more information contact club secretary
Thomas Betty, at (443) 850-5737
E-Mail: secretary@garrisonrr.org
Website: <https://www.garrisonrr.org>

Club meets every second Tuesday of each month
Except January which is the third Tuesday.
11518 Marrotyville Road
Marrotyville, Maryland 21104-1220



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

Junior Vice Commandant Joseph Wright

Marines,

Not a whole lot going on due to the lack of activities with Covid-19 related restriction. Several reminder notices have been sent out to members in arrears with membership dues that were due by August 31st. If you have not paid your annual membership dues, please do so to remain in good standing. Stay safe, wash your hands, wear your mask and keep your distance.

Semper Fi,

Joe Wright
Web Sergeant / Past Commandant
Marine Corps League
Detachment 1049 - Anne Arundel County



Membership Renewal

Annual Notice

Expires 31 August



Renew today with your
local Detachment Paymaster





Commandant David (Ben) Wells

Marines,

Well fall is kind of here, cool this morning when I walked out. I would like to say that the Marines Helping Heroes virtual 5K is in progress until November 10th so please sign up even if you can't run. All money collected goes to PTSD and TBI which help stop the 22 a day suicide.

The cake cutting for the Marine Corps birthday will be held at the VFW Post 160 on Tuesday November 10th at 7:00 PM.

Jane and Norm Huffman are doing an amazing job working to raise money for both the detachment and the pound. Jane has sold out for our virtual quarter auction and this will be live October 30th on Facebook. Jane has already sold out the first 50/50 and has sold most of the numbers for the second 50/50.

We do not have any idea when the next department meeting will be held because of COVID 19.

Semper Fi



Ben Wells



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CHECK OUT 2/27)

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PARKING IF STAYING AT HOTEL, OTHER-
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\$26 PER DAY

BREAKFAST: COMPLIMENTARY 2 PER
ROOM DAILY

ANY CANCELLATIONS AFTER FEBRUARY
10, 2021 WILL FORFEIT THE ONE NIGHT
DEPOSIT (2022 CANCELLATION PERIOD
WILL BE POSTED AS INFORMATION IS
AVAILABLE).

IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT UBER OR
TAXI ARE THE BEST METHOD OF
TRANSPORT FROM THE AIRPORT.

THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE IS NOT A
CONVENTION. IT IS A BUSINESS MEETING.



Chaplain's Corner Bill Collins

Marines,

Fall is falling and Corona is still with us. Thankfully, we are all surviving and life goes on. The gathering of the Devil Dogs in Ocean City was a great success and a goodtime was had by all who were able to attend.

Our annual 5K fundraiser is well underway....There is still plenty of time to sign up and get in on the fun. Our first "virtual" event is going well but we need more runners. For all of you competitors out there, be advised, that I completed my 5K this week and the time for you to beat is 1:51:52. YEA that's right....one hour, fifty one minutes and fifty two seconds, that's a little over 1-1/2 miles per hour. I would have done better but I kept tripping over my Cain. I wanted to complete my race this week because my 83rd birthday is next week and I was afraid if I waited I'd be too old to participate. If an old guy like me can do this so can you so let's get hot and sign up. Your old D.I. will be proud.

Bill Collins, Chaplain

Semper Fidelis



Reschedule Cancelled VA Health Care Appointments:

Veterans whose VA health appointments were cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, can contact VA to reschedule by calling or messaging their care team. Primary care and mental health appointments can be rescheduled using the VA appointments tool and use of telehealth services are encouraged.

VA reminds veterans with in-person appointments to wear masks and be prepared for COVID-19 symptom screening when they arrive. To receive answers on COVID-19, as well as VA benefits and services, veterans can interact with the coronavirus chatbot found on VA's website. Learn more.

Suicide Prevention Resources:

Take Care of Yourself and Each Other

Globally, people are facing challenges caused by COVID-19. The pandemic may cause anxiety and stress. These feelings may feel stronger with less social interaction. Feeling stressed, overwhelmed, or lonely might increase the risk for suicide for some people. It's important to tend to your mental health and find ways to cope. There are many resources to help you. These include, but not limited to, TRICARE mental health services.





Color Guard

Color Guard Commander Woody Bowman

- COMING EVENTS -

Six events were cancelled this year due to Covid.-19 There are still three events scheduled for the year: American Legion Post 276, present Colors at Crownsville Cemetery for Veterans Day and Pearl Harbor Day at Food Lion.

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** 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

With August 31st gone, our Pound 204 still have Five (5) Dogs in arrears. 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. Make the check payable to MODD, Pound 204.

Hound Dog Pound 204, Military Order of Devil Dogs, will hold a Growl sometime around 0900, Sunday, 13 December 2020, at the Pound Dog House (VFW Post 160), 2597 Dorsey Road, Glen Burnie, phone 410 766 9802.

We would appreciate your attendance. Bring bones!

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

Remember bring your mask and we need to keep social distancing

You do not need to wear a mask when sitting at the bar or a table.

Ed Dahling Dog Robber
493 Procopio Cir.
Millersville, Md.21108-1791
Phone: (410) 570-8673
Email: umpire86@aol.com



Senior Vice Commandant Burt Helmka

Marines,

Two months left in the year and what a year we have had.

Some fund raising has happened. A big thank you to all involved.

I have to apologize to all for not being more involved this year. Hopefully next year is better for all of us. Covid-19 and other personal matters dictate what goes on.. Hopefully come next year by June, we'll start to have our Golf Tournament, Bull & Oyster Roast and other MCL things.

Last it's that time again, Presidential election year. Get out to vote or mail in your. Be safe.

Semper Fi
Burton Helmka



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VIRTUAL Marines Helping Heroes 5K CHALLENGE

Sign up now and run anytime from Oct 10 to Nov 10, 2020

OPTIONAL CHALLENGE EVENTS
INCLUDE
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A charity event to benefit local military and veterans.
Details and REGISTRATION at:

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Proceeds benefit both our local military and the Semper Fi Fund and Treat NOW which help active duty military and veterans suffering from PTSD and traumatic brain injuries. Help us eliminate the epidemic of 22 suicides per day among our military and veterans.

Please address any questions regarding the event to:

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<https://MarinesHelpingHeroes.org>

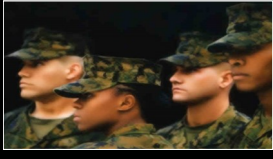


The Marines Helping Heroes Foundation is an IRS 501(c)3 tax exempt organization. Donations may be tax deductible.



MISSION: The Marines Helping Heroes Foundation is dedicated to honor and support the needs of our local heroes.

PURPOSE: The Marines Helping Heroes Foundation works closely with the Anne Arundel County Detachment of the Marine Corps League. Its purpose is to raise funds that directly benefit our local active duty military, veterans of all branches of the military, first responders, and other 'hero' communities.



Have You Heard?

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

September 28th 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 Acting Chaplain Chris Stevens. Members in Attendance: 15

Commandant Wells announced guests in attendance: Department Officers – Ed Dahling, Ray Sturm (Marine for Life) Department Marine of the Year – Ed Dahling, Ray Sturm Past Detachment Commandants: Ray Sturm (2015-2019), Ed Dahling (2013-2015), Joseph Wright, (2012-2015) Past Marine of the Year: Ben Wells (2018), Ray Sturm (2017), Ed Dahling (2016) , Woody Bowman (2014) Past Detachment Marine of the Year: Woody Bowman, Joe Wright, Ed Dahling, Ray Sturm, Ben Wells, and Tom Maiorana Maryland Pack Leader – Ray Sturm (2019)

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: None

ADJUTANTS REPORT: September minutes were distributed by detachment website and in newsletter. Copies available on table.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

PAYMASTER: Ed Dahling gave a hardcopy report:

CHAPLAIN REPORT: .Chaplain Collins was excused as he is celebrating his anniversary.

COMMANDANT: No Report.

SENIOR VICE: Burt reported the Bull & Oyster Roast deposit is still being held. Burt will check on the funds to be returned. Burt confirmed we have a contract. No other deposits were paid.

JUNIOR VICE: No Report.

JUDGE ADVOCATE: No Report. .

JR. PAST COMMANDANT: No Report



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Have You Heard?

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

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

QUARTERMASTER: Ben reported Scott and Nila's shirts are in the storage room.

HISTORIAN/ WEB SERGEANT: If you have any recommendations for the website, please contact Joe Wright

COLOR GUARD: Woody reported all scheduled events have been cancelled.

YOUNG MARINES: Absent

BYLAWS – Absent.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: . The table we purchased for the hall is on display. It is too large to pass around, so stop by and have a look. Ray Sturm will look into the price of chairs as they are pricey.

NEW BUSINESS: Ben discussed the donation for the VFW. Originally, a donation of \$300 was to be given to the VFW for paper goods. A motion was made to increase the donation to \$500 since the original donation was never presented. It was discussed, voted on and passed.

One member is in need of a new Cover, size 75/8 . Bill Collins will get the Cover.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE: Ray said they are going to check with Margaret about having the cake cutting ceremony for the Marine Corps birthday on the second Tuesday of November.

Ray Sturm thanked Jane Huffman for organizing the virtual Quarter Auction for the detachment. One hundred numbers at \$25 each. Profit of \$2500 for the Detachment. Sold out in three days. Waiting on money to come in. Auction will be livestreamed on Facebook. Auction was scheduled for November, but because tickets sold out early, may move it up

ANNOUNCEMENTS: There will be a Devil Dog Gathering October 1 st - 4 th at the Princess Royale. This is not an official Growl. Sessions will be held to explain what we do and why we do it. All spouses are invited to attend. There will be a mini-Growl Friday evening. Also on Saturday evening, there will be a dinner for anyone interested. Must register for dinner as limited to 80 people.

CLOSING CEREMONIES: Sgt at Arms James Galvin closed the meeting IAW MCL rituals. The next meeting will be held on October 26, 2020. Closing prayer was given by Acting Chaplain Chris Stevens.

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



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An AV-8B Harrier belonging to 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing, maneuvers into position during an air-to-air refuel training exercise over the Atlantic Ocean Sept. 14, 2015. (Cpl. N.W. Huertas/Marine Corps)

On Thursday 15 October the Marine Corps held a sunset ceremony for Marine Attack Squadron 311, or VMA-311, as the Corps looks to move from the AV-8B Harrier to the F-35 Lightning, according to the Marine Corps.