MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049

Detachment Newsletter September 2021

THE CUTTING EDGE





9-11 HAS IT REALLY BEEN TWENTY YEARS

We all remember where we were when we realized America had been attacked on 9-11-2001. Little did we realize it would lead to 20 years of conflict and America's longest war. The recent events in Afghanistan bring a rush of memories and feelings to those events and to the sacrifices made by so many.

Let's remember and acknowledge that those sacrifices were not in vain, and that they mattered. I ask that everyone pause to give thanks to those who stand guard every day to keep our families safe.

MARINES HELPING HEROES 5K CHALLENGE

The detachment has once again teamed with the Marines Helping Heroes Foundation to put on the Marines Helping Heroes 5k Challenge-presented by Live! Casino-Hotel.

The in-person event is Saturday, 2 Oct at Arundel Mills. The race starts at 0800. The virtual portion begins on 9/11 and will run for 22 days, symbolic of the 22 suicides per day among veterans.

Funds raised will benefit the local active duty Marines, the Semper Fi & America's Fund and the TreatNOW Coalition. The latter two organizations work with individuals suffering from PTSD and TBIs.

To sponsor or register for the event please visit

https://RunSignUp.com/Race/MD/Hanover/ MarinesHelpingHeroes5kChallenge





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INTERIM NEWSLETTER EDITOR

I have agreed to take on the challenge and responsibilities of being your interim (that means temporary) newsletter editor.

I will only stay in the billet as a place holder for Ed Dahling. Once Ed recovers and is able to resume the duties, I will gladly hand him the reins.

Our detachment's newsletter has won multiple awards, first under Mac McNeir and now Ed Dahling and I don't want to be the guy who mucks it up.

All that said, I will need some help. If you previously wrote an article for the newsletter, please submit it directly to me. My email address is Bandit6A@gmail.com

If you have never written an article but would like to submit something of interest, please do so. (I will reserve the right to edit due to space concerns.)

Regardless, all articles, content, photos, etc are due to me on the Saturday following our detachment meeting. I will try to publish it the following week.

My objective is to get you, the members, the most current and relevant information as possible.

Thanks for your support,

Ray Sturm

DEFENSE POW/MIA ACCOUNTING AGENCY

OVERVIEW: The Defense POW/ MIA Accounting Agency is an agency within the United States Department of Defense whose mission is to recover United States military personnel who are listed as prisoners of war, or missing in action from designated past conflicts, from countries around the world.

MISSION: DPAA's mission is to offer "the fullest possible accounting for our missing personnel to their families and the nation." The Agency's teams locate, identify, and, if possible, repatriate the remains of fallen service members from America's past conflicts.

MOTTO: "Fulfilling our nation's promise."

HQ: Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, HI

MIA UPDATE: MARINE IDENTIFIED

The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency announced seven burial updates and six new identifications for service members who have been missing and unaccounted for from World War II and Korea.

Among those returning home for burial with full military honors is Corporal Andrew Pellerito, 22. He was identified and accounted for on August 19, 2021.

Cpl Pellerito was a member of Company K, 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, Fleet Marine Force, which landed against still Japanese resistance on the small island of Betio in the Tarawa Atoll of the Gilbert Islands.

Over several days of intense fighting at Tarawa, approximately 1,000 Marines and sailors were killed and more than 2,000 were wounded, while the Japanese were virtually annihilated. Cpl Pellerito was killed on the first day of the battle, November 20, 1943.

Cpl Pellerito's internment services are still pending at this time.

(Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency Press Release dated Sept 2, 2021)





Detachment Colors

COMMANDANT'S CORNER

Marines,

First, I would like to thank Ray Sturm for stepping up and doing the newsletter in Ed's absent. Second, I hope Ed is better in the near future because we all miss him greatly.

I would like to take this moment to thank everyone who has returned to our regular meet-

ings and invite all the rest to please come back and enjoy the time with your fellow Marines. The Department of MD had a meeting in August at the Baltimore Detachment and it was well attended and if you did not come you missed a good time.

Our Detachment 1049 has been raising money through the COVID 19 debacle and have done pretty well. We as Marines will not let the COVID stop us from doing what needs to be done for our fellow man. I say this but at the same time please be safe and respect the COVID because it can cause you problems if you get it.

The Marines Helping Heroes virtual 5K starts on September 11th and ends on October 2nd which is the day of our in person race at Arundel Mills Mall. Please support our race by either signing up or send our information to others who would be interested.

www.marineshelpingheroes.org

Semper Fi,

Ben Wells



YOUR DETACHMENT

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Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049, MCL

MEETINGS

The detachment meets the 4th Monday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Harry L. Cooper VFW Post 160, 2597 Dorsey Rd, Glen Burnie, 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.

INSIDE STORY HEADLINE

This story can fit 75-125 words.

Selecting pictures or graphics is an important part of adding content to your newsletter.

Think about your article and ask yourself if the picture supports or enhances the message you're trying to convey. Avoid selecting images that appear to be out of context.

Microsoft Publisher includes thousands of clip art images from which you can choose and import into your newsletter. There are also several tools you can use to draw shapes and symbols.

Once you have chosen an image, place it close to the article. Be sure to place the caption of the image near the image.

SENIOR VICE COMMANDANT

No report submitted.



We are open to any new ideas for fundraising.

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDANT

Marines,

We are now into the new membership year, so pay your renewal dues now if you have not already done so. I have only received two renewals so far, so let's get your renewal dues submitted to remain in good standing.

Continue staying healthy and come see us at our next Detachment meeting on September 27th.

Semper Fi, Joe Wright

LIVE! CASINO-HOTEL BECOMES PRESENTING SPONSOR

The detachment and the Marines Helping Heroes Foundation are proud to announce that Live! Casino-Hotel in Hanover, MD has again agreed to become the Presenting Sponsor for the Marines Helping Heroes 5k Challenge.

Live! Casino-Hotel has been an active partner with the detachment and the MHH Foundation for a number of years.





"To catch the reader's attention, place an interesting sentence or quote from the story here."

CHAPLAIN

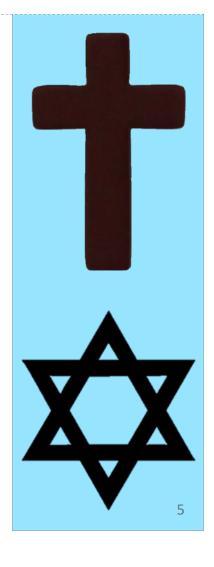


It has now been over six months since Ed Dahling has been an active partici-

pant in helping to manage the day-to-day business of our Detachment, the Marines Helping Heroes Foundation, the Devil Dogs and the State of Maryland Marine Corps League. To say that Ed has been missed is an understatement. We all continue to hope and pray that Ed will be back with us very soon.

During that six-month period much has transpired. In May we held our annual golf tournament. Thanks to the usual group of volunteers it was a great success, and a good time was had by all. Sadly, we also lost several valued members during that same period. We continue to move forward with our upcoming 5k run. The inperson event will be held on 2 October 2021 at Arundel Mills, the virtual event began on 11 September 2021 and is currently underway. It will run thru 2 October 2021. For registration and details for both the in-person and virtual events go to MarinesHelpingHeroes.org. Please go to the site and register...we need more runners, and we need them now.

Bill Collins, Chaplain



On This Day

2 September 1945

LtGen Roy S. Geiger attends the Japanese surrender to the Allied Forces as the sole Marine representative aboard the USS Missouri.

6 September 1983

Two Marines were killed and 2 wounded when rockets hit their compound in Beirut. Heavy fighting continued for the 24th MAU culminating in the militant group Hezbollah bombing the Marine barracks the following month.

8 September 1942

The 1st Raider Battalion and the 1st Parachute Battalion executed a successful raid on a Japanese supply base on Guadalcanal.

11 September 2001

Islamic terrorists backed by Osama Bin Laden attacked the United States beginning a 20 year war on terrorism.

15 September 1950

The 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines captured Wolmi-do Island in Inchon Harbor. Later that same day, the 1st Marine Division conducted one of the greatest amphibious assaults of the 20th century and began the Inchon-Seoul Campaign.

16 September 1814

Marines from Naval Station New Orleans destroyed a pirate stronghold at Barataria on the Island of Grand Terre near New Orleans. The stronghold was commanded by the famous pirate, Jean Lafitte.

20 September 1950

Marines cross the Han River northwest of Seoul, Korea. Five days later the 1st and 5th Marines attack Seoul and by the 27th had captured it.



(Photo: American and Korean Marines cross the Han River in an LVT-3C amphibious tractor from the 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion.)





MARINES HELPING HEROES FOUNDATION

The Marines Helping Heroes Foundation was created by members of the detachment to assist in various fundraising endeavors.

The foundation has since become an IRS 501(c)3 tax exempt organization in its own right. The foundation is charted in Maryland and conducts business separate from the detachment.

The detachment and the foundation work closely together to meet their mutual objective to serve and support our local active duty Marines, veterans, and other heroes.



SEPTEMBER IS SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH

On average, twenty two veterans die by suicide each day. To spotlight suicide prevention in September, the Veterans Administration is providing guidance for veterans who need support or far anyone to provide support to a veteran. VA's Reach Out campaign outlines five things we can all do now.

- 1. Reach out
- 2. Hear veteran stories
- 3. Be prepared
- 4. Find resources
- 5. Spread the word

For any veteran in crisis, you are not alone. The Veteran Crisis Line is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by phone (1-800-273-8255 press 1), text (838255), or online chat by visiting VeteransCrisisLine.net

~ US Department of Veteran Affairs



The TreatNOW Coalition is a group of citizens, veterans, institutions and service organization working pro bono to get help to our brain injured troops and others suffering from Concussions, Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). We have already helped treat and heal over 7,500 brain wounded individuals. ~ TreatNOW

For additional information please visit https://TreatNOW.org



Hound Dog Pound 204 Mer-lin Pack Officers

Pound Keeper Paul Gunther Sr Vice PK Pat Sharkey Jr Vice PK **Howard Koonz** Smart Dog Ray Sturm Dog Trainer Leonard Steipler Woody Bowman Mad Dog Police Dog Norm Huffman Watch Dog Ben Wells **Barking Dog** Stuart Blair

Next Growl

Dog Robber

12 Dec 2021 @ 0900 with breakfast @ 0800

VACANT

Dog House

Harry L. Cooper VFW Post 160



MODD:

Hound Dog Pound 204

WOOF WOOF Devil Dogs of Hound Dog Pound 204!!

We had a very successful Pound Growl on 24 August 2021 at the Dog House in Glen Burnie. There were many, many members of Hound Dog Pound 204, 5 new Pups and many Dignitaries in attendance.

Pedigreed Devil Dog John Wayne 'Harry' Heirstetter stepped down as Sir Pound Keeper due to health reasons but will attend growls. Which meant that I would move up from Sr Vice Pound Keeper to Sir Pound Keeper. I want to express my thanks to all the dogs in electing me to this position, it truly is an honor for me to serve Hound Dog Pound 204. PDD Pat Sharkey (Sir Sr. Vice Pound Keeper), PDD Howard Koontz (Sir Jr. Vice Pound Keeper), PDD Woody Bowman (Sir Mad Dog). PDD Norm Hoffman (Sir Police Dog) PDD Don Benson (Sir Watch Dog) PDD Stuart Blair (Barking Dog) PDD Ray Sturm (Smart Dog), Pup Robert 'Bobby' Lee (Mascot Handler) Pup Wayne Miller (Time Keeper), Pup Glenn Tabler (Seeing Eye Dog) for PDD David 'Ben' Wells (Sir Dog Robber) [Temporarily]

I've been advised that we are in need of a Sir Dog Robber. During the Growl, and after I spoke with several Dogs about this very important position - We Need a Dog Robber (Adjutant/Paymaster) someone to file paperwork, take minutes (Scratchings) and deposit bones collected and to insure they are sent to the appropriate Pack and Kennel Dog Robbers. Dogs, this is a very important part of a Pound, Pack or Kennel - without one and we cannot exist. I need someone to please step up to this very important position. There are several Dogs that have been in this position and can help guide this person taking over the books to do it correctly.

Currently Pedigreed Devil Dog David 'Ben' Wells is overseeing the finances but, with his position as Executive Director of the Devil Dogs - it could pose a conflict of interest.

Our next Pound Growl will be 12 December 2021 @0900, with a hearty breakfast from 0800 to 0859 at the Dog House located at the VFW in Glen Burnie, Md.

Next Pack Growl 20 November 2021 following the Department Quarterly meeting, usually one hour after Dept ends and everyone eats lunch. Mark your calendars.

Woof Woof Dogs

Paul 'Doc' R. Gunther

HMC(SW/FMF) USN Retired

RECORD SETTING BIG BONES DONATION

During the National Convention in Springfield, IL, Chief Devil Dog Tom Hazlett presented a \$70,000 check to the local children's hospital.

The funds were raised by Devil Dogs from around the country. Most of the funds cam e from Passport Fees paid upon entering a Growl. Numerous at will donations were also recorded.

The generosity of the Dogs of the Order can not be overstated. Not only are they the Fun & Honor Society of the Marine Corps League.. They are its heart and soul.

FOR THE KIDS!!!

MARINE FOR LIFE

CONNECTING MARINES WITH OPPORTUNITY



Marine For Life Network (M4L) connects transitioning Marines and their family members to education resources, employment opportunities, and other Veterans services that aid in their career and life goals outside of military service.

The detachment's representative as the MCL liaison to the M4L is Ray Sturm. He also serves as the Department of Maryland representative and serves on the MCL's National Marine For Life Committee.

NEED YOUR HELP!

Our members have been established in the community for years. Whether you realize it or not, your experience can help a young Marine find employment once they join the 1st CivDiv. For example, a Marine may be seeking employment as an electrician and you've been in that field for years. You can mentor that young Marine or guide them through the process of joining a union.

The detachment staff will be sending a letter to all members in the near future. Part of that letter will include asking about your current or former employment and if you'd be willing to assist a transitioning Marine. (See page 12)

DID YOU KNOW...

THE OFFICIAL COLORS OF THE ROYAL MARINES



NAVY BLUE: Symbolizes the close relationship with the Royal Navy.

DRUMMER RED: The primary color of the British Army. This color was worn by the Corps until 1876.

INFANTRY GREEN: Light Infantry Green was worn on the shako by the infantry of the Corps.

OLD GOLD: Distinctive color of the dress and ensigns of the Duke of York from which the Corps originates.

The Royal Marines

Founded: October 28, 1664

Motto: "Per Mare, Per Terram" (Latin) By sea, By land

Note: A shako is a tall cylindrical military cap, usually with a visor, and normally with a crest or badge on the front. It is often adorned with a plume or pompom in front.

(Royal Marine Light Infantry Shako, pattern 1861-1869)



UPCOMING EVENTS



19 Sept	Young Marines Fundraiser	Renaissance Festival	All day
27 Sept	MCL meeting	VFW Post 160	7:00 PM
2 Oct	Marines Helping Heroes 5K	Arundel Mills	8:00 AM
25 Oct	MCL meeting	VFW Post 160	7:00 PM
10 Nov	Birthday Cake Cutting	VFW Post 160	TBD
22 Nov	MCL meeting	VFW Post 160	7:00 PM
12 Dec	Pound 204 Breakfast	VFW Post 160	8:00 AM
12 Dec	Pound 204 Growl	VFW Post 160	9:00 AM
TBD	MCL meeting	VFW Post 160	7:00 PM

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



The Anne Arundel Young Marines will be raising funds at the Maryland Renaissance Festival on September 19th. The Young Marines will be volunteering at the various [non alcohol] drink locations throughout the festival.

The adult volunteers, and at least one detachment member, and former Commandant, will be volunteering at the various beer and mead venues. The former Commandant will be in renaissance attire.

All volunteers have agreed to donate their wages for the day and all tips to the Young Marines.

Come on out and SUPPORT THE KIDS by having a pint or two of your favorite renaissance beverage.

Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the previous month's meeting would normally be distributed here. However, this newsletter has not been published in several months. All minutes are available on the detachment's website.

To view the minutes, please visit: <u>Meeting Minutes (mclaacdet1049.org)</u>

If the link does not work, simply go to the website direct at **https://mclaacdet1049.org**

The minutes for the August meeting have not yet been transcribed. They will be disseminated via separate correspondence and available on the website when completed.

EXPECT A LETTER

No! Not from the Draft Board.. From the detachment.

The detachment needs to update quite a bit of information including the contact information for the members.

Many of us have moved and this will help us with a lot of the difficulties we've had with membership, renewals, correspondence, etc.

We will also be asking if you'd like to assist the Marine For Life Network by providing your current or former employment. This will be used to assist Marines who may be leaving active duty and settling in Anne Arundel Co or surrounding areas. (See page 9)



Harry L. Cooper VFW Post 160 2597 Dorsey Rd Glen Burnie, MD 21061

The VFW Post 160 is a Veterans organization that stands for Veterans of Foreign Wars. We were founded on May 5th 1936, we moved to our current location in June 1958. We also have an auxiliary who are family of a Veteran. The Marine Corps League detachment 1049 is based here, as is the Fleet Reserve Association branch 212. Our members are from Marines, Army, Navy, Coast Guard, and Air Force.

We come together to help Veterans, their families, and community in our area. Why not see if you are eligible to join any of our organizations. ~ VFW Post 160 website

VFW EVENTS

12 Sept	Young Marines	1:30 PM
13 Sept	VFW House Mtg	6:00 PM
13 Sept	VFW/VFWA Mtg	7:00 PM
16 Sept	BSA Troop 160	6:00 PM
27 Sept	MCL Mtg	7:00 PM



OV-10 Bronco

Vietnam

Desert Storm



"The nation which forgets its defenders will be itself forgotten." - Calvin Coolidge

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