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Membership Statistics

Good Standing (Dues Paid)

Type	USMC	Associate	Multiple
Life Member-	78	8	6
Annual Member-	29	9	—



New Members

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Sub-Totals

107	17	6
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Total

130		
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Members' Birthdays

Members of our detachment, who will be celebrating birthdays during the month of **December** include:

Mike Lowman Scott Stevens Robert Foley Jr.
Eugene Punte Ben Wells

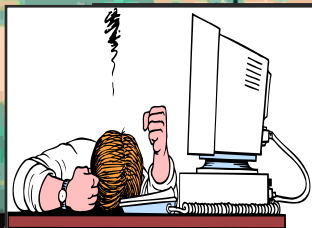
NOTE – If you were born in December and your name is not listed above, please contact the editor to be included in the future.

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 hope that all of you enjoyed the celebration of the 242nd Marine Corps Birthday and Thanksgiving Day! Also, since this will be the last issue of our Newsletter for the year 2017

As you read this, the detachment's 2017 Toys for Tots Drive is in full swing. I would like to thank all of our staff as well as all of the volunteers, who unselfishly assisted us in this most worthy effort.

After the meeting, we will have a Christmas gathering. It would be appreciated if those who are able, would please bring a covered dish or other food/beverage item. Regardless, please come and spread some holiday cheer with your fellow detachment members.

For those of you who will not be able to attend the meeting, I wish you and your family a very safe and happy holiday season

As always, I look forward to seeing all of you at our next monthly meeting!

The deadline for all **December** newsletter articles is **NOON** on **Tuesday, January 16th, 2018**. ***Please do not wait until the last minute!***



Coming Events

The following events are scheduled to occur through **May 2018**. 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

Pound 204 will Growl 10th December at the Pound Dog House about 0900 and breakfast at 0800.

Monthly Meetings, MCL Detachment 1049
Monday, 18 December 2017 @ 1900 (Ray Sturm)
Christmas Party after the meeting.

VFW Post 160 Closed—Christmas Day, And New Years Day 2018

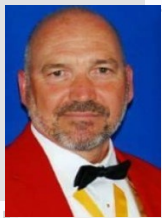
Friday Night Dinner, MCL Detachment 1049 Friday, January 5th 2018 from 1800 – 2000 (Ray Sturm)

Monthly Meetings, MCL Detachment 1049
Monday, 22 January 2018 @ 1900 (Ray Sturm)

2018 National Mid-Winter Conference
March 1-3, 2018 - MCL National Midwinter Staff Conference Fredericksburg Hospitality House and Conference Center 2801 Plank Rd, Fredericksburg, VA 22401.

Department Of Maryland Department
Convention - 11-13 May 2018, Princess Royale Hotel, Ocean City, MD





Commandant Ray Sturm

Happy Holidays Marines!

I'd like to wish everyone a safe and **Merry Christmas** and **Happy Hanukkah**. One night, a Viking named **Rudolf the Red** was looking out the window and said, "It's going to rain." His wife replied, "How do you know?" He answered, "Because Rudolf the Red knows rain, dear." (Sorry, couldn't resist.)

No need to remind everyone that as the weather gets colder and snow and ice cover the roads, many of our members may need assistance. Let's check up on our neighbors and friends to see if they need anything.

Toys For Tots is well under way. It is not too late to volunteer. Please contact **Chris Stevens** at chris@aatft.org if you can lend a hand. She will be very grateful for the help. The next week or so will be especially chaotic.

Boy Scout Troop 216 celebrated the holidays after their meeting on 13 December. The scouts were treated to a visit from Santa Claus and songs by a guitar playing itinerant troubadour, none other than our Sgt-at-Arms, **Jim Galvin**.

The detachment's 13th Annual Marines Helping Heroes Golf Tournament is just 5 months away. While no date has been set, I'm putting out the call for volunteers to help coordinate this great event.

As a reminder, our **next detachment meeting is December 18th** at VFW Post 160. We will have a very short business meeting followed by a **holiday reception**. Please bring your favorite covered dish, salad, or dessert to add to the festivities. And yes, the bar will be open.

And on that fine note, on behalf of the detachment staff, may you all have a joyous holiday season. And please, celebrate responsibly.



Pistol Team Ray Sturm

Nothing to Report at this time.





Corps History

by Ed Dahling for Joe Wright, Historian

1942

2 December

Carlson's Raiders neared the end of an epic 26 day patrol on Guadalcanal.

1943

26 December

1st Marine Division lands on Cape Gloucester, New Britain.

1947

1 December

The Corps' first helicopter squadron, HMX-1, was commissioned at Quantico, VA.

15 December

The Secretary of the Navy signed a Memorandum of Agreement with the State Department which laid the basis for the modern Marine Security Guard program at U.S. Embassies through-out the world.

1950

1 December

The 1st Marine Division began its bitter withdrawal from Yudamni, North Korea.

4 December

Lt. Colonel Raymond G. Davis led the 1st Battalion, 7th Marines into Hagaru-Ri, Korea after four days of intense fighting in the mountain passes against a numerically superior hostile force, clearing the way for the 5th and 7th Marines. Lt. Colonel Davis was awarded the Medal of Honor for his heroism.

24 December

Last elements of the 1st Marine Division departed Hungnam, North Korea.

1965

20 December

Operation Harvest Moon ended for Task Force Delta (2/7, 3/3, and 2/1). More than 400 Viet Cong were killed in action.



**Senior
Vice Commandant
Ben Wells**



Hello Marines,

I hope everyone is well and enjoying this holiday season with family and friends.

Our next meeting is on December 18th and it will be a very short meeting with a Christmas party to follow. Everyone should bring a covered dish if possible. You know how fast food disappears when a bunch of hungry Marines are around.

I hope to see all of you at the meeting. If you can't make it, I would like to wish you and your family a very safe and happy holiday season and hope that you can join us in the New Year.

Semper Fi
Ben



the Fighting Edge

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Color Guard

Color Guard Commander Woody Bowman

– COMING EVENTS –

Posting of the colors on December 9th at the Food Lion on Mountain Road, in Pasadena

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**

MCL Midwinter Staff Conference

Will be March 1-3, 2018 at the Fredericksburg Hospitality House and Conference Center,

2801 Plank Rd,
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GroupID=1650125 Phone: (540) 786-8321
Room rate includes up to 4 breakfast vouchers per occupancy. \$94.00 per night + prevailing tax (currently 11.3%) Please make your room reservation direct to the hotel now at 540-786-8321.



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 five months of the Dog year gone, Anne Arundel County Detachment still has three 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 7944 Oakwood Road, Glen Burnie, Md 21061. Make the check payable to MODD, Pound 204.

For those of you who supported the League (as all good Dogs should) during the Toys for Tots campaign, thanks for making it a huge success. For those of you who didn't, a monetary donation is always welcome

There are only two Pack Growls left for those DDs desiring to advance to PDD in Buffalo, New York next year. If you plan on advancing, you must attend both. The next one will be on 3 February at Tap House #1637, 23418 Three Notch Road, California, Md 20619.

There are only two Pound Growls left for those Pups aspiring to advance to DD in Ocean City in May. You must attend both to be eligible.

The next Pound Growl 11 February 2018.

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

Woof woof,
PDD Paul Taylor
Dog Robber





Junior Vice Commandant Pat Sharkey

Marines,

First and foremost, I'd like to wish each of you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy holiday season. As we gather around our tables to celebrate with friends and family, please pause and take a moment to remember those in harm's way... for it is this new generation of warrior that has kept our shores safe.

Your attendance and participation are important. Please note, that nominations will be opened for the 2018 Detachment Marine of the Year in January.

Finally, I'd like to thank everyone for their support this year I'm looking forward to making 2018 our best yet.



Marine Toys for Tots - Every Child Deserves A Christmas

As you read this, the detachment's **2017 Toys for Tots Drive** is in full swing and I would like to thank all of our staff as well as all of the volunteers, who unselfishly assisted us in this most worthy effort.

Thanks
Christine Stevens
Anne Arundel County
Toys for Tots Coordinator

cmsstevens@comcast.net or chris@aatft.org

Chaplain's Corner

Bill Collins

As 2017 comes to a close we can be proud of our accomplishments for the past year. Our major events for the year, the Golf Tournament, the 5K Challenge and the Bull and Oyster Roast were all very successful thanks to the efforts of those members who were willing and able to give of their time and talents to ensure that success.

The Detachment was able to donate a large percentage of the funds earned by these events to the "Semper Fi Fund" to help Marines and their families through difficult times and to the "TreatNow Coalition" to help in providing an effective treatment protocol for treating Traumatic Brain Injuries (TBI) and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and God willing bring an end to the suicide epidemic that continues to take the lives of far too many of our Veterans.

Our last major event for 2017 is the Toys for Tots campaign, which is now in full swing and in need of our help. If your circumstances allow please give some of your time to support this worthwhile Marine Corps Reserve sponsored event.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR to you and yours,

Bill Collins, Chaplain
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2018 Mideast Division Conference

June 15-17, 2018 Turf Valley Resort
2700 Turf Valley Road
Ellicott City, MD 21042

Group code: 2844UW Phone: (410) 465-1500
Room rates \$109 plus tax. Reservations must be made by 16 May 2018
Conference registration opening 1 January 2018



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Have You Heard?

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

November 27nd Meeting Highlights

OPENING BY RITUAL:

Meeting called to order by Commandant Ray Sturm at 1900 hours.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by prayer by Guest Chaplain Fred Kaminski.

Members in Attendance: 17

- Paul Taylor Department Adjutant, Department Marine of Year (2010)
- Edward Dahling Dept. Paymaster, Past Det. Commandant, Detachment Marine of Year (2016)
- Manny Airey Past Det. Commandant, Detachment Marine of Year (2005), Dept Marine of Year (2014)
- Joe Wright Past Detachment Commandant, Detachment Marine of the Year (2015)
- Woody Bowman Color Guard Commander, Detachment Marine of the Year (2014)

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:

There were no applications for membership.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Minutes of the October meeting were distributed via the detachment list server (e-mail).

CORRESPONDANCE: None

PAYMASTER:

Paymaster Ed Dahling gave a hardcopy report:

Chaplain REPORT:

Thanked the Lake Shore Volunteer Fire Department for hosting veterans on Veterans Day.

COMMANDANT:

Attended Young Marines birthday celebration.

SENIOR VICE: No Report.

JUNIOR VICE: No Report

JUDGE ADVOCATE: No report.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: No Report

QUARTERMASTER: No report.

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Have You Heard?

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

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HISTORIAN/ WEB SERGEANT:

No report.

COLOR GUARD:

. December 9th – Pearl Harbor Day (In honor of) event at Food Lion on Mountain Rd.

TOYS FOR TOTS:

3rd Annual Toys for Tots Motorcycle Run on November 18th from American Legion Post 175 to Mission BBQ in Glen Burnie was a huge success. Brought in \$2,400 cash and a 5 ton full of toys.

Looking for volunteers and a vehicle to pick up toys.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The 501 C-3 application process has ran into administrative snags. Still moving forward.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion made to increase the annual budget for donating to Boy Scouts Troop 216 from \$300.00 to \$500.00. Motion was voted on and approved

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:

No report

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Associate member Nila Caulder announced that the 9th Annual Bluegrass Marathon Jam to benefit the Fischer House will be February 24th at American Legion Post 276 from 12 to 12. Looking for donations. The December 18th detachment meeting will be our typical pot luck dinner. Bring a covered dish if you can.

VFW Post 160 will be retiring flags the 3rd Monday of each month if you have flags that need retiring.

CLOSING CEREMONIES:

Commandant Sturm closed the meeting IAW MCL rituals. The next detachment meeting will take place on December 18, 2017. Prayer was given by Acting Chaplain Fred Kaminski as well as an outstanding playing of the Marines' Hymn on the harmonica.

Respectfully submitted,
Joseph Wright, Adjutant
Marine Corps League - A. A. County Detachment 1049



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(Address Correction Requested)



The attack on Pearl Harbor, also known as the Battle of Pearl Harbor, the Hawaii Operation or Operation Al by the Japanese Imperial General

Casualties: 1,247 (United States of America: Military - Wounded), 2,402 (United States of America: Military - Dead), , 35 (United States of America: Civilian - Wounded), 57 (United States of America: Civilian - Dead)