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## Membership Statistics

### Good Standing (Dues Paid)

Type	USMC	Associate	Multiple
Life Member-	78	8	6
Annual Member-	27	9	—



### New Members

2		—
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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 **October** include:

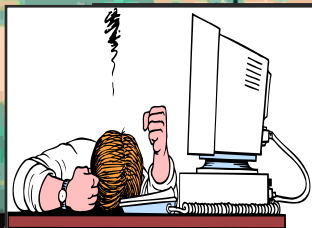
Harry Anderson	Tom Hancock	George Perez Sr.
Buddy Cadle	Roger Pirkey	Donald Quinian
Steve Salanik	Michel Mullikin	

**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

"But courage which goes against military expediency is stupidity, or, if it is insisted upon by a commander, irresponsibility".

- Erwin Rommel



## From the Editor

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

I would like to announce that the 2016 annual Bull and Oyster Roast was very successful. The food, beer, and music were great and the camaraderie was even better. I have the final numbers and we were able to raise \$2,464.36 after expenses. I would like to thank everyone, who attended the function and supported our detachment. I would also like to thank all of the volunteers for all their hard work with a special thanks going out to Jennifer Sacks without her support this event would not have been as successful as it was. Again I would like to say thanks to all volunteers.

Don't forget about the Happy Hour observance of the Corps' 242nd Birthday, which will take place at VFW Post 160 on Friday, November 10, 2017 beginning at 18:00. Hope to see all of you are there.

Semper Fi,  
Ed Dahling

The deadline for all **November** newsletter articles is **NOON** on **Tuesday, November 14th, 2017. Please do not wait until the last minute!**



## Coming Events

The following events are scheduled to occur through **September 2017**. 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 Meetings**, MCL Detachment 1049  
Monday October 23 2017 @ 1900 (Ray Sturm)

**Friday Night Dinner, MCL Detachment 1049** Friday, November 3rd 2017 from 1800 – 2000 (Ray Sturm)

**Friday, November 10, 2017** beginning at 19:00. 242nd Birthday, Cake Cutting which will take place at VFW Post 160 @ 18:00

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

**Monthly Meetings**, MCL Detachment 1049  
Monday, November 27, 2017 @ 1900 (Ray Sturm)

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**TOYS FOR TOTS**  
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## Commandant Ray Sturm

. Greetings,

Happy Birthday Marines! I would like to remind everyone that we will have our **USMC Birthday Cake Cutting Ceremony** on Friday, 10 November, at 7:00 PM at VFW Post 160. As in previous years, there will be an open bar immediately following the ceremony. If you have a friend who is also a Marine, but not a member, please extend an invitation to attend. All Marines.. past, present, and future are welcome.

I would like to extend a special thanks to **Jennifer Sacks** (Jenn the bartender) who planned, coordinated, set up, and stressed over your Bull & Oyster Roast. Thank you Jenn, we are truly grateful for what you do for us. I measure Jenn's success by the fact we ran out of food early. We had way more walk-ins than expected. Additional thanks go to **Ed Dahling** and **Ben Wells** for scrambling to get additional food for our hungry supporters.

I would like to remind everyone that tickets are still available for the MCSB 242<sup>nd</sup> Birthday Ball on 11 November. As many members who went last year can attest, this is a first class event. If you are interested, please contact the Ball Committee at [MCSBballcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:MCSBballcommittee@gmail.com) for tickets. See you there.

Tickets are also available for the MCL 4<sup>th</sup> District Ball and the Baltimore Recruiting Station's Ball. Both are on 4 November. If interested in either of these events, please let me know.

I would be remiss if I didn't close by wishing each of you a happy and safe Veterans Day. Regardless of era or branch, I thank each of you for your commitment in answering the call to our nation's defense. We Band of Brothers...!

S/F  
Ray



Pistol Team  
Ray Sturm

.Nothing to Report at this time.





# 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 Ben Wells



On Friday, November 10th between the hours of 1800 and 2000, you are all invited as my guest at the Post Canteen. We will raise several cups of cheer for the Marine Corps 242th Birthday. We will share scuttlebutt and regale everyone with great tales of days gone by, when we were napalm-spitting, 'Gung Ho' Jarheads with the best looking gals at every duty station and port of call.

Detachment Friday night dinner will be held on November 3rd from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, hope to see you all at our next meeting scheduled for October 23rd at 1900.





## 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.

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

### Big change to boot camp: Recruits will spend two weeks in 'Phase 4'

Making Marines at boot camp is a sacred mission that the Corps rarely changes.

But the commandant is revising the schedule for the 12-week regiment to make sure that new Marines can succeed in follow-on training.

Starting in February, Marines will have an extra week following the Crucible to learn from drill instructors, Marine-to-Marine, Gen. Robert Neller told Marine Corps Times in an exclusive interview. The number of training days will remain the same.

Currently, Marines earn their eagle, globe and anchor after completing the Crucible during the 11th week of recruit training.

The Crucible is 54 hours of combat drills, during which recruits get little sleep as they are put through simulated attacks day and night. Recruits learn they need to scream to be heard over the simulated gunfire, and that any illumination can give away their positions.

When recruits arrive at Parris Island and San Diego in November, they will face the Crucible during the 10th week of boot camp so that they will have two weeks to adjust to being Marines before leaving the recruit depots, officials said. Instead of being called "Marine Week," the time after boot camp will be called "Phase 4" of recruit training.



## 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,

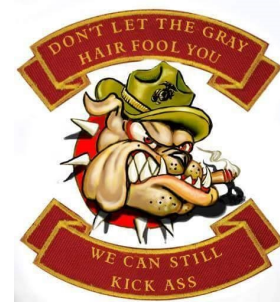
As I have mentioned in most articles, all annual dues-paying Dogs' dues expire on 31 August and the Pound still has seven Dogs in arrears, three of whom belong to Anne Arundel County Detachment. The dues are still a measly 15 big bones. So get your dues up to date by mailing a check to your Dog Robber at 7944 Oakwood Road, Glen Burnie, Md 21061. Make the check payable to MODD, Pound 204.

The next Pack Growl will be on 18 November and the next Pound Growl will be on 10 December. For all Pups and DDs, now is the time to start preparing for your next advancement. Get the requirements done early and be ready.

The League's Toys for Tots drive will be starting very soon, if not already. Remember, being a good Devil Dog requires you to support the League. The Toys for Tots volunteers need all the help they can get. Be ready when they ask for yours.

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

Woof woof,  
PDD Paul Taylor  
Dog Robber



# MID-WINTER NATIONAL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

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Please Cc *the Chief Operating Officer Bob Borka* at [bborka@MCLeague.org](mailto:bborka@MCLeague.org)

## U.S. Mint Unveils WWI Centennial Coin and Medals:

The U.S. Mint this week unveiled a new collectible commemorative coin to mark the 100th anniversary of America's entry into World War I. The limited edition, WWI Centennial Silver Dollar, is expected to be available for purchase for around \$60 each beginning in January 2018, with \$10 per coin going to help construct the VFW-supported World War I Memorial a block away from the White House. Also announced were five silver medals representing the five branches of the armed forces that served during the Great War: Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Service and Coast Guard. Details are still coming, but the silver medals are not expected to be sold individually, but instead paired with a WWI Centennial Silver Dollar and offered as a special set. Additional information will be available prior to their release in 2018.





## *Junior Vice Commandant Pat Sharkey*

I know that there are ideas of value out there that has not been considered in the past.

Also, a reminder to use those membership applications that you find in every issue of the Semper Fi magazine you receive, and remember to carry those MCL applications in your wallet. You never know when you'll wish you had one handy for that Marine you've never met before. On the blank part on the rear of those applications you can print as to when and where your detachment meets, which is handy to have for those new members to whom you give the applications.

Ed Dahling  
For Pat Sharkey



### **Marine Toys for Tots - Every Child Deserves A Christmas**

Well, it's that time again. Looking for help and volunteers. We will start dropping off the boxes soon. I will need help at the Warehouse and to pick up toys from the drop off locations. If you can want to volunteer you may e-mail. My Toys for Tots email is [chris@aatft.org](mailto:chris@aatft.org).

Thanks,  
Christine Stevens  
Anne Arundel County  
Toys for Tots Coordinator

[cmsstevens@comcast.net](mailto:cmsstevens@comcast.net) or [chris@aatft.org](mailto:chris@aatft.org)

## **Chaplain's Corner**

Bill Collins

### **HBOT update:**

Dr. Beckman reports that the funds donated to the TreatNOW Coalition by our Detachment are being used to treat one of our wounded Marines who is showing great progress. And as a result of stunning success the Coalition has had with treating active duty Force Recon Marines, the backlog of brain-wounded Marines seeking help continues to grow through the quite word-of-mouth grapevine that help is available. Sadly, DOD and the VA and the services will not pay for those treatments. We are dependent on the kindness-of-strangers and donors to raise the money to give the wounded what they deserve: a quality of life denied them by their invisible wounds.

The TreatNOW Coalition of over 60 Hyperbaric Oxygen clinics across the USA reports continuing success treating and helping to heal TBI/PTSD/Concussion. Since 2010, TreatNOW has successfully treated over 2,544 brain injuries { with or without PTSD}. The majority of those treatments were done pro bono. Over 1,314 of those success stories were veterans. And continuing research worldwide confirms the safety, effectiveness and economy of using HBOT for brain injuries. Much more can be found at [www.treatnow.org](http://www.treatnow.org) and by viewing this video and others on the site: <http://tinyurl.com/gpzpxgy>

We're winning. Just not fast enough

This month has been fairly quiet in Chaplain Land or perhaps I am not as well informed as I should be. If you know of anyone in distress please let me know. My contact information: 410-271-4847 ; [dvader1@comcast.net](mailto:dvader1@comcast.net).

Bill Collins,  
Semper Fi







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# VA Photo ID Cards for All Veterans Coming in November

All honorably discharged veterans of every era will be able to get a photo identification card from the Department of Veterans Affairs starting in November due to a law passed in 2015.

The law, known as the Veterans Identification Card Act 2015, orders the VA to issue a hard-copy photo ID to any honorably discharged veteran who applies. The card must contain the veteran's name, photo and a non-Social Security identification number, the law states.

A VA official on Wednesday confirmed the cards are on track to be available nationwide starting in November. Veterans may apply for the card online, but a timeline for how long it will take to receive a card after application has not been finalized, the official said.

No details were released on when that application process will open, what information veterans will need when applying or the web address they will use.

Although the law states that the VA may charge a fee for the card, the official said no fee is planned.

## Honorably discharged veterans will soon get to shop tax-free

Hey veterans, you can soon shop tax free.

Starting later this year, all honorably discharged veterans, no matter their branch of service, will be eligible to shop tax-free online at the Army & Air Force Exchange Service with the same discounts they enjoyed on base while in the military. It's the latest way in which the organization is trying to keep its customers as the armed forces shrink and airmen and soldiers buy more for delivery.

Adding 13 million potential new customers will give extra ammunition to the group that runs the stores on U.S. Army and Air Force bases worldwide as it fights Amazon and other retailers for veterans' online shopping dollars.

The Exchange, which is part of the Defense Department, reported earnings of \$384 million last year. That's a sharp contrast from five years ago when Shull arrived to projections of \$180 million in losses.

Shull feels those are good reasons for the new online shopping privileges to draw veterans to do their shopping there.

"Veterans value the cost savings and what they can do to support the military," he said.

Online:

Army & Air Force Exchange Service: [www.shopmyexchange.com](http://www.shopmyexchange.com)

Veterans verification site: <https://www.vetverify.org/>



# Have You Heard?

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

## *September 25th 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: 21

- Guy Hall Mid-East Ambassador, Past Detachment Commandant, Department Marine of Year (2009)
- 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:** Associate Membership application for Brian Hilliard was received and presented to the membership. Since no one was familiar with the applicant, voting on the application was tabled until members could get a chance to meet the applicant.

**READING OF THE MINUTES:** Minutes of the September meeting were distributed via the det. list server (e-mail).

**CORRESPONDANCE:** Commandant of Detachment 1216 in Marathon, Florida Keys, Michael Rhine is asking for a Nationwide communication to our MCL members who may have a contact with building supply providers to seek donations of materials delivered to the Keys. The Department of Florida has established a dedicated accounting for donations to provide assistance to those impacted by Irma. 100% of donated funds will directly benefit MCL members and the local Detachment in their rebuilding and recovery efforts. He is also asking that we (the MCL) help in communicating to the Marine Corps to have the Marine PAO from the Pentagon travel to the Keys. Mike and a handful of Marines have been leading the way in the recovery efforts. He believes the Commandant of the Marine Corps would very much like to see some PR on what his Marines are doing.

**PAYMASTER:** Paymaster Ed Dahling gave a hardcopy report:

**CHAPLAIN REPORT:** The chaplain draped the charter in honor of Rich Gonzalez

**COMMANDANT:** 5 K challenge went off very well and we look forward to passing the funds along to the Marine MCSB and writing another check to the Semper Fi fund.

**SENIOR VICE:** No Report.

**JUNIOR VICE:** No report

**JUDGE ADVOCATE:** No report.

**NEWSLETTER EDITOR:** Our Detachment Newsletter won 3rd place at the National Convention





# Have You Heard?

*by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus*

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**QUARTERMASTER:** No Report

**HISTORIAN/ WEB SERGEANT:** No report.

**COLOR GUARD:** • No Report

**TOYS FOR TOTS:** Hopefully getting the warehouse in the next several weeks. 3rd Annual Toys for Tots Motorcycle Run on November 18th from Chesapeake Cycle to downtown Annapolis. Looking for participants and volunteers.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Marines Helping Heroes is moving along. We have been approved by the State of Maryland as an organization called Marines Helping Heroes LLC. The next step is to apply for the 501C(3) with the IRS.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

. Motion made to donate \$500.00 towards the Eagle Scout Project to build an open air patio around the outside of the post in Rich Gonzalez name. Motion was voted on and approved.

• Motion made to donate \$200.00 towards the disaster relief efforts in Marathon Florida. Motion was voted on and approved.

**GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:** No Report

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

September 30 – Detachment Bull & Oyster Roast. 13:00-18:00.

**CLOSING CEREMONIES:**

Commandant Sturm closed the meeting IAW MCL rituals. The next detachment meeting will take place on October 23, 2017. Prayer was given by Acting Chaplain Fred Kaminski.

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



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(Address Correction Requested)



The Marine Corps is looking to replace the antiquated extreme cold weather boot that Marines have worn since the Korean War.

Marines are still wearing cold weather boots that were designed in the 1940s, which need to be removed each night to avoid getting trench foot, said Col, Mike Manning of Marine Corps