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news for and about the members of Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049 of the Marine Corps League
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AAC Detachment 1049 2nd Annual 5K Run



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National Award Winner

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

Members' Birthdays

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

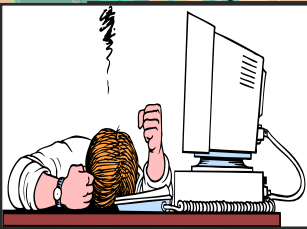
Norm Huffman **Walter Johnson** **Scott Mione**
John Purcell **John Vogel** **David Williams**

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

Quotation

"Success is a little like wrestling a gorilla. You don't quit when you are tired... you quit when the gorilla gets tired!"

Robert Strauss Reporter,
Writer, Editor, TV Critic &
Adjunct Instructor at the
University of Pennsylvania



From the Editor

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

Hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable **Labor Day** and that the return to your normal day-to-day responsibilities has not been overly traumatic. There is a lot going on for the detachment in the coming months; so, I would like to encourage all of our members to take stock of their individual situations and consider how you might be able to contribute some amount of time and effort to the betterment of our detachment. I know that because of age, health, personal commitments, etc., some of you are not in a position to contribute time; however, in most cases, that should not keep you from coming to a the **Bull & Oyster Roast**, etc.

I look forward to seeing each and every one of you at the roast on September 30th enjoying good eats and an afternoon of festivities. Tickets are available now,

You can pick them up at the VFW Post or contact me at **(410) 570-8673** or E-Mail me umpire86@aol.com

Semper Fi,
Ed

The deadline for all **September** newsletter articles is **NOON** on **Tuesday, October 17, 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

Color Guard September 10 the Color Guard will be participating in Detachment 1049 2nd Annual 5K Run / Walk

September 10th 2nd Annual MCL 5K Run/Walk Arundel Mills @ 08:00 (Ray Sturm)

Monthly Meetings, MCL Detachment 1049 Monday September 25, 2017 @ 1900 (Ray Sturm)

Bull & Oyster Roast, MCL Detachment 1049 Saturday, September 30 2017 @ 1300 - 1800 VFW Post 160. (Ben Wells)

September 19-21st Modern Day Marine Exhibition Quantico Va.

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Commandant Ray Sturm

I'd like to thank our Chaplain, Bill Collins, for hosting his third Healing Waters event. The event was very successful and much appreciated by the families of those veterans suffering from PTSD. The detachment's 2nd Annual AAC-Marine Corps League 5k Challenge was a huge success as well. We had 80 runners participate in the event at Arundel Mills. We thank all of our sponsors, especially our presenting sponsor, Live! Casino-Hotel, for their support. Next year's Challenge will be bigger and better.

As a reminder, you can use the Modell's Sporting Goods fundraising coupon through the end of the month. Get 15% off your purchase (including items already on sale) and the detachment will get 5% back.

While I am talking about fundraisers, our annual Bull & Oyster Roast is 30 September. We need your support. Buy a ticket for the family and enjoy all you can eat BBQ, oysters, chicken, sides, and drinks.

Modern Day Marine is 19-21 September. If you haven't been, I'd highly recommend going on the 20th. The morning highlights include a performance by the Silent Drill Platoon. You will also see the great gear that the military industrial complex is pitching to the Marines, hear from General Officers about the state of the Corps, and much more.

Birthday Ball season is rapidly approaching. Veteran Marines have been invited to both the Baltimore Recruiting Station's Ball and the Marine Cryptologic Support Battalion Ball. Both Balls will be in Baltimore. If interested, please see me for details. Additionally, there are several MCL Balls throughout the state. If you want to attend a Ball, I'm sure there is one in your price range.

I would also like to identify our older Marines who may be in nursing homes in the county. I'd like to bring each of them a piece of cake (cupcake if necessary) and celebrate with them. If you'd like to volunteer.. Please let me know.



Pistol Team Ray Sturm

The Central Bucks County Detachment will be conducting a pistol match on 23 September. The range is located just north of Allentown, PA. If you are interested, please follow this link to their information.

<http://www.mclcb.org/PistolMatch2017.html>





Corps History

by Ed Dahling for Joe Wright, Historian

1 September 1936

Mitchell Paige – Medal of Honor recipient for heroism during Guadalcanal campaign – enlists as a Marine in Baltimore, MD.

2 September 1945

Japanese officially surrendered to the Allies on board the battleship **MISSOURI** in Tokyo Bay. The senior Marine Corps representative at the historic ceremony was **Lt. General Roy S. Geiger**, CG, FMF Pacific.

6 September 1983

Two Marines were killed and two wounded when rockets hit their compound in Beirut, Lebanon. Heavy fighting continued for the **24th MAU** peacekeeping force near the International Airport

8 September 1942

1st Raider Battalion and the **1st Parachute Battalion**, supported by planes of **MAG-23** and two destroyer transports, carried out a successful raid on a Japanese supply base on Guadalcanal.

10 September 1813

Marines serve with **Commodore Matthew C. Perry** during the **Battle of Lake Erie**.

12 September 1917

General John J. Pershing selects the 7th Marines to guard his Headquarters in France.

16 September 1814

A detachment of Marines under **Major Daniel Carmick** from the Naval Station at **New Orleans**, together with an Army detachment, destroyed a pirate stronghold at **Barataria**, on the **Island of Grande Terre**, near **New Orleans**.

28 September 1900,

Marines withdrew from **Peking** after the **Battle of Peking** – the end of the **Boxer Rebellion**.



Senior Vice Commandant Ben Wells



The 5K race on September 10th was a success and we are already starting to plan for the one next year and we are always looking for volunteers.

Do not forget the bull and oyster roast on September the 30th. Hope to see all of you there supporting MCL Detachment 1049, remember this is our way of making money for the general fund.

Semper Fi
Ben Wells





Color Guard

Color Guard Commander Woody Bowman

– COMING EVENTS –

September 10 the Color Guard will be participating in Detachment 1049 2nd Annual 5K Run / Walk

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**

Suicide Prevention Month

The message from the Department of Veterans Affairs to the friends and families of Veterans during Suicide Prevention Month in September is simple: Be There. A number of events will be held throughout the month within the entire VA health care system.

A suicide prevention toolkit is available on the VA website. Veterans in crisis can call the Veterans Crisis Line for confidential support 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year at 1-800-273-8255 and Press 1, chat online, or text to 838255.

Veterans can also visit Make the Connection, a powerful network of stories of recovery, on the Make the Connection website. For more information and resources, visit the Veterans Crisis Line website

Veteran Crisis Resources

Veterans Crisis Line 1-800-273-8255 and Press 1
Military Crisis Line 1-800-273-TALK (8255)
National Call Center for Homeless Veterans
1-877-4AID-VET (424.3838)
VA Caregiver Support Line 1-855-260-3274



Military Order of the Devil Dogs



Military Order of the Devil Dogs (MODD)

Woof woof,

Pound 204 growled on 27 August where we had nomination, election and installation of officers. Most of the current officers were re-elected except for PDD Rossi who replaced PDD Remines as Smart Dog, PDD Kimos was appointed Watch Dog and the Barking Dog position was left vacant. Pup Durbin was appointed to the prestigious position of Pound Time Keeper.

As I mentioned last month, all annual dues-paying Dogs' dues expire on 31 August and the Pound still has seven Dogs in arrears, four 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.

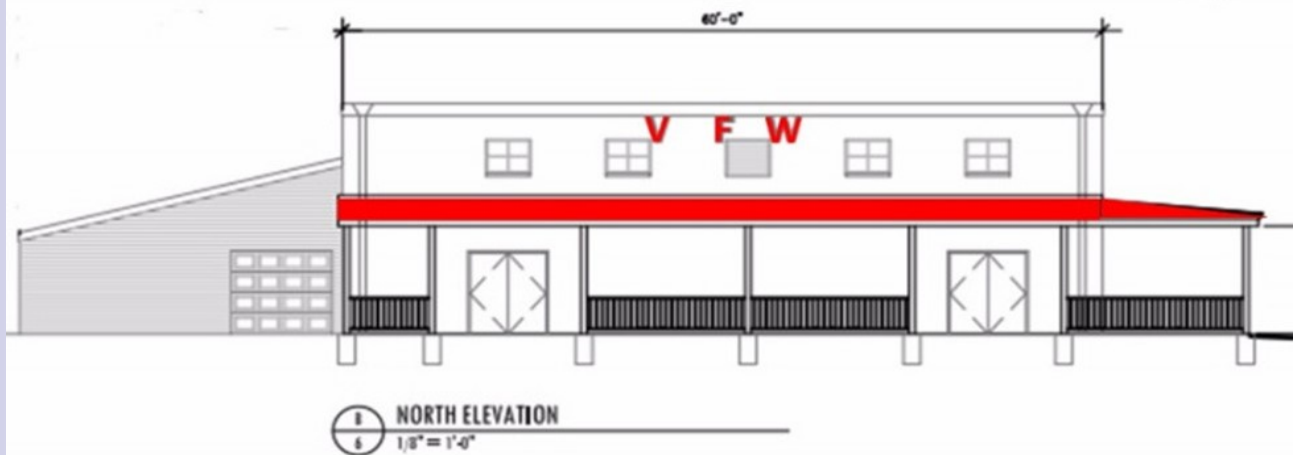
Remember: It is an honor to be a Devil Dog!

Woof woof,
PDD Paul Taylor
Dog Robber





James' Eagle Scout Project: VFW porch addition
VFW Post 160, Glen Burnie, MD



James Sandoval' Eagle Project: VFW Porch

My name is James and I am a Life Scout from Troop 855 of Severna Park, MD.

My Eagle Scout project is to build a 2,688 square foot concrete patio and roofed porch that will provide a space for outdoor seating and entertaining, protected entry, and improve curb appeal for the **Harry L. Cooper V.F.W. Post 160 building**.

I chose this project because the military and our veterans mean a lot to me. They have made many sacrifices to help better my community and our country. I feel it is time to give back to them. As they have made our lives better I'd like to make theirs better. Architectural drawings are complete. Permits will be pulled this month (Sep 2017). It is now time to raise the funds required by this project.

I am asking for your support to help me reach my goal so I can purchase the materials needed to complete this project. You can donate at <https://www.gofundme.com/jameseaglescoutproject>



Junior Vice Commandant Pat Sharkey

Please note, 31 August was agreed upon due date for all dues, however the current database defaults to 1 September as the renewal date. If you have not pay your dues at this time your membership expires.

Please Check your membership card if the expiration date is 2017 or earlier you need to send \$35.00 Today to the paymaster Ed Dahling At 493 Procopio Cir Millersville Md. 21108-1791

Semper Fi

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE DISASTER RELIEF FUND

Marines,

Today your MCL team put together a plan to deal with National Disasters that impacts our Marines. The Executive Board including the Foundation President and Treasurer had a telecom and established the criteria for a Marine Corps League Disaster process to help our Marines in areas where disasters occur.

We established a disaster donate and request for aid process this afternoon and it will be put in place for Texas, Louisiana and any disaster in the future. The Foundation will be the lead because of their 501c3 status and every corporation and other non-profit can donate to the Foundation and designate "Disaster Relief". The Foundation then will provide relief to MCL Departments and Detachments.

We will be updating our communication to the membership as soon as the Foundation creates the documents. We should be operational by Monday. In the meantime send donations to Marine Corps League Foundation and mark the donations, Disaster Relief fund. We have set up a special account at Wells Fargo Bank. This will be a restricted fund for disaster only and different rules as required for Marines needing help. Departments and Detachments are our boots on the ground for vetting and delivering aid. In the near future you will see a new Quick Reaction Team set up for handling these disasters and will be mobilized as required.

Chaplain's Corner

Bill Collins

The community at VFW Post 160 suffered a great lose this month with the passing of Richy Gonzalez. His friendly smile and warm greeting will be missed by all who knew him. His wife Sally invites all to attend a celebration of his life to be held in the post canteen on 24 September beginning at 1300.

September is suicide awareness month reminding us of the importance of our support of the TreatNow coalition and our ongoing effort to help to end the suicide epidemic that is taking the lives of so many of our veterans.

On a brighter note the 2nd Annual 5K Challenge was a great success. All who attended had a great time. Arundel Mills Mall proved to be an excellent venue. The event was planned and executed thru the joint efforts of our Detachment and the active duty Marines at Fort Meade. The guidance and leadership provided by our Commandant, Senior Vice Commandant and other Detachment members were major contributors to an outstanding event that has great promise for the future. Volunteering for events such as this one provides a great opportunity to get to know your fellow Leaguers and to have a lot of fun in the process.

Semper Fi

Bill Collins





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BULL & OYSTER Roast

Saturday – September 30th

1:00 – 6:00 PM



**VFW Post 160
2597 Dorsey Rd
Glen Burnie, MD**

\$40

All you can eat



Pit Beef - Enchilada Pie - Oysters (fried and raw) - Salads - Chicken - Sides

Music

Draft Beer & Soft Drinks Included

Games

Food served 1-5pm

Music from 1-6pm

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/anne-arundel-county-marine-corps-league-bull-oyster-roast-tickets-36807440044>

Click Here to pay online

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Have You Heard?

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

August 28th 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: 24

- Guy Hall Mid-East Ambassador, Past Detachment Commandant, Department Marine of Year (2009)
- Eve Remines Department Commandant, Department Marine of the Year (2015)
- Don Benson Department Sr Vice Commandant, Department Marine of the Year (2017)
- Paul Taylor Department Adjutant, Department Marine of Year (2010)
- Edward Dahling Dept Paymaster, Past Detachment Commandant, Detachment Marine of Year (2016)
- Manny Airey Past Detachment Commandant, Det, 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: Membership application for George Pusloskie was presented, voted on and accepted as a new member.

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

PAYMASTER: Paymaster Ed Dahling gave a hardcopy report:

CHAPLAIN REPORT: The chaplain distributed a press release for TreatNow.

COMMANDANT: News from the convention is that the proposed by-law changes were tabled due to an administrative oversight. Basically, they were not posted on the national website in the required amount of time.

New National officers are, Nat'l Commandant Wendell Webb, Nat'l Sr Vice Cmdt Dennis Tobin, Nat'l Jr Vice Cmdt Johnny Baker, and Nat'l JA Warren Griffin.

SENIOR VICE: Reminded everyone of the detachment Bull and Oyster Roast on September 30th and that the tickets are available and need to be sold. This is our only money maker for the detachment and only \$1,200.00 (30 tickets) has been collected so far. We need to get out and sell tickets!

JUNIOR VICE: Membership has been slow and the Junior Vice put out a challenge to the membership to recruit several new members before the Marine Corps Birthday

JUDGE ADVOCATE: No report.

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

QUARTERMASTER: The covers that were ordered are available. See the quartermaster for your orders.



Have You Heard?

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

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HISTORIAN/ WEB SERGEANT: No report.

COLOR GUARD: • Posting Colors for the 5K Race. Nothing until the Pasadena Parade 1st Sunday in November.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: The 501 (C) (3) paperwork has been completed and is moving along.

NEW BUSINESS: Motion made as amended to speak to Morgan Stanley about taking our money that is currently sitting in a CD and re-invest it with Morgan Stanley, exactly as National is doing. There are already investment and spending policies in place with National, and we would only need to change the name. Motion was voted on and approved.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE: Thank you letter was received from Marathon Jam Baltimore for the donation made from the detachment to benefit Fisher House Foundation.

- Attendance award ribbon given to the detachment for attending the National Convention.
- The University of SC was awarded a contract to digitize an extensive collection of video footage and they are asking for help identifying details of the videos such as people and locations.
- National Jr Commandant citation received by the detachment for 110.09% increase in membership.
- Mideast Division Conference will be held June 15 – 17, 2018 at the Turf Valley Resort. Rooms are \$109.00 per night.
- The Pete Arnold Detachment is planning a bus trip to the 9/11 memorial on September 24th. \$40 per person.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- September 30 – Detachment Bull & Oyster Roast
- The 2018 National Convention will be in Buffalo NY and rooms are already available at the Hyatt Regency.
- The 2019 National Convention will be in Billings Montana.

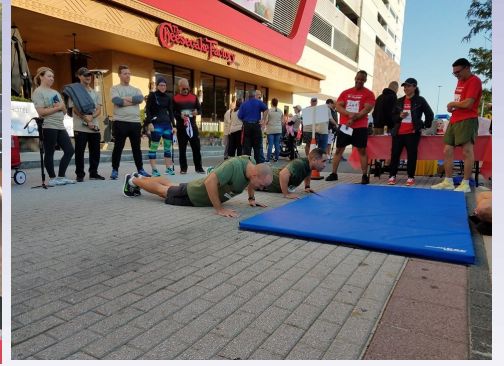
CLOSING CEREMONIES:

Commandant Sturm closed the meeting IAW MCL rituals. The next detachment meeting will take place on September 25, 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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2ND ANNUAL 5K CHALLENGE





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(Address Correction Requested)



Marines and sailors will take part in the current testing of the new Army handgun while one of the top small arms experts for the Corps is looking to adopt a compact version of the sidearm for certain Marine billets.

The XM17, or Sig Sauer P320 as it's known among civilian circles, was picked by the Army to replace the M9 handgun this year.