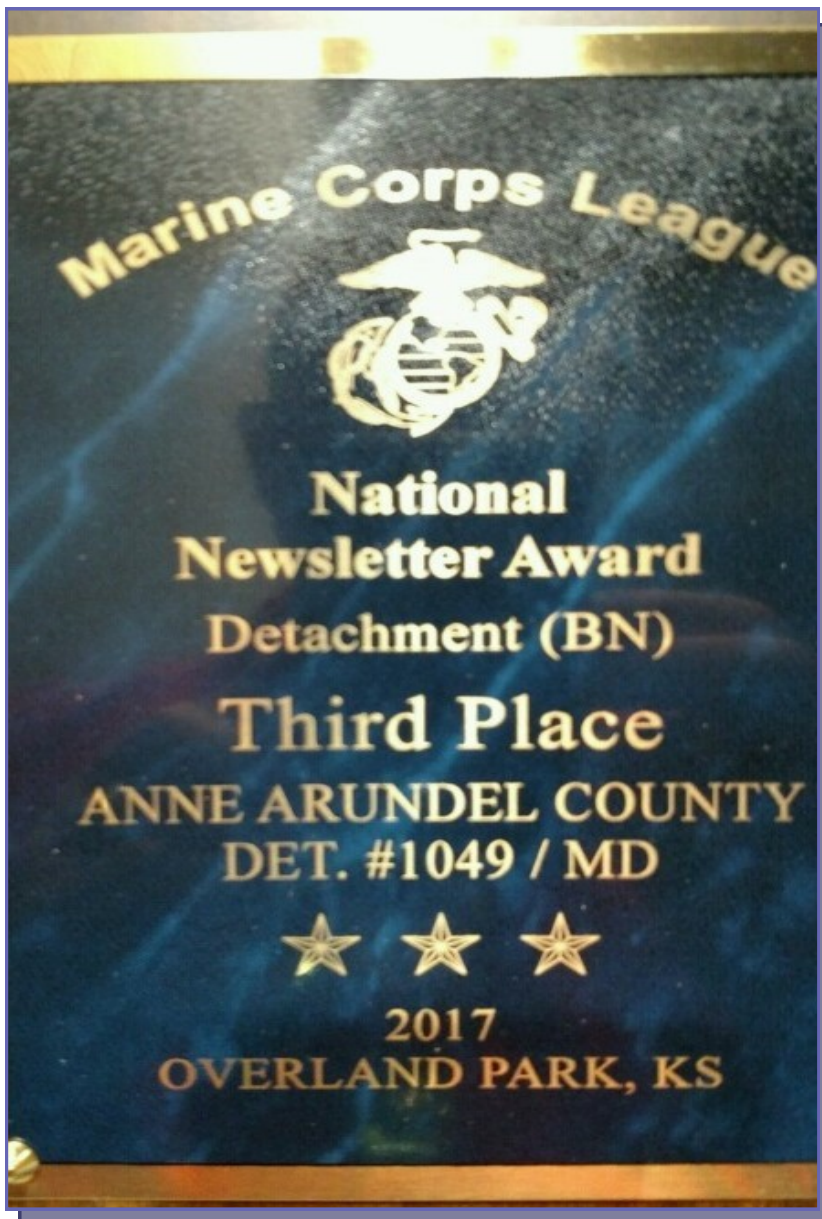


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## Membership Statistics

### 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 **August** include:

**Manny Airey**  
**Robert Hole**  
**Jim LeGette**  
**Earl Parker**

**Eddie Grove**  
**Dick Johnson**  
**George Martin**  
**Charles Quick**  
**Joseph Wright**

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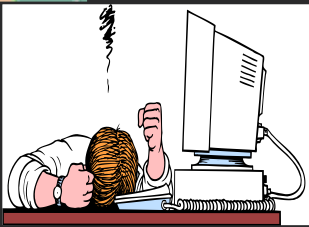
**NOTE** – If you were born in August and your name is not listed above, please contact the editor to be included in the future.

## Quotation

*"There is no limit to the good you can do, if you don't care who gets the credit."*

**General George C. Marshall**

American Military/Political Leader –  
 Chief of Staff of the Army,  
 Secretary of State, and  
 Third Secretary of Defense



## From the Editor

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

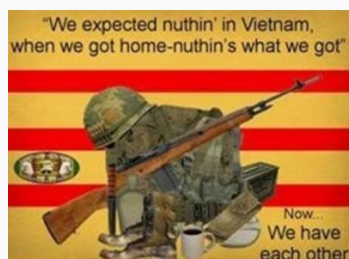
I am also interested in hearing the tales of those who were fortunate enough to attend the recent **Marine Corps League National Convention** in Overlook Ks. I will publish anything I hear that is truly interesting and of benefit to the general membership.

Our annual bull and oyster roast is coming up on September 30th. Check it out in our events here; on our Facebook page don't forget to share it out to get more people there. Let's get those tickets Ben Wells has several tables for sale or you can get your tickets from the bartender at the VFW Post 160.

All Annual dues are due now for 2018 Please send in your dues of \$35.00 to the Paymaster Ed Dahling 493 Procopio Cir Millersville Md. 21108-1791 You do have until August 31 2017 but please don't wait until then.

Please consider a **Life Membership** as a potential cost reduction. You are also asked to please advise the editor of any errors or omissions in the above listing as well as any changes to your contact information.

The deadline for all **September** newsletter articles is **NOON on Tuesday, September 19, 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

**August 13-19th MCL National Convention** Overland Park, KS.

### MODD Growl, Pound 204

Sunday, August 27, 2017 from 0800 -1100 VFW Post 160 Dorsey Road

**Monthly Meetings**, MCL Detachment 1049  
Monday August 28, 2017 @ 1900 (Ray Sturm)

**Friday Night Dinner**, Detachment 1049 September 1st 2017 from 1800 – 2000 (Ray Sturm)

**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)

**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.





## Commandant Ray Sturm

The Senior Vice and I attended the National Convention in Overland Park, KS and I have a lot to report. However, I'd like to first offer my congratulations to our Jr Vice, **Pat Sharkey** who also attended the convention for his PDD initiation. Well done, Pat.

The biggest 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.

National is trying to come into the 21<sup>st</sup> century by working on a smartphone app. They are also working on a new database of membership. Along with that, they are considering a standard membership fee that would allow on-line renewals. We shall see.

The Military Order of the Devil Dogs donated a record **\$50,000** to the children's hospital in Overland Park. To all the Dogs who contributed I want to say a hearty thank you.

The Department of Maryland Commandant, **Evelyn Remines**, was the recipient of a full scholarship from the American Military University where she will be pursuing a Bachelor's Degree. Congratulations Evie!

Elections were held. Your 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 Giffin. Many of you know these Marines and know we are in fine hands. I thank our Nat'l Jr Past Cmdt Richard Gore for his personal friendship and for what he and his staff accomplished for our League.

The Hyatt Regency-Buffalo is now taking reservations for next year's convention from Aug 12-17, 2018. Call 716-856-1234 and mention the MCL convention. And speaking of conventions, the 2019 convention is in Billings, MT.. giddy-up cowboy!

I'd like to close with two announcements. First is the **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual 5k Challenge on Sept 10<sup>th</sup>**. We can use your support. And finally, our annual **Bull & Oyster Roast on Sept 30<sup>th</sup>**. This is one of our biggest fund raisers. All the money raised benefits the detachment. We need your help in selling tick-



### Pistol Team Ray Sturm

The Dept of PA Service Pistol Match scores are posted. You can view the results at <http://www.pamcleague.org/Portals/15/Docs/Pistol/2017%20Match.pdf?ver=2017-08-21-191221-717>



I once took a  
**SOLEMN OATH**  
to defend the  
**CONSTITUTION**  
against **ALL** enemies,  
foreign and *Domestic*  
**BE ADVISED**  
No one has ever  
relieved me of my duties  
under this Oath!



# Corps History

by Ed Dahling for Joe Wright, Historian

## 1 August 1960

The Corps' *Enlisted Rank & Pay Structure Board* revised existing rank structure by incorporating the rank of Lance Corporal and the E-8 and E-9 Pay grades.

## 2 August 1950

**1st Marine Provisional Brigade** lands at Pusan, South Korea.

## 3 August 1950

Eight Corsairs of **VMF-214**, the famed '**Black Sheep**' squadron of World War II, executed the first Marine aviation mission in the Korean War in a raid against enemy installations near Inchon.

## 7 August 1990

**President Bush** ordered U.S. military aircraft and troops to Saudi Arabia as part of a multi-national force. One week later the Marine Corps announced the commitment of 45,000 troops to **Operation Desert Shield**— largest deployment of U.S. forces since Vietnam.

## 13 August 1918

**Opha Mae Johnson** became the first female Marine when she enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserve.

## 14 August 1945

**President Truman** announced Japan's unconditional surrender.

## 17 August 1942

**2nd Marine Raider Bn.**, under **Lt. Colonel Evans F. Carlson**, landed on Makin Island and destroyed a seaplane base, two radio stations, a supply warehouse, and killed about 100 Japanese troops.

## 24 August 1814

**Captain Samuel Miller's** 114-man detachment from Marine Barracks, Washington, fought in the Battle of Bladensburg in defense of our nation's capital.



## Senior Vice Commandant Ben Wells



Marines,

Well if you missed the National convention in Kansas then you missed a good time. We will cover the things we learned in the next Monday night meeting.

The 5K race is on schedule for September 10<sup>th</sup> and we could use some volunteers.

Do not forget the bull and oyster roast on September the 30<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see all of you there supporting MCL Detachment 1049, remember this our way of making money for the general fund. I will have tickets at the meeting or you can get them from the VFW Post 160 Lounge at any time.

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



## 2nd Annual AAC Marine Corps League

# 5K CHALLENGE & WALK

## 10 SEPTEMBER 2017

Saturday, 9 Sept

Packet pick up location TBD

Sunday, 10 Sept

0630 Registration/packet pick up

0715 Runners called to position

0730 Race begins

0745 Walk begins

0900 Awards Ceremony

## \$35 Sign Up Until

## 1 August 2017

## \$45 Sign Up After

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## 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,

The lazy dog days of summer are over and Dogdum is humming with things to do. The Maryland Pack growled on 5 August and collected 221 bones for the kids. We were informed that we didn't collect enough to win the prestigious dog bone for this year, but our intentions worked out as we are finally getting some competition within the Kennel: **\$50,000.00 this year!!! Outstanding work Dogs.** The Maryland Pack and all its Dogs are to be congratulated for getting the competition going.

All annual dues-paying Dogs' dues expire on 31 August, so dig into your doggie bowl and come up with 15 big bones for your friendly Dog Robber. You can mail a check (7944 Oakwood Road, Glen Burnie, Md 21061), payable to MODD, Pound 204, or bring them to the next Pound Growl, which, by the way is scheduled for 27 August, just prior to the expiration date of the dues.

At this 27 August Growl, nomination, election and installation of officers will occur. If you are interested in a leadership position in the Pound, be there and get nominated. If you can't make the Growl, you can email me ([mdmgysgt@aol.com](mailto:mdmgysgt@aol.com)) your desire and it will suffice.

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 next Pack Growl will be on 18 November.

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

Woof woof,  
PDD Paul Taylor  
Dog Robber



## Junior Vice Commandant Pat Sharkey

There are 3 classes of detachment members:

**Regular Member:** Anyone who is serving or has served at least 90 days in the Marine Corps or Marine Corps Reserve, or as a US Navy Corpsman with the FMF for 90 or more days, and received an Honorable Discharge. Dues are set by the detachment and include Department and National Dues per year, unless you elect to become a Life Member.

**Life Membership** is payable on a one time basis and covers all dues. The amount depends upon the age of the member. Associate Member: One who has reached enlistment age, does not qualify to be a Regular Member, but espouses the principles and purposes of the MCL. Dues are the same as for Members. Associate Members may not vote on membership, election of officers nor hold elective office. Associate Members may also become Life Members.

**Honorary Member:** One who has been of extraordinary service to the Nation, Community, Marine Corps, or Marine Corps League?

A member may join more than one Detachment, becoming a **Dual Member** and may hold office in more than one Detachment, but will only have one vote in National MCL business and elections.

### Organization's Levels

The Marine Corps League is a national organization of over 75,000 members and, like the Marine Corps, there are levels of the organization that enable smaller unit leadership. The levels that are set forth in the Bylaws .

Semper Fi



## Chaplain's Corner

Bill Collins

Good News.....Manny has returned home to complete his recovery and rehab following his recent illness. He is doing well and will soon be his old sweet self. We all look forward to having him back among his friends and fellow Marines.

This month has been busy for our members who are working to make our upcoming 5K run a success. Scheduled date, 10 September at the Arundel Mills Mall. This run promises to be a great time for the participants as well as for the volunteers who are making the event possible.

Please don't forget the Detachment Bull and Oyster Roast. As you know, this is our biggest fund raiser for the year so we need to sell as many tickets as possible. It's a fun evening with great food and the company of good friends and comrades. Who could ask for anything more? As always volunteers are needed for the 5K run and the Bull and Oyster Roast. See Me.

Bill Collins  
Semper Fi

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Upcoming concert: August 30 - U.S. Army Band Downrange  
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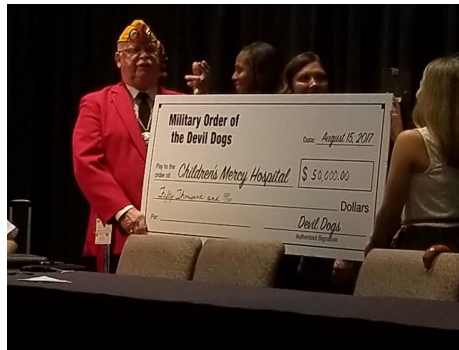
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# 2017 National Convention





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# **BULL & OYSTER Roast**

**Saturday – September 30<sup>th</sup>**

**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>

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*The Marine Corps League is a non-profit 501(c)4 organization. Your donations may be tax exempt.*



# Have You Heard?

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

## *July 24th 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: 25

- Don Benson Department Sr Vice Commandant
- Guy Hall Mid-East Ambassador, Past Det. Commandant, Dept. Marine of Year (2009)
- Ed Dahling Dept. Paymaster, Past Det. Commandant, Det. Marine of Year (2016)
- Woody Bowman Color Guard Commander, Detachment Marine of the Year (2014)

**APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:** No Report

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

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

**CHAPLAIN REPORT:** Manny Airey suffered a mild heart attack and was in the hospital but is recovering well at an assisted care facility. He is expected to be coming home August 2nd. Also the Treat Now money has already been put to good use and was used to help a Navy Seal

**COMMANDANT:** Attended the Pete Arnold picnic and had a wonderful time.

• The 5K Race is on Sunday September 10th at Arundel Mills. Due to Chris Stevens relationship and hard work, Maryland Live Casino and Hotel will be our Presenting Sponsor and will invest in the event in a good way. Having them on board will elevate the standing of the race in the county. Modell's is also a sponsor for the 5K Race as well. Two weeks prior to the event, Modell's will be conducting a fund raiser by providing coupons for 15% savings off all purchases and 5% of all sales associated with the coupon comes back to the detachment. A similar deal will take place with the Road Runners Club in Columbia on August 12th. We will have a table and 7% of all sales while we are there comes back to the detachment. The major food sponsor is Nandos Peri-Peri Chicken. There are many other sponsors that will be announced soon.

**SENIOR VICE:** Reminded everyone of the detachment Bull and Oyster Roast on September 30th and that the tickets will be available soon. This is our only money maker for the detachment

**JUNIOR VICE:** Membership dues are due by August 31st.

**JUDGE ADVOCATE:** No report.

**NEWSLETTER EDITOR:** No report.

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



# Have You Heard?

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

(Continue From Page 11)

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

**COLOR GUARD:** Performed colors for Baysox game.

- At the Glen Burnie parade, the detachment color guard won Best Appearing Veteran Color Guard award.
- Nothing until the Pasadena Parade in November.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Golf Tournament raised \$15,737.18, which is a record by \$737.00. TreatNow received \$6,000.00 and the Semper Fi Fund received \$6,000.00 as well. \$1,500 Seed money to reserve the date for next years golf tournament, \$737 will be used to purchase prizes for next year and 10% will be retained for other charitable events as agreed (Fischer House, T Box signs etc...).

**NEW BUSINESS:** Motion made to establish a separate 501 (C) (3) organization for the purpose of conducting charitable activities regarding military and veteran causes and to educate the public regarding military and veteran issues. Motion was seconded and after some discussion the motion was accepted to establish the separate 501 (C) (3).

Motion made for the detachment to expend such funds to establish a 501 (C) (3) organization. Motion was seconded and after some discussion the motion was accepted.

**GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:** -Thank you letter was received by the Semper FI Fund for the donation made from the Marine Helping Hero's Golf outing.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- August 5 – Department of Maryland Meeting -Pete Arnold Detachment
- August 12 -Road Runners Club Event.
- August 13-19 – National Convention – Overland Park, Kansas
- August 26th – Eagle Scout Court of Honor
- August 27 – Pound 204 Growl
- September 10 – Detachment Dinner
- September 10 – 5K – Arundel Mills
- September 19-21 - Modern Day Marine Expo – Quantico VA.
- September 30 – Detachment Bull & Oyster Roast

## **CLOSING CEREMONIES:**

Commandant Sturm closed the meeting IAW MCL rituals. The next detachment meeting will take place on August 28th 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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Marines with Battalion Landing Team, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, sight-in with M27 Infantry Automatic Rifles at Camp Hansen, Okinawa, Japan, Dec. 16, 2016. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl. Jorge A. Rosales/ Released)