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the CUTTING EDGE

news for and about the members of Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049 of the Marine Corps League
Ed Dahling, Editor / <http://mclaacdet1049.org/>

2017 4th of July Severna Park Parade



Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049 of the Marine Corps League and Fort Meade Color Guard were at the head of the parade, preceded only by local fire department vehicles.

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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		
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Members' Birthdays

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

Frank Berg Russell Bixler James Galvin
 Ray Gonzales Tom Maiorana Charles Sutton
 Ted Thompson Charles Young Howard Throngard
 Caulder-Rogers, Nila

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

Quotation

"There is one good thing about being the Commanding General, beyond the pageantry, the ridiculous vanity, something few would ever understand. You can get the best cigars."

General Ulysses S. Grant

18th President of the United States &
General-in-Chief of the Union Army during the Civil War





From the Editor

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

Our annual **Bull and Oyster Roast**, which is scheduled to take place on **30 September 2017**. Please make plans to attend. This is our largest fundraiser and all of the proceeds go to our detachment.

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.

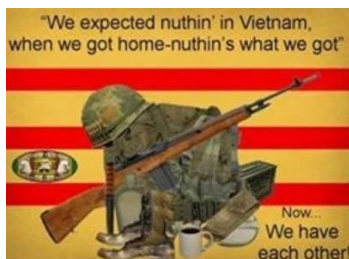
The deadline for all **August** newsletter articles is **NOON on Tuesday, August 15, 2017. Please do not wait until the last minute!**



Need A Ride?

This message is for any of our members, who have not been able to attend our monthly meetings because they are in need of transportation.

If you would like to attend future detachment meetings; but, are in need of transportation, please contact either our Chaplain or me and we will attempt to arrange a ride with a detachment member living near you.



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 July 4th, the Color Guard will be participating in the Severna Park parade.

Friday Night Dinner, Detachment 1049 July 7 2017 from 1800 – 2000 (Ray Sturm)

Monthly Meetings, MCL Detachment 1049 Monday July 24, 2017 @ 1900 (Ray Sturm)

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)

5 August The next Department meeting and Pack Growl will be on 5 August hosted by the Cpl Arnold Detachment and Pound 333. VFW Post 8672, 1714 Morse Rd., Forest Hill, Maryland

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

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





Commandant Ray Sturm

Greetings all,

I'd like to start this article by congratulating the golf committee on a job well done. The final numbers are in and they are awesome. We raised \$15,737.18 which is a record!

I need to make mention of one of the pillars of our detachment. As many of you know, Manny was recently hospitalized. He is doing well and is in a rehabilitation facility undergoing physical therapy. He looks forward to going home soon. We wish him a speedy recovery.

I need to remind any member whose membership dues are about to expire that the process has changed. All dues must be received at National HQ by the end of August. There has already been enough said about the dues change. If you have any questions, please reach out to the Jr Vice Commandant or the Paymaster.

I need to ask each member to look at the National By-law changes that will be voted on in Kansas City. You can see these changes at <http://mclnational.org/Documents/NationalByLaws>. Click on "Proposed Changes 2017". The Sr Vice Commandant and I will be attending the Convention. We will vote according to your wishes.

The fund raising 5k race is well into the planning process. I'm pleased to announce that Maryland Live! has joined us as the Presenting Sponsor. We need you to check our Facebook site and get the word out about this great event.

The Department of Maryland meeting is on 5 August hosted by the Cpl Pete Arnold Detachment. All members are encouraged to attend. Come out and see what the other detachments are doing.

Ray



Pistol Team Ray Sturm

The results of the Pennsylvania Pistol Match are not yet posted. I will post a Range Night schedule after the National Convention.



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 July 1920

Major General John A. Lejeune becomes the 13th Commandant of the Marine Corps.

4 July 1800

Marine Corps Band makes its first public appearance at Tun Tavern (Philadelphia, PA).

5 July 1968

Marines abandon Khe Sanh combat base.

6 July 1905

Marines escort the body of John Paul Jones during its relocation from France to Annapolis MD

7 July 1941

The 1st Marine Aircraft Wing activated at Quantico, Va. Within a year, the Wing would participate in the Guadalcanal offensive.

18 July 1918

The 4th Marine Brigade began an attack near Soissons, France, as part of a three-division counter-attack against the Germans. In the first two days of battle, the brigade sustained 1,972 casualties.

18 July 1948

Twelve Marines at consulate in Jerusalem (Israel) begin modern day Marine Security Guard program.

23 July 2002

Three Marines – Lt. Colonel James G. Kyser IV, Major Matthew Coon & Staff Sergeant Robert Wallace – awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Medal for heroism for their rescue efforts following the September 11th terrorist attacks on the Pentagon.

25 July 1930

Lieutenant Lewis Puller wins first of five Navy Crosses chasing Sandino guerrillas in Nicaragua.



Senior Vice Commandant Ben Wells



Marines,

Well another month is almost gone and not much is happening. The MCL National meeting will be in Overland Kansas this year from 8/13-19/2017 so please come and enjoy the time there.

Detachment 1049 is sponsoring our 2nd annual 5K race at the Arundel Mills Mall on 9/10/2017 to help the junior enlisted Marines at Ft. Meade go to the Marine Corps birthday ball. We can use all the help we can get so please sign up.

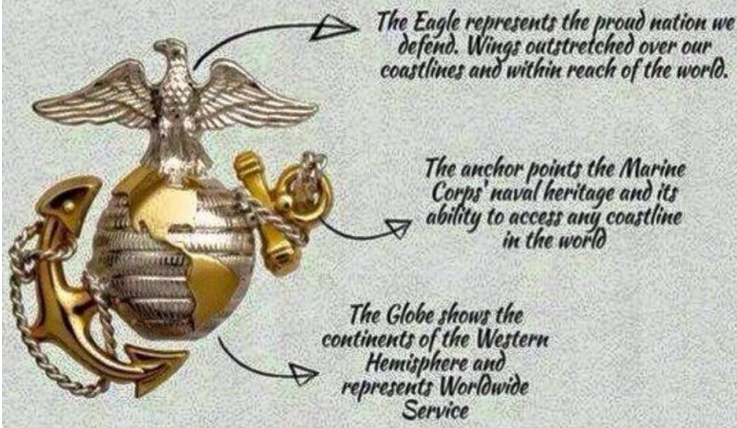
Detachment 1049 is also getting ready for the Bull and Oyster roast September 30th so please by a ticket or two to help our general fund.

Semper Fi
Ben Wells



The Eagle Globe and Anchor

Broken Down





Color Guard

Color Guard Commander Woody Bowman

– COMING EVENTS –

July 4th, the Color Guard will be participating in the Severna Park parade. Presented Colors at Baysox's 4th of July fire works and baseball game

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
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<http://www.active.com/hanover-md/running/2nd-annual-aac-marine-corps-league-5k-challenge-2017>
<https://www.facebook.com/events/632277973634013/>



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,

Not much has happened in Dogdom since the Grand Growl in May, but things will be picking up very soon. The Maryland Pack will be growling on 5 August immediately after the Department meeting. Then after a week's rest it's off to the MCL National Convention and Supreme Growl where we will have five candidates vying for the ultimate degree in the MODD. Then after another week's rest, Pound 204 will be growling on the 27th.

A lot will be happening at the Pound Growl: first and foremost, all annual-dues paying Dogs should have 15 big bones in their paws for the Dog Robber as all their dues expire on 31 August. The Dog Robber will accept everything but green stamps and your first-born.

The second important event at this Growl will be nomination, election and installation of new officers. This is your chance to be a part of the disorder of the Pound. Throw your hat in the ring and join in on the fun and be the one challenging others with those unheard-of challenge coins.

We still have two Dogs of the Pound in arrears for two years and will be dropped from the rolls on 1 September. So dig out those bones and get them to me ASAP and remain in the fun and honor society of the MCL.

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

Woof woof,
PDD Paul Taylor
Dog Robber



Junior Vice Commandant Pat Sharkey

Marines

Counting our new member, we now have a total of 125 members five of whom are in a delinquent dues status. When you receive your renewal notice, please complete the form, include your payment, and mail them as soon as possible; this will allow us to keep our membership numbers up.

If you do not receive your renewal notice or you misplace it... please get in touch with me as soon as possible and I will make sure that your renewal gets taken care of expeditiously.

You should also consider Life Membership; it could be a cost saver for you.

I look forward to seeing each of you at our next meeting.

Semper Fi
Pat

A few facts about the Vietnam wall.

There are 58,267 names on the wall.

39,996 were just 22 or younger.

8,283 were 19. 33,103 were 18.

12 were 17 years old.

5 soldiers were 16.

There are 3 sets of fathers and sons on the wall.

31 sets of parents lost 2 of their sons.

997 were killed their first day.

1,448 were killed on their last day.

8 women were on the wall, nurses.

244 soldiers were awarded the Medal of Honor during the war and 153 of them are on the wall.



Chaplain's Corner

Bill Collins

Manny missed last month's meeting because he wasn't feeling well. A few days later he suffered a "mild heart attack". Fortunately members of our Detachment quickly responded to a call from Manny. They called for medical assistance and Manny was taken to Harbor View hospital on Hanover Street. After a short stay he was transferred to Future Care on College Parkway in Arnold where he is in rehab. He is doing very well and is pleased with the treatment he is receiving. I know he is doing well because he called somebody "numb nuts" as only Manny can. Our thoughts and prayers are with him.

Dr. Beckman of TreatNow sent the Detachment the following message: "The TreatNOW Coalition has already put the Marine Corps League's generous contribution to use treating and helping to heal a brain-injured Marine and a Navy Seal who came to us requesting hyperbaric oxygen therapy. As you recall, we try to use 100% of all funds treating wounds to the brains of veterans and active duty service members. Multiple calls per week to our Call Center result in placements in TreatNOW Coalition clinics across the U.S. [<http://treatnow.org/treatments/treatment-centers>].

Rest assured your contribution will help save lives, prevent suicides, and change medical practice. Please let your members know that they can contact us at any time to get help to the brain-injured. We help heal the brain rather than palliate symptoms and doom the injured to degraded lives, dependent on drugs and welfare checks. TreatNOW.

Best, Dr. Beckman"

Thanks to all of you for Helping Heroes,

Bill Collins, Semper Fi



the Fighting Marines



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2017 Marine Corps League National Convention



August 13 - August 18, 2017, Overland Park, Kansas

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Courtyard Convention Center-Overland Park: Phone Reservations: **1.800.321.2211**
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Hilton Garden Inn: Phone Reservations: **1.844.317.5096**

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House Panel Votes to Include Marines in Navy Department Name

When the House version of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for fiscal year 2018 was passed out of the House Armed Services Committee two weeks ago and on to the full House for a vote, it included a provision to change the name of the Department of the Navy to the "Department of the Navy and Marine Corps."

The provision was authored by Rep. Walter Jones (R-S.C.), within whose district lays Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune.

According to a press release from the Congressman, "The Marine Corps is an equal member of this department, and therefore, deserves equal recognition in its title."

Jones has been seeking to make the change since 2001

The NDAA still has to be voted on by the entire House of Representatives and then the Senate must pass its own version of the NDAA. If the Senate does not include the name change in its bill it will have to be negotiated between the House and Senate.



Have You Heard?

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

June 26 th 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)
- Edward Dahling Dept. Paymaster, Past Det. Commandant, Det. Marine of Year (2016)
- Woody Bowman Color Guard Commander, Detachment Marine of the Year (2014)
- Joe Wright Past Detachment Commandant, Detachment Marine of Year (2015)

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: Two membership applications were presented: Robert Jay Feldman & Sgt Jerrin Brady Neal were voted on and accepted as new members.

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 not feeling well and couldn't make the meeting. Mike McClain's brother passed away while at the Mid East Convention.

COMMANDANT: Went to the Mid East convention – a lot of good info was passed along. The Marine Corps League has agreed with the American Military University (AMU) for AMU to award two regular Marine Corps League members a full scholarship (four years) to receive a Bachelor Degree or a Master's Degree in any degree offered by AMU. You must have an accredited Bachelor's Degree in applying for the Master's Degree. AMU is the full sponsor of this program. Time is running out and only two applications have been received.

Eligibility requirements were discussed and the MCL can only accept those Marine discharged under Honorable or General Under Honorable Conditions

New Executive Director appointment is pending and the new title will be Chief Operating Officer of the Marine Corps League. Name to be announced shortly.

Look at the Marine Corps League National website and look at the proposed bylaws for the upcoming National Convention. The staff that will be attending need to know what everyone thinks.

National also spoke about Transition Assistance Program (TAP). Both Commandants (USMC and MCL) are working to get someone from the MCL involved in the TAP program. So Marines being discharged know that there is a support mechanism out there when they go home.

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Have You Heard?

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

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Maryland is the next location for the Mid East Division Conference. Don Benson is working on logistics.

SENIOR VICE: Reminded everyone of the detachment Bull and Oyster Roast on September 30th and that the tickets will be available soon

QUARTERMASTER: Has everyone's orders and will get them taken care of.

COLOR GUARD: 4th of July Parade – Severna Park, nothing else until November.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Eagle Scout Awards have tapered off. Please let us know of any Eagle Scout ceremonies you may know about.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:

- Dr. Robert Beckman – Founder of Treat Now, which is one of the beneficiary's of our Golf Tournament explained what the organization does and the use of Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (HBOT) for treating brain injuries. TreatNOW.org
- Presented \$5,000.00 check to Dr Beckman & TreatNOW.
- Commandant Sturm presented Chris Stevens the Distinguished Citizen Medal (Silver) for Toys for Tots coordination for A.A. County.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- June 27 – 5K meeting at Bens office. 5K is Sept 10 Arundel Mills.
- June 27 – Troop 216 Meeting.
- July 7 – Detachment Dinner.
- July 22 – Cpl Pete Arnold annual picnic in Jarrettsville. All invited.
- August 5 – Department of Maryland Meeting
- August 13-19 – National Convention – Overland Park, Kansas
- August 27 – Pound 204 Growl
- 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 July 24, 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)



Known to the Japanese as “whistling death,” Corsairs claimed 2,140 air combat victories and an overall kill ratio of over 11-to-1. Legendary F4U pilots include Marines Joe Foss, Marion Carl, and Pappy Boyington.