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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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The 12th Annual Marines Helping Heroes Golf Tournament



Opening Ceremony with Secretary Owings and Ray Sturm, The 12th Annual Marines Helping Heroes Golf Tournament sponsored by Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049 was conducted on June 2, 2017. What an amazing day for golf! On behalf of our members, I'd like to thank the participants, sponsors, and volunteers who made the event such a success. Please enjoy the attached photos. We look forward to seeing you next year.

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Membership Statistics

Good Standing (Dues Paid)

Type	USMC	Associate	Multiple
Life Member-	78	8	6
Annual Member-	14	9	—



New Members

2		—
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Sub-Totals

94	20	14
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Total

128

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.

Members' Birthdays

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

Robert Di Lauro Troy Bryant Garland Downey Sr.
Francis Miller Rudolph Snyder Joseph Stephens
Raymond Sturm

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

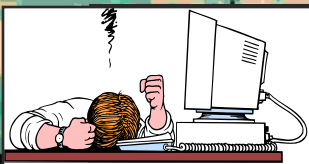
Quotation

"Patriotism:

Supporting your Country **ALL THE TIME**;
and, your government when it deserves it.

Samuel Langhorne Clemens

American author and humorist generally known by his pen name **Mark Twain**



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 fund-raiser and all of the proceeds go to our detachment.

The **Marines Helping Hero's Golf Tournament** was an outstanding success. I am proud of everyone involved for making the tournament such a huge success.

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.

The deadline for all **July** newsletter articles is **NOON on Tuesday, July 11, 2017. Please do not wait until the last minute!**



Cpl Pete Arnold Detachment

Saturday July 22nd, 2017 is the day selected this year for our Marine Corps League Family Picnic. All Marines and their families

are welcome whether they are League members or not. Let's reach out and welcome as many Marines as we can. We welcome other Detachments too.

We need an RSVP head count to order food and supplies so we are kindly asking that everyone respond with an RSVP by July 7th.

There will be lots of Food, Fun, Games, Drink and Comradery for adults plus Games, Pony Rides, Face Painting and Balloon Animals for the youngsters. A good time will be had by all.



Coming Events

The following events are scheduled to occur through **August 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 June 26, 2017 @ 1900 (Ray Sturm)

MID-EAST DIVISION CONFERENCE
Raleigh, North Carolina June 23 – 25, 2017

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

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

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Monday July 26, 2017 @ 1900 (Ray Sturm)

5 August The next Department meeting and Pack Growl will be on 5 August hosted by the Cpl Arnold Detachment and Pound 333.

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





Commandant Ray Sturm

Greetings all,

I'd like to start off by thanking our outstanding Color Guard for representing the detachment at the various events over Memorial Day weekend. A special thanks goes to **Woody Bowman** for coordinating these and every event throughout the year.

Additional thanks goes out to our golf committee who put together another successful event. Led by **Christine Stevens, Ben Wells, Ed Dahling, and Bill Collins** were the backbone of the effort. We still have a few bills to pay, so the final numbers are still being tabulated. However, I'm sure our new beneficiaries, the Semper Fi Fund and Treat NOW, will be pleased. I would also like to thank our guest speakers, **Secretary George Owings** (MDVA) and **County Executive Steven Schuh** who took time out of their busy schedules to be with us. Mr. Schuh waited an hour for golfers to finish playing before he spoke and presented an Executive Citation to the detachment for what we do in the community. Our final guest was **Susan Wortman** from the Semper Fi Fund. She drove from Quantico on a Friday to be with us. She mentioned numerous times how much fun she had talking to our golfers and volunteers. I was proud to present her an initial check for \$3,000 and told her a final check would be coming soon. Finally, a huge thank you to our sponsors, volunteers, and golfers who made the event possible.

Our Downs Park community event in Pasadena was a success as well. Thanks go out to **Norm Huffman** who coordinated that event. We had two members sign up and several others said they would. We also made some great contacts in the business community who said they would like to become involved with the League.

Members of the detachment are still working with the Marines at MCSB to put on the 2nd Annual 5k Challenge. If you know a runner or potential sponsor, please let us know.

And please don't forget our Annual Bull & Oyster Roast on 30 September. We will need your help to sell tickets.

Ray



Pistol Team Ray Sturm

By the time you read this, we will have shot the Department of PA service pistol match. I'll report the results when I have them. I'd like to start our detachment range nights again. Let's plan on Thursday, July 13th at 6pm at On Target in Severn. See you there!





Corps History

by Ed Dahling for Joe Wright, Historian

1 June 1918

"Retreat Hell! We just got here," said the 5th Marine Regiment in France.

5 June 1944

Lieutenant General H. M. (Howlin' Mad) Smith is designated the first FMF Pac Commander.

6 June 1918

Marines advance into Belleau Wood against German machine guns.

8 June 1995

Team of 40 Marines rescues downed USAF pi-lot, Captain Scott O'Grady, who had been shot down over Bosnia-Herzegovina six days earlier.

12 June 1961

President John F. Kennedy signs a presidential proclamation calling for the American flag to be flown at the Marine Corps War Memorial in Arlington, Virginia, "at all times... day and night."

18 June 1945

Major General Roy S. Geiger, USMC, assumes command of the 10th Army during the battle for Okinawa after Army Lieutenant General Simon Buckner's killed.

21 June 1945

The battle for Okinawa ends with the raising of the American flag by Lieutenant General Roy S. Geiger, USMC.

22 June 1954

President Eisenhower authorizes the use of the first official Marine Corps Seal.

25 June 1950

Korean War begins when North Korean forces invade South Korea.

25 June 1971

Last Marine ground troops depart Vietnam.



Senior Vice Commandant Ben Wells



Fellow Detachment Members,

I hope everyone had a safe Memorial Day weekend.

As your Senior Vice Commandant, one of my main duties is fundraising. Neither I nor the detachment can be successful without the whole-hearted support of all our detachment members. I am open to (1) your suggestions for fundraising and (2) anything to get detachment members more involved. If anyone has any suggestions on what we can do to raise funds... don't be shy... just let me know.

Our next planned fundraiser is our annual *Bull and Oyster Roast*, which is scheduled to occur on September 30th 2017 and this money goes to the general fund also, so please support this event with ticket sales. We would also like to see you smiling faces along with your spouse and children.

Semper Fi,
Ben



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Color Guard

Color Guard Commander Woody Bowman

– COMING EVENTS –

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

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

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Woof woof,

Since the Grand Growl last month, there is not a lot of activity in Dogdom.

Many Dogs are preparing for the Mid-east Growl on the 23rd in Raleigh-Durham, North Carolina. It will be nice to go to a Growl and not have to do anything but hand out bones. Hopefully the Maryland Pack will have a large showing and support the children's hospital in Overland Park, Kansas in August.

Speaking of Overland Park, prior to the Supreme Growl, the Maryland Pack will have four or five DDs vying for the prestigious degree of PDD. For anyone else going, make sure to visit our Dogs during the grueling pace of the initiation.

The next Pack Growl will be on 5 August hosted by the Cpl Arnold Detachment and Pound 333.

Also, all Dogs are invited to Pound 333s Growl and joint Pound 333/Cpl Arnold Detachment picnic on 22 July.

The next Pound Growl will be on 27 August when we will have elections of officers. If you are interested in a particular office, be there and get nominated and join in on the fun.

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

Woof woof,
PDD Paul Taylor
Dog Robber



Junior Vice Commandant Pat Sharkey

Marines

With your help, we can reach out to any Marines that for some reason have not heard about the Marine Corps League and our Detachment. If you know of a Marine of good standing, invite them to visit us during our next meeting. This will give them a chance to see what the league and our detachment is all about.

In addition to bringing in new members, let's not forget about keeping current with own dues. All dues are due now for 2018 Please send in your dues and not risk being dropped from our rolls as a member of good standing.

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

Semper, Fi

Military Exchange Shopping on line.

**This could be a nice little benefit, should be able to save some money.
Hope this works for everyone, check it out!**

The Army, Air Force and Navy exchange will start allowing all honorably discharged veterans to shop online, (think Amazon, but only cheaper with no taxes.) The target start date is Veterans Day, November 11, 2017. but you must register first. registration begins June 1, 2017. you must call 1-844-868-8672 <tel:(844)%20868-8672> , after June 1 to register.



Chaplain's Corner

Bill Collins

The month of May brought with it the welcome news that our Marine Corps is out in front, as usual. Marines and sailors aboard Camp Lejeune will be eligible to participate in a medical study involving Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (HBOT) to treat post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and traumatic brain injury (TBI). The non-invasive procedure exposes the body to 100 % oxygen at pressures two to three time's normal atmospheric pressure. Patients enter a clear chamber for a period of time while the pressure and oxygen levels increase to fill the blood with enough oxygen to repair brain tissues and restore normal body function. This description of the procedure and its efficacy can be found on the Johns Hopkins Medicine website.

The study will be conducted by Dr. Paul Harch, the Department of Internal Medicine Director at Louisiana State University School of Medicine. In a similar study conducted in 2012 Dr. Harch found that participants undergoing (HBOT) "demonstrated significant improvements....in symptoms, abnormal physical exam findings, cognitive testing, and quality-of-life measurements..." The 2012 study was conducted because, "blast-induced traumatic brain injury (TBI) and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) are diagnoses of particular concern in the United States because of the volume of affected servicemen and women from the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan." Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy is not dependent on drugs of any kind and thus the risk of suicide inducing side effects is eliminated.

In spite of well documented studies and hundreds of success stories controversy over HBOT remains within the medical profession. Despite these differences of opinion on the effectiveness of this treatment, the Marine Corps remains supportive of "permitting Marines to voluntarily participate in Dr. Harch's HBOT study." This represents a major victory in the fight to make HBOT available as an "approved" and reimbursable treatment protocol for TBI's and PTSD. God willing, the availability of the treatment will bring an end to the tragedy of our brothers and sisters taking their own lives.



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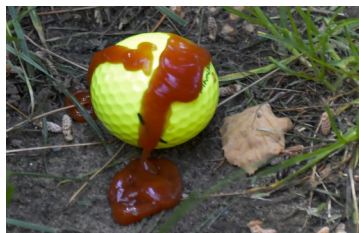
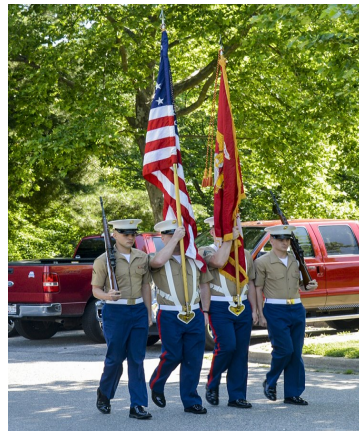


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Have You Heard?

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

May 22nd Meeting Highlights

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.

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

- Paul Taylor Department Adjutant, Department Marine of Year (2010)
- Manny Airey Past Det. Commandant, Det. Marine of Year (2005), Dept. Marine of Year (2014)
- Guy Hall Mid-East Ambassador, Past Det. Commandant, Dept. Marine of Year (2009)
- Ed Dahling Dept. Paymaster, Past Det. Commandant, Detachment Marine of Year (2016)
- Woody Bowman Color Guard Commander, Det. Marine of the Year (2014)
- Wayne McNeir Past Detachment Commandant, Detachment Marine of the Year (2013)
- Joe Wright Past Detachment Commandant, Detachment Marine of Year (2015)

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: Three membership applications were presented: Bradley Campbell, Caitlin Lober and Caleb Gowan were voted on and accepted as new members.

READING OF THE MINUTES: Minutes of the March meeting were distributed via the detachment list server (e-mail). Several hardcopies of minutes were available at the meeting.

PAYMASTER: Paymaster Ed Dahling gave a hardcopy report:

CHAPLAIN REPORT: Paul Taylor reported the passing of Richard “ Doc” Knoebel, Roger Johnson and Ed Hearthway.

SENIOR VICE: Announced the detachment Bull and Oyster Roast on September 30th and that the tickets will be available soon.

COLOR GUARD: Color Guard Commander **Woody Bowman** reported the following:

- Posting Colors at American Legion 276 the 1st Sunday in June (officer installation)
- 4th of July Parade – Severna Park (if participating, must sign liability waver)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Commandant Ray Sturm stressed the need for volunteers at the Golf tournament on June 2nd. Please volunteer.

A Membership Disciplinary Decision was made by VFW Post 160 on VFW Post 160 and MCL Detachment 1049 member Harry Anderson for his continued conduct prejudicial to good order and discipline which resulted in his ban from the VFW Post 160 premises for a two year period and 1 year probationary period following that ban. After some discussion, a decision was made to forward the matter to the Department of Maryland Judge Advocate for review and guidance.

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Have You Heard?

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:

- Norm Huffman announced a recruitment drive that is happening at Downs Park on June 3rd.
- Commandant Ray Sturm announced we received an Attendance Award for our attendance at the Department Convention in OC. The award was affixed upon the detachment colors.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

From the Department Convention, Paul Taylor announced:

- Department Marine of the Year Don Benson
- Detachment of the Year – Lcpl Dean Detachment
- Commandant of the Year – Eve Remines
- Dog of the Year – Bill Knox

Paul Taylor was named Honorary Commandant at the convention.

June 2, 2017 – Marines Helping Heroes Golf Tournament

June 3, 2017 Downs Park Recruitment Drive

June 23-25, 2017 Mideast Division Conference Raleigh N.C.

CLOSING CEREMONIES:

Commandant Sturm closed the meeting IAW MCL rituals. The next detachment meeting will take place on June 26th, 2017. Prayer was given by Acting Chaplain Fred Kaminski.

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

GAO: Report on PTSD/TBI Related Discharges

A recent audit by the Government Accountability Office (GAO) has found that nearly a quarter of U.S. troops discharged for misconduct were given other-than-honorable discharges despite previously being diagnosed with a mental health condition. The report faulted branches of the Department of Defense (DOD) for having policies inconsistent with, or poor enforcement of, official Pentagon rules for post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI) or sexual trauma. According to the GAO, 57,141 of the 91,764 troops separated for misconduct from 2011 through 2015 had been diagnosed with PTSD, TBI or another condition at least two years before their discharge. The [report](#) is available on the GAO website.



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D-Day 73rd anniversary of the historical events of Operation Overlord, providing a new perspective on the happenings that took place on the beaches in northern France.