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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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12th Annual Marines Helping Heroes Charity Golf Tournament



Friday, June 2, 2017 at 9:00 AM
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Hole in One Mulligans – Putting contest – and Coveted Last place
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Membership Statistics

Good Standing (Dues Paid)

Type	USMC	Associate	Multiple
Life Member-	78	8	6
Annual Member-	19	9	—

**Delinquent Dues
(Still on Active
Roster 11)**

New Members

3		—
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Sub-Totals

100	17	6
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Total

123

Renewals

[Dues expire at end of indicated month]

March 2017	April 2017	May 2017
James Legette	Rich Gonzales Jr.	Tom Maiorana

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 **March** include:

Woody Bowman Butch Cavey Paul Downey
Frank Fleishman Gary Frye Sr. Jack Seal

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



From the Editor

by Ed Dahling Editor

Farewell

It saddens me to have to say farewell to **Jim Brady**, a Marine who served our detachment well. While I can appreciate his wanting to move to North Carolina. We all will miss him he played a major role in the success of the Detachment achievement during his time as a member of 1049. All of us will miss him! I am sur we will HEAR from him now a then.

As always, I look forward to seeing all of you at our next monthly meeting!

The **submission deadline** for all **March newsletter articles** is **MIDNIGHT, Thursday April 13, 2017**



Quotations

"We've been looking for the enemy for some time now. We've finally found him. We're surrounded. That simplifies things."

"All right, they're on our left, they're on our right, they're in front of us, they're behind us...they can't get away this time."

"Great. Now we can shoot at those bastards from every direction."

Lewis Burwell 'Chesty' Puller

Lieutenant General U.S. Marine Corps – commenting on being surrounded by a numerically superior force of Chinese soldiers at the epic Battle of Chosin Reservoir during the Korean War.



Coming Events

The following events are scheduled to occur through **May 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*

VFW Post 160, Meeting 13 March 1700

BSA Troop 216 Meeting 22 March Columbian Center Severna Park.

Detachment Friday Night Dinner 3 March 1800-2000-VFW post 160 (Ed Dahling)

Monthly Meetings, Detachment

Monday March 27, 2017 @ 1900 (Ray Sturm)

Department Of Maryland MCL spring meeting 25 March 2017, Antietam Detachment in Hagerstown, Maryland

Department of Maryland, MCL Maryland Pack, Military Order of the Devil Dogs, will growl approximately one hour after the Department meeting

Leadership College - 22 April 2017, VFW Post 160 Glen Burnie, Maryland

Department Convention - 11-13 May 2017, Princess Royale Hotel, Ocean City, MD





Commandant Ray Sturm

Greetings,

.Winter took a swipe at us but spring is right around the corner. That means we will be getting busy once again. I'll have a lot to report on here goes...

First, I want to welcome our newest members. If you see them at the Post, please say hello to **John Jordan**, **Cpl Ziadeh Suhail**, and **LCpl Jonathan Mosley**. Welcome aboard Marines.

I'd like to report on the Mid-Winter Conference in Fredericksburg. The first presentation came from LtGen Henry Osman, the CEO of Toys For Tots. He gave a national perspective on the 2016 program. Nationally, there were 792 campaigns. A total of 18 million toys were collected and distributed to 7 million kids. Of those, 278 campaigns were by MCL detachments. (Technically, ours falls under the Marines at Fort Meade.) Leaguers collected 4.5 million toys and distributed them to 1.5 million kids. He noted that 97% of all monies raised goes to the kids. Salary for the executive staff is \$0. Even he is a volunteer. What a great program. I'm very proud of this detachment's coordinators, **Pete Smith** and **Christine Stevens**.

I should also report that after another round of city presentations, the 2018 National Convention will be held in Buffalo, NY. The city has undergone a revitalization and is in the Niagara Falls area. It's about a 6.5 hour drive by car.. and is accessible by plane, train, bus, and submarine. They promised that by August, the term "lake effect" is no longer used in weather reports.

Also announced was that we no longer have to bring the Detachment Colors to a convention in order to get a streamer. Any delegate present can bring home the streamer. Considering the cost to replace if lost, and weight of the Colors, this is a great idea.

National is also working on a new set of by-laws in order to get IRS compliant. These new by-laws will be much shorter with most of the current content being shifted to the administrative procedures. There will be some issues with this to be sure, but it must be done. National must be run like a business, not a 'good ol' boys club.'

Planning is well underway for the **2017 golf tournament**. It's not too late to volunteer to assist. We can use the help. Please contact either Christine Stevens or myself if interested.

A planning meeting is scheduled for 28 March for the **2nd Annual 5K Challenge**. This year's event will be at Arundel Mills on 9 Sept. Again, we can use your help.

The **Marine Visitation Program** is up and running. We have met with several Marines in local nursing homes. We are starting small, but it has been great to chat with these Old Corps Marines.

And now a small plug to help our Quartermaster. You may now order your new detachment shirts and baseball cap. The long and short sleeve shirts feature our new detachment logo and cost \$30 each. The hat has a modified logo and costs \$20. They look sharp. You will want yours.

Ray



Corps History

by Ed Dahling for Joe Wright, Historian

3 March 1776

First Marine landing on hostile shores in the Bahamas.

3 March 1809

Five-year enlistments in the Corps replaced the previous three-year terms.

8 March 1928

Captain **Merritt Edson** sets out on epic CoCo River patrol in search of Nicaraguan rebel leader Sandino.

8 March 1965

9th Marine Expeditionary Brigade lands at DaNang, Republic of Vietnam – first U.S. ground combat troops committed to that conflict.

11 March 1778

Marines aboard the frigate **BOSTON**, assisted in the engagement and capture of the British merchant ship **MARTHA**. Future **President John Adams** seized a musket and joined the Marines on deck until the frigate's commanding officer, **Captain Samuel Tucker**, sent him below for safety.

13 March 1943

First Women Marine officer candidates arrive at U.S. Midshipmen School at **Mount Holyoke College**.

21 March 1945

General **A.A. Vandegrift**, 18th Commandant, becomes first Marine four-star general on active duty.

25 March 1804

Secretary of the Navy approves first formal Marine Corps uniform.

26 March 1945

Iwo Jima secured. Marines suffer 25,851 casualties.

31 March 1801

Lt. Colonel Commandant **William W. Burrows** & President **Thomas Jefferson** select site for Marine Barracks, 8th & I.



Senior Vice Commandant Ben Wells



Fellow Detachment Members,

As was pointed out at the February meeting, we are in need of nominees (volunteers) to fill our detachment's elected officer positions for the coming fiscal year. **Should you be interested in filling one of these positions, please be sure to make your feelings known** at the March detachment meeting in order to have your name placed into nomination..

Spring is around the corner and we will be attending the **MCL Department of Maryland Convention** in Ocean City.

You are reminded that the **12th Annual Marines Helping Heroes Golf Tournament** will be taking place on **June, 2nd** at the Walden Country Club Crofton, MD We are in need of everyone's support in obtaining golfers, sponsors, and tee-box sign purchasers.

Semper Fi,
Ben



Pistol Team Ray Sturm

The monthly range nights are going well. We had several shooters on March 9th. The next range night is April 13th at On Target in Severn, MD. With the match season approaching, this is an excellent way to tune up your skills.



the Fighting Spirit



Legislative Officer

New Bill Would Bring Much Needed Accountability to the VA

Arlington, VA – Today Rep. Phil Roe (R-TN), chairman of the House Veterans Affairs Committee, introduced the [VA Accountability First Act of 2017](#). If passed, the bill would make it easier to terminate bad employees at the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and help bring a new culture of accountability to the broken department.

The 2017 VA Accountability First Act would drastically shorten the overall termination and appeals process for VA employees who are found to have engaged in misconduct. Currently, that process can take months or even years. The bill also empowers the VA Secretary to recoup bonuses awarded in error or given to employees who were later found to have engaged in misconduct. Additionally, it also gives the VA Secretary the ability to reduce the pensions of VA employees who are convicted of felonies that influenced their job performance.

The VA Accountability First Act of 2017 also contains language that ensures that these new powers for the VA Secretary cannot be used against whistleblowers who speak up about wrongdoings at the VA.



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,

Things are really moving in Dogdom at this time. There is a Growl every month from January through May. Try to make as many as possible. Everything is for the kids.

With so many Growls happening, there is no excuse for not attending and making yourself eligible for advancement, either in Ocean City or Overland Park.

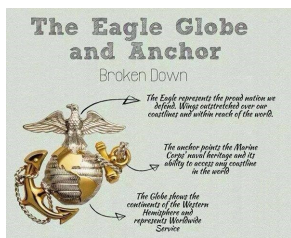
There are still two Dogs in arrears, but neither is in the Anne Arundel County Detachment. They will be dropped from the roster on 1 September.

The next Pack Growl will be on 25 March at the American Legion Post in Williamsport, Maryland. DDs planning to advance to PDD must attend two Pack Growls in the year prior to advancement. There are two Pack Growl left prior to the Supreme Growl in August.

The next Pound Growl will be on 9 April.

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

PDD Paul Taylor
Dog Robber



Junior Vice Commandant Pat Sharkey

Fellow Members,

Your Marine Corp League membership is due to expire or has expired as of the above date. Your membership will be reduced this one time by (\$10.00) from \$35.00 to \$25.00 this will keep you current through 31 August 2017.

After this transition year all renewals going forward will be due by 31 August. Of each year they need to be submitted in time to be received by National by 31 Aug each year. Dues can be submitted as received, don't hold them. You are encouraged to begin your renewal drive well in advance.

Life memberships may be a good remedy for some of you.

The rates are as follows:

35 and under	\$500
36 – 50	\$400
51 – 60	\$300
61 and over	\$200.

Hopefully, this information will answer your questions about the cost of life memberships.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at the next meeting,

Chaplain's Corner

Bill Collins

The Marines Helping Marines activity suspended operations as of 31 December 2016 due to the reduced number of in-patient combat wounded needing assistance THANK GOD....That is great news however; the number of veterans diagnosed with Traumatic Brain Injuries (TBI's) and associated Post traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) continues to rise. These injuries are related to exposure to blasts from road side bombs, RPG's, breeching, concussions and repeated and prolonged exposure to combat. Although invisible these brain injuries are devastating.....they are the primary contributors to the tragic suicide epidemic that is taking the lives of so many of our veterans. Current "approved" treatment protocols for TBI'S & PTSD are primarily drug based. The same drugs that list suicidal inclination as a side effect. A treatment that does not involve dependence on drugs is available. Hyperbolic Oxygen Therapy (HBOT) has been proven to be effective in the vast majority of those treated and has not induced any suicides....the same cannot be said for current drug based treatment. Our detachment is working with the Treat Now Coalition to add HBOT to the approved list of treatments available for treating TBI's & PTSD. This would mean that those diagnosed with brain injuries could choose HBOT and be reimbursed for the cost of their treatments. In order to support the HBOT effort and to support the Semper Fi Fund which provides lifetime support to post 9/11 wounded, critically ill, and injured members of all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces. Funds raised from this and future tournaments will go to the Semper Fi Fund and the Treat Now Coalition.

For further information about these worthy causes go to: <http://semperfifund.org> :<http://TreatNow.org>

Please keep in mind our Marine Visitation Program (MVP). Visiting Marines and other veterans at local nursing homes is a rewarding and enjoyable way to spend a few hours. As always if you are aware of anyone in distress please let me know 410-271-4847



Color Guard

Color Guard Commander Woody Bowman

We have nothing schedule until March.

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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11, 12 & 13 May 2017



Fort Meade: Battalion receives heritage and history lesson from WWII vet

Lt. Lou Schott, 96, was part of the A Company 1st Battalion 5th Marines during WWII and fought in the Battle for Iwo Jima.

Wearing a Marines cap adorned with the Purple Heart, 96-year-old **Lou Schott** watched as 40 members of Headquarters Company, Marine Cryptologic Support Battalion fired rifles, shotguns and pistols used in World War II.

Schott, a retired colonel who served in the battles of Peleliu and Okinawa, was the guest lecturer during a professional military education event on Jan. 25 led by the battalion to learn about Marine Corps history during World War II.

The four-hour event was hosted by the Old Post Rifle and Pistol Club at the Associated Gun Clubs of Baltimore in Marriottsville, and featured a catered lunch by Mission BBQ.





Have You Heard?

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

February 27 th 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.

Commandant Sturm acknowledged the presence of the following Special Guests.
Members in Attendance 26

Donald Benson	District #2 Vice Commandant
Paul Taylor	Department Adjutant, Department Marine of Year (2010)
Edward Dahling	Department Paymaster, Past Detachment Commandant, Detachment Marine of Year (2016)
Manny Airey	Past Detachment Commandant, Detachment Marine of Year (2005), Department Marine of Year (2014)
Guy Hall	Mid-East Ambassador, Past Detachment Commandant, Department Marine of Year (2009)
Woody Bowman	Color Guard Commander, Detachment Marine of the Year (2014)
Joe Wright	Past Detachment Commandant Detachment Marine of the year (2015)

READING OF THE MINUTES: Adjutant Norm Huffman reported minutes of the January meeting were distributed via the detachment list server (e-mail). Several hardcopies of minutes and newsletters were available at the meeting.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: Three membership applications were presented: John Jordan, Jonathan Mosley and Suhail Ziade were voted on and accepted as new members. Jonathan and Suhail are active duty Marines who recently assisted with the Toys for Tots program. Welcome to the Detachment

Paymaster Ed Dahling gave a hardcopy report

CHAPLAIN REPORT: Acting Chaplain Fred Kaminski asked the three new members and Chris Stevens to come forward. He presented all with posters.

SENIOR VICE: Sr.Vice Commandant Ben Wells reminded everyone that we have a money raffle at the convention. He has plenty of tickets.

JUNIOR VICE: Junior Vice Commandant Pat Sharkey stated if you are not a life member your dues are due by June 30, 2017. He will be sending out dues reminders next month.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Get your articles in as soon as possible. You do not have to be an officer to submit an article. Anyone can submit an article, or a link so he can retrieve it.

Commandant Sturm invited Young Marine liaison Joan Taylor to speak on the Young Marine program. She gave a great detailed report on what is expected of the unit. Member ages are 8 to 18 years old. Some of their activities include placing flags on Veteran's graves, marching in parades, and in April will be taking a tour of Quantico

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Have You Heard?

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

OLD BUSSINESS: Commandant Sturm introduced the new shirts and hats, with Vice Commandant Wells modeling both. Shirts are cut a little large for their size. The shirts are \$30 and hats are \$20. New patches are \$5 each.

NEW BUSINESS: Commandant Sturm reported Walden Country Club has raised their deposit to \$1,500 this year. That is not a problem since we will receive at least that much back from the tournament. A motion was made, second and voted on to send in the deposit.

There are some new tri-fold brochures available for members to distribute to friends and neighbors, explaining what the detachment does. The cost of the tri-folds are \$156 for 250 pieces or \$250 for 500 pieces. A motion was made, second, and voted on to purchase 500 tri-folds.

Commandant Sturm asked if anyone was interested in attending the Mid-winter Conference in Fredericksburg Va. this weekend? Commandant Sturm, Sr. Vice Commandant Wells and Mid-East Ambassador Guy Hall will be attending.

Adjutant Norman Huffman reminded everyone of the recruitment drive at Downs Park in Pasadena on June 3, 2017 from noon till 4pm. Everyone is welcome to participate. This will be our 4th recruitment drive.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE: Jim McCormick reported he took the books he received from Sr. Vice Commandant Wells to the Veteran's Dinner at the Elks Club in Severna Park. They were then taken to the Maryland Center for Veteran's Education Training (MCVET) at 301 N. High Street in Baltimore. As the veterans enrolled at MCVET travel through this continuum, they receive an array of services that support the goal of empowering them to return to their families and communities.

District Vice Commandant Don Benson reminded everyone that all are welcome to attend the department meetings. The next Department meeting will be held on March 25, 2017.

District Vice Commandant Don Benson reported last year District #4 (with 4 detachments) held their own Marine Corps Ball. This year, Commandant Benson would like to have District #2 (with 4 detachments) hold their own Marine Corps Ball. He asked for volunteers to assist.

District Vice Commandant Don Benson requested support from the detachment for Evie Remines who will be running for Department of Maryland Commandant.

Commandant Sturm reminded everyone to fill out their Marine of the Year forms and return them back to him.

CLOSING CEREMONIES:

Commandant Sturm closed the meeting IAW MCL rituals. The next detachment meeting will take place on March 27th, 2017. Prayer was given by Acting Chaplain Fred Kaminski.

Respectfully submitted,
Norman Huffman, Adjutant
Marine Corps League - A. A. County Detachment 1049



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

Department of Maryland

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ALL Members in Maryland

Subject: **2017 DEPARTMENT LEADERSHIP COLLEGE - 22 APRIL 2015**

A Department wide Leadership Training Class is scheduled to be held 18 April 2015 at the Glen Burnie VFW Post 160 (2597 Dorsey Road, Glen Burnie, MD 21061) home of the Anne Arundel County Detachment. This will be our 5th Annual Class. The objective of this class is to educate and familiarize Marines with the duties and responsibilities of Detachment Officers and to expand the Marines knowledge of National, Department and Detachment operations.

The Saturday Class will begin at 0800 and conclude at 1600. The cost of the class is \$35.00 per student, payable in advance with the registration. This will cover morning coffee, pastry, lunch and printed materials. Detachments may wish to pay this fee for their Marines attending. I would suggest that the Detachments have the Marines pay and reimburse them when they return with a diploma. This will stop Marines from not showing up for the class after the Detachment paid. I am sure that there are Marines in the Detachment that would have attended in their place had they known a spot was open. We will have a waiting list.

EARLY REGISTRATION IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED, as the class will be limited to 30 students. Billets will be on first come first served basis. I expect this class to be filled. Applications should be mailed as early as possible. Enrolment will end on 31 March 2015. Our goal is to have as many Leaguers as possible attended the class.

If there is a cancellation, the opening goes first to the Detachment of the Marine that canceled. If no Marine from that Detachment is able to attend, that spot will go to the waiting list. There are no refunds. Your book is printed and food was ordered for you.

There is a registration form enclosed. You may make more if you need them. Registered Marines will be sent directions and other necessary information along with their confirmation approximately two weeks before the class date.

Please make every effort to get this information out to as many Marines as possible. Associate Members are also welcome.

Semper Fidelis,
Craig P. Reeling
Leadership College Dean
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MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

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LEADERSHIP COLLEGE APPLICATION

22 APRIL 2017

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Photo By: Sgt. Tabitha Markovich

MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON, California - U.S. Marines with the United States Marine Corps Silent Drill Platoon, Battle Color Detachment, Marine Barracks Washington, D.C., perform during the Battle Color Ceremony at the 11 Area football field on Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., March 9, 2017. The ceremony featured "The Commandant's Own," the United States Marine Drum & Bugle Corps, the Silent Drill Platoon, and the Official Color Guard of the Marine Corps