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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

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Sub-Totals

97	17	6
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Total

120

Renewals

[Dues expire at end of indicated month]

January 2017	February 2017	March 2017
Russell Bixler Brent Bashaw	Erle Schafer Pat Bresette James Sanchez	- None-

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 **January** include:

Joseph Jones Phil Schwarzenber
 James Walker Michael Lettau
 Robert Lloyd James McCormick
 Louis Dasch Jr.

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 Emeritus

Hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable **New Year** 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.

MCL National Head Quarter no longer reside at our old location in Fairfax, Va. As of 10/01/2016 the have moved to; 3619 Jefferson Davis Highway, Ste. 115, Stafford Va. 22554 Phone #703-207-9588. All paper work of any type should be sent to this address from this time on.

Detachment 1049 Marine of the Year – 2016

Nominations for the **Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049 Marine of the Year** will be accepted until **16 March 2017** If you wish to nominate an individual, you will need to do the following: Write your nominee's name on a piece of paper along with and a minimum of three (3) reasons as to why that individual deserves the award.

Sign your recommendation unsigned recommendations will not be considered!

Since it's our goal to have a copy of the newsletter in the hands of our membership prior to the meeting, the **submission deadline** for all **February newsletter articles** is **MIDNIGHT, Thursday, February 16, 2017**



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*

Friday Night Dinner, MCL Detachment 1049
January 6th 2017 18:00 to 20:00 (Ed Dahling)

Monthly Meetings, Detachment
Monday, January 23, 2017 @ 1900 (Ray Sturm)

Department of Maryland, MCL winter meeting will be hosted by the Sgt Mileo Detachment on Saturday, 21 January 2017 at Jefferson Davis American Legion Post, 2619 Centreville Road, Centreville, Md 21617.

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

MID-Winter National Conference
March 2,3,4 2017 Fredericksburg Hospitality House and Conference Center 2801 Plank Road, Fredericksburg, VA 22401

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

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,

I trust everyone had a great holiday season. I can tell you that a lot of children had a better Christmas because of the efforts of our **Toys For Tots** volunteers. The Anne Arundel T4T drive collected 65,000 toys (80,000 including stocking stuffers) which went to 22,000 children. An amazing accomplishment! Once again, that effort was coordinated by **Christine Stevens** and **Pete Smith**. Of course, they had a lot of help ranging from our detachment members to the Marines from Fort Meade. Congratulations on a job well done.

On Jan 12th, **LtCol Challengren** and **MGySgt Berry**, the CO and Senior Enlisted Marine of Marine Cryptologic Support Battalion at Fort Meade, presented the detachment a plaque in recognition of our support to the battalion. We are proud of the relationship we share with the Marines and look forward to supporting them in the future.

As many of you may have heard, **Marines Helping Marines** is going dormant. Thankfully, the flow of wounded Marines has slowed and MHM has suspended operations. I will provide what details I have at the next detachment meeting. As you know, MHM has been the benefactor for our annual golf tournament. The golf committee has agreed to continue with the event, with the funds going to a yet to be named organization(s) that helps our combat wounded. Again, more on this at the meeting.

I have mentioned volunteers several times already. This detachment's members are its backbone. We can always use your help.. whether with T4T, the golf tournament, the 5K Challenge, or a new program I would like to start. I am going to call it the **Marine Visitation Program** and I need volunteers to be my MVPs. The program is simple. There are sixteen nursing and rehabilitation homes in Anne Arundel Co. and I'm sure there are some resident Marines there. I would like to start a visitation program to let our Marines know they are not forgotten. I am in the process of reaching out to the activities directors at the facilities to see how we can best do this. If you would like to be a part of this program, I want to hear from you.

Finally, we are approaching the time of year when we need to think about nominees for **Detachment Marine of the Year**. There are many deserving Marines out there and they should be recognized.



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



Pistol Team Ray Sturm

The pistol shoot on Jan 10th was not very well attended. I'll blame that on the lack of advance notice. I would like to continue the shoots and make them a regular monthly thing. I'll include the range dates in the detachment event calendar on the website and post a copy at the VFW. Post 160



Corps History

by Ed Dahling for Joe Wright, Historian

4 January 1991

Marine helicopters evacuate 281 people from U.S. Embassy in Mogadishu, Somalia.

7 January 1969

Medal of Honor awarded posthumously to 1st Marine Division Chaplain, **Lt. V.R. Capodanno, U.S. Navy**, who was killed in action in Quang Tin Province, Vietnam on 4 Sept 1967.

8 January 1815

Marines, with Andrew Jackson's help, repulsed British forces at New Orleans.

9 January 2002

All seven Marine crewmen were killed when their KC-130R crashed near a forward operating base at Shamsi, Pakistan. Enemy ground fire was not suspected in the crash. These Marines of VMGR-352 were the first to die in the war on terrorism

10 January 1995

2,600 U.S. Marines deployed to Somalia (Operation United Shield) to assist in the final withdrawal of UN peace-keeping troops from Somalia.

11 January 2007

President George W. Bush presented the Medal of Honor to **Corporal Jason L. Dunham's** family during a White House ceremony. Corporal Dunham, who died of wounds sustained in combat in April 2004, was not only the first Marine to receive the nation's highest military award for valor for Operation Iraqi Freedom, but also the first Marine to receive the award for any action since 1970.

13 January 2003

General James L. Jones relinquished duties as the 32nd Commandant of the Marine Corps to **General Michael W. Hagee** during a ceremony at the U.S. Naval Academy. General Jones was the first commandant in 40 years not to retire from the position as he became the first Marine to assume duties as the head of U.S. European Command on 16 January 2003 and Supreme Allied Commander, Europe on the following day.

Senior Vice Commandant Ben Wells



Marines,

I would like to start off by wishing everyone a "Happy New Year" and wishing all a lot of success and happiness to you and your family in 2017.

Detachment 1049 Election of Officers for FY 2017– 2018

Candidate (nominees) are needed for each of the following positions. Please remember, that any regular member in good standing may run for office.

Detachment Commandant
Detachment Senior Vice Commandant
Detachment Junior Vice Commandant
Detachment Judge Advocate

Ben



The 2016 Anne Arundel County Toys for Tots Campaign was very successful.

The campaign would not be successful without the generosity and support of our volunteers. .

Every child deserves a little Christmas. Thank you to the Marines and volunteers who made this campaign successful. We look forward to another successful year in 2017.

Thanks,
Chris Stevens



Quotation

When word got around that the bombs had forced the Japanese surrender, we knelt in the sand and cried. For all our manhood, we cried. We Were going to live!"

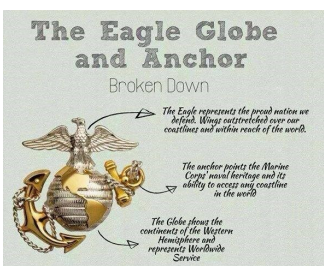
Unidentified Army Veteran,
who had been scheduled to be part
of the invasion of Japan



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DOD Authorizes Online Shopping for Vets:

Today the Department of Defense announced that beginning November 11, 2017, all honorably discharged veterans will be granted online shopping privileges through the online military exchange. Veterans will now have access to all merchandise except for uniforms, alcohol and tobacco products.



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,

Still not much happening in Dogdom. Many thanks to all the Dogs who turned out to assist the Toys for Tots very successful drive. I am sure Chris Stevens will have a total for us at the next Detachment meeting.

Pound 204 held a very successful Growl last month netting 351 bones for the kids. Unfortunately, our Dog Chef has retired so unless we have a chef step up, we will no longer be having that great Anne Arundel County Detachment breakfast prior to the Growls.

We still have a few Dogs in the Pound who are in arrears of their dues and therefore cannot attend a Growl or hold office. If you are one of the delinquents, get with the program and send 15 big bones to your friendly Dog Robber (me) ASAP. A few extra bones, for the kids, from those of you who never attend a growl would be greatly appreciated. When you are two years in arrears, you will be dropped from the roles of the MODD. Don't let this happen. Pay your dues now.

All Pups remember that you must attend two Pound Growls in the year prior to the Grand Growl in May if you want to advance to DD.

The next Pack Growl will be on 21 January at the Jefferson Davis American Legion Post in Centreville, Maryland. DDs planning to advance to PDD must attend two Pack Growls in the year prior to advancement.

The next Pound Growl will be on 12 February.

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

PDD Paul Taylor
Dog Robber



Junior Vice Commandant Pat Sharkey

Greetings Marines,

Alright it's a new year. You know you have been meaning to get down to a meeting. So do it. You will see some old friends and maybe make some new ones. We have added a few new members, you should be there to welcome them aboard. Re-ally, what else is there to do on the fourth Monday this January?

There is always the possibility that you will enjoy yourself!

Ed Dahling for
Pat Sharkey



History of the Medal of Honor

Pvt. Jacob Parrott, a member of the Ohio Volunteer Militia, the predecessor to the Ohio National Guard, was the first person to receive the [Medal of Honor](#), on March 25, 1863. Parrott is featured online in a new [history](#) of the Medal of Honor, posted by the Defense Department. Congress authorized the Medal of Honor in December 1861, specifically for the Department of the Navy, but within two months it was adapted for Army recipients as well. The medal is now bestowed on individuals serving in any branch of the armed forces who have performed a personal act of valor above and beyond the call of duty in action against an enemy force.

Chaplain's

Bill Collins

We begin a new year that promises to be yet another great year for our Detachment. Planned events including our annual golf tournament, the 5k run with our brother Marines from Fort Meade, support to local Boy Scout troops, our annual recruiting event at Downs Park, on-going involvement with the treatnow organization to help reduce the number of veterans taking their own lives, color guard participation in community events, Devil Dog activities and of course at the end of the year Toys for Tots and the many other community and fund raising events that occur every year. Obviously we have plenty of opportunities to excel, so please as your circumstances allow, come out and support these worthwhile activities...you'll be glad that you did.

On January 20th 2017 President-elect Donald J. Trump and Vice President-elect Michael R. Pence will be sworn in to office on the west front of the United States Capitol. Some Americans are very happy with the President-elect, others... not so much. This is normal when the government undergoes the transition of power from one party to another. One of our great strengths as a nation is our ability to disagree during the selection process and to come together as Americans after the election is over and new leaders are sworn into office. Our unity as a people is the foundation of our strength as a nation. It is certain that our adversaries don't care whether we are black, brown, yellow, red, white, Protestant, Catholic, Jew or any of the other stove pipes that are created to separate us.....to them we are all Americans and because we are Americans we should die. Perhaps we should look at ourselves the way that they look at us and realize that in spite of our differences..... first and foremost we are all Americans and that our strength is derived from our unity. We Marines should lead the way in helping to overcome the obstacles that divide and weaken us.

Bill Collins, Chaplain
Semper Fi





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US Agrees to Pay Billions to Marines Affected by Toxic Water

The Obama administration has agreed to provide **disability benefits** totaling more than \$2 billion to veterans who had been exposed to contaminated drinking water while assigned to **Camp Lejeune** in North Carolina. The decision was quietly made public Thursday with a notice in the Federal Register, the government's official journal



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Have You Heard?

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

December 19th 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.

Donald Benson	District #2 Vice Commandant
Evelyn Remines	Department Senior 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)
Jim Brady	Mid-East Fund Raising Chairman, Detachment Marine of Year (2007)
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 (2013)

Members in Attendance 26

Commandant Ray Sturm asked if any officers had a report? No reports.

Commandant Ray Sturm asked if District Vice Benson would like to give a report? No report.

CHAPLAIN: None

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: None

CORRESPONDANCE: None

QUARTER MASTER: None

SENIOR VICE: None

HISTORIAN WEB SERGEANT: None

JUNIOR VICE: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

JUDGE ADVOCATE: None

COLOR GUARD: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

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Have You Heard?

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: None

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

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE: Commandant Sturm reported a few members not in attendance this evening are working at Toys for Tots. He stated we are doing quite well and have more toys than we know what to do with. Toys for Tots Coordinator Chris Stevens will provide us with an update later.

Guest Chaplain Fred Kaminski read a poem and distributed posters to anyone who was interested.

Nila Caulder reported on the Marathon Bluegrass Jam held at the American Legion Post 276 8068 Quarterfield Rd, Severn, MD 21144 on February 25, 2017 from noon til midnight. All proceeds will benefit the Fisher House Foundation. If you would like to attend or help, whatever time you can make it would be fine. Donations are welcome. This is the 8th Annual 12- Hour Jam Session to raise money and awareness for Fisher House Foundation. All acoustic jammers welcome. Free Admission. Silent Auction, Prize Wheel, 50/50 Drawings and much more. Good food provided by the Legion. It's a fun event and a good cause.

Commandant Sturm reported there will be an Eagle Scout presentation on January 8th, 2017 in Crofton. He will send the information out for anyone who would like to attend.

Commandant Sturm reported the Christmas event held for Marine families at the Baltimore Recruiting District was a big success. (Detachment 1049 donated \$500 to this event.) Commandant Ray Sturm, District Vice Commandant Don Benson and Department Senior Vice Commandant Evie Remines attended this event. Toys for Tots donated toys for Santa (Rick Remines) to pass out to the children. With the help of donations, they were able to purchase 14 gift baskets which included ham, potatoes, vegetables and gift cards to local grocery stores. The Marines were very appreciative and thanked the Marine Corps League for everything. The event was very successful.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Department Adjutant Paul Taylor reported on the next Department meeting. The Department of Maryland Winter Meeting will be held on 21 January 2017, hosted by the Sgt. Jason D. Mileo Detachment. Full Breakfast (cost \$10.00) served at 0800 and the MCL Meeting will start at 0900. Lunch on your own. (Restaurants nearby) Maryland Pack will Growl after the Lunch.

Winter Meeting Location: Jefferson Davis American Legion Post 18 2619 Centerville Rd. Centerville, MD 21617

CLOSING CEREMONIES:

Commandant Sturm closed the meeting IAW MCL rituals. The next detachment meeting will take place on January 23, 2017. Prayer was given by Acting Chaplain Fred Kaminski. Winner of 50/50 was Judge Advocate Chris Wise.

Christmas festivities followed meeting.



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Marines to get smart phones to call in fire support

This fiscal year Marines will receive smart phones that make calling for fire support easier, quicker and more accurate. The Target Handoff System Version 2, or THS V.2, is a portable system designed for use by dismounted Marines to locate targets, pinpoint global positioning coordinates and call for close air, artillery and naval fire support using secure digital communications.