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the CUTTING EDGE

news for and about the members of Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049 of the Marine Corps League
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Semper Fidelis!

Happy 241st Birthday Marines

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241st Marine Corps Birthday ball
Marine Cryptologic Support Battalion Fort Meade Maryland
Renaissance Baltimore Harbor place Hotel



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Membership Statistics

Good Standing (Dues Paid)

Type	USMC	Associate	Multiple
Life Member-	78	8	6
Annual Member-	18	9	—

Delinquent Dues (Still on Active Roster 17)

New Members

1		—
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Sub-Totals

97	17	6
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Total

120

Renewals

[Dues expire at end of indicated month]

November 2016	December 2016	January 2017
Francis Wright Carl George	Roy Ringrose Dominc Watkns	Russell Bixler Brent Bashaw

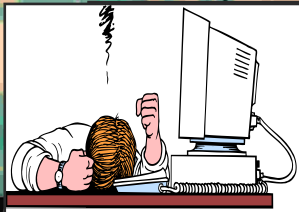
Please consider a **Life Membership** as a potential cost reduction. You are also asked to please advise the editor of any errors or omissions in the above listing as well as any changes to your contact information.

Members' Birthdays

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

Mike Lowman Scott Stevens
Robert Foley Jr. Eugene Punte
Ben Wells

NOTE – If you were born in September 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

This issue of the newsletter coincides with the beginning of two very important undertakings for the members of **Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049**. Specifically, the **2016 Toys for Tots Campaign** and our **2017 Marines Helping Marines Golf Tournament**.

Please consider making yourself available to assist with the various activities associated with the *Toys for Tots Campaign*. **Christ Stevens** need everyone to contribute to what we all hope will be a successful re-involvement with this very important event. **Get your Christmas Spirit going early!**

Christ Stevens is heading up the **2017 MHM Golf Tournament** and needs *an assistant* to help with the behind the scenes activities necessary to continue our string of successful tournaments. We also need everyone to start talking about the tournament and encouraging family members, friends, and associates to be part of this event through participation as golfers and/or sponsors. Of course, we are counting on our previous volunteers as well as first-timers to assist with the behind the scenes activities which are absolutely essential if we are to host another successful tournament.

Semper Fi,

Ed Dahling



Quotation

"Amidst the uncertainties of war, every soldier is entitled to one certainty...the belief that he will not be forgotten or abandoned."

Unknown

NOTE – *It's truly a shame that this belief no longer appears to be shared by many of the politicians who commit us to war!*



Coming Events

The following events are scheduled to occur through **January 6th 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*

Saturday, November 10, 2016 beginning at **19:00. 241st Birthday**, Cake Cutting which will take place at **VFW Post 160 @18:00**

Color Guard events: November 11th – presenting Colors at Quarterfield Road American Legion Post 276 at 0900 hours, Crownsville Cemetery for event at 1100.

Color Guard :November 13th Presenting Colors at the Elks Club on Truck House Road at 1500 hours

VFW Post 160 Closed

Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 24, 2016

Monthly Meetings, MCL Detachment 1049

Monday, November 28, 2016 @ 1900 (Ray Sturm)

Pound 204 will Growl on 11 December at the Pound Dog House about 0900 and breakfast at 0800.

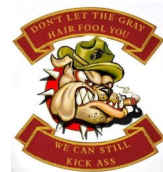
Monthly Meetings, Detachment

Monday, December 19, 2016 @ 1900 (Ray Sturm)

Christmas Day – Post Closed

Friday Night Dinner, MCL Detachment 1049

January 6th 2017 18:00 to 20:00 (Ed Dahling)



the Fighting Spirit



Commandant Ray Sturm

Greetings,

Happy Thanksgiving! I know everyone's situation is different, but I'd like to think we can all find something to be thankful for.. whether it's family, a special friend, a neighbor who always waves hello, your health, or a roof over your head. As we gather to give thanks, we who have stood as democracy's guardians should be thankful for those who now stand in our place. Give thanks to those on duty around the world and in our communities.

On behalf of the members who attended the **Marine Cryptologic Support Battalion's** Birthday Ball, I would like to thank **LtCol Challengren** and **MGySgt Berry** for their invitation and hospitality. I have been fortunate to have attended numerous Balls over the years, and I can safely say this event was truly first class. I would also like to thank the guest of honor, **BGen Seely**, for his kind and generous words about the Marine Corps League. The detachment looks forward to strengthening its relationship with this outstanding unit.

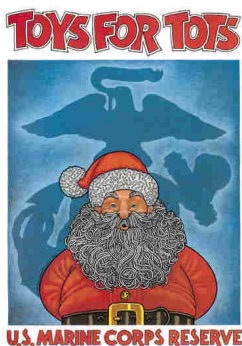
I was honored to attend the 3rd Annual Veterans Appreciation Dinner sponsored by the **Lake Shore Volunteer Fire Department** in Pasadena. To be recognized and thanked by an organization so dedicated to their community was very humbling. While the veterans in attendance graciously accepted their thanks for our past service, it is we who say thank YOU to all of the first responders who serve every day.

There are two items that will come up at our next meeting Nov 28th. First is a proposal under New Business for the detachment to purchase a \$2000 Conex Box for storage. The box would be shared with Toys4Tots. This is a large purchase and I want your input. Second, the VFW Commander has asked that the detachment move its plaque wall from its current location to the bookcases in the pool table area. There is a lot of history here and it is an emotional topic. Again, I need your input in order to respond to the VFW.

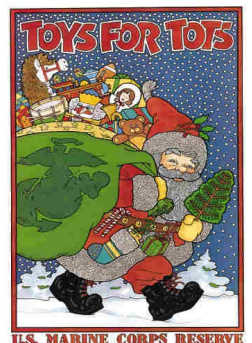
Finally, just a quick reminder that the MCL is an apolitical organization. This election has proven to be a very divisive one. We need to leave our political beliefs at the door when we gather as Marines.

Semper Fi,

Ray



Anne Arundel County
Detachment 1049
TOYS FOR TOTS





Corps History

by Ed Dahling for Joe Wright, Historian

2 November 1950

Marines engage Chinese in North Korea near the Chosin Reservoir.

3 November 2003

Presidential Unit Citation awarded to **1st Marine Expeditionary Force** for its service in **Operation Iraqi Freedom**. It becomes the first unit to earn the award since the end of the Vietnam War.

4 November 1948

Colonel Katherine Towle became the first Director of Women Marines as regulars and not reservists.

4 November 1979

Mob overruns U.S. Embassy in Teheran, Iran; 13 Marines among 65 American hostages; 52 of whom were held captive for 444 days.

10 November 1775

Continental Congress authorizes creation of two battalions of Marines.

10 November 1948

First eight enlisted women are sworn in as regular Marines. First black women Marines enlist the following summer.

10 November 1921

The first formal commemoration of the Marine Corps Birthday.

10 November 1954

Marine Corps War Memorial site dedicated near Arlington National Cemetery.

18 November 1915

Major Smedley D. Butler leads Marine attack on Fort Riviere, Haiti and is awarded 2nd Medal of Honor.

20 November 1947(date approximate) **Toys For Tots** program founded.

23 November 1950

7th Marines take Yudam-ni. Thanksgiving was celebrated in Korea with temperatures hovering about 20 degrees below zero.

27 November 1950

Eight Chinese Communist divisions launch a massive attack in Korea, with the express purpose of destroying the 1st Marine Division. This action leads to the successful Marine Corps attack out of the Chosin Reservoir and its relocation to the coastal port of Hungnam.



Senior Vice Commandant Ben Wells

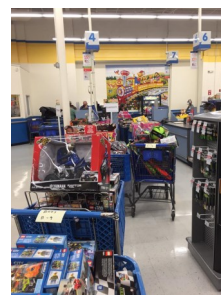


Marines,

There is not much to report this month except the ribbon cutting for the new Marine Corps League National Headquarters. The ribbon cutting was Friday the 18th and all went well with food and drink. Jack Severn hosted the flags for the honor guard part of the ceremony with Commandant Gore and National Director Tom Hazlett speaking. Hope to see all of you there supporting MCL Detachment 1049 at our next meeting.

Semper Fi,

Ben



Toys for Tots Shopping Spree

at Toys R Us Glen Burnie 11/13/16

\$16,500.

the *Smithsonian* *Magazine*



Lake Shore Vol. Fire Company
Honoring Our Military Veterans and Families



Manny Airey The Oldest Marine at the Ball

Detachment 1049 Birthday Cake Cutting
241st Marine Corps Birthday
VFW Post 160



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,

There is not a lot happening in Dogdom at this time, so it is an excellent opportunity for all Dogs to support the Marine Corps League's Toys for Tots drive. If you don't know what to do, ask Chris Stevens as she is leading the way for the Anne Arundel Detachment in this very worthy endeavor.

Pound 204 will Growl at 0900 on 11 December at the Dog House, with breakfast and bloody Mary's at 0800. Pups and mongrels should report to the Mad Dog at 0800.

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.

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

PDD Paul Taylor
Dog Robber



Junior Vice Commandant Pat Sharkey

Last month, we welcome a new member Jeremy Bowers to our detachment.

Membership Status

As of the end of August, we still have eleven members (regular and associate), who are delinquent with regard to the payment of their 2015 and 2016 dues. One member is delinquent in the payment of their 2015 dues. I would have hoped that all of our delinquent detachment members would have caught up by now.

If for some reason you do not wish to renew, let me know and I'll see if we can address your concerns. Hope to hear from you soon. If you like to pay your dues please submit your payment to me as soon as possible so that I may take you off the **Delinquent Status List**.

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Rifle & Pistol
Ray Sturm

We are in the process of designing a shirt and patch for the Marksmanship Team. Details to follow.



Chaplain's Bill Collins

Toys for Tots is in full swing.....volunteers are needed and most welcome. Contact our ace Toys for Tots coordinator Chris Stevens at Chris@aatft.org or call 410-271-4847. It's a great way to give to less fortunate families.

This is that time of year when we pause to reflect on how fortunate we are to live in this great country among our families and friends. We also give thanks for the camaraderie and fellowship we share with our fellow Marines.

Sad to report.... Another Marine reporting sir.....The Supreme Commandant has called Marine Charles Albo home to his final duty station. He will be missed. A memorial service will be held in the near future. Details will be disseminated when they become available.

We are all aware of the suicide epidemic among our veterans, 20 + lives lost every day. Obviously, for this to continue is totally unacceptable. I am currently working with the TreatNOW coalition, a group of citizens, veterans, institutions and service organizations working pro bono to get help to our brain injured troops and others suffering from Concussions, Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). The coalition has already helped to treat and heal hundreds of brain injured individuals. For more information go to..... treatnow.org. I would appreciate your feedback..... dvader1@comcast.net.....or call 410-271-4847.

Bill Collins, Chaplain
Semper Fi

Eagle Scout Court Of Honor

Commandant Ray Sturm along with ED Dahling and Bill Collins Attendant Eagle Scout Court of Honor for **Austin Joseph Ray** On November 22, 2016 At Asbury United Methodist Church Arnold, Md.



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TOYS FOR TOTS

MOTORCYCLE TOY PARADE

**Saturday
Nov 19th
12 Noon**

**West Annapolis
to City Dock**

Prizes for
Bike
Decorations!

Refreshments and registration at Chesapeake Cycles,
104 Defense Hwy, from 9am to 11:30, 19 Nov 2016

U.S. MARINE CORPS RESERVE

Registration \$10 per bike plus a new, unwrapped toy to donate.

Details at www.anne-arundel-md.toysfortots.org



Color Guard

Color Guard Commander Woody Bowman

Color Guard events: November 11th – presenting
Colors at Quarterfield Road American Legion Post
276 at 0900 hours,

Followed by Crownsville Cemetery for event at
1100.

November 13th – Presenting Colors at the Elks
Club on Truck House Road at 1500 hours.

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



From the Officers and Staff of Anne Arundel
County Detachment 1049 would like to wish you
and your family a Happy Thanksgiving





Have You Heard?

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

October 24th 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.

Members in Attendance, 17

Commandant Ray Sturm acknowledged the presence of the following Special Guests.

Edward Dahling,	Department Paymaster, Past Detachment Commandant Detachment Marine of the Year 2016.
Paul Taylor	Department Adjutant
Manny Airey	Past Detachment Commandant, Department Marine of the Year
Woody Bowman	Color Guard Commander, Detachment Marine of the Year 2015
Joe Wright	Past Detachment Commandant

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: One applicant for membership: Jeremy Bowers, DD214 is in order. Motion made and second to accept Jeremy Bowers. Welcome Jeremy Bowers to the MCL Detachment 1049. Acting Chaplain Fred Kaminski addressed the All Mighty GOD for our new members.

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

Paymaster: Ed Dahling reported a profit of \$2173.20 on the Bull Roast.

CHAPLAINS REPORT: If you are aware of anyone who is ill or in need, please contact Chaplain Bill Collins. Chaplain Collins reported Fred Kaminski is doing well, as is Charlie Luthardt. Charlie was last seen by Bill Collins at the VFW watching football. Chaplain Collins is also working with the Marine suicide issues.

Wayne (Harry) Hierstetter's of the Baltimore Detachment recently lost his son. We are unsure of any arrangements the Baltimore Detachment has planned. Fred Kaminski read a poem by Longfellow.

QUARTER MASTER: Bill Collins reported the MCL office was cleaned. There are two tables of books available for anyone who may want them. Any remaining books will be given to a nursing home or hospital. Jim McCormick offered to take them to Greene Street VA

HISTORIAN WEB SERGEANT: Joe Wright reported when sending email thru the list server; if you also add individuals to the list server email, it will bounce back as too many recipients. Suggestion made to use BCC (blind copy), as many people do not want their email addresses advertised.

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Have You Heard?

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

COLOR GUARD:

Woody Bowman confirmed these Color Guard events:

November 2nd – Quarterfield Elementary School speaking on “What is Veterans Day?”

November 6th – Pasadena Thanksgiving Parade starts at Tick Neck Park on Ft. Smallwood Rd. and ends at George Fox Jr. High School. Lineup at 1 pm and parade starts at 2 pm.

November 10th – Marine Corp Birthday - Cake cutting ceremony at VFW at 1900 hours

November 11th – Presenting Colors at Quarterfield Road American Legion Post 276 at 0900 hours, followed by Crownsville Cemetery for event at 1100.

November 13th – Presenting Colors at the Severna Park Elks Club at 1530 hours

NEW BUSINESS:

Commandant Ray Sturm reported we are updating our Detachment Logo and shirts. information will be coming out in the e-mails.

Commandant Sturm requested a motion to present Jen with a \$100 restaurant gift card and two \$50.00 gift cards to Frank and Rich for their invaluable help with the Bull & Oyster Roast. Motion made and passed. Also, thank you certificates will be given.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:

November 10th – Cake cutting ceremony – 1900 hours at the VFW– Open bar

November 11th - Invitation to attend the USMC Ball at the Renaissance Hotel in Baltimore \$80 pp - 24 seats reserved in VIP section – the funds from the 5K Run helped to defray cost of the Ball. Formal event – Black tuxedo and Formal attire – Dress uniform

November 13th - Jim McCormick invited everyone to attend the ceremony at the Elks Club on Truck House Rd on November 13th. Please contact Jim McCormack if you are interested in attending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chris Stevens reported the Toys for Tots has a new warehouse. Already receiving boxes and toys. Will need help distributing boxes as the campaign proceeds.

CLOSING CEREMONIES:

Commandant Sturm closed the meeting IAW MCL rituals. The next Detachment meeting will take place on November 28, 2016. Prayer was given by Acting Chaplain Fred Kaminski. Winner of 50/50 was Joe Wright.

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

This hero horse of the Marine Corps just got her own statue



During the five-day Battle for Outpost Vegas in 1953, then-Pvt. Reckless spent three days transporting recoilless rifle rounds to embattled Marines under heavy fire. On the worst day of the battle, she ferried 386 rounds that weighed 24 pounds each and traveled a total of 35 miles while suffering two wounds from shrapnel. One of the cuts was a bad wound just above her eye.

After her heroics on the front lines of the Korean War, Lt. Gen. Randolph Pate promoted Reckless to sergeant. Reckless was transported to the U.S. where she became a Marine Corps celebrity, gave birth to four children, and was promoted to staff sergeant before retiring to Camp Pendleton.

Over the course of her career, Reckless received two Purple Hearts, a Good Conduct Medal, the Presidential Unit Citation with star, the National Defense Service Medal, the Korean Service Medal, and the United Nations Service Medal.

Since her death, Reckless has been honored with a memorial at the Camp Pendleton stables, a Dickin Medal for animal bravery, and now a statue at Camp Pendleton.



A U.S. Marine fires a M27 infantry automatic rifle at simulated enemies during an Integrated Training Exercise at Marine Corps Air-Ground Combat Center Twenty nine Palms, Calif., Aug. 18, 2016 (U.S. Marine Corps/Lance Cpl. Danny Gonzalez)

"It is the best infantry rifle in the world, hands down," Wade said of the IAR. "Better than anything Russia has, it's better than anything we have, it's better than anything China has. It's world-class."

The M4 carbine and the M27 IAR handle very similarly as they share a number of features. However, the M27 has a slightly longer effective range -- 550 meters compared to the M4's 500 -- and elements that allow for more accurate targeting. It has a free-floating barrel, which keeps the barrel out of contact with the stock and minimizes the effect of vibration on bullet trajectory. It also has a proprietary gas piston system that makes the weapon more reliable and reduces wear and tear.



Important Holiday Shipping Deadlines

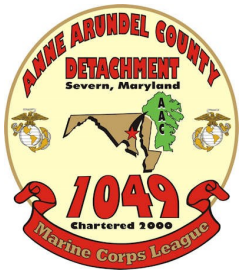
The Postal Service recommends the following mail-by dates for the mail you send to Army/ Air Post Offices (APO), Fleet Post Offices (FPO) and Diplomatic Post Offices Armed Forces Europe (DPO AE) for an expected delivery before Dec. 25.*

Military Mail Addressed To and From**	Priority Mail Express Military Service (PMEMS)¹	First-Class Mail Letters & Cards	Priority Mail	Parcel Airlift Mail (PAL)²	Space Available Mail (SAM)³
APO/FPO/DPO AE ZIPs 090-092	Dec. 16	Dec 09	Dec. 09	Dec. 02	Nov. 25
APO/FPO/DPO AE ZIP 093	N/A	Dec 02	Dec. 02	Dec. 02	Nov. 25
APO/FPO/DPO AE ZIPs 094-098	Dec. 16	Dec 09	Dec. 09	Dec. 02	Nov. 25
APO/FPO/DPO Armed Forces Asia (AA) ZIP 340	Dec. 16	Dec 09	Dec. 09	Dec. 02	Nov. 25
APO/FPO/DPO AP ZIPs 962-966	Dec. 16	Dec 09	Dec. 09	Dec. 02	Nov. 25

If you plan to mail packages domestically, or within the United States, you have a little extra time for expected delivery before Dec. 25.*

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On September 16, the Genesis II, M60A1 Main Battle Tank arrived at the National Museum of the Marine Corps after a long journey from the Marine Depot Maintenance Command (MDMC) in Albany, Georgia. Upon its arrival at the Museum, the tank was lifted by a crane and placed into its exhibit space in the Museum's Final Phase construction site. The tank will be displayed as it appeared on the morning that it breached the berm separating Saudi Arabia from Kuwait and will be a key feature in the Desert Shield and Desert Storm exhibit in the Forward Deployed Gallery.