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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!



Detachments New Flag looks great come on out to this months Meeting October 24th and check it out for yourself.

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the Dept. V/1 web site at...
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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

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Sub-Totals

96	17	6
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Total

119

Renewals

[Dues expire at end of indicated month]

October 2016	November 2016	December 2016
Mike Flick Poindexer Scott Zupancic Frank	Francis Wright Carl George	Roy Ringrose Dominc Watks

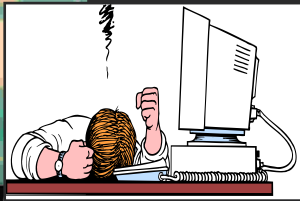
Please consider a **Life Membership** as a potential cost reduction. You are also asked to please advise the editor of any errors or omissions in the above listing as well as any changes to your contact information.

Members' Birthdays

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

Harry Anderson **Tom Hancock** **George Perez Sr.**
Buddy Cadle **Roger Pirkey** **Dee Cline**
Donald Quinian **Steve Salanik** **Michel Mullikin**

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

I would like to announce that the 2016 annual **Bull and Oyster Roast** was very successful. The food, beer, and music were great and the camaraderie was even better. I have the final numbers and we were able to raise **\$2173.20** after expenses. I would like to thank everyone, who attended the function and supported our detachment. I would also like to thank all of the volunteers for all their hard work with a special thanks going out to Jennifer Sacks and Rich Gonzales without their support this event would not have been as successful as it was. Again I would like to say thanks to all volunteers.

Don't forget about the *Happy Hour* observance of the **Corps' 241st Birthday**, which will take place at **VFW Post 160** on **Saturday, November 10, 2016** beginning at **19:00**. Hope to see all of you are there.

Semper Fi,
Ed Dahling

The deadline for next month's **Cutting Edge** articles is – **MIDNIGHT** on **Saturday, November 19th 2016**
Please do not wait until the last minute!



Quotation

"But courage which goes against military expediency is stupidity, or, if it is insisted upon by a commander, irresponsibility". "

- Erwin Rommel



Coming Events

The following events are scheduled to occur through **November 28th, 2016**. 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, October 26, 2016 @ 1900 (Ray Sturm)

Friday Night Dinner, MCL Detachment 1049

Friday, November 4, 2016 from 1800 – 2000
(Ed Dahling)

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

Monthly Meetings, MCL Detachment 1049

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



the *Grubbin' & Goin'*



Commandant Ray Sturm

Greetings all,

We are about to enter a very busy time of year.. and the holidays are almost upon us. I'd like to start by wishing each of you a **Happy Marine Corps Birthday!** I invite you to come to VFW Post 160 on November 10th at 7:00 PM for a cake cutting ceremony and open bar to celebrate the birth of our Corps. I promise there will not be a 50/50. As you should know by now, the Marines of MCSB at Fort Meade have invited us to their Ball. Tickets are still available.

Continuing.. **Happy Veteran's Day** as well. An Act approved May 13, 1938, made the 11th of November in each year a legal holiday—a day to be dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be thereafter celebrated and known as "Armistice Day." Another Act in 1954 replaced Armistice with Veterans and thus began the tradition of honoring ALL veterans regardless of service.

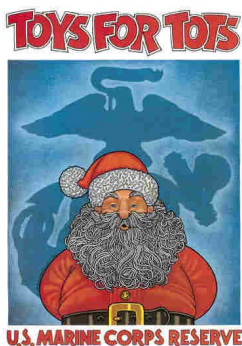
I'd like to thank everyone for supporting the **Bull & Oyster Roast**. I think a good time was had by all. A special thanks goes out to Jenn for really taking the lead on this event. The roast is the detachment's largest fund raiser this year. I need to mention that it is officially **Toys4Tots** season. Christine Stevens is once again our coordinator. She will need a tremendous amount of help again this year. I'm looking forward to seeing you all at the warehouse.

I need to also mention that the political campaigns are in full swing. Well, I really didn't have to mention that. I'm sure you've all noticed. However, I do need to remind everyone of the MCL's policy strictly prohibits the endorsement of a particular candidate or political party. The best way to stay out of trouble is to NOT wear any MCL uniform item if you attend an event. Complete guidance can be found in our National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures, Chapter 1, Section 110 (b).

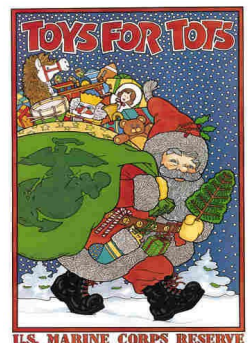
Be safe, and enjoy the upcoming festivities.

Semper Fi

Ray



Anne Arundel County
Detachment 1049
TOYS FOR TOTS





Corps History

by Ed Dahling for Joe Wright, Historian

1 October 1880

John Phillip Sousa named 17th Director of the Marine Corps Band.

1 October 2001

General Peter Pace becomes first Marine to serve as **Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff**.

6 October 2008

The first **Marine Special Operations Individual Training Course** begins at Camp Lejeune, NC.

7 October 2001

The **War in Afghanistan** began as the armed forces of the **United States**, the **United Kingdom**, **Australia**, and the **Afghan United Front** (Northern Alliance) launched **Operation Enduring Freedom**.

14 October 1918

Marine flyers, **2nd Lieutenant Ralph Talbot** and **Gunnery Sergeant Robert G. Robinson**, win Medals of Honor.

16 October 1820

Lieutenant Colonel Anthony Gale, 4th Commandant of the Marine Corps, having been found guilty of habitual drunkenness and conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman by a General Court Martial, was dismissed from the Marine Corps.

17 October 1820

Archibald Henderson appointed Commandant...a position he held until his death, a period of 38 years.

23 October 1983

At 0622, an explosive-laden truck slammed into the BLT headquarters building in **Beirut, Lebanon**, and took the lives of 241 Americans – including 220 Marines. This was the highest loss of life in a single day for Marines since D-Day on Iwo Jima in 1945.

31 October 1955

Lieutenant General Lewis B. 'Chesty' Puller, who earned five Navy Crosses – and an Army Distinguished Service Cross – retires



Senior Vice Commandant Ben Wells



Marines,

Well if you missed the bull and oyster roast on October the 8th, you missed a good time and good food. We had a good turn out and made a little bit of money for our general fund.

Once again thanks to all who supported this effort. When you see Jen or Rich at the VFW please tell them thanks for all they did.

Hope to see all of you there supporting MCL Detachment 1049 at our next meeting.

Semper Fi,

Ben



Marine Toys for Tots - Every Child Deserves A Christmas

Well, it's that time again. Looking for help and volunteers We Started dropping off the box's on Tuesday the October 18th. I will need help at the Warehouse and to pick up toy's form the drop off locations. If you can want to volunteer you may e-mail .

My Toys for Tots email is chris@aatft.org.

Thanks,
Christine Stevens
Anne Arundel County Toys for Tots Co-Coordinator
cmsstevens@comcast.net or chris@aatft.org

Junior Vice Commandant Pat Sharkey

Memberships, both new and renewals are important to the life of the League. If any of you have ideas that you feel to be of value for making membership in the League more interesting, more fun, more rewarding, "mo-betta", then please let me know and I will gladly try those ideas, and do what I can to help get them rolling. As you may recall, the responsibilities of each Junior Vice include increasing membership, and I know that there are ideas of value out there that has not been considered in the past.

Also, a reminder to use those membership applications that you find in every issue of the Semper Fi magazine you receive, and remember to carry those MCL applications in your wallet. You never know when you'll wish you had one handy for that Marine you've never met before. On the blank part on the rear of those applications you can print as to when and where your detachment meets, which is handy to have for those new members to whom you give the applications.

Ed Dahling
For Pat Sharkey

Bull & Oyster Roast Photo's



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,

Now that the 77th Supreme Growl is history, a new Devil Dog year is beginning. We cannot rest on our laurels and sit back and let another Pound or Pack take over the top spot in forwarding bones to Kennel. There is more than one challenge to the honor of donating the most money to the children's hospital. We have an honor to defend. So when you come to a Growl, be generous and not drop a solitary big bone when you get your passport stamped. Drop in a five, ten or twenty. We need to surpass last year's donation of \$29,000.00.

By the time you read this, the Maryland Pack will probably have already growled in Oakland, Maryland on 1 October. If you are reading this prior to the Growl, dress warmly. The cold weather hits western Maryland much sooner that it does us back east.

We still have several 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 off your lazy duff 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 appreciated.

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

Dog Robber.
PDD Paul Taylor
Woof woof,



Marines' Memorial Association

The Marines' Memorial Association (MMA) is an organization that is dedicated to honoring the legacy of military service through a historic hotel that is also a Marine Corps museum. They offer programs that commemorate, educate, and serve veterans of all eras. The support MMA offers includes scholarships, care packages for deployed troops, gatherings for parents of service members, and commemorative events. Many of the members from the MMA are retired senior and flag officers who bring a significant amount of leadership and experience along with them. For more information, follow the Marines Memorial Club on Facebook.



Rifle & Pistol
Ray Sturm

We are in the process of recruiting new members for both the rifle and pistol teams. All experience levels are welcome. There has been enough interest to schedule another Range Day. I will put one together and let everyone know.



Chaplain's Bill Collins

It was great to have Fred Kaminski back as our guest chaplain. He is looking better and better as his condition continues to improve.....see you next meeting Fred. Our other recent success story is Charlie Luthhardts' rapid recovery from his recent stroke. It was good to see Charlie at this month's growl.

Our condolences to the family of John Spiker Sr. John assisted in fund raising events that were beneficial to our detachment. He passed away on August 22nd John was a good friend he will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are also with Tommy Maiorana and his family. Tommy's mother passed away on August 25th at the age of 101 years. We all hope that Tommy got those good genes.

Commandant Ray Sturm and several members of the detachment attended an event held by the "Project Healing Waters" organization. This group teaches wounded veterans how to fly fish. They have been able to help many who have lost limbs and those who have other disabling injuries including PTSD. If you know of any veteran who might benefit from participation in this kind of activity you can google "Project Healing Waters". There is a group locally at Fort Meade. If you have any questions please contact me Bill Collins 410-271-4847. Let's push those Bull Roast tickets.

Semper Fi
Bill Collins,





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How to properly fly your flag at half-staff

When raising the American flag to half-staff on a vertical pole, always raise it briskly to the top of the flagpole for a moment before lowering it.

When taking it down for the night, raise it to the top of the flagpole again & lower it to the bottom.

With a telescoping flag pole it is acceptable to put the USA flag on the second set of rings instead of the top set. In this case the top set would be left empty.

When the United States flag is flown at half-staff, State & other flags should be removed or flown at half-staff too.

What if you can't lower your flag?

For flags that can't be lowered, such as those on many homes, the American Legion says that attaching a black ribbon or streamer to the top of the flag is an acceptable alternative. The ribbon should be the same width as a stripe on the flag and the same length as the flag.

Match the Quote

Who said the following quote? Match the quote to the person who said it.

1 It is not sufficient that the soldier must shoot, he must shoot well.

2 All a soldier needs to know is how to shoot and salute.

3 You don't hurt 'em if you don't hit 'em.

- A) Lewis B. Puller
- B) Napoleon
- C) John J. Pershing



Answers 1-b, 2-c, 3-a

Tricare Rx Network Adds Walgreens, Drops CVS

Walgreens will soon rejoin [TRICARE's pharmacy network](#) for users nationwide, officials announced Friday, while CVS pharmacies will leave. That means [TRICARE](#) users will now be able to fill their prescriptions off-base at Walgreens pharmacies without paying out-of-network rates, and CVS users will need to find a new pharmacy or pay unsubsidized rates for their medications.



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





Have You Heard?

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

September 26th 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

READING OF THE MINUTES: Adjutant Norm Huffman reported minutes of the August meeting were distributed via the detachment list server (e-mail). Several hardcopies were available at the meeting. **Correction:** Mike Blum was the National Executive Director not the National Commandant.

CORRESPONDANCE: Adjutant Huffman read a letter from the MCL thanking the detachment for the \$14,000 donation to the Marines Helping Marines program. Certificate of Appreciation was also presented.
Commandant Ray Sturm presented Chris Wise and Chris Stevens with their Life Member Pin. Congratulations!

CHAPLAINS REPORT: Bill Collins welcomed Fred Kaminski. Good to see Fred back.

COMMANDANTS REPORT: Commandant Ray Sturm and the Senior Vice Ben Wells attended the Gold Star family reception in Annapolis. Event plan is to "christen" the site on Veterans Day. It is near the World War 2 Memorial prior to Naval Academy bridge.

Ray reported they did pretty well on the Pennsylvania rifle match and are waiting on the final results to be announced.

Thank you to those that attended the September 11th ceremony and also thanks to those who attended the Honor Flight on September 16th. The hall was packed and everyone enjoyed the event.

SENIOR VICE: Ben has the tickets to the bull roast. Please take tickets to sell to your friends and neighbors.

QUARTER MASTER: Bill wants to do an inventory on the items we have in the office.



Have You Heard?

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

COLOR GUARD: Woody Bowman confirmed 2 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.

NEWSPAPER EDITOR: No report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Ray Sturm asked for a motion to reimburse Manny Airey for the new flag poles (\$91.16) Motioned passed. Commandant Sturm suggested the Detachment make a donation to the Gold Star Family memorial. Woody Bowman made a motion to donate \$100 to the cause. Motion passed.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:: **October 8th** - Bull and Oyster Roast 1300 – 1800 hours - MCL Detachment 1049 at VFW Mountainside Marine Corps Ball in Cumberland invitation

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

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 pay for this event. Formal event – Black tuxedo and Formal attire – Dress uniform

November 11th - 12th Commandant Sturm received telephone call from HEROES CARE representative — Free medical care/ dental care given to veterans – scheduled through McVet

ANNOUNCEMENTS: September 27-29 - Modern Day Marine Expo at Quantico – demonstration of latest military advances

October 1st – Staff meeting in Garrett County at American Legion post.

October 9th – Harford County MCL re-chartering with new name at VFW Post in Jarrettsville

October 22nd - Pack 333 Growl at VFW in Jarrettsville.

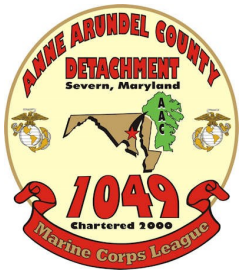
November 6th – Pasadena Thanksgiving Day Parade – kickoff at 1400 hours at Tick Neck Park

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 October 24th, 2016. Prayer was given by Fred Kaminski. Winner of 50/50 was Manny Airey.

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



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(Address Correction Requested)



The anniversary of the attack on the USS Cole. On Oct. 12, 2000, the USS Cole arrived in Aden harbor, Yemen, for refueling. Shortly afterwards, a small craft approached the ship and detonated. Acting like a shape charge, the blast blew a 40 by 60 foot gash in the side of the warship. The blast hit the vessel's galley, where many of the crew had lined up for food. Seventeen sailors were killed, with an additional 39 wounded.