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# Semper Jidelis!



General Robert Neller "Marine Corps Commandant. Specks at the Marine Corps League National Convention in Tulsa Okla. On August 12<sup>th</sup> 2016 Neller was the guest of honor and spoke about the importance of "Once a Marine Always a Marine" We are truly honored to have him in attendance.

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Young Marines Commander .					



Membership Statistics						
Good Standing (Dues Paid)						
Type	USMC	<b>Associate</b>	Multiple			
Life Member-	78	8	6			
Annual Member-	14	6	-			
<b>Delinquent Dues</b>	New Members					
(Still on Active			-			
Roster 17)	Sub-Totals					
	96	17	6			
	Total					
	119					

Renewals					
[ Dues 6	onth] November 2016				
September 2016	October 2016	November 2016			
Mione Scott	Mike Flick Poindexer Scott Zupancic Frank	Francis wright Sr Carl George			
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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 **September** include:

Norm Huffman Walter Johnson Scott Mione John Purcell John Vogel **David Williams** 

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



Hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable **Labor Day** 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. I know that because of age, health, personal commitments, etc., some of you are not in a position to contribute time; however, in most cases, that should not keep you from coming to a the **Bull & Oyster Roast**, etc.

I look forward to seeing each and every one of you at the roast enjoying good eats and an afternoon of festivities. Tickets are available now, You can pick them up at the VFW Post or contact me at (410) 570-8673.or E-Mail me umpire86@aol.com

Semper Fi, Ed

.The deadline for next month's *Cutting Edge* articles is – **MIDNIGHT** on **Saturday, October 15th 2016** 



# Quotation

"If you find yourself in a fair fight...
you did not plan your mission properly!"

Colonel David Hackworth, USA Soldier, Author, Columnist and at one time, the youngest Colonel in the U.S. Army.



# Coming Events

The following events are scheduled to occur through **October 8, 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, September 26, 2016 @ 1900 (Ray Sturm)

Friday Night Dinner, MCL Detachment 1049 Friday, September 2, 2016 from 1800 – 2000 (TBA)

Meeting, MCL Department of Maryland Saturday, Oct 1st 2016 from 0900 to 1100 Garrett County Detachment at American Legion Post #71 423 Memorial Dr. Oakland Md. 21550 (Craig Reeling)

MODD Growl, Maryland Pack Saturday, Oct.1st, 2016 following the Department Meeting

Monthly Meetings, MCL Detachment 1049 Monday, October 24, 2016 @ 1900 (Ray Sturm)

**Modern Day Marine Expo,** Sep 27-29, 2016, Marine Corps Base, Quantico, Virginia

Bull & Oyster Roast, MCL Detachment 1049 Saturday, October 8, 2016 @ 1300 - 1800







# Commandant Ray Sturm

#### Greetings,

Buckle up.. I've got a lot to cover. But first, I'd like to pause and remember those who innocently went to work or boarded a plane on Sept 11, 2001. What happened on that fateful day will be etched in our memories for the rest of our lives. As we remember them, we should also remember those first responders who ran into danger and to those service men and women who answered the call to arms. Fifteen years or 115 years.. WE WILL NOT FORGET! I'd like to thank those who came out to support the VFW's 9-11 ceremony.

I need to plug the Bull & Oyster Roast on Oct 8th. Folks, we need your support for this event. Come on out and enjoy a great meal.. pit beef, ham, chicken, and of course plenty of oysters. Yes, we'll have sides and salads also.

We in Anne Arundel can be proud that the first Gold Star Family Memorial in Maryland is well on its way to reality. The Sr Vice and I attended a Gold Star Family reception on 8 Sept. They are pushing for a dedication at the Annapolis location in early November. I will email the details when I get them. It would be great to see a lot of "red covers" there.

I'd like you all to start thinking about the Marine Corps Birthday. We will have a cake cutting and open bar on the 10<sup>th</sup> at the VFW. In addition, the detachment has been invited to share in the festivities with the Marines from MCSB. They will have their Ball in Baltimore on Nov 11<sup>th</sup>. This will be a first class event at the Renaissance Hotel in the Inner Harbor. Tickets are \$80/person. Please see me if you are interested in attending.

For those who don't know, the Harford County Detachment will have a "re-chartering" ceremony on Oct 9<sup>th</sup>. They are being renamed the "Pete Arnold Detachment" in honor of one of their esteemed members who recently passed. Details will be announced soon.

In order to give plenty of notice, the Detachment's 12<sup>th</sup> Annual MHM Golf Tournament will be on June 2, 2017 at the Walden Country Club in Crofton. Save the date!

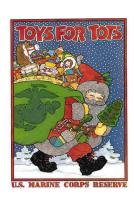
Semper Fi,

Ray











## **Corps History**

by Ed Dahling for Joe Wright, Historian

#### 1 September 1936

**Mitchell Paige** – Medal of Honor recipient for heroism during Guadalcanal campaign – enlists as a Marine in Baltimore, MD.

#### 2 September 1945

Japanese officially surrendered to the Allies on board the battleship **MISSOURI** in Tokyo Bay. The senior Marine Corps representative at the historic ceremony was **Lt. General Roy S. Geiger**, CG, FMF Pacific.

#### 6 September 1983

Two Marines were killed and two wounded when rockets hit their compound in Beirut, Lebanon. Heavy fighting continued for the **24th MAU** peacekeeping force near the International Airport

#### 8 September 1942

**1st Raider Battalion** and the **1st Parachute Battalion**, supported by planes of **MAG-23** and two destroyer transports, carried out a successfulraid on a Japanese supply base on Guadalcanal.

#### 10 September 1813

Marines serve with **Commodore Matthew C. Perry** during the **Battle of Lake Erie**.

#### *12 September 1917*

**General John J. Pershing** selects the 7th Marines to guard his Headquarters in France.

#### .16 September 1814

A detachment of Marines under Major Daniel Carmick from the Naval Station at New Orleans, together with an Army detachment, destroyed a pirate stronghold at Barataria, on the Island of Grande Terre, near New Orleans.

#### 28 September 1900,

Marines withdrew from **Peking** after the **Battle of Peking** – the end of the **Boxer Rebellion**.



### Senior Vice Commandant Ben Wells



Marines,

On Sat. afternoon, the **8th of October**, from **1:00 PM** to **6:00 PM**, our detachment will be hosting its **Annual Bull & Oyster Roast**. If all of our approximately119 members were to purchase one ticket each, we would be sure to have a successful fund raiser.

Of all the past Bull & Oyster Roasts, there was only one that did not lose money, and that one event made but a scant few dollars. We need to improve upon our past performances!

Semper Fi

Ben



Marine Toys for Tots - Every Child Deserves A Christmas

Well, it's that time again. I just returned from the Toys for Tots Training Conference with some additional ideas for making this year's campaign even more successful than previous years. Our campaign will be starting very soon and we will need volunteers for a variety of positions. Donations will also be needed.

Look for additional information and requests for help/volunteers to follow. My Toys for Tots email is <a href="mailto:chris@aatft.org">chris@aatft.org</a>.

Thanks, Christine Stevens Anne Arundel County Toys for Tots Co-Coordinator





# Junior Vice Commandant Pat Sharkey

## **Member Dues Changes**

Please note, 31 August was the agreed upon due date for all dues, however the current database defaults to 1 September as the renewal date. If payment and transmittal is not received by National by 31 August each year, your membership expires.

Renewal Dates for Current Members
Now through Dec 2016 – No changes. Full
dues required. Their new card will have an expiration of 1 Sept 2017.

Members with expiration dates from Jan 2017 through July 2017. National Dues reduced by half. (\$10 for Na-tional, \$3 for Department, plus Detachment portion determined by Detachment. This will keep them current through 31 August 2017. After this transition year all renewals going forward will be due by 31 August. 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.

#### **New Joins:**

- 1 Sept 2016 to 28 February 2017 No changes: Full dues required. Their new card will have an expiration of 1 Sept 2017.
- **1 March to 31 July:** National Dues reduced by half. (\$10 for National, \$5 for National new enrollee fee, \$3 for Department, plus Detachment portion as determined by Detachment)
- **1 Aug to 31 Aug:** Full annual required. They will actually get 13 months membership for the price of one year. Their expiration date will be 31 August of the following year.

(Note: the rules for New Joins are permanent)

#### **Detachment portion of dues:**

Many Detachments include in their dues a small amount which is kept by the Detachment.

Ed Dahling For Pat Sharkey





# Military Order of the Devil Dogs (MODD) The Fun and Honor Society of the Marine Corps League

The 77th Supreme Growl is history and from what I hear, it was a very good one. We donated \$29,000.00 to the children's hospital, but we can do better. The Maryland Pack and Pound 204 were recognized for donating the most bones among the many Packs and Pounds of the Kennel. And again this year, the Pennsylvania Pack vowed to beat us next year. Time will tell.

PDD Evie Remines was named the Kennel Dog of the Year! Congratulations Evie, you are most deserving.

DD Diamond Kimos survived the grueling initiation process and has been advanced to Pedigreed Devil Dog! Congratulations Diamond.

Pound 204 held its annual election of officers in August with the following results: Pound Keeper, PDD Sturm; Senior vice PDD Ben Wells; Junior vice, PDD Don Benson; Dog Trainer, PDD Hierstetter; Mad Dog, PDD Bowman; Police Dog, DD Pat Sharkey. The Pound Keeper made the following appointments: Dog Robber, PDD Paul Taylor; Watch Dog, Pup Bill Collins; Barking Dog, PDD Diamond Kimos.

The Dog Robber did not collect a lot of dues at the August Growl. Remember that your dues expired on 31 August. Get off your lazy duff and send 15 big bones to your friendly Dog Robber (me) ASAP. Members in arrears cannot attend Growls or hold office.

The next Pack Growl will be on 1 October at American Legion Post 71, 423 Memorial Drive, Oakland, Md 21550 (telephone: 301 334 2228).

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

Dog Robber. PDD Paul Taylor





# BULL & OYSTER ROAST



Saturday - October 8th 1:00 - 6:00 PM

> VFW Post 160 2597 Dorsey Rd Glen Burnie, MD



**\$40** 

Pit Beef - Enchilada Pie - Oysters (fried and raw) - Salads - Chicken - Sides

Music Draft Beer & Soft Drinks Included

led Games

Food served 1-5pm

Music from 1-6pm

Tickets on line at: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/anne-arundel-co-marine-





### Rifle & Pistol

Ray Sturm

The results are in for the Dept of PA pistol match held in June. For official scores, go to <a href="https://www.pamcleague.com">www.pamcleague.com</a> and look under Department Programs for Marksmanship. The Pound 204 team we put together did well. Thanks to all who participated. In addition, two members went to the Dept of PA rifle match on Sept 10<sup>th</sup>. There were about 75 shooters there of all levels. I will announce the results when they are posted.



## Chaplain's

from Bill Collins Detachment Chaplain

#### Chaplains Corner August 2016

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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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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# Legislation

The House passed three veterans bills this week, which include the Veterans Care Agreement and West Los Angeles Leasing Act of 2016, to authorize VA to enter into needed leases in West Los Angeles and improve leasing practices for VA; the *Veterans Mobility Safety* Act of 2016 to improve the standards and quality of vehicles modified with VA adaptive equipment grants; and H.R. 5937 to authorize the American Battle Monuments Commission to acquire, operate and maintain the Lafayette Escadrille Memorial in Marnes-la-Coquette, France. These bills now head to the Senate, which has been unable to act on the Veterans First Act that would also authorize VA to move forward with leases in West Los Angeles. Please stay tuned to the Action Corps Weekly for updates on these important bills.

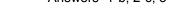
## **Match the Quote**

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



# Will There be a COLA Next Year? Not Much, if Any

It's not looking good for a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for 2017. We won't know for sure until October 18th but so far, it would only amount to .23 percent.

The COLA is determined by a formula each year that is based on the measure for inflation used by the Department of Labor. In 2014 retirees got a 1.5 percent COLA, in 2015 it was 1.7 percent, and this year it was 0 percent. Since the price of oil has fallen this year, and that makes up a significant part of the formula that determines the inflation rate, chances of a healthy COLA don't look good.

This is in spite of the increases in the cost of Medicare for many seniors, as well as other increases for things that don't outweigh the drop in oil prices.



#### **Department Meeting Schedule:**

- Fall 1 October 2017, Garrett County Detachment Location American Legion Post #71 423 Memorial Dr. Oakland Md.
- Winter 21 January 2017, Sgt Mileo Detachment in Centerville, Maryland
- Spring 25 March 2017, Antietam Detachment in Hagerstown, Maryland







# Have You Heard?

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

### August 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.

Members in Attendance, 16

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

Ed Dahling, Department Paymaster, Past Detachment Commandant,

2016 Detachment Marine of the Year

Guy Hall Mid-East Ambassador, Past Detachment Commandant

Manny Airey Past Detachment Commandant, Department Marine of the Year

Woody Bowman Color Guard Commander, Detachment 2015 Marine of the year.

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

**CHAPLAINS REPORT:** Charlie Luthhardt is doing well and in Ocean City. John Spiker Sr., who was instrumental in raising funds through the Quarter Auction and All Day Scrapbooking events passed away on August 22<sup>nd</sup> after a short battle with cancer. Viewing for John will be held on August 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. Services will be held at Lake Shore Baptist Church, Monday August 29, 2016 at 11am, with a reception following at the Riviera Beach VFC. All are welcome to attend.

**COMMANDANTS REPORT:** Ray Sturm reported on the National Convention. Litigations brought on by National Commandant Mike Bloom has been settled. Not sure of the outcome and information is sealed. The Semper Fi store and Headquarters have been moved to Quantico Va. They also removed many employees which will save about \$500,000 dollars. The Semper Fi magazine will undergo a complete change, as the contract has not been renewed with the current publisher. The new company has started to sell a lot of advertising.

A new National bylaw was passed – Annual expiration date of membership are now August 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. Check out Ray's article in the newsletter for more information.

**SENIOR VICE**: Ben has the tickets to the bull roast. Stop by and pick up tickets and sell to friends and neighbors.

**QUARTER MASTER:** Bill Collins has the dog tags that they gave to the participants of the 5k run. He is selling them at a cost of \$5.00, so get yours today.

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# Have You Heard?

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**: Ray reported you only need a Delegate at the convention to receive your detachment streamer. (In the past, you needed to bring your Colors. Due to the weight of the Colors and the prices in transporting, this was changed.) New detachment Colors were on display and looks very nice.

The 5K Run, held last month was a success profiting approximately \$2,700. There were lessons learned for next year's event. The event needs to be advertised earlier to obtain runners. The funds profited from this event will go toward the Marine Corps Ball on November 11<sup>th</sup> in Baltimore. The Fort Meade USMC Commander has invited the Marine Corps League members to attend the Ball as well. Additional information is coming.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**GOOD TO THE LEAGUE**: Commandant Sturm gave the 2016 National Convention streamer to the Sgt. At Arms to place on the Detachment flag.

Commandant Sturm attended the Gold Star Family ground breaking ceremony near Annapolis. Anne Arundel County has the first Gold Star Family Memorial in the State of Maryland.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

August 28, 2016 - Pound 204 Growl – 0900 hours at VFW September 10, 2016 - Department of Pennsylvania rifle match near Altoona PA. Ray Sturm will represent. Service rifle match. Any kind of gun may be used. Firing from 200-yard line. Four position match.

October 1, 2016 – Staff meeting in Garrett County at American Legion post. # 71 October 8, 2016 - Bull and Oyster Roast 1300 – 1800 hours - MCL Detachment 1049 at VFW

(Unable to hear Guy Hall's announcement) – Looking for used fishing rods and reels for an organization his grandson is involved with. Norman Huffman suggested attending the Pasadena Sportfishing meeting at Earleigh Heights VFC the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month for this.

Discussion on reasons why members do not get involved in the detachment or attend meetings. Many people do not have computers, but if one requests a newsletter, it will be mailed out. Many do not want their personal information posted on the website.

#### **CLOSING CEREMONIES:**

Commandant Sturm closed the meeting IAW MCL rituals. The next Detachment meeting will take place on September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Prayer was given by Fred Kaminski.

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







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NASHVILLE, Tenn. - The Marine Corps Silent Drill Platoon performs during the opening ceremony of Marine Week Nashville in Nashville, Tenn., Sept. 7, 2016. Marine Week is a chance to reconnect our Marines, Sailors, veterans and their families from different generations.