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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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Semper Fidelis!



Woof Woof, Congratulations To Pound 204 for the most passport (Bones(\$)) for the Children Hospital this years National Convention Tulsa Ok

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Membership Statistics

Good Standing (Dues Paid)

Type	USMC	Associate	Multiple
Life Member-	78	8	6
Annual Member-	14	6	—

**Delinquent Dues
(Still on Active
Roster 17)**

New Members

4	3	—
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Sub-Totals

96	17	6
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Total

119

Renewals

[Dues expire at end of indicated month]

August 2016	September 2016	October 2016
Arbic George Reistrup John Schramm Christ. Benson Donald Hanncock Thomas	Mione Scott	Mike Flick Poindexer Scott Zupancic Frank
Past Due	Are all in	Red

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 **August** include:

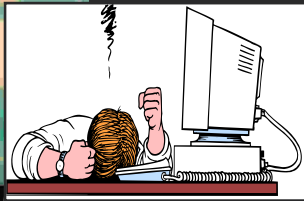
Manny Airey
Robert Hole
Jim LeGette
Earl Parker

Eddie Grove
Dick Johnson
George Martin
Charles Quick
Joseph Wright

Mike Hadley
Fred Kaminski
John Ogle
Ruhl Rexroad

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





From the Editor

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

Not much to say this month, except for a caution to take it easy on those days when the heat and humidity soar. Don't jeopardize your health and well-being by over exerting yourself when heat alerts have been issued.

I am also interested in hearing the tales of those who were fortunate enough to attend the recent **Marine Corps League National Convention** in Tulsa Ok. I will publish anything I hear that is truly interesting and of benefit to the general membership.

The **Bull and Oyster Roast** is still scheduled for **Saturday, October 8th** and I would like to again point out that this event is one of our largest fundraiser for Our Detachment each year.

I currently do not have the tickets; but I will let you all know as soon as they become available. Tickets are \$40.00 Once available, you will also be able to purchase tickets from the bartender at **VFW Post 160**.

I look forward to seeing each and every one of you at the roast enjoying good eats and an afternoon of festivities. If anyone should want to pay for tickets now, please contact me at **(410) 570-8673**.



Semper Fi,

Quotation

"There is no limit to the good you can do, if you don't care who gets the credit."

General George C. Marshall
American Military/Political Leader –
Chief of Staff of the Army,
Secretary of State, and
Third Secretary of Defense



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, August 22, 2016 @ 1900 (Ray Sturm)

MODD Growl, Pound 204

Sunday, August 28, 2016 from 0800 -1100 (Charles Luthardt)

Friday Night Dinner, MCL Detachment 1049

Friday, September 2, 2016 from 1800 – 2000 (TBA)

Staff 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 Staff Meeting

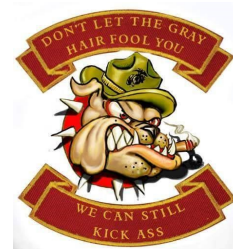
Monthly Meetings, MCL Detachment 1049

Monday, September 26, 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,

I -need to start by apologizing for the late newsletter this month. I asked the editor if I could submit my article after the National Convention.

I would like to thank everyone who planned and executed the Inaugural 5K Challenge. With only 7 weeks of planning, we had a very successful event. We already have some great ideas on how to make next year's Challenge even better.

On 1 August, I attended the Veterans' Roundtable with Senator Cardin. The most important contact I made was with **Anne Irby**, a Caseworker in the Senator's office. She said she is responsible for assisting any veteran having difficulties with the VA. She agreed to allow me to publish her contact information in this newsletter. She can be reached at 410-962-4436 or via email at Anne_Irby@cardin.senate.gov. A copy of her business card will be published in future newsletters.

As for the National Convention, here are some highlights. First, all litigation is over between the MCL and its former National Executive Director. A mutual settlement has been reached and sealed. No further comments were offered. However, it was noted that one of the former NED's sons has served the MCL in a Florida court

On a much more positive side, the turnaround time for Transmittals at HQ is now one day. National is working towards a completely electronic system. Let's hope it works.

We have a new Comptroller. Bill Miller is a former IRS forensic accountant and a MCL member in Georgia. Based on his report, we are in good hands. We can expect greater clarity in future National budgets. Your National Headquarters is moving from Fairfax to Quantico. The move is expected to take place in October. Your new HQ will be about 4 miles from the gate and close to the Globe and Laurel restaurant. The new facility will have a large conference area suitable for renting.

Your HQ staff is constantly looking for ways to improve and cut costs. One very tangible improvement will be the Semper Fi magazine. The contract with the current publisher has not been renewed. The MCL has been losing money on the magazine. Our new publisher, Chipotle Publishing, has been chosen to create our magazine. There will be an initial savings of \$256,000 and a possible break even by the end of next year. They have already signed up advertisers including USAA. They produce several quality magazines. Check them out at <http://www.chipotlepublishing.com/>

A by-law affecting all annual members was passed. All annual memberships dues are now due to National NLT 31 August. All annual memberships will expire the same day, eliminating the need to track members individually. The system will be pro-rated to ensure fairness. Stand by for additional details.

It was suggested that a by-law be created to allow the distribution of streamers based on delegate presence. This would eliminate the need to bring detachment colors to the convention.

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Corps History

by Ed Dahling for Joe Wright, Historian

1 August 1960

The Corps' *Enlisted Rank & Pay Structure Board* revised existing rank structure by incorporating the rank of Lance Corporal and the E-8 and E-9 Pay grades.

2 August 1950

1st Marine Provisional Brigade lands at Pusan, South Korea.

3 August 1950

Eight Corsairs of **VMF-214**, the famed '**Black Sheep**' squadron of World War II, executed the first Marine aviation mission in the Korean War in a raid against enemy installations near Inchon.

7 August 1990

President Bush ordered U.S. military aircraft and troops to Saudi Arabia as part of a multi-national force. One week later the Marine Corps announced the commitment of 45,000 troops to **Operation Desert Shield**— largest deployment of U.S. forces since Vietnam.

13 August 1918

Opha Mae Johnson became the first female Marine when she enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserve.

14 August 1945

President Truman announced Japan's unconditional surrender.

17 August 1942

2nd Marine Raider Bn., under **Lt. Colonel Evans F. Carlson**, landed on Makin Island and destroyed a seaplane base, two radio stations, a supply warehouse, and killed about 100 Japanese troops.

24 August 1814

Captain Samuel Miller's 114-man detachment from Marine Barracks, Washington, fought in the Battle of Bladensburg in defense of our nation's capital.



Senior Vice Commandant Ben Wells



Marines,

Well if you missed the National convention in Oklahoma then you missed a good time. We will cover the things we learned in the next Monday night meeting. The 5K race was a success for our first shot at doing this, next year will be bigger and better. Do not forget the bull and oyster roast on October the 8th. Hope to see all of you there supporting MCL Detachment 1049, remember this is our way of making money for the general fund.

Semper Fi
Ben Wells



Anne Arundel Co Detachment 1049 Marines Helping Marines Golf Tournament

Total Contributions

2005	\$3,900.00
2006	\$4,000.00
2007	\$7,865.18
2008	\$5,500.00
2009	\$7,930.00
2010	\$8,000.14
2011	\$11,111.11
2012	\$10,865.25
2013	\$9,859.50
2014	\$8,708.21
2015	\$15,000.00
2016	\$14,050.00
TOTAL	\$106,789.39



Rifle & Pistol

Ray Sturm

Sorry no report this month



Roger Ware, 2016 Marine Corps League National Marine of the Year and Evie Remines, 2016 Military Order of the Devil Dogs Kennel Dog of the Year congratulate each other during the grand banquet at the Marine Corps National Convention in Tulsa, Ok. Remines serves as the Sr Vice Commandant, Department of Maryland and MODD Kennel Lucky Dog. She also serves as the Mideast Division Historian.

Midesast Division Pending Calendar

2016 Modern Day Marine Expo will be Sept 27-29, 2016 at MCB, Quantico, VA

2017 MCL Midwinter Staff Conference will be March 1 - 5, 2017 at the Fredericksburg Hospitality House and Conf Center, 2801 Plank Rd, Fredericksburg, VA 22401. · group code: MCLMDWIN-TER17 Phone: 410-208-3939 or 1-866-599-6674 . Room rate includes up to 4 breakfast vouchers per occupancy.

2017 Mideast Division Conference will be June 23-25, 2017 hosted by Department of North Carolina at the Double Tree Hilton Hotel Raleigh-Durham Airport at Research Triangle Park, 4810 Page Creek Lane, Durham, North Carolina, 27703. Tel +1-919-941-6000 after May 17, 2016. for reservations. Room rate: \$99.00 plus room tax. Free



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,

The Devil Dogs of Pound 204 and the Maryland Pack are continuing to enjoy the Dog days of summer. We did crawl out of our comfy doghouses to make the trek to the Mid-east Growl in Newark, Delaware last month where that Growl raised 527 bones for the kids.

This will be our last month to relax as next month we will go from neutral to high gear with the Supreme Growl on 10 August and Pound 204 Growl on the 28th.

At the 28 August Growl we will hold nominations, election and installation of new officers. Unfortunately, our illustrious Pound Keeper has suffered a debilitating stroke and will reluctantly have to step down. If interested in leading your Pound you must be present at the Growl as there is no proxy vote. However, a letter or email to your Dog Robber stating you will accept a position, if nominated, will allow you to be nominated.

The dues of all annual dues-paying Dogs expire on 31 August. They remain a paltry \$15.00. You can forward them to your friendly Pound Dog Robber (me) at any time.

The next Pack Growl will be sometime in September hosted by the Free State Detachment in Bowie. Members who have not paid their 2017 dues by then will not be allowed to attend this Growl.

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

Dog Robber.
PDD Paul Taylor
Woof woof,



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Anne Arundel Co
Detachment 1049



Junior Vice Commandant Pat Sharkey

Two membership issues need to be addressed. First, a renewed emphasis needs to be placed upon **adding to our membership**, which is currently around 119 members. Second, I would like to see increased member participation... as exemplified by an **increase in attendance at our monthly meetings**, which typically averages around 20-25 members.

With regard to memberships... I would encourage each of you to carry an application in your wallet and encourage any potential members, whom you encounter in your day-to-day activities, to join our detachment

With regard to meeting attendance... as our members age, some will stop attending our meetings as they will have trouble driving at night, etc. I ask those of you, who know of members already in this situation, to please consider offering to provide them with transportation to and from our meetings.

BULL & OYSTER ROAST



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

VFW Post 160
2597 Dorsey Rd
Glen Burnie, MD



\$40

ALL YOU CAN EAT

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

Music

Draft Beer & Soft Drinks Included

Games

Food served 1-5pm

Music from 1-6pm

Tickets on line at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/anne-arundel-co-marine-corps-league-bull-oyster-roast-tickets-26933544958> or scan here



PURPLE
HEART
DAY
2016



On this day August 7th 1782, George Washington established the award that was later renamed the Purple Heart. It is the oldest military award still given to US military members. All gave some, some gave all. Today we recognize all Purple Heart recipients

Chaplain's

from Bill Collins Detachment Chaplain

Good news about two of our distressed detachment Marines. Fred Kaminski's condition continues to improve in his on- going fight with Parkinson's. Fred feels that he will be able to attend our meeting on 22 August. We will all be glad to see his smiling face. Not to be out done Charlie Luthardt, recovering from a stroke, is also intending to join us. Proves once again..... it's hard to hold down a tough old Jar-head.

The big event for July was our joint venture with the Fort Meade Marines. The first annual 5K run & PFT went off exceptionally well.....due to the outstanding organizational skills and hard work by members of our detachment and the Marines from the Fort. We are now well positioned to have a bigger and more profitable event next year. This partnership has great potential for significant benefit to all of the Marines involved. We already have an influx of new members.....the kind of young people that we need to carry on the traditions and values that we cherish as Marines. Let's make sure that all of us in the League do all we can to make sure that this relationship is successful.



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(Commandant)

I attended the ground breaking ceremony on 15 Aug for the Gold Star Families Memorial in Annapolis. We can be proud that the first such memorial in Maryland is right here in Anne Arundel Co. The ceremony was attended by Lt. Gov Rutherford, Sec Owings, numerous Gold Star families, and Medal of Honor recipient, Woody Williams. The MCL was well represented at the ceremony. Also in attendance were representatives from the Baltimore and Jack Hetchin Detachments. A Cohee Detachment member was there as a Gold Star Dad.

I received the new detachment flag yesterday. We can have the "Official First Unfurling" at the next detachment meeting.

Semper Fi.

Ray



National Convention Summary

Approximately 900 members of the MCL, Ladies Auxiliary and MODD attended the 2016 National Convention in Tulsa, Oklahoma. These are the new National Officers: National Commandant: Richard Gore; Sr Vice Commandant: Wendell Webb, Jr Vice Commandant: Dennis Tobin and Judge Advocate; Johnny Baker. Mike McLain, Department of WV was reinstalled as NVC, Mideast Division. Bruce Rakfeldt, Department of NC was reinstalled as Assistant NVC for the Division. Roger Ware was retained as Division Adjutant.

The 2017 National Convention will be at Sheraton Overland Park in Kansas City, Kansas, August 13-18, 2017. The National Marine of the Year was Roger Ware. The Kennel Dog of the Year was PDD Evie Remines. The Kennel donated \$29,000 to The Children's Hospital at Saint Francis in Tulsa. Chief Devil Dog PDD C.O. Smith was retained. General Robert B. Neller, Commandant of the Marine Corps, was the keynote speaker. Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps Ronald L. Green was also present.

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

MCL members are always needed to help staff the two MCL booths where welcome bags are distributed. MCL National Sgt-at-Arms Neil Corley is the point of contact and he will be in one of the booths commencing Monday Sep 26. The uniform for members working in the booths is polo shirt, MCL cover, black trousers and black tennis shoes. It is highly recommended that anyone who wants to attend log onto the modern day marine expo site and click on the Attendee Badge Registration and fill it out. Once you arrive at the Expo, go to Registration and pick up your name tag.





Have You Heard?

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

July 25th Meeting Highlights

Meeting called to order by Commandant Ray Sturm at 1900 hours.
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by prayer by Chaplain Bill Collins.
Members in Attendance, 22

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

Don Benson	District Vice Commandant
Evelyn Remines	Department Senior Vice Commandant
Paul Taylor	Department Adjutant
Edward Dahling	Department Paymaster
Guy Hall	Mid-East Ambassador, Past Detachment Commandant
Manny Airey	Past Detachment Commandant

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: Applications for Associate membership came from Chris Stevens, Andrew Troutner and Jeremy Main. All were voted on and sworn in. Jeremy Main was voted on last month and accepted. Applicants for membership are Pete Smith and Julio Mazariegos (?) were voted on and sworn in. Tasha Walters was voted on and accepted but was absent, she will be sworn in at a later date. George Stallings was presented his life membership card by Commandant Sturm.

MEMBERS SICK AND IN DISTRESS: Fred Kaminski is home. He is making some progress. Charles Luthardt is making progress from his stroke. He is at home in Ocean City Md. Send a card or give him a call. MCL member Ernie Lutz passed. Laid out at Hardesty's Funeral Home Wednesday 3-4.

COMMANDANT: Ray reported that he had the honor, along with Guy Hall to attend the baseball game with Boy Scout Troop 216 at Ripken Stadium. They had a great time.

Newsletter EDITOR: Ed Dahling entered our Newsletter to Nationals newsletter competition.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Senior Vice Ben Wells discussed the Oyster and Bull Roast, stating if you are not going to sell tickets there is no use in planning anything. We have to have everyone's commitment on this to make it a success. They will decide how much to charge for tickets. Manny made a comment that if you raise price to \$45.00 you will price yourself too high.

Commandant Sturm reported on the Detachment's new flag progress. It is similar to the current flag, it is 4ft by 6 ft. It will have, "Anne Arundel County of Maryland." It will be double-sided with 2 inch fringes. The cost is under \$900.00, which is very good compared to the \$1500.00 allotted.

NEW BUSINESS: Commandant Ray Sturm was approached by LCpl Deane Detachment to purchase a T-Box sign for their golf tournament. There was a motion made to donate \$100 for T-Box sign, second and voted on. Passed.



Have You Heard?

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

Discussion on old Colors. Motion was made to auction it off. Voted on and passed. The money made on it would offset the cost of the new one.

Ed Dahling mention about purchasing awards and trophies for the 5K Race. The money for the awards came from seed money from sponsorship. Since it is our event we would like to purchase 500 dog tags to present to second place runners. Ray would like to purchase an extra 100 to present to the volunteers who help with the event. Ray had a sample he passed around for approval. They cost approximately \$1 each. He asked the Detachment for a donation to cover the cost of the extra 100 dog tags. A motion was made and second.

There was also a motion to donate \$100 to the event. This motion was rescinded and amount donated to this event was \$150. and was matched by our new member Jeremy Main Voted on and passed.

GOOD TO THE LEAGUE: Commandant Ray Sturm said that he received an invitation on Monday August 1st to meet with Senator Ben Cardin at a veteran's roundtable at the Post 160 VFW. The time is 1230 to 1400. All are invited.

Commandant Ray Sturm requested Paymaster Ed Dahling search the financial records and report total profits of monies donated from the golf tournaments, from beginning to present. Ed reported in 2005 we started with \$3900 dollars. In 2015, we profited \$15,000 dollars. In 2016, the totals were about the same. Withdrawing 2017's deposit left us \$14,000 dollars. Total to date is \$106,780.32. We have done well. Thank you to Ed for all of his work on this.

Commandant Sturm introduced Pete Smith, who is a new members of the Detachment as well as responsible for the Marine Corps budget at NSA. Pete gave his military history and explained the past fundraisers held by the Fort Meade Marines to subsidize their Marine Corps Ball. Due to security and inability to commit every weekend (due to work schedules) the prior fundraisers had to be dropped. Pete explained the 5K Run & PFT was a new fundraiser for the group to raise funds for the Marine Corps Ball. Pete stated he was happy to partner with the Marine Corps League. He worked with BWI who donated the space, and gained sponsorships to assist with upfront costs. He stated this years Marine Corps Ball with be a joint Ball including active Marines, Cyber Command, and Marine Corps League members. (?)

Evelyn Remines, Sr. Vice Commandant, Department of Maryland congratulated Ed Dahling on winning 1st Place on the MCL newsletter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: LCpl Deane 5th Annual Golf Tournament, Monday September 19th 2016. Ed Dahling hoped to start up the Bull & Oyster Roast again. The date chosen is October 8th. Need to sell tickets! Cost of tickets will be \$40.00.

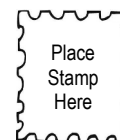
CLOSING CEREMONIES:

Commandant Sturm closed the meeting IAW MCL rituals. The next Detachment meeting will take place on August 22nd, 2016. Prayer was given by Bill Collins.



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(Address Correction Requested)



Four F-35Bs from Marine Fighter Attack Training Squadron 501 (VMFAT-501) fly near their base at MCAS Beaufort, S.C. (Photo: Lockheed Martin)