

the CUTTING EDGE

news for and about the members of Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049 of the Marine Corps League
Ed Dahling, Editor / <http://mclacdet1049.org/>

2016 4th of July Severna Park



Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049 of the Marine Corps League and Fort Meade Color Guard were at the head of the parade, preceded only by local fire department vehicles.

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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		
			-
Sub-Totals			
	92	14	6
Total			
	112		

Renewals

[Dues expire at end of indicated month]

July 2016	August 2016	September 2016
Copper Joshua YusaitisThomas	Arbic George Reistrup John Schramm Christ. Benson Donald Hancock Thomas	Mione Scott
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 **July** include:

Frank Berg	Russell Bixler	James Galvin
Ray Gonzales	Tom Maiorana	Charles Sutton
Ted Thompson	Charles Young	Howard Throngard



From the Editor

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

I am not going to drone on that I remain in need of newsletter inputs from our members as the message should have reached every member of the detachment by now.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those officers (appointed and (elected), who are regular contributors to **the Cutting Edge**. I really appreciate your contributions.

If you have Internet capability and are not currently getting your newsletter electronically, I would appreciate your providing me with an appropriate email address. Also, please keep me apprised of any changes to your current email address.

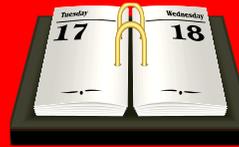
The deadline for all **August** newsletter articles is **NOON on Tuesday, August 12, 2016. Please do not wait until the last minute!**



Quotation

“I do not miss the Marine Corps,
I miss the Marines...”

Oliver North
Lieutenant Colonel, USMC Retired



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*

Friday Night Dinner, MCL Detachment 1049

Friday, July 1, 2016 from 1800 – 2000

Washington Nationals are hosting a **US Marine Corps Day** at Nationals Stadium on July 20th

Monthly Meetings, MCL Detachment 1049

Monday, July 25, 2016 @ 1900 (Ray Sturm)

Marine Corps League 5K Challenge on July 31st at BWI Airport.

MODD Growl, Pound 204

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

Monthly Meetings, MCL Detachment 1049

Monday, August 27, 2016 @ 1900 (Ray Sturm)

Friday Night Dinner, MCL Detachment 1049

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

Staff Meeting, MCL Department of Maryland

Saturday, September TBA, 2016 from 0900 to 1100 (Craig Reeling)

MODD Growl, Maryland Pack

Saturday, September TBA, 2016 following the Staff Meeting

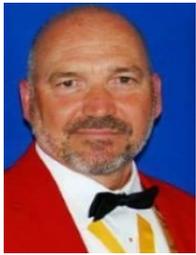
Monthly Meetings, MCL Detachment 1049

Monday, September 26, 2016 @ 1900 (Ray Sturm)

Bull & Oyster Roast, MCL Detachment 1049

Saturday, October 8, 2016 @ 1300 - 1800

Commandant Ray Sturm



Greetings,

Remember back in January when we all complained about the cold? Well, guess what? We got our wish. Summer is well under way. Please be careful out there. Stay hydrated.

I would like to thank Boy Scout Troop 216 for the invitation to attend the recent Ironbirds game. Guy Hall and I were able to accept the invitation and had a great time. It was a perfect evening for baseball, ice cream, and new friends. Though I have to admit, I was a bit nervous sitting that close to 3rd base. A few screaming line drives came close.

I'd like to thank everyone who worked on the MHM tournament. We may not have set a record, but I will be very proud to present a check for about \$14,000 to Marines Helping Marines. What a fantastic amount! I know they will put the money to good use. Believe it or not, we are already planning next year's tournament... and yes, we are looking for volunteers.

I'd also like to thank the Detachment Color Guard for representing us in so many community events. The recent 4th of July parade in Severna Park was their most recent contribution. If you'd like to assist with the Color Guard, please see Woody Bowman. He'd be glad to have you.

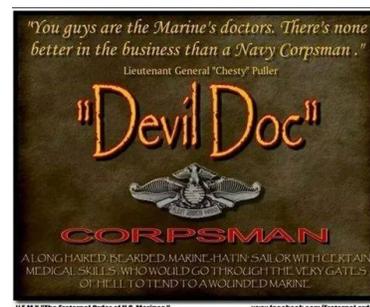
Our next big fund raiser is right around the corner. Come out and support the **Anne Arundel County-Marine Corps League Inaugural 5K Challenge** on July 31st at BWI Airport. The event will be off Mathison Way (by the rental car return. In addition to the 5K run there will be push-up and sit-up challenges. Civilians will be taking the PFT alongside Fort Meade Marines. It promises to be a fun event. You are welcome to come out and watch, cheer, help score or hand out water. Of course, you're welcome to participate also. Just for comparison, at the Olympic Trials, runners were doing 5K (3 miles) in under 14:00. In other words, they were in the shower when I hit the half way point.

Folks, we are planning a Bull & Oyster Roast for October 8th. We will need your support to make this event a success. Ticket sales are the biggest way you can help. I'm sure your neighbors and friends would enjoy a terrific meal.

Just a reminder.. July 20th is US Marine Corps Day at National Stadium in DC. The game starts at 7PM.

Semper Fi,

Ray





Corps History

by Ed Dahling for Joe Wright, Historian

**Senior
Vice Commandant
Ben Wells**



- 1 July 1920
Major General John A. Lejeune becomes the 13th Commandant of the Marine Corps.
- 4 July 1800
Marine Corps Band makes its first public appearance at Tun Tavern (Philadelphia, PA).
- 5 July 1968
Marines abandon Khe Sanh combat base.
- 6 July 1905
Marines escort the body of John Paul Jones during its relocation from France to Annapolis MD
- 7 July 1941
The 1st Marine Aircraft Wing activated at Quantico, Va. Within a year, the Wing would participate in the Guadalcanal offensive.
- 18 July 1918
The 4th Marine Brigade began an attack near Soissons, France, as part of a three-division counter-attack against the Germans. In the first two days of battle, the brigade sustained 1,972 casualties.
- 18 July 1948
Twelve Marines at consulate in Jerusalem (Israel) begin modern day Marine Security Guard program.
- 23 July 2002
Three Marines – Lt. Colonel James G. Kyser IV, Major Matthew Coon & Staff Sergeant Robert Wallace – awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Medal for heroism for their rescue efforts following the September 11th terrorist attacks on the Pentagon.
- 25 July 1930
Lieutenant Lewis Puller wins first of five Navy Crosses chasing Sandino guerrillas in Nicaragua.



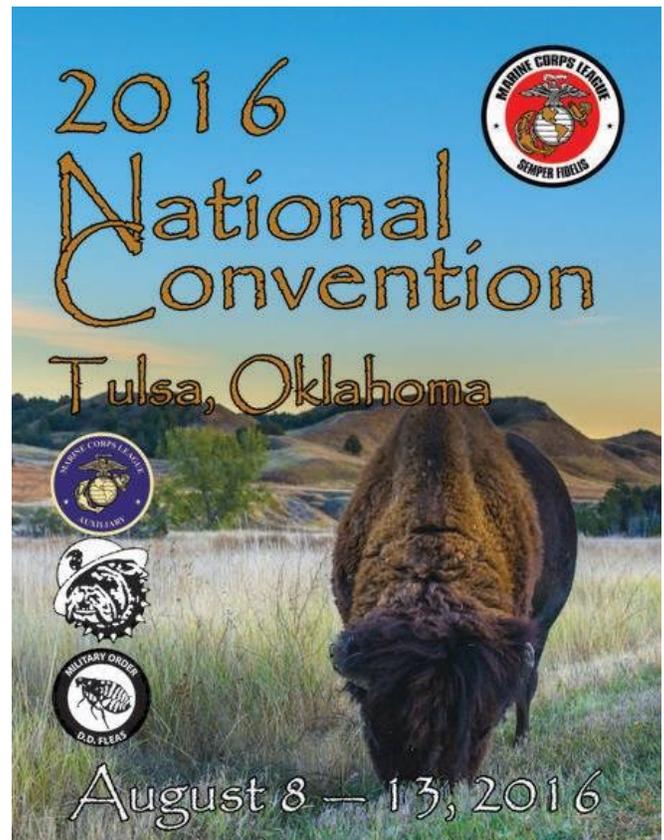
Marines,

Well another month is almost gone and not much is happening. Our Detachment 1049 is sponsoring a 5K race at BWI airport on July the 31 st to help the junior enlisted Marines at Ft. Meade go to the Marine Corps birthday ball. We can use all the help we can get so please sign up.

Our Detachment 1049 is also trying to get the Bull and Oyster roast going again so we are planning to have one on October the 8th so please by a ticket or two to help our general fund.

Please don't forget about the MCL National convention in August, we would enjoy seeing more faces there.

Semper Fi
Ben Wells





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Color Guard

by Ed Dahling for Color Guard Commander Woody Bowman

July 4th, the Color Guard will be participating in the Severna Park parade.

July 4th presenting Colors Bowie Baysox's Ball game with Fire works after the game.

The Color Guard has nothing schedule from now to November

Woody



Rifle & Pistol

Ray Sturm

The official scores are not yet posted from the Department of PA Match. I will keep an eye out for them.



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,



VA Maryland Health Care System

Junior Vice Commandant Pat Sharkey

We are happy to announce that the VA Maryland Health Care System will now offer enrolled Veterans the opportunity to directly schedule routine ear and eye appointments with VA medical facilities that offer Audiology and Optometry services. ***This means you do not need a Primary Care referral before scheduling routine ear and eye examinations.***

We are excited that the VA Maryland Health Care System was selected to participate in the first phase of a nation-wide implementation across all VA medical centers.

Who Qualifies?

All Veterans who are enrolled in the VA system, including traveling Veterans and those unassigned to Primary Care Doctors, can schedule an appointment without a Primary Care referral. Please keep in mind that this is for routine appointments, such as ear and eye exams. But, other routine procedures are also included. For more information regarding specific Audiology and Optometry services covered, please call the number below.

What Do I Need to Do?

You can schedule Audiology or Optometry appointments directly by calling 800-463-6295 extension 7333 or by speaking with scheduling staff at the VA Maryland Health Care System facilities where these services are provided.

Audiology and Optometry services are available at the Baltimore and Perry Point VA Medical Centers and the Cambridge, Glen Burnie, Fort Meade, and Loch Raven VA Outpatient Clinics.



Memberships

We still have Fourteen members, who remain delinquent in the payment of their dues. I remain hopeful that all of our members will soon have caught up on their dues and that we can then boast of no delinquencies.

Life Membership Rates

Hopefully, I can clear up any misunderstandings about life membership fees. As of January 1, 2009, the age-based, Life

Membership fees are priced as follows.

35 years of age and younger	\$500
36 – 50 years of age	\$400
51 – 60 years of age	\$300
61 years of age and over	\$150

Chaplain's

from Bill Collins Detachment Chaplain

Charlie Luthardt continues to improve following his "mild stroke". I'm sure that the time he's been spending on the beach at OC has had a lot to do with his quick recovery. Charlie is doing well in rehab and should be back on his favorite stool in the near future. Fred Kaminski continues to struggle with Parkinson's. He was recently hospitalized and spent a short time in rehab. Fred has shown some mild improvement and has returned home. If you would like to send him a card or a note, his address is 1238 Aster Court, Glen Burnie, Md. 21061.

The news media is full of bad news about the world we live in, both at home and abroad. It speaks loud and clear to the importance of all Americans being United in the quest for a safe and secure world for all people everywhere.

Bill Collins
Semper Fi

Information from the MCL National Commandant Richard Gore.

Marines:

Sorry about the delay between messages but just let it be said that we have been busy. You may already have heard that there has been a lot of changes that have taken place at HQ. I will not get into the details of the transitions except to tell you that they have been beneficial to all of the members and allowed the league to move forward in the proper way to serve you.

Johanna Hill from membership, was terminated and replaced. Meg Thoburn adjutant/paymaster, resigned. Debbie Smith merchandise, resigned. These issues alone resulted in positive changes being made which resulted in savings in money and an increase in productivity mainly through the work habits of their replacements.

Our Comptroller Paul Hastings was replaced after many years of dedicated service by William Smith from the Dept. of Georgia. This is another positive change as he is a CPA and understands what his duties are to the membership. Allan Ferguson is remaining as the Asst. Comptroller and will handle the book work at National in concert with William Smith. Bernard Heaney has been appointed as National Auditor, Bernie is a retired IRS forensic Auditor and he is preparing to do an audit of the HQ books with the assistance of Allen, Bill, and Tom.

Another event that will be happening in the near future is a new publisher will be hired for the "SEMPER FI" Magazine. We have been operating at an approximate loss of \$250,000. per year for quite a while now and were told to expect to continue to lose for many reasons. After much searching and discussion, we have agreed with Hammock Publishing to transition from them and are set to work with Chipotle Publishing, LLC., from Henderson, NV. who has literally assured us of a quality magazine with more pages, better paper and more advertisements for a decrease in costs in the production of our Semper Fi Magazine. Chipotle is projecting a break even figure after the first year. We are not interested in an award winning magazine, but, I bet we will have one within a few years. A proposed contract from Chipotle Publishing, LLC. will soon be presented to the Board of Trustees for approval.

So, with the same number of employees as what we did have before the changes and the cost savings between salaries and magazine publishers, we are looking at a cost savings close to \$400,000 annually. This is what you mandated from us and I hope you like the results thus far. Some really hard work is still ahead of us, but now that the barriers have been removed we are confident of continued success in the future; I just do not know why these issues were not corrected before we got into this situation.

Your Board of Trustees and the Executive Director and myself look forward to seeing you at Convention in Tulsa, Ok.

NEWS FLASH! Our 37th Commandant of the Marine Corps, General Robert B. Neller, has accepted the invitation of the National Commandant and the Marine Corps League and will appear at our National Convention in Tulsa, Oklahoma as our Guest of Honor!

"Semper Fi

**Richard D. Gore, Sr. National Commandant
Marine Corps League**



Have You Heard?

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

June 27th 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, 17

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

Don Benson	District Vice Commandant
Paul Taylor	Department Adjutant
Jim Brady	Mid-East Fund Raising Chairman
Woody Bowman	Color Guard Commander

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: Con Silard transfer Life membership from Annapolis Detachment 1365. Jeremiah Main and Nila Caulder (from disbanded Ladies Auxiliary) were voted on and accepted. Nila Caulder was sworn in as an associate member.

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

MEMBERS SICK AND IN DISTRESS:

Fred Kaminski is in the hospital. Fred needs someone to sit with him on Wednesday 9 – 1 pm. Charles Luthardt is making progress from his stroke. He is at home in Ocean City Md. Manny Airey had a fall in Delaware (swore he was not drinking) hurt his head, arm, and hand. Bill Knox from Harford County Detachment is undergoing chemo and is on the bone marrow waiting list.

ADJUTANT: Norman Huffman reported on the recruitment drive at Downs Park. Bill Collins, Tom Maiorana, and himself spoke with a lot of servicemen and women at the event.

COLOR GUARD COMMANDER: Woody Bowman said that the Color Guard will participate in the July 4th parade. No further events until November 6th, which will be the Pasadena Thanksgiving Parade.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Commandant Sturm reported on the Detachment's new flag progress. It is similar to the current flag, except it will say "Anne Arundel County of Maryland." It will be double-sided with fringe.

Jim Brady questioned whether National would accept the new flag change, as this was an issue in past years. He also stated he received the streamer for Mid-East attendance for our flag.

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Have You Heard?

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

GOOD TO THE LEAGUE: District Vice Commandant Don Benson suggested everyone look at the proposed bylaw changes for the Nationals. Let Commandant Sturm know your feeling on the changes so he can vote accordingly. Don Benson said Harford County Detachment is voting to change their Detachment name.

Jim Brady reported he is moving to Myrtle Beach (everyone broke out in tears) and he has a lot of Marine Corps League shirts he is giving away.

Commandant Sturm reported the Fort Meade Marines are holding the 1st Annual Anne Arundel County Marine Corps League 5K Run at BWI. The event is being held to offset the cost of the Marine Corps Ball for the junior Marines. The group would like the Detachment to assist them with registering participants and collecting money. The event will be held on July 31st at 0800 hours. The Marines would do all of the heavy work. These are the same Marines that do the Color Guard for us. Once they meet their goal for money, the remainder of the funds will be donated to the Detachment. Ferndale VFD will provide EMS support. Pete Smith is very involved with this event.

Commandant Sturm reported the Detachment received a Certificate of Appreciation from Boy Scout Troop 216 for the detachment donation and for the trailer Ben Wells company donated to them.

We need the names of the members going to the National Convention (August 7-13, 2016). So far we have: Ray Strum, Ben Wells, Erin Wells and Nila Caulder.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Paul Taylor thanked anyone who may have assisted with the VFW Car Show. Approximately \$5,864 was profited.

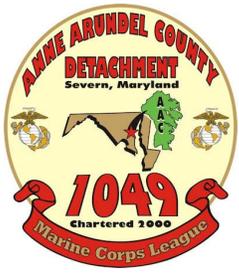
Ed Dahling hoped to start up the Bull & Oyster Roast again. The date chosen is October 8th. Need to sell tickets!

July 25, 2016	Monthly meeting MCL Detachment 1049 @ 1900
Aug 8, 2016	MCL National Convention - Tulsa Oklahoma
Oct. 8, 2016	Bull and Oyster Roast 1300 – 1800 MCL Detachment 1049 at VFW

CLOSING CEREMONIES:

Commandant Sturm closed the meeting IAW MCL rituals. The next Detachment meeting will take place on July 25th, 2016. Prayer was given by Bill Collins. Winner of 50/50 was Nila Caulder.

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



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Arlington - The 18th Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps, Ronald L. Green, hosts a Sunset Parade at the Marine Corps War Memorial, Arlington, VA., June 28, 2016. The parade's Guest of Honor was Dr. Rory Cooper, and included performances from the Marine Drum and Bugle Corps and the Silent Drill Platoon. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Sgt. Melissa Marnell, Office of the Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps/Released)