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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!

**Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049
received the Detachment of the year award.**



What a surprise at the Marine Corps League Department Of Maryland Convention Banquet. Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049 received the detachment of the year award. From left to right

District Two Vice Commandant Don Benson, Anne Arundel County Sr, Vice Commandant Ben Wells, Anne Arundel County Commandant Ray Sturm, Department Commandant Craig Reeling, And Guy Hall.

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Membership Statistics

Good Standing (Dues Paid)

Type	USMC	Associate	Multiple
Life Member-	77	8	5
Annual Member-	16	6	—
Delinquent Dues (Still on Active Roster 17)			
New Members			
		1	—
Sub-Totals			
	93	15	5
Total			
	113		

Renewals

[Dues expire at end of indicated month]

May 2016	June 2016	July 2016
Burton Helmka Joseph Stephens Rich Gonzales Sam Joyce Josh Mazurek	Lawrence Shifett-	Tim Muniz Thomas Yusaitis Joshua Copfer Frank Mondragon
Past Due		(1) Years

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

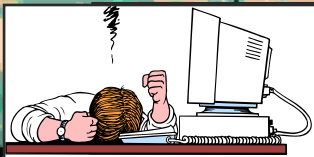
Members of our detachment, who will be celebrating birthdays during the month of **May** include:

**Jerry Fay,
Joseph Lowman
Charles Luthardt Jr
Ron Short**

**George Jahelka,
Edward Luthardt
Robert Tavik Sr.
William Wild**

NOTE – If you were born in May 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 year's **Department Convention** was a success as usual and a great time was had by all. I would recommend your attendance at next year's Convention; it's a great opportunity to be a part of the workings and policy decisions of your Marine Corps League, as well as sharing in the camaraderie of time spent with other Marines throughout the State.

I am proud to Announce that our Newsletter won the Department Newsletter of the year award.

On a personal note, I wish to state that I am humbled by being named the **2016 Marine of the Year** recipient For Anne Arundel County Detachment.

As always, you may contact me either by email at Umpire86@aol.com or by telephone at **410-570-8673** *Help me make this newsletter something that you look forward to receiving!*



Quotation

"Why are there tens of thousands of people running around pretending to be Vietnam Veterans?"

"I haven't seen anybody pretend that they were at Woodstock!"

"They can't steal our valor!"

General Anthony 'The Godfather' Zinni

USMC Retired, former Commander-in-Chief Central Command,
Special Envoy to Israel and the Palestinian Author
and father of a Marine



Congratulations to Ed Dahling

Joe Wright With Manny Airey presented this year's **Detachment Marine of the Year** award to **Past Detachment Commandant Ed Dahling**. A stunned Ed Dahling stated that it was totally unexpected and thanked the membership for this prestigious award.



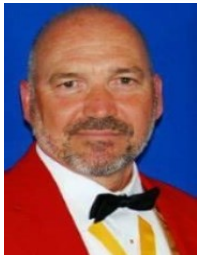
Rifle & Pistol

Ray Sturm

The Department of PA Pistol Match is June 4th. Any member wishing to shoot needs to let me know right away in order to get the necessary paperwork in. No previous competition experience is necessary. There are two categories, Service and Open. Essentially, you can shoot with almost any pistol you own. Details regarding the match can be found at www.pamcleague.com. Look under Department Programs>Marksmanship>Service Pistol Match. All forms are there.



Commandant Ray Sturm



Greetings and Congratulations!

I am pleased and deeply honored to report that the Anne Arundel Co Detachment was chosen as the **Detachment of the Year** at the Department Convention in Ocean City. I was truly surprised to hear our name called out. This recognition was truly a team award from our Color Guard representing us at various events to the outings we arranged for our veterans to our Toys4Tots drive to the Marines Helping Marines golf tournament to the Eagle Scout presentations to all the things our members do to make our community better. In conjunction with this award, the Department Commandant has awarded the detachment the **Meritorious Unit Commendation**. As such, all members during the period of 17 May 2015 to 30 April 2016, are now authorized to wear the Department MUC Ribbon.

I would now like to say I'm truly humbled to have been elected and installed as your Commandant for a second term. I thank each of you for your support this past year and look forward to working with, and for, you in the coming one. A special thanks goes out to Jack Severn and his Installation Team for taking the time from their busy schedules to conduct the ceremony.

The **MHM Golf Tournament** is rapidly approaching. May 20th is right around the corner. I'm asking everyone to promote the tournament and help us get golfers and sponsors. Naturally, we need volunteers as well. Come out and enjoy a great day at Walden Country Club.

The Department Convention was a huge success. We were indeed honored to have National Commandant Richard Gore, National Executive Director Tom Hazlett, and Chief Devil Dog C.O. Smith in attendance. You can be assured that your League is moving in the right direction. The issues involving membership are being cleared and the people responsible for the mess are no longer employees. I can safely say, we have some dynamic leadership at HQ.

Finally, I'd like to extend my congratulations to **Ed Dahling** as our Detachment Marine of the Year and to **Norm Huffman** as Pound 204's Dog of the Year.

Ray



Friday, May 20, 2016 at 9:00 AM
Walden Country Club – Crofton, MD

1st, 2nd, 3rd Place Prizes - Longest drive – Closest to the Hole – Hole in One Mulligans – Putting contest – and Coveted Last place trophies

ALL proceeds go to Marines Helping Marines to assist ALL veterans in their treatment and recuperation of combat injuries and the challenges of adjusting to a new life.



Corps History

by Ed Dahling for Joe Wright, Historian

2 May 1946

Marines from Treasure Island Marine Barracks, under the command of **Warrant Officer Charles L. Buckner**, helped suppress three-day prison riot at Alcatraz Penitentiary in San Francisco Bay.

3 May 1898

Marines from the U.S.S. Baltimore raise the Stars and Stripes over the Cavite Naval Station.

5 May 1961

Marine pilots retrieved America's first astronaut, **Navy Commander Alan Shepard**.

6 May 1937

Marines at NAS Lakehurst, NJ helped rescue Hindenburg survivors.

6 May 1946

Commandant Archibald Vandergrift tells Senate Naval Affairs Committee that *'The bended knee is not a tradition of our Corps.'*

8 May 1995

In the wake of the most devastating storm to hit the New Orleans area in more than 200 years, a group of Marines and sailors from Marine Forces Reserve assisted in the evacuation of 2,500 civilians and medical treatment of flood victims.

15 May 1862

Corporal John Mackie, the first Marine to earn the Medal of Honor, was commended for service on the USS GALENA during action against Confederate shore batteries at Drewry's Bluff, which blocked the James River approaches to Richmond.

16 May 1945

The 22nd and 29th Marines continued the attack against Half Moon Hill, a day characterized by the 6th Marine Division as the 'bitterest' of the Okinawa campaign. By the 18th, the famed 'Shuri line' had been breached.

22 May 1912

First Lieutenant Alfred A. Cunningham, the first Marine officer to be assigned to 'duty in connection with aviation' reported for aviation training at the Naval Aviation Camp at Annapolis

31 May 1900

Marines reach Chinese capital to defend Legation Quarter from Boxer rebellion.



Senior Vice Commandant Ben Wells



Fellow Detachment Members,

First let me start with thank you for electing me as your Senior Vice Commandant for the 2nd year.

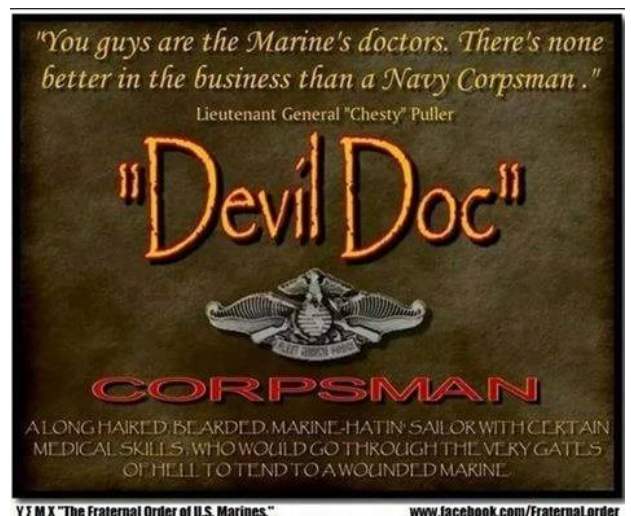
If you missed the Department of MD meeting in Ocean City then you missed a good time.

Now it is time to move on to the next event and that is the Marines Helping Marines golf tournament. The tournament will be May the 20th at the Walden Country Club and we would love to see you there. We would love to see some new help with this fund raiser which is for a wonderful cause. I do want to thank the same people who get involved and help every year.

Please remember to support VFW Post 160 which is our home.

Semper Fi

Ben Wells



the *Fraternity* *of the Corps*

Junior Vice Commandant

Marines

I'd like to thank you for your confidence in me. As you're newly elected Junior Vice Commandant, it is my intention to dedicate my term of office to you – the membership.

One of the most important responsibilities of the Junior Vice Commandant is to grow the membership of the detachment. I plan on making that my **number one goal** and I am open to any suggestions that my fellow members feel would help meet that goal.

Pat Sharkey

It's official, DD-214's are NOW Online

The National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) has provided the following website for veterans to gain access to their DD-214s online at: < <http://vetrecs.archives.gov>>

This may be particularly helpful when a veteran needs a copy of his DD-214 for employment purposes.

NPRC is working to make it easier for veterans with computers and Internet access to obtain copies of documents from their military files.

Military veterans and the next of kin of deceased former military members may now use a new online military personnel records system to request documents.

Other individuals with a need for documents must still complete the Standard Form 180, which can be downloaded from the online web site. Because the requester will be asked to supply all information essential for NPRC to process the request, delays that normally occur when NPRC has to ask veterans for additional information will be minimized.

The new web-based application was designed to provide better service on these requests by eliminating the records center's mailroom processing time.

Chaplain's Corner

from Bill Collins Detachment Chaplain

At our April meeting I was sworn in as Chaplain for the detachment. My predecessor Fred Kaminski is fighting Parkinson's disease and, at present, is unable to participate in League activities. I have spoken with Fred and his wife to assure them that we are here to help them thru this difficult time. As many of you know Fred had his collection of posters that he sold to raise money for the Detachment. We were able to find a buyer for most of them resulting in a \$50.00 check for our coffers. Thank you Fred, our thoughts and prayers are with you. You're a hard act to follow.

Commandant Ray Strum and a few of his merry men have been attending Courts of Honor for boy scouts who have achieved Eagle Scout status. As long as we have young people like these the country will be in good hands. We have also attended meetings of Troop 216, the special needs troop that we sponsor, these scouts and their leaders are exceptional people. It is indeed a pleasure to see their enthusiastic participation in activities required to earn their merit badges. Jim Galvin of our Detachment is a key member of Troop 216, his patience and good humor when interacting with these challenged scouts is a pleasure to behold. You are invited to attend monthly Troop 216 meetings held at the Columbian Center, Glen Burnie, as well as courts of honor ceremonies for other area scout troops, times and locations can be found in the Detachment event calendar. If you are interested and need further information I can be reached via Email at dvader1@comcast.net or via cell phone @ 410-271-4847.

I have been with the Detachment for fewer than 15 months. I have much to learn about the League, the Detachment, the membership and the Chaplain business. In that short time I have been impressed with everyone's willingness to help their fellow Marines and anyone else in need. No surprise there. That's what Marines do. Semper Fi,

Bill



2016 Convention Maryland Pack
Military Order of the Devil Dog. Woof woof!!!



COME CELEBRATE
ARMED FORCES WEEK MAY 16-20
 &
ARMED FORCES DAY
LUNCH WITH THE HEROES MAY 21

It's more than 1 day of honor—MISSION BBQ is celebrating for a whole week. 5 days of appreciation for each branch of the military followed by a special lunch on Armed Forces Day. Monday–Friday, all active duty service members and veterans can enjoy **FREE SANDWICHES** at every location on their designated day:

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Army.....Monday, 5/16
Marine Corps.....Tuesday, 5/17
 Navy.....Wednesday, 5/18
 Air Force.....Thursday, 5/19
 Coast Guard.....Friday, 5/20

Then on Saturday, May 21st, join us for **Lunch with the Heroes from 11am to 2pm**. Bring your personal Hero who has served Our Country—past or present—as we honor every member of the Armed Forces from all eras. We'll also have a live rendition of our National Anthem performed at noon.



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Color Guard

by Mac McNeir for Color Guard Commander Woody Bowman

Walden Country Club - May 20th Golf Tournament.

Post 276 Quarterfield Road – May 30, 2016
9 am – will be going to Crownsville Veterans Cemetery afterwards.

Glen Burnie Parade – Unsure of date, possibly weekend before Memorial Day



Coming Events

May 6, 2016 - 18:00 Friday Night Dinner Jim Brady

May 7, 2016 – 08:00 Leadership College held at VFW Post 160

May 9, 2016- 19:00 VFW Post 160 Meeting

May 20, 2016 – 09:00 11th Annual Marines Helping Marines Golf Tournament

May 22, 2016 - 14:30 Massing Of Colors Ft Meade Md.

May 25, 2016 - 19:00 Detachment Meeting VFW Post 160

June 4, Department of Pa. Pistol Match. Ft. Indian-town Gap Pa.



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 Maryland Pack held a very, very successful Grand Growl last month, collecting over a thousand dollars for the children's hospital in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Actual passport stamps was \$339.00 but a Pennsylvania Pack visitor casually mentioned that they would beat us this year. That started a flurry of bones flying toward the Dog Robber (ones, bundles of ones, and everything from that up to hundred dollar bills). So I say again, I will put my money on the Maryland Pack being the largest contributor to the children's hospital in August.

We were honored again to have the Chief Devil Dog, MCL National Commandant and Executive Director present for our Growl.

At the Grand Growl elections were held with the following results: PDD Kelly (Pax River) was elected as Pack Leader. Our very own PDD Blair was elected Senior vice, PDD Wells (Anne Arundel) was elected to Junior vice and PDD Remines (Harford County) was elected Smart Dog. The newly elected Pack Leader made the following appointments: Dog Trainer, PDD Hadley (Anne Arundel), Police Dog, PDD Sturm (Anne Arundel), Mad Dog PDD Rossi (LCpl Deane), Watch Dog PDD Hoernig (Pax River), Barking Dog DD Fay (Pax River), Mascot Handler Pup Rust (Pax River), and Dog Robber PDD Taylor (Baltimore).

We also brought in a new Pup and elevated six Pups to DD.

Our next Pound Growl will be on 28 August when we will hold nominations and elections of new officers. If interested in leading your Pound you must be present at the Growl as there is no proxy vote.

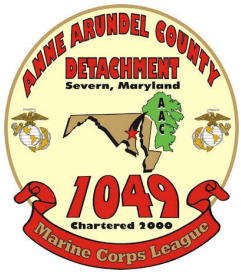
The next Pack Growl will be sometime in September hosted by the Free State Detachment in Bowie.

Remember: It is an honor to be a Devil Dog!
Woof woof,
PDD Paul Taylor
Dog Robber



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MARINE CORPS AIR STATION CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. - An AH-1Z Cobra with Marine Aircraft Group taxis down the flight line aboard Marine Corps Air Station Camp Pendleton, Calif.,