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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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Meeting Date and Time:

4th Monday of the Month at 19:00

Meeting Address:

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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			
			—
Sub-Totals			
	93	14	5
Total			
	112		

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.

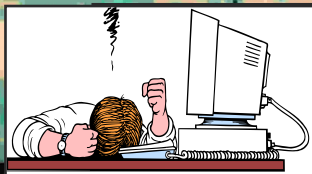
Members' Birthdays

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

Chuck Albo	Gary Barr	Charles Fisher
Chris Kalwa	Bill Merrill	Tim Muniz
George Owings	Jack Severn	Franklin Wood

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





From the Editor

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

The next few months will be extremely busy and the need for help in many areas of detachment operation will never be more evident. Please consider going against the ingrained ethic of never volunteering that many of us were taught and give some truly serious thought to becoming more involved in your detachment's activities. I can guarantee that you will likely meet some very interesting people, gain a degree of satisfaction from being part of some worthwhile activity, and feel a renewed sense of accomplishment when your contributions of time and effort leave the detachment in a better state than it ever could be without the help of many selfless people such as yourself.

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!**

The deadline for **April** articles is **MIDNIGHT** on **Tuesday, May 9, 2016. Please do not wait until the last minute to submit your article(s)!**



Who let the Dogs Out
MODD Pound #204 Growl at the VFW Post 160
Glen Burnie , Md. 21061



Rifle & Pistol

Ray Sturm

The Department of PA Service Pistol Match is a "go". The match is scheduled for Saturday, June 4th at Fort Indiantown Gap, PA. Last year, 300 shooters participated. This is a great event. There is also an "Open" relay. This means you can shoot anything larger than a .22 cal and smaller than a .50 cal that has iron sights.

Ray

Quotation

*Success is a little like wrestling a gorilla.
You don't quit when you are tired...
you quit when the gorilla gets tired!"*

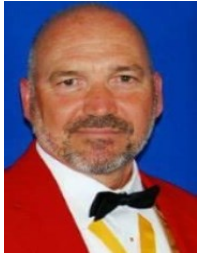
Robert Strauss

Reporter, Writer, Editor, TV Critic & Adjunct
Instructor at the University of Pennsylvania



the *Frontier* *Life* *Boys*

Commandant Ray Sturm



Greetings,

This is a big month for the detachment. We hold our Installation of Officers at our monthly meeting on 25 April. I have invited Jack Severn to be the Installing Officer. Many of you know Jack, but for those who don't, he is the National Color Guard Sergeant, a member of the National Uniform Committee, and Resident Agent of the Marines Helping Marines Foundation. Jack is also the Mid-East Aide-d-Camp. Of course, we Devil Dogs know Jack as only the fourth ever Honorary Chief Devil Dog. I am honored that Jack has accepted the invitation. Please join us for what will be a great evening. Yes, the bar will be open.

Right after our installation we head to Ocean City for our annual Department of MD Convention from April 29-30. Everyone is invited to attend. Once again, we are at the Princess Royale Hotel. This is a great family friendly facility. Come join us.

I'm pleased to announce that the detachment has given five Eagle Scout Good Citizenship Awards this month. If you have a son, grandson, nephew or neighbor in scouting and about to become an Eagle, let us know. We will be glad to present him a certificate to mark his achievement.

FLASH: Our 11th Annual MHM Golf Tournament is May 20th. That day is rapidly approaching. Please help promote the tournament and make it a success. We need golfers, sponsors, t-box signs, and volunteers. Basically, I'm asking for your help to make this our best tournament yet.

Baseball season is underway. I'd like to have a detachment outing to either a BaySox game in Bowie or to either an Orioles or Nationals game. Wednesday, July 20th is US Marine Corps Day at Nationals Stadium. I think this would be an amazing game to be a part of. I will get the word out to the rest of the Department as well. It would be great to see a ton of 'red shirts' at the stadium. Anyone interested? As a reminder, the detachment's website now includes an event calendar. Check it out. If you would like to add something, let us know.

Semper Fi,
Ray





Corps History

by Ed Dahling for Joe Wright, Historian

1 April 1945

1st & 6th Marine Divisions land on Okinawa

3 April 1945

Marines of the III Amphibious Corps effectively cut Okinawa in half in three days rather than the originally projected eleven.

9 April 1942

105 Marines among American captives on Bataan Death March.

15 April 1962

Marine Corps operational involvement in the Vietnam War begins, when HMM-362 arrives at Soc Trang in the Delta south of Saigon – as part of **Operaton Shufly** to air-lift Vietnamese troops into battle.

18 April 1983

A Marine Security Guard is killed and seven wounded when a large car bomb explodes just outside the U.S. Embassy in Beirut, Lebanon.

20 April 1861

Marines burn Norfolk Navy yard to prevent Confederate seizure.

24 April 1980

Three Marines perish in desert accident during effort to rescue American hostages in Teheran.

26 April 1965

Staff Sergeant Josephine (Davis) Gebers becomes first woman Marine to be awarded the Combat Action Ribbon after coming under enemy fire in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

30 April 1975

4th Marines under **Colonel Al Gray** complete evacuation of U.S. Embassy in Saigon, RVN and nearby Tan Son Nhut Air Force Base.



Senior Vice Commandant Ben Wells

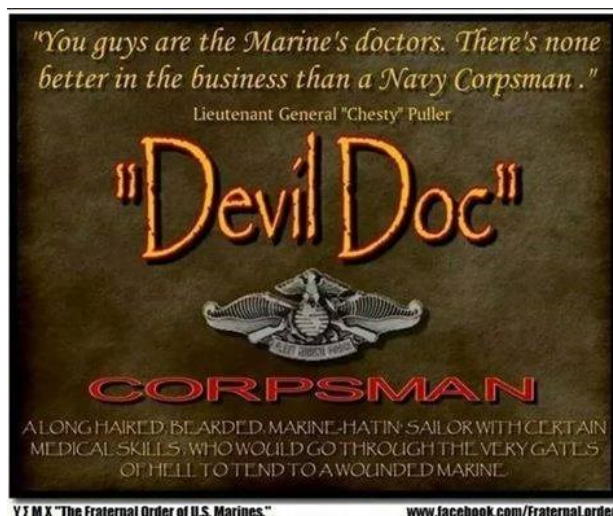


Fellow Detachment Members,

I would like to make sure everyone remembers that the Department convention is coming up April 28th in Ocean City, MD. If you have not made plans to go please do, this is going to be a great time. On April 25th at our monthly meeting we will be swearing in the new officers so please come and show them you support them. Also now is the time to start planning for the national convention in Tulsa Oklahoma. Please remember to support VFW Post 160 which is our home.

I'm asking that you support 1049. Our detachment prides itself on what we do for our fellow Marines throughout the year.

Semper Fi
Ben



the *Fraternal Order of U.S. Marines*

Junior Vice Commandant



Marines,

This article is my last as your detachment Jr. Vice Commandant. I am appreciative for you entrusting me with the position of Jr. Vice Commandant for past year and I hope that I have done well. Although I am saddened to be leaving my post there are still great strides that must be made by the detachment, but it cannot be done by a select few alone. As you have read time and time again in our articles, the detachment needs participation from more of our members. If more members would step up, everyone's tasking would be less arduous. .

Matt
Semper Fi,

11th Annual Marines Helping Marines Golf Tournament



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.



A heroic U.S. Marine Corps German shepherd that lost a leg sniffing out a roadside bomb in Afghanistan was awarded the world's highest honor for service dogs during a special ceremony Tuesday.

Lucca, who served U.S. troops during more than 400 missions in Iraq and Afghanistan over a six-year span, received the People's Dispensary for Sick Animals (PDSA) Dickin Medal at the Wellington Barracks in London. She is the first Marine Corps dog to receive the medal, considered the top honor for war animals around the world.

Her handler, Gunnery Sgt. Christopher Willingham, [told Sky News](#) that it was an "incredible honor" to receive the award from the veterinary charity.

"It is very humbling to be part of this entire process," he said. "I think more importantly is that Lucca's accomplishments are going to help bring awareness and recognition to all our military working dogs and their handlers."



Chaplain's Corner

from Bill Collins Detachment Chaplain

The chaplain's duty at our detachment is important to all of us. Please notify me as soon as possible regarding any sickness, distress, or deaths of any marines or marine family members. Remember, I can only perform my duties effectively if I am kept informed.

My contact information is provided as follows.
1305 Bay Head Road
Annapolis, Md. 21409-5706



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Veteran Crisis Resources

Veterans Crisis Line 1-800-273-8255 and Press 1
Military Crisis Line 1-800-273-TALK (8255)
National Call Center for Homeless Veterans
1-877-4AID-VET (424.3838)
VA Caregiver Support Line 1-855-260-3274

SHOW YOUR PRIDE

Wear Your Medals on Memorial Day

The Department of Veterans Affairs calls on all veterans to express their patriotism and pride on Memorial Day and other major patriotic holidays through a display of medals earned in their military service. Join your comrades in public display of your military

Decorations. It's a way to show your community the spirit of America's veterans and remind your neighbors of the service and sacrifice of those who guarded democracy. As we salute America's heroes on Memorial Day, Veterans Day and the Fourth of July, wear your medals and show your pride, whether participating in public observances or relaxing with family and friends. Your medals tell a story of service in the cause of freedom that all Americans need to hear.



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Color Guard

by Mac McNeir for Color Guard Commander Woody Bowman

Ferndale Parade at North County High School
May 1st 2016

Be there by 11am, as parade starts at noon.

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. Indiantown 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 very successful Growl last month, collecting \$186.00 in passport bones for the children's hospital in Tulsa, Oklahoma. After the Growl another \$20.00 appeared for the kids, so a check for \$206.00 was forwarded to Kennel, bringing our total for the year to \$931.00 with one growl to go. Remember that other Pounds and Packs, albeit not enough of them, may be challenging us to be the highest contributor. Time will tell, but I would still bet my money on the Maryland Pack.

Our next Pound Growl will be on 10 April when we will be initiating one new Pup.

The next Pack Growl will be the Grand Growl in Ocean City on 29 April when the Mad Dog will have fun and games for those Pups advancing to DD. All prospective candidates must be at poolside at 1200. After the fun and games and the candidates gets hosed down, we will proceed to the Grand Growl for more fun and games. Toward the end of the Grand Growl we will be having nomination, election and installation of new Pack Officers. Our illustrious (?) Pack Leader must step down as he has served two years, so other Dogs will be advancing up the chain. If you desire an officer position, let someone know to nominate you, or you can nominate yourself. Let's make this another great Grand Growl so the Chief Devil Dog will know which is the best Pack in the Kennel.

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

Woof woof,
PDD Paul Taylor
Dog Robber





Have You Heard?

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

Meeting called to order by Commandant Ray Sturm at 1900 hours.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by prayer by Acting Chaplain Bill Collins.
(Bill Collins was Acting Chaplain in Fred Kaminski's absence.)

Members in attendance: 25

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

Don Benson	District Vice Commandant
Paul Taylor	Department of Maryland Adjutant
Guy Hall	Mid-East Ambassador, Past Detachment Commandant
Jim Brady	Mid-East Fund Raising Chairman
Mac McNeir	Past Detachment Commandant
Ed Dahling	Department of Maryland Paymaster, Past Detachment Commandant
Manny Airey	Past Detachment Commandant
Joe Wright	Past Detachment Commandant
Woody Bowman	Color Guard Commander

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

Commandant Ray Sturm presented Woody Bowman, Charlie Young and Ed Dahling with the new Ceremonial Guard ribbons that were approved by National MCL. He also thanked them for their Color Guard service to the Detachment and the communities.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

Commandant: Ray Sturm said that most of his report is in the newsletter and is on the Mid-Winter conference. The new National MCL is doing quite well and are now in the black now about \$36,000. The convention in Tulsa is on track and most of the hotels are sold out. National Senior Vice filed a detailed report on our National data base. Ray requested Webmaster Joe Wright post it on our web site. All of our information is there if you want to look. National web site is up and running.

Sr. Vice Commandant: Ben Wells stated he will be making copies (to distribute) of Judge Advocate Jerry Devlin's State of MD report as it had a lot of good information concerning veterans.

Chaplain: Bill Collins said that he visited with Fred Kaminski and picked up some of his posters and pictures. He said that Fred was not able to come back at this time, and if anyone wanted to visit him they were welcome.

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Have You Heard?

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REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

News Letter Editor: Ed Dahling said that he has submitted a few copies of the newsletter for the contest the Department is running.

Web Sergeant: Joe Wright stated he has updated the website, at the Commandant's request. All links have been updated, to include the Color Guard. If you have not already signed up for the Detachment list server (which is the Detachment's personal email), please do so. If you need help, ask Joe. All e-mail sent within our own Detachment will distribute through this server. Joe is open to any suggestions that may make the website better. Jim Brady suggested Joe create a link that will connect to Mid-East so they can also see what is going on in our Detachment. Joe also placed a Detachment Calendar on the website. Joe is still working on the mobile version of the website.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE: Don Benson said that the convention is coming up and we have raffle tickets to be sold. The \$100 donation has to be forwarded to the Department.

Jim Brady asked if the Detachment submitted a name to the Department for Marine of the Year. Ray said NO and that it was too late to submit.

Unfinished Business: Second round of nominations was conducted by Wayne McNeir.

Commandant:	Ray Sturm
Senior Vice:	Ben Wells
Jr. Vice :	Pat Sharkey
Judge Advocate:	Chris Wise

Unanimous vote was given by Adjutant Norman Huffman.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mac McNeir reported he had the privilege of participating in a Maryland Public Television documentary concerning his Vietnam service. The documentary will air the week before Memorial Day (the film airs in three, one-hour parts on May 24-25-26). Mac recommended everyone view the shows, if interested.

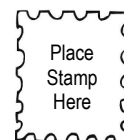
Mac also reported the MPT will have their traveling Vietnam exhibit displayed at the Timonium Fair Grounds. There will be a simulated hospital, militaries sales, and other exhibits on display. This traveling exhibit was formerly displayed at Pamlico.





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(Address Correction Requested)



U.S. Marines with Task Force Spartan, 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), on Firebase Bell, Iraq, fire an M777A2 Howitzer at an ISIS infiltration route March 18, 2016. (Photo: Cpl. Andre Dakis/Marine Corps)