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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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## Semper Fidelis!

11<sup>th</sup> Annual Marines Helping  
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## Detachment Staff:

**Commandant** ..... Ray Sturm  
**Senior Vice-Commandant** ..... Ben Wells  
**Junior Vice-Commandant** ..... Matt Prial  
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**Chaplain** ..... Fred Kaminski  
**Color Guard Commander** ..... Woody Bowman  
**Historian** ..... Joseph Wright  
**House Chairman** ..... Vacant  
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**Web Sergeant** ..... Joe Wright  
**Young Marines Commander** ..... Dallas Cooper

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**Judge Advocate** ..... Nila Caulder  
**Chaplain** ..... Michelle Smith  
**Guard** ..... Joe Ann Burr  
**Toys for Tots Coordinator** ..... Christine Stevens



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<http://deptofmdmcl.org>

## Membership Statistics

### Good Standing (Dues Paid)

Type	USMC	Associate	Multiple
Life Member-	77	8	5
Annual Member-	16	6	—
<b>Delinquent Dues (Still on Active Roster 17)</b>			
<b>New Members</b>			
			—
<b>Sub-Totals</b>			
93	14	5	
<b>Total</b>			
112			

## Renewals

[ Dues expire at end of indicated month ]

March 2016	April 2016	May 2016
Charles Albo Charles Grove Joseph Wright Jeffrey Clark Ken Seidelman Lorenzo Turner Past Due	James Legette	Burton Helmka George Stallings Joseph Stephens Rich Gonzales Sam Joyce Josh Mazurek * (2) 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 **March** include:

Woody Bowman Clifton Cavey Paul Downey

Frank Fleishman Gary Frye Jack Seal

Chris Thompson

**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

Detachment Elections and Marine of the Year selection will soon be taking place. Don't remain silent if you know of worthy nominees!

On other notes, I encourage everyone to take part in and support the **Department of Maryland Convention** and the **11th Annual Marines Helping Marines Golf Tournament** by selling convention ads and tee box signs, encouraging your friends to play, and of course volunteering to be part of the support crew... before, during and after the tournament.

As always, I look forward to seeing all of you at our next monthly meeting

If you have an email account and are not currently receiving **the Cutting Edge** electronically, please consider doing so. Providing me with your email address will reduce our monthly newsletter delivery costs.

The deadline for **April** articles is **MIDNIGHT** on **Tuesday, April 5, 2016**. **Please do not wait until the last minute to submit your article(s)!**



## Quotation

*"Poor is the nation that has no heroes...  
Shameful is the one that, having them...forgets."*

– Unknown –



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## SHRIMP FEAST

Saturday April 2, 2016

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## Rifle & Pistol

Ray Sturm

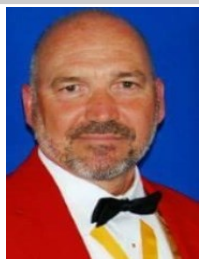
I'd like to thank those who came out to our first "fun shoot" on Feb 29<sup>th</sup>. From the feedback I received, everyone had a great time. I was approached to schedule two shoots per month.. one on a weekday night and one during the weekend. If we have interest, I'd be glad to do so.

The Department of PA Pistol Match at Fort Indiantown Gap is tentatively scheduled for June 4<sup>th</sup>. As soon as Range Control confirms the event, the match coordinators will make the official announcement. This note serves as an unofficial "hold the date" notice.





# Commandant Ray Sturm



Greetings and batten down the hatches. I attended the Mid-Winter Conference and I've got a lot to report. Some highlights.. First, the Budget Committee filed a 7 page revised budget that was voted upon and adopted. In a nutshell, National expects to take in \$2,001,000.00 and pay out \$1,964,816.00. That's right, for the first time in years, National is in the black by \$36,184.00. I give a lot of credit to our National staff for turning things around. We have a long way to go, but we are leaning forward.

This year's convention in Tulsa, OK is on track. The host hotel has been sold out for a while, but two overflow hotels are available. Details are on the national website [www.mclnational.com](http://www.mclnational.com) . As of this writing, only Charleston, WV has submitted a bit for 2018. (The 2017 convention is in Kansas.)

The National Senior Vice Commandant filed an outstanding report concerning our national database, IRS status, and organization. Rather than paraphrase it here, I've asked our webmaster to post it on the detachment's website.

Our national website has been improved. Many forms are now available on line. A detachment locator has been activated. The MCL History and Awards page is up and current. They are working on video capability for the website with the intent to include clips from the conventions and events around the country. The developers are also working to make the site more compatible with mobile devices in an attempt to grab younger, more connected members. The Semper Fi Store has been up and running since December. Check it out. It's a pretty nice improvement.

National has sent two people to school to learn to handle veteran claims. Once certified, they will be able to assist members with VA issues.

GySgt Troy Campbell addressed the membership about Shepherd's Men. This is an organization dedicated to veteran suicide prevention. They have a team running from Boston to Atlanta to raise funds and will be passing through MD on March 29<sup>th</sup> as they run the Gettysburg to Lynchburg leg. Details can be found at [www.shepherdsmen.com](http://www.shepherdsmen.com) .

On August 28, 2018 the Women Marines Association will be meeting in Washington, DC to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of women in the Marine Corps.

Nominations have been made for the detachment leadership positions. The following have accepted nominations. If anyone else is interested in an elected position, the detachment will take additional nominations at our March meeting before the elections are held. The installation of officers will take place at our April meeting.

Commandant: Ray Sturm (2<sup>nd</sup> term)

Sr Vice Cmdt: Ben Wells (2<sup>nd</sup> term)

Jr Vice Cmdt: Pat Sharkey (1<sup>st</sup> term)

Judge Advocate: Chris Wise (2<sup>nd</sup> term)

There are numerous appointed positions to fill. Please let me know if you are interested in one of them. Most require very little time and are quite rewarding.

Ray





# Corps History

by Ed Dahling for Joe Wright, Historian

## 3 March 1776

First Marine landing on hostile shores in the Bahamas.

## 3 March 1809

Five-year enlistments in the Corps replaced the previous three-year terms.

## 8 March 1928

Captain **Merritt Edson** sets out on epic CoCo River patrol in search of Nicaraguan rebel leader Sandino.

## 8 March 1965

**9th Marine Expeditionary Brigade** lands at DaNang, Republic of Vietnam – first U.S. ground combat troops committed to that conflict.

## 11 March 1778

Marines aboard the frigate **BOSTON**, assisted in the engagement and capture of the British merchant ship **MARTHA**. Future **President John Adams** seized a musket and joined the Marines on deck until the frigate's commanding officer, **Captain Samuel Tucker**, sent him below for safety.

## 13 March 1943

First Women Marine officer candidates arrive at U.S. Midshipmen School at **Mount Holyoke College**.

## 21 March 1945

General **A.A. Vandegrift**, 18th Commandant, becomes first Marine four-star general on active duty.

## 25 March 1804

Secretary of the Navy approves first formal Marine Corps uniform.

## 26 March 1945

**Iwo Jima** secured. Marines suffer 25,851 casualties.

## 31 March 1801

Lt. Colonel Commandant **William W. Burrows** & President **Thomas Jefferson** select site for Marine Barracks, 8th & I.



## Senior Vice Commandant Ben Wells



Fellow Detachment Members,

### DEPARTMENT OF MARYLAND CONVENTION

Currently, we have ten delegates attending the department convention. Delegates will be *electing the Department of Maryland Officers for the coming year* as well as *deciding the fate of other important items*. As a delegate, you will need to participate in the **Saturday, April 30th** department business meeting. If you are interested in serving as a delegate, please give your name to our current Adjutant during the March meeting. I also want to remind everyone of the need to sell advertisements for the Department of Maryland convention book. **We earn 50% of all sales over \$300!**

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

## Junior Vice Commandant



Marines,

Detachment membership numbers remain in relatively good shape. We continue to attract new members; But I am sorry to say that as of March 1st, there are *17 members* of our detachment, *who are delinquent in payment of their dues*. So, please check your membership cards to see if your dues are current; *if they are not, please send your dues to me as soon as possible*. That will allow me to get them into the League's Department and National Headquarters and prevent you from being dropped from our roster.

Semper Fi,  
Matt

## RECRUITING INCENTIVE!

FROM OCTOBER, 2015—AUGUST, 2016  
AT THE NATIONAL CONVENTION IN OKLAHOMA THE FOLLOWING IS IN EFFECT ALL NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS WILL BE PLACED IN A DRAWING BIN FOR A DRAWING AT THE NATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE FOLLOWING PRIZES;

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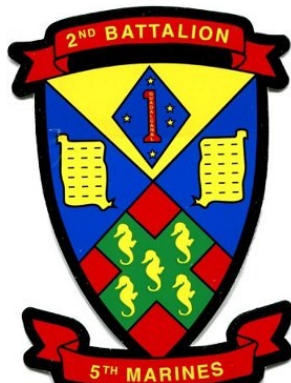
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THERE WILL BE 10 3RD PRIZES. NOTE IF THE NEW MEMBER IS A WALKIN AND THERE IS NO SPONSOR THE DETACHMENT WILL RECEIVE THE SPONSORS PRIZE.

LET'S PUSH THIS MARINES AND SEE WHAT WE CAN DO.

SEMPER FIDELIS!  
DENNIS TOBIN!  
NATIONAL JR.VICE



## 2,000 U.S. Marines arrive in S. Korea for drills as North threatens war

The U.S. military is holding exercises in South Korea amid increased tensions with North Korea, whose leader Kim Jong Un has ordered his country's nuclear weapons to be at the ready.

About 2,100 Marines and sailors along with the amphibious assault ship Bonhomme Richard and the amphibious dock landing ships Ashland and Germantown recently arrived in South Korea for exercise Ssang Yong 16, which began on March 2 and lasts until March 20, Marine Corps officials said.

Held every two years, the exercise involves U.S. and South Korean troops conducting amphibious operations for possible disaster relief or wartime missions, said 2nd Lt. Joshua Hays, a Marine Corps spokesman.

Meanwhile, North Korea has recently tested a nuclear weapon and fired six projectiles into the sea, just as it did in 2013, said Bruce Klingner, a Korea expert at the Heritage Foundation think tank in Washington, D.C.

"Things could get dicey in the next couple months," Klingner said in an interview. "We're already seeing North Korea starting to issue threats: If the U.S. doesn't stop these exercises or doesn't cancel these exercises, North Korea may take appropriate action. They also highlight that there are a number of strategic assets that will be part of it: nuclear-capable submarines, B-52s, F-22s, etc., special forces Marines — all of which, in North Korean eyes, or the North Korean depiction, is a prelude to an attack on North Korea."





# MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

Department of Maryland

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To: Detachment Commandants

ALL Members in Maryland

Subject: **2015 DEPARTMENT LEADERSHIP COLLEGE - 7 May 2016**

A Department wide Leadership Training Class is scheduled to be held 7 May 2016 at the Glen Burnie VFW Post 160 (2597 Dorsey Road, Glen Burnie, MD 21061) home of the Anne Arundel County Detachment. This will be our 5th Annual Class. The objective of this class is to educate and familiarize Marines with the duties and responsibilities of Detachment Officers and to expand the Marines knowledge of National, Department and Detachment operations.

The Saturday Class will begin at 0800 and conclude at 1600. The cost of the class is \$35.00 per student, payable in advance with the registration. This will cover morning coffee, pastry, lunch and printed materials. Detachments may wish to pay this fee for their Marines attending. I would suggest that the Detachments have the Marines pay and reimburse them when they return with a diploma. This will stop Marines from not showing up for the class after the Detachment paid. I am sure that there are Marines in the Detachment that would have attended in their place had they known a spot was open. We will have a waiting list.

**EARLY REGISTRATION IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED**, as the class will be limited to 30 students. Billets will be on first come first served basis. I expect this class to be filled. Applications should be mailed as early as possible. Enrolment will end on 27 April 2016. Our goal is to have as many Leaguers as possible attended the class.

If there is a cancellation, the opening goes first to the Detachment of the Marine that canceled. If no Marine from that Detachment is able to attend, that spot will go to the waiting list. There are no refunds. Your book is printed and food was ordered for you.

There is a registration form on the Department web site at <http://www.deptofmdmcl.org/> You may make more if you need them. Registered Marines will be sent directions and other necessary information along with their confirmation approximately two weeks before the class date.

Please make every effort to get this information out to as many Marines as possible. Associate Members are also welcome.

Semper Fidelis,  
*Leadership College Dean*  
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## Color Guard

by Mac McNeir for Color Guard Commander Woody Bowman

There are no events scheduled for our Color Guard until May of this year; but, you are reminded that... our color guard is always looking for new volunteers to join their ranks, and the schedule of future Color Guard activities will be published as it evolves.

Need more information? Want to volunteer? Want to be part of the future of this valuable group? If the answer to any of these questions is **YES**, Call **Woody Bowman** at the following number...  
**(410) 647-9655**



## Coming Events

March 3-5<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – Mid-Winter Conference – Falls Church, Virginia  
 March 12, 2016 – Department meeting  
 March 14, 2016 – VFW meeting  
 March 19, 2016 – Pound 333 Growl  
 March 28, 2016 – Detachment meeting and election

April 10, 2016 – Pound 204 Growl  
 April 21, 2016 – VFW meeting  
 April 25, 2016 – Detachment meeting and Installation of Officers  
 April 28-30 2016 – Department Convention in Ocean City

May 6, 2016 - Friday Night Dinner Jim Brady  
 May 7, 2016 – Leadership College held at VFW  
 May 20, 2016 – 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Marines Helping Marines Golf Tournament



## 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,

Pound 204 held another very successful Growl last month, collecting \$280.00 in passport bones for the children's hospital in Tulsa, Oklahoma. That brings our total, after three Growls, to \$1,045.00. At last year's Supreme Growl, rumors from other Pounds indicated that we may be challenged for total support this year. Time will tell, but I would still bet my money on Pound 204.

Many thanks to those Dogs who helped the Detachment during the 2015 Toys for Tots campaign. Thanks to you, many children had a Christmas to remember, which they would not have had otherwise.

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

The next Pack Growl will be on 12 March at American Legion Post 70, Easton.

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

Woof woof,  
 PDD Paul Taylor  
 Dog Robber





# Mideast Division Conference

## Mideast Division

West Virginia  
Virginia  
Maryland  
Delaware  
District of Columbia  
North Carolina

London



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of Delaware**

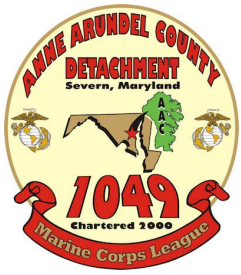
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This metal remnant was taken from the remains of the Twin Towers, that imploded on September 11th disaster. It was sent over to Israel by the City of New York to be incorporated in this memorial. This metal piece, like the entire monument, is a manifestation of the special relationship between New York and Jerusalem.”