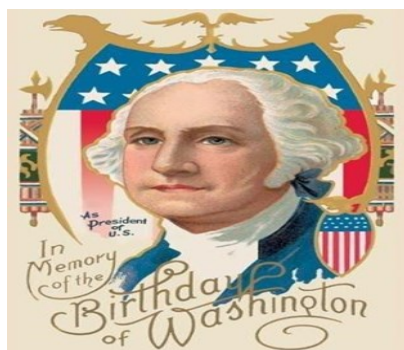


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Semper Fidelis!



When is Presidents' Day?
It depends on where you are.

Confusing, isn't it? Presidents' Day or George Washington's birthday? And, does it include Abraham Lincoln's, or Thomas Jefferson's birthday for that matter? The common myth is that Washington's and Lincoln's birthdays,

both in the month of February, morphed into one "Presidents' Day" in 1968 when Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act to create more 3-day weekends for federal employees and to stimulate the economy. But the truth is that although some states have since adopted the name "Presidents' Day," neither Congress nor the President has ever stipulated the name of the holiday observed as "Washington's Birthday" be changed to "President's Day." Each year, we officially observe Washington's Birthday on the third Monday in February. Ironically, the holiday can never fall on Washington's actual birthday, February 22d, because the third Monday will always fall before that date.

Adding to the confusion is the whole question of the actual date on which George Washington was born. In fact, he was born in Virginia on February 11, 1731. However, in 1752, Britain and all its colonies scrapped the Julian calendar, then in use, and adopted the Gregorian calendar. As a result, Washington's Birthday was moved a full year and 11 days ahead to February 22, 1732.

So, what do we care what it's called? We care because this federal holiday honors the accomplishments of the man we know as "The Father of our Country." Celebrated for his leadership in the founding of the nation, he was the unanimous choice to become our first President.

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Membership Statistics

Good Standing (Dues Paid)

| Type | USMC | Associate | Multiple |
|--|------|-----------|----------|
| Life Memberships | 77 | 8 | 5 |
| Annual Memberships | 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]

| Dec.. 2015 | Jan. 2016 | Feb. 2016 |
|---|-----------|--|
| Roy Ringgrose *Douglas Toulotte (2014) | - None - | *Dallas Cooper Russ Bixler Pat Bresette James Sanchez Erle Schafer |
| * Past Due | | * (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 **February** include:

Chuck Albo **Gary Barr** **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

Detachment Elections – Each of you is encouraged to either consider running for an office and ensuring that our detachment continues to be a meaningful contributor to the league's various Department of Maryland activities or nominating someone that you feel worthy and capable of that undertaking.

Detachment Marine of the Year – Each of us has the opportunity to nominate a fellow member, who we feel has selflessly committed himself to our detachment's growth and good-standing within the league and the community at large. Consider making a nomination.

On a different note, we have many league activities coming up in the next few months... activities such as the **Mid-Winter Conference** in Falls Church, the **2016 election of officers**, the **Department of Maryland Convention**, etc. Please think about taking part in these activities and possibly running for office.



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Corps Quotation

"Patriotism is supporting your country all the time...and your government when it deserves it."

Mark Twain

American author (1835-1910)



Rifle & Pistol

Ray Sturm

The Department of PA. Service Rifle Match has been announced for 10 September. The location is Reade Range in Allemans, PA (near Altoona). No date has been posted for their pistol match. I will keep you posted. I am considering conducting a detachment pistol team practice on 29 Feb. at 7:00 PM at On Target in Severn. Anyone interested in coming by please let me know.



Commandant Rayn Sturm



Greetings,

I'm saddened to report that Marine Gil Cavey was called to his final muster on January 25th. Thank you to those who attended his service. I'm sure his family appreciated the support.

It seems everyone weathered the blizzard. I received no urgent calls from members requiring assistance. (No, shoveling your driveway is not considered urgent.) Keep your heads down everyone.. winter can strike at any time. Please don't get caught unprepared.

The detachment needs your support and participation over the next several months. We have officer nominations, elections, and Marine of the Year to consider. I plan to run for Commandant for a second term. I ask for your continued support. I believe all of the elected positions have at least one person interested in running. No need to avoid the meetings..LOL. However, I do ask that if you have a nomination for Marine of the Year, please get your recommendation to the committee or to the Adjutant or me.

We are off to a good start with the Eagle Scout program. By our next meeting on 22 Feb, we will have given five "Good Citizenship Awards." If you know of a deserving Scout, please let us know.

Speaking of awards, I will present the five active duty Marines who assisted with Toys 4 Tots a "Certificate of Appreciation" at our next meeting. Please come out and show your support. If 30 or more detachment members show, I will personally buy your first drink. (OK, yes, that was a bribe.)

On a final note of business, the National Mid-Winter Staff Meeting is 3-5 March at the Marriott Fairview Park Hotel in Fairfax. I'm sure there will be some major announcements concerning the future of the League. If you have any business you'd like brought up, please let me know. I will be attending as a Delegate as will several other detachment members.

Semper Fi

11th Annual Marines Helping Marines Golf Tournament

All, it's that time again. The 11th Annual Marines Helping Marines Golf Tournament is scheduled for Friday, May 20, 2016 at Walden Country Club. We would like to thank everyone that participated and supported the effort and allowed us to be able to present a \$15,000 check to Marines Helping Marines. We would like to make this tournament as successful as last year. Please spread the word. We will need, golfers, sponsors and volunteers. If you know someone who may be able to help by sponsoring a hole or tee box sign, please let us know. We are also looking for help with prizes. Additional info and flyers will be forthcoming.

For additional information or questions, please contact me at MHMGolf@comcast.net.

Thank you,

Christine Stevens
Chairman 2016 MHM Golf Tournament
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MHMGolf@comcast.net

MARINE
TOYS FOR TOTS
FOUNDATION





Corps History

by Ed Dahling for Joe Wright, Historian

1 February 1967

Operation Prairie II began in Quang Tri province by elements of the 3rd Marine Division. During the 46 day search-and-destroy operation, 93 Marines and 693 enemy combatants were killed.

20 February 1815

Captain Archibald Henderson leads Marines in the USS Constitution's capture of HMS Cyane and HMS Levant, which occurs 3 days after the end of the War of 1812.

20 February 1962

Lieutenant Colonel John H. Glenn Jr. orbits the earth in first manned American space capsule.

23 February 1945

Men of the 5th Marine Division raise flag on Mount Suribachi.

24 February 1991

1st and 2nd Marine Divisions breach Iraqi defensive positions.

24 February 1991:

The I Marine Expeditionary Force and coalition forces began a ground assault on Iraqi defenses in the final chapter of Operation Desert Storm.

26 February 1991

A Marine recon unit was the first U.S. force to enter Kuwait City and retake the American Embassy.

28 February 1991:

Operation Desert Storm ends. I Marine Expeditionary Force, with a strength of more than 92,000 for the operation, becomes largest Marine Corps operation in history. 24 Marines were killed in action during the Gulf War.

28 Feb 1967

PFC James Anderson Jr. is first black Marine to win the Medal of Honor.

Senior Vice Commandant Ben Wells



Fellow Detachment Members,

Fund-raisers are always going on and now is no exception. We are selling ads for the **Department Convention Book**, as well as raffle tickets for the departmental and national conventions. So please start soliciting ads for this year's Department Convention Book as it is a major fundraiser for our detachment.

Finally, the **11th Annual Marines Helping Marines Golf Tournament** –If we are to make this a success-ful event, we will need lots of golfers, lots of advertisers (tee boxes, greens, refreshment, cart, etc.), and lots of volunteers! With your help, we can make this year's tournament the best ever!

Please patronize the next VFW Sunday Breakfast hosted at VFW Post 160 on the 1st Sunday of ever month.0800–1100

Semper Fi
Ben

Junior Vice Commandant



Semper FI,

The membership numbers are holding steady. That's not to say we couldn't use a few more members. I'm sure everyone knows a Marine that has not joined the MCL. Let him in on the secret and tell him to come to a meeting and meet some great Marines. You will feel good about it and so will he.

Matt



ANNOUNCEMENT

The Department of Maryland, Marine Corps League's spring meeting will be hosted by the Choptank Detachment on Saturday, 12 March 2016, at American Legion Post 70, 29511 Canvasback Drive, Easton, Md 21601 (Canvasback Drive is one block over from the WalMart store).

Note: This is not a Staff meeting; therefore all MCL members are encouraged to attend.

Coffee, juice and pastries will be served at 0800.

The meeting will start at 0900.

Lunch will be served on the premises.

The Maryland Pack, Military Order of the Devil Dogs, will growl after the meeting.

Detachment Commandants: If you cannot make the meeting, it is important that you have someone represent you. Every detachment should be represented.

We will have a lot to cover with detachments' reports, officers' reports, and committee reports. It is important that we hear from everyone, so please keep your verbal reports brief, and then provide a full copy to the Department Adjutant for the records.

Preferred Uniform of the Day: Undress Short or Long Sleeve, Black Trousers (or Dress Blue trousers), MCL Ribbons or DoD Ribbons/Badges, MCL cover

If you have any questions, please call Commandant Reeling at 443-477-0670 or email him at craig.reeling@marylandmarines.org.

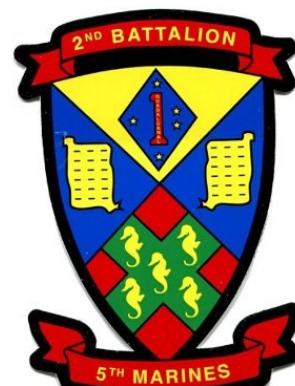
NOTE: All nominations for Department Marine of the Year must be received by the Department Adjutant prior to the start of this meeting.



On Saturday, 6 February, members of the detachment presented Samuel Furlow a 'Good Citizenship Award' at his Eagle Scout Court of Honor. Congratulations, Sam, on achieving Scouting's highest rank. (Left to right are Sgt-at-Arms Pat Sharkey, Sr Vice Cmdt Ben Wells, Jr Past Cmdt Ed Dahling, Commandant Ray Sturm and Eagle Scout Sam Furlow.)

Eagle Scouts

| | | |
|------|---------------|-----------------------|
| 1/9 | Logan Skinner | Troop 447 Glen Burnie |
| 1/30 | James Odom | Troop 447 Glen Burnie |
| 2/1 | Dillon Hansel | Troop 441 Pasadena |
| 2/6 | Samuel Furlow | Troop 119 Odenton |
| 2/13 | Jacob Howell | Troop 725 Glen Burnie |





Lest We Forget.....

Obituary for Gilbert N. Cavey, Sr.

Gilbert N. Cavey, Sr., 72, of Glen Burnie passed away on January 25, 2016. He was born on May 25, 1943 in Baltimore to the late Gilbert N. and Marian C. Cavey. He served in the US Marine Corps. as a Staff Sergeant during the Vietnam War. Mr. Cavey was a member of the Marine Corps League and the American Legion Post 40. He enjoyed bowling, watching football games and he loved the Ravens and the Orioles.



He is survived by his beloved wife of 35 years, Debbie Cavey (nee Fairbanks); his children, Tina Smith, Michele Scarbro (Joe), Jason Powers (Leah), and Gilbert Cavey, Jr. (Brittany); his sister, Sharon Miller (George). He is also survived by 11 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

VA Perry Point Open House & Town Hall Invite

The VA would like to invite you to an Open House & Town Hall that is being sponsored by the VA Maryland Health Care System and the Baltimore VA Regional Office on **Wednesday, March 9, 2016, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Gymnasium and Theatre (Building 314) at the Perry Point VA Medical Center.**

During the Open House, which will be held on the Gymnasium, VA staff will be available to answer questions and to assist Veterans in completing applications for VA health care and VA compensation benefits. VA staff will also be available to provide information about the services offered to Veterans by the VA Maryland Health Care System and the Baltimore VA Regional Office.

During the Town Hall, which will run from 4:15 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. in the Theatre, Veterans will learn about specific programs and services offered by the VA Maryland Health Care System and the Baltimore VA Regional Office, and they will have an opportunity to ask questions and make comments.

If you are planning to attend the Open House & Town Hall on Wednesday, March 9th, please RSVP to me by Wednesday, March 2nd. Please let me know if you have any questions about our next Open House & Town Hall on Wednesday, March 9th, by e-mail (rdedwards@va.gov) or phone (410-605-7101).





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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 March 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



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When is Presidents' Day?

The holiday also has special meaning for those of us who are Members of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, because it pays tribute to the general who created the new nation's first military decoration for the common soldier, the Badge of Merit. To commemorate George Washington's 200th birthday in 1932, the U.S. Army created the Purple Heart medal, with Washington's likeness on its face, to recognize the sacrifice of soldiers who are killed or wounded on the battlefield. As with Memorial Day and Veterans Day, Washington's Birthday offers all Americans another opportunity to honor our nation's veterans.



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 is gearing up for a busy time between now and the Grand Growl in Ocean City on 29 April.

We just had a very successful Growl last month, collecting \$461.00 in passport bones for the children's hospital in Tulsa, Oklahoma. That brings our total, after only two Growls, to \$725.00. At the Supreme Growl last year, other Packs were challenging us, saying they are going to beat us. I have serious doubts about that.

This Detachment finally has all Dogs' dues paid up for the year. Everyone is good until 31 August when this year's dues expire.

Many thanks to those Dogs who helped the League 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 14 February. The next Pack Growl will be on 12 March 2016.

Woof woof,
PDD Paul Taylor
Dog Robber





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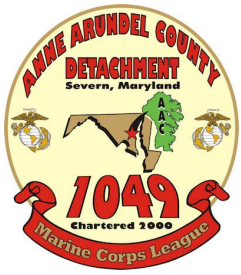
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