



# MARINE CORPS LEAGUE DETACHMENT # 1049

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COMMANDANT  
MANNY AIREY

Semper Fi Marines. We just celebrated our 228<sup>th</sup> Birthday. For those of you who missed it missed a good thing. The food and music was terrific. Two (2) large Maryland Crab Cakes with all the trimmings prepared by the MCL Aux. and the VFW Aux. Ladies and not to forget Corey Urick, son of John and Kelly Urick. We had a nice turn-out and the winner of the \$300.00 drawing was Charles "Stokes" Kolodziejski of Carvel Beach. The ticket was sold by me. He

returned \$25.00 to our unit as a donation. I want to thank everyone who purchased and sold the raffle tickets. It was a complete success. This is the way Marines work.

It is believed the oldest Marine alive is Eugene Lee of Liverpool, NY. He reportedly through verified documents is the ripe young age of 104. He received the Silver Star at Beale Woods. He is now living in a nursing home at Syracuse, NY.



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I also want to thank all of you who came out Sunday morning after the party and cleaned up the Hall. Also to the ladies of the VFW and MCL who did such a beautiful job of decorating the hall Saturday afternoon. Our own MC, Marine Jim Brady was presented with a huge box of Cuban Cigars for his excellent job of running the show. Thanks to Ed Ross who engineered everything and Mike Hadley and Roger Perky for putting together the beautiful program book. AS ALWAYS, SEMPER FI MARINES.

various complications. Marine Opie Davis is still recuperating from his auto accident last September. When it rains it pours. The Downey Brothers, Paul and Garland had both of their wives in the hospital this past week. Garlands wife is at home recuperating as best as possible but Pauls wife is still there. They would appreciate your cards and prayers. I can only respond with cards and sympathy for those I know about. Please, if you know someone who is sick or hospitalized, let me know via a phone call. I cannot do my job unless I am informed. 410-987-0386 SEMPER FI AND STAY HEALTHY.

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SR. VICE COMMANDANT  
TOM MAIORANA

Marines, mark this date in your calendar for Sat. 24 Jan 04. Our detachment will sponsor a "DAY AT THE RACES" as a fundraiser. Bring your friends, neighbors and relatives. We will have a great time. More will be forthcoming in the Jan 04 newsletter.

I want to thank all who contributed to the sale of the raffle tickets. It was a great success. Also don't forget to go to the MUVICO theatres at the Arundel Mills Mall, Saturday, 22 Nov. from 0900 to 2100 hrs. for the Toy's for Tot's Drive by the Young Marines and MCL Ladies Aux. Please bring a factory wrapped toy. No Christmas wrapping. No stuffed toys regardless of wrapping. It doesn't make any difference of the age category. The toy's will be grouped in crates designated by age before dispensing. Make some child happy this Christmas who without you probably would not have a Christmas. Encourage your next door neighbors to also get involved. If you have the time, come and join us wearing your red MCL cover or MC cap to identify with us.

There will be a meeting the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday 22 December at 1900 hrs.

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CHAPLAIN  
LES BATES

I hope this wintry flu season has not put a lot of people on the sickbay list. Past Commandant Guy Hall's wife Pat has been out of work for a week due to the Flu. Dawn Parker, wife of Past Commandant Earl Parker was in the hospital due to pneumonia. Karen Cline, wife of Associate Member Skip Cline has been in and out of the hospital for

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HISTORIAN  
VIC HALME

Hey, December is full of happenings.  
2 Dec 1942, Carlsons Raiders neared the end of an epic 26 day patrol on Guadalcanal.

3 Dec 1944 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> MAW's landed in the Philippines to support Army Forces.

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7 Dec 1941-Pearl Harbor, 3,000 Marines and Sailors killed in action. Also this date in 1941, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt George Ham Cannon was the 1<sup>st</sup> Marine of WWII to receive the MOH. On the 8<sup>th</sup>, Japanese attacked Wake Island, Guam and the Philippines

17 Dec 1941, 17 SB 2U-3s, Marine Scout Bomber Sqd 281 flew 1,137 miles, the longest massed flight over water.

26 Dec 1943- 1stMarDiv landed in the assault of Cape Gloucester, New Britain

28 Dec 1901-Maj.L>W>T> Waller's ill-fated "March Across Samar" began

30 Dec 1930- 8 Marines were killed and 2 escaped when surrounded at Ocotal, Nicaragua.

7 Dec 1941, 0755 Sunday morn. Ewa Mooring Mast Field. 21 Zero Fighters. They destroyed 47 planes of MAG-21. They Marines had no planes to take them on. They fought back with rifles and pistols. Lt. Co. C>A> "Sheriff" Larkin, the group CO and Sr. Marine aviator in the Pacific was wounded while enroute to take command of his men. Although

Wounded, he took command of his men. Ewa Field was a massive junkyard of burning planes. The Japanese struck Pearl two minutes after they struck Ewa. Within 6 minutes after the attack started, Col. Harry K. Pickett, CO of the 485 man Marine Barracks at the Navy Yard ordered out his Marines. They got 38 machine guns into action and shot down 3 dive bombers. Berthed in Pearl Harbor, they sank 4 battle ships, damaged 4 more and 3 cruisers. Among 877 Marines in the ships detachments, 108 were killed and 49 wounded. In all 2,280 Americans were killed and 1,109 wounded. The Japanese lost 29 planes, 5 midget submarines and fewer than 100 men. The Japanese launched 360 warplanes at the Americans. And today you know the rest of the story.

Did you know??? Because the Japanese word for "four" sounds exactly like the word for "death" and the word for "nine" sounds like "suffering," there are no rooms numbered 4 or 9 in many hospitals and hotels in Japan.

The parents of Dwight D. Eisenhower, who rose to become one of the few 5-star Gen.'s in U.S. history were alleged to be pacifists.

On the eve of WWII, the U.S. Army ranked, with reserves counted, 19<sup>th</sup> among the worlds armed forces. U.S. after Portugal but ahead of Bulgaria.



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The famous painting by Emanuel Leutze, "Washington Crossing the Delaware" is false in almost every historical detail. 1<sup>st</sup> the American flag was not adopted until after the event and the size of the boat was much larger.

## PUBLIC RELATIONS DANNY FISCHIO

Ft. Indiantown Gap Pistol Awards and Placs were presented to the top shooters who participated in the June 03 matches at our Nov meeting.

Our detachment was well represented at the Pasadena Parade 9 Nov. and the Glen Burnie Parade 11 Nov and the ceremony At Crownsville Cemetery, 11 Nov. Also Our members participated with the VFW #160 laying wreaths at several memorials in Glen Burnie the morning of 11 Nov. Also we had a contingent at the American Legion Post #276 posting their colors for their Veterans Day Ceremony.

Hickory Farms located in the Marley Station Mall will give 40% off all merchandise being sent to a military person serving out of country. Tell him or his wife you are with MCL #1049.



**Marine Corps League  
Anne Arundel County  
Detachment #1049**

November 17, 2003

**Legislative Affairs News Letter Item [Dan Fischio Legislative Affairs Officer]**

On November 5, 2003, Rep Ben Cardin (MD-D, 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional Dist.) held a **Veterans Town Hall Meeting** at VFW Post 160. Rep Cardin provided information on the current status of Veterans legislative H.R. sponsored bills that included; Retired Pay Restoration Act of 2003 H.R. (303), Supplemental Conference Report (H.R. 3365), among other bills and initiatives. Also present at the Town Hall Meeting were representatives from the following agencies/organizations: MD Center for Veterans, TriCare & Serria Military System, Baltimore VA Regional Office, VA MD Health Care System, MD Veterans Job Service, and the Veterans History Project. There was a large Veteran turn out at this informative event, with our Detachment being well represented. Several handouts provided at the Town Hall Meeting will be available at our November 24<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Public Information Officer News Letter Item [Dan Fischio – PIO (443-604-2474)]**

Members of the Detachment held a fund raising dinner at Post 160 on Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup> consisting of Spaghetti with homemade sauce, garlic bread and salad. The dinner was a success and all had a hearty meal. I would like to remind members that we could use your support so come out and have dinner or display your culinary skills by preparing a Friday evening dinner. Anyone wishing to prepare a dinner or help at one of our dinners please contact me for information. Our next fund raising dinner will be on Friday, January 2, 2004. Also, VFW Post 160 has dinner available every Friday from 6 – 8 pm, so come out and support the Post.

ADJUTANT  
GUY HALL

On behalf of our Commandant Manny and the rest of the officers and committee chairmen we are asking for assistance in deciding our future and get involved in an engineered roadmap of where our detachment is going. We are still in our infancy and as an organization we have to step up and face the fact that our younger Marines will eventually take our place. The United States Marine Corps will always be in existence so therefore we will always have potential members.

Some of our other veterans organizations will probably someday cease to exist but hopefully we will go on for ever.

Members in numbers and responsibilities do make a difference with how we proceed and dictates the existence of our future.

Our December 22 meeting will be a family Christmas Party for our members and guests. We ask that you bring a potluck covered dish/plate/bowl of some kind. It will start at the usual time 1900 hrs. Hot coffee/tea will be offered and a cash bar available. If any of you have a Karaoka Unit or know someone who has and would like to offer a couple of free hours for the pleasure of some of you potential diva's seeking some notoriety it would be very appreciative.

Our Birthday celebration was a great success. We had a nice attendance. Our guest speaker was Tracy E. Usry, Chief of Staff for the Office of Contracting and Procurement, D.C. Government. He was a Vietnam Veteran retiring in 1990 as an Army Chief Warrant Officer Four assigned to the Army CIC. After retirement he was appointed as a Chief Investigator Minority Staff Committee on Foreign

Relations for the US Senate. In that capacity he was responsible for the investigations of the MIA/POW issue. His speech was predicated on the results of his documented data of this subject is mind boggling to say the least.

Through his generosity he donated a POW/MIA Flag which had at one time flown over the Nations Capitol. In turn he was presented a present from our detachment in which he graciously accepted.

The food was delicious and the music was fantastic. WE HOPE EVERONE HAD A GREAT TIME.

HOPEFULLY WE WILL SEE YOU

AT THE CHRISTMAS PARTY

22 DEC 1900 HRS.

LADIES MCL AUXILIARY  
DAWN PARKER, PRESIDENT

VFW Post 160 now has a mens auxiliary. Eligibility for membership fathers, stepfathers, grandfathers, sons, grandsons, brothers, half brothers foster brothers, stepbrothers and stepsons (who attained that status prior to age of 16) of persons who were or are eligible for membership in the VFW. Authorization is shown on the veterans separation document. This organization is open to military veterans and those listed above who have not been eligible to join the VFW. This auxiliary is up and running and doing a great job. The officers are:  
President: Scotty Mallicote  
Sr. VP: Gary Barnett  
Jr. VP: John Rithman  
Secretary: Steve France  
Treasure: Ed Krok

Any of the MCL members wives are also encouraged to join the Ladies MCL Aux.

Don't forget Pearl Harbor Day, Sunday, Dec. 7. A ceremony will be held at the foot of Outing Ave. at the waters edge of Stoney Creek. A wreath will be deposited in the water and the group will continue to the Food Lion Parking Lot for further celebrations.

I would like to see as many Red Hats as possible. We can make a good showing. I would also encourage those of you who can attend the Friday night dinners held at the VFW Post. Our detachment has one Friday night per month that we receive the profits from. Thanks to Dan Fischio, Warren Lingrend, Denny Bynum, Vic Halme and a few others who are not Marines are always there to help us.

JR. VICE COMMANDANT  
DENNY BYNUM

Marines, those of you who did not attend our Oct meeting, we initiated 3 new members, Marines,

SEAN BYRNE  
RICHARD JOHNSON  
WILLIAM CREAGER

Also we welcome Marine JEFF DELACQUA due to work schedule could not be here.

Also 5 members were presented with a life membership card:

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