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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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Marine Corps 240th Birthday



Gen. Robert Neller is so eager to wish Marines a happy 240th birthday, his first as their commandant, that he has sent out his birthday message two-and-a-half weeks early. We hope each of you will have a chance to reflect on our history, remember those who sacrificed and reaffirm your commitment to the strengthening of our Corps. This year also marks the 100th anniversary of Parris Island, and they share what being a Marine means to them, and a drill instructor affirms his dedication to sharpening them into new Marines. "What made me want to be a Marine was being able to lead others, but also fight for my country, whether that be actually going into combat or just serving in a way that could help others," one poolee said.

Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049

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Membership Statistics

Good Standing (Dues Paid)

Type	USMC	Associate	Multiple
Life Memberships	75	5	5
Annual Memberships	26	5	–
New Members			
			–
Sub-Totals			
	101	12	5
Total			
	118		

Renewals

[Dues expire at end of indicated month]

Nov. 2015	Dec. 2015	Jan. 2016
Carl F George	Roy Ringgrose	- None -
Mathew J Prial	*Douglas Toulotte (2014)	
Francis A Wright Sr		
	* Past Due	

Members' Birthdays

Members of our detachment, who will be celebrating birthdays during the month of Nov. include:

Justin Asher, Rich Gonzales Spike Miller,
Jim Brady, Guy Hall, Ed Dahling,
Mac McNeir, John Ulrich

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



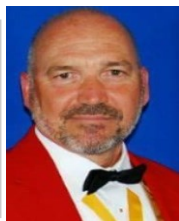
Rifle & Pistol

Ray Sturm

No news at this time



Commandant Ray Sturm



Greetings Marines,

I'd like to start by wishing everyone a Happy 240th Birthday. I'm sure each of us has a special memory of a birthday spent among fellow Marines whether in garrison, deployed, or engaged against our nation's foes. As we celebrate our birthday in the comforts of home, please remember our brother Marines deployed to every clime and place and those still in harm's way.

Whether coincidence or providence, Veteran's Day falls the day after our birthday. This holiday either gives us another reason to raise our glasses, or a day of recovery from our birthday celebrations. As you know, Veteran's Day was formerly known as Armistice Day, the day hostilities ceased in The Great War.. on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. Memorial Day and Veteran's Day are often confused. Both honor veterans. Memorial Day is important because we pause to reflect on the ultimate sacrifice made by our warriors. Veteran's Day, as stated by the Department of Veteran's Affairs, is to be "a celebration to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good." So, to all of you who have served, thank you.

I'd like to invite everyone to come to the detachment's Pearl Harbor Day tour of the Air & Space Museum. The trip has been rescheduled several times but will now take place on Dec 5th (close enough to Pearl Harbor Day.) The trip is a Saturday. It's a great family trip. The detachment has chartered a bus and will offset some of the costs. We are asking just \$20 per family for this great trip. Hope to see you there. A sign up sheet is posted at the VFW. You can also contact Bill Collins or me.

I would like to bring to your attention that the detachment is in the process of forming a partnership with a very unique Boy Scout Troop in Anne Arundel County. This troop is made up entirely of scouts with special needs. I'm very proud that the motion to begin this partnership passed unanimously. I look forward to this new relationship.

Finally, I hope to see you at the Detachment's Birthday Cake Cutting Ceremony on November 10th at 1800. An open bar will follow.

Semper Fi

Ray



Senior Vice Commandant Ben Wells



Marines

I would like to make sure everyone is aware of the new activities that Bill Collins is putting together. Bill and Commandant Ray Sturm have put together a tour of the Air and Space Museum for Saturday the 5th of December. Detachment 1049 will have a cake cutting on November the 10th to honor our 240th birthday, please be at the post by 18:00 on the 10th. Please remember to support VFW Post 160 which is our home. We have tickets in for the Department of MD fund raiser. For the Department of MD Convention in May so please help out and buy a couple. I will have them at all meetings until the event in May..

Please help out the Toys for Tots and bring a new unopen toy to the meeting on the 23rd .

Semper Fi

Ben





Corps History

by Ed Dahling for Joe Wright, Historian

2 November 1950

Marines engage Chinese in North Korea near the Chosin Reservoir.

4 November 1948

Colonel Katherine Towle became the first Director of Women Marines as regulars and not reservists.

4 November 1979

Mob overruns U.S. Embassy in Teheran, Iran; 13 Marines among 65 American hostages; 52 of whom were held captive for 444 days.

10 November 1775

Continental Congress authorizes creation of two battalions of Marines.

10 November 1948

First eight enlisted women are sworn in as regular Marines. First black women Marines enlist the following summer.

10 November 1921

The first formal commemoration of the Marine Corps Birthday.

10 November 1954

Marine Corps War Memorial site dedicated near Arlington National Cemetery.

12 November 1946

Gerald C. Thomas, the first Marine to rise from Private to General, rank by rank, received his second Legion of Merit.

13 November 1982

Vietnam Veterans Memorial, containing the names of more than 13,000 Marines, who lost their lives in Vietnam, is dedicated.

18 November 1915

Maj Smedley D. Butler leads Marine attack on Fort Riviere, Haiti and is awarded 2nd Medal of Honor.

23 November 1950

7th Marines take Yudam-ni. Thanksgiving was celebrated in Korea with temperatures hovering about 20 degrees below zero. port of Hungnam.

28 November 1775

Samuel Nicholas commissioned as Captain of Marines, becoming the first Marine officer.



Junior Vice Commandant



Semper FI

Wow, what a trip to the USSS Academy. Ray Sturm and Jim Galvin arranged for a fantastic tour. The guns, the dogs, the cars, the hits just kept coming. I hope you were there. If not you will get a second chance to spend the day with your MCL friends when you tour the Air and Space Museum in December. Watching Brady get weak in the knees when he sees an airplane will just be a sidebar compared to viewing the Enola Gay. These events are part of what your MCL is all about. Call up a friend, make a meeting and have a little fun.

Matt

Quotation

"I can't say enough about the two Marine divisions. If I use words like brilliant, it would really be an under-description of the absolutely superb job they did in breaching the so-called impenetrable barrier... an absolutely superb operation, a textbook, and I think it'll be studied for many, many years to come as the way to do it."

General H. Norman Schwarzkopf, US Army
Commander of Coalition Forces in the Persian Gulf War of 1991

The Pasadena Business Associations

5th Annual Veterans Day Flag Ceremony will be held on November 11th at 1 P.M. The memorial flag is located at the intersection of Mountain Road and Rt.100. Parking is provided at the Lake Shore Athletic Complex on Woods Road with shuttles for those who need to ride. Come out and show your support for the men and women who served.





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Color Guard

Color Guard Commander Woody Bowman

Sunday November 1st Pasadena Thanksgiving Parade 1:00 PM.

November 3rd Quarterfield E.S. to talk about Veterans Day 1:00 PM

November 4th Severn E.S. to talk about Veterans Day 1:00 PM

November 11th Ridgeway E.S. to talk about Veterans Day 2: Pm

November 11th Veterans Day posting colors American Legion Post 276 Quarterfield Rd. 9:00 AM also at Crownsville Veterans Cemetery for Veterans 10:30 AM

Detachment trip to the National Air and Space Museum

When: 5 Dec.2015 bus will leave the VFW @ 08:30

Where: The Udar-Hazy center in Chantilly, VA.

Who: Detachment members and families (please provide number of kids & number of adults)

Cost: Members of the military and veterans receive a free, day- long VIP experience including: A private, guided tour On-site lunch at McDonald's A movie in the Airbus IMAX Theater Free bus parking If you choose to drive.... parking is \$15.00 What we provide: Transportation \$20.00 per family this will help cover bus cost.

Reservations are required

We need a head count no later than 18 September 2015. Use the signup sheet at the VFW or Email :

dvader1@comcast.net

Questions: call Bill Collins @410-271-4847

It's a great museumhope we have a good turn-out.



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,

There really isn't much happening in Dogdom this month but the Detachment's Toys for Tots campaign is getting into high gear so that makes it a perfect time to give Chris Stevens all the help she needs to make it a successful year and most importantly, to make lots of needy children happy at Christmas.

We still have two members in arrears. The dues remain a measly 15 bones. If you are one of the two, please remit your dues to your friendly Pound Dog Robber (me) ASAP. Make the check payable to "MODD, Pound 204" and send to 7944 Oakwood Road, Glen Burnie, Md 21061.

Our next Pound Growl will be on 13 December and the next Pack Growl will probably be on 16 January 2016 in Westminster.

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

Woof woof,
PDD Paul Taylor
Dog Robber



Have You Heard?

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by prayer by Chaplain Fred Kaminski.

Members in attendance: 22 members

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

Don Benson	District Vice Commandant
Paul Taylor	Department of Maryland Adjutant
Ed Dahling	Department of Maryland Paymaster, Past Detachment Commandant
Manny Airey	Past Detachment Commandant, Department Marine of the Year
Joe Wright	Past Detachment Commandant, Detachment Marine of the Year
Woody Bowman	Color Guard Commander, Detachment Marine of the Year

CORRESPONDENCE: Adjutant Norman Huffman reported the Pasadena Thanksgiving Parade will be held on November 1st and the 5th Annual Veteran's Ceremony would be held on November 11, 2015 at the flag at Mountain Road and Rt. 100 in Pasadena Md.

PAYMASTER:

Checking	\$11,827.28
Savings / CD's	\$ 5,270.86
Available Checking Assets	\$11,827.28

Sr. Vice Commandant: Ben Wells has the Department of Maryland raffle tickets. He had these printed early so that Manny Airey does not have to sit at the Convention and sell them.

Color Guard Commander: Woody Bowman presented the Ft. Meade Color Guard with a plaque for their participation in the Glen Burnie Parade. Woody reported on the upcoming activities:

November 1st - Pasadena Caring and Sharing Parade - with lineup at 1 P.M. - Anyone wishing to ride in the parade with the Color Guard, contact Woody.
November 3rd - Quarterfield Elementary School
November 4th - Severn Elementary School
November 9th - Ridgeway Elementary School
American Legion 276 on Quarterfield for Colors, then to Crownsville Cemetery for Colors

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Mike Nelson reminded all about the Toy for Tots motorcycle run which will be held on November 21, 2015. It will start at noon at Chesapeake Cycle and proceed to Bestgate Blvd, to Rowe Blvd and ends at the City Dock. Marines will be waiting to receive toys. If anyone wants to ride or help in handling the toys, they are most welcome.

Contact Bill Collins if interested. **Museum Trip.** Bill Collins reported the Air & Space Museum trip has been rescheduled for December 5th, 2015. The bus will leave the VFW on Saturday at 8:30 AM. Trip will include an IMAX movie and lunch. The cost will be \$20.00, which includes member and guest. The cost is to cover transportation

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Have You Heard?

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. **NEW BUSINESS:** Ray Sturm mentioned the Mid-winter Conference will be held March 3-5, 2016 at the Marriott View Park in Falls Church, Virginia. Pre-registration per Delegate is \$10.00 or \$12.00 if not pre-registered. Ben Wells made a motion for Detachment to cover the cost for delegates. It was voted on and passed.

Also Mid-winter is asking for help to defray their cost. Ads in Convention Book are: \$100 for a full page, half page \$60, quarter page \$30, business card \$25, advertising \$25, patron ad \$2.00 per name. The Mid-winter Convention book is not in our current budget. Ben Wells made a motion to purchase a full page ad. Voted on and passed. The transportation on the museum trip was \$500 dollars. We are asking members and guest to pay \$20 per couple, and any donations we can get. Ben Wells made a motion to pay no more than \$300 to help defray the cost of transportation. Voted on and passed.

Commandant Ray Sturm introduced member Jim Galvin, who is a Boy Scout leader for Troop 216. (This troop is a special needs troop chartered under the Knights of Columbus in Severna Park, Maryland. Jim reported the troop has been in existence since the 1970s and currently has 17 special needs scouts on their roll. The boys work for OBI and therefore most of their earnings go back to the group homes they live in. Jim also reported all of the supplies to include uniforms, insurance, camping gear, etc. are given to the scouts by the organization. The youngest scout is 29 years old and the oldest scout being 52 years old. The scouting program is their main social outing time. The budget for the troop is @\$8500 annually. Donations are always welcome from local organizations to assist with the budget.)

A motion was made by Manny Airey and second to donate \$100 to Troop 216. Past Commandant Joe Wright amended the motion to donate \$250 to Troop 216. Motion was second and approved. Sr.Vice Commandant Ben Wells made a motion to “adopt” the troop by making a formal liaison and providing assistance wherever possible. Motion second and approved.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:

Commandant Sturm reported on the Holiday Project being sponsored by the Department of Veterans Affairs, Maryland Healthcare System. A donation of \$55 will furnish a “gift package” for an inpatient veteran hospitalized at a Veterans Hospital this holiday season.

Paul Taylor stated the Baltimore MCL still has seats available for their Marine Corps Ball.

District Vice-Commandant Don Benson stressed the importance of reaching out to those members who have been absent from meetings. He requested Jr. Vice Commandant Matt Prial to contact each member on the roll and provide a reason for absence. (to include unable to reach member) Don needs this report to provide the Nationals.

Don also relayed that Department of Maryland Commandant Craig Reeling asked to be invited to Detachment meetings for special occasions. He is willing to travel when invited. The Harford County Detachment 1198 will be holding their cake cutting ceremony on Nov.10th at their VFW. Don also thanked the Detachment for welcoming him into the membership and suggested the Newsletter editor submit the Detachment newsletter into the Nationals for competition. Very good newsletter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

November 1st – Pasadena Caring and Sharing Parade – Tick Neck Park – 1 P.M. – Woody has a few openings if anyone wants to ride in the parade with the Honor Guard

November 6th – Detachment Friday Night Dinner at VFW Post 160 – Spaghetti, meatballs, garlic bread, salad

November 10th – Cake cutting ceremony at VFW Post 160 - 1800 hours

December 5th – National Air & Space Museum trip – Chantilly Virginia (Contact Bill Collins)

December 13th – Pound Growl – VFW Post 160

January 16^{th, 2016} – Pack Growl – Westminster

March 3-5th, 2016 – Mid-Winter Conference – Falls Church, Virginia

Norman Huffman, Adjutant

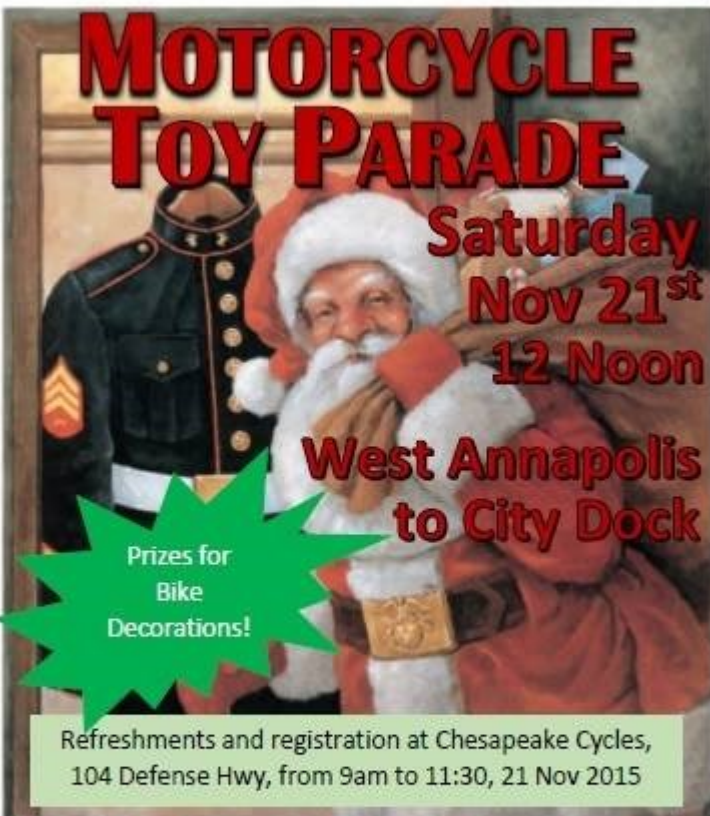
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MARINE TOYS FOR TOTS FOUNDATION

The Toys for Tots campaign for 2015 has kicked off. We expect the need to be high again this year. The hardest groups to fill are the older children, eight and up. Donations, monetary or toys, would be greatly appreciated.

The website (<http://fort-meade-md.toysfortots.org/default.aspx>) is now open. If you know of anyone who is eligible, please encourage them to sign up via the website. Any businesses that would like to be toy drop-off sites can also sign up. And, of course, volunteers we can't do this without volunteers. We will once again need your help with events, dropping off boxes, picking up toys, helping at the warehouse and distribution. Upcoming events will be posted on the MCL board at VFW Post 160. More info will be forthcoming as the campaign rolls on. Please contact me at cmstevens@comcast.net if you will be able to help out this year.

TOYS FOR TOTS



**MOTORCYCLE
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Nov 21st
12 Noon**

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to City Dock**

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Decorations!

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Details at <http://fortmeade-md.toysfortots.org>

Riders are encouraged to decorate their bikes with Christmas Lights and decorations within the limits of safe operation and wear Christmas attire, again within limits of safety and requirements for safety equipment, such as helmets. Prizes will be awarded in several categories (please stay tuned - we'll add these soon!) Be sure to attach the toy to be donated securely to your bike, but ideally in a way that it shows for the parade. Toys and cash donations will be collected by Marines waiting at City Dock.

Registration fee is \$10 per bike, regardless of number of riders, but additional donations are welcome. All fees go directly to U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots for use in Anne Arundel County. Registration forms and fees will be collected the morning of the parade at Chesapeake Cycles, 104 Defense Hwy, Annapolis, MD from 9AM to 11:30 AM. Please let us know in advance you will be joining in by joining this event on Facebook to give us an idea of how many bikes to expect.



USSS James J Rowley Training Center

On 14 Oct 2015, the detachment toured the
USSS James J Rowley Training Center.





Coming Events

The following events are scheduled to occur through November 31, 2015 Unless otherwise noted, these events will take place at VFW Post 160, located at 2597 Dorsey Road, Glen Burnie, MD 21060 (410-766-9802).

NOTE –The dates and times listed below are subject to change Please verify the information with the indicated organizational point of contact.

Monthly Meetings, MCL Detachment 1049 Aux. Monday, November 23, 2015 @ 1900 (Ray Sturm / Anita Ullery)

Friday Night Dinner MCL Detachment 1049 November 6, 2015 from 1800-2000 (Ray Sturm)

Tuesday Night November 10, 2015 Marine Corps 240th Birthday Cake Cutting 18:00 VFW Post 160 (Ray Sturm)

November 11, Vet. Day Posting Colors at AL Post 276 Quarterfield Rd 09:00 Then at Crownsville Vet. Cemetery 11:00 AM

Mid-winter National Staff Conference will be March 3-5, 2016 at the Marriott Fairview Park, 3111 Fairview Park Drive, Falls Church, VA 22042.



MARINE CORPS BASE QUANTICO, Va. —
It's official — the M4 carbine has replaced the M16A4 as the universal rifle of Marine Corps infantry.

Commandant Gen. Robert Neller has signed off on the

switch making the M4 the primary weapon for all infantry battalions, security forces and supporting schools no later than the end of September 2016, according to an internal memo released by Lt. Gen. Ronald Bailey, deputy commandant for Plans, Policies and Operations via the Automated Message Handling System.

40TH MCM IS THIRD LARGEST IN EVENT HISTORY

MARINE CORPS BASE QUANTICO, Va. --

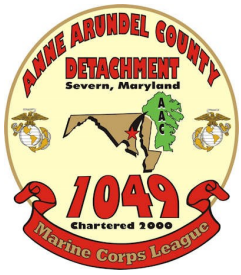
The Marine Corps Marathon Sunday, Oct. 25 celebrated 23,194 runners to a successful finish at the 40th anniversary of the event. The MCM10K presented by Aetna enjoyed its largest participation and closest finish. The events were held simultaneously in Arlington, Va. and throughout the nation's capital.

The Marine Corps Marathon is voted "Best Marathon" and "Best Marathon for Spectators." The MCM honors the dedication, sportsmanship and patriotism of its participants. Also known as "The People's Marathon," runners from all walks of life participate in the MCM, the largest marathon not to offer prize money. The 40th MCM, on October 25, 2015 in Arlington, Va.



Woody Bowman presenting the Judges Award from the 28th annual Glen Burnie Memorial Day Parade to Marines with the Marine Cryptologic Support Battalion Color Guard from Fort George G. Meade





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ARLINGTON, Va. - The ruby Eagle, Globe and Anchor medals were given to those who completed the 40th Marine Corps Marathon at Arlington, Virginia,