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Lieutenant General Robert B. Neller The 37th Commandant of the Marine Corps



Passage of Command



"...I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter. So help me God."

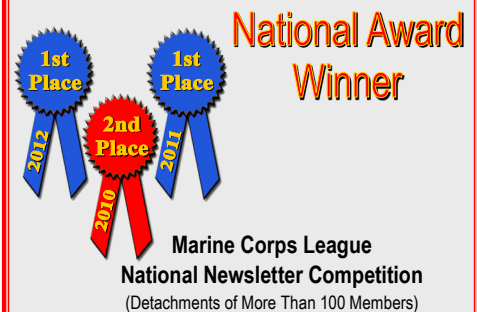
Gen Joseph F. Dunford, Jr., USMC, 36th CMC

Gen Robert B. Neller, USMC, 37th CMC

Lieutenant General Robert B. Neller will receive his fourth star on Sept. 24th as he becomes the 37th Commandant of the Marine Corps at the Passage of Command ceremony at 1000 at Marine Barracks Washington. General Joseph F. Dunford Jr., our 36th Commandant, will become the 19th Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff on Friday, Sept. 25, 2015.

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National Newsletter Competition
(Detachments of More Than 100 Members)

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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]

Oct. 2015	Nov. 2015	Dec. 2015
Michael Flick Scott Poindexter Frank Zupancic	Carl F George Mathew J Prial Francis A Wright Sr	Roy Ringgrose *Douglas Toulotte (2014)
		* Past Due

Members' Birthdays

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

Harry Anderson Tom Hancock George Perez Sr.
Buddy Cadle Roger Pirkey Dee Cline
Donald Quinian Steve Salanik Michel Mullikin

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



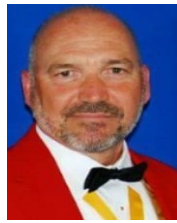
Rifle & Pistol

Ray Sturm

No news at this time



Commandant Ray Sturm



Greetings Marines,

Autumn is upon us. Baseball is winding down and football is well underway. OK, no more sports references for fear of taking sides.

First, I'd like to add my concern that our membership is barely holding steady. We have several members who are behind in their dues. I attribute much of this to the failure of HQ to send reminders. HQ has acknowledged several problems with its database and is working to correct the problem. In the meantime, please check the "past due" list to see if you're on it. Your continued membership is valued by your fellow Marines.

I had the opportunity to volunteer at this year's Modern Day Marine Expo held at MCB Quantico. It was something I've always wanted to do, but was unable to because of work obligations in September of every year. I have to say, it was quite a show. According to the program guide, 308 vendors participated ranging from the major defense industry powerhouses to small businesses. The volunteers handed out welcome bags to 6,000 guests from MajGen to PFC. We spoke with firefighters, MPs, and aircrews from HMX-1. Hopefully, some of these Marines became or will become members. What was obvious is that we all need an answer to the question, "So, what is the Marine Corps League and what do you do?"

I regret that we had to cancel the outing to the Air & Space Museum. Mother Nature didn't cooperate and sent a hurricane at us. While the hurricane didn't materialize, we were still pummeled by a good storm. Safety first. The tour is being rescheduled. Please stand by.

Folks, we are looking for ways to get the MCL name out in the community. Woody and the Color Guard do a great job representing us. If you have a desire to assist him, he is always looking for additional volunteers.

I'd like to remind everyone who has a son, grandson, nephew or neighbor in the Boy Scouts, if you know of someone approaching the Eagle Scout level, let us know. The MCL will present the scout with a great certificate acknowledging their achievement.

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 24th of October. I would like to welcome our new Toys for Tots coordinator Chris Stevens on board as well. Please show your support for her because as we all know you cannot do this job alone. Please remember to support VFW Post 160 which is our home. We have tickets in for the Dept. of MD fund raiser for the Dept. of MD meeting in May so please help out and buy a couple. I will have them at all meetings until the event in May..

Semper Fi
Ben Wells



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.

ALSO: The PBA is looking for local WWII Veterans to be Grand Marshals in the 20th Annual Carling & Sharing Parade. The want to acknowledge the ending of WWII. Contact Lisa Hart at Arundel Federal Saving Bank at 410-787-3850. Parade is November 1st at 2 P.M.

Quotation

*"If you find yourself in a fair fight...
you did not plan your mission properly!"*

Colonel David Hackworth, USA

Soldier, Author, Columnist and at one time,
the youngest Colonel in the U.S. Army



Corps History

by Ed Dahling for Joe Wright, Historian

1 October 2001

General Peter Pace becomes first Marine to serve as **Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff**.

5 October 1775

Meeting in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the 2nd Continental Congress used the word '**Marines**' on one of the earliest known occasions, when it directed **General George Washington** to secure two vessels on 'Continental risque and pay,' and to give orders for the 'proper encouragement to the Marines and seamen' to serve on the two armed ships.

6 October 1945

Major General Keller E. Rockey, Commanding General, III Amphibious Corps, accepted the surrender of 50,000 Japanese troops in North China on behalf of the Chinese Nationalist government.

14 October 1918

Marine flyers, **2nd Lieutenant Ralph Talbot** and **Gunnery Sergeant Robert G. Robinson**, win Medals of Honor.

16 October 1820

Lieutenant Colonel Anthony Gale, 4th Commandant of the Marine Corps, having been found guilty of habitual drunkenness and conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman by a General Court Martial, was dismissed from the Marine Corps.

18 October 1859

86 Marines, under **1st Lieutenant Israel Green**, USMC and **Lt. Colonel Robert E. Lee**, USA, capture abolitionist **John Brown** at Harpers Ferry, Virginia.

23 October 1983

At 0622, an explosive-laden truck slammed into the BLT headquarters building in **Beirut, Lebanon**, and took the lives of 241 Americans – including 220 Marines. This was the highest loss of life in a single day for Marines since D-Day on Iwo Jima in 1945.

Marine Corps Recruit Depot was moved from Norfolk and re-established at Parris Island, South Carolina.

31 October 1955

Lieutenant General Lewis B. 'Chesty' Puller, who earned five Navy Crosses – and an Army Distinguished Service Cross – retires



Junior Vice Commandant



Marines,

Delinquent members, those whose dues are now overdue, are listed below. Please submit your renewal dues of \$35.00 to keep yourself in good standing with League.

Charles E. Grove	3/1/15
Burton L. Helmka	5/1/15
Kenneth H. Seidelman	3/1/15
Lawrence . Shiflett	6/1/15
George Stallings Jr.	5/2/15
Joseph F. Stephens	5/1/15
Lorenzo L. Turner	3/1/15
Douglas Toulotte	12/2/14

Please consider a Life Membership as a potential cost reduction

Life Member by age:

35 and under @ 500

36 to 50 @ 400

51 to 64 @ 300

65 and over @ 200

All dues should be sent to:

Ed Dahling Paymaster

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Big news at the Anne Arundel County Marine Corps League! We have added another Life Member. Bill Collins has crunched the numbers and decided he is way ahead by doing so. He has also convinced me to do the same. Maybe it is something you should consider. Kudos to Christine, Manny, Ben and Jim Brady for their contribution to the Marines Helping Marines Golf Tournament were presented at the last meeting by Ray Sturm. It is nice to be recognized for such a worthy cause. Come to a meeting, get involved and be recognized. It's good for your soul.

Semper FI

Matt





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Color Guard

Color Guard Commander Woody Bowman

Since our color guard keeps the community aware of our organization and its goals... the continuation of this highly visible undertaking is very important. Losing this community visibility could have severe consequences – especially among the vendors who have supported our fund-raisers over the years.

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

Detachment trip to the National Air and Space Museum

When: 24 October bus will leave the VFW @ 0900
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 10 person minimum & 150 maximum per visit 2 weeks advance notice

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 turnout.



Military Order of the Devil Dogs



Military Order of the Devil Dogs (MODD) The Fun and Honor Society of the Marine Corps League

The Maryland Pack held a very successful growl last month immediately following the Department of Maryland's quarterly meeting in Mt. Airy. But now the Dogs can lie low as far as the MODD goes; however, since we don't have anything to do until December, it is a perfect time to live up to your oath and get busy collecting toys for the MCL's annual Toys for Tots program.

We still have a few members in arrears. The dues remain a measly 15 bones. You know who you are, so 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



Mid-East Division National Vice Commandant Mike McLain

Mid-east Division NVC Mike McLain comments regarding the current status of MCL National and some plans for the future taken from the BOT meetings at Quantico during the MDM Expo...

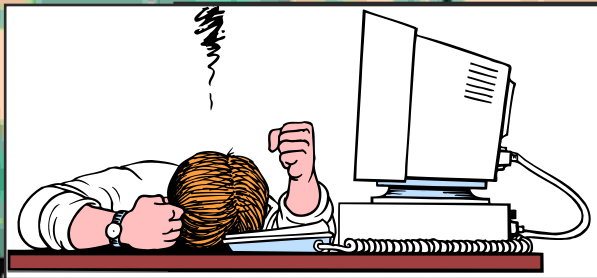
First of all, it might be a while before national gets all the glitches worked out on the computer problems so be patient.

Departments and Detachments need to really track their unpaid members because they may not have received a dues reminder. All Paymasters must ensure they maintain contact with all their members and send a letter or phone call reminder to all their unpaid. Using the quarterly rosters, these Paymasters can target on all members who have their dues pending in various months. If they use the quarterly roster and check off those members who pay their dues they can also have a listing of the unpaid as well. Match up with all those listed on your dues transmittals as being paid and maintain focus on all unpaid. Your membership retention team members should also assist in tracking all unpaid and make every effort to retain them.

The Dept. Paymaster is the key link to your entire membership because he or she receives all the dues transmittals and if they use the detachment quarterly rosters and mark all those who pay their dues, they can maintain a current total of all paid, and unpaid for each detachment and have these total for their department. If the Dept. Paymaster works with the Dept. JV Commandant they can have a data base with every unpaid within their dept. The Dept. Commandant can be kept in the loop and each month he should be given the total membership numbers for their dept. The Dept. Commandant should then report these totals to the division NVC. Upon receipt of each quarterly roster, the membership numbers can be verified using the new roster and matching the unpaid against it.

National wants to have more MCL news worthy articles and pictures in the Semper Fi magazine. These can be stories of combat veterans in your detachments, and any featured events or activities involving your divisions, departments and detachments. The League desires to place more focus on these articles and it might help generate more interest in gaining new members. In conjunction with the Semper fi magazine, National is seeking more corporate sponsorship and ad placement in the magazine. All units of the league are encouraged to solicit any corporate and or business that wants to advertise which in turn will generate some interest in their business. This would be a prime time for local detachments to have some of the various theme parks and or vacation spots or cities to have featured articles about their events or activities. It might even be along the line of selling ads for a national convention. All news and pictures can be sent to the MCL editor via the national link. If you have any articles or pictures, send them in to national and let them decide which ones they want to feature.





From the Editor

by Ed Dahling, Editor Emeritus

INVITATION TO ALL LEATHERNECKS

On **Tuesday, November 10th** between the hours of 1800 and 2000, you are all invited as my guest at the Post Canteen. We will raise several cups of cheer for the **Marine Corps 240th Birthday**. We will share scuttlebutt and regale everyone with great tales of days gone by, when we were napalm-spitting, 'Gung Ho' Jarheads with the best looking gals at every duty station and port of call.

Detachment Friday night dinner will be held on November 6th from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, the dinner will be Spaghetti with Homemade Sauce, meatballs Garlic Bread, and Salad. Cost \$7.00 hope to see you all at our next meeting scheduled for October 26th at 1900.

Marines,

The holidays are fast approaching. While I love this time of year, it reminds me that there are many families who will be missing a family member at the holiday table. Our military and Veteran families make so many sacrifices, many obstacles loom as these families struggle just to make ends meet, let alone have a joyous celebration. You can help a father or mother in need provide a Christmas for their deserving youngsters. With your financial support we can help these moms and dads be heroes in the eyes of their children; not to mention provide a memory of a lifetime for a child. If you haven't given yet and can afford to do so, please consider making a donation as early as possible. There's not much time left. If you have given already and can afford another ten dollars, please consider that. It only costs \$10 to put a shiny new toy in the hands of a child. Please contact Chris Stevens atcmsstevens@comcast.net if you will be able to help out this year.

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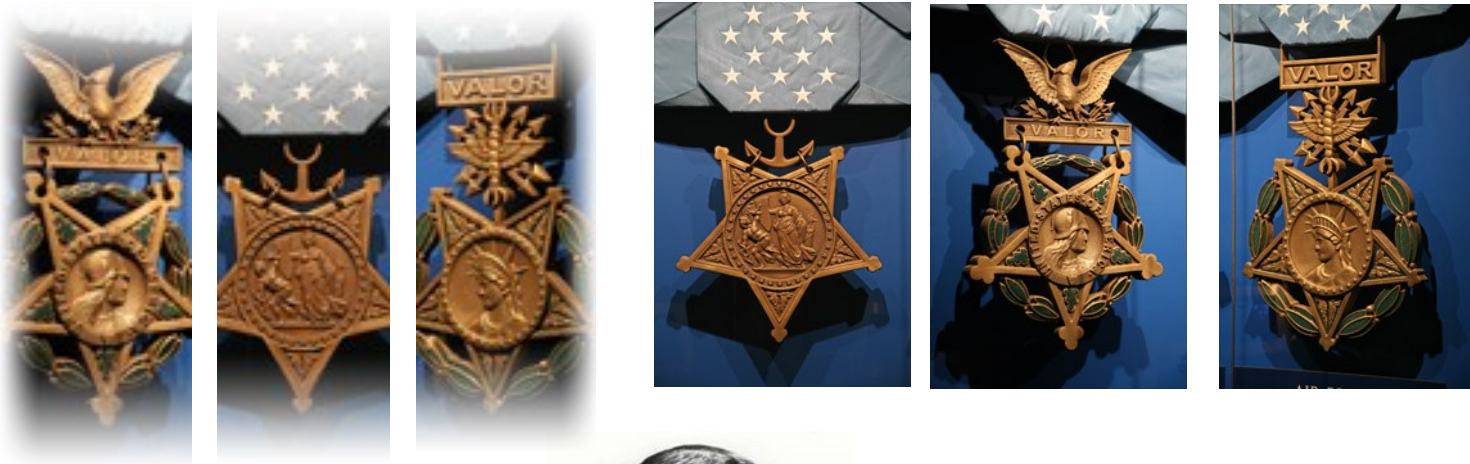
Phone: (703) 849-9400 \$103.00 per night

[Mid-Winter National Conference Agenda](#)

[Registration information](#)

ALL DEADLINES ARE 8 FEBRUARY 2016





Honoring Our Medal of Honor Recipients



KELLOGG, ALLAN JAY,

Rank: Staff Sergeant **Organization:** U.S. Marine Corps **Company:** Company G, 2d Battalion Division: 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division **Born:** 1 October 1943, Bethel, Conn. **Departed:** No Entered Service At: Bridgeport, Conn. **Date of Issue:** 10/15/1973 **Accredited To:** Bridgeport, CT **Place / Date:** Quang Nam province, Republic of Vietnam, 11 March 1970

Citation

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty while serving as a platoon sergeant with Company G, in connection with combat operations against the enemy on the night of 11 March 1970. Under the leadership of G/Sgt. Kellogg, a small unit from Company G was evacuating a fallen comrade when the unit came under a heavy volume of small arms and automatic weapons fire from a numerically superior enemy force occupying well-concealed emplacements in the surrounding jungle. During the ensuing fierce engagement, an enemy soldier managed to maneuver through the dense foliage to a position near the marines, and hurled a hand grenade into their midst which glanced off the chest of G/Sgt. Kellogg. Quick to act, he forced the grenade into the mud in which he was standing, threw himself over the lethal weapon and absorbed the full effects of its detonation with his body thereby preventing serious injury or possible death to several of his fellow marines. Although suffering multiple injuries to his chest and his right shoulder and arm, G/Sgt. Kellogg resolutely continued to direct the efforts of his men until all were able to maneuver to the relative safety of the company perimeter. By his heroic and decisive action in risking his life to save the lives of his comrades, G/Sgt. Kellogg reflected the highest credit upon himself and upheld the finest traditions of the Marine Corps and the U.S. Naval Service.





On September 16, 2015, the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry's (ATSDR) journal article "Evaluation of contaminated drinking water and male breast cancer at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, North Carolina: A case control study" was published (<http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/sites/lejeune/MaleBreastCancerStudy.html>).

The purpose of this study was to determine if Marines who were exposed in the past to contaminated drinking water at Camp Lejeune were more likely to have male breast cancer.

This study is one of several health initiatives that ATSDR is expected to complete in the next several years. For more information about these studies, visit <http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/sites/lejeune/> or call ATSDR at (800) 232-4636.

Since 1991, the Marine Corps has supported the health initiatives conducted by various scientific agencies. We are also working diligently to identify and notify individuals who, in the past, may have been exposed to the chemicals in drinking water at Camp Lejeune. For more information about these efforts or to update your contact information, please see: <http://www.marines.mil/clwater/> or contact the Camp Lejeune Historic Drinking Water Call Center at (877) 261-9782 or e-mail clwater@usmc.mil. Please share this information with anyone that may have been at Camp Lejeune in 1987 or prior and encourage them to register with us.

To contact the Department of Veterans Affairs to learn more about health care benefits, please visit <http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/camp-lejeune/> or call (877) 222-8387 (Healthcare) or (800) 827-1000 (Benefits). Family members can visit <https://www.clfamilymembers.fsc.va.gov> or call (866) 372-1144.



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.



Coming Events

The following events are scheduled to occur through October 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, October 26, 2015 @ 1900 (Ray Sturm / Anita Ullery)

Friday Night Dinner, MCL Detachment 1049 Aux. October 31, 2015 from 1800-2000 (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)

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

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Saturday, November 14th, 2015

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- ★ Realistic expectations about being partnered with a service dog
- ★ How Hero Dogs raises and trains its service dogs
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MPT SALUTES VIETNAM VETERANS

Already two years in the making, MPT's salute to Maryland's military men and women who served in the Vietnam era culminates in 2016 as a long-overdue thank-you to those who worked and fought in an unpopular war.

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FALL 2015

★ mpt SALUTES ★ VIETNAM VETERANS

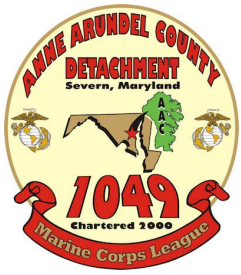
Already three years in the making, MPT's salute to Maryland service members of the Vietnam era culminates in 2016 as a long-overdue thank-you to those who worked and fought in an unpopular war.

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- A stirring, three-hour documentary film told by and about Maryland's Vietnam-era veterans
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- And a statewide traveling exhibit coming soon to a location near you!

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MARINE CORPS AIR STATION BEAUFORT, S.C. - An F/A-18C Hornet lands aboard Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort, South Carolina, Sept. 24. VMFAT-101 brought 15 jets from Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, California, to train at MCAS Beaufort. The Hornet is with Marine Fighter Attack Training Squadron 101, Marine Aircraft Group 11.