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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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## Marine Corps League National Convention in Scottsdale, Arizona

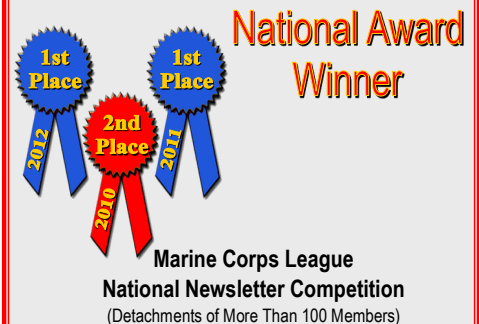


On Aug 13th, at the Marine Corps League National Convention in Scottsdale, Arizona, Anne Arundel Co Detachment 1049 presents the proceeds from their 10th Annual Marines Helping Marines Golf Tournament \$15000.00 to MHM National Director Ron Short. (Pictured Left to Right Past Commandant Manny "No Dot Com" Airey, Sr Vice Commandant Ben Wells, Ron Short and Commandant Ray Sturm. National Commandant John Kovalcik presiding.)

Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049

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## Detachment Staff:

**Commandant** ..... Ray Sturm  
**Senior Vice-Commandant** ..... Ben Wells  
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**Chaplain** ..... Fred Kaminski  
**Color Guard Commander** ..... Woody Bowman  
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**Sergeant-at-Arms** ..... Pat Sharkey  
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**Web Sergeant** ..... Joe Wright  
**Young Marines Commander** ..... Dallas Cooper

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**Judge Advocate** ..... Dawn Parker  
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**Guard** ..... Nila Caulder  
**Toys for Tots Coordinator** ..... Dawn Parker



## National Award Winner

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<http://deptofmdmcl.org>

## 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 ]

Sept. 2015	Oct. 2015	NOV. 2015
Mione Scott	Michael Flick Scott Poindexter Frank Zupancic	Carl F George Mathew J Prial Francis A Wright Sr.

## Members' Birthdays

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

Norm Huffman    Walter Johnson    Scott Mione  
 John Purcell    John Vogel    David Williams

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



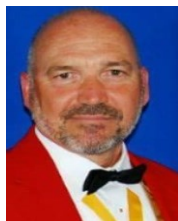
## Rifle & Pistol

Ray Sturm

No news at this time



## Commandant Ray Sturm



Marines,

### **Vietnam Wall "In Memory" Program:**

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The Sept 5th edition of the Maryland Gazette featured a photograph and short blurb on the **Marines Helping Marines** Golf Tournament check presentation at the national convention. For those who missed it, the photograph and blurb are included in this edition of the newsletter. Again, a special thanks to all those who made the tournament a success. On Sept 8<sup>th</sup> I attended the Chartering Ceremony and Officer Installation for the newly formed **Sgt Jack Hettchin Detachment** in Montgomery County. Paul "Doc" Gunther is the detachment's first Commandant and was instrumental in getting the detachment up and running. This is the first detachment in Montgomery County. I'm sure that through Doc's motivation and leadership the detachment will grow quickly and become a key organization in such an important region.

If you haven't already done so, and are interested in going on the detachment's trip to the **Air & Space Museum**, please get your name to either Bill Collins or me. There is also a sign up sheet in the VFW. This trip promises to be a good time... and it's free. As a reminder, the Modern Day Marine Expo is Sept 21-23 in Quantico. Come see the weapons of tomorrow.

## Senior Vice Commandant Ben Wells



Marines,

Hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable **Labor Day** and that the return to your normal day-to-day responsibilities has not been overly traumatic. There is a lot going on for the detachment in the coming months; so, I would like to encourage all of our members to take stock of their individual situations and consider how you might be able to contribute some amount of time and effort to the betterment of our detachment.

Toys for Tots Starts from Oct. 1st. to December. Toys for Tots activity which takes place each year is the collection and distribution of toys in the communities in which a Marine Corps Reserve Unit is located. In communities without a Reserve Unit, the campaign can be conducted by a Marine Corps League Detachment or group of men and women, generally veteran Marines, authorized by Marine Toys for Tots Foundation to conduct a local Toys for Tots campaign. Campaign Coordinators conduct an array of activities throughout the year, voluntary events designed to increase interest in Toys for Tots, and concurrently generate toys and monetary donations.

Semper Fi,  
Ben Wells







## Corps History

by Ed Dahling for Joe Wright, Historian

### 1 September 1936

Mitchell Paige Medal of Honor recipient for heroism during Guadalcanal campaign – enlists as a Marine in Baltimore, MD.

### 2 September 1945

Japanese officially surrendered to the Allies on board the battleship MISSOURI in Tokyo Bay. The senior Marine Corps representative at the historic ceremony was Lt. General Roy S. Geiger CG, FMF Pacific.

### 6 September 1983

Two Marines were killed and two wounded when rockets hit their compound in Beirut, Lebanon. Heavy fighting continued for the 24th MAU peace keeping force near the International Airport.

### 8 September 1942

1st Raider Battalion and the 1st Parachute Battalion supported by planes of MAG-23 and two destroyer transports, carried out a successful raid on a Japanese supply base on Guadalcanal.

### 9 September 1950

Captain L. E. Brown flew the first Marine combat jet mission in Korea.

### 10 September 1813

Marines serve with Commodore Matthew C. Perry during the Battle of Lake Erie

### 11 September 1990

4th MEB arrives in Gulf of Oman to support Operation Desert Shield

### 12 September 1917

General John J. Pershing selects the 7th Marines to guard his Head-quarters in France. 13 September 1847 Marines help seize Mexico City fortress of Chapultepec

### 13 September 1942

Marines repulse Japanese attack in Battle of Edson's Ridge on Guadalcanal

### 15 September 1950

The 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines landed on and secured Wolmi-do Island in Inchon Harbor prior to the main landing. The 1st Mar Div. commanded by Major General Oliver P. Smith landed at Inchon and began the Inchon-Seoul Campaign

### 28 September 1900

Marines withdrew from Peking after the Battle of Peking the end of the Boxer Rebellion



## Junior Vice Commandant



Marines,

So our membership numbers are steadily decreasing. Some members move, some do not renew their membership, and some go to the final duty station.

Now is a good time for our members to spread the word about our Marine Corps League.

There are a lot of Marines who are unaware that we even exist. It does not take a lot of effort to advise a fellow Marine of the opportunity to serve our community and revel in the camaraderie Marines enjoy.

New blood will help ensure that this organization will be ready when called upon to provide support for any Marine in need. So grab a Marine and bring him to a meeting.

### Quotation

*"Success is a little like wrestling a gorilla. You don't quit when you are tired... you quit when the gorilla gets tired!"*

**Robert Strauss**

Reporter, Writer, Editor, TV Critic & Adjunct

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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) 647-965

## Detachment trip to the National Air and Space Museum

When: 3 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 sign up sheet at the VFW or  
Email : [dvader1@comcast.net](mailto:dvader1@comcast.net)  
Questions: call Bill Collins @410-271-4847  
It's a great museum .....hope 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,

The dog days of summer are gone and Pound 204 Dogs have been stirred into action as many attended the 76th Supreme Growl in Scottsdale, Arizona last month. Immediately upon returning, Pound 204 held a Growl and elected officers for the forthcoming year. All officers were re-elected with the excepting of the Mad Dog and our very own PDD Koontz was elected to that very important position.

At the Growl, the Dog Robber was busy collecting dues from the annual dues-paying members as they expire on 31 August. They remain a measly 15 bones, so if you haven't paid them yet, remit them to your friendly Pound Dog Robber ASAP. Members whose dues aren't paid will not be allowed to attend the 12 September Pack Growl.

Congratulations to newly advanced PDD Ed Dahling who endured the grueling initiation in the Arizona August heat (but it's a dry heat, right?). So is the oven, but it is still hot!

At the Supreme Growl PDD Mike McLain was re-elected as the Mid-east Division vice Commandant.

Additionally, at the Supreme Growl Pound 204 was recognized as the Pound forwarding the most passport bones. The Maryland Pack was recognized for the same reason. Along with that and all the other bones forwarded, the Kennel was able to present a check for \$31,000.00 to the local children's hospital. Of that amount, the Mer-Lin Dogs were responsible for nearly 18% of all bones collected. Outstanding! Rumor has it that other Packs and Pounds have vowed to unseat the Mer-Lin Dogs from being the highest contributor next year. I doubt if it will happen, but if it does, so much more for the children's hospital in Tulsa, Oklahoma next year.

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

Woof woof,  
PDD Paul Taylor  
Dog Robber







# Have You Heard?

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

## OPENING BY RITUAL:

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: 21 members

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

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

## READING OF THE MINUTES:

Adjutant Norm Huffman reported minutes of the July meeting were distributed via the detachment list server (e-mail). Several hardcopies were available at the meeting. One correction to the July minutes should read: September 12th is a Department meeting, followed by a Pack Growl. Thanks to Jim Brady for noticing this.

**MEMBERS SICK AND IN DISTRESS:** None

## REPORT OF OFFICERS:

**Commandant:** (See below)

**Sr. Vice Commandant:** The Bull and Oyster Roast has been cancelled due to lack of interest.

**Jr. Vice Commandant:** No Report

**Judge Advocate:** No report

**Quartermaster:** There are some new posters on the table. Jim Brady noted that the Quartermaster has a Red Collar around his neck. He is an official Devil Dog now. Congratulations Fred!

## REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

**Newsletter Editor:** If you are not receiving the newsletter, make sure we have your correct e-mail address.

**Color Guard Commander:** Woody reported that the Pasadena Thanksgiving Parade would be the first weekend in November. He also stated he would be presenting the Ft. Meade Color Guard with a plaque for their participation in the Glen Burnie Parade.

**Website:** Joe Wright stated he will be making a few updates to the Detachment website.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The \$15,000 check from Detachment 1049 for the Marines Helping Marines was presented in Arizona and was very well received. There is still a need for funds to assist wounded Marines. There are still patients in need at Brook Navy Hospital, Camp Pendleton, and Camp Lejeune to name a few. Woody Bowman asked if we could get a total of the amount of funds Detachment 1049 has donated to the Marines Helping Marines program. Ed Dahling will be compiling these totals. To date, Ed had documentation of \$79K in donations to the Marines Helping Marines from 1049.

## NEW BUSINESS:

Norman Huffman asked whether we wanted to have another Quarter Auction fundraiser, stating we need about 15-18 helpers, floor runners, and kitchen help. We will need to acquire the hall for this event ASAP. We also need nice prizes to make their interest worthwhile. (The better the prize, the more they will bid.) This event would be in April if the firehouse is available. Last year we made almost \$2,700.00, which was really great.

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# Have You Heard?

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## **GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:**

Commandant Sturm discussed business from the National Convention in Arizona: He announced the new officers and stated there is a National search for a new Executive Director due to ongoing problems (website issues, etc.). The Marine Corps League National lawyer will be handling these issues, gratis. The new Commandant stated we need to LOOK FORWARD and NOT LOOK BACK

The new National website is MCLNational.org. All Detachments are asked to enroll with the National MCL. Over 8,000 members are in need of membership cards. Possibility of having members print their own cards.

Our Mideast Division officers were announced.

The Semper Fi Store has been closed due to loss of funds. You can still order product online. The space will be leased so there will be a steady stream of income for the MCL.

A \$31,000 check (18% donated from MD.) was presented to the Children's Hospital in Scottsdale AZ. Bylaw and administrative changes included Jan, Feb, or March for Mid-winter meetings.

National currently takes \$50 of each Life member dues. Temporarily through 2018, National will obtain ½ of Life member dues to bring @\$600K back to the General fund.

Finding a way to assure each member has their own unique membership number.

New dress code for Color Guard members (belts).

Approval for Color Guard ceremonial ribbon.

Sr. Vice Commandant Ben Wells and Sgt. at Arms Pat Sharkey placed the National Convention attendance streamer on the flag staff.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

August 29, 2015 – Military Order of the Cooties will hold a Family event at VFW – Everyone is welcome.

September 8, 2015 – Chartering and Installation event of new Detachment 1428 at American Legion Post 86, Viersmille Road, Rockville MD at 1930 hours.

September 12, 2015 Department meeting at Mt. Airy –Pack Growl after Department meeting.

September 22-26, 2015 -Modern Marines display at Quantico. Looking for any groups to man booths.

October 3, 2015 Trip to National Air & Space Museum in Chantilly VA. Contact Bill Collins at 410-271-4847 or [dvader1@comcast.net](mailto:dvader1@comcast.net). (Headcount needed by September 18, 2015.)

## **CLOSING CEREMONIES:**

Commandant Sturm closed the meeting IAW MCL rituals. The next Detachment meeting will take place on September 28, 2015. Prayer was given by Fred Kaminski

Respectfully submitted,

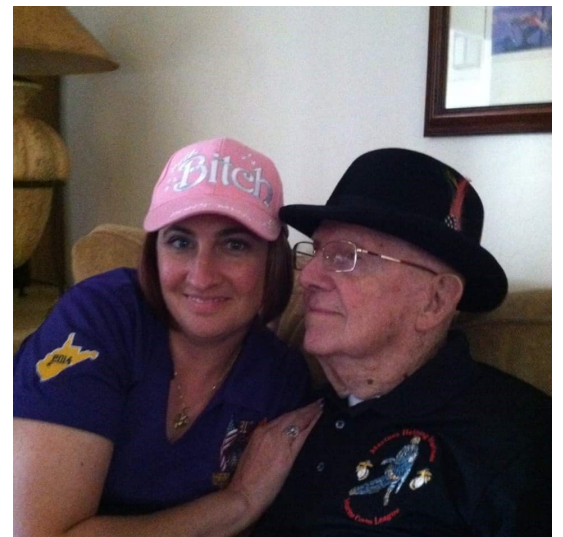
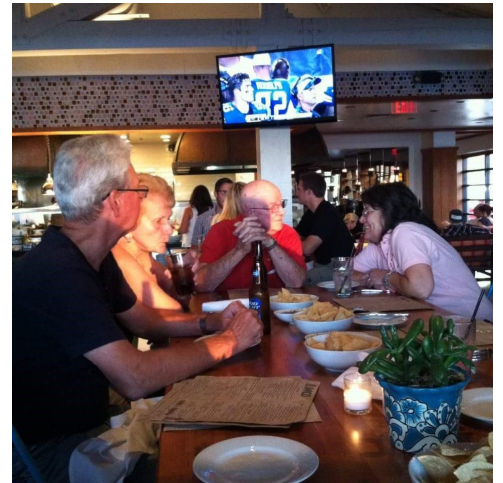
Norman Huffman, Adjutant

Marine Corps League - A. A. County Detachment 1049





# National Convention Scottsdale Arizona











## Coming Events

The following events are scheduled to occur through September 30, 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.

Department Of Maryland Meeting September 12th (Craig Reeling) AL. Post 191 Mt. Airy Md.

Friday Night Dinner, MCL Detachment 1049 Aux. September 25th, from 1800-2000 (Anita Ullery)

Modern Day Marine Expo is September 22-24 in Quantico, VA

Monthly Meetings, MCL Detachment 1049 & Auxiliary Monday, September 28, 2015 @ 1900 (Ray Sturm / Anita Ullery)

Detachment trip to the National Air and Space Museum 3 October 2015

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



Department of MD Commandant Craig Reeling presents the charter to Detachment Commandant Paul "Doc" Gunther of the newly formed Sgt Jack Hettchen Detachment.

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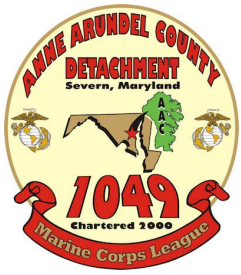
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## WE WILL NEVER FORGET

Each year on September 11th, now known as Patriot Day, I stop to reflect on how much our country has been forever changed as I recall the tragic events on that date, fourteen years ago as if were yesterday.