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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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This month marks the 25th Anniversary of the beginning of Operation Desert Shield and the start of the Gulf War.



Twenty-five years ago, Iraqi forces — under orders from Saddam Hussein — invaded Kuwait. In the months that followed, Marines fought to liberate Kuwait from Iraqi occupation, and defend the region from Saddam's tyranny. But sadly, the memories of the Gulf War have faded for most Americans

The National Museum of the Marine Corps to include permanent exhibits and artifacts from this pivotal era so that the selfless service of Gulf War Marines is preserved and shared for generations to come.

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From the Editor

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

As of this newsletter, our total membership stands at 118 members; but, do you know that we have 8 members on our inactive list? We must do everything we can to (1) get more members to join our detachment, and (2) bring inactive members back aboard. Equally as important is the need to encourage more of our current membership to become more active in our events both as workers and participants. That will allow us to better fulfill our mission as well as build upon our reputation in the community and at all levels of the League



Membership Statistics

Good Standing (Dues Paid)

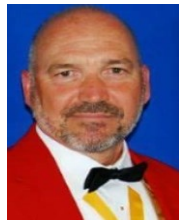
Type	USMC	Associate	Multiple
Life Memberships	75	5	5
Annual Memberships	26	5	–
New Members			
			–
Sub-Totals			
	101	12	5
Total			
	118		

Renewals

[Dues expire at end of indicated month]

Aug. 2015	Sept. 2015	Oct. 2015
Arbic George Hanncock Thomas Reistrup John Schramm Christopher Ullery Scott	Mione Scott	Michael Flick Scott Poindexter Frank Zupancic

Commandant Ray Sturm



Greetings Marines,
I trust everyone is enjoying the summer. Yea, I know it's warm out, but remember January? These are the days we were looking forward to. If you think it's hot here, ask one of your detachment mates who attended the National Convention in Phoenix what the weather was like. We all expected it to be warm, but 114 was a tad much. In addition to the heat (don't worry.. it's a dry heat), we were greeted by a dust storm and monsoon rains... all in a 24 hour period.

The minutes from the convention will be forthcoming. Highlights include the election of national officers and the selection of the Department of Kansas to host the 2017 National Convention. Your elected national officers are:

Commandant	Richard Gore
Sr Vice Cmdt	Wendell Webb
Jr Vice Cmdt	Dennis Tobin
JA	Johnnie Baker
MED NVC	Mike McLain

A special congratulations go to the 2015 **National Marine of the Year**, Leanna Detrich from the Department of Pennsylvania.

A special special congratulations go to **Jack Severn** who was surprised by being selected as an **Honorary Chief Devil Dog**. This is only the 4th time in 75 years that such an honor has been bestowed. For all of us who know the hard work and selfless sacrifice Jack has made to the League and the MODD this honor is well deserved. As Jack humbly accepted this accolade, he was truly speechless. Bravo Zulu.

My personal highlight of the convention was being able to present a check for \$15,000 to Marines Helping Marines National Director Ron Short. As you know, our 10th Annual Golf Tournament was a huge success. I look forward to your support for next year. We set the bar high. Only you can help us top this year.

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Senior Vice Commandant Ben Wells

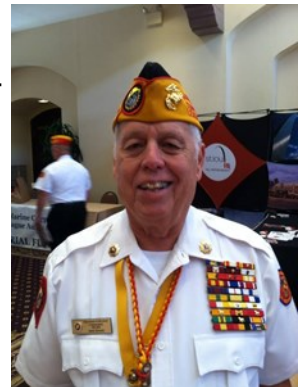


Marines,

Well, all of us who made it to the National Convention arrived home safely. Everyone had a great time. I hope everyone gets a chance to make it to the convention at least once.

Several awards were bestowed upon Maryland associated Marine Corps Leaguers at this year's National Convention, held in Scottsdale AZ.

The most prestigious award given by the Kennel was presented to PDD Jack Severn for being made an Honorable Chief Devil Dog! This is a HUGE honor in the MODD and Jack deserves it all the hard work he has done for the League and the MODD.



I am Sorry to say but due to the lack of participation and interest I am canceling this year Bull and Oyster Roast.

Until our next meeting, be safe and stay cool. I would like to see everyone in attendance.

Semper Fi,
Ben





Corps History

by Ed Dahling for Joe Wright, Historian

1 August 1960

The Corps' Enlisted Rank & Pay Structure Board revised existing rank structure by incorporating the rank of Lance Corporal and the E-8 and E-9 Pay grades.

2 August 1950

1st Marine Provisional Brigade lands at Pusan, South Korea.

3 August 1950

Eight Corsairs of VMF-214 the famed 'Black Sheep' squadron of World War II, executed the first Marine aviation mission in the Korean War in a raid against enemy installations near Inchon.

6 August 1847

Marines commenced their march on the "Halls of Montezuma" in Mexico.

7 August 1990

President Bush ordered U.S. military aircraft and troops to Saudi Arabia as part of a multi-national force. One week later the Marine Corps announced the commitment of 45,000 troops to Operation Desert Shield – largest deployment of U.S. forces since Vietnam.

13 August 1918

Opha Mae Johnson became the first female Marine when she enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserve.

14 August 1945

President Truman announced Japan's unconditional surrender.

17 August 1942

2nd Marine Raider Bn under Lt. Colonel Evans F. Carlson landed on Makin Island and destroyed a seaplane base, two radio stations, a supply warehouse, and killed about 100 Japanese troops.

19 August 1919

Marines Hymn Registered with the U.S. Copyright

Junior Vice Commandant Matt Prial



Marines,

The New National Commandant has made a lot of good changes since he took over. He wants everybody to look forward, not back. Below are some highlights/suggestions:

- The new Website is being worked on every day. There are a lot of great ideas and thoughts coming out.
- He would like to get the Members on the UNPAID down to 7000 instead of 10,000.
- He is hoping that each member will go out and get one new member. This will help greatly with membership.
- He is tasking everyone that signs up members, to make sure you mentor them. Be sure to conduct your meetings in a professional

Semper Fi.



Rifle & Pistol

Ray Sturm

The Department of Pennsylvania Rifle Match will be held in Altoona, PA from 11-13 September.





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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

Members' Birthdays

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

Manny Airey	Eddie Grove	Mike Hadley
Robert Hole	Dick Johnson	Fred Kaminski
Jim Le Gette	Robert Lucian	George Martin
John Ogle	Earl Parker	Charles Quick
Ruhl Rexroad	Granville Smith Jr	Joe Wright



Department of Maryland Staff Meeting.....

will take place on September 12th, at American Legion Post 191, 801 Prospect Rd., Mt. Airy, Md. All members are encouraged to attend this staff meeting.



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 continue and Pound 204 Dogs continue to laze in the summer shade. However things will start heating up very soon as the Supreme Growl is right around the corner. Unfortunately the Maryland Pack only has one Dog advancing to PDD. Maybe next year in Tulsa, Oklahoma we will get a few more DDs going up.

As promised last month, the Mid-east Division Growl was a hoot. The Maryland Pack had more Dogs in attendance than any other pack in the Division, including the host Pack of Virginia.

The next Growl for Pound 204 will be on 23 August at the Dog House in Glen Burnie, and I'm sure lots of good information will be forthcoming from the Supreme Growl. I have not seen any proposed Bylaw changes for the Kennel but they may have slipped by me. If there are any, I'm sure we will get the word at our next Growl.

For planning purposes, the next Pack Growl will be on 12 September immediately following the Department quarterly meeting which will be hosted by the LCpl Deane Detachment at American Legion Post 191, 801 Prospect Road, Mt. Airy, Md.

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: 18 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
Guy Hall	Past Detachment Commandant
Joe Wright	Past Detachment Commandant

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: None

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Adjutant Norm Huffman reported minutes of the June meeting were distributed via the detachment list server (e-mail). Several hardcopies were available at the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

PAYMASTER: Ray Sturm reported \$14,915.17 was profited on the Golf tournament after all monies were collected and expenses were paid. Special thanks to Chris Stevens, Jim Brady, and Manny Airey for their work on the event. Thank you to everyone who helped out with the event. It was a tremendous effort on everyone's part. If you get a chance, stop at the bar and say hello to Chris.

Ray reported the Paymaster documentation will be turned over to the new Paymaster, Ed Dahling this evening.

Checking Account	\$28,784.52
Savings Account	\$ 2,259.29
CD's	<u>\$ 5,014.26</u>
Total	\$36,058.07

MEMBERS SICK AND IN DISTRESS: MCL National Commandant's wife Judy Kovalcik passed away, per Commandant Reeling via email.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

Commandant: No further report.

Sr. Vice Commandant:

Ben Wells asked if the members were still interested in holding the Bull and Oyster Roast on October 18th. There is a lot of work that goes in to this event, and it hurts us if we have to cancel it after we start to sell tickets. We have to sell at least 80 tickets to be on the positive side.



Have You Heard?

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Jr. Vice Commandant:

Matt Prial reported we have 98 voting members. (75 life members and 22 paid members, per Ray Sturm)?

Judge Advocate: No report.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

Rifle & Pistol Team: No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: After discussion, Joe Wright made a motion to donate \$1000 to the VFW building fund, second by Manny Airey. Voted on and passed.

NEW BUSINESS: Ben Wells discussed the gun raffle. Since we have had drawings for two Grands, maybe we could come up with something a little different. (We made over \$10,000 dollars on the two rifle raffles the last two years.)

Ray brought up about a 1911 hand gun, but getting permits are a little tricky.

Possibly have 1st and 2nd place winners.

If anyone can come up with further suggestions, please bring it up at the next meeting.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE: Ben Wells and Pat Sharkey placed two streamers on our flag staff that was received for 100% attendance at the Mideast Conference at Charleston last year.

If you are going to the National MCL Convention in Scottsdale Arizona on August 8th thru the 14th, please give your name to Adjutant Norman Huffman, so he can place you on the Delegate list.

Detachment 1049 also received a National Junior Vice Commandant Citation Gratitude and Meritorious Service in the interest of the MCL National Directive. (Will be placed in the historical binder.)

On September 5th, 2015 there will be a 70th Anniversary Bull Roast and Dance to celebrate WW2 veterans. The event will be held at the Earleigh Heights Fire Hall from 1 P.M. til 5 P.M. The tickets are \$40.00. As reported, a few of our Detachment members will be attending this event.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

August 8th-14th – National MCL Convention held in Scottsdale, Arizona.

August 23 -- Pound Growl at VFW

September 12 -- Pack Growl at VFW

October 18th – Detachment Bull roast at VFW

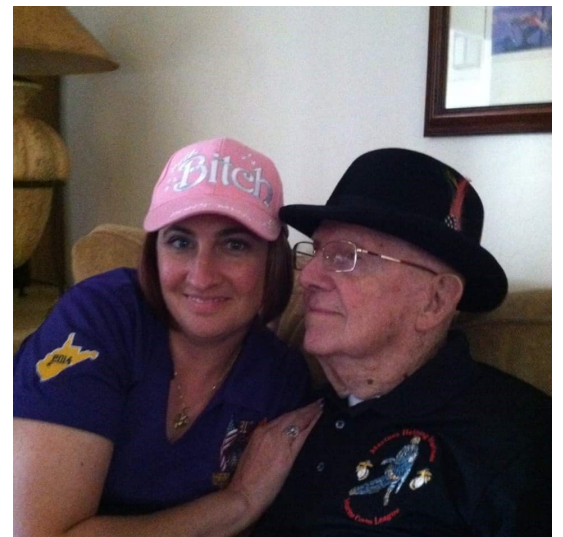
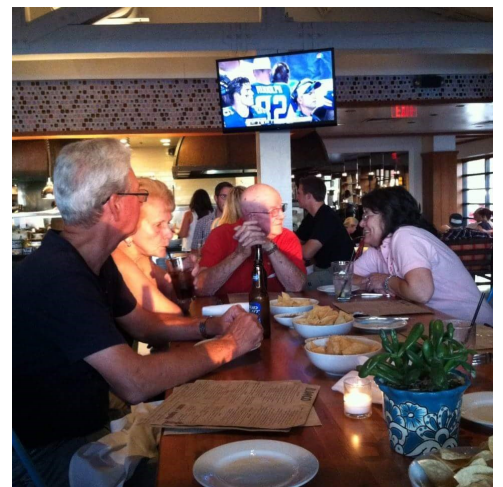
CLOSING CEREMONIES:

Commandant Sturm closed the meeting IAW MCL rituals. The next Detachment meeting will take place on August 24, 2015. Prayer was given by Fred Kaminski.

Respectfully submitted,
Norman Huffman, Adjutant



National Convention Scottsdale Arizona





A Museum for Everyone

The National Museum of the Marine Corps strives to ensure that all of its visitors have the opportunity to honor and appreciate the history of the U.S. Marine Corps. The History in Your Hands (HIYH) tour, led by trained Museum volunteers and visitors services staff, is an opportunity for visually impaired visitors of all ages to experience the Museum. Visitors tour the collections through tactile exploration of selected objects. For other material and artifacts that cannot be touched, visitors are provided a verbal description as well as tactile graphics.



The Museum hosts a HIYH tour on the third Sunday of every month at 1 pm. This month's HIYH tour that was on the 19th was particularly relevant as it was just one week prior to the 25th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. There is no fee for this program, but pre-registration is required at least one week prior to the tour. The next program is on August 16th. To register, please contact Michele Flynn at 703-784-4469 / 703-296-8446 or e-mail michele.r.flynn@usmc.mil. The alternative contact is Jack Oblein at 703-432-2622 or email jack.oblein@usmc.mil.

Build a Model Plane at Family Day

It was once a common military belief that airplanes weren't useful to ground troops, but in 1912, First Lieutenant Alfred Austell Cunningham changed everything. He reported to Naval Aviation Camp in Annapolis, Maryland "for duty in connection with aviation," and two months later, he became the first Marine aviator. Over the next few years, the number of Marine aviators grew, and in 1915, the Commandant of the Marine Corps authorized the creation of a Marine Corps Aviation Company, comprised of 50 men.



With more than 100 years in service, there is plenty of Marine Aviation history to explore. Marine Aviation personnel have forged a legacy of courage in hostile skies around the globe. Whether it's becoming the first American astronaut to orbit the Earth or fighting enemy troops from jungle airstrips, these Marines are always paving the way. The National Museum of the Marine Corps invites you to join Family Day on Saturday August 8, 2015 from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. to embrace the opportunity to learn more about the fascinating history of Marine Aviation. You can also make your own Harrier model plane to take home!





Coming Events

The following events are scheduled to occur through June 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.

MCL National Convention August 9-15 2015 Scottsdale AZ.

Growl for Pound 204 will be on 23 August @ 09:00

Monthly Meetings, MCL Detachment 1049 & Auxiliary Monday, August 24, 2015 @ 1900 (Ray Sturm / Anita Ullery)

Friday Night Dinner, MCL Detachment 1049 Aux. August 28, 2015 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)



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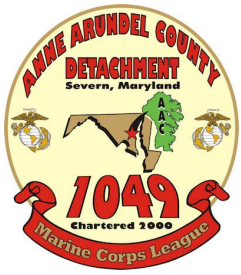
The detachment will be sponsoring a trip to the **Smithsonian Air & Space Museum** in Chantilly, VA. The trip is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, October 3rd. Highlights at the Udvar-Hazy Center include numerous military and civilian aircraft, an SR-71 and a space shuttle. Transportation will depart the VFW at 0900. Admission is FREE. As a veterans' organization we will receive a special VIP tour. Additional details will be announced. There will be a sign up sheet posted at the VFW. A special thanks to Marine **Bill Collins** for taking the lead for this trip.

Due to a lack of interest, the Detachment Bull & Oyster Roast is cancelled.

On 12 February 2015, National Director Ron Short presented the MHM 2014 Financial Report.

Marines Helping Marines 2014 Financial Report			
Open Balance as of 1 Jan 2014			
\$30,056.43			
Income			
\$103,446.96	General donations and fundraisers		
\$7,325.00	Credit card donations		
\$185.00	Sale of MHM coins, hats, shirts		
\$110,956.96	TOTAL		
Operating Expenses 1.4%			
\$671.14	Certificates and Postage		
\$518.57	Bank/credit card fees		
\$500.00	Accountant		
\$1,689.71	TOTAL		
Working Funds			
\$141,013.39			
Ending Balance 31 Dec 2014			
\$22,842.16			

Semper Fi
Ray



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The Marine Fighter Attack Squadron-121, based in Yuma, Arizona, "is the first squadron in military history to become operational with an F-35 variant" and stands "ready for worldwide deployment" with 10 of the aircraft, according to the statement.

The F-35 is the Pentagon's most expensive weapons acquisition program, estimated to cost \$391 billion to purchase 2,457 aircraft for the Air Force, Marine Corps and Navy. The Corps will begin operational flights this year -- albeit with a less lethal version of the aircraft -- followed by the Air Force in 2016 and the Navy in 2019.