

2015 4th of July Severna Park Parade



Color Guard From Fort Meade (more Photos On Page 9)

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From the Editor

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

First, attendance at detachment meetings has not been what one should expect for a detachment of this size. It's understandable that other commitments will necessitate missing the occasional meeting; however, we have members whom I've never met much less seen at meetings. I do not believe that an hour a month is too much to ask in exchange for the comradeship that one experiences at our meeting

Second, and more importantly, there are unfilled staff positions that have been vacant for almost as long as I have been a member of this detachment many years! We need more of our members to step up and do more than simply attend meetings. Please consider filling one of the positions marked 'Vacant' in the Detachment Staff listing in the sidebar adjacent to this column.

The deadline for next month's Cutting Edge articles is – MIDNIGHT on Friday, July 31st



Membership Statistics

Good Standing (Dues Paid)

Type	USMC	Associate	Multiple
Life Memberships	75	5	5
Annual Memberships	26	5	–

New Members

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Sub-Totals

101	12	5
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Total

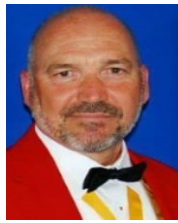
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Renewals

[Dues expire at end of indicated month]

July 2015	Aug. 2015	Sept. 2015
Gilbert Cavey Joshua Copfer Timothy Munz Tomas Yusaitis	Arbic George Hanncock Thomas Reistrup John Schramm Christopher Ullery Scott	Mione Scott

Commandant Ray Sturm



Greetings all,

I trust everyone had a safe and enjoyable July 4th celebration. And I do mean celebration. We have all taken an oath to "support and defend the Constitution of the United States." The Constitution would not be possible if not for the bravery of the men who signed the Declaration of Independence, a document declaring us a free and sovereign nation. When we cut our ties with Great Britain, we announced that all men were created equal. Two hundred forty years later, we still struggle to ensure all of our citizens the unalienable Right.. [to] Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness.

The Department of Maryland has reorganized into five districts. We previously had three. This will allow the District Vice Commandants (DVC) to more effectively participate in detachment events. Our detachment is **District Two**. Our DVC is **Don Benson**. Don is already an active member in Pound 204 and we look forward to working with him to make our detachment and league better. Joining us in District Two are the LCpl Copenhagen, Harford County, and Baltimore Detachments. There is no truth to the rumor that Don was strong armed into joining 1049. He did so willingly and is certainly welcome.

I am pleased to announce that our 11th Annual Marines Helping Marines Golf Tournament is now scheduled for May 20, 2016. Mark your calendars and help us get the word out. We set a high standard with this year's event. We are looking forward to next year under the leadership of the Golf Committee Chairperson, **Christine Stevens**. Chris' generous support and determination drove our success this year. Again, no truth to the rumor that she was strong armed into serving another year.

A volunteer has come forward (he will remain anonymous.. thanks Bill) to look into some locations for a future outing. He has some great ideas. We are looking for something relatively close by, is free or inexpensive, and has mass appeal. Keep your eyes open for a nice trip in the near future.

Semper Fi.. Ray



Senior Vice Commandant Ben Wells

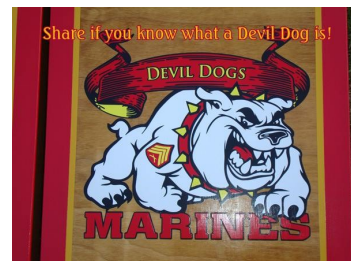


Marines,

I would like to make sure everyone remembers that the National convention is coming up in August. If you have not made plans to go please do, this is going to be a great time. Please remember to support VFW Post 160 which is our home. We have one fund raiser left for the year and this money goes to our general fund so please help support this function.

October 12th is the bull & oyster roast and this money goes to the general fund also, so please support this event with ticket sales. We would also like to see you smiling faces along with your spouse and children.

Semper Fi
Ben Wells





Corps History

by Ed Dahling for Joe Wright, Historian

1 July 1920

Major General John A. Lejeune becomes the 13th Commandant of the Marine Corps.

4 July 1800

Marine Corps Band makes its first public appearance at Tun Tavern (Philadelphia, PA).

5 July 1968

Marines abandon Khe Sanh combat base.

6 July 1905

Marines escort the body of John Paul Jones during its relocation from France to Annapolis MD

7 July 1941

The 1st Marine Aircraft Wing activated at Quantico, Va. Within a year, the Wing would participate in the Guadalcanal offensive.

18 July 1918

The 4th Marine Brigade began an attack near Soissons, France, as part of a three-division counter-attack against the Germans. In the first two days of battle, the brigade sustained 1,972 casualties.

18 July 1948

Twelve Marines at consulate in Jerusalem (Israel) begin modern day Marine Security Guard program.

23 July 2002

Three Marines – Lt. Colonel James G. Kyser IV, Major Matthew Coon & Staff Sergeant Robert Wallace – awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Medal for heroism for their rescue efforts following the September 11th terrorist attacks on the Pentagon.

25 July 1930

Lieutenant Lewis Puller wins first of five Navy Crosses chasing Sandino guerrillas in Nicaragua.

Junior Vice Commandant Matt Prial



Marines,

We now have a total of 118 members... nine of whom are in a delinquent dues status.

When you receive your renewal notice, please complete the form, include your payment, and mail them as soon as possible; this will allow us to keep our membership numbers up. If you do not receive your renewal notice or you misplace it... please get in touch with me as soon as possible and I will make sure that your renewal gets taken care of expeditiously.

You should also consider Life Membership; it could be a cost saver for you. I look forward to seeing each of you at our next meeting.

I just read an article about thirty-six Marines that have been located in a grave on Betio Atoll. They died in combat on Tarawa. They were not left on the battlefield, but Graves Registration, was not exactly sure where they were placed. The POW-MIA Office is now going to identify and return these Marines to their kin. I understand one of them is a Medal of Honor recipient from Knoxville TN named Bonnyman. I wonder if there might be any Maryland Marines returning home. It would be a real privilege to be part of their homecoming. If anyone has any more info on this subject let me know. I am sure there are other members that given the chance, will display the Espirit de Corps, we are known for.

Semper Fi,

Matt



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Color Guard

Color Guard Commander Woody Bowman

Our Color Guard...

Marched (and rode) in the Severna Park 4th of July Parade after assembling at Saint Martin's in the Field Church (Benfield Road). Also they presented color at the BaySox's game that night afterward in joyed the fireworks.

Functioning membership has been severely reduced in number through illness, injury, and other factors. Please consider becoming a member of the Color Guard. It's a very rewarding experience. It's an understatement to say that 'We Need New Members!'

Marines Helping Marines Cookout

This message is being sent to all of you to advise that the remaining four lunchtime cookouts scheduled by the Marines Helping Marines (MHM) program for Walter Reed National Military Medical Center - Bethesda, (July 15th, August 19th, Sept 16, and Oct 14th), HAVE BEEN CANCELED, repeat CANCELED. Please pass this message along to those you feel need to be made aware, but are not on the distribution.

In accordance with the instructions from Ron Short, the MHM's National Chairman, one of the reasons is the transfer of support effort emphasis from the hospital environment to the Wounded Warrior Regiments. Those sponsors who have paid the cookout donation check can expect to receive a full refund. Contact me if you have any questions.

I would like to thank all of you who have supported this lunchtime cookout activity over the years to make it the success that it had become. Further, I would urge you to continue your financial support to the MHM as the work for the Wounded Warriors is far from over.

Tony Begenwald
Marines Helping Marines Foundation



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 have set in and Pound 204 Dogs aren't doing much these days.

Many Dogs from Pound 204 attended the Mid-east Division Growl on 26 June, and as expected, it was a hoot.

Last month your Dog Robber reported the Pack's contributions of passport bones as \$1,446.00, which is outstanding. However, the Kennel has reported that we have forwarded \$1,456.00 and that is the official count (my calculator must have made an error!).

The next Growl for Pound 204 will be on 23 August at the Dog House in Glen Burnie. Hopefully there will be much information coming from the Supreme Growl. It will be interesting to see if another Pound in the Kennel can top Pound 204's passport bone contributions of \$1,437.00. More power to the kids if it happens.

The next Pack Growl will be on 12 September at American Legion Post 191, 801 Prospect Road, Mt. Airy, immediately following the Department quarterly meeting.

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

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: 15 members

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

Don Benson	District Vice Commandant
Paul Taylor	Department of Maryland Adjutant
Manny Airey	Past Detachment Commandant, Department Marine of the Year
Guy Hall	Past Detachment Commandant
Joe Wright	Past Detachment Commandant
Ed Dahling	Past Detachment Commandant

Note: Pat Sharkey is the Sgt-at-Arms.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: None

READING OF THE MINUTES:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter was received from Commandant Craig Reeling congratulating Detachment 1049 on winning second place in the Maryland 2015 Convention raffle. A check for \$500.00 was enclosed.

Norm Huffman reported Detachment 1049 had a recruitment drive at Downs Park Community Day on June 6, 2015 and received \$70.00 in donations. We talked to a lot of people but unfortunately had no sign ups. We are getting our organization out in the public. Thanks to Tom Maiorana, Matt Prail, Bill Collins and Norm Huffman for attending this affair.

PAYMASTER: Ray Sturm reported:

Checking Account	\$ 4,983.53
Savings Account	\$ 2,259.10
CD's	\$ 5,013.46

Our assets are approximately \$26,252.42, but additional income will be coming in on the golf tournament. (Dixon Golf sent a check for \$204.00, but still owes around \$400.00)



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Have You Heard?

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.REPORT OF OFFICERS:

Commandant: Ray Sturm reported for Danny Fischio concerning a new by-law. Since we have a Marine of the Year and Devil Dog of the Year, why not have a Supporter of the Year. Someone who always support us in one way or another. It will be brought up later.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: The Golf Tournament's income at this time was \$13,500.00. The Detachment will be able to present a generous check when we go to Scottsdale, Az. in August. There are a few outstanding issues to be discussed on the tournament.

NEW BUSINESS: Harry Anderson (also a member of the VFW) commented how bad the VFW building looked, needing paint and other work. He requested Detachment 1049 donate 10% of our proceeds from each event to the VFW Building fund. Harry made this request into a motion, which was amended by Jim Brady. Jim Brady motioned to donate \$1,000 to the VFW Building Fund. Jim Sanchez made a motion to table it until an exact cost could be developed by the VFW. Jim Brady made a motion to combine CDs into one, citing a \$5,000 CD would earn more money. Commandant Sturm agreed and will handle this transaction. VFW will have a Poker Run for St. Jude's Children's Hospital, July 18, 2015. Motion was made to donate \$100 for this event. Voted on and passed. Lance Corporal Dean Detachment will hold their golf tournament on September 21st, 2015. There is a \$100 donation already in the budget for this event.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE: Mid East Conference will be held this weekend in Fredericksburg, Virginia. If you are going to the National Convention in Scottsdale Az., please give your name to Adjutant Norman Huffman, so you can be put on the list as a Delegate.

Jim Brady thanked all who help with the VFW Car show. They made around \$5450.00. Well done. Ray Sturm asked if anyone was interested in the vacant VAV Officer position. He has all the information required of the officer. Check with him if you are interested.

District Vice Commandant Don Benson reported on behalf of the Commandant, stating Department meetings are not Staff meetings. All MCL members are welcome to attend all Department meetings.

Detachments should have a Young Marine Program. If not, why?

Detachments should have a Recruitment and Retention Program. If not, get one started.

Don Benson requested a copy of monthly minutes, newsletters, and quarterly reports so that he may be able to make a report on behalf of Detachment 1049 (in case no one from the Detachment is in attendance.)

Don Benson joined Detachment 1049 as a member. Welcome Don!

Upcoming events:

July 4th – Color Guard will be at Severna Park parade.

August 8th – 15th – National Convention held in Scottsdale, Arizona.

October 12th – Detachment Bull Roast at VFW



Anne Arundel Detachment 1049 Color Guard At BaySox's Game



4th of July Severna Park Parade



Rules for Saluting US Flag

Traditionally, members of the nation's veterans service organizations have rendered the hand-salute during the national anthem and at events involving the national flag only while wearing their organization's official head-gear.

The National Defense Authorization Act of 2008 contained an amendment to allow un-uniformed servicemembers, military retirees, and veterans to render a hand salute during the hoisting, lowering, or passing of the U.S. flag. A later amendment further authorized hand-salutes during the national anthem by veterans and out-of-uniform military personnel. This was included in the Defense Authorization Act of 2009, which President Bush signed on Oct. 14, 2008.

Here is the actual text from the law:

SEC. 595. MILITARY SALUTE FOR THE FLAG DURING THE NATIONAL ANTHEM BY MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES Not UNIFORM AND BY VETERANS.

Section 301(b)(1) of title 36, United States Code, is amended by striking subparagraphs

(A) through (C) and inserting the following new subparagraphs:

(A) individuals in uniform should give the military salute at the first note of the anthem and maintain that position until the last note;

(B) members of the Armed Forces and veterans who are present but not in uniform may render the military salute in the manner provided for individuals in uniform; and

(C) all other persons present should face the flag and stand at attention with their right hand over the heart, and men not in uniform, if applicable, should remove their headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart;

Note: Part (C) applies to those not in the military and non-veterans. The phrase "men not in uniform" refers to civil service uniforms like police, fire fighters, and letter carriers no-veteran civil servants who might normally render a salute



Lt. Gen. Robert Neller is the Obama administration's choice to succeed Gen. Joseph Dunford as 37th commandant of the Marine Corps, Secretary of Defense Ash Carter an-

nounced Wednesday. Neller, 62, now serves as commander of Marine Corps Forces Command in Norfolk, Virginia, where he oversees deployment planning and execution and East Coast Marine bases.

He also commands Marine Corps Forces Europe. A 40-year Marine infantry officer, Neller has seen operational experience during wartime and peace, with deployments to Iraq, Somalia and Panama.

At a press event where the nomination was made official, Carter praised the "phenomenal" capabilities of Keller.

"Bob is a warrior. He's a leader. He's a statesman," Carter said, noting that the two worked closely together when Carter was deputy secretary and Neller was the director of operations, the J-3, for the joint staff.

"We traveled together in the theater and around this country, where I saw Bob's outstanding relationship with the troops," Carter said. "He loves them. He relates to them. And they light up when he talks to them."

The future leadership of the Marine Corps has been a mystery since early May, when Dunford was nominated to succeed retiring Army Gen. Martin Dempsey as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Dunford, who became commandant in October, recently began implementing a series of reforms aimed at creating a more mature and balanced Marine Corps with better-educated enlisted leaders.

If confirmed, Neller will come to the commandancy with an extensive resume of operational and administrative experience, including joint positions overseas.



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.

Monthly Meetings, MCL Detachment 1049 & Auxiliary Monday, July 27, 2015 @ 1900 (Ray Sturm / Anita Ullery)

MCL National Convention August 9-15 2015 Scottsdale AZ.

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)

MCL Detachment 1049 Bull and Oster Roast October 18 @ 1300-1800 (Ben Wells)



Members' Birthdays

Members of our Detachment, who will be celebrating birthdays during the month of July include:

Frank Berg Russell Bixler James Galvin

Ray Gonzales Tom Maiorana Charles Sutton

Ted Thompson Charles Young Howard Throngard

Note-- If you were born in July and your name is not listed above, please contact the editor to be included in the future.

Quotation

"I do not miss the Marine Corps, I miss the Marines..."

Oliver North
Lieutenant Colonel, USMC Retired



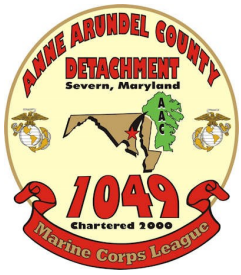
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The Pentagon's F-35 Joint Program Office is defending its new stealth aircraft in response to a recent news report citing a test pilot's analysis claiming the aircraft proved to be inferior to an F-16 in "dogfighting" test scenarios.

Military.com received a copy of the Jan. 14 report, titled "F-35A High Angle of Attack Operational Maneuvers," which says the aircraft lacked the "energy maneuverability" to succeed in air-to-air test dogfighting scenarios against the older aircraft.