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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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The Best Golf Tournament Yet!



The 10th annual edition of the Marines Helping Marines Tournament was another in an ongoing string of successful tournaments, which have been hosted by the Anne Arundel County Detachment of the Marine Corps League. Although most participants would focus on the events that took place at the Waldon County Club in Crofton Maryland on May 30th, the success of this year's fund-raiser also requires a look back at the many preliminary efforts that took place months earlier.

One of the more important factors was the gracious acceptance of the role of Tournament Coordinator by Christine Stevens. Bringing her acumen for team building into play, his first major accomplishment was the enlistment of a supporting staff composed of individuals, who were instrumental in the success of prior tournaments. Among these staffers were James Brady, Ray Sturm, Ben Wells, Manny Airey.

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From the Editor

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

Memorial Day Commemoration at the Crownsville Veterans Cemetery

As has been true for years, our Color Guard was part of the combined Veteran's Color Guard at the Crownsville ceremony. Our own Commander Woody Bowman was not only a member of our Color Guard but served as Sergeant of the Guard for the combined Color Guard made up of all participating veterans organizations. While I was standing in formation with the National Colors, I had an opportunity to scan the crowd. What impressed me was the significant number of MCL red covers that were visible. To each and every member who came to pay their respect and share an hour with us in remembering our comrades...THANK YOU!

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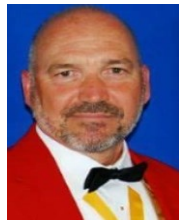
Good Standing (Dues Paid)			
Type	USMC	Associate	Multiple
Life Memberships	75	5	5
Annual Memberships	24	5	–
New Members			
	2		–
Sub-Totals			
	101	12	5
Total			
	118		

Renewals

[Dues expire at end of indicated month]

May 2015	June 2015	July 2015
Rich Gonzales George Stallings Burton Helmka Joe Stephens	Lawrence Shiflett	Gilbert Cavey Joshua Copfer Timothy Munz Tomas Yusaitis

Commandant Ray Sturm



Greetings Marines,

Well, the summer is well underway. I hope everyone is enjoying the warm weather. Don't say it's too hot.. just remember last winter. I think they still have snow piles in Boston.

I am pleased to report that our 10th Annual Marines Helping Marines Golf Tournament was a huge success. We had a record number of golfers, used every cart the golf course had, and ran out of chow. From everything I heard, Walden Country Club was a hit for the golfers. The final numbers are not in yet, but I expect we will easily clear \$13,000. I'd like to thank everyone who participated, volunteered, and help coordinate the event. We couldn't have done it without you. A special thank you goes out to our committee chairperson, Christine Stevens. Chris, you did an amazing job. Thank you!

Marines, I want your input. I want to arrange an outing for our membership. A few years ago we made a trip to the Marine Barracks at 8th and I for an Evening Parade. I would like to do something along those lines. I'm thinking a trip to the Marine Museum in Quantico or even a minor league baseball game to see the BaySox play in Bowie. I'm open to ideas. Let me know what you think. My personal email is Bandit6a@gmail.com.

Finally, I'd like to re-invite everyone to our monthly meeting. I realize it's a business meeting, but the fun happens at the bar when it's over. Come on by and enjoy the camaraderie of your fellow Marines.

Semper Fi... be safe.

Ray



Senior Vice Comandant Ben Wells



Marines,

As in the past, our detachment had a very good showing and more important we had a very good time. I highly recommend for every member who has not attended a Department Convention, to consider to attend one. The best way to describe how you feel is the way you felt about being on liberty after a long period in the boonies or at sea

.I would like to thank everyone who helped with the Marines Helping Marines golf tournament. This year we broke the record of money collected and will present a check in Phoenix, AZ this year at the convention. 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 June 1918

"Retreat Hell! We just got here," said the 5th Marine Regiment in France.

5 June 1944

Lieutenant General H. M. (Howlin' Mad) Smith is designated the first FMF Pac Commander.

6 June 1918

Marines advance into Belleau Wood against German machine guns.

8 June 1995

Team of 40 Marines rescues downed USAF pilot, Captain Scott O'Grady, who had been shot down over Bosnia-Herzegovina six days earlier.

12 June 1961

President John F. Kennedy signs a presidential proclamation calling for the American flag to be flown at the Marine Corps War Memorial in Arlington, Virginia, "at all times... day and night."

18 June 1945

Major General Roy S. Geiger, USMC, assumes command of the 10th Army during the battle for Okinawa after Army Lieutenant General Simon Buckner is killed.

21 June 1945

The battle for Okinawa ends with the raising of the American flag by Lieutenant General Roy S. Geiger, USMC.

22 June 1954

President Eisenhower authorizes the use of the first official Marine Corps Seal.

25 June 1950

Korean War begins when North Korean forces invade South Korea.

25 June 1971

Last Marine ground troops depart Vietnam.

Junior Vice Commandant Matt Prial



Marines,

So I am watching the Memorial Classic from Dublin Ohio. I noticed several similarities between the duffers at Walden and the pros at Dublin. Just about everyone has the same apparel. There is one big difference. At Walden everyone was smiling. Must be because it is a great feeling to be able to golf, share in some revelry, and know that you are providing a bit of material comfort for those truly in need.

I would like to personally thank everyone who participated, but that would take forever. Consider this column my thanks. All of the organizers toiled late into the night in order to make this fund raiser a complete success. There were a few bugs. They have been squashed and will not be making an appearance next year.

You know the reason you joined the MCL is because you are proud of what you have accomplished and you like hanging around Marines. Come on down, get involved, and have a few laughs. And we can always use some adult supervision.

Matt Prial



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Ray Sturm

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Color Guard

Color Guard Commander Woody Bowman

Marching in the Severna Park 4th of July Parade at 10:00 AM.

We will assemble at Saint Martin's in the Field Church (Benfield Road)

July 4th Baysox Stadium Present color at the Baysox's game 7:00



Remembering the 71s Anniversary of D-Day June 6th, 1944

On June 6, 1944, after years of meticulous planning and endless training, more than 160,000 Allied troops landed on the beaches of Normandy, France as part of "Operation Overlord", marking the opening days of the ground war in Europe in what would become World War II.

The landing included over 5,000 ships, 11,000 airplanes, and over 150,000 service men. The cost in lives on D-Day was high. Many of the first young men (most not yet 20 years old) entered the surf carrying eighty pounds of equipment. They faced over 200 yards of beach before reaching the first natural feature offering any protection. Blanketed by small-arms fire and bracketed by artillery, they found themselves in hell. When it was over, more than 9,000 Allied Soldiers were killed or wounded, but their sacrifice allowed the ultimate defeat of Adolf Hitler's crack German Army and dreams of a German dominated Europe.



Military Order of the
Devil Dogs



Woof woof,

The Maryland Pack held a very successful Grand Growl on 15 May in Ocean City. We also elevated three Pups to Devil Dog. Congratulations and a big woof woof to DD Diamond Kimos.

At the Grand Growl we collected \$218.00 in passport stamps/freewill donations for the children's hospital in Scottsdale, Az. However, some very generous Dogs continued to throw bones at the Dog Robber all weekend. By the time the bones were sorted out the following week, there was a grand total \$556.00! An outstanding job Dogs. This brings the total that the Maryland Pack contributes to the hospital fund to \$1,446.00! I truly believe no other Pack in the Kennel will top that amount. Congratulations Dogs, we will be number one again!

At the Grand Growl nominations and election of officers were held with the following results: Pack Leader (again) PDD Brady; Senior vice Pack Leader PDD Airey, Junior vice Pack Leader PDD Wells, Smart Dog PDD Blair; Dog Trainer PDD Hadley; Mad Dog PDD Rossi; Police Dog PDD Sturm; Barking Dog PDD Hadley; and PDD Taylor was appointed Dog Robber (Almost looks like a Pound 204 officer roster, doesn't it?). The Senior vice Chief Devil Dog, Honorable PDD C. O. Smith did the honors of swearing in the 2016 officers.

The Senior vice Chief had a very enjoyable visit with the best Pack in the Kennel. He especially enjoyed the DD initiation.

The National Marine Corps League Commandant, PDD John Kovalcik, also had a very enjoyable time.

A big thank you to everyone who made our visitors feel welcome.

Summer is here and we won't growl again until 12 September. However, don't relax too much. The Mid-east conference is being held the last weekend of this month in Fredericksburg, Virginia. There is still time to make reservations and get there for the Friday evening Growl. All Dogs are welcome to attend. It is a hoot.

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 Joe Wright (acting Chaplain).

Members in attendance: 19 members

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

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
Woody Bowman	Color Guard Commander, Detachment Marine of the Year
Ed Dahling	Past Detachment Commandant

Note: Pat Sharkey our Detachment new Sgt.- at - Arms

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:

An application for membership was received from Samuel Joyce. A motion was made, second, and voted on to accept Samuel's application. Welcome Samuel.

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:

Congressman John Sarbanes invited the Detachment to join him for a Veterans Benefits Workshop Saturday, May 30, 2015, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Glen Burnie Improvement Association, located at 19 Crain Highway South, Glen Burnie, Md.

Norman Huffman reminded everyone about the Community Family Day at Downs Park which the Detachment 1049 will participate for a recruitment drive.. Date and time is June 6, 2015 at 11 a.m. til 4 p.m. Norm also gave a financial report on the MCL quarter auction. The report was on the tables last month.

PAYMASTER: Ray Sturm reported:

Checking Account	\$17,281.49
Savings Account	\$ 2,259.10
CD's	\$ 5,012.65

MEMBERS SICK AND IN DISTRESS: None



Have You Heard?

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.REPORT OF OFFICERS:

Commandant:

Commandant Ray Sturm announced the winner of the rifle raffle was Rich Zeal. Rich bought his ticket from Ben and Ray at a function they had attended. Ray also commented on a Corpsman from South Carolina who is in hospice. He received the Purple Heart and two bronze stars, having served at Chosen Reservoir. They would like to have the Honor Guard present Colors upon his passing. Ray will check into this. Commandant Sturm is also looking for members to fill the three empty Officer positions.

Sr. Vice Commandant:

Ben Wells reported that the Bull Roast is scheduled for October 12, 2015. He has said that the Detachment has to raise money. The Color Guard has never asked for anything, which is unusual.

Webmaster:

Joe Wright reminded everyone that if they are not receiving anything from the Detachment e-mail, they need to give him their e-mail addresses and he will check into it.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

Rifle & Pistol Team: Ray Sturm reported that the team would not be going to Pennsylvania this year due to the change in dates. The team is looking for shooters.

NEW BUSINESS: Ben Wells made a motion to spend up to \$200 for advertising for Recruitment of members for the League. Voted on and passed

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:

Paul Taylor reported on the twenty-two By-law changes proposed at Convention. Paul will write a synopsis of the changes within the month for distribution. Changes will also be put on the website. Some of the highlights were: A change in location of Convention (remove from Ocean City). This bylaw failed as Ocean City has provided the needed accommodations and also provides a family-friendly atmosphere. Department position names were changed to mirror Nationals.

Dates of Convention were updated as bylaws now stipulate Convention shall be held between May 1 July 15th (Department had gone in April in the past.) Changes being made to the application to include DOD ID vs SSN. DD214s will not be kept. Will be returned to owner. Bylaw suggests every Detachment invite the 4 elected Department officers to their Installation:

New Department Officers:
Commandant Craig Reeling
Sr. Vice Commandant Evie Remines
Jr. Vice Commandant Bill Kelly
Judge Advocate Jerry Devlin

CLOSING CEREMONIES:

Commandant Sturm closed the meeting IAW MCL rituals. The next Detachment meeting will take place on June 22, 2015. Prayer was given by Joe Wright (who stood in for Fred Kaminski in his absence).



GOLF TOURNAMENT PHOTOS



1st Place Winner



2nd Place Winner



3rd Place winner



Last Place Winner



Flag Etiquette STANDARDS of RESPECT

The Flag Code, which formalizes and unifies the traditional ways in which we give respect to the flag, also contains specific instructions on how the flag is not to be used. They are:

- The flag should never be dipped to any person or thing. It is flown upside down only as a distress signal.
- The flag should not be used as a drapery, or for covering a speaker's desk, draping a platform, or for any decoration in general. Bunting of blue, white and red stripes is available for these purposes. The blue stripe of the bunting should be on the top.
- The flag should never be used for any advertising purpose. It should not be embroidered, printed or otherwise impressed on such articles as cushions, handkerchiefs, napkins, boxes, or anything intended to be discarded after temporary use. Advertising signs should not be attached to the staff or halyard.
- The flag should not be used as part of a costume or athletic uniform, except that a flag patch may be used on the uniform of military personnel, fireman, policeman and members of patriotic organizations.
- The flag should never have placed on it, or attached to it, any mark, insignia, letter, word, number, figure, or drawing of any kind.

The flag should never be used as a receptacle for receiving, holding, carrying, or delivering anything.

When the flag is lowered, no part of it should touch the ground or any other object; it should be received by waiting hands and arms. To store the flag it should be folded neatly and ceremoniously.

The flag should be cleaned and mended when necessary. When a flag is so worn it is no longer fit to serve as a symbol of our country, it should be destroyed by burning in a dignified manner.

Symbolism of the American Flag

The U.S. flag is the most widely used symbol of America, representing the many freedoms and rights guaranteed to us by the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights.

Additionally, the flag symbolizes the patriotism, honor and courage of all of you, our U.S. Veterans and military personnel, along with our individual liberties stated in the Declaration of Independence. Many other powerful meanings that define America are represented in our flag as well.

"We take the stars from Heaven, the red from our mother country, separating it by white stripes, thus showing that we have separated from her, and the white stripes shall go down to posterity representing Liberty." – George Washington

On June 14, 1777, the Flag Resolution was passed by the Second Continental Congress, which stated: "Resolved that the flag of the United States be made of thirteen stripes, Alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new Constellation." Each year thereafter, June 14 has been known as Flag Day.

The U.S. flag consists of thirteen equal horizontal stripes of red (top and bottom) alternating with white, representing the thirteen original colonies, with a blue rectangle in the upper hoist-side corner bearing 50 small, white, five-pointed stars, representing our 50 states. Common names of the flag include: "the Stars and Stripes" or "Old Glory."

Even to this day, the origin of the U.S. flag design is still uncertain. One story credits Betsy Ross for sewing the first flag from a pencil sketch by George Washington. However, no evidence exists beyond the recollections of what she told her family, which have been reported by her descendants.

When design changes occur, the change always takes place on July 4 in Philadelphia, Pa., stated by the Flag Act of April 4, 1818. The most recent change, from forty-nine stars to fifty, occurred in 1960, after Hawaii gained statehood in August 1959. Robert G. Heft's design was chosen.



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, June 22, 2015 @ 1900 (Sturm/Ullery)

2015 Mideast Division Convention Friday June 26 through Sunday, June 28, 2015 Hospitality House Hotel and Conference Center 2801 Plank Road Fredericksburg, VA. 22401 (540 786-8321)

Friday Night Dinner, MCL Detachment 1049 July 3, 2015 from 1800 – 2000 (Ray Sturm)

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

Members' Birthdays

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

Troy Bryant, Garland Downey Sr. Rudolph Snyder

Robert Di Lauro, Joseph Stephens, Walter Cooper

Francis Miller, Raymond Sturm, William Russel

NOTE – If your birthday does not appear in this column, it's likely that I am not aware of it. Old and new members are encouraged to contact me to ensure that we have all of your demographics



Quotation

"The patriot's blood is the seed of freedoms tree!"

Thomas Campbell
Poet, 1777 to 1844



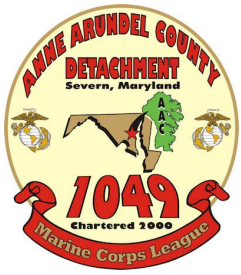
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CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. -- MV-22 Ospreys replaced the Marines' last squadron of CH-46E helicopters Thursday, officially ending the Sea Knight's 50-year run as the troop and supply transport work-

More than 600 CH-46s, affectionately known as "Battle Frogs," were produced over the years, but on Thursday, just two remained. One is destined to join dozens of others in the "boneyard," a storage space for retired aircraft, while the other -- a shiny green model that flew missions in Vietnam -- will go to the National Museum of the Marine Corps in Quantico, Va.