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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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OFFICERS INSTALLATION



The newly elected detachment officers and appointed staff assemble prior to being administered the oath of office by Department Sr. Vice Commandant Craig Reeling

The monthly detachment meeting conducted on April 27th was an abbreviated session, with its main focus on the installation of our 2015-2016 Staff officers.

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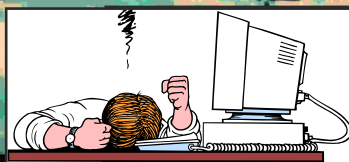
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From the Editor

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

First, I need to express my sincere appreciation to all my fellow Marines, who have supported me throughout my time as your Commandant with Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049

On another notes, I encourage everyone to take part in and support the **Department of Maryland Convention** and the **10th Annual Marines Helping Marines Golf Tournament** by selling convention ads and tee box signs, encouraging your friends to play, and of course volunteering to be part of the support crew... before, during and after the tournament. As always, I look forward to seeing all of you at our next monthly meeting

If you have an email account and are not currently receiving **the Cutting Edge** electronically, please consider doing so. Providing me with your email address will reduce our monthly newsletter delivery costs.

The deadline for **June** articles is **MIDNIGHT** on **Tuesday, May 5th, 2015. Please do not wait until the last minute to submit your article(s)!** 

Membership Statistics

Good Standing (Dues Paid)

Type	USMC	Associate	Multiple
Life Memberships	75	5	5
Annual Memberships	24	5	–

New Members

2		–
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Sub-Totals

101	12	5
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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 all,

When I joined this detachment several years ago, I never thought I would one day be its Commandant. I looked around and saw how many better qualified Marines there were. I am humbled by the thought of serving you in this capacity. As your new Commandant, I make only one promise. Simply, I promise to do my best. Please have some patience with me as I learn the nuances of this position. I know I will have plenty of people willing to give advice.

I attended the Department Convention in Ocean City from May 14-16. I'm proud to say that your detachment was well represented. We had a great group of delegates there. I'm sure those who were there had a great time. If you have never attended a convention, I encourage you to do so, and by all means bring your family.

I would also like to announce that our M1 Rifle Raffle was a success. We raised just over **\$4,500**. The winner of the rifle is **Rich Ziehl**. We will be transferring possession of the rifle to him shortly.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge and thank your new detachment staff for joining me in the leadership positions so critical to the success of the detachment. I know you will give them the support they need and deserve.

Semper Fi,
Ray Sturm



Senior Vice Comandant Ben Wells



Marines,

First let me start with thank you for electing me as your Senior Vice Commandant. This has already started out as a fast paced event in my life with the Maryland Department Convention in Ocean City. If you did not make the trip you missed a lot of fun, fellowship, food and drink. At the convention we raffled off the M1 Grand and a local guy won (I will let Ray tell you who won). Thanks to all who bought tickets to help us with our general fund raffle.

May 29th is the Marines Helping Marines golf tournament. We as a league need to come together and support this for our wounded brothers. If you do not play the sport then we can always use the help with the event. Feel free to contact me if you would like to help.

June 6th is a recruitment drive at Downs Park in Pasadena and you should arrive around 10:30 AM for setup if you would like to help.

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

2 May 1946

Marines from Treasure Island Marine Barracks, under the command of Warrant Officer Charles L. Buckner helped suppress three-day prison riot at Alcatraz Penitentiary in San Francisco Bay.

3 May 1898

Marines from the U.S.S. Baltimore raise the Stars and Stripes over the Cavite Naval Station.

5 May 1961

Marine pilots retrieved America's first astronaut, Navy Commander Alan Shepard

6 May 1937

Marines at NAS Lakehurst, NJ helped rescue Hindenburg survivors

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6 May 1946

Commandant Archibald Vandergrift tells Senate Naval Affairs Committee that The bended knee is not a tradition of our Corps

8 May 1995

In the wake of the most devastating storm to hit the New Orleans area in more than 200 years, a group of Marines and sailors from Marine Forces Reserve assisted in the evacuation of 2,500 civilians and medical treatment of flood victims.

15 May 1862

Corporal John Mackie the first Marine to earn the Medal of Honor, was commended for service on the USS GALENA during action against Confederate shore batteries at Drewry's Bluff, which blocked the James River approaches to Richmond.

22 May 1912

First Lieutenant Alfred A. Cunningham the first Marine officer to be assigned to 'duty in connection with aviation' reported for aviation training at the Naval Aviation Camp at Annapolis, MD

Junior Vice Commandant Matt Prial



Marines,

Well first I have to say thanks for having a little confidence in me, and making me your Junior Vice Commandant. I will try not to let you down. If however, I do drop the ball, be sure to let me know in person at the monthly meeting. After two weeks on the job we were able to fill out the Detachment some with two new members. Sam Joyce Jr. is a Vietnam era vet and Josh Mazurek just graduated from boot camp. Welcome Aboard. Come on down to a meeting and bring a friend.

Semper Fi,
Matt Prial



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Rifle & Pistol

Ray Sturm

Unfortunately, the detachment will not be fielding a team to shoot in the Department of Pennsylvania Pistol Match this year. We encourage shooters with an interest in shooting to give us a call.



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Color Guard

Color Guard Commander Woody Bowman

**Memorial Day Posting of Color May 25th
American Legion Post 276 on Quarterfield
Road by 9:00 AM**

**Memorial Day Ceremony – Monday, May 25th
Stage at Crownsville Veterans Cemetery by
10:30 AM**

**At the 28th annual Glen Burnie Memorial Day
Parade. Our Detachment along with the Marine
Cryptologic Support Battalion Color Guard
from Fort George G. Meade won the Judges
Award.**



April 27, 2015: Marine of the Year Honored Joe Wright Mac McNeir 2013 Detachment MOY (center) Filling in for Woody Presented MOY plaque Along with Mike Hadely (Left), and Manny Airey (right) Congratulations Joe .



Military Order of the
Devil Dogs



Woof woof,

Pound 204 held another very successful Growl in March at the Pound Dog House. The host (VFW Post 160) had bloody marys prepared for an early eye-opener. A very fine breakfast was also available for those desiring solid food. We collected \$353.00 for the children's hospital in Scottsdale, Az. Since that was the last Pound Growl of the MODD year, our total contribution for the children's hospital is \$1,437.00. Congratulations Dogs, we will be number one again!

Pound 204 will have two Pups (Kaminski and Kimos) advancing to DD in Ocean City on 15 May, as well as five or six other Pups from different Pounds around the Pack. It should be a fun time as our illustrious Pack Mad Dog, PDD Rossi, is busy getting all sorts of fun things ready for the initiation. The Chief Devil Dog was already obligated for that weekend, but she is sending her vice Chief in her stead. Make sure you stop by and make him and his wife welcome.

Everyone should have already made reservations for the Department Convention and Pack Grand Growl in Ocean City for the weekend of 14-17 May. The convention and Grand Growl is a time to meet old friends and establish some new friendships. But most of all, it is a time to relax and have fun and maybe a libation now and then, mostly now.

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 Ed Dahling at 1900 hours.
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by prayer by our Chaplain, Fred Kaminski.
Members in attendance: 23 members
Commandant Ed Dahling acknowledged the presence of the following Special Guests.

Craig Reeling	Department Senior Vice Commandant & Marine for Life
Paul Taylor	Department of Maryland Adjutant
Manny Airey	Past Detachment Commandant, Department Marine of the Year
Joe Wright	Past Detachment Commandant
Guy Hall	Past Detachment Commandant
Mac McNeir	Past Detachment Commandant
Evelyn Remines	Department Junior Vice Commandant & Marine for Life
Don Benson	East District Vice Commandant
George Owen	Department of Veteran Affairs
Jane Huffman	Photographer

Note: Charles Luthardt was acting as Sgt at Arms for George Martin during his recuperation.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: Non

The regular agenda for the evening was suspended due to the Installation of Officers.

MARINE OF THE YEAR AWARD:

At this time, the meeting was turned over to Wayne (Mac) McNeir, Manny Airy, and Mike Hadley to present the Marine of the Year Award to Joe Wright.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS:

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New 2015-2016 officers are:

Commandant:	Ray Sturm
Sr. Vice Commandant:	David "Ben" Wells
Jr. Vice Commandant:	Matt Prial
Judge Advocate:	Chris Wise
Adjutant:	Norm Huffman
Paymaster:	Ed Dahling

Sr. Vice Commandant Ben Wells closed the meeting and invited everyone to partake in the food and drinks.

Upcoming events:

May 14th – 15th – 16th MCL 2015 Convention in Ocean City Md.

May 29th – Detachment 1049 Annual Golf Tournament at Walden Country Club (Crofton)

August 9th – 15th National Convention held in Scottsdale, Arizona.

October 12 - Has been blocked in for the Bull Roast.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The winner of 50/50 was Joyce Lathrop.

CLOSING CEREMONIES:

Sr. Vice Commandant Wells closed the meeting IAW MCL rituals. The next Detachment meeting will take place on May 18th, 2015. Prayer was given by Chaplain, Fred Kaminski.

Respectfully submitted,
Norman Huffman, Adjutant
Marine Corps League - A. A. County Detachment 1049



CONVENTION PHOTOS



Sr. Vice Commandant Ben Wells



Last Years Department MOY Manny Airey
This Years Department MOY Evelyn Remines



Commandant Ray Sturm




Adjutant Norman Huffman & Manny Airey





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Coming Events

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NOTE –The dates and times listed below are subject to change Please verify the information with the indicated organizational point of contact.

2015 Marines Helping Marines Golf Tournament Friday, May 29, 2015 / Shot-Gun start at 0900 (Chris Stevens) Waldon Country Club Corfton Md,

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)

Members' Birthdays

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

Jerry Fay George Jahelka Joseph Lowman

Edward Luthardt Charles Luthardt Jr. Ron Short

Robert Tavik Sr. William Wild

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

*"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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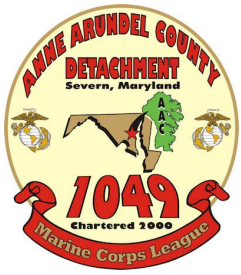
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Marines Making History Capt. Higgins is the first female pilot to ever perform with the Blue Angels. And lives in Severna Park A 2008 Naval Academy graduate am so glad I get to be a part of the 130 team members who are the best in their field.”