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# *the* **CUTTING EDGE**

news for and about the members of Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049 of the Marine Corps League  
Ed Dahling, Commandant & Editor / <http://mclaacdet1049.org/>

*Thank you Norman and Jane Huffman*



Norman and Jane again helping our Detachment out by holding a Quarter Auction which they made \$2690.00 which goes toward our General Fund. You guys are always the best. Thank you and Semper Fi.

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## From the Editor

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

I would like to say congratulation to our new elected Officers and wish them my best.

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 **May** articles is **MIDNIGHT** on **Tuesday, May 2nd, 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	78	4	5
Annual Memberships	51	5	–

### New Members

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### Sub-Totals

129	9	5
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### Total

143

## Renewals

[ Dues expire at end of indicated month ]

March 2015	April 2015	May 2015
Rich Gonzales (Charles Grove) Burton Helmka (Frank Mondragon) (PAST DUE)	—None—	—None—

# Commandant's Message



Ed Dahling

Marines,

This article is my last as your detachment Commandant. I am appreciative for you entrusting me with the position of Commandant for the last two years and I hope that I have done well. Although I am saddened to be leaving my post, I look forward to working with our new leadership. There are still great strides that must be made by the detachment, but it cannot be done by a select few alone.

As you have read time and time again in our articles, the detachment needs participation from more of our members. If more members would step up, everyone's tasking would be less arduous as the duties of the detachment would be spread around. We need members to make themselves available for functions and to bring ideas to the table with regard to community outreach and fundraising. This detachment is top notch and to remain at the top, we must operate as a unit.

The detachment nominated and elected the following officers by a single unanimous vote of the detachment at the March 23rd meeting.

Detachment Commandant .....**Ray Sturm**  
Sr Vice Commandant .....**David (Ben) Wells**  
Jr Vice Commandant .....**Matt Prial**  
Judge Advocate .....**Chris Wise**

Your newly elected officers for the 2015-2016 term of office will be installed at our detachment meeting scheduled for **Monday, April 27, 2015 at 1900** hours. After the installation ceremony, there will be time for socializing, food and drink. Bringing your favorite covered dish if you wish to do so.

*Semper Fi,*  
*Ed Dahling*



## Senior Vice Commandant



Marines and Associate Members,

Sadly, this will be my last article for a while. I will still be fully involved with the detachment, and I am excited to see new faces leading our detachment. I see great things happening in our future and congratulations to the Marines that were nominated to be our next group of Detachment Officers.

There are several events coming up to put on your calendars.

**The Department Convention** in Ocean City on May 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. We need everyone to sell or purchase convention book ads and raffle tickets. Raffle tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$20. See me for raffle tickets, I have plenty left...

Our **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual M1 Garand Raffle**. Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25 and the drawing will take place on May 16<sup>th</sup> at the Department Convention in Ocean City.

Our **10<sup>th</sup> Annual Marines Helping Marines Golf Tournament** will be taking place on **Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at Walden Country Club**. We will need everyone's support in obtaining golfers and sponsors as well as volunteers for the event.

Semper Fi,  
Joseph Wright







## Corps History

by Ed Dahling for Joe Wright, Historian

### 1 April 1945

1st & 6th Marine Divisions land on Okinawa.

### 2-3 April 2003

5th Marine Regimental Combat Team captures bridges over Tigris River to open the path to Baghdad.

### 3 April 1945

Marines of the III Amphibious Corps effectively cut Okinawa in half in three days rather than the originally projected eleven.

### 8 April 1956

Six recruits drown in Ribbon Creek at MCRD Parris Island.

### 9 April 1942

105 Marines among American captives on Bataan Death March.

### 13 April 2003

Marines locate seven American soldiers held prisoner by the Iraqis near Samarra.

### 14 April 1865

Marines guard the body of **John Wilkes Booth** after the assassination of **Abraham Lincoln**.

### 15 April 1962

Marine Corps operational involvement in the Vietnam War begins, when HMM-362 arrives at Soc Trang in the Delta south of Saigon – as part of **Operation Shufly** – to air-lift Vietnamese troops into battle.

### 18 April 1983

A Marine Security Guard is killed and seven wounded when a large car bomb explodes just outside the U.S. Embassy in Beirut, Lebanon.

### 19 April 1995

**Captain Randolph A. Guzman** and **Sergeant Benjamin L. Davis** are killed when the Alfred Murrah Federal Office Building is bombed in Oklahoma City, OK.



## Junior Vice Commandant



Winter has grudgingly released its grip and spring is finally here. It's time to put away the snow shovels and ice melt and get outside and tend to those gardens. What a perfect opportunity to renew ties with neighbors or meet the folks who just moved in. Perhaps you noticed they had a Marine Corps bumper sticker on one of their cars. After you both swapped sea stories, don't forget to mention the League. Ask if they'd like to continue the camaraderie you just shared by joining us the fourth Monday of the month.

I had the honor and pleasure of attending Harford County Detachment 1198's Tenth Anniversary Dinner on March 28<sup>th</sup>. I'd like to thank Commandant Remines and her staff for a wonderful evening. There is nothing like sharing memories, both good and not so good, with fellow Marines. I would be remiss if I did not mention the performance of the Jarrettsville Young Marines. They performed flawlessly and served as a reminder that our future is in good hands.

Folks, you have just read my final column as your Junior Vice. I thank you for the support you have given me over the last several years. Oh, don't worry... I'm not fading away just yet. Big surprises in store next month.

Semper Fi,



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## Rifle & Pistol

Ray Sturm

I would like to announce the 2015 Department of Pennsylvania Pistol Match is open for registration. The match will be held at Fort Indiantown Gap from 29-31 May. Shooting takes place on Saturday morning. The cost is \$30 for the Service Match and \$45 for both the Service Match and Open Match. Billeting in the squad bay is available. If you are interested, please contact me at 202-903-8480. All of the necessary forms are available at <http://pamcleague.org/Pistol.htm> or see me, Registration ends 15 May.



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## Color Guard

*Color Guard Commander Woody Bowman*

**Ferndale Day Parade – Sunday, May 3rd**  
Stage at **North County High School** by **11:00 AM**

**Glen Burnie Memorial Day Parade , May 17th**  
Stage at **Corkran Middle School** on **Quarterfield Road** by **1:00 PM**

**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**

*Adjutant*  
*Norm Huffman*



I would like to thank everyone who helped out with the Marine Corp Leagues quarter auction Thursday night. We made \$2690 for Detachment 1049.

Thanks to Ray Sturm, Ben Wells, Joe Wright, Matt Prial, Bill Collins, Ed Dahling, Tom Maiorana, and Manny Airy. Special thanks to Fred Kaminski and Nila Caulder for showing their support.

Also thanks to Jane Huffman for getting this all together and John Spiker for getting all of the donations.

*Norman Huffman*

*Adjutant*

*MCL Detachment 1049*



Military Order of the  
**Devil Dogs**



## **Military Order of the Devil Dogs (MODD)**

*The Fun & Honor Society of the Marine Corps League*

Woof woof Devil Dogs,

Hound Dog Pound 204, Maryland Pack, Military Order of Devil Dogs, will hold a Growl sometime around 0900, Sunday, 19 April 2015, at the Pound Dog House (VFW Post 160), 2597 Dorsey Road, Glen Burnie, phone 410 766 9802.

Bloody marys and an Anne Arundel County Detachment breakfast will be served at 0800.

I had verbally told some of you Dogs that the Growl will be on the 12th. However due to a scheduling conflict (cooties, etc.) I had to reschedule the Growl for the 19th. Hopefully this is not too much of an inconvenience for anyone. If it is complain to PDD Brady because he and his cootie cohorts are the reason for the change.

We would appreciate your attendance. Bring bones!

We should have two mongrels from Anne Arundel County Detachment advancing to Pup, so it will be a fun time for those of us who just sit around enjoying the mayhem!

All Pups and mongrels report to Sir Pound Mad Dog, PDD Rossi, at 0800.

**Reminder:** This is the last Growl of the MODD year and the last time our passport bones/freewill donations will be forwarded to the Kennel for the children's hospital in Scottsdale, Arizona. To date we have forwarded \$1,084.00. Suffice it to say, Pound 204 will again be the number one contributor of passport bones for the Kennel.

**Remember:** It is an honor to be a Devil Dog.

Woof woof,  
DD Paul E. 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.  
Members in attendance: 22 members

Commandant acknowledged presence of the following special guests.

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
Woody Bowman	Color Guard Commander, Detachment Marine of the Year
Mac McNeir	Past Detachment Commandant

**APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: None**

## READING OF THE MINUTES:

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

## CORRESPONDENCE:

Manny Airey turned in a report on the Marathon Jam. Donations by Anne Arundel Co, Detachment 1049, Military Order of the Cooties Block Buster 3, and many others. Marathon Jam raised over \$38,000 to donate to the Fisher House Foundation. That is great. Norman Huffman report he had phone numbers for anyone who wanted to be interview for Combat Veterans.

## PAYMASTER:

Ray Sturm was absent, and Ben Wells gave the report.

Checking	\$ 9,727.63
Savings	\$ 2,258.82
<u>Certificates</u>	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>
Total	\$ 6,986.45

Ben Wells reported on the ads that were sold and the rifle raffle. The ad sales are \$730.00 and our share is \$215.00. The sales on the raffle are slow. We have only taken in \$2750.00, and we still have a long ways to go. So please sell those tickets.

**MEMBERS SICK & IN DISTRESS:** George Martin is still recuperating.

## REPORT OF OFFICERS:

### Commandant

Commandant Ed Dahling reminded everyone that the convention is near. He has patron ad form that he will pass around. Sign your name and pay \$5.00. This Thursday night we have the quarter auction at Orchard Beach Fire Hall, and we need all the help we can get and also people to play. To help, be there by 5 or 6pm. We have a lot of prizes to give away.



# Have You Heard?

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## **Sr. Vice Commandant**

Joe Wright has the Money Raffle tickets for the Department of Maryland. Prizes are as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> Place winner - \$1000.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place winner - \$500.00, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place winner - \$200.00 and 4<sup>th</sup> Place winner - \$100.00. Tickets are \$10.00 each or 3 for \$20.00. (Will be drawn at the Convention). If we have a Bull Roast, October 12<sup>th</sup> has been blocked in at the VFW, for the League..

## **Adjutant**

Norman Huffman stressed the need for names of anyone going to the convention as a Delegate as well as those attending the banquet.

## **REPORT OF COMMITTEES:** *(Only listing those with actual reports)*

### **Color Guard:**

Woody Bowman reported that the personal Colors for Lt. Colonel Hitzelberger was held inside due to the weather. The Color Guard will perform May 3 in the Ferndale Parade. Paul Downy will be there with the jeep. Starts at 12am. May 13 they will be at the Glen Burnie Parade. Starts at 2pm at Corkran Middle School Be there at 1pm if in parade. May 29 The Marines Color Guard will be at the Golf Tournament.

### **News Letter Editor:**

Ed Dahling reported that he has sent out the newsletter. If you have any articles for the March newsletter, please contact Ed. If you do not receive it, please see Ed and make sure he has your correct e-mail address.

**Quartermaster:** There are many new posters on the table, please look them over. If anyone is interested in the books we had on the table, please let us know.

**New Business –** We are in need of a Web Sergeant. Mike Hadley has resigned

## **GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:**

Sr. vice Commandant Joe Wright opened nominations. The current nominations for positions are listed below. Matt Prial With drew from nomination position of Commandant

Commandant: Ray Sturm  
Senior Vice: Ben Wells  
Junior Vice: Matt Prial  
Judge Advocate: Chris Wise

Woody announced that the nominations for Marine of the Year have to be turned in tonight. There will be a short meeting right after ours. Jim Brady made a motion to have the League purchase a T box sign at the golf tournament. Second, and voted on. After it was noticed that it was in the budget, he with drew his motion.

## **CLOSING CEREMONIES:**

Commandant Dahling closed the meeting IAW MCL rituals. The next Detachment meeting will take place on April 27, 2015 at @ 1900 hours. Prayer was given by Chaplain, Fred Kaminski.





# Marine Corps League



Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049

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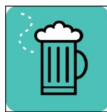
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## Coming Events

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.

MODD Growl, Pound 204  
Sunday, April 19th 2015 from 0800 – 1100

Marine Corps League Leadership Course  
Saturday, April 18th 2015 from 0800 – 1600  
(Craig Reeling) (443-477-0670)

Monthly Meetings, MCL Detachment 1049 & Auxiliary Monday, April 27th, 2015 @ 1900 (ED Dahling / Anita Ullery)

2015 Department of Maryland Convention  
Thursday, May 14th through Saturday, May 16, 2015 Princess Royale Oceanfront Hotel & Convention Center 9100 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD. (1-800-4-ROYALE)

Friday Night Dinner, MCL Detachment 1049  
Friday, May 1, 2015 from 1800 – 2000

Monthly Meetings, MCL Detachment 1049 & Auxiliary Monday, May 25, 2015 @ 1900 (Ray Sturm)

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

2015 Mideast Division Convention Friday  
June 26 through Sunday, June 28, 2015  
Hospitality House Hotel and Conference Center  
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## Members' Birthdays

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

**Chuck Albo      Gary Barr      Charles Fisher**  
**Chris Kalwa      Bill Merrill      Tim Muniz**  
**George Owings      Jack Severn      Franklin Wood**

**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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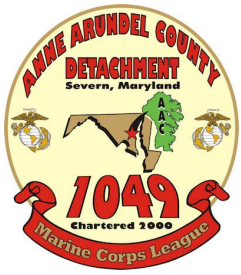


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Lance Cpl. Corey Aaron, a color guard Marine attached to Marine Barracks Washington, holds steady through sub-zero wind chill during the sergeant major of the Marine Corps relief appointment ceremony at the Marine Corps War Memorial, Feb. 20, 2015.