

news for and about the members of Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049 of the Marine Corps League

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Sen. Manchin urges Navy to Name Ship After Decorated W. Va. Veteran



Marine Hershel "Woody" Williams, a Medal of Honor recipient and the last surviving member of the famous Iwo Jima flag raising photo, rides on a float during the Veteran's Day Parade on November 11, 2013, in New York City.

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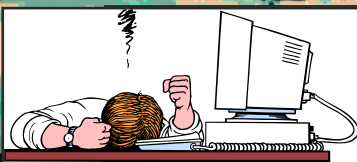
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From the Editor

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

Detachment Elections and Marine of the Year selection will soon be taking place. Don't remain silent if you know of worthy nominees!

On other 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 **April** articles is **MIDNIGHT** on **Tuesday, April 3, 2012. 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			
—	—	—	—
Sub-Totals			
129	9	5	
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

We are fast approaching the end of another detachment year, and as you know... at the last meeting, we held the initial nomination session for the detachment's elected officers, who will serve during 2015-2016. Currently in nomination, we have:

Detachment Commandant Matt Prial
Detachment Sr Vice Commandant Ben Wells
Detachment Jr Vice Commandant Ray Sturm
Detachment Judge Advocate Chris Wise
At our **March meeting**, we will re-open the nominating process before we conduct the elections.

DEPARTMENT OF MARYLAND CONVENTION

We still need a volunteer to be a **detachment delegate to the Department of Maryland Convention**. Currently, we have twelve of the thirteen delegates authorized for our detachment. Delegates will be electing the **Department of Maryland Officers** for the coming year as well as deciding the fate of other important items. **As a delegate – you will need to attend the Saturday, May 15, session.** If you are interested in serving as a delegate, please give your name to our current Adjutant during the March meeting.

Our **April meeting** will be a joint MCL and MCL Auxiliary session, where the newly elected officers of both the Auxiliary and Detachment will be installed. Immediately following the meeting, there will be a joint get together to celebrate the installation of our new leaders. So as you can see, **the next two meetings are very important and all members should make every effort to participate. MARINES HELPING MARINES GOLF**

This year's fund-raiser for **Marines Helping Marines** will take place on **Friday, May 29th, 2015**. We need everyone's support in obtaining golfers, sponsors, tee box sign purchasers, etc. Please consider being part of the effort. See me if you need the flyers, entry forms, etc.

*Semper Fi,
Ed Dahling*



Senior Vice Commandant



Marines and Associate Members,

As most of you know, I will not be running for any elected positions within our detachment. Several personal endeavors have taken up what little brain capacity I have left (not that there was much to begin with). I will fully support and assist the incoming officers as needed and look forward to seeing new leadership within the detachment. There are several events coming up to put on your calendars.

Quarter Auction Throw down on March 26th at the Orchard Beach Volunteer Fire Department, which is being organized by Jane Huffman (Norm's wife). They are in need of volunteers to assist with this fundraiser that will benefit the detachment. I will be there...

The Department Convention in Ocean City on May 14th, 15th and 16th. 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.

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

Our **10th Annual Marines Helping Marines Golf Tournament** will be taking place on **Friday, May 29th at Walden Country Club**. We will need everyone's support in obtaining golfers and sponsors

*Semper Fi,
Joseph Wright*





Corps History

by Ed Dahling for Joe Wright, Historian

March 8,

Marks the 50th anniversary of the beginning of the ground war in Vietnam with the deployment of 3,500 Marines. By war's end on April 30, 1975, nearly 3 million service men and women fought in the conflict that would take the lives of more than 58,000 Americans. American military advisers had been involved in South Vietnam since the 1950s.

Of those who served during the Vietnam War, 258 were awarded the Medal of Honor. More than six out of 10 award recipients made the ultimate sacrifice, giving their lives while performing the courageous acts for which they were later honored.

To commemorate this important milestone, the U.S. Postal Service will honor these brave Americans by dedicating the Limited Edition Vietnam War Medal of Honor Prestige Folio Forever stamps on Memorial Day, May 25.



"We expected nuthin' in Vietnam,
when we got home-nuthin's what we got"



Junior Vice Commandant



Greetings Marines,

Now that winter is coming to a close, we will so be starting our spring cleaning and yard work. We will be outside and perhaps seeing neighbors we haven't seen since last autumn. Maybe you have a new neighbor and you happened to see a Marine Corps sticker on his or her car. What a perfect opportunity to introduce yourself and ask if he's a member of *our* League.. and if he'd like to join *your* detachment. I'd like to ask each member to make just one recruiting pitch this spring. Let's see if we can increase our membership. We need you to be our best advertisement.

I'd like to thank those who responded to our M1 Rifle Raffle mailing. The response has been encouraging. We know that in these economic times, finding a few extra dollars can be tough. Please know that your contributions will go to some very worthwhile causes. Oh, and if you're lucky enough to win, but don't really want the rifle, I have plenty of willing buyers ready to take it off your hands. (Yours truly included.)



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Rifle & Pistol

Ray Sturm

The weather is improving. Ammunition is once again available. Prices are reasonable. Now is the time to get to the range and start tuning up. I will announce the area matches as I get the info. All are welcome to come shoot. There are even "Open" categories at the matches that will allow you to fire any handgun. A match grade 1911 is not required. Revolvers are welcome. Manny still has his issued flintlock and can use it. He just has a hard time with the rapid fire. New shooters welcome.



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Color Guard

by Ed Dahling for Color Guard Commander Woody Bowman

The Color Guard will be going to the Old St. Anne's Cemetery in Annapolis, Maryland on March 14th at 11 A.M. for the Annual Confederate Navy/Marine Corps Day Ceremony to honor the Confederate soldiers buried there. Woody has been participating in this event the last 10 years.

At 10:30 A.M., Woody and the Honor Guard will go to the grave of his dear friend Lt. Colonel Daniel Hitzelberger (who died 2 ½ years ago) and perform personal Colors. Lt. Colonel started as an enlisted man and then graduated from the USNA. He was awarded the Silver Star for his duties in Vietnam.

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Hershel Woodrow "Woody" Williams
Date of birth: October 2, 1923
Date of death: Still Living
Place of Birth: West Virginia, Quiet Dell
Home of record: Fairmont West Virginia

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — Sen. Joe Manchin, D W.Va., is urging the Navy to name a ship after Medal of Honor recipient Hershel "Woody" Williams.

Manchin made the request Friday in a letter to Navy Secretary Ray Mabus. He said naming a ship after the Fairmont native would not only honor his legacy, but also the legacy of scores of other West Virginia veterans and their families.

The 91-year-old Williams is the last living Medal of Honor recipient from the Battle of Iwo Jima. After retiring from the Marines, he worked for the Veterans Affairs Administration for 35 years.



Military Order of the
Devil Dogs



Military Order of the Devil Dogs (MODD)

The Fun & Honor Society of the Marine Corps League

Woof woof,

Pound 204 held another very successful Growl in January 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 \$312.00 for the children's hospital in Scottsdale, Az. Since the Growl, I have received another \$40.00 for the kids which will be added to the bones from the April 12 Growl.

At the National Mid-winter conference, it was announced that Pound 204 is leading the way by forwarding the most passport bones to date. However, the Pack is in second place. That will have to be taken care of by the Worthy Pack Leader at the next Pack Growl on 14th March.

Two (Pups Kaminski and Kimos) of the five Pups in the Pound have qualified for advancement to DD in Ocean City on 15 May by fulfilling the requirement to attend two Pound Growls in the year prior to the Grand Growl. It is now too late for the others to qualify as the upcoming Pound Growl on 12 April will be the last one of the Dog year.

I was remiss in my last article in stating that all Dogs in the Pack have paid their 2015 dues. What I meant was that all Dogs in the Pound have paid their dues. We still have some delinquents in the Pack.

Remember to get your reservations in for the Department Convention and Pack Grand Growl in Ocean City for the weekend of 14-18 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.

Members in attendance: 18 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

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:

William Collins was sworn in as a new member of Detachment 1049. Welcome "Bill".

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:

The Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049 received an invitation from Harford County Detachment 1198 to join them in celebrating their Ten Year Anniversary on Sunday, March 28th, 2015 at Columbus Gardens located at 4301 Klosterman Ave. Nottingham Maryland, 21236. The price is \$35.00 a person.

The Detachment also received a thank you letter from President David Coker of the Fisher House Foundation , Inc. thanking the detachment for their \$250 donation.

PAYMASTER:

Ray Sturm was absent, and no report was available.

MEMBERS SICK & IN DISTRESS:

George Martin and Mike Hadley are recovering. Have a speedy recovery.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

Commandant

Commandant Ed Dahling reminded everyone elections are coming up for anyone who is interested in running for an office. Please do not forget to vote for Marine of the Year. He will need the names of Delegates attending the Ocean City Convention and those attending the banquet. The banquet is \$45.00 per person and \$45.00 per guest. Unfortunately, due to the date change of the Convention, we will have less Delegates attending this year.

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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: 1st Place winner - \$1000.00, 2nd Place winner - \$500.00, 3rd Place winner - \$200.00 and 4th Place winner - \$100.00. Tickets are \$10.00 each or 3 for \$20.00. (Will be drawn at the Convention).

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:

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GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:

Nominations:

Sr. Vice Commandant Joe Wright opened nominations. The current nominations for positions are listed below. All nominations are closed until the next meeting, at which time nominations will be reopened.

Commandant:	Matt Prial	(Matt is signed up for Leadership Class.)
Senior Vice:	Ben Wells	
Junior Vice:	Ray Sturm	
Judge Advocate:	Chris Wise	

Tickets sales for the M-1 Grand are going quite well. Ben Wells reported that Ray Sturm, Tommy Maiorana, and himself sold \$650.00 worth of tickets at a party they attended. The detachment has also received back in the mail 25% of the tickets that we mailed out to members.

Upcoming events:

March 7th – Detachment meeting and growl at the Baltimore Detachment at 0800 hours

March 26th – Quarter Auction - 7 P.M. till 9 P.M. at the Orchard Beach Fire Hall.

Contact Norm Huffman at 443-848-1971. Help is needed!

April 18th - Leadership Class at VFW Post 160 2597 Dorsey Rd. 0800 – 1600 hours

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The next Detachment meeting will take place on March 23, at @ 1900 hours.



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The Marine Corps League is an IRS 501 (3) c non-profit organization.

Adjutant Norm Huffman



MCL Detachment 1049 Will be holding a Quarter Auction fundraiser on Thursday March 26th at the Orchard Beach Volunteer Fire Department, located at 7549 Solley Road Glen Burnie, MD. 21060. The doors will open to the public at 6 P.M. And the event begins at 7 P.M.

The cost is \$5.00 for 2 auction paddles. Additional paddles may be purchased. Auction items include Longaberger baskets, Scentsy, Pampered Chef, Purses, Thirty One, Avon, and much more. We also have many donations from local businesses and restaurants and will have a great display for the Detachments Charity table. Please share this with your family and friends so we can fill the hall with bidders! The more people we have in attendance, the more funds we will make.

We are in need of help for this event. If you are able to assist, please try to be at the firewall by 5 P.M. If at all possible wear your red shirt or at least a MCL shirt. For information, contact Norm Huffman at 443-848-1971

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Detachment 1049

For information, contact

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To: Detachment Commandants

ALL Members in Maryland

Subject: **2015 DEPARTMENT LEADERSHIP COLLEGE - 18 APRIL 2015**

A Department wide Leadership Training Class is scheduled to be held 18 April 2015 at the Glen Burnie VFW Post 160 (2597 Dorsey Road, Glen Burnie, MD 21061) home of the Anne Arundel County Detachment. This will be our 5th Annual Class. The objective of this class is to educate and familiarize Marines with the duties and responsibilities of Detachment Officers and to expand the Marines knowledge of National, Department and Detachment operations.

The Saturday Class will begin at 0800 and conclude at 1600. The cost of the class is \$35.00 per student, payable in advance with the registration. This will cover morning coffee, pastry, lunch and printed materials. Detachments may wish to pay this fee for their Marines attending. I would suggest that the Detachments have the Marines pay and reimburse them when they return with a diploma. This will stop Marines from not showing up for the class after the Detachment paid. I am sure that there are Marines in the Detachment that would have attended in their place had they known a spot was open. We will have a waiting list.

EARLY REGISTRATION IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED, as the class will be limited to 30 students. Billets will be on first come first served basis. I expect this class to be filled. Applications should be mailed as early as possible. Enrolment will end on 31 March 2015. Our goal is to have as many Leaguers as possible attended the class.

If there is a cancellation, the opening goes first to the Detachment of the Marine that canceled. If no Marine from that Detachment is able to attend, that spot will go to the waiting list. There are no refunds. Your book is printed and food was ordered for you.

There is a registration form enclosed. You may make more if you need them. Registered Marines will be sent directions and other necessary information along with their confirmation approximately two weeks before the class date.

Please make every effort to get this information out to as many Marines as possible. Associate Members are also welcome.

Semper Fidelis,
Craig P. Reeling
Leadership College Dean
Phone: 443-477-0670
Email: Craig.Reeling@MarylandMarines.org





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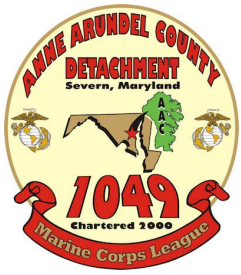
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The violent battle for Hue City, Vietnam's ancient capital, was fought by battalions of the 1st and 5th Marines, the same regiments that fought the battle for Seoul Korea, seventeen years earlier. The broken 'Tet' cease-fire in 1968 signaled the beginning of massive North Vietnamese and Viet Cong attacks throughout the length of South Vietnam. (Valor at Hue by Tom Freeman – an excerpt from *The Marines*, published by The Marine Corps Heritage Foundation)