

the Cutting Edge

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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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NEXT SERGEANT MAJOR OF THE MARINE CORPS ANNOUNCED



Sergeant Major Green enlisted in the Marine Corps on 27 November 1983 and attended Recruit Training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, South Carolina. Upon completion of recruit training, PFC Green was assigned to Hotel Battery, 3/11 at Camp Pendleton, California. While assigned as a cannon cocker with Hotel Battery, PFC Green was meritoriously promoted to Lance Corporal in August 1984.

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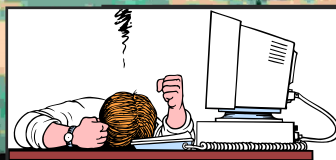
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From the Editor

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

Detachment Elections – Each of you is encouraged to either consider running for an office and ensuring that our detachment continues to be a meaningful contributor to the league's various Department of Maryland activities or nominating someone that you feel worthy and capable of that undertaking.

Detachment Marine of the Year – Each of us has the opportunity to nominate a fellow member, who we feel has selflessly committed himself to our detachment's growth and good-standing within the league and the community at large. Consider making a nomination.

Saint Baldrick's – Mac McNeir respectfully asking each of you to consider contributing to this year's Saint Baldrick's campaign to find cures for childhood cancers. See the advertisement on page 7.

The article deadline for the Cutting Edge's next issue is March 2nd.



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]

February 2015	March 2015	April 2015
Charles Albo Frank Fleishman James Hutton David Reyes		Keith Oliver Joseph Stephens

Commandant's Message



Ed Dahling

Senior Vice Commandant



Anyone planning to attend the **Department of Maryland Convention** as a delegate must let us know so the appropriate paperwork can be completed. Delegates from all of the Maryland detachments will be electing the Department of Maryland Officers for the coming year as well as deciding the fate of other important items. If you are interested in serving as a delegate, please notify **Norman Huffman** or myself. I also want to remind everyone to push the sale of convention ads for this year's convention book. **We earn 50% of all sales over \$300!**

Department of Maryland Marine of the Year – 2014

Our detachment will be submitting the name of one (1) nominee for this award prior to the next department meeting. If you have someone in mind that you believe to be deserving of statewide recognition as the **Department of Maryland Marine of the Year**, be sure to submit the required information as I outlined in the last (January 2015) newsletter.

Detachment 1049 Marine of the Year – 2014

Nominations for the **Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049 Marine of the Year** will be accepted until **23 March 2015**. If you wish to nominate an individual, be sure to follow the guidelines outlined in the last (January 2015) newsletter.

Detachment 1049 Election of Officers for FY 2015

– **2016** We will begin the nomination process at the next detachment meeting; so if anyone is interested in running for an elected position, please let your intentions be known. Candidates (nominees) are needed for each of the following positions.

- ☐ **Detachment Commandant**
- ☐ **Detachment Senior Vice Commandant**
- ☐ **Detachment Junior Vice Commandant**
- ☐ **Detachment Judge Advocate**

Ed Dahling



Fellow Detachment Members,

Fund-raisers are always going on and now is no exception. We are selling ads for the **Department Convention Book**, as well as raffle tickets for the departmental and national conventions. So please start soliciting ads for this year's Department Convention Book as it is a major fundraiser for our detachment.

Finally, you should notice an advertisement for the **10th Annual Marines Helping Marines Golf Tournament** – If we are to make this a successful event, we will need lots of golfers, lots of advertisers (tee boxes, greens, refreshment, cart, etc.), and lots of volunteers! With your help, we can make this year's tournament the best ever!

Please patronize the next VFW Sunday Breakfast hosted at VFW Post 160 on the 1st Sunday of every month. 0800–1100

Joe



Members' Birthdays

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

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

NOTE – If you were born in January your name is not listed above, please contact the editor to be included in the future.





Corps History

by Ed Dahling for Joe Wright, Historian

1 Feb 1944

4th Division and 24th Marines land on Roi and Narmur of Kwajalein Atoll in Marshall Islands.

1 February 1967

Operation Prairie II began in Quang Tri province by elements of the 3rd Marine Division. During the 46 day search-and-destroy operation, which terminated on 18 March, 93 Marines and 693 enemy combatants were killed.

2 February 1944

The 4th Marine Division, as part of the first assault on islands controlled by the Japanese before the start of World War II, captured Namur and eight other islands in the Kwajalein Atoll.

2 February 1968

Operation Hue City, Tet Offensive began in Vietnam

3 February 1852

Marines land in Buenos Aires, Argentina to protect American lives.

5 February 1918

1st Marine Replacement Battalion sails for France (WWI).

6 February 1968

The 1st Battalion, 1st Marines with two companies, and the 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines with three companies, recapture Hue's hospital, jail, and provincial headquarters. It would take three more weeks of intense house to house fighting, and nearly a thousand Marines casualties, before the imperial city was secured.

7 February 1832

250 Marines defeat Malay pirates in Sumatra, Indonesia.

8 Feb 1832

Brevet Captain Alvin Edson leads attack at Quallah Battoo, Sumatra

Junior Vice Commandant



Greetings all. I trust this newsletter finds you well. As you have probably seen, the detachment is conducting its second annual rifle raffle. We mailed every member three tickets in the hope they would either buy or sell the tickets. The money raised will go to the detachment's general fund to help support the many great things we do. I would like to thank those who already responded. Your generosity will allow us to continue to be a presence in our community. To those who asked for extra tickets.. a special thanks to you! Your support is very much appreciated. If you haven't already sent in your tickets, it's not too late.. hint hint.

Another aspect of the mailing is to confirm everyone's address. To date, we have only received two back as "Return to Sender". We are working towards sending this newsletter to anyone who doesn't have an email address. Obviously, we need a correct address. If you know of a member who has moved, please let us know.

It wouldn't be a newsletter if someone didn't mention membership. So here goes.. I'm sure every one of us knows a former Marine. Ask this Marine if he's heard of the League. If not, invite him to our monthly meeting. We'd be glad to explain what we do.. we'll even make the recruiting pitch for you.

Semper Fi

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Corps History (from page 4)

20 February 1815

Captain Archibald Henderson leads Marines in the USS Constitution's capture of HMS Cyane and HMS Levant, which occurs 3 days after the end of the War of 1812.

20 February 1962

Lieutenant Colonel John H. Glenn Jr. orbits the earth in first manned American space capsule.

23 February 1945

Men of the 5th Marine Division raise flag on Mount Suribachi.

24 February 1991

1st and 2nd Marine Divisions breach Iraqi defensive positions.

24 February 1991:

The I Marine Expeditionary Force and coalition forces began a ground assault on Iraqi defenses in the final chapter of Operation Desert Storm.

28 February 1991:

Operation Desert Storm ends. I Marine Expeditionary Force, with a strength of more than 92,000 for the operation, becomes largest Marine Corps operation in history. 24 Marines were killed in action during the Gulf War.

28 Feb 1967

PFC James Anderson Jr. is first black Marine to win the Medal of Honor.



Rifle & Pistol

by Ed Dahling for Ray Sturm

Semper Fi

In case you haven't noticed, it's been a bit chilly out. Unless you're one of those crazy hunters who likes sitting in a tree stand in subzero temperatures for the chance to take a shot or two, you have probably put your weapons away for the winter. I have a better idea. For you pistol shooters, would you be interested in a group shoot at one of the local ranges? If there is enough interest, I'll be glad to arrange an outing.. indoors of course.



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Color Guard

by Ed Dahling for Color Guard Commander Woody Bowman

Color Guard:

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Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049

TOYS FOR TOTS

Here are the numbers for our Toys for Tots drive this year

Number of toys: 35,911
Number of stocking stuffers: 32,678
Number of books: 1,548
Money collected: \$16,894.75

Toys distributed: 29,907
Stocking Stuffers distributed: 27,822
Books distributed: 1,548
Number of children: 12,451

The distributed numbers are approximately equivalent to 35,988 toys. With approximately 2.89 toys per child.

We sent 5,527 toys and 4,056 stocking stuffers to PG County. We have a few toys left in storage for next year.



Military Order of the
Devil Dogs



Military Order of the Devil Dogs (MODD) *The Fun & Honor Society of the Marine Corps League*

Woof woof,

The Maryland Pack held a very successful Growl on 17 January in Elkton. We collected \$322.00 for the children's hospital in Scottsdale, Az and donated another \$500.00 to the Fisher House Foundation.

We also were treated to chapter two of the drama begun at the Pound Growl in December, "Mike Hadley and the Lost Temple of the Teufel Hunden."

PDDs Airey, Brady, Hadley and Taylor were surprised with an undeserving Curmudgeon award with PDD Airey being designated as the "Old Chief Codger First Class."

We also did the Devil Dog howling song which didn't sound any better than it did when we tried it in December. I suppose we have to keep at it until we get it right. I believe that will take a long time.

Pound 204 will Growl at 0900 on 8 Feb at the Pound Dog House, with the detachment providing breakfast and the VFW providing bloody marys at 0800.

I am happy to report that all Dogs in the Pack have paid their 2015 dues.

Remember: It is an honor to be a Devil Dog!

Woof woof,
PDD Paul Taylor
Dog Robber



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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: 15 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
Danny Fischio	Past Commandant
Guy Hall	Past Detachment Commandant

Note: Guy Hall was acting as Sgt at Arms for George Martin during his recuperation.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: Application for membership was received from Patrick Bresette. A motion was made, second, and voted on to accept Patrick's application. Patrick will also join the Rifle and Pistol team. Welcome Pat.

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. Correction to minutes: Incorrect name. Rich Gonzales should have been James Sanchez. Thank you to Paul Taylor for catching this error. A motion was made and voted on to accept the minutes with correction.

PAYMASTER: Ray Strum reported:

Checking	\$ 6,947.32
Savings	\$ 2,258.15
<u>Certificates</u>	<u>\$ 5,003.13</u>
Total	\$ 14,208.60

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

Commandant

Commandant Ed Dahling reminded everyone elections are coming up for anyone who is interested in running for and office. Don't forget to vote for the Marine of the Year. He will need the names of Delegates attending the Ocean City Convention. He will also need the names of anyone attending the banquet. (\$45.00 per person) We need to sell ads for the convention book. The Detachment will receive half the proceeds of any ads sold over \$300. We have the Golf Tournament coming up. There will be an upcoming meeting to discuss this event.

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 Convention). Ben Wells made a motion to purchase \$100 worth of these raffle tickets as we purchased \$100 worth last year. It is in the budget.

Judge Advocate – Will be given by Danny Fischio.

Quartermaster: Fred Kaminski reported he will be bringing a few new Marine Corps posters next month.

Rifle & Pistol Team: Ray Sturm will be sending out 3 rifle raffle tickets via mail to all members. Those active members that attend the meetings will not have their raffle tickets mailed as they can get them at the meeting.

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Have You Heard?

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OLD BUSINESS: Danny Fischio, By-laws chairperson read the proposed bylaw changes concerning the Marine of the Year process concerning Composition, Nominations, Committee Duties and Responsibilities. Ray Sturm made a correction to a (typo), to strike the "S" from nomination(s). After reading of the proposed changes, a motion was made by Jim Brady and second by Ben Wells to accept the bylaws proposals as amended. Voted on and passed. (Copy of proposed changes on file – Revised 12/07/2014)

NEW BUSINESS:

Jim Brady made a motion for the Detachment to donate \$100.00 to the V.F.W toward their food license. (the license is \$500.00 and the V.F.W has been paying this.) We donate \$300.00 for the paper products we use. This \$100.00 is above that. Voted on and passed.

Ben Wells mentioned the Lottery Calendar fundraiser that was discussed last year. He would like to pursue the calendar but it is too late for 2015. Jane Huffman will be doing the 2016 fundraiser for the Lake Shore Fire Co.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:

Paul Taylor stated Jack Severn is in need of photographs from last years Convention. Ben Wells stated his wife Erin sent many photos to Jack last evening.

Jim Brady made a motion to purchase a \$100 T-Box for our Golf tournament. (This is in the budget, so Jim Brady rescinded this motion.)

Paul Taylor stated there is a Leadership Class in April for those who may want to run for an office, but are uncertain of the responsibilities. The class is \$35 and is refunded by the Detachment upon completion of the class.

February 8th – Pound Growl at Post 160

February 12th – 14th, 2015 - Ray Sturm announced the Mid-Winter Conference would be held at the Marriot on Fairview Park Drive in Falls Church, Virginia

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

Contact Norm Huffman at 443-848-1971.

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The winner of 50/50 was Danny Fischio. Danny donated the money back to the Detachment.

Jim Brady announced the National Convention will be held in August in Scottsdale AZ. He has a block of rooms allocated. If you are interested in attending, please contact Jim. Otherwise, he will open it up to all Maryland Detachments.

CLOSING CEREMONIES:

Commandant Dahling closed the meeting IAW MCL rituals. The next Detachment meeting will take place on February 23, 2015 at @ 1900 hours. Prayer was given by Chaplain, Fred Kaminski.

Respectfully submitted,

Norman Huffman, Adjutant

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PLEASE JOIN US!

Continue from front page— Sgt. Maj. Ronald L. Green

In November 1985, Lance Corporal Green was transferred to Delta Battery, 2/12 in Okinawa, Japan. He was meritoriously promoted to Corporal in May 1985. In November 1986, Corporal Green rotated back to Camp Pendleton, California with Delta Battery. Corporal Green was meritoriously promoted to Sergeant in September 1986 and worked with the Marine Corps Nuclear Artillery Battalion as a section chief. Sgt Green was reassigned to Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, California in 1988 as a Tower Operator for Southern Impact Area Control (SIAC), also known as Long Rifle.

In January 1990, Sgt Green was ordered to Drill Instructor Duty at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, South Carolina, where he served as a Drill Instructor and Senior Drill Instructor with Charlie Company and as the Drill Master for 1st Recruit Training Battalion. He was meritoriously promoted to Staff Sergeant in July 1992 and returned to Camp Pendleton California to serve with Echo Battery 2/11. He was accelerated to the rank of Gunnery Sergeant in 1997 and promoted to First Sergeant in December 2000. First Sergeant Green was ordered to Inspector Instructor Duty in Bossier City, Louisiana and deployed to South America during that time on operation United Americas (UNITAS).

In December 2004, First Sergeant Green was selected to the rank of Sergeant Major; he was then transferred to HMLA -169 in April 2005 and deployed to OIF from March 2006 to September 2006. Sergeant Major Green transferred to MALS-39 in February 2007 and in June 2008 he transferred to Headquarters Battalion, Headquarters Marine Corps, Henderson Hall in Arlington, Virginia. Sergeant Major Green was ordered to Marine Corps Forces Europe and Marine Corps Forces Africa as the Force Sergeant Major in August 2010 until present.

Sergeant Major Green's personal awards include: Legion of Merit (gold star in lieu of second award), Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with 4 Gold Stars in Lieu of Fifth Award, and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with 2 Gold Stars in Lieu of Third Award, and the Good Conduct Medal with 1 silver and 3 gold bronze stars in lieu of his 9th award and the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal.





MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

Department of Maryland

INCORPORATED BY ACT OF CONGRESS

To: Detachment Commandants

To: ALL Members in Maryland

Subject: **2014 DEPARTMENT LEADERSHIP COLLEGE - 26 APRIL 2014**

A Department wide Leadership Training Class is scheduled to be held 26 April 2014 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 4th 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 2014. Our goal is to have as many Leaguers as possible attended the class.

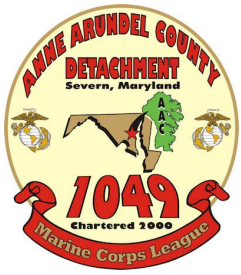
If there is a cancellation, the opening goes first to the Detachment of the Marine that canceled. If no Marine from that Detachment is able to attend, that spot will go to the waiting list. There are no refunds. Your book is printed and food was ordered for you.

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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