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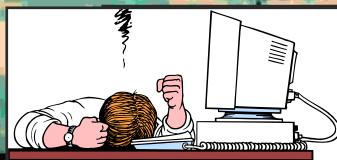
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From the Editor

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

Hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable **New Year** and that the return to your normal day-to-day responsibilities has not been overly traumatic. There is a lot going on for the detachment in the coming months; so, I would like to encourage all of our members to take stock of their individual situations and consider how you might be able to contribute some amount of time and effort to the betterment of our detachment.

Bylaw change

The committee, based on confirmation from Ray Sturm that his proposed Bylaw change was officially withdrawn from consideration. We then moved to the proposed Bylaw change submitted by James Brady. We went through it thoroughly and have come up with a revised change. We are reviewing the changes and once all are agreed upon we will have it ready for submission. The plan is to have it available at the December meeting copies of it available to members for review. Mike Hadley will have it posted to the web site. This will give us the necessary 30 day review period before voting at the January meeting.

Timeline: 12/22/2014 – Hard copies available to Detachment members – Posted online for review. 1/26/2015 – The proposed Bylaw change will be presented to Membership at the monthly meeting. If accepted it will be effective then.



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



I am again involved with fund-raising for the St. Baldrick's campaign against childhood cancers.

As in years past, I am again looking for the support of my family, friends, business associates, and fellow U.S. Marines.

As I've stated for the past few years, I realize that the economy of our nation is not what it should be and that for some times are hard; so, if you are not in a position to contribute this year, I'll certainly understand.

However, if there is any way that you can contribute, even a little, I, and more importantly the children suffering with cancer and their families, will be highly appreciative of your donation and the compassion demonstrated by it.

Thanks in advance for your consideration.

Mac McNeir

Detachment 1049 Election of Officers for FY 2015– 2016

It is time to start thinking about who you would like to lead the Detachment during fiscal year 2015 – 2016. Due to increased work obligations, I will not be running for any elected position. Candidate (nominees) are needed for each of the following positions. Please remember, that any regular member in good standing may run for office.

Detachment Commandant
Detachment Senior Vice Commandant
Detachment Junior Vice Commandant
Detachment Judge Advocate

Detachment 1049 Marine of the Year – 2014

Nominations for the **Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049 Marine of the Year** will be accepted until **16 March 2015**. If you wish to nominate an individual, you will need to do the following:

Write your nominee's name on a piece of paper along with a minimum of three (3) reasons as to why that individual deserves the award.

Sign your recommendation unsigned recommendations will not be considered!

Place your recommendation within a sealed envelope, write **'Detachment 1049 Marine of the Year – 2014'** on the envelope, and place it in the detachment's mailbox at VFW Post 160. The Detachment 1049 Marine of the Year will be selected in accordance with Detachment by-laws. The Detachment 1049 Marine of the Year will be announced at the Detachment Meeting scheduled for 27 April 2015.

Members' Birthdays

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

Don Blanton II	Joseph Jones	Phil Schwarzenber
James Walker	Scott Woods	Michael Lettau
Robert Lloyd	James McCormick	Pete Pervi
	Louis Dasch Jr.	

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

Senior Vice Commandant



Fellow Detachment Members,

I hope everyone had a good start to the New Year and that you're ready for another exciting year. Now it's time to get down to business, before you know it, the election of officers will be upon us. Nominations for the elected offices of Commandant, Senior Vice Commandant, Junior Vice Commandant and Judge Advocate will be held at the February and March meetings with voting being held at the March monthly meeting. So be thinking about those Marines of this Detachment that you consider to be most qualified to lead us during this coming year.

I would like to see more members volunteer for elected and appointed positions. Many of the tasks may seem daunting at first, but there is always plenty of help. The Detachment needs your help and input. After all, the Detachment includes all of us, not just a few. If you think you could or should be doing more, please get involved in more than just the monthly meetings.

Semper Fi,
Joe



Rifle & Pistol

by Ed Dahling for Ray Sturm

I'd like to thank everyone for their support in 2014. The pistol team traveled with just four shooters. We need five for a complete Anne Arundel County Team. I'm working on finding a local range that will let us practice (hopefully at a reduced rate) as a team. I'm certainly open to suggestions.

The detachment will once again raffle a M1 Garand. It is a CMP Special, H & R manufactured, .30 cal. It's a great rifle. I look forward to your support in selling a few tickets. All proceeds benefit YOUR detachment and its charitable events.

Semper Fi



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Color Guard

by Ed Dahling for Color Guard Commander Woody Bowman

Color Guard:

On December 6th, Colors were presented at the Food Lion on Mt. Rd. in remembrance of Pearl Harbor Day. Presented Colors for the remodeling of the Riviera Beach McDonalds. There are no other events planned for the Color Guard until March 2015 in Annapolis.

Need more information? Want to volunteer? Want to be part of the future of this valuable group? If the answer to any of these questions is **YES**, Call **Woody Bowman** at the following number...

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Woof woof,

This is the first in hopefully, a series of articles for the Anne Arundel County Detachment newsletter.

Pound 204 had a very successful Growl in December despite the new Pound Keeper fumbling over procedures. Actually, for his first Growl, he did very good, although he was very easy on the fines. However, we did collect \$70.00 plus \$303 in passport stamps. All the passport stamp money goes to the kids at the National Convention/Supreme Growl in August.

In memory of Ed Ross and his favorite charity, St. Baldrick's Foundation, that does children's cancer research, we collected \$82.00 by passing the hat, and a motion was made to send another \$200.00 annually in his memory. Another \$50.00 was collected from selling his Marine Corps League and Devil Dog articles of clothing. So a check for \$582.00 was sent to St. Baldricks Foundation, in Ed's memory.

The Maryland Pack will Growl on Saturday, 17 January immediately after the Department of Maryland meeting. The Growl will be held at the Elkton VFW, 208 West High Street, Elkton, Md 21921, telephone 410-392-3914.

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





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: 20 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
Woody Bowman	Color Guard Commander, Detachment Marine of the Year
Guy Hall	Past Detachment Commandant

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

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: Ray Sturm reported he received the DD214 for William Collins and will proceed with his application for membership.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Adjutant Norm Huffman reported minutes of the October meeting were distributed via the detachment list server (e-mail). Several hardcopies were available at the meeting. Correction to minutes: Incorrect name. Phil Roman should have been Joe Roman. Thank you to Paul Taylor for catching this error. A motion was made and voted on to accept the minutes with correction.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter was received from George Martin via email, stating he hopes to get back to his normal routine attending the meetings in about 6 weeks, per his doctor's orders. His back is healing well, but no driving or lifting. He and Fran wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

A letter was received from Lake Shore Volunteer Fire Co. thanking the Detachment and the Toys for Tots Program for the donations for three families, which included eight children in the Lake Shore area.

PAYMASTER: Ray Sturm reported that he left his reports at home, but there were two additions: \$35.00 dues and Pound 204 Breakfast @\$13 - \$15. He will have an updated report at the next meeting. Below is the documented report from last month.

Checking	\$9,606.81
Savings	\$2,258.15
<u>Certificates</u>	<u>\$5,003.13</u>
Total	\$16,868.09

A motion was made and second to accept the report, pending upcoming audit.

MEMBERS SICK & IN DISTRESS:

George Martin is healing from a back operation and doing well.

Tom Maiorana has another bout with bronchitis.

Joe Roman, member of SSgt. Taylor Detachment, Howard County passed November 19th, 2014.

Joe Clemente of Mt. Airy Detachment was in hospital, but is currently home.

Have You Heard?

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REPORT OF OFFICERS: *Commandant* – Ed Dahling reminded everyone elections are coming up for anyone who is interested in running for a position.

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

By-laws Committee: Danny Fischio reported the committee met on December 7, 2014 to revise the selection process for Marine of the Year (**MOY**). The proposal will be posted for 30 days for all to review. You may also contact Danny Fischio for copies of the proposed change or you may see the proposal on the Detachment website. The proposed changes will be presented at the January meeting for discussion and vote.

When nominating someone for MOY, please submit a valid reason why you think the nominee is deserving of this honor. Nominations will be accepted in January and February for selection in March. The MOY award will be presented in April. Woody Bowman (as current MOY) and past **MOY** will do the selection for the **MOY**. **Keep in mind that if the new proposal is accepted, it will take place immediately.**

Public Information Officer: Guy Hall apologized for missing the Eagle Scouts Awards. He has been busy in Delaware.

News Letter Editor: Ed Dahling created a December newsletter and emailed it to those he had email addresses for. He will be working on the January newsletter and requested any information be sent to him for input.

General membership was happy to see the newsletter up and running again and hoped to see it continue.

Quartermaster: Fred Kaminski reported he will be getting new posters next month.

Toys for Tots: Woody Bowman said he has no financial or toy count information, but would let us know as soon as he gets this information from Chris or Pete Smith.

NEW BUSINESS:

Rich Gonzales stated the VFW will be having elections and asked if any of the VFW members who are with the MCL are interested in running for office. Please keep in mind that the leaders of the VFW will also affect the MCL as well as the VFW.

Nila, of the MCL Auxiliary requested a donation from the Detachment to help support Fisher House at a Jamboree fundraiser for this cause. (Fisher House is a VA built home for family members of wounded soldiers stationed here.) She is also looking for sponsors. A motion was made to donate \$100.00. Jim Brady asked to amend the motion to donate \$250.00. It was voted on and passed

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:

January 17th - Department meeting will be held in Elkton at the VFW.

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 26 2015 – Quarter Auction - 7 P.M. til 9 P.M. at the Orchard Beach Fire Hall. Contact Norman Huffman at 443-848-1971. All proceeds go to Marine Corp League 1049.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The winner of 50/50 was Ray Sturm.



Corps History

by Ed Dahling for Joe Wright, Historian

8 January 1815

Marines, with Andrew Jackson's help, repulsed British forces at New Orleans.

9 January 2002

All seven Marine crewmen were killed when their KC-130R crashed near a forward operating base at Shamsi, Pakistan. Enemy ground fire was not suspected in the crash. These Marines of VMGR-352 were the first to die in the war on terrorism.

10 January 1995

2,600 U.S. Marines deployed to Somalia (Operation United Shield) to assist in the final withdrawal of UN peace-keeping troops from Somalia.

11 January 2007

President George W. Bush presented the Medal of Honor to **Corporal Jason L. Dunham**'s family during a White House ceremony. Corporal Dunham, who died of wounds sustained in combat in April 2004, was not only the first Marine to receive the nation's highest military award for valor for Operation Iraqi Freedom, but also the first Marine to receive the award for any action since 1970.

13 January 2003

General James L. Jones relinquished duties as the 32nd Commandant of the Marine Corps to **General Michael W. Hagee** during a ceremony at the U.S. Naval Academy. General Jones was the first commandant in 40 years not to retire from the position as he became the first Marine to assume duties as the head of U.S. European Command on 16 January 2003 and Supreme Allied Commander, Europe on the following day.



Junior Vice Commandant



Happy New Year, Marines! It has been quite some time since this newsletter has come out. I'd like to thank our Commandant for making the effort to get the word out to our members. And speaking of members, as you know, we lost several beloved members in 2014. I won't try to name them all for fear of missing someone. Just know that their presence will be missed.

I'd like to point your attention to the membership chart below. We are barely holding our own with negligible growth over the last year. Each of you probably knows a Marine who would make a great MCL member. I'm asking that you reach out and point this Marine our way. Invite him for a beer after our monthly meeting and I will make the membership pitch to him.

I would like to point out that our new membership application form is posted on the website. Please use this for future applicants.

Finally, as the holiday season closes, I would like to wish each of you and your families a very safe, healthy, and prosperous new year. ~ Semper Fi, Marines.

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Regular	51
Associate	5
Life Assoc	9
Total	143

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Military 'Top Dog' Lucca

Gets Her Own Book



Maria Goodavage's new book *Top Dog: The Story of Marine Hero Lucca*. The book tells the story of Lucca, a German Shepherd mix trained to sniff out IEDs, and her legendary exploits alongside handlers Marine Staff Sergeant Chris Willingham and Corporal Juan Rodriguez. *Top Dog* is a sequel to Goodavage's 2012 bestseller *Soldier Dogs: The Untold Story of America's Canine Heroes*.

The book follows Lucca's sometimes-difficult training and her maturation into one of the most accomplished bomb-sniffing dogs in the U.S. military, with hundreds of missions outside the wire with Willingham during two combat deployments in Iraq.

Lucca is reassigned to work with Rodriguez and the two are deployed to Afghanistan, where they work beside Green Berets and continue the good work. Unfortunately, as one Green Beret notes, "IEDs are like snakes. You keep messing with them and you're going to get bit." Lucca survives an explosion but loses a leg and can no longer serve.

Willingham adopted Lucca and the two now travel the country as ambassadors for wounded warriors and military working dogs.

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CAMP PENDLETON — A monument to Navy

Corpsman designed by a Camp Pendleton Marine who was wounded in Iwo Jima will be unveiled at a ceremony Dec. 12 at the Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton.

The 17-foot tall Hospital Corpsman Memorial shows three Navy corpsman climbing up a hill with a wounded Marine they are dragging to safety.

The statue is a reconstruction of the original memorial made by World War II veteran Raul Avina, Sr. and dedicated June 17, 1983 in front of the old Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton for the 85th anniversary of the Navy Hospital Corps.

The tribute was the first such major monument dedicated to the valor of the Navy Corpsmen, said Doug Allen, a retired Marine and spokesman for the Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton.

Avina, who received a Purple Heart, was among the Marines dragged off the bloody battlefield at Iwo Jima by Navy Corpsmen.

Avina, who died in 2003 at age 92, enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1945, when he was 31 and trained at Camp Pendleton before being deployed to the Pacific.

"While the battle raged, (Raul) saw U.S. Navy corpsmen, some no more than kids, charging into the fray to retrieve fallen Marines. The corpsmen's faces were streaked with dirt and tears. (Raul) never forgot," his daughter wrote.

The base of the new monument is the same size as the original, but improvements were made to replicate the texture of Iwo Jima's Mt. Suribachi. Each original figure was recast in bronze with a dark coating to protect it against sun and weathering. The figures are expected to become the same color as traditional weathered bronze within a few years, but will not require as much maintenance.



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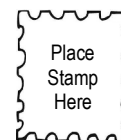


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Featured Foto



Special Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force (SP-MAGTF) Crisis Response Marines jump from an **MV-22B Osprey** during **Exercise Bronze Sword 13.1** (August 2013), at **Naval Station Rota, Spain**. SP-MAGTF Crisis Response is a self-mobile and self-sustaining force whose mission is to respond across a full range of military operations to protect both U.S. and partner-nation security interests, as well as strengthening partnerships throughout the **U.S. European Command** and **U.S. Africa Command** area of responsibility. [USMC photo by Cpl. Michael Petersheim]