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**Semper Paratus**

**Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049**



**Happy Birthday  
Marines!**

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# Semper Fidelis!

## COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE

Steve Salanik



Well, the Marine Corps Birthday celebration is over and Veterans Day has passed. I hope everyone took some time to remember or veterans.

The Birthday celebrations certainly had plenty of good food. Thanks to Ed Ross and Rich Gonzales who did the cooking and all of those who helped set up and clean up

Please remember to bring a toy for Toys For Tots to our next meeting. And big thanks to Pete Pervi and all of his helper that are delivering collection boxes and picking up the toys. Next we have to start sorting and distributing.

I hope to see all of you at our next meeting on November 26<sup>th</sup>...

Semper Fi,  
Steve Salanik



**Senior Vice  
Ed Ross**



**Fellow Marines,**

Welcome to the Holiday Season. Those that made it to the Detachment celebration of the Marine

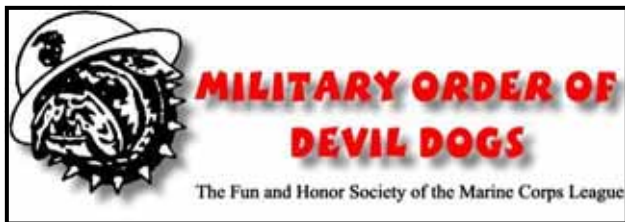
Corps Birthday had a great time.

Those that missed it should look forward to attending next year.

Good food, good weather and good socializing was had by all.

Toys for Tots is in full swing and I hope everyone can contribute something for the needy. Have a great Thanksgiving, my best to all of you and your families.

Ed



**Junior Vice Commandant  
Pete Pervi**



Sorry put primarily due to my focus on Toys For Tots, I have nothing to report. On Junior Vice at this time so I just like to wish everyone and their family a very Happy Thanksgiving.

On the hand the time has come to help with our TOYS FOR TOTS effort.

Saturday 11/24/07 at MOVICO we need MCL members in uniform from 10AM – 8PM. This has always been a major detachment event.

Women's Auxiliary, Young Marines and Active Duty Marines will be supporting the detachment.

Friday 12/7/07 at Glen Burnie Centre we need MCL members to man a Marine Corps League table, 9AM – 7PM. WPOC FM93.1 Toys for Tots event.

Saturday 12/8/07 at MOVICO we need MCL members in uniform from 10AM – 8PM. This is a detachment event. Women's Auxiliary, Young Marines and Active Duty Marines will be supporting the detachment.

We will need help sorting toys at our warehouse. Large sorting effort needed on the following days:

Sat 12/01	10AM -2PM
Sun 12/02	1PM – 4PM
Tue 12/11	9AM – 4PM
Sat 12/15	10AM – 4PM
Sun 12/16	1PM – 4PM
Wed 12/19	9AM – 4PM

We have to start distributing toys to the various agencies and organizations on Thursday 12/13 and are finished on Friday 12/21.

We also have multiple places to pickup toys on various dates. I will have the location and pickup schedule at our meeting and will be looking for drivers with pickups/ vans/trucks and people willing to go with the drivers to collect the toys.

We can and will be successful with just a little help from our members.

Semper FI & Woof Woof

Pete

## Historian Vic Halme

### This Month in History *Selected October Dates of Marine Corps Historical Significance*

**10 November 1775:** Continental Congress authorizes two battalions of American Marines; the birthday of the Corps.

**10 November 1918:** 5Th Marines make night crossing of the Meuse River against German resistance.

**10 November 1948:** First eight enlisted women are sworn in as Regular Marines. The following summer, first black women Marines enlist.

**10 November 1954:** Marine Corps War Memorial dedicated next to Arlington National Cemetery.

**10 November 1975:** Marine Corps celebrates its 200th birthday.

**4 November 1979:** Mob overruns embassy in Teheran, Iran; thirteen Marines are among sixty-five American taken hostage; fifty-two are held captive for 444 days.

**9 November 1989:** Berlin Wall is torn down.

Semper Fi

Happy 232nd Birthday

Woof,woof



## Legislative Jim LeGette

There appears to be disagreement regarding three pending veteran benefit bills in the congress. The Veterans Affairs Department disagrees with elements of Senate Bill 2162, Mental Health Improvements Act of 2007, sponsored by Sen. Daniel Akaka (D-HI) and Senate Bill 38, Veterans Mental Health Outreach and Access Act, sponsored by Sen. Pete Domenici (R-NM). The VA and administration support Senate Bill 2142, Veterans Emergency Care Fairness Act. One of the elements in contention is whether mental health assistance should or should not be “outsourced” to the private sector as stated in Bills 2162 and 38.

Rep. Bob Filner (D-CA), House Veterans Affairs Committee Chairman, is hopeful that the congress will do more to improve the government’s disability health care and benefits systems. The backlog of disability claims (400,000), GI Bill benefits and overhauling the disability ratings process are of major concern.

The Department of Veterans Affairs, Department of Defense and National Institutes of Health are planning to participate in a “consensus conference” in order to improve the designs and methodologies used by the agencies as applied to future research studies regarding Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

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Club meets every second Tuesday of each month (except January which is the third Tuesday).  
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For more information contact club secretary  
Brian Beverly, at (410) 437-4864  
E-Mail: garrisonrsec@yahoo.com

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## *2007 Military Mail Christmas Mailing Dates*

To ensure delivery of holiday cards and packages by December 25 to military APO/FPO addresses overseas, we suggest mailing by the recommended dates shown below.

All mail addressed to military post offices overseas is subject to certain conditions or restrictions regarding content, preparation, and handling. APO/FPO addresses generally require Customs Forms. To see a table of active APO and FPO addresses and mailing restrictions by individual APO/FPO ZIP Codes, go to [pe.usps.com](http://pe.usps.com) and click "Postal Bulletins." Go to the current issue and see the heading "Overseas Military Mail."

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APO/FPO AE ZIPs 090-092	Dec 18	Dec 11	Dec 11	Dec 4	Nov 27	Nov 13
APO/FPO AE ZIP 093	N/A	Dec 4	Dec 4	Dec 1	Nov 27	Nov 13
APO/FPO AE ZIPs 094-098	Dec 18	Dec 11	Dec 11	Dec 4	Nov 27	Nov 13
APO/FPO AA ZIPs 340	Dec 18	Dec 11	Dec 11	Dec 4	Nov 27	Nov 13
APO/FPO AP ZIPs 962-966	Dec 18	Dec 11	Dec 11	Dec 4	Nov 27	Nov 13

<sup>1/</sup> EMMS – Express Mail Military Service is available to selected military post offices. Check with your local Post Office to determine if this service is available to your APO/FPO of address.

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**Marine Corps League Ladies  
Auxiliary  
Dawn Parker**

Here is a list of important date for December.

Dec. 2nd – Elks Breakfast 9-11:30. Pick up toys for Toys For Tots

Dec. 7th – Toys For Tots at the Glen Burnie Mall with WPOC and Annapolis mall.

Help is needed as this is an all day event.

We will be packing the bags for the Boy Scouts and Assisted Living at 7:30 Pm at the VFW.

Dec 8th – Toys For Tots at Movico in Arundel Mills Mall.

Dec. 9th - George Martin will be Santa Claus at Assisted Living at 1:30.

Also, don't forget our Friday night dinner on November 30th at the VFW

***Chaplain's Corner***

The chaplain's duty at our detachment is important to all of us, and I can only be effective and perform my duty if I am kept informed.

Please notify me as soon as possible regarding any sickness, distress, or deaths to any marine or marine's family member.

My phone number is ;  
410-859-1325.

My address is;  
Kenneth R. Rollins  
101 S. Longcross Rd.  
Linthicum Hts., Md. 21090



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

The Fun and Honor Society of the Marine Corps League (MCL)

Woof woof,

Things are still going very well in Dogdom except for the fact that Pound 204 lost 18 Dogs in October. That leaves Pound 204 with 47 Dogs. But their loss is not all bad:. They transferred to the newly formed Dogpatch Pound 333 in Harford County. Pound 204 wishes them the best of everything.

They are an energetic bunch and I'm sure will have lots of success in their endeavors.

We still have one Dog from the Anne Arundel County Detachment who has not paid his 2008 dues. Remember that your dues expired on 31 Aug. Dogs with dues in arrears cannot hold office or transfer out of the Pound. If you haven't paid yours yet, please get them into me ASAP. They remain \$15.00. Make the payable to MODD Pound 204. My address is 7944 Oakwood Road, Glen Burnie, Md. 21061.

Pound 204 will hold a Growl on 9 Dec 07 at 1000 at the Pound Dog House. Breakfast will be served at 0900.

And as always, keep the fleas at a safe distance.

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

Woof woof,  
PDD Paul Taylor  
Dog Robber



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**Retiree Cola Set**

Military and federal civilian retirees, veterans receiving disability compensation and Social Security recipients will get a 2.3 percent cost-of-living adjustment in January. The increase also will boost annuities under the military's survivor benefits plan.

The increase is tied to inflation as measured by the government's Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W). The increase is based on the average change in prices for a market basket of goods and service from the third quarter of 2006 to the third quarter of 2007

**Marines' Hymn**

"From the Halls of Montezuma  
To the Shores of Tripoli;  
We fight our country's battles  
In the air, on land, and sea;  
First to fight for right and freedom  
And to keep our honor clean;  
We are proud to claim the title  
Of United States Marine.  
Our flag's unfurled to every breeze  
From dawn to setting sun;  
We have fought in every clime and place  
Where we could take a gun;  
In the snow of far-off Northern lands  
And in sunny tropic scenes.  
You will find us always on the job  
The United States Marines.  
Here's health to you and to our Corps  
Which we are proud to serve  
In many a strife we've fought for life  
And never lost our nerve;  
If the Army and the Navy  
Ever look on Heaven's scenes;  
They will find the streets are guarded  
By United States Marines"

**History of the Marines' Hymn**

"From the Halls of Montezuma to the Shores of Tripoli"

America declared war on the Barbary Pirates of northern Africa in 1805 because they had been raiding our ships in the Mediterranean Sea. During that conflict, Lieutenant Presley N. O'Bannon, USMC, and his small force of Marines participated in the capture of the city of Derne in Tripoli (which is today part of the country of Libya). As this was the first time that the American flag had been hoisted over a fortress in the Old World, the Colors (ceremonial flag) of the Marine Corps were inscribed with the words: "To the Shores of Tripoli." During the hardest fighting of the Mexican War, U.S. Marines were the first to breach the otherwise impregnable walls of Mexico City by capturing the Castle of Chapultepec, which was the palace of the great Aztec emperor, Montezuma. The Colors of the Corps were then changed to read "From the Shores of Tripoli to the Halls of Montezuma." Following the close of the Mexican War came the first great verse of the Marines' Hymn, written according to tradition by a Marine on duty in Mexico. For the sake of euphony, the unknown author transposed the phrases in the motto on the Colors so that the first two lines of the Hymn would read: "From the Halls of Montezuma to the Shores of Tripoli." Many interesting stories have been associated with the Marines' Hymn. One of the best was published in the Stars and Stripes, the official newspaper of the American Expeditionary Force in Europe, under the date of August 16, 1918. "A wounded officer from among the gallant French Lancers had just been carried into a Yankee field hospital to have his dressing changed. He was full of compliments and curiosity about the dashing contingent that fought at his regiment's left. 'A lot of them are mounted troops by this time,' he explained, 'for when our men would be shot from their horses, these youngsters would give one running jump and gallop ahead as cavalry. I believe they are soldiers from Montezuma. At least, when they advanced this morning, they were all singing 'From the Halls of Montezuma to the Shores of Tripoli.' The Marines' Hymn has been sung and played in all four corners of the earth and today is recognized as one of the foremost service songs."

# Burial Flags

## Why Does VA Provide a Burial Flag?

A United States flag is provided, at no cost, to drape the casket or accompany the urn of a deceased veteran who served honorably in the U. S. Armed Forces. It is furnished to honor the memory of a veteran's military service to his or her country. VA will furnish a burial flag for memorialization for each other than dishonorable discharged



- veteran who served during wartime
  - veteran who died on active duty after May 27, 1941
  - veteran who served after January 31, 1955
  - peacetime veteran who was discharged or released before June 27, 1950
  - certain persons who served in the organized military forces of the Commonwealth of the Philippines while in service of the U.S. Armed Forces and who died on or after April 25, 1951
- certain former members of the Selected Reserves

## Who Is Eligible to Receive the Burial Flag?

Generally, the flag is given to the next-of-kin, as a keepsake, after its use during the funeral service. When there is no next-of-kin, VA will furnish the flag to a friend making request for it. For those VA national cemeteries with an Avenue of Flags, families of veterans buried in these national cemeteries may donate the burial flags of their loved ones to be flown on patriotic holidays.

## How Can You Apply?

You may apply for the flag by completing [VA Form 21-2008, Application for United States Flag for Burial Purposes](#). You may get a flag at any VA regional office or U.S. Post Office. Generally, the funeral director will help you obtain the flag.

## Can a Burial Flag Be Replaced?

The law allows us to issue one flag for a veteran's funeral. We cannot replace it if it is lost, destroyed, or stolen. However, some veterans' organizations or other community groups may be able to help you get another flag.

## How Should the Burial Flag Be Displayed?

The proper way to display the flag depends upon whether the casket is open or closed. VA Form 21-2008 provides the correct method for displaying and folding the flag. The burial flag is not suitable for outside display because of its size and fabric. It is made of cotton and can easily be damaged by weather.

**For More Information Call Toll-Free at 1-800-827-1000**

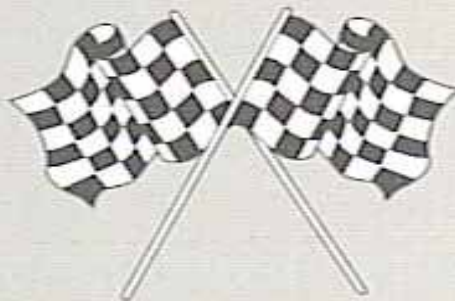


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