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Woody Cited for Volunteerism

Editor's Note – Recently, our own Woody Bowman was honored by the Pasadena Voice as its July Volunteer of the Month. The staff of the Pasadena Voice have kindly allowed us to reprint the article, which appeared in the July 15, 2009 edition of their publication. The article is reprinted below in its entirety.

Pasadena Voice Volunteer of the Month

Woody Bowman is the driving force behind Fort Smallwood Optimist Club

by Tom Cardinale

Although Woody Bowman's official title is President of the Ft. Smallwood Optimist Club, his impact goes well beyond the typical community club leader.

Bowman first became involved with the Optimists as a child, playing baseball for the now-closed South Baltimore Optimist Club in the 1950s. When he had a son of his own years later, he was reintroduced to the organization through his son's T-ball team and his relationship with the Optimists has continued to grow to this day.

"I was umpiring and they asked me to join," Bowman said of the inconspicuous start to his role with the club. "I started out coaching and then became vice president."

Soon he ascended to the presidency of the club and served in that capacity multiple times, including: 1982-1984, 1987-88, 2002-03, and currently since 2007. Meanwhile, he also served as T-ball and Baseball Commissioner, Club Treasurer, and Chairman for the club's oratorical contest and their scholarship committee. That wasn't all, though.

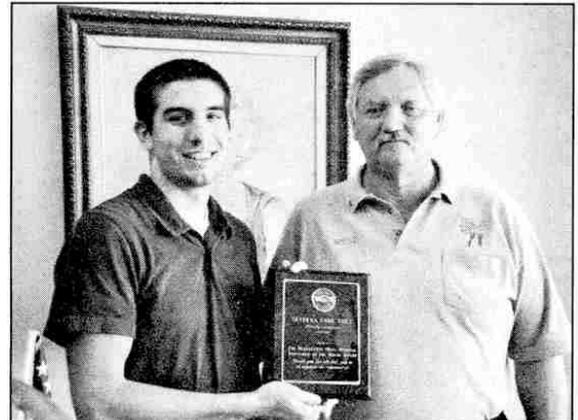
He became Lieutenant Governor at the state level of the Optimist Club twice, as well as serving as President of the Mountain Road Optimist Club from 1994-2000. Bowman's passion for the club is evident and he says it is kids who make his incredible workload worthwhile.

"I enjoy working with the kids," he said. "The Oratorical Contest is my favorite thing; watching the kids stand up there, their poise. My job is to keep the contestants as cool and relaxed as possible," he continued. "I'll do funny stuff like play music or tell them jokes and stories just to help them relax."

Bowman also runs a similar Oratorical Contest for the deaf and hard of hearing in Frederick, something which is an inspiration to him each year.

"I've been doing it for 10 or 11 years now," he said. "If you ever want to see something rewarding you should see those kids."

A former Marine, Bowman devotes additional time to the Marine Corps League Detachment 1049 of Anne Arundel County, where he is Junior Vice Commandant and Color Guard Commander.



Pasadena Voice Editor Tom Cardinale presenting 'Woody' Bowman with a plaque citing his tireless volunteerism. [Reprinted from July 15, 2009 edition of the Pasadena Voice]

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From the Editor

by Mac McNeir

A power outage, gas line problems, and a cancelled detachment meeting marked an unusual collection of happenings in July. Hopefully, those unusual occurrences are all behind us and a more normal and hopefully successful second half of 2009 is soon to be upon us.

I am still looking for members of our detachment to serve as subjects for monthly 'biographical spotlight' articles focusing upon their accomplishments. Please contact me if you are willing to be 'in the spotlight' – if only briefly.

Several articles of general interest, as well as an announcement for a bus trip to the **Recruit Depot at Parris Island** are included within this issue. Hopefully, these articles and announcements will prove to be informative.

I would also like to make one last request for donations to the **Coast-to-Coast** fund-raiser (Chris Le Gette's transcontinental bicycle effort). If interested, please see me for a form.

As always, I look forward to seeing all of you at our next monthly meeting!

Submission Deadline for September Newsletter – All articles should be in my hands by no later than **MIDNIGHT of 18 September 2009!**



Show Your Pride!

Embroidered detachment patches remain available for purchase from the Adjutant and Judge Advocate for the bargain price of \$3 each.

All proceeds will be deposited in the detachment's general fund.



Chaplain's Corner

from Ken Rollins, Detachment Chaplain

Thomas Mock, since we've heard nothing to the contrary, it can only be assumed that this Life Member of our detachment and current resident of Delaware is continuing to recover from his heart attack.

Guy Hall is essentially rehabilitating on his own and continuing his recovery from back surgery at home.

Bob (Granville) Smith remains house-bound and in need of visitors. Please consider stopping by and spending a bit of time with him.

Gloria Lutz, past **President of the National Marine Corps League Auxiliary**, was recently hospitalized but is currently doing well.

Please notify me if you are aware of any Marines or Marine family members being sick or in distress; as well as, any Marines (or family members) who may have passed-away.



Commandant's Message



Pete Pervi

Marines,

Other than the **Fourth of July Parade** in Severna Park, there has been very few detachment activities. Our big event for the month would have been the detachment meeting with a rumored 'special' guest. I'm assuming that the 'special' guest will be at the August meeting.

As everyone knows, I cancelled the meeting due to a power outage at the VFW, which was definitely, positively, without exception not going to be addressed by BG&E prior to 1900 hours. Of course 30 minutes after the detachment officers contacted everyone on their list, BGE shows up and restores power to the VFW. To eliminate the potential for confusion, I decided not to call everyone a second time in an attempt to reinitiate our meeting on such short notice. However, for various reasons, several members did not get the word and showed up for the meeting.

If you were not called, please get with the Detachment Adjutant and make sure that we have your current telephone number and email address. The Adjutant has a the detachment master list of members with phone numbers and emails that we use when we need to get the word out.

Chow Time - On September 4th the detachment will again be serving the **Friday Night Dinner** at the VFW. This particular dinner will also serve as the official debut of **Grill Sergeant Pervi** as the new chef for detachment dinners. As many successful dinners in the past can attest, our previous chef, **Danny Fischio** cannot be replaced; so, the best I can do is attempt to follow in his footsteps. The whole VFW Post and especially the members of our detachment need to give Danny a big thanks for all the great dinners he has prepared and served through the years.

The new Grill Sergeant's first menu will consist of the following items.

- Grilled Sesame Chicken Breast
- Red Skin Potatoes
- Cauliflower in Cheese Sauce
- Grill Sergeant Dessert

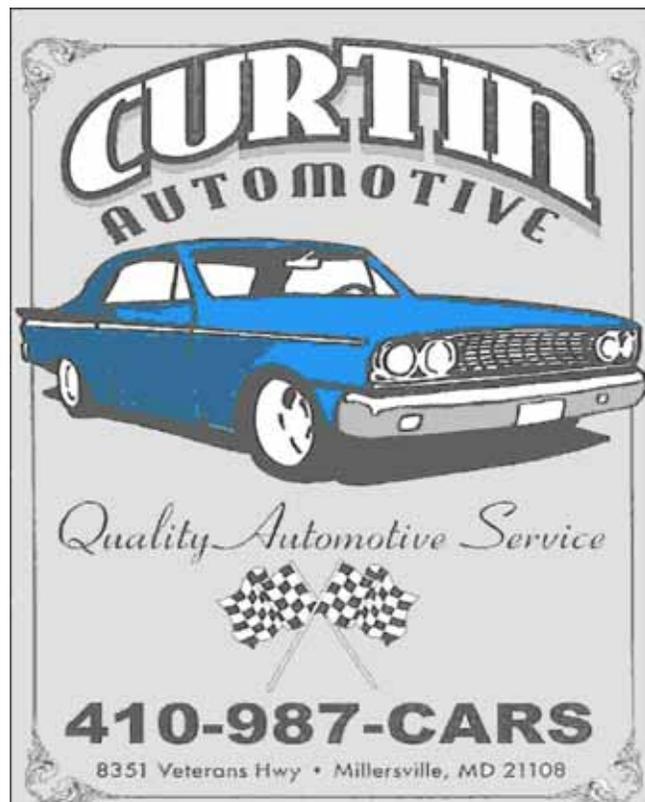
I'm looking for members of the detachment to come out in force to support my humble efforts. It should also be noted that Sue, my wife, will be there to eat this meal, and provide visual testimony to the fact that my cooking is safe.

If you miss being called 'maggot,' there is a trip to **Parris Island** now scheduled to depart for the east-coast **Marine Corps Recruit Depot** on **Wednesday, October 14, 2009**. Planned pick-up is at **American Legion Post 18**, in **Centreville** at **0600** and at the **Annapolis Mall parking lot** at **0645**. The return trip will depart Parris Island on **Saturday, October 17, 2009**. We will be attending **1st Battalion, Bravo Company's** graduation ceremony. For more information see ***Return to Parris Island*** article on page 10 of this newsletter.

See you at the August meeting (Monday, 8/24/09 at 1900).

Semper Fi,

Pete



From the desk of the

Senior Vice Commandant



James T. Brady

Oooooorah Marines;

Our July meeting was even better than our June meeting. The beer was cold; those in attendance were talkative although small in number; plenty of elbow room was available at the bar; conversation was lively; and best of all, we did not have to listen to our Commandant for two months in a row. How can things get any better than that?

As you can see, I was one of those few Marines who did not get the message in time (thankfully). I got phone messages at home, on my cell phone, and at work; but, I never read or listened to any of them. I did however get questioned by my wife on how the meeting went...she had listened to all the messages. Thank God I never lie to her! As mentioned by our Commandant Pete Pervi, the meeting was cancelled due to no electricity; however, electrical power was restored about three minutes before I showed up at the VFW...how lucky can I get? So those of us who showed up sat around, swapped sea-stories, kibitzed a little, and had a grand old time! Maybe we should do this more often.

In my last letter I mentioned the problems at our Post Home (VFW Post 160) and assured you that what needs to be done is being addressed by both the VFW Post and BGE. As a major family member of Post 160, our detachment needs to be patient a little while longer; after all, things do not always work out as first planned. A fund raiser **may** become necessary to help offset the added cost involved and I would ask that members of Detachment 1049 whole-heartedly support this worthy effort as VFW Post 160 is our MCL home as well.

By the time you read this section, you will have undoubtedly read that there will be a new chef preparing our bi-monthly **Friday Nite Dinner**. It may be advisable to bring a food-taster on September 4th for obvious reasons. I for one will be there...if for no other reason than to really appreciate the fine cooking that Danny Fischio has done for us over the past few years. I miss you already Danny!

May the wind be at our backs, the sun shining in our faces and the little child in all of us remain in our hearts forever.

Semper Fidelis & Woof-Woof
From an All-Around Nice Guy

Jim Brady

Convention Kudos

Several awards were bestowed upon Maryland associated Marine Corps Leaguers at this year's National Convention, held in Rochester Minnesota.

The most prestigious award given by the Kennel is **Kennel Dog of the Year**, which is presented to the best of the 5,775 Dogs in the Kennel. The 2009 version of this award was presented to **PDD Jack Severn**, Pound 204, Maryland Pack in recognition for all of his contributions at the Pound, Pack, and Kennel levels. Besides being our very own **Pound Keeper**, Jack was recognized as **Kennel Police Dog**, **Kennel Staff Artist**, **Past Maryland Pack Leader**, **Past Mid-East Division Vice Chief Devil Dog**, recipient of the **Past Chief Devil Dog Society Award**, the **Chapel of Four Chaplains Legion of Honor Award**, **Pack Dog of the Year**, **Pound Dog of the Year**, winner of the **Chief Devil Dog's Individual Commendation Ribbon**, **LCpl Deane Detachment Marine of the Year** (twice), and **Department of Maryland Marine of the Year**.

The second highest award given by the Kennel is the **Past Chief Devil Dog Award**, which for 2009 was presented to **PDD Jerry Fay**, Pound 204, Maryland Pack and **PDD Jimmie Lee Howard**, Pound 154, Maryland Pack.

The Kennel's **Top Division Membership Award** was awarded to the **Mid-East Division**...in which the **Maryland Pack** played a significant role.

Elected for another term as **Kennel Police Dog** was **PDD Jack Severn**.

Appointed for another term as **Mid-East Division Vice Chief Devil Dog** was **PDD Jerry Fay**.

Please join me in extending heart-felt congratulations to these deserving members of our organization!



Corps Quotation

"And they live tradition; the United States Marine bears upon his shoulders the nation's past and the nation's hopes for the future."

Hanson W. Baldwin
Military Analyst, Reporter, Editor,
and Pulitzer Prize Winner

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The Fun & Honor Society of the Marine Corps League



Military Order of Devil Dogs

Woof-Woof,

Although the lazy dog days of summer are still upon us, it is time for all Dogs to stop lying around and get ready for the new Dog year. For most of you, that means getting your dues in to your friendly Dog Robber. At least have them with you when you attend the next **Pound Growl**, which, by the way, will be held at **0900** on **16 August**, at the Dog House (VFW Post 160, Glen Burnie). Dues remain a measly 15 big bones.

Additionally, at the 16th August Pound Growl, we will nominate, elect and install officers. If you are interested in any of the many officer positions, make sure that someone throws your name into the ring. You must be present to accept the nomination, unless the Dog Robber receives your acceptance in writing before the Growl.

At the next Growl, **DD Stuart Blair** should be a Pedigreed Devil Dog (PDD). Be sure and congratulate him (that is, if he survives the initiation in Rochester, Minnesota).

There will be a **Pack Growl** after the **Department Staff meeting** on the **12th of September** at the Baltimore Detachment Home located at 1426 East Fort Avenue, Baltimore. The Baltimore Detachment has an outstanding museum which will be open for your viewing pleasure that day. Don't miss it.

As always, keep the fleas at a safe distance.

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

Paul Taylor

PDD & Dog Robber

from Jim Le Gette, Legislative Officer

Legislative Report

It is reported that support may be growing to redesignate the Secretary of the Navy to the Secretary of the Navy and Marine Corps. Bill **HR 24** submitted by **Congressman Walter Jones** (R-NC) and **Bill S 504** introduced by **Senator Pat Roberts** (R-KS) are under consideration as these gentlemen attempt to gain congressional support.

Here in Maryland, the **Military Personnel and Service -Disabled Veterans No-Interest Loan Program** has expanded the eligibility of funds under this opportunity. This program gives priority to service-disabled veterans. This assistance went into effect on July 1, 2009.

The **Maryland Veterans Behavioral Health Initiative** has been expanded to cover all veterans who served on active duty. The expansion of this program will be effective on October 1, 2009.

The above Maryland initiatives and several other programs can be found on the newly updated website at: www.mdva.state.md.us. The VA is attempting to ensure that our veterans are able to research as much information as possible.

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*Visit the Department of Maryland web site at
<http://deptofmdmcl.org>*

from George Martin, Commander of the

Young Marines

The Annapolis Young Marines hosted a two-day weekend for other Division 2 units at the Cheltenham Boy's Camp this past month. Approximately 75 Young Marines attended from the following units – Quantico, Nation's Capital, Elkridge, and Wesley Fox. A fun time was had by all.

The August issue of *Leatherneck* magazine has a feature article on the **Young Marines 50th Anniversary**. It was an interesting and well-written article, which included a photograph of our own **Corporal Jacob Johnson** (see inset).



The Annapolis Young Marines are proud to announce that two of its members have completed their **Basic NCO School**. Congratulations to **Sergeant Skylar Wisomierski** and **Corporal Jacob Johnson**.

The Annapolis Young Marines are planning a recruit 'Elliot's Beach' type of weekend in October for all recruits in the division, which will take place at the Cheltenham Boy's Camp. Specific dates are yet to be announced.

I also wish to thank all of the parents and the staff of our unit for their support over the years as we once again start a new training year. If you know of anyone interested in the Young Marine Program, please have them contact me either by:

- email – m37bulldog@aol.com, or
- telephone – 443-822-3597.

George Martin

Time Out
Bar & Grill

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Pasadena, MD 21122

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Woody Cited...

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"In the fall we go to local elementary schools and discuss Veteran's Day," he said. "The kids enjoy it and the teachers enjoy it too."

As a veteran, Bowman is also Sergeant-at-Arms of the United Veterans of Anne Arundel County.

Despite the monumental amount of time he donates, Bowman is quick to say he has no plans to leave any of his positions or clubs in the near future.

"As long as we have the Optimist Club I'll be a member," he said. "It's a great organization to be a member of. I've been doing it for 30 years and really enjoy it."

And while he undertook much of the same volunteer endeavors he currently does while an employee of the county, his recent retirement has freed him up even more. The only problem might be finding a volunteer position he doesn't already hold.



'Snuff 'em if you got 'em'

July 13, 2009 United Press International

WASHINGTON -- A proposed ban on tobacco would **end sales on U.S. military bases** and **prohibit uniformed soldiers from smoking**, even in combat, authorities said.

The ban was proposed in a study commissioned by the Pentagon and the Department of Veterans Affairs, *USA Today* reported.

The study, which recommends phasing out tobacco products during a five to ten year period, said tobacco use impairs military readiness and can cause lung cancer and cardiovascular disease, *CNN* reported Sunday.

While any final decision rests with **Defense Secretary Robert Gates**, many in uniform would oppose such a ban, said retired **General Russel Honore**, known for his ever-present cigar when he coordinated military relief efforts after Hurricane Katrina.

"When you're tired and you've been going days on end with minimum sleep, and you are not getting the proper meals on time, that hit of tobacco can make a difference," Honore said.

One in three U.S. service members uses tobacco, compared with one in five adult Americans overall, the VA said, noting combat veterans are 50 percent more likely to use tobacco than soldiers who haven't seen combat.



from Ed Dahling, Public Information Officer

Public Information

Marine Corps League Mission Statement

Members of the Marine Corps League join together in camaraderie and fellowship for the purpose of preserving the traditions and promoting the interests of the United States Marine Corps. This is accomplished by banding together those who are now serving in the United States Marine Corps and those who have been honorably discharged from that service; voluntarily aiding and rendering assistance to all Marines and former Marines and to their widows and orphans, and by perpetuating the history of the United States Marine Corps through fitting acts to observe the anniversaries of historical occasions of particular interest to Marines.



from Ed Dahling, VAVS Officer

VA Volunteerism

The Department of Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS)...

- Was founded in 1946 to provide for our nation's veterans while they are cared for by VA healthcare facilities.
- Is one of the largest centralized volunteer programs in the Federal government.
- There are over 350 organizations supporting VAVS.
- Volunteers have provided over 676 million hours of service since 1946.

Marine Corps League members contribute thousands of man-hours each year assisting the staff at VA Hospitals and facilities – by focusing upon the morale, comfort, and assistance provided to institutionalized veterans.

To sign up to be a VAVS Volunteer Contact the Department of Veterans Affairs facility nearest you. Ask for Voluntary Service. Tell their staff of your interest in becoming a VAVS Volunteer. The staff will take care of everything else including your interview, orientation, and assignment!



Coming Events

The following events are scheduled to occur through the middle of November 2009. Unless otherwise noted, these events will take place at VFW Post 160, located at 2597 Dorsey Road, Glen Burnie, MD 21060.

MODD Pound 204 Growl

Sunday, August 16, 2009 @ 1000
Paul Taylor (410-768-6288)

Tall Cedars Crab Feast

Saturday, August 22, 2009 from 1300 to 1700
Don White (410-437-5719)

MCL Detachment 1049 Monthly Meeting

Monday, August 24, 2009 @ 1900
Peter Pervi (410-987-3811)

MCL Detachment 1049 Friday Night Dinner

Friday, September 4, 2009 from 1800 to 2000
Peter Pervi (410-987-3811)

VFW Post 160 Monthly Breakfast

Sunday, September 6, 2009 from 0900 to 1100
Charles Albo (443-926-1665)

MODD Pack Growl

Saturday, September 12, 2009 @ 0900
Baltimore Detachment 565, 1426 E. Fort Avenue, Baltimore, MD
Paul Taylor (410-768-6288)

MCL Detachment 1049 Monthly Meeting

Monday, September 28, 2009 @ 1900
Peter Pervi (410-987-3811)

VFW Post 160 Monthly Breakfast

Sunday, October 4, 2009 from 0900 to 1100
Charles Albo (443-926-1665)

MCL Detachment 1049 Bull & Oyster Roast

Sunday, October 18, 2009 from 1300 to 1700
Jim Brady (410-551-3069)

MCL Detachment 1049 Monthly Meeting

Monday, October 26, 2009 @ 1900
Peter Pervi (410-987-3811)

VFW Post 160 Ladies Auxiliary Halloween Party

Saturday, October 31, 2009 @ time to be determined
Jennifer Stack (410-790-5507)

VFW Post 160 Monthly Breakfast

Sunday, November 1, 2009 from 0900 to 1100
Charles Albo (443-926-1665)

MCL Detachment 1049 Friday Night Dinner

Friday, November 6, 2009 from 1800 to 2000
Peter Pervi (410-987-3811)

Marine Corps' 234th Birthday

Tuesday, November 10, 2009



VA Provided Headstones & Markers

Headstones and markers are furnished to eligible spouses and family members of veterans who are interred in a national, military post/base, or state veterans cemetery. For veterans who have chosen columbaria inurnment, niche markers are also available. Public Law 110-157, signed on 26 December 2007, allows the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to furnish government headstones or markers for the graves of eligible veterans who died on or after 1 November 1990, regardless of whether the grave is already marked with a privately purchased headstone or marker. Under the previous law, when the grave was already marked, only veterans who died on or after 9/11 were eligible. The new law also gives the VA authority to “furnish, upon request, a medallion or other device of a design determined by the Secretary to signify the deceased’s status as a veteran, to be attached to a headstone or marker furnished at private expense.” This benefit will be available in lieu of a government-furnished headstone or marker, for veterans in privately marked graves who died on or after November 1, 1990. The Department of Veterans Affairs is in the preliminary stages of designing the medallion. It is estimated this new medallion will be available in the summer of 2009 and the VA will begin accepting claims once a contract has been awarded for its manufacture. Claim instructions will be posted at www.cem.va.gov/hm/hmtype.asp.



If, after seeing the final new medallion design, you change your mind, you will still have the option to submit a claim for a traditional government-furnished headstone or marker. This benefit is only applicable if the grave is marked with a privately purchased headstone or marker. In these instances, eligible veterans are entitled to either a traditional government-furnished headstone or marker, or the new medallion, but not both. There is no charge for the headstone or marker itself; however, arrangements for placing it in a private cemetery are the applicant’s responsibility and all setting fees are at private expense. There is no change in eligibility for veterans in unmarked graves. Regardless of the date of death, the VA will furnish, at no charge to the applicant, a government headstone or marker for the unmarked grave of any eligible veteran in any cemetery around the world. Pictures of the available VA furnished headstones/markers can be viewed at www.cem.va.gov/hm/hmtype.asp or on the application form:

Upright Types: These headstones are 42 inches long, 13 inches wide and 4 inches thick. Weight is approximately 230 pounds. Variations may occur in stone color, and the marble may contain light to moderate veining.

Flat Types: The flat bronze grave marker is 24 inches long, 12 inches wide, with 3/4 inch rise. Weight is approximately 18 pounds. Anchor bolts, nuts and washers for fastening to a base are furnished with the marker. The government does not furnish a base. The flat granite and flat marble grave marker is 24 inches long, 12 inches wide, and 4 inches thick. Weight is approximately 130 pounds. Variations may occur in stone color; the marble may contain light to moderate veining.

Bronze Niche: This niche marker is 8 1/2 inches long, 5 1/2 inches wide, with 7/16 inch rise. Weight is approximately 3 pounds; mounting bolts and washers are furnished with the marker.

Pre-World War I Era Headstones and Markers: In addition to the headstone and markers noted above, two special styles of upright headstones are available for Civil War and Spanish American War veterans - one for those who served with the Union Forces or in the Spanish-American War and another for those who served with the Confederate Forces. Requests for these special styles should be made in block 27 of the application. It is necessary to submit detailed primary documentation that supports eligibility. For further information refer to www.cem.va.gov/hm/hmcivil.asp.

When burial or memorialization is in a national, post, or state veterans’ cemetery, a headstone or marker will be ordered by the cemetery officials based on inscription information provided by the next of kin. When burial is in a private cemetery, VA Form 40-1330, Application for Standard Government Headstone or Marker must be submitted by the next of kin or a representative, such as funeral director, cemetery official or veterans counselor, along with veterans military discharge documents, to request a government-provided headstone or marker. This form can be downloaded at www.va.gov/vaforms/va/pdf/VA40-1330.pdf.

[Source: www.cem.va.gov May 09 ++]

Retiree Life Expectancy

[Source: Reuters Health, Megan Rauscher article, 4 May 2009]

Results of a new study provide more evidence that participating in volunteer activities may add years to an older person's life. In a study of U.S. retirees, researchers found that volunteering significantly reduced the chances of dying over a four-year period. Volunteering, the investigators say, may improve health outcomes by expanding retirees' social networks, increasing their access to resources, and improving their sense of self-worth.

In the study, Dr. Sei J. Lee and colleagues from the VA Medical Center and University of California, San Francisco, examined 6,360 retirees older than age 65, who enrolled in the Health and Retirement Study in 2002. As part of the study, the men and women, whose average age was 78 years, were asked: "Have you spent any time in the past 12 months doing volunteer work for religious, educational, health-related, or other charitable organization?" Lee and colleagues found that volunteering was strongly associated with lower death rates, with 12% of 1766 volunteers dying by 2006 compared to 26% of 4594 non-volunteers. Even after adjusting for numerous factors that could influence the results, such as the seniors' socio-economic status, chronic illnesses, and functional limitations, volunteering remained strongly correlated with lower death rates. The findings of the study were reported over the weekend at the American Geriatrics Society annual meeting in Chicago.

To review Military Retiree Life Expectancy tables refer to the DoD Office of the Actuary MAY 08 report at

www.defenselink.mil/actuary/statbook07.pdf.





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- Trap Shoot
- JR's Club Shoot
- 4H State Match
- Club Crab Feast
- Club Christmas Dinner

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- Indoor air rifle range
- Fifty point covered outdoor pistol range (25 & 50 yds).
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- Messick Hall club house w/ kitchen & restrooms.
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Affiliated with the National Rifle Association and Civilian Marksmanship Program.



For more information contact club secretary
Brian Beverly, at (410) 437-4864
E-Mail: garrisonsec@yahoo.com

Club meets every second Tuesday of each month
Except January which is the third Tuesday
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- HELP WANTED -



- Do you have a little Santa Claus in you?
- Do you like to see children happy?
- Do you enjoy working with your community, local businesses, churches, Boy and Girl Scouts, local government agencies, military organizations, and the Young Marines?
- Do you like to take on a challenge and make things happen?
- Do you look for satisfaction from a job well done and success?
- Are you willing to commit time in October, November and December?

If you can say **YES** to all of the above, I have a great opportunity for you!

Starting in calendar year 2010, we will need a replacement for 'yours truly' as the **Anne Arundel and Howard Counties Toys for Tots Coordinator**. The principle role of the coordinator is to plan, organize, coordinate, and execute the annual toy collection and distribution campaign within Anne Arundel and Howard Counties. The coordinator directly represents the **Marine Toys for Tots Foundation** and is the *sole authorized representative* in these two counties to raise funds and collect toys in support of the **U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program**. The coordinator is the local approving authority for the use of the Toys for Tots logo and for Toys for Tots fund-raising events. The coordinator conducts local community toy collection campaigns from **October 1st to December 22nd** each year. Working with military organizations/local social welfare agencies as well as other organizations, groups, churches and other philanthropic organizations, the distribution of toys to needy children of the community is normally completed by December 23rd.

I am looking for my replacement to *become involved* in the 2009 campaign and I will be fully committed to helping the new coordinator in the 2010 campaign. This approach will provide two years of joint coverage and experience to the new coordinator before assuming full responsibility.

Please contact me should you have any questions.

Pete

from Vic Halme, Historian

Corps History

1 August 1944

After nine days of fighting in a battle termed "the perfect amphibious operation of World War II," Major General Harry Schmidt, commander of V Amphibious Corps, declared the island of Tinian secured.

2 August 1950

1st Marine Provisional Brigade lands at Pusan, South Korea.

3 August 1950

Eight Corsairs of VMF-214, the famed "Black Sheep" squadron of World War II executed the first Marine aviation mission in the Korean War in a raid against enemy installations near Inchon.

6 August 1847

Marines commenced their march on the "Halls of Montezuma" in Mexico.

7 August 1942

1st Marine Division lands on Guadalcanal.

7 August 1990

President Bush ordered U.S. military aircraft and troops to Saudi Arabia as part of a multinational force. One week later the Marine Corps announced the commitment of 45,000 troops to Operation Desert Shield – the largest deployment of U.S. forces since Vietnam.

9 August 1942

With the Guadalcanal air-strip secure after heavy fighting with the Japanese, the 1st Engineer Battalion commenced work on the runway using captured equipment.

14 August 1912

Major Smedley D. Butler leads Marines ashore, beginning intervention in Nicaragua.

14 August 1945

President Truman announced Japan's unconditional surrender.

17 August 1942

2nd Marine Raider Battalion under Lt. Colonel Evans F. Carlson landed on Makin Island and destroyed a seaplane base, two radio stations, a supply warehouse, and killed about 100 Japanese troops.

19 August 1919

Marines Hymn registered with the U.S. Copyright Office.

21 August 1968

PFC James Anderson, Jr., posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for heroism in Vietnam – the first African-American Marine to do so.

24 August 1814

Captain Samuel Miller's 100-man detachment from Marine Barracks, Washington, fought in the battle of Bladensburg in defense of our nation's capital.

29 August 1916

The Marine Corps Reserve was founded.



Return to Parris Island



MCL Detachment 1147, Sgt Jason David Mileo is sponsoring a bus trip to **Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, SC**. The bus will depart the local area on **Wednesday October 14th, 2009** and return on **Friday October 17th**. Per person cost is only **\$200**.

Due to the lack of privacy (open squad bays, communal showers, etc.), this trip is limited to gentlemen, age 16 or older...sorry, no ladies will be allowed on this trip!

For additional information call either of these gentlemen.

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Uniform Regs... Shoulder Patches



Shoulder patches are worn on the **UNDRESS Uniform** and the **CEREMONIAL Uniform** only! Specific guidance is provided as follows.

- The **Marine Corps League shoulder patch** will be worn on the left sleeve, centered on the sleeve, and positioned 1.5 inches below the shoulder seam.
- The **United States flag patch** (2 x 3.5 inches) will be worn on the right sleeve, centered on the sleeve and 1.5 inches below the shoulder seam. The United States flag patch will have a white border, and will have the **field of blue** to the right (to the wearer's front).
- If a member of the **Military Order of Devil Dogs**, the **MODD patch** may be worn in place of the United States flag patch, centered on the sleeve and 1.5 inches below the shoulder seam.
- **No Service or Unit patches are to be worn on the Marine Corps League Uniform!**



Humor – 51 Days

A bartender is sitting behind the bar on a typical day, when the door bursts open and four extremely exuberant Sailors walk in.

The sailors order five bottles of beer and ten glasses. They take their order and sit down at a large table. The caps are popped, the glasses filled, and they begin toasting and chanting, "51 days, 51 days, 51 days!"

Soon three more Sailors arrive, take up their drinks and the chanting grows, "51 days, 51 days, 51 days!"

Two more Sailors show up and soon their voices join in raising the roof, "51 days, 51 days, 51 days!"

Finally the tenth Sailor comes in with a picture under his arm, he walks over to the table, and sets the picture down in the middle of the table. Up jump the other Sailors, who begin dancing around the table, exchanging high-fives, and all the while chanting, "51 days, 51 days, 51 days!"

The bartender cannot contain his curiosity any longer; so, he walks over to the table. There in the center is a beautifully framed completed child's puzzle of the Cookie Monster. When the frenzy dies down a little bit, the bartender asks one of the Sailors, "What is all the chanting and celebration about?"

The Sailor who brought the picture into the bar explains, "Everyone thinks that Sailors are so dumb and they continually make fun of us. So, we decided to set the record straight. Ten of us pooled our money, bought this puzzle and put it together. The side of the box said 2-4 years, but we put it together in only 51 days."

Anne Arundel County Property Tax

A new county law will enable seniors and permanently disabled people to put off paying increases to their property tax bills without paying any interest. The revamped deferral program:

- Will go into effect for property tax billed in 2010.
- Applies to disabled people or people 65 years or older who have lived in their home for at least five years.
- Freezes the amount due annually on property tax bills by deferring increases.
- Allows people in the program to pay off the deferral when the home is sold or changes hands.

For more information, call the county's *Office of Finance* at **410-222-1781**.



Editor's Note – The above information was taken from an article printed in the Wednesday, July 29, 2009 edition of The Capital, which was written by Staff Writer ERIN COX.

Play Golf at Bay Hills! Help Toys for Tots!

During the month of October, **Bay Hills Golf Course** (Arnold, MD) has generously offered to donate **20%** of monies collected from golfers, who state that they wish to play in support of our detachment's **2009 Toys for Tots** effort.

The only requirement for taking advantage of this opportunity is that each participating golfer must tell the course's cashier that he or she wishes to contribute to our detachment's Toys for Tots fund-raising effort.

To optimize the monies collected, we urge all of our golfing membership to consider playing at Bay Hills during the month of October and to encourage their family members, friends, and acquaintances to do the same.

Remember! You must inform the Bay Hills staff that you wish to play on behalf of our Toys for Tots Drive.



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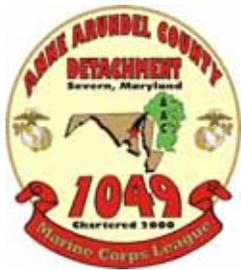
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*A rare color photograph of a Marine 75mm pack howitzer in action at Torokina Field, Bougainville, 15 December 1943. Note the tattered Japanese flag draped over the camouflage netting. [An excerpt from *Semper Fi*, by Col. H. Avery Chenoweth, USMCR (Retired) with Col. Brooke Nihart, USMC (Retired) and published by Main Street, a division of Sterling Publishing Co., Inc. of New York.]*