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Lest We Forget ... Les Bates

Leslie A. Bates of Gambrills, a fellow Marine and charter member of the Marine Corps League’s Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049, passed away on Wednesday, February 18, 2009 at the Anne Arundel Medical Center.

He was preceded in death by one brother, **Emery A. Bates**; and is survived by his wife of more than 53 years, **Jean A. Bates**; two sons, **William L. Bates** and **Edward (Andy) Bates**; two daughters, **Jean Anne Marshall** and **Laura Bates**; and six grandchildren.

Known to many of us as Les, he was born on May 30, 1927, in Washington, D.C., to the late **Annie** and **Edward A. Bates**.

Les joined the **Marine Corps** in August 1945 and served as a rifleman during the remainder of World War II. PFC Bates was discharged from the Corps in August 1947 while a member of Casual Company at Marine Corps Base, Quantico, Virginia.



Marine Les Bates

Soon after his separation from the Corps, Les became a member of the **Anne Arundel County Police Department**, where he provided good and faithful service until his retirement in 1977 having served for 30 years. During his tenure with the department, Les became the first supervisor of its crossing guard unit and later went on to command its first traffic division, including Anne Arundel County’s first motorcycle patrol unit. Les was also instrumental in developing the department’s first training academy in Davidsonville, which opened in 1976.

He formed the first **Fraternal Order of Police (FOP)** Lodge in Anne Arundel County (Lodge 70, in Crownsville) and was one of the lodge’s original ten charter members. He became Lodge President in 1970 and served two consecutive terms. Les went on to serve as President of the Maryland State Lodge of the FOP in 1974; a role that his son, Captain William Bates of the Department of Natural Resources Police, was to assume at a later date. Les and William Bates are the only father/son combination to have ever been elected as President of the Maryland State FOP Lodge. An active life member of the FOP, Les also served as the Lodge 70 Chaplin.

After his retirement from the Anne Arundel County Police Department, Les worked as a security guard for **Nationwide Insurance** in Annapolis, Maryland.

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Vacant



From the Editor

Mac McNeir

Before getting started, I would first like to apologize for the number of typographical errors that appeared in the February issue – the first produced by me. Be assured that I will make every attempt to do better in all future issues.

Next, I would like to encourage each reader of this newsletter to provide me with any ideas that you might have for future articles and continued improvement of this publication.

I watched the premier showing of the HBO movie *Taking Chance*, which premiered on February 21, 2009. The movie was very well done and presented a facet of war with which many Marines are unfamiliar – the process used to return the remains of our fallen heroes to their families. HBO will continue to air this first-rate film for a while longer, providing additional viewing opportunities for those of you who have yet to see it.

I have begun trying to ‘personalize’ our newsletter by focusing upon our members with brief biographical articles. Unfortunately, two articles in this month’s issue are related to the recent passing of Marine Corps League members. However, counterpoints to these articles are the brief narratives that focus on a new life member and the recipient of assistance provided by **Hound Dog Pound 204** of the **Military Order of the Devil Dogs**. Future inclusion of biographical articles on past, present, and hopefully future members of this detachment will require the willing assistance of my fellow detachment members.

For economic reasons, I am attempting to keep each issue of the newsletter to 12 pages (6 sheets) to keep postage costs at an acceptable level. To achieve that end, I will be exercising editorial discretion and ‘polishing’ submitted articles to fit within available space. Every effort will be made to maintain each author’s thrust and focus in any and all articles that I edit.

Finally, since I have had minimal response to my initial request for email addresses, I am again asking that all detachment members with an email capability, provide me with their email addresses. In order to ensure that I have had responses from all of our members, I would also appreciate those of you without an email capability making me aware of that fact as well.

You may contact me either by email at anonmcneir@verizon.net or by telephone at **410-437-4329**. Once again, let me hear from you and thanks for your help and understanding!



Information Still Needed

Information is still being sought with regard to the location of the **Military Order of the Devil Dogs, Pound 204, Guide-On** and two (2) **tri-legged flag stands**, which are still missing.

Anyone having information about these missing items is encouraged to contact either **Mike Hadley** or any member of **Devil Dog Pound 204**.

Commandant's Message



Pete Pervi

Greetings Marines,

Hopefully, this newsletter finds everyone in good health and good spirits. Just a reminder that we will be holding final **nominations and election** for the 2009/2010 Detachment Commandant, Senior Vice Commandant, Junior Vice Commandant and Judge Advocate during our March 23rd meeting. Installation of the newly elected officers, appointed officers and the presentation of **Detachment Marine of the Year** will take place at the April 27th detachment meeting. Food and refreshments will be served immediately after the conclusion of the April meeting.

On Saturday, March 14th, eight members of our detachment attended the **MCL Department of Maryland Quarterly Staff Meeting** and the **Maryland Pack Growl** at Elkton, Maryland. All, who attended, had an opportunity to socialize with fellow Marines from all over Maryland and learn more about what the Department is doing and planning. You are cordially invited to join us at future gatherings.

Now is the time for you to think about attending the **MCL Department of Maryland Convention**. The convention will be held at the Princess Royale Oceanfront Hotel & Conference Center in Ocean City. The dates are Thursday, April 30th to Saturday, May 2nd. If you are interested in the MCL Department activities, thinking about becoming more involved in MCL activities at some future date, or simply someone who enjoys the camaraderie of fellow marines; plan to attend at least the Friday all day session. I cannot stress enough just how much fun you will have. If you have any questions, please see me or one of the detachment officers.

Operation Welcome Home welcomes troops back from Iraq and Afghanistan, who arrive at BWI. Flights are currently scheduled to arrive on **Wednesday, March 25th at 1845; Friday, March 27th at 1530; and Saturday, March 28th at 2045**. Marines are invited to join others and welcome these troops home. If you have never done this before, get a buddy, your wife and/or your kids and be part of one of these events. You will come away with very heart-warming memories. If you plan to take part, call the **OWH Hotline** (410-630-1555) after 0830 on the day of the flight to confirm time and become aware of any scheduling changes. If you go, please wear your MCL (red) cover. Park your vehicle on the third level of the garage and meet on the lower level of the **International Terminal**. Bring your parking stub to get it validated for free parking. **THIS IS A GREAT EXPERIENCE!**

I have been talking with the Marine Barracks staff at **8th & I** about attending their **Sunset Parade**. There are a couple of options with regard to how this may be accomplished. The determination of which option we choose is based upon the number of Marines who wish to attend. The parade is held every Friday evening during the summer. If you are interested in attending, please give your name to our Adjutant at the March 23rd detachment meeting. An accurate head count is needed before I can proceed with arrangements. We have to commit early due to the extreme popularity of this event.

Do not forget that our annual **Marines Helping Marines Golf Tournament** is coming up on May 4th. If you want to enjoy a day on the greens, get registered. If you are not a golfer but want to have a fun day while helping with this charitable effort, please see either our Senior Vice Commandant or Rich Gonzales. Also, we can use help on Sunday, May 3rd at the VFW to stuff gift bags and assemble Tee-box signs.

Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting on Monday, March 23rd at 1900 hours.

Semper Fi,

Pete

Commandant

*New members are our life's blood!
Try to recruit a new member.*

From the desk of the

Senior Vice Commandant



James T. Brady

Members,

Well another month has gone by and it seems like I hardly got anything done; so, I guess I will have to invent something to say (right).

We have started to receive some donations for the Golf outing and it promises to be another great event for Detachment 1049. All members are encouraged to come out and help, even if you do not play golf. We can always use an extra set of hands; besides, it really is a fun day of camaraderie and just plain old socializing. Did I mention that the food is good and the beer is cold?

The following events are scheduled for the month of March:

- **Saturday, March 14th** – Department Meeting and Pack Growl at Elkton MD, from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Later on that same day we supported Ed Ross in shaving his head (again) for children with cancer Saint Baldrick's fund drive. It is not too late to donate.
- **Saturday, March 21st** – Young Marines from a different Detachment (not ours) will have a spaghetti dinner to raise funds. It seems their own Post Home will not let them hold one so we stepped in to help. We are a bunch of softies.
- **Saturday, March 28th** – the VFWLA is having their annual Shrimp Feast for \$35.00. Come on down, take the wife out for dinner, dancing and socializing and help a worthy organization at the same time.
- **Monday, March 23rd** – detachment meeting
- **Thursday, March 26th** – executive (big wig) meeting
- **Thursday April 30th through Sunday May 3rd** – Department Convention in Ocean City Maryland
- **Monday May 4th** – Fourth Annual Marines Helping Marines Golf Outing

Again, I am mentioning that the Post clean-up crew on Saturday morning could use a few extra hands. Cleaning generally starts at 0630 and is normally done by 0745. Coffee and fellowship follows with lively discussions and a great deal of information disseminated on all Post Organizations and events. Any and all are cordially invited in helping to keep our (your) home clean. Anyone interested in joining us or in need of more information should see me at the next meeting. For those of you who are interested in becoming a member of the Devil Dog Society, helping to clean our Post Home is one way of going above and beyond simply being a member of the league and possibly earning an invitation to become a pup.

Finally, it's that time of the year again when you may be thinking of joining Manny Airey and the rest of the Marines in whacking a stationary ball around a lawn. It's a challenge to hit your ball as few times as possible, to keep your ball out of the sand or water, and to ignore the snide remarks of others in your foursome...individuals who should be standing as still as statues and silent as you attempt to keep from losing your ball and/or your composure. During this activity called **recreation**, smart Marines with a keen eye will be able to discern the beer cart on the horizon and plan their course of action to intercept it with minimal perspiration. This recreation, known as golf, will also provide an opportunity to enjoy the fresh air of spring, the camaraderie of your friends, and verbal abuse liberally administered by those friends. Prepare yourself – the tournament is on the way.

Enough for now so keep warm on a cold day,
cool on a hot day and happy every day!

Jim Brady

Senior Vice Commandant & PDD

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From the desk of the

Jr Vice Commandant



Woody Bowman

Fellow members,

I am sorry to say that as of March 1st, there are 13 members of our detachment, who are delinquent in payment of their dues.

Conversely, I am happy to report that 18 detachment members, as well as members of the Department of Maryland, paid their respects to the family of our fallen comrade Les Bates, at Hardesty's Funeral Home on the evening of March 6, 2009. The family was highly appreciative of the ceremony conducted by our detachment to honor their departed loved one.

Finally, our Color Guard took part in wreath-laying ceremonies at St. Anne's Cemetery in Annapolis on Saturday, March 14th. Wreaths were placed upon the graves of both a Confederate and Union Marine.

Semper Fi,

Woody

Junior Vice Commandant



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Woof-Woof,

The Pack of Maryland had a very successful Growl on 10 January – \$170.00 collected in passport stamps and fines. In keeping with the tradition of Tun Tavern, we growled from the Rathskeller of the Ellicott Mills Brewery, with the Pack Leader serving a special house blend of Semper Fi Strong Ale. On March 14th, the most recent Pack Growl was held in Elkton, Maryland (details will be in next newsletter).

Hound Dog Pound 204 held a successful Growl on the 8th of February at the Pound Dog House. The Anne Arundel County Detachment served breakfast at 0900. Bloody Marys were served at 0800. We will Growl again on 19 April.

Pound 204 lost a Pup since our last Growl. Pup **Al Guyton** reported to the Supreme Dog on 16 February while vacationing out of state. He had just begun to get active in the Baltimore Detachment and Pound 204 after retiring about a year ago.

As always, keep the fleas at a safe distance.

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

Paul Taylor

PDD & Dog Robber

Chaplain's Corner

from Ken Rollins, Detachment Chaplain

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 of any marines or marine family members.

My contact information is listed below.

**101 S. Longcross Road
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General Wilson's Love Poem

The following poem was written by the 26th Commandant of the Marine Corps, who earned the Medal of Honor for his actions in combat on the Island of Guam during World War II.

The wonderful Love of a Beautiful Maid,
The Love of a Staunch, True Man,
The Love of a baby, unafraid,
Have existed since time began.

But the Greatest of Loves,
The Quintessence of Loves,
Even greater than that of a Mother,
Is the Tender, Passionate, Infinite Love
Of one drunken Marine for another.

Coming Events

In addition to the normally scheduled **detachment meetings that take place on the 4th Monday of every month**, the following events are scheduled to occur through May of 2009. Unless otherwise noted, these events will take place at VFW Post 160, located at 2597 Dorsey Road, Glen Burnie, MD 21060.

Planning Meeting, Spring Golf Tournament

Thursday, March 26, 2009 @ 7:30 PM
(Pete Pervi)

Military Order of Devil Dogs, Pound Growl

Sunday, April 19, 2009 @ 10:00 AM
(Jack Severn)

Detachment 1049 Staff Meeting

Monday, April 20, 2009 @ 7:30 PM
(Pete Pervi)

Day at the Races, sponsored by VFW Men's Auxiliary & MCL A. A. Co. Detachment 1049

Sunday, April 26, 2009 – Beginning @ 1:00 PM
(John Rithman & Manny Airey)

Department of Maryland Convention

Princess Royale Ocean-Front Hotel,
Ocean City, Maryland
Thursday, April 30 – Saturday, May 2, 2009
(Bud Raines)

Military Order of Devil Dogs, Pack Growl

Princess Royale Ocean-Front Hotel,
Ocean City, Maryland
Friday, May 1, 2009 (12:00 – 3:30 PM)
(Jack Severn)

Marines Helping Marines Golf Tournament

Bay Hills Golf Course
Arnold, Maryland
Monday, May 4, 2009 @ 9:00 AM
(Rich Gonzales & Manny Airey)

Dept of Pennsylvania Pistol Match

Fort Indiantown Gap, PA
Friday May 29 – Sunday, 31 May, 2009
(Mike Hadley)

Detachment 1049 Staff Meeting

Thursday, May 14, 2009 @ 7:30 PM
(Pete Pervi)

Memorial Day – Posting of Colors (Color Guard)

American Legion Post 276
8068 Quarterfield Road
Severn, MD 21144
Monday, May 25, 2009 @ 9:00 AM
(Woody Bowman)

Memorial Day – Posting of Colors (Color Guard)

Crownsville Veterans Cemetery (410-987-6320)
1122 Sunrise Beach Road
Crownsville, MD 21032
Monday, May 25, 2009 @ 11:00 AM
(Woody Bowman)



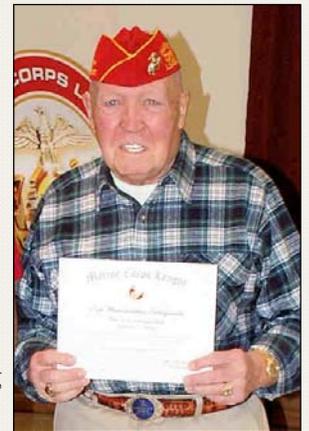
Our Newest Life Member

At last month's meeting, our detachment's life membership roster was increased by one, when Junior Vice Commandant **Woody Bowman** presented a Marine Corps League Life Membership Certificate to **Dick Savage**.

Dick first became a member of the Marine Corps League approximately ten years ago, when he joined the **First State Detachment** in Ocean View, Delaware. He subsequently became a life member of that detachment.

Dick began his affiliation with **Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049** in the Spring of 2008 and has contributed to and participated in many of our detachment's activities ever since. Dick has been more than a familiar face at these functions; in fact, he was a major factor in the warehouse operation that enabled the **2008 Toys for Tots** team to achieve new detachment records for the number of toys collected and ultimately distributed. His untiring work ethic set an example that proved difficult for many of us younger members to match.

Welcome aboard to our new life member, who is already a valuable member of our detachment.



Dick Savage



Taps



Alvin J. Guyton, a fellow Marine, life member of the Marine Corps League, and member of the Military Order of Devil Dogs passed away on Sunday, February 15, 2009.

Marine Guyton retired from the Marine Corps Reserves (4th Combat Engineer Battalion) having attained the rank of Gunnery Sergeant.

He filled many roles for the Marine Corps League's Baltimore Detachment 565 – Sergeant-at-Arms, Assistant Hall Rental Chairman, IT Technician, detachment armorer and member of the pistol team.

Alvin J. Guyton, who would have been 59 on April 11, 2009, has been interred at the Garrison Forest Veterans Cemetery located at 11501 Garrison Forest Road, Owings Mills, Maryland, 21117.



(Lest We Forget... Les Bates – from page 1)

Having served as a U.S. Marine during World War II, Les became a charter member of the **Marine Corps League's Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049** in February of 2000 and served as its first Chaplain until 2005. Les was instrumental in the detachment's formation and sponsorship of the **Young Marines** – a youth education and service program, which focuses upon character building, leadership, and the promotion of a healthy, drug free lifestyle. Another facet of Les' affable nature, which is recalled by many of our detachment members, was his penchant for driving his vintage fire-engine in community sponsored parades and giving rides to those who wished to climb aboard.

Les was a member of **American Legion Post 7** in Crownsville, Maryland.

Another of his many notable achievements was his graduation from **Annapolis High School** at the age of 75. This was made possible by a county-sponsored program that assisted veterans, whose education had been interrupted by their war-time service, in the attainment of their high school diplomas.

A longtime member of **Baldwin United Methodist Church**, Les has been interred in the church's cemetery located at 921 Generals Highway, Millersville, MD 21108. Memorial contributions are being accepted by his church.

Saepius Exertus ... Sempex Fidelis ... Frater Infinitas

(Often Tested ... Always Faithful ... Brothers Forever)

NOTE - This article was compiled from the obituary published in The Capital, which was supplemented with information obtained from members of the detachment.

Legislative Report

from Jim LeGette, Legislative Officer

The ongoing saga of our Legislature continues.

First the bad news, **House Bill 536 (Income Tax Exemption – Military Health Care Pensions – Health Care Workforce Shortage)** was withdrawn on March 9th.

The good news is that there are three sets of bills, among others, still classified as pending.

The allowance of slot machines in non-profit locations legislation continues its torturous path through both houses (three bills in the House and four bills in the Senate).

The **Income Tax – Subtraction – Military Retirement Income** bills seem to be very much alive (four bills in the House and six bills in the Senate).

There are three bills in the two houses dealing with **Sales and Use Tax – Exemption – Veteran's Organizations**.

A more complete explanation will be reported on those bills that still have life after the close of the Legislature.



Corps History

from Vic Halme, Historian

3 March 1776

First Marine landing on hostile shores in the Bahamas.

6 March 1932

John Philip Sousa dies at age 79 in Reading, Pennsylvania.

8 March 1928

Captain Merritt Edson sets out on epic CoCo River patrol in search of Nicaraguan rebel leader Sandino.

8 March 1965

9th Marine Expeditionary Brigade lands at DaNang, Republic of Vietnam – first U.S. ground combat troops committed to that conflict.

9 March 1847

Captain Alvin Edson leads Marine battalion ashore with Army forces at Veracruz, Mexico.

11 March 1778

Marines aboard the frigate BOSTON, assisted in the engagement and capture of the British merchant ship MARTHA. Future President John Adams seized a musket and joined the Marines on deck until the frigate's commanding officer, Captain, Samuel Tucker, sent him below for safety.

12 March 1824

Marines quell prison riot in Boston. Story published in *McGuffey's Reader* spreads Marine Corps fame.

13 March 1943

First Women Marine officer candidates arrive at U.S. Midshipmen School at Mount Holyoke College.

16 March 1927

4th Marines land in Shanghai, China and remain for fourteen years.

21 March 1945

General A.A. Vandegrift, 18th Commandant, becomes first Marine four-star general on active duty.

25 March 1804

Secretary of the Navy approves first formal Marine Corps uniform.

26 March 1945

Iwo Jima secured. Marines suffer 25,851 casualties.

31 March 1801

LtCol. Commandant William W. Burrows & President Thomas Jefferson select site for Marine Barracks, 8th & I.



One of the Faces

Members of the **Devil Dogs** make contributions to many worthy efforts and recipients, who often remain nameless and faceless. Recently, the members of **Hound Dog Pound 204** committed to assisting to a local Army family with three



JJ & His Service Dog

children (two girls and a boy), whose father is on a hardship deployment until December 2009. The son, **John James**, whom everyone affectionately calls **JJ**, is a very special and brave young man with multiple and severe special needs. JJ will be celebrating his 5th birthday on August 11th after having undergone more than nine surgical procedures at Walter

Reed.

Some of you might be surprised to learn that while TRICARE does cover the cost of many medical necessities, it does not pay for incontinence supplies. By providing JJ with the special diapers that he needs, the members of Pound 204 have removed a significant financial burden from his mother's shoulders. Our initial order of 800 diapers was delivered to JJ's mother, Mary, at Fort Meade at the end of February.

Mary wants every Devil Dog to know just how much she appreciates our help.

NOTE..... A very special thanks to Pup Pete Pervi, who not only performed the leg-work that resulted in our decision to help JJ and his family but provided the information for this article as well.

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Future Marine Recruiter?

This guy needs to go straight to recruiting duty. Private Jones was assigned to the Marine Induction Center, where he was to advise new recruits about their government benefits, especially their Serviceman's Group Life Insurance (SGLI). It wasn't long before the center's Lieutenant noticed that Private Jones had almost a 100% record for insurance sales, which had never happened before. Rather than ask about his technique, the Lt. stood in the back of the room and listened to Pvt. Jones' sales-pitch.

Jones explained the basics of the SGLI to the new recruits, and then said. "If you have SGLI and go into battle and are killed, the government has to pay \$200,000 to your beneficiaries. If you don't have SGLI, and you go into battle and get killed, the government has to pay only a maximum of \$6,000."

"Now," he concluded, "which bunch do you think they are going to send into battle first?"



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A Day at the Races

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(*Korean War Era Marines See National Bylaws, Article 6, Section 600)

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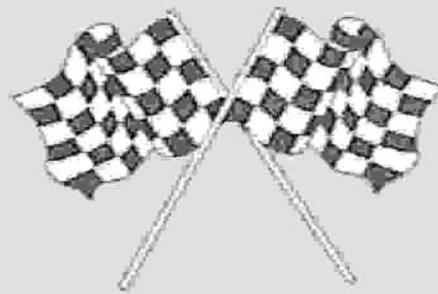
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*(Valor at Hue by Tom Freeman – an excerpt from **The Marines**, published by The Marine Corps Heritage Foundation)*