



# Newsletter

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## Mid-Winter National Conference Marks Beginning of a Busy Spring

(see story on page 8)



Detachment Commandant Pete Pervi, Judge Advocate Manny Airey, Web Master & Rifle and Pistol Team Captain Mike Hadley, and Senior Vice Commandant James Brady attending one of the many functions comprising the Marine Corps League Mid-Winter National Conference. (Photo courtesy of W. McNeir)

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*Vacant*



# From the Editor

*Mac McNeir*

It should be obvious to all that our detachment newsletter is in a state of change. The most obvious being a somewhat different look. In the coming months, some content modifications are also envisioned. Ed Dahling, our Public Information Officer, has been assisting me in this recent undertaking and has graciously offered to continue assisting me until I fully appreciate the processes and requirements associated with the publication of this newsletter. I would like to take this opportunity to thank him for his immense help and expert assistance in this undertaking.

I am also soliciting the assistance of you, my fellow members, to make the publication of this newsletter as meaningful and as useful as possible. Any suggestions or thoughts that you may have should be communicated to me by emailing me at [paymaster@mclaacdet1049.org](mailto:paymaster@mclaacdet1049.org), sending me a note via the detachment mail slot in the VFW Post 160 office, or speaking with me personally.

What are my goals? Well, winning a Pulitzer isn't one of them; however, the following list identifies a few of my intentions.

- Timely Articles
- More Pictures/Photographs
- Features such as Member Mini-Biographies, Humor, Quotations, etc.

Articles for the next newsletter should be submitted to me by no later than Noon on March 16th.

If you normally contribute an article each month, but have no article for the coming month, please let me know to keep me from pestering you.

Once again, let me hear from you and thanks for your understanding and help!



## - INFORMATION WANTED -

Information is being sought with regard to the whereabouts of the currently missing **Military Order of the Devil Dogs, Pound 204, guide-on as well as two (2) tri-legged flag stands.**

*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*

Marines,

It is that time of year again for you to start thinking about who you would like to **lead the detachment during the 2009/2010 year**. Any **regular members in good standing** may be nominated for elective office. During our February and March meetings, we will be accepting nominations for the following elected offices.

- Commandant
- Junior Vice Commandant
- Senior Vice Commandant
- Judge Advocate

Voting for the nominees will be held at the March meeting (3/23/2009); while, installation of elected and appointed officers will take place at the April meeting (4/27/2009).



The **Detachment Marine of the Year** committee will be accepting nominations for the 2009 Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049 Marine of the Year between February 23 and March 16, 2009. This award shall be presented to **regular members in good standing** of the Anne Arundel County Detachment who have distinguished themselves above and beyond that normally expected of membership in the Marine Corps League.

Nominations will be made in letterform, (typed or legibly handwritten). The nomination letter shall clearly describe the candidate's achievements and contributions. Nominations are to be submitted to the Detachment 1049 Commandant no later than March 16, 2009, by 1700 hours. Your nominations may be:

- hand delivered to the Commandant at 1045 Rustling Oaks Drive, Millersville, MD;
- emailed to [cmdt@mclaacdet1049.org](mailto:cmdt@mclaacdet1049.org);
- sent via postal mail to P.O. Box 804, Severn, MD 21144; or
- sealed in an envelope and placed in the detachment mail box (slot) located in the VFW Post 160 office.

At 1700 on March 16, 2009, the Commandant will turn over all nomination letters to the Chairman of the Marine of the Year committee.



Last month we looked at and voted on candidate submissions for the **Detachment Logo**. The previously selected logo has been withdrawn by the Commandant at the request of the Devil Dogs since it looked like a Devil Dog Logo.

The logo displayed within this memo has been approved by your elected officers and is submitted for your examination and approval. We will vote on the adoption of this logo at our February meeting.

Semper Fi,

**Pete**



From the desk of the

# Senior Vice Commandant



James T. Brady

Hello, how are you doing? Nice to chat with you and other such useless greetings!

By the time you read this letter we will have had a Staff Meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> of February and we should have discussed an **increase of the membership dues** and issues relating to the **4<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Fund-Raiser**. The proposed dues increase will be \$5.00, bringing the total annual renewal fee to \$30.00. This proposal will be brought before the membership for their final approval or dissent at our next meeting on February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

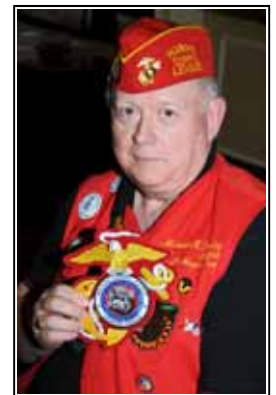
I was fortunate enough to attend the **Mid-Winter Conference** just held on February 12<sup>th</sup> through the 15<sup>th</sup> in Fairfax Virginia. This was my first Mid-Winter which is a National Meeting and Supreme Growl. I must point out that the MCL Department of Maryland and Devil Dog Maryland Pack is very well known, respected, admired, and our opinion on doing and getting things done is greatly appreciated by those on the National Officers level. It was truly amazing how many National Officers went out of their way to come by and say hello to those of us from Maryland, who attended.



Jack Severn  
the Enforcer

We were really noticed in the Supreme Growl and in keeping with our tradition, the **52<sup>nd</sup> Chief Devil Dog** boned everyone in the back row and you all know who sits in the back row (ha ha ha). The **Kennel Police Dog** (Jack Severn), also tried to mention the good things we were doing in 2008 so the 52<sup>nd</sup> Chief Devil Dog said since we were doing so well she boned us two more times (ha ha ha). If Jack tried to say any more we were going to kill him. Mike Hadley, during an auction on a very special patch (only five exist), outbid every Dog in the house. He will be showing off this special patch at our next Growl. It is truly something to behold.

Our very own Gerry Fay made his announcement on running for Kennel Jr Vice Chief Devil Dog. This position is very high and would then allow the Pack of Maryland to have two individuals on the Supreme Kennel level. The voting on this will take place in Rochester, Minnesota



Mike Hadley  
and His Prize

at the next National Convention in August of 2009.

By now you should have heard that the dates of this year's Department Convention in Ocean City Maryland have changed. It will now start on Thursday April 30<sup>th</sup> and run through Sunday May 3, 2009. The following Monday May 4<sup>th</sup> is our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Marines Helping Marines Golf Outing. Those of us attending the entire convention will need to return early on Sunday the 4th in order to prepare and finalize many aspects of the golf outing in-order to ensure not only that it runs smoothly but is a resounding success.

Again I am mentioning the Post clean-up crew on Saturday could use a few extra hands. The effort typically starts at 0630 and is completed by 0745. Coffee and fellowship follow with lively discussions and a great deal of information being disseminated relative to Post Organizations and events. Any and all are cordially invited in helping to keep our (your) home clean. Any one interested in participating or who requires additional information should see me at the next meeting.

Semper Fidelis & Woof-Woof

## Jim Brady

Senior Vice Commandant & PDD

From the desk of the  
**Jr Vice  
Commandant**



Woody Bowman

In case you are unaware, when the dues charged by National went up by \$6.00 a year (for both renewals and new members), we as a detachment did not pass the increase along to our members. The \$25.00 that we receive is no longer adequate, as we barely make money on a renewal and are losing money on new memberships. With the likely hood that the fees charged by National and Department going up again in the future, it appears that we will have to raise our fee in order to keep the detachment from realizing a still greater deficit.

Please see the Commandant's Message for additional information about the issue of dues.

Semper Fi,

**Woody**

## 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  
Linthicum Heights, Md. 21090  
410-859-1325**



## Rifle & Pistol Team

*from Mike Hadley, Team Captain*

The **Department of Pennsylvania, 16th Pistol Match Championship** will be contested at Fort Indiantown Gap, PA on the weekend of 29, 30, and 31 May 2009.

If you are interested in participating in this match, You will need to read the **2009 Service Pistol Match Information Sheet**, fill out the necessary **Release and Hold Harmless Forms**, and remit \$30 to me.

If you have questions contact me either by phone or email.

- Telephone – 410-340-9033
- email – [shooter@mclaacdet1049.org](mailto:shooter@mclaacdet1049.org).

Semper Fi and good shooting.



## Veteran's Affairs

*from Phil Schwarzenberg, VAVS Officer*

### VA to Pay Veterans for ID Theft Exposure

The Veterans Affairs Department agreed on January 27, 2009, to pay \$20 million to veterans for exposing them to possible identity theft in 2006 when a VA data analyst admitted that he had lost a laptop and external drive containing the names, birth dates and Social Security numbers of up to 26.5 million veterans and active-duty troops. Veterans must show they suffered actual harm, such as physical symptoms of emotional distress or expenses incurred for credit monitoring. A U.S. District Court judge must approve the terms of the settlement before it becomes final.



# Corps History

from Vic Halme, Historian

## 1 Feb 1944

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

## 8 Feb 1832

Brevet Captain Alvin Edson leads attack at Quallah Battoo, Sumatra.

## 15 Feb 1898

28 Marines among 250 Americans killed when cruiser USS Maine is blown up in Havana harbor.

## 17 Feb 1944

22nd Marines help Army seize Eniwetok Atoll.

## 19 Feb 1945

4th and 5th Marines Divisions assault Iwo Jima, raise flag on Mount Suribachi four days later.

## 19 Feb 1970

Combat patrol of 7th Marines charged with deaths of eleven civilians at Son Thang, Viet Nam.

## 20 Feb 1815

Captain Archibald Henderson leads Marines in Constitution's victory over Cyane and Levant.

## 28 Feb 1967

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



### *– email Addresses Needed –*

*It would be greatly appreciated if each of our members, who have an email account, would provide us with their email address as soon as possible – no later than the conclusion of the coming meeting would be great!*



# Military Order of Devil Dogs

*The Fun & Honor Society of the Marine Corps League*

Woof-Woof,

This month's article serves is essentially a nomination form for **Pound Dog of the Year**. This is the most prestigious award the Pound can deliver. If you know a Dog truly deserving of this honor, let the committee know. And don't just put someone's name down and let it go at that. It will be discarded. List the reasons why this Dog should be the recipient of this Pound Dog of the Year award.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

From: \_\_\_\_\_

To: Pound 204, Dog of the Year Committee  
(PDDs Ross, Brady, Airey)

Subject: Nomination for Dog of the Year, 2009

I nominate \_\_\_\_\_  
for Pound 204, Pack of Maryland, Dog of the Year.

I feel that this nominee should be named Dog of the Year for the following reasons:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.
- 9.
- 10.

Semper Fidelis & Woof-Woof

## Paul Taylor

PDD & Dog Robber

# Coming Events

In addition to the normally scheduled 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 (2597 Dorsey Road, Glen Burnie, MD 21060).

## Detachment 1049 Friday Night Dinner

Friday, March 6, 2009 (6:00 – 8:00 PM)  
(Danny Fischio)

## Military Order of Devil Dogs, Pack Growl & Dep't of Maryland Spring Staff Meeting

LCpl Copenhaver Detachment  
American Legion Post 15  
129 West Main Street  
Saturday, March 14, 2009 (9:00AM – 11:00AM)  
(Jerry Fay / Mike Hadley)

## 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)

## 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 @ 8:00 AM  
(Rich Gonzales)

## 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)



# Legislative Report

*from Jim LeGette, Legislative Officer*

As you are aware, the politicians are back in town (Annapolis). Among the many bills under consideration are several dealing with the military.

Two major subjects of interest are the **legalizing and placement of slot machines** in non-profit organizations and the continuing attempt to increase the “**Income Tax-Subtraction-Military Retirement Income**” (Subtraction Modification) relative to retirement pay for the military. The latter deals with increasing the amount of military retirement pay that will not be subject to Maryland taxation. At the present time, the amount of military retirement pay not subject to taxation is \$5,000.

There are three pending bills in each of the houses of government (Assembly and Senate) under consideration to allow slot machines to be legally placed in non-profit locations. If one of these bills passes both houses and is signed by the governor, non-profit organizations would have the opportunity to place slots in their established venues.

There are three bills pending in each of the houses proposing the increase of the Subtraction Modification. It is hard, at this writing, to be able to anticipate what bill will be successful and what the increase from \$5,000 will be, if any.



# Mid-Winter Conference

By Mac McNeir

The annual **Marine Corps League Mid-Winter National Conference** marks the beginning of a very busy Spring for members of Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049. Information pertaining to events scheduled for the next few months are summarized by the **Coming Events** article located on page 7 of this newsletter.



Ed Ross, Jack Severn, James Brady, Pete Pervi, and Manny Airey discuss the days events over breakfast. (Photo by Mac McNeir)

With regard to the Mid-Winter Conference, a number of Department of Maryland Officers as well as members of this detachment attended the conference held at the Falls Church, Virginia Marriott Hotel during the period of 12 through 14 February. Those of us who attended were provided an opportunity to meet and interact with current and past members of the Marine Corps League's National Staff and MCL members from other regions of this great country. We were also able to participate in meetings that provided an overview of the league's 2008 accomplishments, the league's current concerns, and league plans for the future from a national perspective.

I take great pride in reporting that from my perspective, the Department of Maryland's Staff and the members of Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049 were undoubtedly one of the best –if not the best represented organizations in attendance.

For those Devil Dogs in attendance, the ability to take advantage of the MODD's Hospitality Suite on Thursday evening and to participate in the Mini-Growl on Friday evening was quite rewarding and enjoyable. While visiting the Hospitality Suite, our detachment representatives presented the 52nd Chief Devil Dog with mementos (an inscribed framed photograph and mini-photo album) that chronicled her participation as our honored guest at the 233rd Marine Corps Birthday celebration hosted by our detachment this past November. It was shortly after the presentation of these mementos that the Chief Devil Dog alerted Manny 'Tootsie' Airey to the fact that she would make every effort to ensure that he would likely be among the most recognized attendees at the conference



Mike Hadley, Pete Pervi, James Brady, Manny 'Tootsie' Airey and Mac McNeir with the 52nd Chief Devil Dog Laurel Hull in the MODD Hospitality Suite. (Photo by Jack Severn)

In concluding this article, I would like to state that this event is not only highly informative but fun-filled and well worth attending. For that reason, I encourage all members of our detachment to consider attending the Mid-Winter Conference in the future – if only as a day trip. It is held annually in the Washington DC suburbs and we are fortunate to have it located so close to us. If you have any questions, please present them to any of the members identified in this article.





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**A crusty old Marine Sergeant Major...**

*found himself at a gala event hosted by a local liberal arts college. There was no shortage of extremely young idealistic ladies in attendance; in fact, one soon approached and engaged the Sergeant Major in conversation.*

*"Excuse me, Sergeant Major, but you seem to be a very serious man. Is something bothering you?"*

*"Negative, ma'am. Just serious by nature."*

*The young lady looked at his awards and decorations and said, "It looks like you have seen a lot of action."*

*"Yes, ma'am, a lot of action."*

*The young lady, tiring of his stoic demeanor, said, "You know, you should lighten up a little. Relax and enjoy yourself."*

*The Sergeant Major just stared at her in his serious manner.*

*Finally the young lady said, "You know, I hope you don't take this the wrong way, but when was the last time you had sex?"*


*"1955, ma'am."*

*"Well, there you are. You really need to chill out and quit taking everything so seriously! I mean, no sex since 1955!" She took his hand and led him to a private room where she proceeded to "relax" him several times. Afterwards, panting for breath, she snuggled against his bare chest and said, "Wow, you sure didn't forget much since 1955!"*

*The Sergeant Major, glancing at his watch, said in his serious voice, "I hope not, it's only 2130 now."*

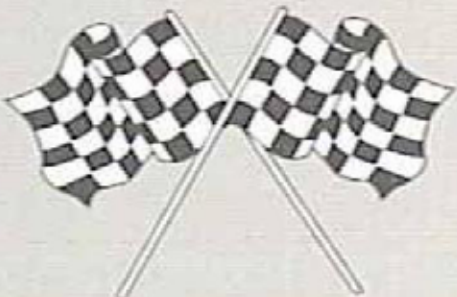
**"You cannot exaggerate about the Marines. They are convinced to the point of arrogance, that they are the most ferocious fighters on earth - and the amusing thing about it is that they are."**

**Father Kevin Keane,  
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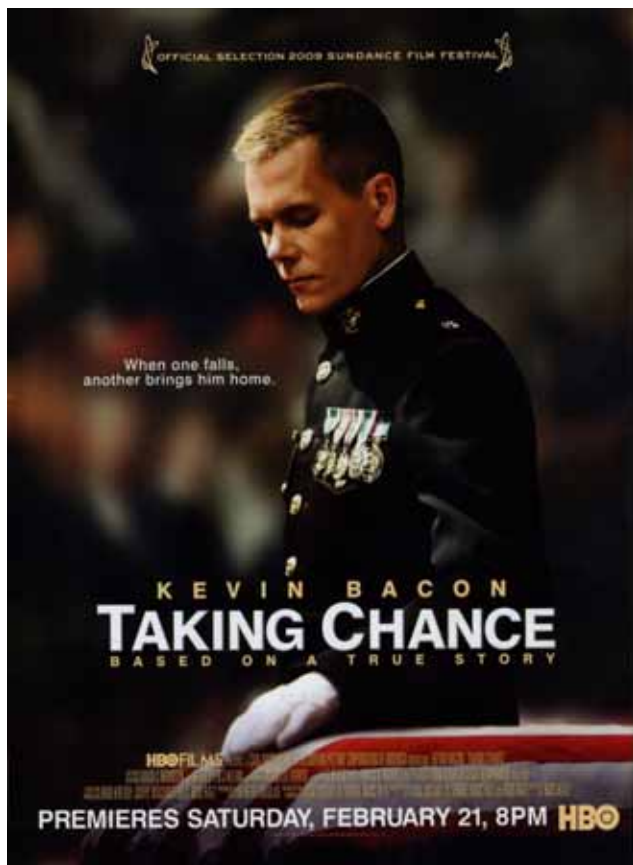
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## **MOVIE REVIEW**

# **TAKING CHANCE**

This first run movie is based upon a true story of a Marine officer, who volunteered to escort the remains of an enlisted Marine to his hometown and family.

As reported in the February 2009 issue of *Leatherneck Magazine*...

*“Actor Kevin Bacon epitomizes a Marine performing the somber duty of escorting remains home for burial through his authentic military bearing and strict adherence to orders even when those orders are at odds with airport regulations.”*

Initial feedback is that this is not a “political statement” movie, so you may want to see it.

After the premier, additional showings will be aired for the remainder of February and throughout March.

**Mac McNeir**