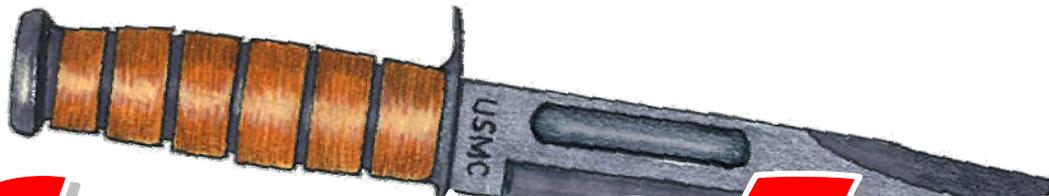


the

February 2010



CUTTING EDGE

news for and about the members of Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049 of the Marine Corps League

Pete Pervi, Commandant / Mac McNeir, Editor

<http://mclaacdet1049.org/>

One Courageous Citizen

by Mac McNeir

Most of us served in the Marine Corps and have been exposed to potentially life-threatening situations. A substantial number of us came under fire while serving in combat environments; however, not all of us came away with decorations for valor – though we were recognized for our honorable service. Those cited for heroism, generally found that fate had placed them in a situation, where for whatever reason they simply reacted and did what they felt they had to do without regard for their own well-being.



Jay and His Loader

In civilian society, many of us will fortunately never experience an opportunity that will measure our willingness to act courageously; however, for one member of Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049, that all changed on Sunday, February 7, 2010.

Around 0645, that morning, Jay Clark was busily clearing snow from the Southdale Shopping Center’s parking lot. As luck would have it, two would be thieves had decided to break into the Athletic Warehouse around the same time. As Jay approached the store, he noticed that the front door had been breached and that two young thieves were carrying jeans and boxes of shoes out to the parking lot.

As soon as he realized what he was witnessing, Jay called 9-1-1 to report a burglary in progress. Seeing Jay approaching, the two aspiring entrepreneurs threw their hot merchandise into their SUV and attempted to

make their get-away. Unfortunately, Jay was unable to provide the license number of the get-away vehicle to the 9-1-1 operator as the SUV’s tags had been purposely obscured with plastic shopping bags.

In their hurry to make a clean get-away, the thieves sped to the wrong end of the parking lot – the exit had yet to be cleared of snow. This gave Jay sufficient time to catch up with the thieves’ vehicle. Realizing that they could not get out, the thieves then attempted to back up and find a different escape route. In hot pursuit and relying on the Marine credo to “Adapt, Improvise, and Overcome,” Jay – in his own words – “nailed them broadside” with the front of his *front-end-loader* and shoved the would be get-away vehicle into a snow bank. The thieves then bailed out of the driver’s window – like rats out of a dumpster – and took off running towards Mountain Road. Since, Jay was still connected to 9-1-1, he told the dispatcher which way the thieves were headed. Ending the call, Jay went back to work and awaited the arrival of the police.

(see *Courageous Citizen* on page 9)

CONTENTS...

<i>Afghan Geography</i>	9
<i>Arlington National Cemetery –</i>	
<i>Contact Info</i>	7
<i>Chaplain’s Corner</i>	4
<i>Coming Events</i>	10
<i>Commandant’s Message</i>	3
<i>Corps History</i>	5
<i>Corps Humor –</i>	
<i>You might be a Jarhead if...</i>	10
<i>Corps Quotation</i>	10
<i>Devil Dogs</i>	6
<i>Face of America – Bike Ride</i>	11
<i>From the Editor</i>	2
<i>Have You Heard?</i>	8
<i>Legislative Report</i>	9
<i>Lest We Forget</i>	5
<i>List of Officers</i>	2
<i>Lowe’s Military Discount</i>	3
<i>Military Health Care Presentation</i>	11
<i>Military Spouse Assistance</i>	6
<i>Public Information</i>	6
<i>Senior Vice Commandant</i>	4
<i>VA Volunteerism (Arlington Burials)</i>	7

the **CUTTING EDGE**

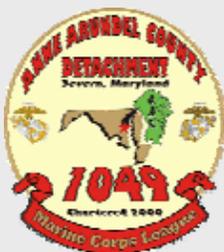
Editor – Mac McNeir,
P.O. Box 804
Severn, MD 21144-0804

Phone 410-766-9802

Email editor@mclaacdet1049.org

Website <http://mclaacdet1049.org/>

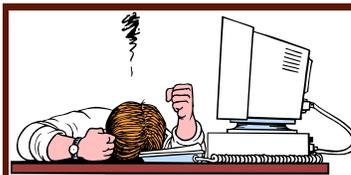
- Published Monthly
- Be sure to keep us advised of your current email address to ensure prompt delivery.



- Commandant – *Pete Pervi*
Senior Vice-Commandant – *James T. Brady*
Junior Vice-Commandant – *Woody Bowman*
Judge Advocate – *Manny Airey*
Adjutant – *Mac McNeir*
Auxiliary President – *Desiree Curtin*
By-Laws Committee Chairman – *Danny Fischio*
Chaplain – *Ken Rollins*
Color Guard Commander – *Woody Bowman*
Historian – *Victor Halme*
House Chairman – *Ken Rollins*
Legislative Officer – *Jim Le Gette*
Newsletter Editor – *Mac McNeir*
Paymaster – *Mac McNeir*
Public Information Officer – *Ed Dahling*
Quartermaster – *Fred Kaminski*
Rifle & Pistol Team Captain – *Michael R. Hadley*
Sergeant-at-Arms – *Chris Kalwa*
Toys for Tots Coordinator – *Pete Pervi*
VAWS Officer – *Ed Dahling*
Web Sergeant – *Michael R. Hadley*
Young Marines Commander – *George Martin*

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

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



From the Editor

by Mac McNeir

First, let me apologize to **Paul Taylor** – author of the **Devil Dog** column – for not catching the typographical error (in the December and January issues of *the Cutting Edge*) that demoted him to *Devil Dog*. As most of us know, Paul is actually a *Pedigreed Devil Dog*. I'm sure that this apology and my contribution of a number of bones at the next growl will hopefully rectify my oversight.

Remember, you should be prepared to make **nominations for the various Detachment Officer positions** at the February meeting. The nomination process will conclude during the March meeting and be followed by the actual elections.

My mind also remains riveted to the medical travails of **Denny Bynum**. After eight days, Denny's son—**Mike Bynum**—gave us the first truly encouraging message that his dad appears to be improving... news that we were all hoping for! I pray that by the time we have our next meeting, Denny will be conscious and be well on his way to a full recovery.

Also, as stated last month, **I would like to relinquish my roles as Detachment Paymaster and Adjutant** and concentrate on publication of this monthly newsletter. I do plan to make myself available to each of my successors to ensure the smoothest transitions possible.

As mentioned at the last meeting, we need your assistance in placing ads in the **2010 Department of Maryland Convention Book**. It is a major fund raiser benefiting both the department and our detachment!

Finally, you should notice an advertisement for the **5th Annual Marines Helping Marines Golf Tournament** appearing in this issue of *the Cutting Edge*. If we are to make this a successful event, we will need lots of golfers, lots of advertisers (tee boxes, greens, refreshment, cart, etc.), and lots of volunteers. With your help, we can make this year's tournament the best ever!

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

The submission deadline for all **March** newsletter articles is **MIDNIGHT, Thursday, March 11, 2010!**



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
87th National Convention
KOURY CONVENTION CENTER
Greensboro North Carolina

A Tribute to
Lt. General John A. Lejeune

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
SEMPER FIDELIS

DEVIL DOG
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

Commandant's Message



Pete Pervi

Marines,

Not too much to share other than the snow.

Just because current climatic conditions may remind you of Korea or the Marine Corps Cold Weather Training Center at Pickle Meadows, CA., it does not mean that you still have the body of that Marine who humped through the snow, blizzards, and freezing temperatures, and made coffee from the snow. **SO, TAKE IT EASY, STAY INSIDE.**

Don't forget, we have a Detachment meeting on 22 February. At that meeting, we will be accepting nominations for the offices of **Commandant, Senior Vice Commandant, Junior Vice Commandant, and Judge Advocate.** We will also be looking for people to fill the staff positions, especially **Paymaster** and **Adjutant.** So if you are interested in any of these positions please let people know.

We are still accepting recommendations for **Department Marine of the Year.** After the February meeting, the officers will review all of the submitted candidates and then forward the Detachment's recommendation to the Department. This is officially done via letter, signed by the Adjutant and Commandant.

MAY YOU AND YOUR FAMILY STAY WARM AND SAFE.

Semper Fi,

Pete Pervi

Commandant
Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049,
Marine Corps League

Please Support Our 5th Annual Marines Helping Marines Golf Tournament



Monday,
May 3, 2010
9:00 AM

Bay Hills
Golf Club
Arnold, MD

For more information, contact
Rich Gonzales, Manny Airey, or James Brady

Lowe's Military Discount

Most members of the military community will no longer have to wait for a special holiday discount to buy shovels, paint, and other home improvement needs.

Home improvement retailer **Lowe's** has expanded its **10 percent military discount** to all day, everyday, for **active-duty, National Guard and reserve, retiree and disabled service members**, and their families, company officials announced Wednesday.

Those who want to receive the discount **must present a valid military ID card** at the time of purchase.

All other military veterans will receive the 10 percent discount on the holiday weekends of Memorial Day, Fourth of July, and Veterans Day.

The discount is available on in-stock and special-order purchases of up to \$5,000. It cannot be used on sales at Lowes.com, on previous sales, or on sales of services or gift cards.

"Lowe's was founded on the heels of World War II by veterans Jim Lowe and Carl Buchan and has always been a supporter of the military," said Larry D. Stone, Lowe's president and chief operating officer, in a statement announcing the new policy.

"The year-round discount program is one way we are reaffirming our commitment to the thousands of men and women who are serving throughout the world, as well as their family members at home."



Desiree' & Paul Curtin
Phone: 410-544-5270 • Fax: 410-544-5271
8201 Ritchie Hwy • Pasadena, MD 21122
www.curtinautomotive.com

From the desk of the

Senior Vice Commandant



James T. Brady

Howdy-y-y-y-y-y-y-y:

It is now February and we have now had two major snow storms. Since snow removal is a tremendously exerting task, I hope that all of you used discretion when shoveling.

I have heard that some of the new member's started thinking about accepting an office in the detachment. I think that is great and I look forward to seeing which of you step up to be our next leaders.

Decisions on our **Marine Corps League office space** (room) are being reached and things should begin getting done. Maybe we will be able to occupy the office around the time of our Bull & Oyster Roast in October.

Detachment 1049 has received at least one nomination for **Detachment Marine of the Year**. So, if anyone out there in TV land wants to nominate a fellow Marine, kindly provide me with your candidate's name by the February 22nd meeting. The selection committee (Brady, Manny & Hadley) will make a selection in March and procure a plaque for presentation at the April 26th meeting. We have a lot of worthy Marine's in this detachment; but, someone needs to place their names in the hat so to speak.

That's all for now as things tend to repeat themselves; and, we all know about our busy calendar over the next few months getting ready for elections, conventions, etc.

Fund-raiser's are always going on and now is no exception. We are selling ads for the Department Convention booklet, raffle tickets for Department and National conventions, Pack of Maryland Iwo Jima statue raffle, and our own detachment golf outing is coming up. So hang on to your wallets and spread joy to those in need.

Be sure to deliberate, nominate; and participate at our next detachment meeting!

Jim Brady

Senior Vice Commandant and PDD,
Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049,
Marine Corps League



Chaplain's Corner

by Ken Rollins, Detachment Chaplain

Please keep all of the following members of our detachment family in your thoughts and prayers.

Denny Bynum is still a patient at the University of Maryland Medical Center's Shock Trauma unit. He has yet to regain consciousness; however, his condition remains stable, his swelling has diminished, and according to his wife, he seems to react to voices although he remains uncommunicative.

Kazuco Bynum (Denny's wife) postponed her surgery until the 19th of this month. Despite all that is on her plate, she remains upbeat.

Charlie Dorn is back at home and doing well. He is spending a good deal of his time attending to (visiting) his wife at a local nursing home .

Beatrice Dorn (Charlie's wife) is out of the hospital and currently rehabilitating at the Glen Burnie Health and Rehabilitation Center on Furnace Branch Road. Charlie says that the current prognosis is that Beatrice may be able to return home around March 1st.

Dick Wischhusen, Department of Maryland Paymaster, fell recently and broke his elbow. He is currently at home recuperating and would likely appreciate some get well cards. His address is **1434 North Bend Road, Jarrettsville, MD 21084**.

Please notify me if you are aware of any Marines or Marine family members, who are sick, in distress; etc.



Roy's Kwik Korner
Home Of The Baseball Crab Cake
CARRY OUT & CATERING MENU



WINNER
MD SEAFOOD FESTIVAL!
MARYLAND CRAB & CREAM OF CRAB SOUP!

ROY'S ONE & ONLY
FAMILY OWNED LOCATION,
IN BUSINESS FOR OVER 28 YEARS!

**SEAFOOD • DELI • CATERING
BUSINESS LUNCHEONS**
"We only sell what we like to eat!
... and we like good food!"
OFTEN IMITATED... NEVER DUPLICATED!
1002 Crain Hwy., S.W.
at the intersection of Quarterfield Road in Glen Burnie
410-768-3369 • 410-768-4334
www.RoysKwikKorner.com



Lest We Forget...

Sergeant David Smith, a member of a Frederick, Maryland based Marine Reserve Unit, succumbed to shrapnel induced head and shoulder injuries suffered in a suicide bombing in Afghanistan on January 23, 2010. Sergeant Smith was initially evacuated to a trauma center in Kandahar, subsequently transferred to a Bagram air base facility, and finally to a U.S. military hospital in Landstuhl Germany. His parents were with him when he passed away. In keeping with his wishes, Sergeant Smith's organs were harvested for subsequent donation – his final selfless act.



Prior to joining the Corps, Smith graduated from Frederick High School, where he was a three sport athlete – lacrosse, soccer, and wrestling. Until recently, he had been pursuing a college degree at East Carolina University in Greenville, N.C.

Sergeant Smith, who would have celebrated his 26th birthday this month, was buried in Arlington National Cemetery on February 9, 2010. He is survived by his parents, step-parents, sister Kristen Forse and her husband Brian (with whom he served in Iraq), his younger brother Daniel, step brothers Jeffrey and Brian Jones, and step sisters Aline Cook and Lisette Rothwell.

Lance Corporal Jeremy M. Kane, assigned to the 4th Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 4th Marine Division, Marine Forces Reserve, based in Camp Pendleton, California, died on Saturday, January 23, 2010 in combat in Afghanistan's Helmand province.



LCpl Kane joined the Marine Corps Reserve on September 11, 2006, during his freshman year at Rutgers University, where he was studying criminal law. He had previously been enrolled at Towson University in Baltimore, Maryland.

The 22-year-old Lance Corporal was killed when a suicide bomber attacked his unit in Helmand Province. He was three months into his first deployment to Afghanistan.

LCpl Kane was predeceased by his father Bruce and is survived by his mother Melinda, and two younger brothers, Daniel and Benjamin.



Corps History

by Vic Halme, Historian

1 Feb 1944

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

1 February 1967

Operation Prairie II began in Quang Tri province by elements of the 3rd Marine Division. During the 46 day search-and-destroy operation, which terminated on 18 March, 93 Marines and 693 enemy combatants were killed.

2 February 1944

The 4th Marine Division, as part of the first assault on islands controlled by the Japanese before the start of World War II, captured Namur and eight other islands in the Kwajalein Atoll.

2 February 1968

Operation Hue City, Tet Offensive began in Vietnam.

3 February 1852

Marines land in Buenos Aires, Argentina to protect American lives.

5 February 1918

1st Marine Replacement Battalion sails for France (WWI).

6 February 1968

The 1st Battalion, 1st Marines with two companies, and the 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines with three companies, recapture Hue's hospital, jail, and provincial headquarters. It would take three more weeks of intense house to house fighting, and nearly a thousand Marines casualties, before the imperial city was secured.

7 February 1832

250 Marines defeat Malay pirates in Sumatra, Indonesia.

8 Feb 1832

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

9 February 1904

49 Marines, commanded by Captain A.W. Catlin, establish first permanent Marine garrison in Honolulu.

11 February 1904

Marines land at Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

11 February 1922:

BGen John H. Russell appointed U.S. High Commissioner and personal representative of the President to the government of Haiti. This nine-year assignment placed this future Commandant in supreme command of both the occupying American force and the Haitian Gendarmerie.

13 February 1943

U.S. Marine Corps Women's Reserve formed.

15 February 1898:

28 Marines and 232 seamen lose their lives when the battleship USS Maine is mysteriously hit by an explosion and sinks in the Havana, Cuba harbor.

17 Feb 1944

22nd Marines help Army seize Eniwetok Atoll.

19 February 1945

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

(see *Corps History* on page 8)



Military Order of the Devil Dogs



The Fun & Honor Society of the Marine Corps League

Woof-Woof,

The Snow Dog has done it again, but not as bad as last month. Luckily, it will all be gone by the time we Growl later in February. That will be on the 21st. Since we missed growling in December, we will have to collect a lot of bones for the handicapped children in Greensborough, North Carolina to make up for what we missed. Pound 204 collected the second most bones last year for this good cause. We are determined not to be outdone this year. Please attend and donate generously when you get your passport stamped.

The Pound still has eight hounds who are in arrears for their 2010 dues. Get them paid soon. We really don't want to lose you. Send 15 big bones to the **Dog Robber at 7944 Oakwood Road, Glen Burnie, Md 21061**. Make the check payable to **MODD, Pound 204**.

As always, keep the fleas at a safe distance.

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

Woof-Woof,

Paul Taylor

PDD & Dog Robber

*New members are our life's blood!
Recruit a new member.*

Military Spouse Assistance

The Department of Defense (DoD) **Military Spouse Career Advancement Accounts (MyCAA) Program** provides up to \$6,000 of financial assistance for military spouses who are pursuing licenses, certificates, credentials or degree programs leading to employment in portable career fields. Spouses of DoD active duty members and activated members of the National Guard and Reserve components are eligible to apply.

Additional program information is available at the following website.

<http://www.militaryonesource.com/MOS/FindInformation/Category/MilitarySpouseCareerAdvancementAccounts.aspx>



Public Information

by Ed Dahling, Public Information Officer

History of the Women Marines



Since 1918, women have answered the call to serve proudly in the United States Marines and the role of women in the Marines has evolved and expanded. All Women Marines can look forward to the future proudly, while never forgetting the women who made this future possible.

In 1918, the Secretary of Navy allowed women to enroll for clerical duty in the Marine Corps. Officially, Opha Mae Johnson is credited as being the first woman Marine. Johnson enrolled for service on August 13, 1918. During that year some 300 women entered the Marine Corps to take over stateside clerical duties from battle-ready Marines, who were needed for duty overseas. The Marine Corps Women's Reserve was established in February 1943. On June 12th, 1948, Congress passed the Women's Armed Services Integration Act and made women a permanent part of the regular Marine Corps.

In 1950, the Women Reserves were mobilized for the Korean War and 2,787 women served proudly.

By the height of the Vietnam War, there were about 2,700 women Marines serving both stateside and overseas. By 1975, the Corps approved the assignment of women to all occupational fields except infantry, artillery, and armor and pilot/air crew. Over 1,000 women Marines were deployed in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm during the period of 1990 - 1991.

Women make up 6.2% of the Marine Corps. They are integrated into nearly all of the Corps' Military Occupational Specialties, with the exception of offensive combat. They serve in every country and proudly carry on the traditions of those first trailblazers as they continue to open doors for future women Marines to follow.





SHAMROCK

AWARDS & ENGRAVING

(410) 766-4866 FAX: (410) 766-7277

M/W/F 9:00 - 4:30
T/T 9:00 - 7:30
SAT 9:00 - 1:00

900 Crain Highway North TINA TODD
Glen Burnie, MD 21061 Assistant Manager
shamrockawards@erols.com



VA Volunteerism

by Ed Dahling, VAVS Officer

Arlington National Cemetery Burials

Veterans must meet the requirements specified below to be eligible for burial in Arlington National Cemetery. The last period of active duty of former members of the Armed Forces must have ended honorably. Interment may be either casketed or cremated remains.



- a. Any active duty member of the Armed Forces (except those members serving on active duty for training only).
- b. Any veteran who is retired from active military service with the Armed Forces.
- c. Any veteran who is retired from the Reserves is eligible upon reaching age 60 and drawing retired pay; and who served a period of active duty (other than for training).
- d. Any former member of the Armed Forces separated honorably prior to October 1, 1949 for medical reasons and who was rated at 30% or greater disabled effective on the day of discharge.
- e. Any former member of the Armed Forces who has been awarded one of the following decorations:
 1. Medal of Honor
 2. Distinguished Service Cross (Navy Cross or Air Force Cross)
 3. Distinguished Service Medal
 4. Silver Star
 5. Purple Heart
- f. The President of the United States or any former President of the United States.
- g. Any former member of the Armed Forces who served on active duty (other than for training) and who held any of the following positions:
 1. An elective office of the U.S. Government
 2. Office of the Chief Justice of the United States or of an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.
 3. An office listed, at the time the person held the position, in 5 USC 5312 or 5313 (Levels I and II of the Executive Schedule).
 4. The chief of a mission who was at any time during his/her tenure classified in Class I under the provisions of Section 411, Act of 13 August 1946, 60 Stat. 1002, as amended (22 USC 866) or as listed in State Department memorandum dated March 21, 1988.

(see *Arlington Burials* on page 8)

Contact information

Arlington National Cemetery

The information contained herein is in response to a perceived need for Arlington National Cemetery contact information that was noted during our January detachment meeting.

Mailing Address

Arlington National Cemetery
Arlington, Virginia 22211

Email Addresses

<http://www.arlingtoncemetery.org/>

General Information

Location of Gravesites, & Visitor Information
(703) 607-8000

Interment Services

Funeral Arrangements & Eligibility Requirements
Please note that Arlington National Cemetery does not make prearrangements!
(703) 607-8585

Wreath Laying Ceremonies

Requests must be received in writing
(703) 607-8559

NOTE

For school and civic organizations coming to Washington, D.C., that wish to lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns. A representative of the requesting organization must write to Arlington National Cemetery, Attn: Public Wreath Ceremonies, Arlington, VA 22211 on organizational letterhead. The sender should indicate on the outside of the envelope that it is a "wreath-laying request." The letter should indicate when the group is visiting, its schedule limitations, and complete contact information. A representative of Arlington National Cemetery Public Wreath Coordinator will thereafter call to make further arrangements and provide further instructions should the date appear open.

No fax, e-mail or telephone requests are accepted.



Corps History (from page 5)

20 February 1815

Captain Archibald Henderson leads Marines in the USS Constitution's capture of HMS Cyane and HMS Levant, which occurs 3 days after the end of the War of 1812.

20 February 1962

Lieutenant Colonel John H. Glenn Jr. orbits the earth in first manned American space capsule.

23 February 1945

Men of the 5th Marine Division raise flag on Mount Suribachi.

24 February 1991

1st and 2nd Marine Divisions breach Iraqi defensive positions.

24 February 1991:

The I Marine Expeditionary Force and coalition forces began a ground assault on Iraqi defenses in the final chapter of Operation Desert Storm.

28 February 1991:

Operation Desert Storm ends. I Marine Expeditionary Force, with a strength of more than 92,000 for the operation, becomes largest Marine Corps operation in history. 24 Marines were killed in action during the Gulf War.

28 Feb 1967

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



Arlington Burials (from page 7)

- h. Any former prisoner of war who, while a prisoner of war, served honorably in the active military, naval, or air service, whose last period of military, naval or air service terminated honorably and who died on or after November 30, 1993.
- i. The spouse, widow or widower, minor child, or permanently dependent child, and certain unmarried adult children of any of the above eligible veterans.
- j. The widow or widower of:
 - 1. a member of the Armed Forces who was lost or buried at sea or officially determined to be missing in action.
 - 2. a member of the Armed Forces who is interred in a US military cemetery overseas that is maintained by the American Battle Monuments Commission.
 - 3. a member of the Armed Forces who is interred in Arlington National Cemetery as part of a group burial.
- k. The surviving spouse, minor child, or permanently dependent child of any person already buried in Arlington National Cemetery.
- l. The parents of a minor child, or permanently dependent child whose remains, based on the eligibility of a parent, are already buried in ANC. A spouse divorced from the primary eligible, or widowed and remarried, is not eligible for interment.
- m. Provided certain conditions are met, a former member of the Armed Forces may be buried in the same grave with a close relative who is already buried and is the primary eligible.



Have You Heard?

by Mac McNeir

Congressman John Murtha (D, PA), a retired Marine Corps officer, who became the first Vietnam War combat veteran elected to Congress and later an outspoken and influential critic of the Iraq War, died Monday at Virginia Hospital Center in Arlington, Va. He had been suffering with complications from gallbladder surgery. He was 77.



Murtha was serving as an officer in the Marine Reserves upon his election to Congress in 1974. Deemed 'a person of interest' in an FBI sting operation known as the ABSCAM scandal, ethical questions often shadowed his congressional service. Often immersed in controversy, Murtha wielded considerable clout for two decades as the ranking Democrat on the House sub-committee that oversees Pentagon spending.

For some, he will be remembered most for his seemingly unsubstantiated accusation that on November 19, 2005, eight Marines killed 24 Iraqi civilians in cold blood. Of the eight Marines accused in the Haditha incident, seven have had the charges against them dropped; while, the remaining Marine (SSgt. Wuterich) has yet to be tried.

LATE BREAKING NEWS...

According to a close friend, the death of Congressman Murtha, was the result of an inadvertent cut of his intestine during laparoscopic surgery, which was performed in January at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland.

Representative Robert Brady, (D, PA), said he was told by Murtha's staff that the small nick incurred during the January 28th gallbladder surgery caused an infection. Brady talked with Murtha's wife two days later after complications developed and Congressman Murtha was subsequently hospitalized at Virginia Medical Center in Arlington, Virginia.

NOTE

This update was based upon an article written by staff writer Lance M. Bacon for the *Marine Corps Times*, which was posted on February 9, 2010.





Legislative Report

by Jim Le Gette, Legislative Officer

General Assembly Update

There are two Bills (**HB 1** & **SB 1**) under consideration to increase the maximum amount from \$5,000 to \$10,000 under the 'Subtraction Modification' allowance as applied to **military retirement income**. However, these bills provide for a delayed effective date to taxable years after December 31, 2011. This is a continuing attempt to help the veteran.

Bills **HB 56** and **SB 4** are seeking **authority for eligible veterans organizations to own or operate slot machines**. The Senate bill is for statewide application. There are fewer slot machine bills offered during this year's session as compared to sessions of the General Assembly convened in prior years.

SB 139 alters or expands the definition of 'disabled veteran' for purposes of a property tax exemption for dwelling houses owned by disabled veterans or their surviving spouses.

SB 237 seeks an exemption from sales and use tax for veteran's organizations.



Afghan Geography

Since the Marine Corps presence has been shifted from Iraq and refocused in Afghanistan, I thought that the publication of an appropriate map might provide some geographical insight for our readers.



NOTE – This map appeared in the February 2010 issue of Leatherneck, Magazine of the Marines.

Courageous Citizen (from page 1)

About 5 minutes later, Jay noticed that one of the "little bastards" – Jay's description – came back and tried to escape with his loot-laden truck. Jay backed out of the adjacent lot and nailed the SUV again with the rear of his loader – putting a nice dent in the front fender of the SUV. The brazen thief bailed out of the SUV and once again took off in the direction of the car dealership on Mountain Road. Jay, who had hoped to trap the thief in the vehicle, again called 9-1-1 to provide an update. This time, Jay waited by the SUV and soon witnessed the police converging on the Mountain Road dealership.

A few minutes later, the police came over to Jay and asked him to identify a suspect that they had just apprehended. After Jay verified that the suspect was indeed one of the thieves, he related the entire chain of events to the attending officers. Since Jay has a way with words, his description of the events had the police rolling with laughter. Prior to leaving the scene, both officers thanked Jay for getting involved and one officer asked to shake his hand. Because of Jay's vigilance and willingness to get involved, all of the merchandise was recovered from the vehicle and one thief was taken into custody.

In Jay's words... *"Guess I did my good deed for that day... they didn't think there would be a Marine on duty!"*

Jay has been a member of our detachment since June 2006. A single-parent, Jay lives in Crofton with his two daughters – **Jayne** (14) and **Jordan** (11). He joined the Corps in June 1987 and was honorably discharged in February 1992 having attained the rank of Corporal. Jay's primary MOS was 3531 (Motor Transport); but he also served as a Marine Security Guard at U.S. Embassies in Muscat, Oman, Vienna, and Austria. Qualified as an Expert with both rifle and pistol, Jay is authorized to wear the Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation (2 awards), Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and the Navy and Marine Corps Overseas Service Ribbon.

We take pride in our detachment and its service to our community. **Now, we can also take pride in the fact that Jay Clark is one of us and that he willingly demonstrated the courage to make a difference!**



<http://www.operationwelcomehomemd.org/>



Coming Events

The following events are scheduled to occur through June 2010. Unless otherwise noted, these events will take place at VFW Post 160, located at 2597 Dorsey Road, Glen Burnie, MD 21060 (410-766-9802).

MODD Pound 204 Growl

21 February 2010 @ 0900 – Jack Severn

MCL Detachment 1049 Monthly Meeting

22 February 2010 @ 1900 – Pete Pervi

MCL Detachment 1049 Friday Night Dinner

5 March 2010 @ 1800 – Pete Pervi

MCL Department of Maryland General Meeting, Bowie, MD

6 March 2010 @ 0900 – Paul Taylor

MODD Maryland Pack Growl, Bowie, MD

6 March 2010 @ 1300 – Mike Hadley

MCL Detachment 1049 Monthly Meeting

(Officer Elections)

22 March 2010 @ 1900 – Pete Pervi

MCL Detachment 1049 Monthly Meeting

(New Officer Installations)

26 April 2010 @ 1900 – Pete Pervi

MCL Department of Maryland Convention, Ocean City, MD

29 April through 1 May 2010 – Bud Raines

MCL Detachment 1049, Marines Helping Marines Golf Tournament

3 May 2010 @ 0700 – Richard Gonzales

MCL Detachment 1049 Friday Night Dinner

7 May 2010 @ 1800 – Pete Pervi

Memorial Day

31 May 2010

MCL Mid-East Division Convention

10 & 11 June 2010 – Rudy Garcia

FLAG DAY

14 June 2010

MCL Detachment 1049 Monthly Meeting

28 June 2010 @ 1900 – TBD



Marine Corps League
Department of Maryland

<http://deptofmdmcl.org>

Corps Humor – You might be a Jar-head if...

(continued from last issue)

- You still know the words to the “Marine's Hymn.”
- You say things are “good to go,” or “outstanding.”
- Your favorite game is either Hearts or Spades.
- You think stuff like this should be done on your own time.
- You still imitate your drill instructors.
- You do MCI courses to better yourself.
- You call cadence to yourself.
- You get your haircut at the 7-Day Store.
- You've ever given a period of instruction.
- You've ever locked anybody on.
- You use Aqua Velva aftershave.
- You iron your coveralls.
- You have a dog named “Chesty.”
- You have a white barrack's cover in the back window of your car.
- You've ever done anything for love of the Corps.
- You press your “cammies” after you get them from the cleaners.

(continued in next issue)



Corps Quotation

“You ask a Corporal what he most wants to see, and he'll say ‘Tomorrow.’”

James L. Day
Major General, USMC

General Day earned the Medal of Honor as a Corporal during World War II in the Battle of Okinawa, displaying “extraordinary heroism, repeated acts of valor, and quintessential battlefield leadership... inspired the efforts of his outnumbered Marines to defeat a much larger enemy force.”

Face of America



Military Health Care Presentation

Commandant Stuart Blair, of Baltimore's **Marine Corps League Detachment 565**, invites the members of our detachment to participate in an important presentation on Military Health Care... with an overview of family health care through military health insurance.

The speaker will be **Ed Cramer, Colonel USA Retired**, who represents **Johns Hopkins Hospital's Military Relations Office**. Discussion and questions are encouraged.

The event will take place at the Baltimore Detachment Home (address below) on **24 February 2010 at 1930 (7:30 PM)** for those of you who have reverted to your civilian upbringing).

1426 East Fort Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21230

Feel free to call Stuart Blair at **410-665-6440** should you have any questions.



Lisa and Chris Le Gette will be riding with injured servicemen and women as part of the **Face of America 2010** bicycle ride. There are an increasing number of servicemen and women returning from the wars with severe injuries. This ride will both honor and thank these young men and women for their service. We will also be honoring active duty and retired military who will be riding with us. Chris is one of 20 employees from **Booz Allen Hamilton**, who will be riding.

Face of America 2010, is the 10th anniversary ride, and will highlight the potential and the capabilities of all participants. Like other Face of America rides, this undertaking is about meeting challenges, fostering a sense of camaraderie, and developing the lasting knowledge that ALL of the participants are integral members of a team.

When: April 23rd – 25th,
2010 Kick-off dinner Friday night April 23th at the Hyatt Regency-Capitol Hill, Washington, DC.

Where: The ride begins Saturday, April 24th in Washington DC with a 55+ mile ride to Frederick, Maryland. The ride continues Sunday, April 25th from Frederick for another 45+ miles to Gettysburg, PA. The dramatic arrival into Gettysburg will be through the battlefield and end at the Marine Barracks.

We are asking for your support in the form of monetary donations as we are attempting to raise funds through the organizer of this ride – **World T.E.A.M. Sports** – to support injured servicemen and women. Our donation page is located at:

http://www.worldteamsports.org/index.php?option=com_civicrm&task=civicrm/contribute/pcp/info&reset=1&id=44

We will be riding under the team name, **Team Semper Fi**. We need and appreciate any support you can provide.

Semper Fi,

Chris Le Gette

NOTE: Chris is the oldest son of Jim and Rita Le Gette, and brother of Marco Le Gette, a Marine Captain and artillery officer. In the Spring/Summer of 2009, Chris honored his brother Marco by participating in a 49 day, trans-continental, fund-raising bicycle ride titled Coast to Coast for My Marines.

Garrison Rifle & Revolver Club, Inc.
Established 1943
Garrison Rifle & Revolver Club, Inc.
is a
Charter Member
of the
Associated Gun Clubs of
Baltimore, Inc.

The Club offers training and classes in most of the shooting sports and promotes shooting sports for all ages and abilities. Garrison hosts the following events:

- Spring Pistol League
- Bullseye Pistol Championship
- Trap Shoot
- Jr's Club Shoot
- 4H State Match
- Club Crab Feast
- Club Christmas Dinner

Garrison Rifle and Revolver members have the following facilities available for their use:

- Covered bench-rest equipped rifle, black powder, and pistol range (25, 50, 75 & 100 yards)
- Indoor air rifle range
- Fifty point, covered, outdoor pistol range (25 & 50 yards)
- Ten point, covered, high power, rifle range (200 yards with butts)
- A four field, lighted, outdoor, trap range w/automatic and manual trap house
- Messick Hall club house with kitchen and restroom
- Lower range house/meeting hall

Club meets every second Tuesday of each month except January which is the third Tuesday.
11518 Marrettville Road
Marmettsville, Maryland 21104-1220

Affiliated with the National Rifle Association and Civilian Marksmanship Program

For more information contact club secretary
Brian Beverly at (410) 427-4854
Email - garrisonrmeo@yahoo.com

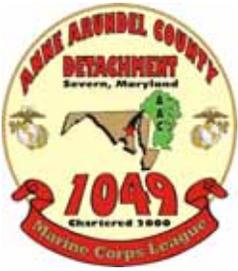
Frank's Den

A family-owned business

Beer – Wine – Liquors
Package Goods & Drive-Thru Service

1814 South Crain Hwy
Glen Burnie, MD
410-766-9463
410-768-6121 (FAX)

Supporters of our troops and the Marine Corps League's Anne Arundel County Detachment



Marine Corps League
Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049
PO Box 804
Severn, Maryland 21144-0804

(Address Correction Requested)



As most of you are undoubtedly aware, the east coast and more importantly the region in which we live have received record amounts of snow. In fact, here in Baltimore and its surrounding environs, we've just missed the record for snow accumulation in a single storm! However, we are about to break the all-time record, since such records have been maintained. As you can see in this photo – provided by our Canteen Manager, Margaret Ehrlich – the snow pile resulting from the plowing/clearing of the VFW Post 160 parking lot completely obscures the Toys for Tots storage container (pod), which would normally be visible in the left-center background of this photograph. Hopefully the storm we are currently experiencing (February 10, 2010) will soon be over and all of us will be able to dig out and have our routines return to normal. Thanks to Jim Brady and Mike Hadley for being major players in getting the Post re-opened!

Rich Morton Lincoln
Mercury Mazda



51 Mountain Rd.
Pasadena, MD 21122

Phone: 800-577-1658