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

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Best Golf Tournament Yet!

by Mac McNeir

Generally, Friday the 13th is not viewed as a lucky day, especially by those individuals suffering with *triskaidekaphobia* – fear of the number thirteen and by extension Fridays falling on the thirteenth day of any month. Fortunately, the members of **Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049 of the Marine Corps League** had no such fear, when they scheduled their 7th annual golf fund-raiser benefiting the **Marines Helping Marines Program** for May 13th at the **Bay Hills Golf Club** in **Arnold, Maryland**. More important than reliance on luck was the dedication and hard work of many detachment members and members of their auxiliary assisted by many volunteers from **VFW Post 160** and its auxiliaries.



Honored Tournament Guests – Tony Begenwald, East Coast Coordinator of Marines Helping Marines and four active duty Marines from the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland – Sergeant Joseph Bradley, Sergeant Eric Wheeling, Staff Sergeant Tim Leazoit, and Staff Sergeant Chris Nichols.

(Photo by Paul Gunther, Department of Maryland Photographer)

Beginning in January, flyers were produced and distributed, sponsors (both old and new) were contacted, and golfers were sought. One difference in this year's endeavor was that despite a less than stellar economy, there was a shared desire to exceed the success of previous tournaments. As the date of the tournament grew ever nearer, the number of golfers was decidedly less than what we had experienced in previous years. To some, this might have engendered disappointment; but for members of our detachment it represented a challenge not to be met but overcome... and overcome they did. On the day of the tournament, 127 golfers teed off, which almost doubled our usual number of aspiring golfers.

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From the Editor

by Mac McNeir

I recently submitted copies of *the Cutting Edge*, for three different months, to the **2011 National Newsletter Competition**. Winners for the various divisions will be announced at the league's national convention, which as we all know takes place in Boise, Idaho this year. While, I appreciate everyone's positive comments about our newsletter and my attempts to improve it, we must all temper our expectations with the knowledge that other detachments throughout the country are aspiring to unseat last year's winners. So... let's hope for the best and wait to see what happens.

I recently changed my **Bethesda Naval Medical Center** visitation day from Wednesday to Monday in order to provide some assistance to **Tony Begenwald** (the Wednesday crew led by **Mike Betts** usually has a large number of leaguers). The common feature of my visits, regardless of day, is the positive mental attitude exhibited by each wounded Marines. They are remarkable standard bearers of our Corps' legacy... God bless them all!

On a separate issue, we need someone to assume the role of Detachment Adjutant. The basic requirements for this job are regular attendance at monthly meetings and the abilities to read and write. This is an opportunity for one of you to be a member of a dynamic new staff.

The deadline for all **July** newsletter articles is **NOON on Tuesday, July 12, 2011. Please do not wait until the last minute!**



Membership Stats

Detachment Membership Statistics			
Good Standing (Dues Paid)			
Type	USMC	Associate	Multiple
Life Memberships	73	8	6
Annual Memberships	37	6	–
Delinquent Dues (Still on Active Roster)			
Type	USMC	Associate	Multiple
Annual Memberships	7	–	–
New Members			
	–	–	–
Sub-Totals			
	117	14	6
Total			
	137		

Reflects 2 new members
who are yet to be sworn in

Renewal dates are fast approaching for the following members...

RENEWALS		
July 2011	August 2011	September 2011
James Terry	Nicholas Dubich Robert Lucian	Albert Bell Walter Cooper Scott Neff

Please consider a **Life Membership** as a potential cost reduction.

Commandant's Message



Joe Wright

Marines,

The 1st month as your Commandant has passed and what a busy month it was. The **Marines Helping Marines Golf Tournament** was an outstanding success and we were able to present **Ron Short**, the **Marines Helping Marines National Chairman**, with a check for **\$11,111.11**. I am proud of everyone involved for making the tournament such a huge success.

I would like to congratulate our **Jr. Past Commandant, Wayne McNeir**, for receiving the **Department of Maryland Detachment Commandant of the Year**. As **Jack Severn** put it, "*When considering whom to receive Department of Maryland Detachment Commandant of the Year, one person stood out above all others, Wayne McNeir.*" It's an honor to follow in the footsteps of Mac, and I hope to benefit from his mentoring.

I want to express my appreciation to **Bill Merrill** for his generous donation to our **Marines Helping Marines Contingency Fund**. This fund was established to assist the Marines Helping Marines operation at the **Bethesda National Naval Medical Center** with immediate funds or supplies when needed.

Our detachment now has a **Facebook** page. Members with a computer can now keep current with detachment events and members can share such things as detachment photos. Simply, perform a simple search in the **Facebook** search window for **Marine Corps League - Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049**; then can click the '**Like**' button to receive updates to the page as they are made.

Lastly, I wish to thank **Pete Pervi**, for being our Master Chef for the May 27th Friday Night Dinner. Dinner was delicious and thanks to everyone that came to support the Detachment's Friday Night Dinner.

I hope to see everyone at our Friday Night Dinner on July 1st.

Semper Fi,

Joe

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



Legislative Report

by Jim Le Gette, Legislative Officer

Because of economics, the Pentagon has offered *cost-savings proposals* relative to Tricare. **HR 1540** includes the first Tricare fee hikes in the 16 year history of the program. The hike(s) are modest: \$30 per year for the individual and \$60 more for families per year. These fee proposals are just part of the revamping of medical care for the military – other elements include retail pharmacy co-pays and limits set on a veteran enrolling in the U.S. Family Health Plan.

Another cost savings proposal, which is under review by the Pentagon, would be to change the eligibility of service members to receive retirement pay after 10 years of service as well as keeping the historical retirement program (following WW II) of 20 years required service. Under the new two tiered program, a member retiring after 10 years plus would not be eligible for pay until age 60 and the 20 year, plus veteran would not be eligible for pay until age 57. At present, the retirement program identifies \$20 billion each year for retirement benefits.

DOD plans to expand the **Military Spouse Employment Partnership Program** to include all of the services, not just the Army. Two websites are available to assist spouses in their search for employment: www.militaryonesource.com and www.msccn.org.



Chaplain's Corner

by Chaplain Ken Webster

Please contact me at either of the following numbers as soon as you learn of any member or family member, who is sick, in distress, etc.

410-255-0741 (home) or 443-618-9641 (cell)

Dave Boschert, a member of Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049, has been diagnosed with pancreatic and liver cancer. He is currently at home receiving hospice care.

Maxwell V. Frye Jr. of Grasonville, MD died on May 26, 2011, at the Anne Arundel Medical Center after a year-long illness. Mr. Frye was the father of detachment member **Gary G. Frye Sr.** See the **Lest We Forget** column (on page 7) for additional information.

Please keep the persons noted above and their families in your thoughts and prayers.



From the desk of the

Senior Vice Commandant



Chris Kalwa

Fellow Marines,

Not much to report this month. I hope everyone had a safe Memorial Day weekend. The **Bull and Oyster Roast** is set for 23 October, 2011. I'm currently working on getting tickets made up; however, time and price is pending. That information will be coming soon. Hope to see all of you at our next detachment meeting on 27 June 2011.

Semper Fi,

Chris Kalwa



Lost Medicare Card?

If your Medicare card is lost, stolen or damaged, you can ask for a new one at <http://www.ssa.gov/medicarecard>. You can use this site only to request a Medicare card.

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<http://www.socialsecurity.gov/foreign/index.html>.



From the desk of the

Junior Vice Commandant



Ed Dahling

Fellow Detachment Members,

I consider myself privileged to be able to work and serve with all of you. If there is anything that I can do or help... please, do not hesitate to contact me.

I would like to thank **Woody** for having done an outstanding job as our Junior Vice Commandant. He turned everything over to me in great shape and it was well organized. He will be a hard act to follow.

With your help, we can reach out to any Marines that for some reason have not heard about the Marine Corps League and our Detachment. If you know of a Marine of good-standing, invite them to visit us during our next meeting. This will give them a chance to see what the league and our detachment is all about.

In addition to bringing in new members, let's not forget about our keeping current with own dues. Please send in your dues and not risk being dropped from our rolls as a member of good standing.

I look forward to seeing each of you at our next meeting.

Semper, Fi

Ed Dahling

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Have You Heard?

by Mac McNeir

New LISTSERV Capability

A Detachment 1049 mailing list tool referred to as a **LISTSERV** (*listserver*) is now available, which will allow members to create, manage, and control electronic mailing lists. Each list has a topic of interest – such as Detachment 1049 – just as a company might have a postal mailing list to distribute a catalog. To avoid requiring everyone within a mailing group to maintain a separate alias or nickname for the group, the LISTSERV product maintains a single list of subscribers that everyone can use.

Mailing lists can make sending mail to groups of people much easier, especially if the membership of the group is constantly changing. Group members need only to maintain their own addresses and subscription status.

Why use the Detachment Listserver?

The Detachment 1049 listserver is a valuable method for communicating with detachment members across the county, state or United States. The Detachment 1049 listserver will contain many valuable topics which can be discussed on a daily bases by our members.

How does it work?

To *post a message to all list members*, send email to: aa-county-detachment1049@lists.mclaacdet1049.org.

To *subscribe to the Detachment 1049 listserver* visit: <http://lists.mclaacdet1049.org/mailman/listinfo/aa-county-detachment1049>.

Note, the 75-members for whom we have email addresses, have already been subscribed to the list. They can visit the link above to view prior postings by clicking on the *To see the collection of prior postings link* on the above page.

Besides visiting the *subscription page* to view instructions and listserver postings, members may also use this page to unsubscribe from the service.

A Word About Message Content

Postings made via the listserver should be limited to official Marine Corps League business of interest to detachment members. **It should not be used to distribute jokes, political commentary, salacious photos, etc.**

May 23rd Detachment Meeting

A number of presentations took place at our May detachment meeting. The first presentation was a check for \$11,111.11 to **Ron Short**, the **National Director of Marines Helping Marines** by **Manny Airey** and **Mac McNeir**. This check represented the monies realized from our **6th Annual Marines Helping Marines Golf Tournament**.



Golf Committee Chairman **Manny Airey**, assisted by committee member **Mac McNeir**, presented a check for \$11,111.11 to **Marines Helping Marines National Director Ron Short**. (Detachment Photo)

Next, was probably one of the most noteworthy awards, the **Detachment Marine of the Year Award**, which was presented to **Dick Savage**. We were happy to have **Dorothy Savage** (Dick's wife) in attendance for the presentation.



Former Marine of the Year **Pete Pervi** presents the plaque and medallion emblematic of being this year's **Detachment Marine of the Year** to **Dick Savage**. (Detachment Photo)

Our detachment was also presented a **plaque** from the **Department of Maryland** in recognition of *our outstanding support* of the **2011 Department Convention**... most notably the number of convention book advertisements that we sold – a major source of funds for our department. The presentation was made to **Detachment 1049 Commandant Joe Wright** and **Junior Past Commandant Mac McNeir** by **Jack Severn, Past Department Commandant**.

Then, **Jack Severn** presented **Mac McNeir** with the **Department of Maryland's Commandant of the Year Award** along with many far too kind words.

(see Have You... on page 6)



Junior Past Commandant Mac McNeir receiving the Department of Maryland's Detachment Commandant of the Year Award for 2011 from former Dept. Commandant Jack Severn. (Detachment Photo)

Ed Ross, Pack Leader of the Maryland Pack of the MODD, awarded the Pound 204 Devil Dog of the Year Award, to our Young Marines Commander, George Martin.



Young Marines Commander George Martin receiving the Detachment's Devil Dog of the Year Award for 2011 from MODD Pack Leader Ed Ross as Peter Pervi and Manny Airey look on. (Detachment Photo)

The last awards of the evening were presented to **George Martin** and **Jim LeGette**. Each received a **Certificate of Commendation** and a **commemorative mug** (decorated with appropriate **Jack Severn** artwork) for their service during the term of office of then **Commandant Mac McNeir**.

New Members

Junior Vice Commandant Ed Dahling presented the *bona fides* of three applicants – **John Vogel**, **Gabriel Gutierrez**, and **Vernon Maher**. All three were found acceptable by a voice vote of the membership. **Vernon Maher**, the only applicant in attendance, was subsequently sworn in by **Commandant Joe Wright**. A brief recess was called to permit the members in attendance to greet and welcome our newest member.



Heroic Leaguer Honored

NOTE – This article by Megan Eckstein originally appeared in the online version of the Frederick News Post on May 10, 2011.

Jack Severn didn't need any recognition for saving a little boy who fell into Carroll Creek a few weeks ago – he was just happy he could help.

So when the Department of Maryland Marine Corps League surprised the 71-year-old with a heroism medal at its annual convention in Ocean City over the weekend, and friends started calling to congratulate him, Severn was taken aback.



National Commandant Vic Voltaggio with Jack and Janet Severn at the Department of Maryland Convention (Photo by Paul Gunther)

"I was quite honored and surprised, thanks to my wife," he said, explaining that his wife has been telling everyone about what he did even if he didn't feel comfortable boasting about his own lifesaving actions.

Severn, of New Market, was at Baker Park with his wife, **Janet**, and granddaughter, **Sydney**, 4, in mid-April. They were coming from the playground and noticed four young boys, maybe 7 or 8 years old, walking back and forth along a wall in Carroll Creek, around the area where it passes under College Avenue. Severn told his wife it looked like a dangerous situation – the water level was much higher than usual and flowing over the wall because of the recent heavy rain – but a young woman was nearby to keep an eye on the boys. Severn said he turned away for a minute, and suddenly the woman started yelling, "You're all right, stand up, stand up," he said.

"So I turned around, and I saw the little boy. He had fallen in right at the wall," Severn said. "He just kept treading, and he went under again, and that's when I said to my wife, I gotta go get him because I don't think he's going to make it."

Severn, who is 5 feet 11 inches tall, said the water was up to his shoulders, cold and moving very rapidly. He swam out to the boy, in the middle of the creek, and told him to hang on.

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League Hero... *(continued from page 6)*

"When he grabbed my neck, he grabbed it so tight, he wasn't going to let go," Severn said. "But I was just glad I was there."

Severn hoisted the boy up on the wall to safety despite the water pushing him back down, and Severn climbed out of the creek.

"They went their way, and we went our way," he said, saying he never caught the boy's name or gave his own contact information to the woman. The woman wrapped the boy in the blanket she had been sitting on, and Severn hopped in his car to go change into dry clothes. He thought that was the end of the story.

But Janet Severn contacted the Marine Corps League, where Jack is a member of the **Mount Airy Detachment** and a former state-wide commandant. She explained the whole story, and they agreed to surprise him. The **Marine Corps League's National Commandant Vic Voltaggio** attended the conference and personally gave Severn the medal and the accompanying certificate to Severn, a retired Department of Energy graphic artist who served in the Marine Corps in 1962.

Looking back on the lifesaving action he took, Severn said he probably should have had his wife call 911 just in case.

"I'm 71 years old. I didn't realize how old I was till I came out of the water," he said, laughing.

But he doesn't regret his actions; Severn said there is just something in him that made him run to the little boy.

"I didn't even think. I just saw his eyes. They were real big, and I could tell he was getting really tired," Severn said.

"The water was cold, and I could tell he couldn't swim, and I knew it was way over his head, and I didn't even think."

Editor's Comment – The above article should come as no surprise to anyone privileged to be among Jack Severn's circle of family members, friends, and associates. Jack is a rare and selfless individual, who does not need to be coaxed into action. He is there for all who need him.

Congratulations Jack, on behalf of the members of Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049.



Lest We Forget...

NOTE – This memoriam is based upon an obituary published in the online version of The Capital.

MAXWELL V. Frye Jr., of Grasonville, MD died on May 26, 2011, at the Anne Arundel Medical Center after a year-long illness. Mr. Frye is survived by his wife, **Jane Frye** (nee Murphy), son **Maxwell 'Mickey' V. Frye III** and his wife **Carol**, **Gary G. Frye Sr.** and his wife **Karen**, daughter **Tracy Morgan** and her husband **Jeff**. He has seven grandchildren: **Amanda**, **Justin**, **Brandan**, **Gary Jr.**, **Heather**, **Sarah**, and **Ian** and one great-grandchild, **Peyton**. He is also survived by one sister, **Betty Jordan** and numerous nieces and nephews.

Maxwell was a retired Anne Arundel County Chief of Police. Chief Frye was born in Baltimore to the late **Maxwell V. Frye, Sr.** and **E. Leona Frye**. After graduating from Glen Burnie High School, he joined the U.S. Navy, serving on the U.S.S. Mattaponi from 1945 to 1949. In 1951, he joined the Anne Arundel County Police Department, rising through the ranks become the eighth Chief of Police in 1979, before his retirement in 1983. His family chose to follow his footsteps; with all three children, two of their spouses, and a grandson joining the agency. Upon his retirement, Chief Frye worked for Queen Anne's County and Talbot County governments. His most recent employment was working as a Marshall for two golf courses on the Eastern Shore. In retirement, Chief Frye spent his time participating in several civic organizations. He was a member of: VFW Post 7464, Centerville Masonic Lodge 180, Chesapeake Knights Templar 10, Adoniram Council Royal and Select Masters 21, Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine Baltimore Chapter, FOP Lodge 70, and many other organizations. In recent years, Chief Frye spent a large portion of his time at VFW Post 7464, participating with the weekly dinners and meeting with friends.

To the officers and supervisors who worked for him, Chief Frye was known for being a fair and wise Police Chief. After his retirement from the police department, the county renamed the road on which police headquarters is located to **Maxwell Frye Road**. Although known by many as 'Chief,' what Mr. Frye enjoyed most was being 'Mickey,' 'Dad,' and 'Pop-Pop.' He loved to golf, read, catch-up with friends that he served with in the Navy and spend time with his family and friends. As a tradition, that he began many years ago, each Sunday, he would visit each of his children and grandchildren. This tradition continued until two weeks before his death.

A *Celebration of Life* service was held at the Baldwin United Methodist Church, in Millersville. He was subsequently interred at the Crownsville Veterans Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the **American Cancer Society**.



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Best Yet... *(continued from page 1)*

We were honored to have as special guests **Ron Short, National Director** and **Tony Begenwald, East Coast Coordinator of Marines Helping Marines**; and four active duty Marines from the **National Naval Medical Center** in Bethesda, Maryland – **Sergeant Joseph Bradly, Sergeant Eric Wheeling, Staff Sergeant Tim Leazoit, and Staff Sergeant Chris Nichols**. Also in attendance was a foursome from the **LCPL Robert W. Deane Detachment** from Mount Airy, Maryland.

Despite the cloudy conditions at the beginning, the tournament got off to a good start, the pace of play was extraordinary, the beverage carts ensured proper hydration, and the hotdogs at the turn rejuvenated not only the golfers but the enterprising crows that pilfered 'franks' left unattended by golfers hitting from the tenth tee.

After play was completed, participants were treated to a luncheon of beef and ham prepared on **Chris Thompson's** new smoker, and many tasty side dishes and desserts provided by our auxiliary members. While the golfers consumed their meals, the loquacious one – **Jim Brady** – acting as emcee, awarded trophies, prize monies, door prizes, and witty repartee. A very special moment occurred when **Junior Past Commandant Mac McNeir** presented an engraved plaque citing the selfless dedication and determination exhibited by **Rich Gonzales** during his tenure as this tournament's 2009 and 2010 chairman.

It should be obvious that having 127 golfers was a major factor in the success of this year's event; however, the behind the scenes efforts and contributions of our volunteers and sponsors (many of whom have supported us from the beginning) should not be taken for granted. A listing of volunteers and major contributors associated with this year's tournament is provided below. My sincere apologies to anyone whom I may have inadvertently omitted.



Past tournament chairman **Rich Gonzales** receiving a token of appreciation from golf committee member **Mac McNeir**.
(Photo by Paul Gunther, Dept of Maryland Photographer)

The 2011 Marines Helping Marines Team

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Everyone involved should be justifiably proud of the fact that we were able to present **\$11,111.11** to **National Director Ron Short** of the **Marines Helping Marines Program** at our detachment meeting on May 23, 2011.



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Marines Helping Marines Tournament Photos

Photos by Paul Gunther, Margaret Ehrlich & Jon Garrison



Ya' know... These Afghans look stranger than I imagined, I think we should have turned left at Islamabad! (Our Marine Guests from Bethesda)



Manny, I don't care that you are the co-chairman of this tournament. You cannot have an eraser on your pencil! (Manny Airey & Chuck Lucas)



Regardless of their scores, they do bring color and panache to the event. (Nick Mallicote, Rich Gonzales, James Johns, & Gary Barnett)



Team Tee-Totallers... our annual tournament's first all female foursome. (Michele Ryan, Pam Stone, Sally Gonzales, Elaine Baxter)



Raffles, 50-50's, and Mulligans... the life's blood of every fund-raiser! (Mike Bowman, Dawn Parker & Chasity Wright)



Walking advertisements for Marines Helping Marines? A billboard might have been better! (Tony Begenwald, Pete Pervi, Manny Airey & Mac McNeir)



Some of our dedicated volunteers – Chris Kalwa, Teddy Guy, Wendy Guy, Joe Wright, Dawn Parker, Patty Robidoux, Bud Wright, Nila Caulder, Chris 'Rabbit-Ears' Thompson, Chasity Wright, Michelle Thompson, Stephanie DeValle, Jennifer Sacks



The Pit-Crew. (Joe Wright, Ed Dahling, Bud Wright & Chris Thompson)

Veterans Support Organization (Scam)

Editor's Note – Checking out this organization on the Internet, I have come to the personal conclusion that the organization is not legitimate; however, please be aware that there are a few articles which refute the allegation.

Bottom Line, do your homework if you are tempted to donate to the Veterans Support Organization.

There's an organization named **The Veterans Support Organization** that's now infiltrated 17 states, and it's especially active in the northeastern USA. While it is a legal 501(c)(3) 'non-profit' on paper, this organization is actually a huge scam that's cheating real veterans' organizations out of donations, while duping well-intentioned donors.

Of the over \$2.6 million they reported as total income for 2009, only \$400,000 was spent on anything vaguely resembling support to veterans. That's only 15% of their income! Senior managers' salaries totaled 40% of their 2009 income, and their president alone reported income of \$240,000 in 2009. That's almost 1/4 million dollars!

Their collectors at grocery stores & malls... many of whom are NOT military veterans at all, and many of whom also have criminal records... keep 30% of everything they collect. So the collectors themselves keep 30 cents of every dollar donated!

To trick donors into thinking they're really veterans, they wear military-looking clothing – *pseudo uniforms* so-to-speak – purchased from military surplus houses. If asked a few rudimentary questions by any real vet – for example, what units they served in, where and when – their lack of actual military background becomes immediately evident.

In March 2011, a FOX TV station in New York did an investigative report on this outfit that revealed them as the thieves they really are. Go here to watch the report.

<http://www.myfoxny.com/dpp/news/shame/veterans-support-organization-20110203>

Please spread the word about this scam as widely as you can. The people running this scam are despicable!



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Veteran's Affairs

by Ed Dahling

Like all medical facilities, Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) hospitals, nursing homes, and clinics need volunteers. These volunteers are needed because many hospitalized vets have no family or friends, and they are very far from home.

Volunteers perform a wide range of duties. Some enjoy direct contact with patients, participating in recreational programs and other activities on the wards. Other volunteers assist the VA's professional staff in several ways that involve little patient contact. Your role as a volunteer at a VA medical facility can be as basic, and as important, as just being a friend to a patient during those trying days of illness and therapy.

VA Voluntary Service (VAVS) volunteers bring a touch home... a personal contact with the world outside the hospital walls... the feeling that patients are remembered and that they're still a part of the community.

No matter what your inclination may be, there's a volunteer role you'll enjoy. Show our country's hospitalized vets that you're grateful for their sacrifices... volunteer today!



Young Marines

The Young Marines wish to thank **VFW Post 160** for allowing us to conduct their **Armed Forces Day** and *flag retirement ceremonies* on May 21st. A **Memorial Day** ceremony was also conducted at **Kalis's Funeral Home** in Edgewater on May 28th.

The Annapolis Young Marines marched in the **Annapolis Memorial Day Parade** on May 30th.

June activities included **Flag Day** ceremonies at **American Legion Post 226** in Edgewater as well as **American Legion Post 7** in Crownsville. However, the event, about which most of our young membership was excited, was our trip to our nation's capitol to witness the **Marine Corps' Sunset Parade**.

As always, thanks to Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049 for its support.

Respectfully,

George Martin

Young Marines Commander



Coming Events

The following events are scheduled to occur through **September 30, 2011**. Unless otherwise noted, these events will take place at VFW Post 160, located at 2597 Dorsey Road, Glen Burnie, MD 21060 (410-766-9802).

NOTE – The dates and times listed below are subject to change. Please verify the information with the indicated organization (point of contact).

Monthly Meetings, Detachment 1049 & Auxiliary

Monday, 27 June 2011 @ 1900 – Joe Wright / Dawn Parker

Friday Night Dinner, Detachment 1049

Friday, 1 July 2011 @ 1800 – Joe Wright

Howl, Military Order of Devil Dogs

Sunday, 17 July 2011 from 1300 to 1700 – Bob Rossi

Monthly Meetings, Detachment 1049 & Auxiliary

Monday, 25 July 2011 @ 1900 – Joe Wright / Dawn Parker

Friday Night Dinner, Detachment 1049 Auxiliary,

Friday, 29 July 2011 @ 1800 – Dawn Parker

Crab Feast, VFW Ladies Auxiliary,

Saturday, 30 July 2011 from 1500 to 2000 – TBD

88th Marine Corps League National Convention

(Hosted by Treasure Valley Detachment 878, MCL)

31 July through 6 August – <http://www.tvdmcl.org/>

Riverside DoubleTree Hotel

2900 Chinden Boulevard

Boise, Idaho 83714

(208) 343-1871 or <http://www.boiseriverside.doubletree.com>

Monthly Breakfast, VFW

Sunday, 7 August 2011 from 0800 to 1200 – TBD

MODD Pound 204 Growl

August 14, 2011 @ 1000 – Paul Taylor

Monthly Meetings, Detachment & Auxiliary

August 22, 2011 @ 1900 – Joe Wright / Dawn Parker

Friday Night Dinner, Detachment 1049

September 2, 2011 from 1800 to 2000 – Joe Wright

Monthly Breakfast, VFW

September 4, 2011 from 0800 to 1200 – TBD

Crab Feast, VFW Men's Auxiliary

September 11, 2011 from 1300 to 1800 – Gary Barnett

Department of MD Staff Meeting

September 17, 2011 from 0900-1100 – Paul Taylor

Detachment 1234, Oakland, Maryland

MODD Maryland Pack Growl

September 17, 2011 – immediately after Staff Mtg. – Ed Ross

Detachment 1234, Oakland, Maryland

Monthly Meetings, Detachment & Auxiliary

September 26, 2010 @ 1900 – Joe Wright / Dawn Parker

Friday Night Dinner, Detachment 1049 Auxiliary

September 30, 2011 from 1800 to 2000 – Dawn Parker



Corps History

by Vic Halme, Historian

1 June 1918

"Retreat Hell! We just got here," said the 5th Marine Regiment in France.

1 June 1942

First black Marine enlists in the Corps. A total of 19,168 blacks joined the Corps during World War II.

5 June 1944

Lieutenant General H. M. (Howlin' Mad) Smith is designated the first FMFPac Commander.

6 June 1918

Marines advance into Belleau Wood against German machine guns.

8 June 1880

Captain W. B. Remey becomes first Marine appointed as Judge Advocate of the Navy.

8 June 1995

Team of 40 Marines rescues downed USAF pilot, Captain Scott O'Grady, who had been shot down over Bosnia-Herzegovina six days earlier.

12 June 1961

President John F. Kennedy signs a presidential proclamation calling for the American flag to be flown at the Marine Corps War Memorial in Arlington, Virginia, "at all times... day and night."

14 June 1898

Sgt. John Quick exposes himself to hostile fire in order to signal the USS Dolphin (a gun-fire support vessel) to cease fire; thereby saving his Marine unit and earning the Medal of Honor.

18 June 1945

Major General Roy S. Geiger, USMC, assumes command of the 10th Army during the battle for Okinawa after Army Lieutenant General Simon Buckner is killed.

21 June 1945

The battle for Okinawa ends with the raising of the American flag by Lieutenant General Roy S. Geiger, USMC.

22 June 1954

President Eisenhower authorizes the use of the first official Marine Corps Seal.

25 June 1950

Korean War begins when North Korean forces invade South Korea.

25 June 1971

Last Marine ground troops depart Vietnam.





Military Order of the Devil Dogs

The Fun & Honor Society of the Marine Corps League

Woof-Woof,

The Maryland Pack had a very successful Grand Growl on 6 May in Ocean City. We advanced 12 Pups to Devil Dog and advanced two mongrels to Pups. Congratulations to all of them.

We raised another \$449.02 for the children's hospital in Boise, Idaho, bringing the total contribution from the **Maryland Pack** for this year to **\$1,215.04**. Well done Dogs! I'm sure we will be the biggest contributor again this year. If you remember last month's article, I reported that **Pound 204** had contributed **\$1,190.20**. This is a total of **\$2,405.24** from our Pack and Pound alone. Great job!

We have a little breathing room until things kick up again in August. The **Supreme Growl** will be on **3 August**; but, we don't have any DDs going to Boise to be advanced. The Supreme Growl in Mobile next year should be a grand time, The Maryland Pack will have 32 DDs who could be eligible to go, if they get their two Pack Growl attendances in.

Our next Pound Growl is 14 August at the Pound Dog House. All annual dues are due on 1 September so come prepared to fork over and extra 15 bones for your 2012 dues. If you pay by check, make it payable to **MODD, Pound 204**, and you don't have to wait until August to pay them. I'll gladly accept dues at any time.

Pups, remember, in order to be advanced next year in Ocean City, you must attend two Pound Growls prior to the Grand Growl. So don't delay. Attend all the Pound Growls.

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

Woof-Woof,

Paul Taylor

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“We take the stars from Heaven, the red from our mother country, separating it by white stripes, thus showing that we have separated from her, and the white stripes shall go down to posterity representing Liberty.” – George Washington

On June 14, 1777, the Flag Resolution was passed by the Second Continental Congress, which stated: “Resolved that the flag of the United States be made of thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new Constellation.” Each year thereafter, June 14 has been known as Flag Day.

The U.S. flag consists of thirteen equal horizontal stripes of red (top and bottom) alternating with white, representing the thirteen original colonies, with a blue rectangle in the upper hoist-side corner bearing 50 small, white, five-pointed stars, representing our 50 states. Common names of the flag include: “the Stars and Stripes” or “Old Glory.”

Even to this day, the origin of the U.S. flag design is still uncertain. One story credits Betsy Ross for sewing the first flag from a pencil sketch by George Washington. However, no evidence exists beyond the recollections of what she told her family, which have been reported by her descendents.

When design changes occur, the change always takes place on July 4 in Philadelphia, Pa., stated by the Flag Act of April 4, 1818. The most recent change, from forty-nine stars to fifty, occurred in 1960, after Hawaii gained statehood in August 1959. Robert G. Heft's design was chosen.



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Corps Humor

Retired Marine and the Fitness Trainer

So, I'm at an upscale health club the other day – one equipped with all of the latest fitness machines – when I happened to overhear a conversation between two men. One turns out to be a grizzled, retired, Marine Master Gunnery Sergeant – who has obviously let his physical conditioning slip – and someone I presume to be his fitness trainer. The conversation went something like this...

The grizzled Marine, wanting to accelerate his return to improved fitness and physical attractiveness says, *"I want to impress that beautiful girl over there; so, which machine do you think I should I use?"*

The trainer replied, *"In your case, I believe the best results would be achieved through the use of the ATM machine out in the lobby!"*



Members' Birthdays

NOTE – Please advise the editor of any errors/omissions in the following birthday listings.

Members of our detachment, who will be celebrating birthdays during the month of **July** include:

Frank Berg	Russell Bixler	Dave Boschert
James Galvin	Ray Gonzales	Tom Maiorana
Kurt Osuch	Charles Sutton	Theodore Thompson
Howard Throngard	Ken Webster	Charles Young



TRICARE Home Delivery

NOTE – This article appeared on the Military.com website for the week of May 23, 2011.

Beneficiaries who use TRICARE pharmacy home delivery get prescription medications shipped to their door. They also have the option of automatic prescription refills when their medication supply is running low. Beneficiaries using home delivery also save money. Copayments at retail pharmacies are three times higher for a 90 day supply of the same medication. For more information about home delivery, visit the [TRICARE website](#). To sign up for home delivery, or to enroll existing home delivery prescriptions in the automatic prescription refill program, beneficiaries should go to [ESI's website](#), or call the **TRICARE Member Choice Center** at 877-363-1433.



Quotation

"Let us recollect that peace or war will not always be left to our option; that however moderate or unambitious we may be, we cannot count upon moderation, or hope to extinguish the ambition of others."

Alexander Hamilton

founding father, first U.S. Secretary of the Treasury, economist, and political philosopher

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Featured Foto



Corporal Eamon Turnbull shakes hands with **Lance Corporal Andrew Kind** after the United States Marine Corps Silent Drill Platoon performed for wounded warriors at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md., on May 12. Turnbull, a member of the Wounded Warrior Regiment, was injured after stepping on an improvised explosive device while supporting Operation Enduring Freedom in Marjah, Afghanistan in October 2010. (Photo by Cpl. Jeremy Ware)