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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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No One Left Behind!

Note – The following is an edited version of an article by Gina Harkins, a Marine Corps Times staff writer.

On the morning 11-year-old **Ben Baltz** was preparing to race in a triathlon, his dad gave him a piece of dark chocolate. When he opened it, the inside of the foil wrapper contained a message for the young athlete – “You’re exactly where you need to be.”

A few hours later, a photo was snapped of Baltz being carried across the finish line on the back of **PFC Matthew Morgan**, 19, a communications signals collection operator/analyst with Marine Detachment Corry Station in Pensacola, Fla. The two were surrounded by a pack of Marines as they completed the race in solidarity.



The photo, taken by a spectator, went viral and it's motivating Americans. That's because Baltz isn't a typical athlete. If he wants to run or play baseball, he has to strap a leg on to do so.

Baltz's parents had to make the tough choice to amputate their son's leg when he was just 6 years old and battling bone cancer. Now he wears a prosthetic walking leg with a mechanical knee or a running leg for strenuous activities like triathlons.

Twenty-two Marines with the detachment, including Morgan, were volunteering at the Sea Turtle Tri kids' triathlon on Sunday. They helped set up and then encouraged the kids, who were making a 150-yard swim, a 4-mile bike ride and a 1-mile run to get to the finish line.

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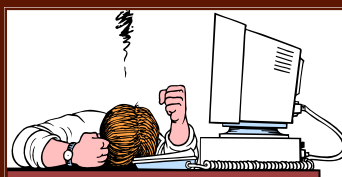
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From the Editor

by Mac McNeir

This issue of the newsletter coincides with the beginning of two very important undertakings for the members of **Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049**. Specifically, the **2012 Toys for Tots Campaign** and our **2013 Marines Helping Marines Golf Tournament**.

Please consider making yourself available to assist with the various activities associated with the *Toys for Tots Campaign*. **Dawn Parker** needs everyone to contribute to what we all hope will be a successful re-involvement with this very important event. **Get your Christmas Spirit going early!**

Burt Helmka is heading up the **2013 MHM Golf Tournament** and needs an assistant to help with the behind the scenes activities necessary to continue our string of successful tournaments. We also need everyone to start talking about the tournament and encouraging family members, friends, and associates to be part of this event through participation as golfers and/or sponsors. Of course, we are counting on our previous volunteers as well as first-timers to assist with the behind the scenes activities which are absolutely essential if we are to host another successful tournament.

Articles for *the Cutting Edge's* December issue is **December 1st**.



Membership Statistics

Good Standing (Dues Paid)			
Type	USMC	Associate	Multiple
Life Memberships	71	8	5
Annual Memberships	24	5	–
Delinquent Dues (Still on Active Roster)			
Type	USMC	Associate	Multiple
Annual Memberships	19	0	–
New Members			
	–	–	–
Sub-Totals			
	114	13	5
Total			
	132		

Renewals

[Dues expire at end of indicated month & (D) indicates delinquency]

December 2012	January 2013	February 2013
Don Blanton Mike Lowman (D) William Russell Scott Woods (D)	Russell Bixler Roland Miller Christopher Thompson Joseph Wright	Chuck Albo Ed Grove Richard Hart

Please advise the editor of any errors/omissions in this listing.

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

Commandant's Message



Joe Wright

Marines,

It all started at Tun Tavern in Philadelphia on November 10, 1775. Captain Samuel Nicholas was named the first Commandant of the Marine Corps and Robert Mullan was appointed to raise two companies of Marines. Mullan was the proprietor of Tun Tavern, so that was where the very first Continental Marines were recruited. Two hundred and thirty-seven years later, our Marine Corps celebrates another birthday, which will be celebrated across the globe. We Marines should remember those who came before us, those who served beside us and those who paid the ultimate sacrifice. Our reputation was built on their sacrifices. We are all part of the Marine Corps' history and every Marine should take justifiable pride in knowing they are all part of a 'Brotherhood' that cannot be equaled by any other organization.

We must not forget our wounded Marines assigned to Wounded Warrior Regiments, trying to return to duty or transition to civilian life. Our fellow Marines and their families require much more support than most of us could ever realize. This fact became very clear for me the first time I visited our wounded Marines at Walter Reed – Bethesda. We are Marines, a title that can never be taken away. As Marines, we should always remember our fallen, honor our hero's, and support our wounded.

On this Marine Corps Birthday, take time to reflect on our rich history and be proud that you were a part of it.

Happy 237th Birthday and Semper Fi!

Joe



Chaplain's Corner

by Mac McNeir for Chaplain Fred Kaminski

NOTE – Refer to the Lest We Forget column in this issue for information about recently deceased friends and family members.

Carl 'Buddy' George recently fell victim to heart problems.

Hershel 'Woody' Williams, the lone surviving **Iwo Jima Medal of Honor** recipient, is currently hospitalized and under observation at a Huntington, WV hospital.

No other information is currently available on either Marine.

Please contact the Chaplain at the following number as soon as you learn of any member or member of our extended family, who is sick, in distress, etc.

410-760-4684 (home)



New Corps Mandate...

Talk the Talk

Note – The following is an edited/condensed version of an article by Gina Harkins that appeared in the online Marine Corps Times column Battle Rattle on October 15th.

Newly promoted Sergeants, get ready for new education requirements to make it to Staff Sergeant – or any rank beyond.

The Corps is rolling out a new professional education requirement for enlisted Marines that will need to be completed before making it to any new rank, all the way up to Master Gunnery Sergeant. The program is called **Regional, Culture and Language Familiarization**, or RCLF for short. It takes the globe, carves it up into 17 different sections, and assigns to Marines the cultures and languages associated with each.

New Lieutenants have been doing this since 2008 and new Warrant Officers since 2010. The goal is to get officers and enlisted personnel throughout the Corps up to speed on different parts of the world so no matter where Marines are sent, they are ready. They can teach their comrades about what to do – or not to do – when they get in-country.



Purple Heart Hall of Honor



If you are one of the nation's 1.7 million Purple Heart recipients, it is time to enroll in the **National Purple Heart Hall of Honor** at **New Windsor Cantonment State Historic Site** (of George Washington fame) in New York. Some 170,000 recipients have already done so.

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To obtain an enrollment form and learn more about the Hall of Honor, visit the following website.

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NOTE – The above is an edited/condensed version of the Now Hear This column that appeared in the November/December 2012 issue of the VFW magazine.



From the desk of the

Senior Vice Commandant



Ed Dahling

Fellow Detachment Members,

I would like to announce that the 2012 iteration of our annual **Bull and Oyster Roast** was very successful. The food, beer, and music were great and the camaraderie was even better. I have the final numbers and we were able to raise **\$1619.80** after expenses. I would like to thank everyone, who attended the function and supported our detachment and me in my first year of handling the roast. I would also like to thank all of the volunteers for all their hard work. Without the support of everyone, this event would not have been as successful as it was. Again I would like to say thanks.

Don't forget about the *Happy Hour* observance of the **Corps' 237th Birthday**, which will take place at **VFW Post 160** on **Saturday, November 10, 2012** beginning at **1600**.

Hope to see all of you are there.

Semper Fi,

Ed Dahling

From the desk of the

Junior Vice Commandant



Ray Sturm

Fellow Members,

By now, many of you know that I introduced an *amendment to our By-Laws* at our last meeting. My proposed change has to do with *how we select the recipient of our highest award*, our **Detachment Marine of the Year (MOY)**.

I have only been a detachment member for a few years, and I felt that other than submitting a nominee, I had no idea what the process entailed. I felt left out of the process. I sincerely feel that the MOY represents the entire detachment and I feel that *the detachment members should choose their representative*.

My idea is that any member can make a nomination. There is no change here. The list of nominations would then go to a committee made up of our former MOY recipients. Still, no change. I am suggesting that instead of picking the winner, this distinguished panel would now select the top two or three most qualified nominees and present those nominees back to you, the members. Those detachment members attending the March meeting would then vote for the Marine of the Year.

Please read the proposed amendment found on page 12 of this newsletter. The amendment presented there contains changes to the original amendment, which was introduced at our October detachment meeting.

I plan to reintroduce this updated/modified amendment at our November detachment meeting. Since our by-laws state that a vote cannot be held until 30 days have passed, I expect that the vote to either accept or reject this amendment will take place at our December detachment meeting.

I welcome your comments and ask for your support for this amendment.

Semper Fi,

Ray Sturm

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Woof-Woof,

There is not much happening in 'Dogdom' this month. However, the Marine Corps League's **Toys for Tots** campaign is now in full swing and since the Devil Dogs are the movers and shakers of the League, it is our duty to get out there and provide total support for this effort. The coordinators are always looking for a few good men and women. So do your part. You will find it very rewarding.

It is a long way off, but when the holiday season kicks in, things get hectic. So this is a reminder that the next **Pound Growl** will be on **9 December 2012** at the Dog House and the next **Pack Growl** will be on **12 January 2013** at the **Charlotte Hall Veterans Home**.

Pups are required to attend two Pound Growls in the year prior to the Grand Growl and DDs are required to attend two Pack Growls in the year prior to the Supreme Growl. Don't wait until it is too late. Attend your Pound and Pack Growls now.

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

Woof-Woof,

Paul Taylor

PDD & Dog Robber

Commandant Speaks at Christening

Note – The following is an Associated Press article, which appeared in the online version of the Marine Corps Times on October 21, 2012.

Pascagoula, Mississippi – America, a “mighty warship,” will represent “American resolve and commitment throughout the world,” Marine Corps Commandant, **General James Amos** said during the ship's christening at Ingalls Shipbuilding on Saturday.



Ship sponsor **Lynne Holden Pace**, wife of retired Marine Corps **General Peter Pace**, christened the ship with one swift swing, reports the Mississippi Press.

Saturday's christening festivities opened with a performance by the **USO Liberty Bells**, whose songs brought about 2,000 attendees to their feet.

The 844-foot-long ship will one day hold a more than 1,000-person crew and up to about 1,800 Marines. It is the largest of all amphibious warfare ships, includes a 2-acre flight deck and will support the most advanced Marine Corps aircraft.

The enlarged hangar deck will be capable of holding planes and helicopters.



Quotation

“Amidst the uncertainties of war, every soldier is entitled to one certainty...the belief that he will not be forgotten or abandoned.”

Unknown

NOTE – It's truly a shame that this belief no longer appears to be shared by many of the politicians who commit us to war!



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Have You Heard?

by Mac McNeir

Highlights of the October 22nd Meeting...

The meeting was brought to order by **Commandant Joe Wright**, who acknowledged the presence of **Department of Maryland Adjutant Paul Taylor**, and **Past Detachment Commandants Guy Hall, Manny Airey, Pete Pervi, and Mac McNeir**.

NOTE – The subsequent arrival of 'cover-less' Department Commandant Ed Ross was noted by Commandant Wright.

New Member...

Marine **Chris Wise**, whose application for membership had been approved by members at a previous detachment meeting, was formally sworn in by **Commandant Wright**. A three minute recess was declared to allow those in attendance to welcome our new member into the detachment.

Employer Identification Number (EIN)...

Commandant Wright announced that the questions about the existence/validity of our detachment's **EIN** have been laid to rest. We in fact have a valid EIN issued by the **Internal Revenue Service (IRS)**.

Correspondence

Adjutant Ben Wells read the following three pieces of detachment correspondence...

- A **Thank You** card from the **Toys for Tots** national organization expressing appreciation for our donations
- A letter from the **Governor's Commission on Maryland's Military Monuments** soliciting donations
- A letter from the **United States Marines Youth Foundation** soliciting donations for its annual **Tree of Lights Campaign**

Each year, tree lights in various colors are sponsored by *Marine Corps League Detachments and Auxiliary Units*, individual *Marines, members of the greater Marine Corps family*, and *friends of the United States Marines Youth Foundation*. At the tree lighting ceremony, held on **Marine Corps Base Quantico**, the lights are illuminated while **General Alfred M. Gray**, 29th Commandant of the Marine Corps and Chairman of the Board reads the '**Scroll of Honor**.' The scroll lists all donors to the campaign and is displayed at Marine Corps League National Headquarters throughout the coming year.

Additional information may be obtained from the foundation's website at www.marineyouthfoundation.org or the next issue of *Semper Fi* magazine.

Last MHM Cook-out of the Year...

Commandant Wright reported on the successful conduct of the last of the league sponsored cook-outs at the **Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda**. Accompanying Commandant Wright to this event were Past Detachment Commandant **Mac McNeir**,

Norm Huffman, Detachment Auxiliary Vice President **Chasity Wright**, as well as Department of Maryland Commandant **Ed Ross**.

Detachment members were also encouraged to be part of next year's series of cook-outs as volunteers are always needed. **Mac McNeir** offered to provide transportation to members who either do not like to drive in the District of Columbia or on the Capital Beltway.

Toys for Tots...

Members were reminded that this year's **Toys for Tots Campaign** was underway and that **Dawn Parker** – our campaign coordinator – could really use some help from now through Christmas. The efforts of Dawn and her volunteers will make this a joyful Christmas for many area children, who would otherwise not personally experience the joy of Christmas! Members should also be aware of the following...

- A collection event will take place on **November 1st & 2nd** (from **10:00 AM to 8:00 PM**) at the **Toys 'R' Us** store located in the **Glen Burnie Mall**. Volunteers (*dressed in appropriate league attire*) are needed at the event on both days.
- **November 18th** is the date of our detachment's official kick-off event (party), which will take place at **American Legion Post 40** on 5th Avenue (in Glen Burnie). Catering is being provided by **Mission BBQ**. Admission is **\$12 per person** plus one unwrapped toy in its original packaging.
- A *storage pod* has been staged in the **VFW Post 160** parking lot for temporary storage of toys collected that need to be subsequently transported to the warehouse.

Bull & Oyster Roast...

Senior Vice Commandant **Ed Dahling** thanked everyone involved in the running of this year's **Bull & Oyster Roast** and announced that a profit of just over **\$1619** has been placed in the detachment's general fund.

Re-Instatement of Members...

Judge Advocate **Charles Luthardt Jr.** discussed a change to the national by-laws regarding the elimination of the previously required **\$5 reinstatement fee**. As a result of a floor vote at the **National Convention in Mobile**, this fee has been eliminated. Delinquent members seeking re-instatement may now choose one of the following two options.

- Payment of only a **single year's membership** fee to be returned to the associated detachment's membership roster as a **new member**.
- Payment of the current membership fee **for each year of delinquency** in order to be returned to the associated detachment's membership roster as a **continuous member** in good standing.

Have You Heard...

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Detachment Color Guard...

Color Guard Commander **Woody Bowman** spoke of the need for volunteers for the detachment color guard as well as the following events.

- Pasadena Sharing Parade on November 4th @ 1400 (2:00 PM). Participants should muster at Tick Neck Park (near North-East High School) @ 1230 (12:30 PM).
- Flag-folding ceremony at the Pasadena Senior Citizen's Center on November 9th @ 1000 (10:00 AM).
- Presentation of Colors at American Legion Post 276 on November 11th @ 0900 (9:00 AM).
- Veteran's Day Ceremony at the Crownsville Veterans Cemetery on November 11th @ 1100 (11:00 AM).
- Presentation of Colors at Woods Memorial Church (Severna Park) on November 12th @ 1200 (NOON).
- Presentation of Colors (2 separate programs) at Marley Middle School on November 13th @ 0830 (8:30 AM).

NOTE – Unless otherwise noted, participants should arrive at the site of each of these events approximately 15 to 20 minutes early.

Young Marines...

Young Marines Commander **George Martin** stated that the Young Marines...

- Have 18 members.
- Are selling Marine Corps themed posters at \$10 each
- Are hosting their Bull & Oyster Roast on November 11th at VFW Post 160. Tickets are available at the post canteen.
- Are seeking a replacement to assume the role and responsibilities of the Commander of the Annapolis Young Marines!

NOTE – Should George step-down without a replacement, the unit will have to be shut-down in accordance with national by-laws.

New Business...

Past Commandant **Pete Pervi** made a motion that the detachment contribute \$200 to help pay for the food served at the **Toys for Tots** kick-off event being held on **November 18th**. The motion was approved by voice vote of the detachment members in attendance.

Young Marines Commander **George Martin** sought support for a raffle being held in December to benefit the Young Marines. He requested that the detachment buy ten raffle tickets (at a cost of \$5 each). A motion to purchase ten tickets at a total cost of \$50 was approved by voice vote of the detachment members in attendance.

Good of the League...

Burt Helmka, 2013 Marines Helping Marines Golf Tournament Chairman, asked for a volunteer to assume the role as his assistant.

Mac McNeir, stated that an appointment was set with the management of the **Compass Pointe Golf Course** to determine the advisability of changing the site of the **2013 Marines Helping Marines Tournament**. He also asked that members start lining up participants and sponsors for next year's tournament in an attempt to ensure that we achieve maximum participation.

NOTE – As a result of the aforementioned meeting, the decision to move the 2013 golf tournament from Bay Hills to Compass Pointe was deemed in the best interests of the Marines Helping Marines fund-raising effort. A contract will likely be signed with Compass Pointe by the end of November.

Comments of Dept. of Md. Commandant...

Ed Ross commended **Detachment 1049** for its continuing support of the cook-outs at **Walter Reed**.

Ed also emphasized the need for all Devil Dogs, *who are yet to become pedigreed*, to attend the necessary number of Pound and Pack Growls so that they will be eligible for advancement to PDD at the **Supreme Growl**, which coincides with **2014 National Convention** in West Virginia.

The commandant's final request was that we all get behind this year's **Toys for Tots** effort.

Award Presentation...

Joe Wright presented **Charlie Grove** with a plaque from the Marine Corps League's **Department of Pennsylvania**, recognizing his having finished in **1st Place (Master's Division)** of their 2012 pistol match.

Detachment By-Law Change...

Junior Vice Commandant **Ray Sturm** introduced a modification of the detachment by-law governing the nomination/election of the **Detachment Marine of the Year**.

The amended by-law is provided on page 12 of this newsletter for your examination. It will be reintroduced at the November detachment meeting and voted upon at the December detachment meeting.

Basket of Cheer...

Past Detachment Commandant **Manny Airey** donated a rather large basket of cheer to the detachment. It will be raffled off to raise money for the detachment's general fund. Chances are available at a cost of \$5 each or the special rate of \$20 for 5. The winner will be announced at the December detachment meeting.

Adjournment...

The detachment meeting was adjourned in accordance with league rituals until **1900 (7:00 PM)** on **26 November 2012**.





Lest We Forget...



Le Gette, Rita Frances, 74, wife of detachment member **James 'Jim' Le Gette** and resident of Severna Park, died on October 4, 2012 at home surrounded by her family.

She was born on June 24, 1938 in *Brooklyn, NY* and raised in *Huntington Station, NY* and *Woodland, CA*. After graduating valedictorian of her high school, *St. Joseph Academy* in *Sacramento, CA*, she went on to earn her *Bachelor of Science, in Education*, at *California State University, Sacramento*. Past residences include *San Francisco, CA*; *Springfield, VA*; *Stockton, CA*; *Scottsdale, AZ*; and *Severna Park, MD* since 1980.

Upon graduation, she seriously considered an offer to join the *Peace Corps*, in *Sri Lanka*; but decided instead to follow her other passion and teach 3rd and 4th graders at *St. Bernard* and the *Marina School* – both in California. In the summer of 1963, she and Jim were wed, and eventually relocated to *San Francisco, CA*, when Jim became a *Special Agent* with the *United States Secret Service*.

She was a homemaker, first and foremost, with a love of antiquing, music, genealogy, volunteer service, and, of course, spending time with family, friends and her parish community. Rita touched many people's lives with her bottomless empathy and instant connection with everyone she met. She was an active member of *St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church*, where she sang in a lovely soprano, in the *St. John's* choir, for more than 25 years.

She is survived by her husband of 49 years, **James E. Le Gette** of *Severna Park*; three sons, **Christopher J. Le Gette** of *Leesburg, VA*, **Brian E. Le Gette** of *Baltimore, MD*, **Marco F. Le Gette** of *Severna Park, MD*; one daughter, **Michele V. Dierking** of *Severna Park, MD*; brother, **Bruno F. Fabbri** of *Woodland, CA*; and three grandchildren, **Vittoria Dierking**, **Gianna Dierking**, and **Simone Le Gette**.

Visitations took place on Tuesday, October 9, 2012 at the *Barranco & Sons, P.A. Funeral Home* in *Severna Park*. A Mass of Christian Burial was offered on Wednesday, October 10, 2012 at *St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church* in *Severna Park, MD*, with interment at the *Maryland Veterans Cemetery* in *Crownsville, MD* immediately thereafter.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the *Hospice of the Chesapeake*, restricted to the *Mandrin Inpatient Care Center*, *Harwood, MD 20776*, or to your favorite charity.

Note – The above is an edited/condensed version of an obituary that appeared in the online version of The Capital on October 6, 2012.



Parrish, James Price, Sr., 77, of *Seaford, Delaware* died on Tuesday, October 23, 2012 at the *Delaware Hospice Center* in *Milford, Delaware*.

Born in *Washington, D.C.*, the son of the late **Marye Jones** and **Weldon Parrish**. He was a plumber working out of *Plumbers Local 5*, *Washington, DC*

before retiring. He was a *Marine Corp Veteran*, a member of *Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, Nanticoke Post 6 American Legion, AMVETS, Loyal Order of Moose Lodge #1728*, and the *Marine Corp League*.

He is survived by a son, **James P. Parrish Jr.** and wife **Lori** of *Seaford*; two daughters, **Ellen Shaw** and husband **David** of *Hyattsville, MD* and **Beth M. Hall** of *Seaford*; three grandchildren, **Annmarie**, **Mary Pat**, and **Caitlin**, and a great-grandchild, **Aliyah**. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, **Skip Parrish**; a grand-daughter, **Raegan Parrish**; and a son-in-law, **Warren Hall**.

A viewing was held on Thursday, October 25, 2012 at the *Watson-Yates Funeral Home* in *Seaford*. Burial was held on Friday, October 26, 2012 at the *Maryland Veterans Cemetery* in *Crownsville, MD*.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to *Delaware Hospice*, 100 Patriots Way, *Milford, DE 19963*.

Note – The above is an edited/condensed version of an obituary that appeared in the online version of The Washington Post on October 24, 2012.



Rifle & Pistol Team

by Ray Sturm



Greetings all,

No doubt you are wondering why I'm writing in this space as well as my regular column. At the last meeting, our Captain, **Jake Jahelka**, confirmed that he was moving to the Eastern Shore and was unfortunately no longer in a position to be our Detachment's Rifle & Pistol Team Captain. Jake asked if I would assume his duties. After consulting long time team member and former Captain, **Mike Hadley**, I accepted. I'm honored to be in the position. Fortunately, Jake has agreed to remain on the team. His vast experience will be appreciated.

Our team needs new shooters... If you'd like to join us, please contact me.



Marine Humvees Get 2nd Life

Note – The following is an edited/condensed version of an article by Michael Hoffman that recently appeared on the DoD Buzz website.

QUANTICO, VA – Many wrote off the Humvee when Army and Marine Corps officials chose to double down on the *Joint Light Tactical Vehicle (JLTV)* program and scrap Humvee recapitalization plans. However, budget realities have led the Marine Corps back to the Humvee as leaders realize they don't have the funding to buy enough JLTVs to replace their Humvee fleet of 24,000 trucks.



To make up for the gulf between current Humvee numbers and the planned JLTV buy, the Marine Corps will launch a Humvee improvement program. The upgrade program will have a clearly defined price limitation to ensure it doesn't meet the same fate, although that price ceiling has not been specified yet, a Marine official stated. What the Marine Corps wants to do is return the Humvee's performance back to when it was not loaded down with so much armor.

A Marine representative said "We're trying to recapture capability that was already resident in the vehicle before we upgraded with armor. That's the critical node in which we started to lose performance, payload and reliability when we up armored them to go into theater. Industry has already worked on upgrades for the Humvee to include the suspensions, drive shafts, and lightening the vehicles. The Corps hopes to pick and choose which ones they can afford. The next phase essentially tries to price those out in logical packages to see what gives us an optimum solution in terms of recapturing lost performance, lost pay load, lost reliability. This work will not affect the amount invested into the JLTV program."



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Humor

Modern Military Terms

- **Engage the Enemy** means 'to blow something up.'
- **Surgical Strike** means 'to blow up something small.'
- **Decapitate** means 'to blow up their leaders.'
- **Collateral Damage** means 'to accidentally blow up something of theirs.'
- **Friendly Fire** means 'to accidentally blow up something of ours.'
- **Target of Opportunity** means 'to blow something up on a whim.'
- **Kinetic Targeting** means 'to blow up something that's moving.'
- **Ordnance** is 'something that does the blowing up.'
- An **Asset** is 'something that can be blown up.'
- **Embedded Media** refers to 'journalists who file on-the-scene reports that are typically blown out of proportion.'



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DEVIL DOG REVIEW

Members' Birthdays

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

Justin Asher
Ed Dahling
Mac McNeir

James Brady
Rich Gonzales, Jr
Frank Mondragon
John Ulrich

Stephen Combs
Guy Hall
Brian Nevil

NOTE – If your birthday does not appear in this column, it's likely that I am not aware of your date of birth. New members are encouraged to contact me to ensure that we have all of your demographics.



You Might Be 'Old Corps' If...

Note – The following is an edited and shortened version of an email that I received from our Sergeant-At-Arms, George Martin.

When we were young Marines, some among us would inevitably speak of “*The Old Corps*.” Now, some of us have joined the ranks of the latest iteration of the “*Old Corps*” and remember when...

- The barracks meant a *squad bay*.
- Barracks violence was a fight between two buddies, who were still buddies when it was over.
- Floors were *decks*, doors were *hatches*, walls were *bulkheads*, water fountains were *scuttlebutts*, and halls were *passageways*.
- You aired your bedding.
- You *policed the grounds* daily despite the fact that they were always clean.
- Parking was not a problem because troops couldn't afford cars.
- You always *field-stripped* your cigarette butts.
- Everyone helped with *field-days*.
- We had live bugle calls and everyone got up at reveille.
- We kept our packs made up and hanging on the ends of our racks.
- Your 782 gear did not wear out (even though it came from WW II).
- You kept your rifle in the barracks and cleaned it weekly.
- You were fed in a *mess hall* **NOT** a *dining facility*.
- You were required to be in the *Uniform of the Day* in order to go to evening chow.
- We wore the short green *battle jacket* with our winter uniform. [ONLY MEMBERS OF THE U.S. ARMY CALLED IT AN 'IKE JACKET!']
- We wore *leggings* and *herringbone utilities*.
- We wore *boon-dockers*.
- Marines wore *dog tags* all the time.
- We starched our *khakis* and looked like hell after sitting down for the first time.
- We starched our *field scarves*.
- We *spit-shined shoes* and *brush-shined boots* and our leather gear was brown not black!
- The tips of our index and middle fingers – on our dominant hand – were usually discolored with Kiwi shoe polish.
- Marines had more uniforms than civilian clothes.
- Everyone was issued dress blues.
- *Skivvies* had *tie-ties*.
- You did your own laundry and ironing.
- We carried *swagger-sticks*.
- Generals cussed and paid more attention to needs of the Marine Corps rather than to politics.
- UA meant being a few minutes late returning from a great liberty, and it only happened once per career.
- Brigs were truly '*correctional facilities*.'
- Sergeants were Gods.
- Privates made significantly less than \$100.00 a month
- Larceny was a civilian crime.
- Support units supported... the *supply tail* did not wag the *maintenance dog*.
- PX items were bargains.
- You weren't married unless you could afford it.
- We had "*Rocks and Shoals*."
- Courts-martials were a rarity; however, when they did occur, the findings were read at battalion formations.
- A bum didn't have a BCD awarded more than once before he actually got it.
- People receiving BCDs were drummed out the gate.
- Non-judicial punishment was non-judicial.
- The mission was the most important thing.
- Marines could shoot and had a decent rifle.
- The BAR was the mainstay of the fire team.
- Machine gunnery was an art.
- *Maggie's drawers* meant a miss and was considered demeaning as hell to the dignity of the shooter.
- Carbide lamps blackened the sights of our rifle.
- We had to take and pass promotion tests to get promoted, plus have the required *cutting score*.
- *Sickbays* gave *APCs* for all ailments.
- We had *short-arm inspections*.
- We worked a five and one half day week.
- In the field we used *straddle-trenches* instead of *porta-potties*.
- Hitchhiking was an offense.
- We used Morse Code for radio transmissions.
- The oil burning tent stove was the center of social activity in the tent.
- We had unit mail calls.
- We had Chesty Puller.
- You weren't transported to war by *Trans World* or *Pan American Airlines*.
- We sailed on *troop ships* and we rode *troop trains*.
- We disembarked from ships by means of nets over the side, landed in LCVPs or Amtracks and always got wet.
- Weekend liberty to a distant place was a rarity.
- We had parades.
- We had pride.
- We had *Esprit de Corps*.





Coming Events

The following events are scheduled to occur through **December 21, 2012**. 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 organizational point of contact.

Monthly Meetings, MCL Detachment 1049 & Auxiliary

Monday, November 26, 2012 @ 1900 – Joe Wright / Anita Ullery

Friday Night Dinner, MCL Detachment 1049 Auxiliary

Friday, November 30, 2012 from 1800 to 2000 – Anita Ullery

MODD Growl, Pound 204

Sunday, December 9, 2012 @ 0800 – Mike Hadley

Monthly Meetings, MCL Detachment 1049 & Auxiliary

Monday, December 17, 2012 @ 1900 – Joe Wright / Anita Ullery

Friday Night Dinner, MCL Detachment 1049 Auxiliary

Friday, December 21, 2012 from 1800 to 2000 – Anita Ullery



CORPS VALUES



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– Colonel John Ripley USMC –

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Corps History

by Mac McNeir for Joe Wright, Historian

2 November 1950

Marines engage Chinese in North Korea near the Chosin Reservoir.

3 November 2003

Presidential Unit Citation awarded to **1st Marine Expeditionary Force** for its service in **Operation Iraqi Freedom**. It becomes the first unit to earn the award since the end of the Vietnam War.

4 November 1948

Colonel Katherine Towle became the first Director of Women Marines as regulars and not reservists.

4 November 1979

Mob overruns U.S. Embassy in Teheran, Iran; 13 Marines among 65 American hostages; 52 of whom were held captive for 444 days.

10 November 1775

Continental Congress authorizes creation of two battalions of Marines.

10 November 1948

First eight enlisted women are sworn in as regular Marines.
First black women Marines enlist the following summer.

10 November 1921

The first formal commemoration of the Marine Corps Birthday.

10 November 1954

Marine Corps War Memorial site dedicated near Arlington National Cemetery.

12 November 1946

Gerald C. Thomas, the first Marine to rise from Private to General, rank by rank, received his second Legion of Merit.

13 November 1982

Vietnam Veterans Memorial, containing the names of more than 13,000 Marines, who lost their lives in Vietnam, is dedicated.

18 November 1915

Major Smedley D. Butler leads Marine attack on Fort Riviere, Haiti and is awarded 2nd Medal of Honor.

20 November 1947 (date approximate)

Toys For Tots program founded.

23 November 1950

7th Marines take Yudam-ni. Thanksgiving was celebrated in Korea with temperatures hovering about 20 degrees below zero.

27 November 1950

Eight Chinese Communist divisions launch a massive attack in Korea, with the express purpose of destroying the 1st Marine Division. This action leads to the successful Marine Corps attack out of the Chosin Reservoir and its relocation to the coastal port of Hungnam.

28 November 1775

Samuel Nicholas commissioned as Captain of Marines, becoming the first Marine officer.

29 November 1804

Lt. Presley O'Bannon and seven Marines land in Alexandria, Egypt.



Proposed Detachment By-Law Change

Note – Please read the proposed amendment to the current by-law governing the Selection of the Detachment Marine of the Year, which is provided below. The amendment, as presented here, contains changes to the original amendment, which was introduced and read at our October detachment meeting – those changes appear as red/underlined text. This proposed amendment will be reintroduced at our November detachment meeting.

Since our by-laws state that a vote cannot be held until 30 days have passed, the vote to either accept or reject this amendment will be conducted at our December detachment meeting.

SECTION 300 – STANDING COMMITTEES AND DUTIES

d. Detachment Marine of the Year (DMOY)

1. Committee Composition

The Detachment Marine of the Year Committee shall be comprised of all past recipients of the Marine of the Year, with a minimum of three members required to meet. In the event at least three members are not available, the Detachment Commandant shall name one or more Past Detachment Commandants to serve on the DMOY Committee. The Chairman of the DMOY Committee shall be the most recent Detachment Marine of the Year. If unavailable, the next most current DMOY shall server as chairman. Each member must be a member in good standing.

2. Duties

(a) The DMOY Committee shall

- aa. Determine all nominees are in good standing.
- bb. Ensure the nominees are not the subject of a grievance.
- cc. Review, select, and submit at least two, but not more than three qualified nominees to the Detachment Commandant no later than two calendar weeks prior to the scheduled March detachment meeting.
- dd. Should the Detachment MOY Committee determine that no nominee is qualified, they may with the concurrence of the Detachment Commandant, make no recommendation.

(b) The Detachment Commandant shall

- aa. Prior to the detachment meeting in March, publish the qualified list of nominees and their supporting recommendations.
- bb. At the March meeting, present the list of qualified nominees for vote by the assembled members of the detachment.

(c) The Detachment Judge Advocate shall prepare the ballots.

(d) The Detachment Quartermaster shall obtain the appropriate award plaque and medal. The medal should be available for presentation at the March meeting. The plaque with appropriate inscription may be presented at a later meeting.

3. Nominations

- (a) The DMOY Committee may begin accepting nominations after the January Detachment meeting.
- (b) Nominations may be made by any detachment member in good standing.
- (c) Nominees must be a detachment member in good standing.
- (d) Nominations should consist of a written recommendation, with a statement of justification as to why this member should be selected as Detachment Marine of the Year.

4. Voting Process

- (a) Members must be present and in good standing to vote. There are no proxy votes or absentee ballots.
- (b) The Detachment Senior Vice Commandant, with assistance from the Judge Advocate, shall conduct a secret written vote. The names of all qualified nominees shall appear alphabetically on a ballot. In the event either officer is a nominee, the Detachment Commandant shall select a replacement officer. This replacement may be an elected or appointed officer.
- (c) A majority vote of all members present shall be necessary to decide the Detachment Marine of the Year. A majority vote is defined as fifty percent plus one vote.
- (d) In the event no nominee receives a majority on the first round of balloting, the top 2 voter earners shall run in a runoff election, with a simple majority (50% +1) being necessary to win.
- (e) The Senior Vice Commandant, with assistance from the Judge Advocate shall tally the votes and present the results of the voting to the Detachment Commandant.
- (f) The Detachment Commandant will announce the Marine of the Year or declare no winner and the need for a second round of voting. If the winner of the DMOY is present, the award may be presented immediately. In the event the winner is not present, an appropriate ceremony shall take place at the next scheduled detachment meeting. The previous recipient of the DMOY shall present the award.



No One... *(continued from page 1)*

Morgan said Baltz was the only contestant he saw with a prosthetic and – for most of the race – he was passing other kids. But about halfway through the running portion, something went wrong.

“I saw Ben fall to the ground,” Morgan said. “I made it there first and he had already regained his composure and was trying to fix his leg. I asked if he needed help and he said, ‘No, I just want to finish the race.’”

But a screw had come out of the prosthetic, and Baltz couldn’t fix it himself. So Morgan said he told him to hop on, and gave him a piggy-back ride to the finish.

Morgan said he was surprised by what happened next. The announcer saw him carrying Baltz to the finish and told everyone to turn to watch what was happening on the course. The crowd cheered, some moved to tears, as the group made their way to the finish line, according to a *CNN iReport*.

Morgan said he was just there to do the right thing. His commanding officer, **Captain Frank Anderson**, said he wasn’t at all surprised by Morgan’s reaction. He said his Marine has the mindset of excellence in everything he does.

“We are selfless as an institution in the Marine Corps,” Anderson said. “Putting others before ourselves is second nature. I’m very pleased with the fact that a young man who is younger than my youngest brother gets the big picture.”

Anderson said Morgan is nursing his own leg injuries, but he still didn’t hesitate to put Baltz on his back and run him into the finish line.

Baltz’s dad, J.C., a former Air Force pilot turned commercial pilot, said the Marines who were there that morning showed the spirit of the Corps.

“For the Marines to come out there that early in the morning on a Sunday to volunteer their time by helping set up and police the whole area, it just shows how darn caring they are,” he said.

He said his son was a little miffed that he couldn’t finish the race on his own. But Morgan said he knows if his leg hadn’t broken, Baltz would’ve completed the run.

“As far as I’m concerned, he finished that race,” Morgan said. “As long as he knows he could’ve finished it and wanted to finish it, that’s all that matters.”

Anderson said Baltz should know that even America’s toughest warriors get carried from the battlefield sometimes, and Marines don’t leave anyone behind.

J.C. Baltz said Marines reflect the resiliency of the country, just as his son reflects the resiliency of children.

“It’s damn hard to make the decision to amputate your child,” he said. “He was 6 and never really knew any different. We just want him to be a kid and have fun, which is why I encourage him to be an athlete. Now Ben is speaking to people through that photo – it’s amazing what one picture can do.”



A Special Prayer

Note – On 2 November, I had the privilege of being the guest of a good friend and fellow Vietnam Marine Dave Hugel at a Marine Corps Birthday celebration at Marine Barracks '8th & I.' In addition to meeting many interesting Marines, I had the privilege of hearing the following invocation at the beginning of the festivities. As soon as I heard this prayer, I knew that I had to share it with all of you.

On the occasion of the 237th anniversary of our Corps' birth, I respectfully ask that each of you take a moment to reflect upon the dedication and sacrifice of Marines of all generations – past, present, and future – and those special people who stood by them. I would also like to thank each and every one of you for your individual contributions to the history and lore of our beloved Corps.

The Editor

Oh Lord, we have long known that prayer should include confession. Therefore, on behalf of the Marines...I confess their sins.

Lord, they are just not in step with today's society.

They are unreasonable in clinging to old-fashioned ideas like patriotism, duty, honor and country.

They hold radical ideas believing that they are their brother's keeper and responsible for the Marine on their flank.

They have been seen standing when colors pass, singing the National Anthem at ball-games, and drinking toasts to fallen comrades.

Not only that, they have been observed standing tall; taking charge and wearing their hair unfashionably short.

They have taken John Kennedy's words too seriously and are overly concerned with what they can do for their country instead of what this country can do for them.

They take the Pledge of Allegiance to heart and believe that their oath is to be honored.

Forgive them, Lord, for being stubborn men and women, who hold fast to such old-fashioned values.

After all, what more can you expect? They are Marines!

Oh Lord our God, bless our misguided ideals, continue to raise up in this nation strong leaders and deliver us from "me first" managers and "don't ask me" followers. Be our honored guest this day. Let it be a day of laughter, good food, good drink, and the telling of tall tales and legends that occasionally exceed the truth. Watch over and keep safe those who wear this nation's uniform with special attention to their families everywhere.





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Featured Foto



Kajaki, Afghanistan — Three Marines with the 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, stack up behind each other to view a suspicious compound during a patrol that took place on May 27, 2012. The Marines cleared Zamindawar, thereby disrupting the insurgent's leadership and logistics chains.

[Photo and caption obtained from the *Devil Dog Graphix's Blog* – devildoggraphix.wordpress.com].