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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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2012 Convention a Success Severn Honored... Luthardt Advances...

by Mac McNeir



Members of the Marine Corps League attending one of the many business sessions conducted during the 2012 national convention, which was held recently in Mobile, Alabama.

Our detachment was well represented at the **2012 Marine Corps League National Convention** in Mobile, Alabama by a contingent comprised of **James Brady, Mike Hadley, Charles Luthardt, Pete Pervi, Ed Ross, Jack Severn, and Ron Short.**

From all reports, the convention was a highly successful event that in no small part was due to the hospitality of the hosting city, whose inhabitants could not have been more cordial to a mischievous multitude of Marines from all over the country.

There were many highlights worth mentioning; however, to avoid potential damage to personal reputations, only the most notable have been highlighted below.

- The Children's and Women's Hospital of Mobile was presented a check for approximately \$21,000 by representatives of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs. As has been the case in recent years, our very own Pound 204 and the Maryland Pack each contributed approximately \$900 to the effort accounting for just under 9% of the total national donation.

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**It's official..
We're #1 Again!**
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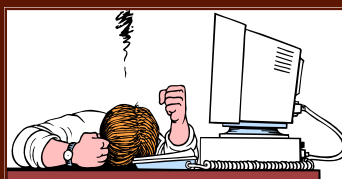


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From the Editor

by Mac McNeir

For those of you not in attendance at the August detachment meeting, it was announced that I will be stepping down as editor of our newsletter upon completion of the May 2013 issue. Publishing this newsletter will be one of the fondest memories that I will take with me as I become a 'normal' member of the detachment and make way for younger, more energetic Marines, who will take us to the next level.

As you probably know by now, *the Cutting Edge* was once again judged to be the league's best newsletter published by detachments of over 100 members. For me, the award is the source of immense pride as it provides tangible proof that last year's award was not a fluke.

I would also like to respectfully ask that all of you, who have the ability to do so, take part in the **Marines Helping Marines Cook-Out** and our annual **Bull & Oyster Roast**.

Finally, I need to express my sincere appreciation for the 'scrap-booking' event that was recently run by **Jane & Norm Huffman**. Their efforts resulted in \$1,052¹⁰ being raised to defray the cost of September's **Marines Helping Marines Cook-Out**.

The deadline for October *Cutting Edge* articles is **September 29th**.



Membership Statistics

Good Standing (Dues Paid)			
Type	USMC	Associate	Multiple
Life Memberships	72	8	5
Annual Memberships	35	6	–
Delinquent Dues (Still on Active Roster)			
Type	USMC	Associate	Multiple
Annual Memberships	15	1	–
New Members			
	–	–	–
Sub-Totals			
	122	15	5
Total			
	142		

Renewals

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

October 2012	November 2012	December 2012
James Galvin James McCormick	Danielle Campbell (D) Sam Campbell Jr. (D) Jeffery Dell'Acqua (D) Kurt Osuch	Don Blanton Norm Huffman Mike Lowman (D) William Russell Scott Woods (D)
Please advise the editor of any errors/omissions in this listing.		

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

Newsletter of Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049

Commandant's Message



Joe Wright

Marines,

I hope everyone has enjoyed their summer. As most of you are aware, we will **NOT** be having our annual **Marine Corps Birthday Ball**. Canvassing our members on their intentions to support a 2012 Birthday Ball, resulted in a meager 27 responses from a detachment of 142 members. That equates to a figure of less than 20% of our total membership and is rather disappointing to put it mildly.

I sincerely hope that this lack of participation does not carry over into our annual **Bull and Oyster Roast** on **October 6th**. Since this is our largest annual fund-raiser, I am personally challenging every member to sell as many tickets as possible and help fill up the tables. The more tickets we sell, the more money we will have in our general fund. See **Senior Vice Commandant Ed Dahling** for tickets.

I would also like to remind everyone that on **September 19th**, we are teaming up with the **L/Cpl Deane Detachment** and co-sponsoring the **Marines Helping Marines Picnic** at **Walter Reed Medical Center** in Bethesda. I need to know the names of everyone planning on attending as soon as possible, as I need to submit the list of names to **Tony Begenwald** in order to ensure that all of our volunteers are granted access to the hospital.

I would like to extend a huge '**Thank You**' to Marine **Norman Huffman** and his wife **Jane** for conducting a much needed fund-raiser, the proceeds of which will be used to defray the expenses associated with our sponsorship of the September **Marines Helping Marines Picnic** at **Walter Reed Medical Center** in Bethesda. Norm and Jane organized and held a scrap booking event at **Long Point Hall** in Pasadena that my wife **Chasity** and I had the pleasure of attending as well as assisting. The attendees were gracious as well as generous and preliminary information indicates that the monies raised will most likely cover all of our picnic expenses. **Thank you again, Norm and Jane!**

Semper Fi,

Joe



Chesty's Monument Dedication

Note – The following is an edited version of the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation's newsletter, The Marine Minute of August 2012.



On November 12, the **Marine Corps Heritage Foundation** and **Marine Corps League** will dedicate a monument to one of the Marine Corps' greatest heroes, **Lieutenant General Lewis Burwell 'Chesty' Puller**.

The 8-foot, bronze sculpture will be placed in **Semper Fidelis Memorial Park**, adjacent to the **National Museum of the Marine Corps** and be officially dedicated two days after the Marine Corps 237th birthday celebration.

From Haiti to Nicaragua, World War II to the Korean War, Lieutenant General Puller bravely served his country around the world. The *most decorated Marine in history*, Lieutenant General Puller is the only Marine to be awarded *five Navy Crosses*. Lieutenant General Puller is a true representation of the values of the Marine Corps, and the **Marine Corps Heritage Foundation** is proud to honor him.

Artist and Marine **Terry Jones** of **Jones Sculpture, Inc.** created the bronze figure of Lieutenant General Puller. Jones is renowned for his life-size bronzes of famous personalities, such as **John Philip Sousa**, which is on display at **Marine Corps Barracks '8th & I'** in Washington, D.C.

The sculpture of Lieutenant General Puller has been meticulously researched, from his characteristic smoking pipe and .45-caliber sidearm to the pair of 1942 naval binoculars and '**USMC**' lettering on the uniform. The monument is sure to be a much visited site in the park.



Members' Birthdays

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

Jeffrey Clark
Walter Johnston
John Vogel

Vic Halme
Scott Mione
David Williams

Norm Huffman
John Purcell



From the desk of the

Senior Vice Commandant



Ed Dahling

Fellow Detachment Members,

I hope that most of you can attend the detachment's **Bull and Oyster Roast** on **Saturday, October 6th** from **1400 to 1900** (2:00 PM to 7:00 PM). This is the only fund-raiser we conduct, where **100% of the proceeds go to our detachment** (that means all of us – you and me).

The best way you can help is to buy tickets for yourself, your family, your friends, and your neighbors. Then come and enjoy a great meal and some serious socializing. The next best way you can help is to buy one ticket, showing your support for the detachment. If all of our approximately 140 members were to purchase one ticket each, we would be sure to have a successful fund-raiser.

Semper Fi,

Ed Dahling



Chaplain's Corner

by Mac McNeir for Chaplain Fred Kaminski

EDITOR'S NOTE – Once again, it appears that as a detachment, we are either getting healthier as we age or I have not been made aware of those amongst us who are sick, in distress, etc. I hope that it is the former and not the latter.

Please contact me 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)

The sister of our **Chaplain – Fred Kaminski** – was recently diagnosed with lymphoma; however, no other information is available at this time.

Sherry Brewer, sister of our previous **Chaplain Ken Webster**, has been undergoing treatment for cancer. Ken is now happy to report that the cancer appears to be in remission.

Please keep those mentioned above, the members of our extended family, who may be suffering silently in anonymity, and all of their care-givers in your thoughts and prayers.



From the desk of the

Junior Vice Commandant



Ray Sturm

Greetings all,

Wow! September is already upon us. Where has the summer gone? School has started, the days are shorter, and the mornings are getting cooler.

September is a month that now resonates in our history... not unlike **December 7th**. Everyone knows what '**Nine-Eleven**' means and to each of us it has a different meaning. Whether you know a victim of the attacks, once worked at the **Pentagon**, or simply once visited the **World Trade Center**... we all feel a particular loss.

I'd like to take the time to ask that we remember the families of our fallen and especially those who volunteered **AFTER** the attacks. These brave men and women stood up to '**defend the Constitution against all enemies, foreign and domestic**,' while most of their classmates went to college or began their adult lives. Anyone reading this understands why they stood tall and walked into harm's way. Their loved ones may not fully understand it, or even comprehend it when they say, "**he was doing what he loved**," but we do. **We know why they stood tall!** With so many enemies, foreign and domestic, I ask that you take a moment to remember the families of those heroes, who kept our shores safe!

Semper Fi,

Ray Sturm



OOPS!

A couple of errors were inadvertently published within the **August** issue of *the Cutting Edge*. I extend my sincere apologies to anyone who may have been offended by the publication of the following errors.

1. I referred to our detachment **Adjutant** as **Ed Wells** in two different topical areas. As we all know, his name should have appeared as **Ben Wells**.
2. In the area addressing the addition of two new detachment members, I mistakenly referred to **Brian Fallon** as a '**combat engineer**' – actually, he was a '**cook**' attached to the 2nd Combat Engineer Battalion out of Camp Lejeune.





Military Order of the Devil Dogs



The Fun & Honor Society of the Marine Corps League

Woof-Woof,

After being idle for the last two or three months, the new Dog year has kicked off with a bang. First there was the **Supreme Growl** in Mobile, Alabama. As anticipated, **Pound 204** was singled out as contributing more passport bones than any other Pound in the Kennel. Now that the Kennel recognizes us, we have a tradition to uphold. The Kennel presented a children's hospital in Mobile with a check for \$21,000 and **Pound 204** contributed \$899 of that total! The **Maryland Pack** was also singled out as contributing more than any other Pack in the Kennel – a total of \$908 of the overall contribution. The final tally of the monies contributed by the **Maryland Pack** and all seven of its Pounds amounted to \$2,262, which was 10.77% of the total contribution made by the Kennel. It was unfortunate that nationally, there were 12 Packs and 60 Pounds who contributed nothing!

Next we held a **Pound Growl** on the 26th of August, where we collected 215 big bones for the children's hospital in **Grand Rapids, Michigan** – site of the **2013 Supreme Growl**. It appears as if we are well on our way to being singled out again. Keep it up, Devil Dogs.

Elections were held on at the Pound 204 Growl with the following results:

Pound Keeper	PDD Hadley
Senior Vice	PDD Ross
Junior Vice	PDD Luthardt
Smart Dog	PDD Brady
Dog Trainer	DD Wright
Police Dog	PDD Airey
Mad Dog	DD Rossi
Watch Dog	DD McNeir

Re-elected **Pound Keeper Mike Hadley** made the following appointments:

Dog Robber	PDD Taylor
Barking Dog	Pup Gunther
Mascot Handler	Pup Gunther

The Dog Robber collected many dues at the Growl, but there are still several who haven't paid. Remember, your dues expired on 31 August. If you are not paid up, you may neither attend Pound or Pack Growls, nor hold an office in either; so, get a \$15 check, payable to 'MODD, Pound 204' to me at 7944 Oakwood Road, Glen Burnie, MD 21061.

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

Woof-Woof,

Paul Taylor

PDD & Dog Robber

National Young Marine of the Year

NOTE – The following is an edited (condensed) version of an internet article by Debra Tone appearing on the send2press.com website.



Young Marines National Executive Director Mike Kessler, announced [that] seventeen year old **McCall Behringer** (see photo) of Baltimore, Maryland, is the organization's **National Young Marine of the Year for 2012-2013**. The Young Marines is a national non-profit youth organization

for boys and girls ages 8 through the completion of high school.

Young Marine Sergeant Major McCall Behringer (17) joined the **Hamilton Young Marines** of Baltimore, MD in 2006, when she was 10 years old. She has earned over 120 awards with the Young Marines program including three personal commendations, the Meritorious Service award issued at the national level and is the 13th recipient of the coveted Young Marines Distinguished Order of Merit.

Behringer says "*The Young Marines program provides the opportunity for young Americans like me to become great leaders, inside and outside of the program. The title of National Young Marine of the Year comes with a responsibility to the 10,000 other Young Marines. There aren't words to describe the feeling I had the moment my name was called as National Young Marine of the Year.*"

National Executive Director Mike Kessler said Behringer will do very well as a national representative of the Young Marines organization. "*She has truly done it all. Her demonstrated leadership, judgment, initiative and poise under pressure make her an outstanding selection to carry the mantle of her predecessor,*" said Kessler. "*Her interview with the selection board demonstrated that she was not only very knowledgeable of the Young Marines program but was able to articulate in such a way that she was proud of her association with the Young Marines. And what I like most about this selection is that she legitimately cares about the kids who make up our membership.*"

Behringer's accomplishments are exemplary and she has participated in numerous events to represent the Young Marines organization on a national level. Prior to her selection as National Young Marine of the Year, she had been active in promoting the organization from an interview with former **Vice President Dick Cheney** to most recently being a guest on **Voice America's TAGG program**. In December, Behringer traveled to Oahu, Hawaii for the 70th anniversary of the attack on **Pearl Harbor** with 286 Young Marines from across the country. She was also selected to represent the national program with her fellow Division Young Marines of the Year on the **Iwo Jima Reunion of Honor** in March, 2012.

Behringer is currently a junior at **Perry High School** in Baltimore County, Maryland. Upon graduation from high school, Behringer plans to attend college and become a lawyer.





Have You Heard?

by Mac McNeir

Highlights of the August Meeting...

The meeting was brought to order by **Commandant Joe Wright**, who recognized past **Detachment Commandants Guy Hall** and **Mac McNeir**.

New Member...

In the absence of our Junior Vice Commandant, who was away on business, **Commandant Joe Wright** presented the credentials of an applicant for associate membership within our detachment. After a brief discussion, his father, **'Bud' Wright** was found to be worthy of membership and was sworn-in by our **Detachment Commandant Joe Wright** in accordance with Marine Corps League by-laws.

2012 Birthday Ball...

Based upon the few responses received from our membership (27 responses from 142 members), addressing the question of whether they would support a **Detachment 2012 Marine Corps Birthday Ball**, a motion was made to **NOT HOLD** a ball this year. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote of those members present at the meeting.

EDITOR'S NOTE – The arrival of Department of Maryland Commandant Ed Ross was duly noted by our Detachment Commandant.

Special Member Recognition...

Past Commandant Mac McNeir recognized two detachment members for what he believed to be worthy reasons.

He first recognized **Adjutant Ben Wells**, who graciously volunteered his time and effort in support of a golf tournament, which seeks to raise the money necessary to send fellow member **Tom Maiorana's** grandson **Christian Maiorana** to college upon his graduation from high school. For those unaware, Christian's father **John Maiorana** (son of Tom Maiorana) passed away unexpectedly and at a very young age a few years ago. The point of this pronouncement was to simply point out that when it comes to making an effort to help fellow Marines, **Ben Wells** is a Marine who *'walks the walk'* and doesn't simply *'talk the talk.'*

EDITOR'S NOTE – Christian's mother, Cassandra Maiorana is a long time supporter of our annual golf tournament, which benefits the Marines Helping Marines program.

Our Junior Past Commandant then went on to point out that **Detachment Judge Advocate Charles Luthardt** was recently advanced to *Pedigreed Devil Dog* while attending the **Marine Corps League's 2012 National Convention** in Mobile, Alabama.

Nissan of Bowie Incentive Program...

Detachment member **Gabriel Gutierrez** – a representative of the **Nissan of Bowie** car dealership, described an incentive program, which will result in the donation of **\$100** to non-profit organizations for each sale resulting from a referral by a member of that organization. Gabe can be contacted at the dealership by either calling 1-240-444-3254 or emailing him at...

gabrielgutierrez@nissanofbowie.com.

July Friday Night Dinner...

Commandant Wright reminded everyone of the detachment sponsored **Friday Nite Dinner** being held on **September 7th**, and encouraged those in attendance to attend and to enjoy some good food at a good price; while, supporting one of the few fund-raisers that directly benefits our detachment.

Marines Helping Marines Cook-Out...

Commandant Wright also reminded everyone of the **September 19th, Marines Helping Marines Cook-Out**, which our detachment and the **L/Cpl Deane Detachment** are co-sponsoring at the **Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Md.** Volunteers are needed to set-up, run, and clean-up after the cook-out. Anyone interested in volunteering needs to get with **Commandant Wright** as soon as possible to ensure that you are permitted access to the medical center – a controlled-access facility. **Help Is Definitely Needed!**

Bull & Oyster Roast...

Senior Vice Commandant Ed Dahling reminded our members that our largest annual fund-raiser, which directly benefits our detachment, will take place on **Saturday, October 6th**, from **2:00 to 7:00 PM**. Tickets may be purchased from Ed at a cost of **\$35** per person.

Support for Other Detachments...

Past Commandant Mac McNeir requested that the detachment purchase tee-box signs in support of the **Mt. Airey & Harford County Detachment** golf tournaments. A fitting gesture as both of these detachments have been long time supporters of our annual **Marines Helping Marines Tournament**. Appropriate motions made, seconded, and passed to authorize those purchases.

Detachment Newsletter...

Editor Mac McNeir informed the detachment that he would be stepping down from his role as newsletter editor after production/distribution of the **May 2013** issue.

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Have You Heard...

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Quartermaster Request...

Detachment Quartermaster Fred Kaminski reminded all in attendance that he is still in need of photographs that depict the members of our detachment during their stints on active duty (when they looked a lot better).

National Convention Highlights...

Department of Maryland Commandant Ed Ross spoke of the activities, which took place at the league's recent national convention (see front page article for details). The involvement of members from our detachment and other Dept. of Maryland detachments again brought well deserved recognition to our department and the detachments that comprise it.

Ed went on to state that **McCall Behringer**, a Young Marine from the Hamilton area of Baltimore City was named the **National Young Marine of the Year**.

Commandant Ross also announced that the **2014 National Convention** will be held in **Charleston, West Virginia**. Of particular note is the fact that *Devil Dogs* advancing to *Pedigreed Devil Dog* will be issued a *limited edition dog-tag* commemorating the fact that 2014 is the **75th Anniversary of the Devil Dogs**.



Devil Dog Review

Quotation

*"If you find yourself in a fair fight...
you did not plan your mission properly!"*

Colonel David Hackworth, USA

Soldier, Author, Columnist and at one time,
the youngest Colonel in the U.S. Army.

Other Maryland Detachment News

Annapolis Detachment 1365...

will be sponsoring a **Rolling for Warriors** dinner at the **Fuddruckers** restaurant at **175 Jennifer Road** in **Annapolis, MD** on **September 18th** at **5:00 PM**. Proceeds from the event will go to the wounded veterans' organizations we support. For more information visit us online at

www.rollingforwarriors.org

L/CPL Robert W. Deane Detachment...

will be sponsoring their **2nd Annual Golf Tournament** at **The Links at Challedon** golf course on **Monday, October 8, 2012** with check-in beginning at **7:30 AM** and a shot-gun start at **8:30 AM**. Proceeds will be distributed to both the **Marines Helping Marines Program** and the **Deane Detachment Scholarship Fund**.

An entry fee of **\$95** entitles the golfer to golf, cart, prizes and lunch.

Entries must be received by no later than **September 15, 2012**. For registration and other information, call...

Al Jahnigen 1-814-324-4370, or

Breeze Reed 1-301-268-1097

237th Marine Corps Birthday Balls...

*EDITOR'S NOTE – Since the majority of our membership recently voted (remained silent), it was determined to **not hold a Birthday Ball** this year. For those who still wish to attend such an event, here are a few that I know about – there are undoubtedly others.*

*The following information **should not** be construed to be an endorsement; it is presently **solely for your convenience!***

- **Antietam Detachment (Hagerstown, MD)**
10 November 2012 from 1600 to 2400
Tickets **\$25⁰⁰** per person
Contact **Jim Mills** – 301-331-2683
- **Baltimore Detachment (Nottingham, MD)**
10 November 2012 from 1300 to 1700
Tickets **\$40⁰⁰** per person
Contact **Stuart Blair** – 410-665-6440
- **Carroll County Detachment (Westminster, MD)**
10 November 2012 beginning at 1830
Tickets **\$27⁵⁰** per person
Contact **Marc Fisher** – 443-386-6415
- **Unaffiliated Marines (Rosedale, MD)**
10 November 2012 from 1600 to 2400
Tickets **\$30⁰⁰** per person
Contact either **Sam Young** – 410-371-2175 or
or **Herb Naylor** – 410-477-3911





Department of Maryland News

Highlights of some events that took place during the recent **Department of Maryland Staff Meeting**, hosted by the **Shangri-La Detachment** at **American Legion Post 11** in **Frederick, MD**, are provided below.

- Jack Severn was presented a plaque, commemorating his being named the league's **National Marine of the Year**, by the **Harford County Detachment**.
Jack was also recognized by **Department Commandant Ed Ross** for his noteworthy achievement.
- **Charlie Warns** was recognized for his superior performance as a **Department Aide de Camp**, by **Department Commandant Ed Ross**.
- The **Harford County Detachment** was recognized as the **Department of Maryland's 2012 Detachment of the Year** and presented with the **Distinguished Service Award** by **Department Commandant Ross**.
- **Ron Short**, **National Director of Marines Helping Marines**, presented a plaque to the **Anne Arundel County Detachment** for its long term commitment to the program; exemplified by their contributions totaling more than **\$50,000** over the years. **Commandants Joe Wright** (current) **Pete Pervi** (past) and **Mac McNeir** (past) graciously accepted the award.
- A **Certificate of Participation** for entering the **2012 National Newsletter Competition** (signed by out-going **National Commandant Vic Voltaggio**) was presented to the editors of the **Baltimore** and **Anne Arundel County Detachment** newsletters – **Stuart Blair** and **Mac McNeir**.
- A plaque signifying the selection of the **Anne Arundel County Detachment's** newsletter, *the Cutting Edge*, as the best newsletter produced by detachments of more than 100 members was presented to **Commandant Joe Wright** and **Editor Mac McNeir**.
- **Department Junior Vice Commandant Mike Betts** remarked that he has noted *a truly embarrassing lack of red jackets (league members) at funerals, memorial services, and interments of fellow Marines*. This unfortunate situation needs to be addressed.
Mike also re-emphasized that *recruitment of new members is a task that we all share and that we need to take advantage of every opportunity to recruit new league members*.
- *Conformance with uniform regulations remains a concern!*
As Marines, we should all know what needs to be done.
- Next year's **Department Convention** will take place on **26 & 27 April 2013** in **Ocean City, MD**.
- A new **Marine Corps League license plate** (issued by the **Maryland Department of Motor Vehicles**), featuring the *world-renown Eagle, Globe & Anchor* rather than the current *smaller and hard-to-read at a distance* logo was discussed and approved by those Marines in attendance.

The **Next Department of Maryland Staff Meeting** will take place on **January 12, 2013**, in **Charlotte Hall, MD**. All league members are encouraged to attend this staff meeting.



2012 Convention...

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- After evaluating presentations made by league representatives from **Washington, D.C.** and **West Virginia**, the honor of hosting the **Marine Corps League's 2014 National Convention** was awarded to the **Department of West Virginia**.
- **Jack Severn** was rightfully honored for his many contributions to the league – at all levels – by being named the League's recipient of its **2012 National Marine of the Year Award**. The adjacent photograph shows **Jim Hackbarth, Marine of the Year President**, pinning the **MOY** device on Jack's lapel.



Jack was also presented with the **National Commandant's Award of Excellence** (**Distinguished Citizen Gold Medal**) and the **Chief Devil Dog's Meritorious Commendation Ribbon**.

- **Detachment Judge Advocate, Charlie Luthardt**, having met all of the mandated requirements and surviving his questionable decision to be legally represented by the bombastic barrister (i.e. shyster) **Jim Brady**, was elevated to **Pedigree Devil Dog**. **Charlie's** platoon also received the **'Best Float'** award for their entry in the *Luggage Cart Regatta*.

Also worthy of mention was the selfless volunteerism of **Pedigree Devil Dogs Jim Brady** and **Mike Hadley**, who volunteered to perform two important tasks. They provided legal representation for the **Devil Dogs of Pound 333**, who were advancing to **PDD** as their legal representative was late in arriving at convention. They also manned two of the ten stations and provided instruction integral to the **PDD** initiation process.

It also needs to be noted that detachment members **Pete Pervi** and **Ed Ross** served as **'Dog-Handlers'** for the **Pedigree Devil Dog** initiation process.

- Finally, as you probably know by now, our detachment newsletter received national recognition for the third year in a row by being named the number one newsletter for detachments of over 100 members.

We all should be justifiably proud of our national organization, our department, and especially our detachment in that we are more than **'card-carriers'**... we are active members, who try to make a difference and serve as meaningful manifestations of our motto – **Semper Fidelis!**





Young Marines

NATIONAL YOUNG MARINES PROGRAM...

NOTE – The following ‘communiqué’ was substantiated by a memo from the office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense Abraham on 14 August 2012.



Young Marines and Registered Adults,

A few short days ago I was notified that the Pentagon has identified the **Young Marines** as the recipients of the **Secretary of Defense Fulcrum Shield Award** for the fifth time. This year differs from other years in that we are being recognized for our work in **Drug Demand Reduction Education** as an organization. This speaks volumes for what you have done and continue to do in each and every one of your communities in promoting a healthy, drug-free lifestyle.

I am keenly aware that many of you promote the DDR message in the face of peer pressure. But what sets you apart from the others is that you get the message out without regard for how some of the others feel. It's called '**Moral Courage**,' and knowing that you represent our Young Marine program by demonstrating that kind of moral courage makes me proud to be associated with you.

Pat yourselves on the back, you have all deserved this tremendous honor and the distinction of being multiple winners of this prestigious award.

Thank you for all you do and continue your good work.

Semper Fi

Michael B. Kessler

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National Director / CEO

NOTE – The Young Marines is a national non-profit 501c(3) youth education and service program for boys and girls ages 8 through completion of high school. The program focuses on teaching the values of leadership, teamwork and self-discipline so its members can live and promote a healthy, drug-free lifestyle. The national organization is comprised of over 10,000 youths and 2,800 adult volunteers in nearly 300 units throughout the United States and affiliates overseas. More information is available at...

<http://www.youngmarines.com>.

ANNAPOLIS YOUNG MARINES...

- The new training year (2012-2013) begins in October.
- Four YM recruits are currently preparing for their basic test and are expected to graduate in October.
- We have several fundraiser's planned, which include...
 - a **Bull Roast** in November tickets are available at the VFW Post 160 bar;
 - the sale of Marine Corps '**History of**' posters; and,
 - a **steak night**.
- We currently have four YMs interested in taking part in the **December 7th Pearl Harbor Remembrance Parade...** if we can obtain sufficient funding (donations, etc.).
- Regrettably, I need to report that **I am looking for a MARINE to takeover as the Young Marines Commander** as I am getting tired. If anyone is interested in the job, please let me know and I will get you the necessary forms.

Thanks & Semper Fi,

George Martin

Young Marines Commander

Humor

During a fire-fight in Iraq, a Company Gunnery Sergeant happened to brush up against an object buried in the desert sand. Thinking it might be some form of improvised explosive device, he carefully brushed away some of the sand to inspect the object in question. Much to his surprise it turned out to be an old oil lamp and his unearthing of it had caused a genie to appear.

Having been released from many centuries of confinement within the lamp, the grateful genie told the Marine that he would be granted a single wish.

Without any hesitation the Marine declared, "I want to live forever!"

Unfortunately for the Marine, the genie immediately responded, "Sorry, but I'm not allowed to grant eternal life."

Almost as quickly, the Marine responds, "OK then, I don't want to die until the U.S. Congress gets its collective head out of its ass!"

"You crafty SOB!" retorts the genie.



US Town Honors Marine Convicted in Iraqi Deaths

Note – The following is an edited version of an Associated Press article that was posted by the online news site – Military.com.

MERIDAN, CN – A Marine who was convicted in the 2005 killings of unarmed Iraqis returned home to Connecticut this weekend for a golf tournament organized by local veterans for his benefit.



Marine **Staff Sgt. Frank Wuterich** stated on August 18th that some people think prosecutors let a child-killer go free. He says that's absolutely not the case. *"It wasn't the military letting off a murderer, rampager,"* he said.

In February, he received a general discharge under honorable conditions – one step below an honorable discharge. **Wuterich was the only Marine convicted in the Haditha killings.**

Wuterich, who grew up in Meriden but now lives in California, pleaded guilty to *negligent dereliction of duty* as the leader of the squad that killed 24 Iraqis. He apologized for the loss of life but said his squad did not behave dishonorably.

Local veterans, including golf tournament organizer **Chip Geriak**, have rallied around Wuterich and criticized the military, which they say has given Wuterich a bad deal. Geriak said the decision to hold the golf tournament in Portland for Wuterich was unanimous among the tournament committee.

"He's got three daughters, and he's a single father. We felt for the guy," Geriak said. *"He gave a lot of years of his life to this country, and he deserves some recognition and some help."*

The tournament was organized by veterans groups including the **Polish Legion of American Veterans**, the **American Legion**, and the **Marine Corps League's Silver City Detachment**.

Bill Zelinsky, Commander of the **Polish Legion Sons Detachment**, said combat veterans that he's spoken with do not find fault with Wuterich's actions in Haditha.

"Any of the veterans in this club that I spoke to said they would have handled the situation the same way Frank did," Zelinsky said. *"I have to believe he did the right thing."*

Wuterich's was reduced in rank to Private as part of a plea deal that abruptly ended his manslaughter court martial at Camp Pendleton and spared him prison time. He defended his order to raid homes in Haditha saying that he believed his squad was under attack. He acknowledged [that] he instructed his men to *"shoot first, and ask questions later."*

His case ended a six-year prosecution that failed to win any manslaughter convictions. Eight Marines were initially charged in the case. One was acquitted and six others had their cases dropped. The outcome of the case sparked outrage in Iraq.

Wuterich said he is grateful for the support in Meriden.



Scrap-Booking for Marines

by Mac McNeir & Jane Huffman

On September 1st, **Norman** and **Jane Huffman** held an all-day 'scrapbooking' event to raise money for our detachment. Forty ladies attended the event and worked on their photo albums from 10:00 AM until 11:00 PM that night – a full thirteen hours!



Detachment Commandant Joe Wright and **Auxiliary VP Chasity Wright** were invited to speak at the event and explain the mission of the Marine Corps League to the ladies. Commandant Wright did a great job and even received a personal **\$50** donation from one of the ladies.

It is commendable that Commandant Wright will entertain almost any request to promote the Marine Corps League and to raise funds for its various endeavors; yet, he does have his limits and will always attempt to maintain some degree of propriety. This fact was readily exemplified by his delicate but firm refusals to numerous requests that he perform *lap dances*, made by many of the more uninhibited (i.e. randy) ladies in attendance. Being a great sport, he did however participate in several games and raffles, which were a big hit with the ladies!

Attendees were provided with breakfast, lunch, dinner, and refreshments throughout the event. Sponsor Jane Huffman stated that *"Without the help of Norman [Jane's husband] and my niece Karen Stelmack, as well as family friends John Spiker and Kathy Cuzzart, we would never have been able to do this benefit. They cooked the food, set up the hall, and helped to make it a success!"*

The result of the combined efforts of the Huffman's, the Wright's, the volunteers, and of course the scrap-booker's themselves was that **\$1,052¹⁰** was raised and donated to our detachment. That money will ultimately be used to defray the expenses associated with the hosting of the September **Marines Helping Marines Cook-Out** that is being co-sponsored by **Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049** and the **L/Cpl Deane Detachment** of the Marine Corps League.



Editor's Note – Thanks to Jane Huffman for her assistance in compiling this article and for providing the accompanying photograph.

*I also wish to take this opportunity to point out the never wavering generosity of people like **Norm** and **Jane Huffman**, **Joe** and **Chasity Wright**, as well as many, many others members of the detachment family, too numerous to identify here; who always step up and give of their valuable time and combined energies to benefit our detachment!*

Thank goodness we have people like these amongst our number!

7th Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps Dies at 83

Note – The following is an edited version of a release posted online by the Division of Public Affairs, Headquarters Marine Corps on August 28, 2012.

Retired **Sergeant Major Henry H. Black**, 83, the **7th Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps**, died Friday, August 24, 2012 at his Fredericksburg, Va. home.

Sgt. Major Black served in the **Korean and Vietnam Wars**, and as the Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps from 1975 to 1977. His personal awards include the *Silver Star*, three *Bronze Stars*, a *Purple Heart* and *Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal*.

A service was held on Wednesday, August 29th, at the **Marine Memorial Chapel** in Quantico, Va. Burial in **Quantico National Cemetery** with full military honors immediately followed the service.

Sergeant Major Black assumed the post of 7th Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps on 1 June 1975.

Sergeant Major Black was born in Imperial, Pennsylvania, on 9 February 1929. A high school graduate of **Findley High School** in 1947, he enlisted in the Marine Corps on 12 April 1948 and underwent recruit training at the **Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, South Carolina**. He was assigned to the **2nd Marine Division** at **Camp Lejeune, North Carolina** after completing boot camp and served with **Company C, 1st Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment**, and later, with **Headquarters and Service Company, 1st Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment**.

Ordered to **Korea** in 1950, Sergeant Major Black joined **Company H, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division** as the Commanding Officer's driver. As a Private First Class, he earned the *Silver Star* and *Bronze Star* medals for heroic actions.

He returned to the States in May 1951, and was assigned as a member of the security force at **Marine Barracks, Dahlgren, Virginia**. He completed **Recruiters School** at Parris Island in July 1953, and was assigned as the **Non-Commissioned Officer-in-Charge, Recruiting Substation, Allentown, Pennsylvania**.

Sergeant Major Black served as a **Platoon Commander** of a *heavy machine gun platoon* with the **1st Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division** in the Western Pacific area from August 1956 to November 1957 when he was ordered to **Parris Island** to attend **Drill Instructor School**. Upon completion of the school, he served consecutively as a **Junior Drill Instructor**, a **Senior Drill Instructor**, and finally, as a **Chief Drill Instructor** in the **Recruit Training Regiment**.

In August 1960 he was transferred to **Wheeling, West Virginia**, where he served as **Non-Commissioned Officer-in-Charge** of the **Recruiting Substation** for the next four years. He served as a **Company First Sergeant** with **Company D, 1st Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division** from August 1964 to November 1965, and landed with the Marines sent to the **Dominican Republic** during that period.

Ordered to **Vietnam** in January 1966, Sergeant Major Black served as **First Sergeant of Company A, 1st Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division** until February 1967. He was then assigned as **First Sergeant of Casual Company**, and later, as **Sergeant Major, Headquarters Battalion, Marine Corps Development and Education Command, Quantico**.

Sergeant Major Black began his second **Vietnam** tour in June 1969, serving as **Sergeant Major of the 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division**; where, he was awarded his second and third *Bronze Star* medals.

Returning to the States in April 1970, he was assigned as **Sergeant Major of the Recruiting Station in Richmond, Virginia**. He remained in that billet until August 1972, when he was transferred to **Bremerton, Washington**, as **Sergeant Major of the Marine Barracks** there.

Sergeant Major Black was ordered to **Iwakuni, Japan**, in November 1973, as **Sergeant Major of the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing** until November 1974, when he returned to the **Marine Corps Development and Education Command** as **Sergeant Major** of that command until his selection as the **7th Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps**.

His personal awards and decorations include: *Silver Star*, *Bronze Star* with valor device & 2 award stars, *Purple Heart*, *Navy & Marine Corps Commendation Medal*, *Combat Action Ribbon*, *Navy Presidential Unit Citation* with 3 service stars, *Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal* with 7 service stars, *Navy Occupation Service Medal*, *National Defense Service Medal* with 1 service star, *Korean Service Medal* with 4 service stars, *Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal*, *Vietnam Service Medal* with 4 service stars, *Korean Presidential Unit Citation*, *Vietnam Gallantry Cross* unit citation, *Vietnam Civil Actions* unit citation, *United Nations Korea Medal*, and *Vietnam Campaign Medal*.





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.

2nd Annual VFW Post 160 Golf Tournament

Friday, September 21, 2012 (Shot-Gun Start @ 0900) – James Brady
Bay Hills Golf Course, Arnold, MD

Monthly Meetings, MCL Detachment 1049 & Auxiliary

Monday, September 24, 2012 @ 1900 – Joe Wright / Anita Ullery

Bull & Oyster Roast, MCL Detachment 1049

Saturday, October 6, 2012 from 1400 to 1900 – Ed Dahling

Monthly Meetings, MCL Detachment 1049 & Auxiliary

Monday, October 22, 2012 @ 1900 – Joe Wright / Anita Ullery

Friday Night Dinner, MCL Detachment 1049

Friday, November 2, 2012 from 1800 to 2000 – Joe Wright

Marine Corps Birthday Ball, MCL Detachment 1049

Saturday, November 10, 2012 – *Canceled - Lack of Interest*

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

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Sunday, December 2, 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



2nd Annual VFW Post 160 Golf Tournament

Friday, September 21, 2012 – 9:00 AM Tee Time

Bay Hills Golf Club in Arnold, Md.

\$95 covers greens fee, cart, breakfast, lunch, beer, soda, water, and prizes.

For Additional Info Contact Either...

Jim Brady at 202-314-1782 / jbrady@ushmm.org
(Tournament Chairman)

Rich Gonzales at 301-343-0137 / pico94@verizon.net
(Assistant Chairman)



Corps History

by Mac McNeir for Joe Wright, Historian

1 September 1936

Mitchell Paige – Medal of Honor recipient for heroism during Guadalcanal campaign – enlists as a Marine in Baltimore, MD.

2 September 1945

Japanese officially surrendered to the Allies on board the battleship **MISSOURI** in Tokyo Bay. The senior Marine Corps representative at the historic ceremony was Lt. General Roy S. Geiger, CG, FMF Pacific.

6 September 1983

Two Marines killed and two wounded when rockets hit their compound in Beirut, Lebanon. Heavy fighting continued for the **24th MAU** peace-keeping force near the International Airport.

8 September 1942

1st Raider Battalion and the 1st Parachute Battalion, supported by planes of **MAG-23** and two destroyer transports, carried out a successful raid on a Japanese supply base on Guadalcanal.

9 September 1950

Captain L. E. Brown flew the first Marine combat jet mission in Korea.

10 September 1813

Marines serve with Commodore Matthew C. Perry during the Battle of Lake Erie.

11 September 1990

4th MEB arrives in Gulf of Oman to support Operation Desert Shield.

12 September 1917

General John J. Pershing selects the 7th Marines to guard his Headquarters in France.

13 September 1847

Marines help seize Mexico City fortress of Chapultepec.

13 September 1942

Marines repulse Japanese attack in Battle of Edson's Ridge on Guadalcanal.

29 August 1916

The Marine Corps Reserve was founded.

15 September 1950

The 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines landed on and secured Wolmi-do Island in Inchon Harbor prior to the main landing. The 1st MarDiv, commanded by Major General Oliver P. Smith landed at Inchon and began the Inchon-Seoul Campaign.

16 September 1814

A detachment of Marines under Major Daniel Carmick from the Naval Station at New Orleans, together with an Army detachment, destroyed a pirate stronghold at Barataria, on the Island of Grande Terre, near New Orleans.

18 September 1990

A new 40-acre training facility for Military Operations in Urban Terrain (MOUT) was dedicated at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, by General Alfred M. Gray, Commandant of the Marine Corps.



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Featured Foto

Completing 60 years of service, Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 362 – the 'Ugly Angels' – completed a memorial flight over Helmand Province, Afghanistan, on August 9, 2012. The squadron was created in 1952 and holds the distinction of being the first Marine helicopter squadron to arrive in country during the Vietnam War.

[Photo by Corporal Isaac Lamberth, USMC]