



the *CUTTING EDGE*

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

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Patriotism on Parade

by Mac McNeir



(Rear, L to R) Manny Airey, Sean Allen (Ben Wells' grandson) & Ben Wells (Front, L to R) Mac McNeir & Pete Pervi



(Rear, L to R) Charlie Young, Tom Maiorana, & Charlie Quick (Front, L to R) Jean Evans, and Paul Downey



(L to R) Woody Bowman & Ed Ross

NOTE – the photos above were taken by Robert Wilson of Wilson's Photography

Once again in 2012, celebrations all over the country marked our nation's birth on July 4th and none were more spirited than this year's edition of the annual **Severna Park Parade**. The fact that the holiday fell on a Wednesday probably had a bearing on the somewhat smaller number of spectators that lined the community's thoroughfares – many families were likely away on vacations at the ocean and elsewhere. However, it must be noted that those Severna Park residents, who did attend, made up for the diminished size of the crowds by their patriotic exuberance.

For the detachment members, who are long-time participants in this parade, the event again provided undeniable evidence that patriotism is alive and well in Severna Park. Participation in this parade has always restored in me the feeling that we live in the greatest country in the world and that the gracious people of this community appreciate those who have either served or are currently serving as members of America's military.

Detachment members taking part in this year's parade included – **Ed Ross, Woody Bowman, Paul Downey, Charlie Young, Charlie Quick, Tom Maiorana, Pete Pervi, Mac McNeir, Manny Airey, and Ben Wells.** **Ray Gonzales** took ill at the last minute and missed the event for the first time in many years.

Our detachment was judged to be the **Most Patriotic Entrant** and was cited as the **Best Theme** award by parade judges.

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From the Editor

by Mac McNeir

Unforeseen circumstances have required me to cancel my plans to attend this year's **National Convention** in Mobile, Alabama. I hope that those detachment members, who do make the trip, have a great time and represent us well. I was really looking forward to advancing to Pedigreed Devil Dog; but, advancement will hopefully take place in two years in West Virginia – if our neighbors to the west are fortunate enough to be selected as the site of the 2014 Convention.

On a more personal note, the winners of the **Marine Corps League's 2012 National Newsletter Competition** are about to be announced. Hopefully, this newsletter will once again be recognized as a quality publication and continue the string of successes that we have experienced in recent years.

Finally, I am again asking for someone to volunteer to be my potential successor as editor of this newsletter. There will come a time when I will no longer be able to fill this role; so, having a prepared successor in the wings, someone familiar with the publication process, will ensure that the production and distribution of *the Cutting Edge* continues uninterrupted.

The deadline for next month's *Cutting Edge* articles is – **MIDNIGHT** on **Saturday, September 1st**.



Membership Statistics

Good Standing (Dues Paid)			
Type	USMC	Associate	Multiple
Life Memberships	72	8	5
Annual Memberships	33	5	-
Delinquent Dues (Still on Active Roster)			
Type	USMC	Associate	Multiple
Annual Memberships	15	1	-
New Members			
-	-	-	-
Sub-Totals			
120	14	5	
Total			
139			

Renewals

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

September 2012	October 2012	November 2012
Albert Bell Walter Cooper (D) Scott Neff (D) Ray Sturm	James Galvin James McCormick	Daniel Campbell (D) Sam Campbell Jr. (D) Jeffery Dell'Acqua (D) Kurt Osuch
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 is enjoying their summer and hopefully taking care of yourselves in the brutal summer heat. As usual, at this time of year, things have been quiet for the detachment.

Due to diminishing participation and financial losses at our most recent **Marine Corps Birthday Ball**, we are requesting confirmation from our membership as to their intention to attend the Marine Corps Ball ... if the detachment decides to have one.

Marine **Mac McNeir** has agreed to help canvas our members to determine **who will be attending and who will not**. We need to have a definite count of attendees, so please make us aware of your intentions. I implore you to not say you will attend and then back out after your fellow detachment members make a decision to move forward. This phenomenon seems to occur much too often with regard to past detachment functions.

We are also in the planning stages for next year's **Marines Helping Marines Golf Tournament**. Marine **Burt Helmka** has graciously stepped up and volunteered to be the Chairman for the event and he will need help if the 2013 tournament is to be another in a continuous string of successful efforts.

Don't forget that on **September 19th**, we will be partnering with the **L/Cpl Deane Detachment** as co-sponsors of the **Marines Helping Marines Cookout** at the **Walter Reed Medical Center** in Bethesda, MD. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending – we need help to ensure that the wounded and their family members are adequately served. I will need to compile a list of who plans on attending for **Tony Begenwald** to ensure that all of our volunteers have access to the hospital.

I know it's only August; but, preparations for the **2012 Toys for Tots Campaign** are underway. **Dawn Parker**, a member of our detachment's auxiliary has stepped up to be the **Anne Arundel County Toys for Tots Coordinator** and is already involved with meetings and other preparatory efforts. Dawn will need volunteers to help make this Christmas a special holiday for needy children in our community, so please volunteer your time and support.

Some very **important staff positions have been vacant for far too long** and really need to be filled. With the diverse talent in this detachment, I cannot understand why these positions remain vacant. Positions that really need to be filled are listed below.

- Veterans Affairs Volunteer Services Representative
- Public Information Officer
- Legislative Officer

Semper Fi,

Joe



Lest We Forget...

Note – The following is based upon information obtained from an online obituary published in *The Capital* on July 14th, 2012.

Lieutenant Colonel Daniel A. Hitzelberger (USMC, Retired), of Annapolis, MD, died suddenly at the **Good Samaritan Hospital** near Dayton, Ohio on July 10th while travelling to the **Optimist's International Convention**.

Born April 11, 1939 in Pittman, NJ to the late **Charles and Helen**

Hitzelberger, he is survived by his wife of 49 years, **Yvonne "Bonnie" Hitzelberger**, children **Deborah Cronin**, and **Major Timothy Hitzelberger** (USMC), son-in-law **Jason Cronin**, daughter-in-law **Holly Hitzelberger** and 6 adoring grandchildren.



Dan lived a life of service and dedication to both our country and his community. After graduating from the **U.S. Naval Academy** (Class of 1963), he went on to serve 27 years in the Marine Corps, including two tours in Vietnam with **1/7** and **2/9** where he earned the **Silver Star** for valor displayed in combat against communist forces during **Operation Dewey Cannon**. After retiring from the Marine Corps, Dan became a program manager while employed by Westinghouse Corporation for 13 years. He subsequently went into practice as a personal financial planner. At the time of his death, Dan was serving the second of two terms as **Governor of the Maryland and Southern Delaware District of Optimists International**.

Dan will be forever remembered as a loving husband, father, and grandfather who will be missed by all who were privileged enough to have known him.

Viewing was held at the **Hardesty Funeral Home** on Ridgely Avenue in Annapolis on Monday, July 16th. Services were held on Tuesday, July 17th at **St. Anne's Episcopal Church** in Annapolis.

The family requests that any donations be made to either the **American Heart Association** or **Saint Anne's Episcopal Church** of Annapolis.

Note – Lt. Colonel Hitzelberger was a long time friend of our detachment's Color Guard Commander **Woody Bowman** and his wife **Jean**.

A memorial service was conducted at the Hardesty Funeral Home by members of Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049 – Past Commandant's **Pete Pervi** and **Mac McNeir**, Chaplain **Fred Kaminski**, Adjutant **Ben Wells**, Color Guard Members **Paul Downey** and **Charlie Young**, and Color Guard Commander **Woody Bowman**, who served as the bugler.



From the desk of the

Senior Vice Commandant



Ed Dahling

Fellow Detachment Members,

The **Bull and Oyster Roast** is still scheduled for **Saturday, October 6th** and I would like to again point out that this event is our largest fundraiser each year.

I currently do not have the tickets; but I will let you all know as soon as they become available. Once available, you will also be able to purchase tickets from the bartender at **VFW Post 160**.

I look forward to seeing each and every one of you at the roast enjoying good eats and an afternoon of festivities.

If anyone should want to pay for tickets now, please contact me at **(410) 570-8673**.

Semper Fi,

Ed Dahling



Chaplain's Corner

by Mac McNeir for Chaplain Fred Kaminski

EDITOR'S NOTE – This month's column is rather sparse. We as a detachment are either getting healthier as we age or I haven't been notified 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)

Fred Downey, detachment member and Korean War veteran, has returned home and remains on dialysis. As always, Fred's spirits remain high, and he is looking forward to a return to relative normalcy. Fred says he is ready for visitors; however, it is advisable to call first as he still has dialysis sessions.

Charlie Dorn's wife **Bea** passed away a few weeks ago. No other details are available at this time.

Tom & Annie Maiorana were both recently hospitalized; but they are now at home doing well. Annie's hospitalization was due to an adverse reaction to her medication; while Tom's was from questionable causes.

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

Fellow Members,

As the **2012 Summer Olympics** begin, we marvel in the athletic prowess of our athletes. We can only imagine the hours of practice and sacrifice necessary to achieve the levels they have attained. This year, we can follow **Marine Sergeant Jamel Herring** as he goes for the Gold on the **US Boxing Team**. He follows in the tradition begun by **1st Lieutenant Billy Mills, USMCR**, who won Gold in the **10,000 meters** at the **1964 Olympics**.

As we watch Sgt Herring and our other athletes focus their determination and push their bodies to new heights, let's also remember our wounded Marines, who are working just as hard, and with as much determination and focus, not to achieve Olympic glory, but to return to duty or transition to a 'normal' life. The courage our wounded display every day goes unnoticed except by those closest to them. We may look forward to watching Sgt Herring climb the medal stand, but there are warriors just a few miles away who look forward to taking a simple step. I'm proud that our detachment has not forgotten these Marines, whose every step to recovery seems Olympian.

Semper Fi,

Ray Sturm

NOTE – The article titled *Meet a Marine and Olympic Athlete* on page 10 has additional information about Sergeant Herring.



**WE DON'T HAVE
AN ATTITUDE...
WE'RE JUST THAT
GOOD!**



Known as **Archie's Angels**, **HMM-362** holds the proud distinction of being the first Marine aircraft unit deployed to the Republic of Vietnam, going ashore on 15 April 1962 with their **Sikorsky UH-34s** – initially deployed to **Soc Trang** in South Vietnam's **Mekong Delta** region. The unit would later become known as the **Ugly Angels** and provide support for operations **Desert Storm**, **Iraqi Freedom**, **Enduring Freedom** and the **Global War on Terror**.



Military Order of the Devil Dogs



The Fun & Honor Society of the Marine Corps League

Woof-Woof,

For the second month in a row, not much is going on in Dogdom. All Dogs are just lying back getting ready for big things coming up this month: **Supreme Growl** in Mobile, Alabama in conjunction with the **Marine Corps League's National Convention**. Then as soon as that is over, **Pound 204** will be growling on **August 26th** when we will have nominations, elections, and installation of officers to lead our Pound for the next year. If interested in an office, throw your paw into the ring and get involved. Any **PDD** or **DD** is eligible for any office, and **Pups** with a year in grade can run for anything but **Pound Keeper** and **Dog Robber**.

Current dues for all annual dues-paying Dogs **expire on August 31st**. After that, you are not a member in good standing. So while there is not much going on, get out your moth-ridden check book and write a **\$15** check, made payable to 'MODD, Pound 204' and send it to me at **7944 Oakwood Road, Glen Burnie, Md 21061**.

There will be a **Pack Growl** on **September 8th** and any Dog not in good standing, **WILL NOT** be able to attend. So pay your dues now!

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

Woof-Woof,

Paul Taylor

PDD & Dog Robber



Historian's Report

by Historian Joe Wright

To date, I have not received any historical items pertaining to our detachment. If I do not receive anything in the next several months, I can only assume we have nothing to preserve. Anyone possessing historical photos, fliers, Birthday Ball programs, golf tournament fliers or any other historical paperwork; please get me a copy if at all possible. It's imperative that we preserve and share our detachments history.



Correspondence...

EDITOR'S NOTE – I recently received this message from the wife of one of our members. Reading it should make you feel good...it made me feel that we are doing some good.

Just wanted to say that we appreciate so very much the opportunity to have attended the Evening Parade with the Marine Corps League on June 15. It really meant a lot to my husband (MCL member Granville R. (AKA Bob) Smith) to participate in this activity. Though a long time member of MCL Det. 1049, he has been unable to attend any meetings/functions since he suffered a major stroke in February 2008.

Thanks to All who were so helpful and so very kind in giving us assistance as needed.

I will share a few of the photos that I took that evening. Thankfully, it was great weather-wise and not as hot a what we are now experiencing.

Thanks again,

Norma Smith

(Wife of Bob Smith)



The 1st Battalion 9th Marines (1/9) is an infantry battalion formed during World War I. During WWII, 1/9 participated in the Bougainville and Northern Solomons campaigns and the Battles for Guam and Iwo Jima.

During the Vietnam War, 1/9 sustained the highest casualty rate in Marine Corps history earning the nick-name 'The Walking Dead' as it endured the longest sustained period of combat and suffered the highest killed in action (KIA) rate in Marine Corps history.

The battalion was deactivated in the mid-1990s to make room for a light armor reconnaissance battalion. In late 2005, the battalion was reactivated and took part in operations in Somalia in the early 1990's and Operations Iraqi Freedom, and Enduring Freedom at various periods from 2006 – 2011.

Quotation

"We are United States Marines, and for two and a quarter centuries we have defined the standards of courage, esprit, and military prowess."

General James L. Jones

32nd Commandant of the Marine Corps
10 November 2000



Have You Heard?

by Mac McNeir

Highlights of the July Meeting...

The meeting was brought to order by **Commandant Joe Wright**, who recognized the **Department of Maryland Adjutant Paul Taylor** and past **Detachment Commandants Manny Airey, Guy Hall, Mac McNeir, and Steve Salanik.**

New Members...

Junior Vice Commandant Ray Sturm presented the credentials of two applicants for detachment membership. After a brief discussion, **Mark East** – (*a Vietnam Veteran and rifleman*) and **Brian Fallon** (*an Iraq Veteran and combat engineer*) were found to be worthy of membership and were sworn-in by our **Detachment Commandant Joe Wright** in accordance with Marine Corps League by-laws.

Correspondence...

- A *thank-you* message from the **National Director of the Marines Helping Marines Program, Ron Short** acknowledging the detachment's recent contribution of **\$9,856** was read.
- A *thank-you* message (and certificate) from the **Marine Corps Heritage Foundation** acknowledging our detachment's purchase of an inscribed brick, which will be part of the **Chesty Puller Memorial** (overlook) at the **National Museum of the Marine Corps** was read. A copy of the certificate is reproduced below.



Detachment Budget for 2012–2013...

Copies of the proposed budget for this fiscal year were distributed and discussed by the membership. The proposed budget was subsequently voted on and passed with one caveat – the allocation earmarked for the **Department Convention** needs to be clarified.

EIN & States Sales Tax Exemption...

Detachment Adjutant Ed Wells asked for clarification about our detachment's **EIN (IRS employee identification number)** and **Maryland state sales tax exemption** status. Since a consensus was not achievable about the status of either, **Jim Brady** was **voluntold** (euphemism for being appointed) to meet with the detachment staff in order to properly research the EIN issue and take appropriate action(s). **Burton Helka** will look into the status of our Maryland sales tax exemption.

Official Detachment Letterhead...

Detachment Adjutant Ed Wells stated that the absence of 'official' detachment letterhead is causing problems when interacting with potential sponsors and other local organizations. **Mac McNeir** volunteered to produce digital stationery (letterhead and envelope) and provide it to detachment staff members within twenty-four hours.

2013 MHM Golf Tournament...

Burton Helka, a charter member of the detachment volunteered to be the chairman of our **8th Annual Marines Helping Marines Golf Tournament**.

Ed Dahling Part of Hall of Fame Week ...

Paralleling the role once played by our out-going **National Commandant Vic Voltaggio**, that of baseball umpire, **Senior Vice Commandant and Paymaster Ed Dahling** was invited by the **Baseball Hall of Fame Committee** to be an umpire for their **American Youth Baseball National Invitational Tournament**. The tournament is held annually and coincides with **Hall of Fame** induction ceremonies which honor the most recent Major League inductees. (See *Through An Umpire's Eyes* on page 12).

MHM Challenge Coins...

Motion was made and seconded to purchase six challenge coins to present to the major sponsors/supporters of our **2012 MHM Golf Tournament**. An allocation of **\$90** was approved by voice vote.

2nd Annual VFW Golf Tournament...

Motion was made and seconded to purchase a tee-box sign for the **VFW Post 160 Golf Tournament** scheduled for **September 21st**. An allocation of **\$100** was approved by voice vote.

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Have You Heard...

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2012 Birthday Ball...

As requested at the June meeting, appropriately worded postcards and emails have been sent out soliciting feed back about the willingness of each detachment member to support a **2012 Detachment Birthday Ball** through their attendance and the attendance of guests. The nature of the feedback received will be the major determinant in the decision to either hold or abandon plans for the ball. If you have not yet responded, please contact **Mac McNeir** (editor@mclaacdet1049.org) and make your position known...especially if you do not plan to be part of the proposed **2012 Ball**. Those of you without email can also fill out the survey form posted on the detachment's bulletin board at VFW Post 160.

July Friday Night Dinner...

Jim Brady, who functioned as the *chief cook and bottle washer* for this particular fund-raiser, expressed his sincere appreciation for the assistance rendered by detachment member **Norm Huffman**.



Members' Birthdays

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

Manny Airey	Eddie Grove	Mike Hadley
Robert Hole	Dick Johnson	Fred Kaminski
Jim Le Gette	Robert Lucian	George Martin
John Ogle	Earl Parker	Charles Quick
Ruhl Rexroad	Granville Smith Jr.	Joseph Wright



Other Maryland Detachment News

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. Hole sponsorships are available at a cost of **\$100** each. Checks should be made payable to the **L/CPL Robert W. Deane Detachment, MCL** and mailed along with a completed entry form (identifying the four-some members and providing the team captain's contact information) to the tournament chairman.

Al Jahnigen
120 Glenmore Avenue
Catonsville, MD 21228

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



Humor

- *A medically retired Marine, who had gone blind walks into a gay bar for blondes and orders a beer.*
- *Once served, he says to the bartender, "Hey, how would you like to hear a great blonde joke?"*
- *The person seated next to the Marine replies, "Sir, I can see that you're blind; so before you go any further and tell this joke, I just want to let you know that I'm blonde and a female boxer, the blonde lady behind the bar has a baseball bat, and the blonde woman seated on the other side of you has a cane...so, do you really want to tell a dumb blonde joke?"*
- *The Marine replies, "Not if I'm going to have to explain it three times!"*





Young Marines

The following events highlight what has transpired for the **Annapolis Young Marines** since my last report.

JULY

One of our Young Marines attended **Advanced Leadership School** while another completed a two-week tour of historical sites from Massachusetts to Virginia.

During a weekend encampment, eleven Young Marines completed all of the requirements detailed within the **Basic Guide Book**. All of our Young Marines will start working on the requirements spelled out in the **Junior Guide Book** in October, which is the start of the Young Marines training year.

AUGUST

Recruits will be assisting **Fleet Family Services** at the **U.S. Naval Academy** at their annual picnic for families of deployed/newly returned service members on August 17th.

RECRUITING / RE-ENROLLMENT

We will be conducting re-enrollment/recruiting activities in August. So, if you know of anyone interested in the Young Marines, be advised that our next recruit class will start in October.

We currently expect to lose one of our Young Marines due to age and graduation.

FUND-RAISERS

Last year, **Young Marines International** arranged for interested Young Marines from all over the world to take part in a **Pearl Harbor Remembrance**. Approximately 400 Young Marines from 81 different units toured, took part in the parade, and got to meet several survivors of the infamous attack. The Young Marines have again been asked to be part of the event scheduled for December 4th – 7th. Several of our Young Marines and their parents would like to go; so, we will be holding fundraisers in the very near future. **We will need all the financial help we can get!**

The Young Marines are still collecting **used printer cartridges**, so please bring them to the VFW for collection. We also urge all of you to continue socializing at the VFW as we recycle all of the cans that you use (empty) as another fund-raising activity – every bit helps.

As we close out another year, the **Annapolis Young Marines** wish to thank both the members and staff of **VFW Post 160** and **Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049** of the **Marine Corps League** for their support these past 11 years.

Respectfully,

George Martin

Young Marines Commander



Rifle & Pistol Team

Ray Sturm for Jake Jahelka

Member Spotlight...

The following information was not available for publication in the July issue of **the Cutting Edge**; however, the **Department of Pennsylvania** recently posted the final results of their pistol match, which took place on June 2, 2012 and hosted 216 competitors.

Unfortunately, circumstances prevented **Mike Hadley** from participating; so, our team was not a factor having just four shooters.

Charles 'Ed' Grove came in 2nd overall and took 1st Place in the **Master Classification**.

Yours truly finished 5th overall and took 4th Place in the **Master Classification**.

For those interested, the website listed below provides access to match results.

<http://www.pamcleague.org/Pistol.htm>



Department of Maryland News

Next Department of Maryland Staff Meeting...

will take place on September 8th, at **American Legion Post 11, 1450 Taney Avenue in Frederick, MD**. All members are encouraged to attend this staff meeting.



Color Guard

by Mac McNeir for Color Guard Commander Woody Bowman

Our detachment color guard recently presented the colors at the **Star Spangled Banner Festival** sponsored by the **Mason-Dixon Square Dancers Federation** on 19 – 21 July in Timonium, MD.

Our color guard is severely under-manned! Currently, appearance of our ‘vintage vehicles’ in any parade prevents us from fielding a traditional four man color guard. It is imperative that some new members volunteer to serve or we could lose our well deserved reputation for being represented in community events.





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.

MODD Growl, Pound 204

Sunday, August 26, 2012 @ 0800 – Mike Hadley

Monthly Meetings, MCL Detachment 1049 & Auxiliary

Monday, August 27, 2012 @ 1900 – Joe Wright / Anita Ullery

Friday Night Dinner, MCL Detachment 1049 Auxiliary

Friday, August 31, 2012 from 1800 to 2000 – Anita Ullery

Friday Night Dinner, MCL Detachment 1049

Friday, September 7, 2012 from 1800 to 2000 – Joe Wright

Staff Meeting, MCL Department of Maryland

Saturday, September 8, 2012 from 0900 to 1100 – Ed Ross
American Legion Post 11, 1450 Taney Ave, Frederick, MD

MODD Growl, Maryland Pack

Saturday, September 8, following the Staff Meeting – Don Benson
American Legion Post 11, 1450 Taney Avenue, Frederick, MD

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 – Status Pending

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 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



Corps History

by Mac McNeil for Joe Wright, Historian

1 August 1960

The Corps' *Enlisted Rank & Pay Structure Board* revised existing rank structure by incorporating the rank of Lance Corporal and the E-8 and E-9 Pay grades.

2 August 1950

1st Marine Provisional Brigade lands at Pusan, South Korea.

3 August 1950

Eight Corsairs of VMF-214, the famed "Black Sheep" squadron of World War II, executed the first Marine aviation mission in the Korean War in a raid against enemy installations near Inchon.

6 August 1847

Marines commenced their march on the "Halls of Montezuma" in Mexico.

7 August 1942

1st Marine Division lands on Guadalcanal.

7 August 1990

President Bush ordered U.S. military aircraft and troops to Saudi Arabia as part of a multi-national force. One week later the Marine Corps announced the commitment of 45,000 troops to **Operation Desert Shield** – largest deployment of U.S. forces since Vietnam.

August 13, 1918

Opha Mae Johnson became the first female Marine when she enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserve.

14 August 1945

President Truman announced Japan's unconditional surrender.

14 August 1990

Advance elements of the 1st MEF and 7th MEB arrived in Saudi Arabia, joining other U.N. forces to defend against possible Iraqi aggression.

17 August 1942

2nd Marine Raider Bn. under Lt. Colonel Evans F. Carlson landed on Makin Island and destroyed a seaplane base, two radio stations, a supply warehouse, and killed about 100 Japanese troops.

19 August 1919

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21 August 1968

PFC James Anderson, Jr. becomes first African-American Marine to receive the Medal of Honor for heroism in Vietnam (posthumous award).

24 August 1814

Captain Samuel Miller's 114-man detachment from Marine Barracks, Washington, fought in the Battle of Bladensburg in defense of our nation's capital.

25 August 1948

2nd Lieutenant John E. Rudder became the first black to be commissioned as a regular United States Marine Corps officer.

29 August 1916

The Marine Corps Reserve was founded.



A New Cuban Missile Crisis?

NOTE – The following Reuters article by Nastassia Astrasheuskaya was originally published as an online Yahoo News article on July 27, 2012.

As a Marine, who was poised to be part of a reinforcing force for our Guantanamo Bay installation during the October 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis, this article concerns me...especially since we have no way of knowing the current administration's willingness to enforce the Monroe Doctrine in response to what could become a potentially troubling situation.

Russia hopes to establish its first naval base abroad since the 1991 collapse of the Soviet Union and is looking at Cuba, Vietnam, and the Seychelles [an island country – spanning an archipelago of 115 islands in the Indian Ocean] as possible locations, [the] state-run RIA news agency quoted the[ir] navy chief as saying.

Russia has been increasing the reach of its navy in recent years, sending warships further afield as part of an effort to restore pride [and to] project power in a world dominated by the U.S. military.

"It's true that we are continuing work on providing the navy with basing outside the Russian Federation," RIA quoted **Vice Admiral Viktor Chirkov** as saying in an interview.

The Soviet Union had a large naval base in Communist ally Vietnam but post-Soviet Russia opted to vacate the Cam Ranh base in 2002, during **President Vladimir Putin's** first Kremlin term, because rent payments were a burden on state coffers.

The fate of Russia's only naval facility outside the former Soviet Union, a maintenance and supply facility in the Syrian port of Tartous, is uncertain because of the conflict in Syria.

Chirkov said Russia was "**working out the issue of creating sites for material and technical support on the territory of Cuba, the Seychelles and Vietnam,**" RIA reported.

Chirkov's wording suggested facilities in those countries might be less extensive than full-scale naval bases. Navy officials could not immediately be reached for comment.

Vietnamese President Truong Tan Sang, who was in Russia and was to meet Putin on Friday, was quoted as telling a Russian radio station that Vietnam has "**no intention of cooperating with any country with the aim of military use of the port of Cam Ranh.**"

However, Sang was quoted as telling **Voice of Russia** radio that a maintenance and service facility at the port would be open to ships from all nations and that, in the interest of furthering a '**strategic partnership**' with Moscow, "**Vietnam will provide Russia with advantages in Cam Ranh, including with [the?] aim of developing military cooperation.**"



Meet a Marine and Olympic Athlete

NOTE – The following Marine Corps Times article appeared online on July 25, 2012.

Sergeant Jamel Herring almost gave up boxing. He joined the Marine Corps right out of high school in 2003, hoping to go to war. He got his wish.



Marine Sgt. Jamel Herring works out at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, CO.

[Photo by Jon R. Anderson, Marine Corps Times Staff]

After a tour in Fallujah, Iraq, he made the all-Marine boxing team for a year but was called back for another deployment to Iraq. That's when a Sergeant he knew was killed in a bomb blast.

"He had a 2-week-old son he'd never get to meet," Herring says. With his own son on the way at the time, he says, "**that messed me up pretty good.**"

Back from war, he soon eased back onto the Corps' boxing team and before long was expecting his second child. His daughter was born on Memorial Day in 2009 but died a few months later of sudden infant death syndrome. **"It hit me hard ... I wanted to quit everything."**

Encouraged by family and fellow Marines, he soon found the best way to wrestle down his grief was throwing punches back in the ring. **"When I'm in the gym, I'm focused so much on what I'm doing in here. I leave all my problems outside,"** he says during a workout break.

Now, he says, he fights for his 'little angel.'

Herring is the first Marine to qualify for the Olympic boxing team in 20 years. His enlistment is up, but he volunteered to extend his contract so he could represent the Corps and his country in London.

July 27, the opening ceremonies for the games, is the third anniversary of his daughter's death.

NOTE – Sadly, Sgt. Herring lost his first and only bout to a talented boxer from Kazakhstan whose aggressiveness never allowed Herring to fully implement his game plan.



Societal Evolution... or Double Standard?

EDITOR'S COMMENT – For many years, the uniform was not allowed to be worn while participating in political events or other promotions! Political correctness now seems to have caused this dictate to be set aside by DoD. I include this article here to enlighten you and am not making a pronouncement either pro or con about DoD's decision.

The following is an edited version of an Associated Press article by Julie Watson, which appeared in the online version of *The Marine Corps Times* on July 2, 2012.

The Defense Department [recently] announced [that] it is allowing service members to march in uniform in a *gay pride parade* for the first time in U.S. history.

In a memorandum sent to all its branches, the department said it was making the allowance for ***San Diego's Gay Pride Parade*** on Saturday even though its policy generally bars troops from marching in uniform in parades.

The Defense Department said it did so because organizers had encouraged military personnel to march in their uniform and the event was getting national attention.

The move came only weeks after the Pentagon joined the rest of the U.S. government for the first time in marking June as gay pride month and made an official salute to gay and lesbian service members.

Defense Secretary Leon Panetta vowed in a video message to remove as many barriers as possible to making the military *a model of equal opportunity* and said “***Gays and lesbians can be proud in uniform with the repeal last year of the 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' law.***”

Last year, San Diego's gay pride parade had the nation's largest contingent of active-duty troops participate before the military lifted its ban on openly gay service members. About 200 service members last year wore T-shirts bearing their [service] branch's name.

Former sailor **Sean Sala**, who organized the military's participation in the parade, said he wanted service members to wear their official uniform this year to show there is no longer anything to hide.

“***My soul is on fire,***” he said after hearing the news Thursday. “***They don't fight in T-shirts. They fight in uniforms. This is about showing who they are.***”

The Pentagon said the allowance is only for this year's parade in San Diego and does not extend beyond that. Military personnel wearing civilian clothes do not need permission to march in any parades.

The Defense Department policy says personnel cannot march in parades in uniform unless they receive approval from their commanding officers or other Pentagon-approved authorities.

Sala believes there will be no going back after Saturday. He said he has reached his dream in seeing the U.S. military sanction participation in a gay pride parade, as the armed

forces have done in **Canada** and **Great Britain**.

Uniformed soldiers in those countries have marched down the streets of **Toronto** and **London** next to *scantly clad men, drag queens and civil rights activists.*

“***I think across the country we will start seeing active-duty members in uniform march in pride parades,***” Sala said.

San Diego Pride Executive Director **Dwayne Crenshaw** called it an historic moment.

“***San Diego Pride is honored to have the privilege of celebrating our country and our service members with dignity and respect,***” he said. “***The fight for equality is not over, and it is not easy, but this is a giant leap in the right direction.***”

Before Thursday, several service members wanting to participate in San Diego's parade were told they could not do so in uniform. Others were granted permission by their commanding officers.

“***I think many people thought after 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' was gone, discriminatory things would be eradicated,***” Sala said. “***But now these parades have become a very sticky subject as far as commanders using their own discretion because they are showing either a bias toward a pride parade, or the right view, which this is about recognizing who people are.***”

Before the repeal, gay troops could serve but could be discharged if they revealed their sexual orientation. At the same time, a commanding officer was prohibited from asking a service member whether he or she was gay.

More than 300 service members have signed up to participate this year in the San Diego parade. It was unclear how many will wear their uniform.

The Defense Department said in its message to the service members that they should adhere to policy regarding behavior while wearing their uniforms.

Service members in uniform cannot appear to endorse or selectively benefit groups or individuals, provide a platform for a political message, or appear to be commercially sponsored. They also must ensure their presence in uniform is not intended to increase sales and business traffic.

Air Force Officer **Joanna Gasca** was among those who risked marching last year in a T-shirt. Her commanding officer had given her permission to do so this year before Thursday's memorandum was issued. “***It was absolutely thrilling last year to walk down the street,***” the 47-year-old Air Force recruiter said. “***But this year – to be able to march in uniform – wow! I'm speechless.***”



American Youth Baseball at Cooperstown

Through an Umpire's Eyes

by Ed Dahling

EDITOR'S NOTE – The following article is a collection of personal reflections of our Senior Vice Commandant Ed Dahling that were inspired by his recent opportunity to umpire in a week long youth tournament hosted at the American Youth Baseball Hall of Fame facilities in Cooperstown New York. The tournament coincided with Major League Baseball's annual ceremony honoring the latest inductees into its Hall of Fame. Ed should be commended for being selected to participate in this very special event!



I will never forget umpiring as 'Old Glory' was waving in the breeze down the foul lines. How proud I was to be an American and an umpire in Cooperstown at Dreams Park! What a gorgeous setting, the fields and the mountains in the background, and the summer splendor of the cool New York countryside. This was an awesome and incredible experience!

Living in a barracks brought back memories of my days in boot camp. We had 12 umpires living together and we all had our own foot lockers and bunks. We even had to walk out to the head in order to shower. There was a mess tent, which was set up like a cafeteria, where they served all of our meals.

There were 104 teams composed of 12 year old athletes who, when not playing ball, were running all over the place trading team pins. First games each day started at 8:30 AM and the last game ended about 9:30 PM.

The umpires were assigned a field and tasked with ensuring that all of the games on that field were covered with at least two umpires.

I usually umpired three to four games a day. If I wanted to do more, all I had to do was simply go to one of the 22 fields and help out.

The championship playoffs began on Thursday – progressing through the 'Sweet 16' then the 'Elite 8.' I am proud to have been picked to be the 1st base umpire for these games.

The induction of the newest members to the **Baseball Hall of Fame** took place during the week that I was there and the little town of **Cooperstown** overflowed with more than 250,000 visitors. You could not get near the place that weekend; so, I waited until later to visit the Hall of Fame. If you have never been to the Baseball Hall of Fame and you get the chance to go... it is truly worth seeing!



Marine Corps National Museum Expansion

For far too long our National Museum has provided
'NO REPRESENTATION'

for those Marines who served in 'harm's way' as participants in the operations and campaigns that took place after the end of the Vietnam War.

This lack of representation is finally going to be addressed! The MCHF recently began a fundraising effort to raise \$64 million to fund the **expansion of the National Museum of the Marine Corps**. New galleries (scheduled to open in 2017) will address Marine Corps' history in **Beirut, Desert Shield and Desert Storm, Somalia** and more than a decade of combat in **Iraq and Afghanistan**.

One corporate sponsor has already pledged \$21 million to this effort.

Marines everywhere should support this endeavor!

All members of **Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049** and **Marines everywhere** should contribute to this effort (if their financial situations allow it) in order to ensure that this disservice to our fellow Marines, whose service has gone unheralded for far too long, is addressed as soon as possible.

For additional info contact our **Detachment Junior Past Commandant, Mac McNeir** @ editor@mclaacd1049.org or contact the **MCHF** directly by telephone at 800-397-7585 or their website @ <http://www.marineheritage.org/MakeDonation.asp>.



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Marines of Company G, Battalion Landing Team, 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines, 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, launch a volley of mortars during a live-fire exercise. Following the conclusion of Exercise Hamel 2012, the Marines of Co. G. engaged in movement to contact drills, using what they learned from living in a woodland environment for the past three weeks. Exercise Hamel 2012 is a multi-national training evolution between the U.S. Marine Corps, Australian Army and New Zealand Army, aimed at certifying the Australian 1st Brigade for operational deployment. The 31st MEU is the only continuously forward-deployed MEU and is the nation's force in readiness in the Asia-Pacific region. [Photo by Corporal Jonathan Wright, USMC]