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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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An Awesome Experience!

by Mac McNeir



Photo by Mac McNeir

Although the evening of June 15th started on a traffic congested Baltimore-Washington Parkway, and it appeared that our arrival at the oldest post of the Corps might place our attendance at the **Marine Barracks 8th & I's Evening Parade** in jeopardy, fate smiled upon the fifty individuals – primarily members of our detachment, members of the Baltimore detachment, members of our respective families, and guests – and allowed them to arrive with time to spare.

Upon arrival, the first thing that many noticed was the immaculately maintained buildings and grounds that comprise the Marine Barracks complex. Equally as conspicuous was the large number of guests and members of the general public waiting for space-available seating to the spectacular that the Marines of 8th & I stage every Friday evening at sunset from the beginning of May through the end of August. However, the most impressive aspect of the evening – other than the parade itself – was the fact that all of the Barrack's Marines were not only immaculately clad, trim, and fit in appearance, but hospitable and patient with their guests, who I know at times could tax the *'patience of a saint.'*

While being seated in particularly good seats, I noted the presence of a detachment of 'Young Marines' who had made the trip from Cherry Point, NC in order to attend the...

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Hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable 4th of July!

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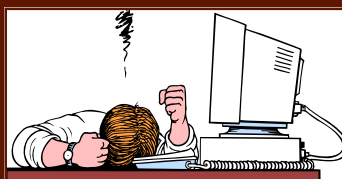


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From the Editor

by Mac McNeir

Though my thoughts, as your Junior Past Commandant, may engender a little acrimony, I am going to take this opportunity to make two statements that in reality needed to have been stated long before now.

First, **attendance at detachment meetings** has not been what one should expect for a detachment of this size. It's understandable that other commitments will necessitate missing the occasional meeting; however, we have members whom I've never met much less seen at meetings. I do not believe that an hour a month is too much to ask in exchange for the comradeship that one experiences at our meetings.

Second, and more importantly, there are **unfilled staff positions** that have been vacant for almost as long as I have been a member of this detachment – many years! We need more of our members to step up and do more than simply attend meetings. Please consider filling one of the positions marked 'Vacant' in the **Detachment Staff** listing in the sidebar adjacent to this column.

The deadline for next month's *Cutting Edge* articles is – **MIDNIGHT on Saturday, July 28th.**



Membership Statistics

Good Standing (Dues Paid)

Type	USMC	Associate	Multiple
Life Memberships	72	8	5
Annual Memberships	31	5	–

Delinquent Dues (Still on Active Roster)

Type	USMC	Associate	Multiple
Annual Memberships	15	1	–

New Members

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Sub-Totals

118	14	5
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Total

137

Renewals

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

August 2012	September 2012	October 2012
Nicholas Dubich (D) Robert Lucian Scott Mione Brian Nevil John Reistrup Frank Zupancic	Albert Bell Walter Cooper (D) Scott Neff (D) Ray Sturm	James Galvin James McCormick
Please advise the editor of any errors/omissions in this listing.		

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

Commandant's Message



Joe Wright

Marines,

As I write this, we are preparing to attend the **Joint Forces for Wounded Warriors** bike event that will be kicking off at the **Texas Roadhouse** in Pasadena. We are participating in this event to help them *raise money for a worthy cause and to make our presence, as the Anne Arundel County Marine Corps League, known.* For this detachment to grow, we have to **increase public awareness of our organization throughout the community.** This cannot be done by a handful of members alone, and must be a concerted effort by all of our members. I worry about the lack of participation throughout the detachment and am hopeful that we can once again band together and continue to make this detachment strong through the combined actions of our members. We must continue to recruit new members and improve our attendance at our monthly meetings. We also have several unfilled staff positions that have been vacant for some time now. These positions include:

- House Committee Chairman ▪ Legislative Officer
- Public Information Officer ▪ VA Volunteer Services Representative

I am requesting that more members step up to lend a hand so we do not wear down the few members that volunteer to ensure our detachment activities continue. ***If there is a particular reason why you are not attending meetings or participating in detachment activities, I ask that you share those reasons with me.*** I would like to find a way to improve detachment participation. Our detachment color guard is still in need of a few volunteers to help out as well. Contact **Woody Bowman** if you can help.

We recently had a volunteer willing to fill the role of Chaplain. Please join me in welcoming **Fred Kaminski** to his additional role as our new **Detachment Chaplain.**

On **June 15th** several detachment members had the honor of attending the **Marine Barracks 8th & I Evening Parade.** It was a truly memorable experience for me and I hadn't felt that much pride in being a Marine since I graduated from boot camp. I hope that we can organize another trip to this event for next year and I recommend that more members attend this memorable event if at all possible. I hope everyone took a moment on June 26th to remember the most decorated Marine in Marine Corps history, **Chesty Puller. Happy Birthday Chesty, wherever you are!**

Semper Fi,

Joe



Lest We Forget...

Note – The following is based upon information obtained from online articles published by the Military Times, Capital Gazette, and Baltimore Sun.

Sergeant Julian Clement Chase, a 22-year-old Marine from Edgewater, MD was killed during combat operations in Afghanistan's Helmand province. He was assigned to the **5th Naval Gunfire Liaison Company** and was part of the **III Marine Expeditionary Force.**



He was the beloved son of **Thomas B. Chase** and **Bell Clement**; stepson of **Pam Chase**; step-brother of **George** and **Jason Stebbing**; grandson of **George** and **Anna Clements** and the late **Robert R.** and **Olga Chase, Sr.**; nephew of **David Chase**, and **Mark, Eric, and Owen Clements.**

"Sergeant Chase was a great example of a Sergeant of Marines and a mentor to all who knew him. He will be greatly missed," said **Sergeant Major Kevin M. Conboy**, of **5th ANGLICO Camp Leatherneck, Afghanistan.**

Chase graduated first overall from the **Joint Fires Observer Course** at **Expeditionary Warfare Training Center Pacific.** His service awards include the **Purple Heart, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and Sea Service Deployment Ribbon.**

A viewing was held on June 5th at the **Chesapeake Christian Fellowship Center** in Davidsonville, MD, where funeral services were held on June 6th. Interment with full military honors was conducted at **Arlington National Cemetery** on June 20th.

Memorial contributions may be made to either the...

Wounded Warrior Project (www.woundedwarriorproject.org)
P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675 or to the

Fisher House Foundation (www.fisherhouse.org)
111 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20850

(see Lest We Forget... on page 5)

Quotation

"There is one good thing about being the Commanding General, beyond the pageantry, the ridiculous vanity, something few would ever understand. You can get the best cigars."

General Ulysses S. Grant

18th President of the United States &
General-in-Chief of the Union Army during the Civil War

From the desk of the

Senior Vice Commandant



Ed Dahling

Fellow Detachment Members,

I hope everyone had a safe **4th of July**. There's not much to report this month; but, please note that this year's **Bull & Oyster Roast** will be held on **Saturday October 6, 2012**. Tickets should be going on sale very soon as I hope to have them in time for our July meeting; however, **you can order your tickets now**. Please do not wait until the day of the roast as we need a head count on the number of people coming. The price is the same as last year – **\$35**. The time is **1:00 – 6:00 PM**. Remember this is our **biggest annual fund-raiser** for the detachment; so, please make plans to attend. Hope to see all of you at our next detachment meeting on July 23, 2012.

Semper Fi,

Ed Dahling



To date, I have not received any historical items pertaining to our detachment. If anyone possesses *historical photos, fliers, Birthday Ball programs, golf tournament fliers, or any other form of historical paperwork*; please provide me with a copy if at all possible. **It is very important that we preserve and share our detachment's history!**



From the desk of the

Junior Vice Commandant



Ray Sturm

Fellow Members,

Independence Day... the 4th of July... a holiday... for many, it means a day off, a family gathering, a backyard barbeque, and fireworks. On this day in 1776, the signers declared, ***"That these united Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States, that they are Absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown."*** However, merely declaring something doesn't make it so. The freedoms we enjoy today have come from the sacrifices made by special people and those sacrifices continue with the recent losses of men like **Sgt Julian Chase**, 22, of Edgewater and **LCpl Eugene Mills**, 21, of Laurel.

"For those that will fight for it...FREEDOM...has a flavor the protected shall never know..." [NOTE - the true source of this quote is questionable as it has been attributed to many individuals]. But what happens when that flavor is bittersweet? On June 28th, the **US Supreme Court** ruled the **Stolen Valor Act** unconstitutional.

You all know the case of **Xavier Alvarez**, an elected official in **California**, who falsely claimed to have received the **Medal of Honor** and other awards. The justices said the act was written too broadly and infringed on his First Amendment right to freedom of speech... a freedom we have all sworn to uphold.

The battle is not over. **Representative Joe Heck** (R-NV) has written a new bill to replace the current **Stolen Valor Act**. He introduced it last year. This new bill would make it **illegal to benefit from lying about military honors and medals**. The Congressman's bill is more narrowly worded and he believes it will pass judicial scrutiny. **Good luck Congressman Heck!**

Semper Fi,

Ray Sturm



Color Guard

by Color Guard Commander Woody Bowman

Our Color Guard...

- Marched (and rode) in the Severna Park 4th of July Parade after assembling at Saint Martin's in the Field Church (Benfield Road).
- Judged to be the 'Best Appearing Veteran's Color Guard' in the annual Memorial Day Parade conducted by the Glen Burnie Improvement Association.
- Functioning membership has been severely reduced in number through illness, injury, and other factors. Please consider becoming a member of the Color Guard. It's a very rewarding experience. It's an understatement to say that ***'We Need New Members!'***





Chaplain's Corner

by Mac McNeir for Chaplain Fred Kaminski

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

Sherrie Brewer, sister of outgoing **Chaplain Ken Webster**, has been informed that her cancer is in remission.

Charlie Dorn's wife was recently hospitalized by an infection. No other information currently available.

Fred Downey, detachment member and Korean War veteran, has relapsed and is again an in-patient in the **Baltimore-Washington Medical Center**. Fred's spirits remain high, and he is again anticipating a return to normal activities.

Vic Halme, detachment member, is currently at home being treated for a number of maladies. A recent CAT-Scan revealed a few anomalies that are still being scrutinized. Vic remains in good spirits.

Roy Hill, brother-in-law of member **Buddy Cadle**, continues to battle his recently diagnosed prostate cancer.

Rita Le Gette, wife of associate member **Jim Le Gette**, continues to put up the good fight and Jim still travels to Virginia regularly to care for another member of his family.

George Martin, detachment member and *Commander of the Annapolis Young Marines*, has just about recovered from his previously broken ankle and is now walking without a cast. George's brother, **Garland Martin** recently passed away.

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.



EDITOR'S NOTE – Ken Webster stepped down from his role as our detachment's Chaplain in order to attend to familial obligations. We need to extend our sincere appreciation to him for his unwavering service as Chaplain as well as his participation in and support of many other detachment activities. Thanks Kenny!

Just One Opinion...

As has been my practice, I recently attended an interment at **Arlington National Cemetery** for a fallen **Maryland Marine**. For some time now, I have tried to do this for all my Maryland Marine brethren. Sadly, I have noted that increasingly fewer Marine Corps Leaguers attend these events for fellow league members and our active duty brethren. Our shared heritage should instill in us the desire to pay our respects to our predecessors, our successors and their families. As Marines, we need to make it known, through our actions, that we honor their service.

Mac McNeir

Detachment Junior Past Commandant

Newsletter of Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049

Lest We Forget... (cont. from page 3)

Note – The following is based upon information obtained from the Marine Corps Times on June 24, 2012. Mills is the fifth service member from Maryland killed this year and the fourth to die in Afghanistan.

Lance Corporal Eugene C. Mills III, 21, from Laurel, MD, was killed on June 22 while conducting combat operations in Helmand province. He was assigned to **1st Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, NC**.



He was the beloved son of **Eugene C. Mills, Jr.** and **Theresa Stea Mills**; stepson of **Melissa Mills**; dear brother of **Jacob Mills**, **Hunter Sterling**, **Katie Andrews**, **Jennifer Sterling** and **Sarah McCormick**; loving grandson of the late **Henry G. "Pap"** and **Virginia "Mamaw" Ostman** and **Peter "Bepop"** and **Jeannette "Nana" Stea**. LCpl Mills is also survived by numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and of course many close friends.

A viewing took place on **Monday, July 2, 2012** at the **Gary L. Kaufman Funeral Home** at **Meadow Ridge, 7250 Washington Blvd., Elkridge, MD 21075**. A memorial service took place on **Tuesday, July 3, 2012** at **Grace Church, 8200 Old Columbia Road, Fulton, MD**.

LCpl Mills will be laid to rest in **Arlington National Cemetery** on **July 11th** at **1300 (1:00 AM)**. The assembly point, for those attending the interment ceremony, will be the cemetery's **Memorial Gate**.



Military Order of the
Devil Dogs



The Fun & Honor Society of the Marine Corps League

Woof-Woof,

There is not much going on in Dogdom. During this heat spell, Dogs like to just lie around and do nothing. That will be okay for another month or so, and then the Dogs will have to get busy with a new year, new priorities, etc.

One thing all annual dues-paying Dogs can do is send in their dues since they don't have much else to do. Make out a **\$15** check payable to "**MODD, Pound 204**" and send it 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



Have You Heard?

by Mac McNeir

Highlights of the June Meeting...

In addition to the usual detachment dignitaries and **Department Commandant Ed Ross**, who are normally in attendance, was **Jack Severn** – representing **Ron Short, National Director of Marines Helping Marines**.

Also attending were three students (**Senior Airman Laura Goodgame**, USAF; **Staff Sergeant Alex Montes**, USAF; and **Sergeant Rachael Moore**, USMC) who are currently enrolled in the **Correspondents Course** taught at **Fort Meade**. The purpose of their visit was to create a report on *veterans' group activities* as a class project. After the meeting, **Past Detachment Commandant Manny Airey** consented to be the focus of a video-taped interview as part of their project.

Donation to Marines Helping Marines...

Manny Airey, 'flanked' by other detachment members who assisted with our detachment's **7th Annual Golf Tournament** (fund-raiser), presented a check for **\$9,856** to **Jack Severn**, who was representing the **Marines Helping Marines (MHM) Program**. It should be noted that **\$1,000** was withheld from this year's tournament proceeds to provide the necessary funds to *purchase plaques for our major contributors* and to *serve as seed money* to fund the initial stages of our 8th annual tournament, scheduled to take place in the Spring of 2013.

A special thanks was extended to **Mission BBQ, Harbour Liquors, Quality Built Homes, and Perry Building Services** – without their significant contributions, our detachment would have been unable to come any where near the magnitude of this year's contribution.

Mac McNeir urged our membership to patronize the business enterprises that support our fund-raising efforts and to let them know that their support is one of the reasons for our patronage.

Jack Severn thanked the detachment for our unwavering support of the **MHM Program**; especially in these times of skyrocketing costs and decreasing contributions. The *addition of Army personnel (patients) to our guest list* and the *declining national economy* has essentially doubled the amount of money needed to finance the **MHM monthly cookouts** at the **Walter Reed National Medical Facility** in Bethesda, MD.

Department of Maryland Commandant Ed Ross encouraged members of our detachment to come to the monthly picnics at Bethesda to help run the picnics as well as to act as hosts for our wounded troops.

Translation – the picnic staff could use some help!

Correspondence...

- A **Thank You** message from the **Human Relations Committee Chairperson** of **Rippling Woods Elementary School** in Glen Burnie was read expressing the school's appreciation for the participation of our **Color Guard** at their **Memorial Day Assembly** on May 25th.
- An invitation from the **Department of Defense** to attend a ceremony at **Arlington National Cemetery** commemorating the **59th Anniversary** of the **Korean War Armistice**, was read. The ceremony takes place at the **Tomb of the Unknown Soldier** on **July 27, 2012 at 9:00 AM**. To *RSVP, arrange transportation, or obtain additional information* refer to the following website...

<http://koreanwar.defense.gov/july27rsvp.html>

Citation & Honorary Membership...

A suitably worded certificate is to be created by **Mac McNeir** and signed by the **Department of Maryland Commandant & Adjutant** for presentation to Marine and World War II veteran **Joseph Cope**, who resides in Pennsylvania and who will be celebrating his **90th Birthday** on the 4th of July. A birthday card was circulated and signed by all members in attendance at the meeting, for presentation to Marine Cope.

Chaplain Steps Down...

Ken Webster stepped-down (resigned) from his position as Detachment Chaplain to attend to his family obligations. We were indeed fortunate to have been the recipients of Ken's conscientious service and dedication for as long as we did!

National Museum Expansion...

Mac McNeir spoke about the need to support the future expansion of the **National Museum of the Marine Corps** in order to appropriately honor those Marines, who have served in harm's way since the end of the Vietnam era (see advertisement on page 12). The proposed expansion of the museum will be completed in 2017. **Manny Airey** made a motion (subsequently seconded and passed) to have the detachment contribute **\$500** to the expansion effort.

2012 Detachment Birthday Ball...

Detachment Commandant Joe Wright announced that if the willingness of our members to attend our annual detachment birthday ball does not markedly improve over that realized last year – *causing our detachment assets to incur a loss of approximately \$700* – there could very likely be no ball in 2012.

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Have You Heard...

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8th & I Trip...the rest of the story

There was a Marine Corps first that may have slipped by some of those in attendance at the June 15th 'Evening Parade' hosted by the Marines stationed at **Marine Barracks 8th & I**. It was on that very evening, that **Major Sarah Armstrong** became the *first female Marine to ever fill the role of 'Parade Commander' of an Evening Parade* since the Marines serving at the barracks began conducting the highly heralded events in 1948. Guests that evening are now part of an epoch in the history of our Corps.

New Improved MHM Challenge Coins...

An improved version of the previous **Marines Helping Marines Challenge Coin** has been designed by **Mike Hadley** and **James Brady** and subsequently produced by our vendor of choice – **Coins for Anything**. The new, bigger, and more colorful coins may be purchased from **Jack Severn** at a price of **\$15** each. The new price – an increase of \$5 – is intended to help meet *the ever increasing cost of the services provided by the MHM Program, which needs to be offset by every means possible*.

Motorcycle Rally for Wounded Warriors...

A power outage at the VFW and local storm damage necessitated last minute changes to the **Joint Forces for Wounded Warriors Motorcycle Rally** at the **Texas Roadhouse** on Mountain Road. Detachment members **Joe Wright**, **Chris Thompson**, **Ben Wells**, **Ken Webster**, and **Mac McNeir** set-up and manned a booth and participated in the ceremonies that were part of the event.



Members' Birthdays

NOTE – Please Note that the focus has been shifted to the month the newsletter is published rather than the following month as has been the practice in the past.

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

Frank Berg	Russell Bixler	James Galvin
Ray Gonzales	Gabriel Gutierrez	Tom Maiorana
Kurt Osuch	Charles Sutton	Theodore Thompson
Howard Throngard	Kenneth Webster	Charles Young



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 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



Delaware – District of Columbia – Maryland
North Carolina – Virginia – West Virginia
London, UK – Puerto Rico – Saudi Arabia

MidEast Division News

Honor, Courage & Commitment

The **MidEast Division Conference** took place in Raleigh, NC during the period of **June 15 - 17, 2012**.

Department of Maryland members in attendance included:

Ed Ross	Jack Severn	Bud Raines
Tony Begenwald	Craig Reeling	Jerry Devlin
Jerry Faye	Harry Kesecker	Tommy Grunwald

Highlights of the conference included...

- **MidEast Adjutant Roger Ware** recognized as the **MidEast Division's Marine of the Year**. Adjutant Ware is the first recipient ever to receive this award.
- Department of Maryland Marines **Ed Ross** and **Jack Severn** presented **Distinguished Citizens** awards.

The **2013 MidEast Conference** is tentatively scheduled to take place from **June 28 - 30, 2013** and be hosted by the Department of Maryland in Hagerstown Maryland.



Evening Parade... *(cont. from page 1)*

...evening's performance. They were an impressive group of young people, who were well groomed, well behaved, and accompanied by sponsors who took the responsibility of their roles seriously. An impressive group of American youth.

While waiting for sunset and the evening's ceremonies to begin, we were given a narrative history of the Marine Barracks by three personable Marines, who would later be part of the evenings festivities. These Marines were informative, entertaining, and most importantly, fine representatives of today's Marine Corps.

The Guest of Honor for the evening's parade was retired **Marine Major General Charles F. Bolden Jr.**, who flew more than 100 sorties into North and South Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia, was a former NASA astronaut, and currently serves as the **Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration**. The role of host was performed by **Marine Lieutenant General Terry G. Robling**, the **Deputy Commandant for Aviation**.

Upon conclusion of the event, we re-boarded the bus for the trip back to **VFW Post 160** and many of us contemplated what we had just witnessed and the memorable event that we had been part of. I only wish that more of you could have attended!

Special thanks to our detachment staff for organizing the event as well as **Nila Caulder**, who graciously volunteered to take a stranded detachment member home.



Photo by Mac McNeir



Photo by Mac McNeir



Photo by Cpl. Mondo Lescaud, USMC

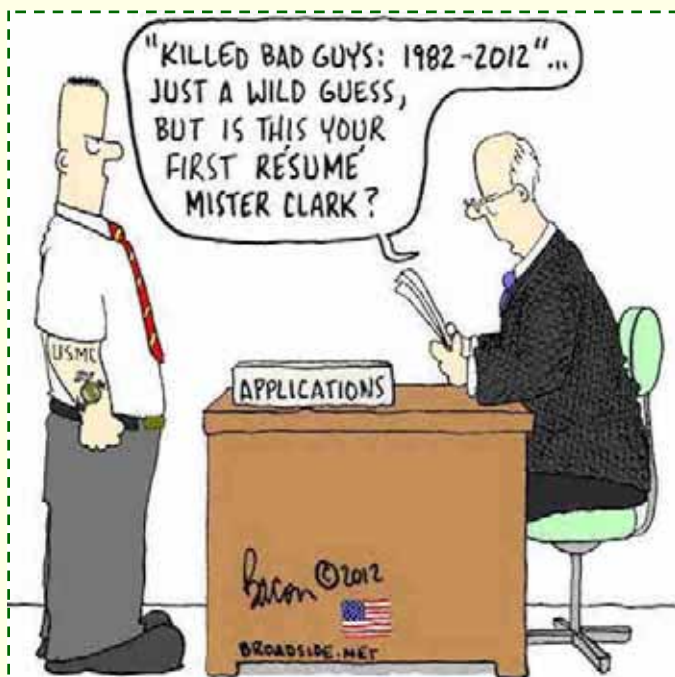


Photo by Cpl. Mondo Lescaud, USMC



Humor

*Life after the Corps...
the First Job Interview*



8th & I Change of Command



Photo by Corporal Jeremy Ware, USMC

NOTE – This column is a reprint of an article appearing in the online version of the Marine Corps Times on June 22, 2012.

Colonel Christian G. Cabaniss took the helm Thursday as the new commander of **Marine Corps Barracks, Washington, DC**.

Cabaniss assumed command during a daytime ceremony at the barracks attended by senior leaders, including **Commandant General Jim Amos** and **Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps Micheal Barrett**.

A 1990 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, Cabaniss has served in multiple billets in Iraq and Afghanistan, and has earned a number of awards, including a Bronze Star with 'V' device and a Combat Action Ribbon. Most recently, he served as the Deputy Undersecretary of the Navy for plans, policy, oversight and integration. In that position he was the Secretary of the Navy's senior advisor on intelligence, strategy, foreign policy and special operations.

Other career highlights include service as the Marine military aide to **President George W. Bush** from June 2004 until August 2006.

He replaces **Colonel Paul D. Montanus**, who has led the barracks at '8th and I' since July 2010. Upon relinquishing his command, Colonel Montanus was presented with the **Legion of Merit** award by Commandant Amos.

Montanus will move to the **Naval Academy** in Annapolis, where he will serve as the Senior Marine and head the academy's Humanities and Social Sciences Division.



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



Rifle & Pistol Team

Ray Sturm for Jake Jahelka



Member Spotlight...

This month, the spotlight falls on our **Pistol Team Captain, Jake Jahelka**.

The **Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049 Pistol Team** competed in the **Department of Pennsylvania Annual Service Pistol Match** on June 2nd. Team captain and coach, **George 'Jake' Jahelka**, not only provided his superb leadership, he did a great job coordinating the logistics of the event, as well as ensuring that each team member was preregistered and billeted. As a former member of the **US Army Marksmanship Unit** with decades of competitive shooting experience, this was easy for Jake.

It was the kind of day every shooter hopes for... clear skies, light breeze, mild temperatures... an absolutely perfect day to shoot. The team was scheduled to shoot on the 3rd relay of the match. Eventually, the relay was called to the line to begin their 'prep time.' With game faces on, and silence falling across the line, the shooters began assembling their equipment and making final preparations when suddenly the voice of our illustrious coach pierced the quiet...

"Has anyone seen my gun? I think I forgot my gun! Oh, I think I left my gun in my truck... shiiiiitt!"

Captain Jake then ran the quarter mile back to his truck to retrieve his weapon. Needless to say, the Olympic record for the 440 is safe and Jake missed his chance to shoot. Fortunately, in the spirit of good natured competition, the match director allowed Jake to shoot on the 4th and final relay. The team enjoyed a good laugh at Jake's expense, lead by the embarrassed coach himself. The team went on to shoot well and is currently awaiting the event's official results.

Remember to hold 'em & squeeze 'em!



MARINE TEBOW

TOUCHDOWN!!!!

Devil Dog Review



Coming Events

The following events are scheduled to occur through **December 17, 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.

Friday Night Dinner, MCL Detachment 1049

Friday, July 6, 2012 from 1800 to 2000 – Jim Brady

Monthly Meetings, MCL Detachment 1049 & Auxiliary

Monday, July 23, 2012 @ 1900 – Joe Wright / Anita Ullery

89th Marine Corps League National Convention

Sunday, August 12 – Saturday, August 18, 2012

(Hosted by P.L. Wilson Detachment 447)

(See the ad on page 15 for details)

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 – Details 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 9, 2012 @ 0800 – Mike Hadley

Monthly Meetings, MCL Detachment 1049 & Auxiliary

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



Corps History

by Mac McNeir for Joe Wright, Historian

1 July 1920

Major General John A. Lejeune becomes the 13th Commandant of the Marine Corps.

4 July 1800

Marine Corps Band makes its first public appearance at Tun Tavern (Philadelphia, PA).

5 July 1968

Marines abandon Khe Sanh combat base.

6 July 1905

Marines escort the body of John Paul Jones during its relocation from France to Annapolis, MD.

7 July 1941

The 1st Marine Aircraft Wing activated at Quantico, Va. Within a year, the Wing would participate in the Guadalcanal offensive.

18 July 1918

The 4th Marine Brigade began an attack near Soissons, France, as part of a three-division counter-attack against the Germans. In the first two days of battle, the brigade sustained 1,972 casualties.

18 July 1948

Twelve Marines at consulate in Jerusalem (Israel) begin modern day Marine Security Guard program.

23 July 2002

Three Marines – Lt. Colonel James G. Kyser IV, Major Matthew Coon, & Staff Sergeant Robert Wallace – awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Medal for heroism for their rescue efforts following the September 11th terrorist attacks on the Pentagon.

23 July 2004

Six Marines from 1st Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Marine Division, completed the first combat HALO (high-altitude, high-opening) parachute drop in the history of the Marine Corps. The parachute insertion occurred during Operation Iraqi Freedom as an alternate to the highly visible ground insertions that were drawing a lot of attention and fire.

25 July 1930

Lieutenant Lewis Puller wins first of five Navy Crosses chasing Sandino guerrillas in Nicaragua.

25 July 1944

The 2nd and 4th Marine Divisions began a shoulder-to-shoulder sweep of the island and clear the airfield from which the Enola Gay would begin its historic flight to Hiroshima a year later.

27 July 1953

Korean War ended – armistice signed at Panmunjom, Korea.

28 July 1918

Brigadier General John A. Lejeune assumed command of the 2nd Division, U.S. Army in France, and remained in that capacity until August 1919 when the unit was demobilized. He was the first Marine officer to hold an Army divisional command.



Bombastic Bumper Snicker:



Effectiveness...

*is not the caliber of the round,
it's the caliber of the Marine!*

89th Marine Corps League National Convention

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Sunday August 12 – Saturday August 18, 2012

The Battle House Renaissance Hotel & Spa

26 North Royal Street, Mobile, Alabama 36602
(866) 316-5957



Renaissance Mobile Riverview Plaza Hotel

64 South Water Street, Mobile, Alabama 36602
(800) 922-3298

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More Info – <http://www.mobilemarines.org/2012Natl.html>



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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 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 in a timely manner.*

*For additional info contact our **Detachment Junior Past Commandant, Mac McNeir** @ editor@mclaacdet1049.org or contact the **MCHF** directly by telephone at 800-397-7585 or their website @ <http://www.marineheritage.org/MakeDonation.asp>.*



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

Colonel Harry L. Cooper Post 160,
2597 Dorsey Road
Glen Burnie, MD 21061

2nd Annual Golf Outing – Best Ball

When Friday, September 21, 2012
Where Bay Hills Golf Club in Arnold, Md.
Time 9:00 AM Tee Time
Cost \$95.⁰⁰ (includes the following)

Green Fees & Golf Cart



Breakfast/Lunch



Beer



Soda & Water during tournament play & a coupon to play another round in the future

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18 TH Hole, Hole-In-One	Wins a Car
18 TH Hole, Closest-to-the-Pin (12" Circle)	\$1,000.00
Putting Contest, 3 Consecutive Putts	\$5,000.00
(Consolation 50/50 Chance to ALL Putting Contest Participants)	
4 TH Hole, Closest-to-the-Hole	50/50
14 TH Hole, Game Hole	Various Prizes
1 st Place Team	\$300.00
2 nd Place Team	\$200.00
3 rd Place Team	\$100.00
Men & Ladies Longest Drive	GIFT
(plus door prizes)	

*Proceeds of tournament will be used by VFW Post 160 to carry-out its veterans/
community assistance activities throughout the state*

For Additional Information regarding registration or participation, contact...

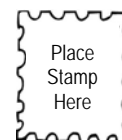
Jim Brady (Tournament Chairman) at 202-314-1782 or jbrady@ushmm.org
or

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



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Featured Foto



Roger Withrow, a shooting coach for the All-Marine team, cheers for his Marines during the shooting portion of the 2012 Warrior Games at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs on May 3rd. The Marines destroyed the competition winning 20 out of 24 medals for the second year in a row. [USMC photo by Sgt. Aaron Hostutler]

EDITOR'S NOTE – The Warrior Games are sponsored by the U.S. Olympic Committee and Department of Defense and are held at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colorado. More than 200 wounded, ill or injured service members from the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard and Special Operations Command were scheduled to compete in the Paralympics-style competition which took place from May 1-5.