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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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Another Successful Tournament

by Mac McNeir



With regard to the 7th Annual Marines Helping Marines Tournament...the sign that said it all!
[Photo by MCL member, 'Doc' Gunther]

The 7th annual edition of the **Marines Helping Marines Tournament** was another in an ongoing string of successful tournaments, which have been hosted by the **Anne Arundel County Detachment** of the **Marine Corps League**. Although most participants would focus on the events that took place at the **Bay Hills Golf Club** in Arnold, Maryland on May 18th, the success of this year's fund-raiser also requires a look back at the many preliminary efforts that took place months earlier.

One of the more important factors was the gracious acceptance of the role of **Tournament Coordinator** by Past Commandant **Pete Pervi**. Bringing his acumen for team-building into play, his first major accomplishment was the enlistment of a supporting staff composed of individuals, who were instrumental in the success of prior tournaments. Among these staffers were **Christine Stevens**, **James Brady**, **Joe Wright**, and **Mac McNeir**. Not to be understated was the valuable guidance and contact with community merchants provided by our mild-mannered and influential **Chairman Emeritus Manny Airey**.

Early in the planning stages, Pete and Mac attended a golf tournament seminar held at the **Renditions Golf Course** with the explicit intention of coming away with some fresh ideas with regard to improving this year's tournament and maximizing the size of our detachment's donation to the **Marines Helping Marines Program**.

(see *Another Success...* on page 8)

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From the Editor

by Mac McNeir

Confirmation was recently received from the chairman of the **National MCL Newsletter Competition Committee**, acknowledging receipt of our detachment's entry (three issues of *the Cutting Edge* published during the past twelve months) for this year's contest. Hopefully we will be worthy!

I am happy to announce that **Norm Huffman** has volunteered to handle the distribution of the newsletters, which are delivered via the U.S. Postal Service (USPS). **Jim Le Gette**, who handled this responsibility for many years, set a high performance standard; that being said, I am sure that Norm will perform equally as well.

While on the subject of mailed newsletters, I would once again like to ask those of you, who have an email address but are getting your copy of *the Cutting Edge* via the USPS, to provide me with your email address so that the costs associated with mailing newsletters can be further reduced.

I would also like to remind contributors to *the Cutting Edge* of the new deadline for newsletter articles – **MIDNIGHT on the Saturday immediately following our monthly detachment meeting.**



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			
	–	–	–
Sub-Totals			
	118	14	5
Total			
	137		

Renewals

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

July 2012	August 2012	September 2012
George Cunningham Jr. (D) Tom Hancock James Terry (D) Keith Thorburn (D)	Nicholas Dubich (D) Robert Lucian Scott Mione Brian Nevil John Reistrup Frank Zupancic	Albert Bell Walter Cooper (D) Scott Neff (D) Ray Sturm
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Please consider a **Life Membership** as a potential cost reduction.

Newsletter of Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049

Commandant's Message



Joe Wright

Marines,

Our annual **Marines Helping Marines Golf Tournament** was held on May 18th at the **Bay Hills Golf Club** and it was another successful event for Detachment 1049. At the time that this column was written, it appeared that we will be contributing more than **\$10,000** to the **Marines Helping Marines Program**. There is still money coming in, so this number will surely increase. I applaud all those who came out to support and serve as volunteers for the event.

Our next detachment function will be the trip to the **Evening Parade at Marine Barracks 8th & I**, in Washington D.C. Surely, a great time will be had by all. The fee will be **\$20.00 per person**, which will cover the cost of round-trip bus transportation to Washington DC. ***Tickets may still be available, so please contact me ASAP if you are interested in attending.***

I have been in communications with **SSgt Surunis**, a Marine Recruiter in Glen Burnie. The Marines at his recruiting office want to become more involved with what we do and would like to include the young men and women in the delayed entry program. ***They want to involve the future Marines so that they can interact with and experience the "Brotherhood" of Marines firsthand.*** They are interested in having our members come and speak at their weekly Poolee meetings about our experiences in the Marine Corps and what the Marine Corps has done for us to make us what we are today. They meet three days per week. I see this as a great opportunity to become involved more with the community; help prepare and educate future Marines for their time in the Corps; and become a part of the future of the Marine Corps.

I want to thank **David Wells, Norman Huffman, and Jane Huffman** for ensuring that our detachment was visible at the **Downs Park Family Day** in Pasadena on May 19th. Our tent looked great!

We are currently preparing to secure a spot at the **Anne Arundel County Fair**, which is scheduled to occur from September 12th through the 16th. We will need the assistance of a number of detachment members to man the booth and to let the citizens of Anne Arundel County know who we, members of the Marine Corps League, are and hopefully attract some new members.

Semper Fi,

Joe



Marine Barracks 8th and I Sunset Parade Update



The recently proposed detachment trip to attend the **Sunset Parade at Marine Barracks 8th and I** is one step closer to reality. The detachment recently received confirmation from an 8th & I representative that we have been granted a block of **50 seats** at the ceremony scheduled for the evening of **June 15th**.

Tickets will be allocated on a *first-come-first-served* basis. So, if you wish to attend, you should contact **Commandant Joe Wright** as soon as possible to avoid missing, what for many will be, a once in a lifetime opportunity.

Logistics and time dictate that we travel to and attend the Sunset Parade as a group. For that reason, the detachment has arranged for a bus to transport everyone both to and from the parade. The bus will depart from the parking lot of **VFW Post 160** promptly at **1730 (5:30 PM)**; so, plan on arriving at the Post early, as we are on a fixed schedule and need to depart on time.

The following information is lifted from the communiqué that we received from the Marine Barracks representative.

Gates at Marine Barracks open at 7:00 PM. To honor your reservation, you must arrive at your assigned gate no later than 7:45 PM. At 8:00 PM, the general admission gate opens and all unclaimed seats will be filled. Please be advised that as a security measure all guests will be required to walk through metal detectors and all purses, backpacks, and packages will be searched for weapons or other contraband. They recommend drinking plenty of water on the day of the parade as the summer months in our Nation's Capital are quite hot.

It would be desirable for all league members to wear their **red MCL covers** and either a *detachment shirt* (if you possess one) or a **red golf (collared) shirt**. Another option would be a **Marines Helping Marines golf shirt**.

We hope you will be able to be part of this rare opportunity!



Quotation

Patriotism:

Supporting your Country ALL THE TIME; and, your government when it deserves it.

Samuel Langhorne Clemens

American author and humorist generally known by his pen name Mark Twain.

From the desk of the

Senior Vice Commandant



Ed Dahling

Fellow Detachment Members,

I hope everyone had a safe Memorial Day weekend.

As your Senior Vice Commandant, one of my main duties is fundraising. Neither I nor the detachment can be successful without the whole-hearted support of all our detachment members.

I am open to (1) your suggestions for fundraising and (2) anything to get detachment members more involved. If anyone has any suggestions on what we can do to raise funds... don't be shy... just let me know.

Our next planned fundraiser is our annual *Bull and Oyster Roast*, which is scheduled to occur in October.

Semper Fi,

Ed Dahling



As stated in last month's article, Joe Wright will soon be compiling as much historical info as possible in his additional role as the Detachment Historian. He plans on creating a *photographic archive* of the many *awards and plaques* that our detachment has earned over the years along with the myriad *Bull Roast fliers*, *Marine Corps Ball programs*, etc.

Anyone possessing *historical photos*, *fliers*, *Birthday Ball programs*, *golf tournament fliers*, or any other *historically valuable material*; should provide Joe with a copy if at all possible – if necessary, provide the original to Joe and he will return it as soon as he has duplicated it.

Once compiled, the archived information will be maintained in the detachment office for viewing by any and all interested members. The assistance of all of our members is sought to make this a meaningful, comprehensive, and highly successful endeavor.



From the desk of the

Junior Vice Commandant



Ray Sturm

Fellow Members,

I had a completely different article written, but a recent event caused me to change it entirely. I realize that the timing of this article may be a little off, but I wanted to share these thoughts with you.

Just the other day, a coworker asked if I had plans for the holiday weekend. When the conversation ended he innocently said, "*Have a happy Memorial Day.*" I knew what he meant, but I don't think he fully understood what Memorial Day is about.. perhaps confusing it with Veteran's Day or the 4th of July.

While I plan to enjoy the weekend, I also plan to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice in the defense of our nation. Everyone reading this knows how I feel. After all, this is the true meaning of Memorial Day. We have all felt the loss of a friend, a squad mate, or family member who '*gave all.*' I'm writing this on Friday, May 25th. It so happens that on May 25, 2005, one of my former Platoon Commanders from Desert Storm, **Major Rick Crocker** (then a 2nd Lt.), was killed in an RPG attack in Haditha in Afghanistan's Al Anbar Providence. Then a reserve infantry officer, Rick was also a police officer from Santa Monica, CA assigned to a Civil Affairs unit. He was in Iraq on his third tour building schools and hospitals when he made the ultimate sacrifice. I'll be thinking of Rick this weekend as I barbeque my burgers. When I tip that first one back, I'll toast him and all those Marines whose sacrifices allow us the freedoms we enjoy today. Here's to you Rick... Semper Fi!

I invite you to Google "**Ricardo Crocker**" and read his amazing story.

Semper Fi,

Ray Sturm



Color Guard

by Color Guard Commander Woody Bowman

The Color Guard will be...

- Posting colors in honor of a World War II Marine Veteran at the Fellowship Baptist Church (1015 Sundown Road, Glen Burnie, MD) on Sunday, May 27th at 10:30 AM.
- Posting colors at American Legion Post 276 (Quarterfield Road) on Sunday, June 3rd at 2:30 PM.
- Posting colors at Pasadena American Legion Post 277 (Marley Creek) on Thursday, June 14th, at 7:00 PM.
- Marching in the Severna Park 4th of July Parade at 10:00 AM. We will assemble at Saint Martin's in the Field Church (Benfield Road).





Chaplain's Corner

by Mac McNeir for Chaplain Ken Webster

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

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

Ken Webster, our detachment Chaplain, was recently diagnosed with pneumonia and is currently being treated with antibiotics. He told me that he was feeling a bit better and seems to be on his way to recovery.

Fred Downey, *detachment member and Korean War veteran*, is still on the mend; but, as he puts it, feeling better. He is currently dealing with fluid retention in his legs and will be seeing the doctor in the near future. In talking to him, his spirits are high, and he is impatiently anticipating his return to normal activities.

George Martin, detachment member and *Commander of the Annapolis Young Marines*, is recovering from a broken ankle. He attended our May Detachment Meeting, where, he served in his new (additional) capacity as the Detachment's Sergeant-at-Arms.

Vic Halme, detachment member, is currently at home being treated for a number of what are believed to be maladies attributable to diabetes and is also undergoing physical therapy. He seems to be in good spirits, but is not up to receiving visitors at this time.

Rita Le Gette, wife of associate member **Jim Le Gette**, continues to put up the good fight and is in good spirits. It also deserves mention that while caring for Rita, Jim also commutes to Virginia on a regular basis in order to care for an elderly member of his family.

Joseph Kalwa, father of detachment member **Chris Kalwa**, was recently diagnosed with dementia severe enough that he cannot take care of himself. Chris is presently in the process of arranging appropriate long-term care.

Roy Hill, brother-in-law of member **Buddy Cadle**, has been diagnosed with prostate cancer and the long-term prognosis is less than encouraging.

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.

Ken still needs someone to take over as Detachment Chaplain because he needs to focus on the needs of ailing members within his own family. Assistance will be provided to whom-ever steps forward to assume the role of Detachment Chaplain.



EDITOR'S NOTE – I respectfully request that all members, who are not currently involved in detachment activities, take a look at the staff listing on page 2 of this publication, and consider filling one of the positions that have been vacant for far too long. Among the open positions is that of Chaplain, which has been filled by Ken for quite a while since he first mentioned that family concerns necessitate that he step down. We really need a few of our members to step up!



Military Order of the Devil Dogs



The Fun & Honor Society of the Marine Corps League

Woof-Woof,

Of the 10 PDD applications forwarded to Kennel, it now looks like only eight DDs will make the trip. It should still be a fun time for the DDs of the Maryland Pack.

I believe some of the DDs not going to Mobile this year had been planning on going to Grand Rapids, Michigan for next year's initiation. However, at our Department Convention and Pack Grand Growl, we learned that the great state of West Virginia is putting in a bid to hold the 2014 National Convention and Supreme Growl in Charleston. By the end of this year's convention, we will know if they won or not. Then the DDs will have a full year to decide where to go for advancement. Here's hoping West Virginia wins its bid.

The dog days of Summer are here and there is not much going on in Dogdom. However, all annual dues paying dogs can start collecting their 15 bones and get them to me. It is not too early. Remember, your dues expire on August 31st. Don't wait to pay your dues! Get them in to me now. Make checks payable to "MODD, Pound 204."

For those DDs advancing at the Supreme Growl, you can become a life member. Life membership dues are

\$150 for dogs younger than 61, and
\$125 for dogs 61 and older.

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

Woof-Woof,

Paul Taylor

PDD & Dog Robber

IF YOU CAN'T CARRY IT - EAT IT - OR SHOOT IT



-DON'T BRING IT-
DEVIL DOG REVIEW



Have You Heard?

by Mac McNeir

Marines Helping Marines (MHM) Golf...

The **7th Annual Marines Helping Marines Golf Tournament** was held on **May 18th** – a day of beautiful weather, a wide range of golf scores, a variety of ‘*if only*’ stories, and what is estimated to be a donation of approximately **\$11,000** for the **Marines Helping Marines Program**. Additional information about the tournament is provided in the page 1 article titled ‘*Another Successful Tournament.*’

Recruiting at Downs Park...



On Saturday, May 19, 2012, detachment members **Norm Huffman** and **Ben Wells** attended the second annual ‘*Family Fun Day*’ at Anne Arundel County’s Downs Park in Pasadena, MD. Their purpose was to increase public awareness of the Marine Corps League, its place in our community, and attract potential members. To accomplish this end, they set-up and manned a recruiting tent from 12:00 NOON until 5:00 PM and in their words “...*had a good day talking to a lot of people.*” Adjutant Wells states that “*Most of the people thought we were trying to recruit the children but we told them we just wanted their husbands. By the end of the day we had a couple of prospects and do hope to hear from them.*”

Highlights of the May Meeting...

Joining the detachment dignitaries, who are normally in attendance, was **J. W. Hierstetter**, Junior Past Commandant of the **Baltimore Detachment** – a special guest.

Guest Speaker – **Rich Hoffman**, father of an **8th & I** Marine and member of the **Patriot Guard**, spoke about a fundraising motorcycle ride titled **Joint Forces for Wounded Warriors**. The proceeds of the ride, which will begin at the **Texas Roadhouse Restaurant** on Mountain Road, will benefit the **Wounded Warrior Program**. The ride will take place on **June 30th** with registration beginning at **0830 (8:30 AM)** and opening ceremonies commencing at **1000 (10:00 AM)**. Costs are summarized as follows:

Early Registration\$20 per bike (biker) / plus \$5 per passenger
Day of the Event\$25 per bike (biker) / plus \$5 per passenger

Mr. Hoffman also spoke about the successful culmination of his organization’s effort to have the state of Maryland officially recognize our wounded warriors. Beginning in 2013, the *first weekend in May* will be annually proclaimed **Wounded Warrior Weekend** in Maryland.

Membership – **George Martin** proposed that a former Young Marine and recent Parris Island graduate, **PFC Michael Imann** be accepted for membership in our detachment. Motion was subsequently made, seconded, and passed by voice vote to have the detachment cover the initial membership cost.

Previously nominated applicant, **George Arbic**, was also accepted for membership. Neither applicant was sworn in as they were not in attendance.

Memorial Brick for the Puller Overlook – After a brief discussion, the members in attendance approved – by voice vote – the expenditure of **\$210** to purchase an *inscribed memorial brick* for the detachment. The brick will be among those purchased by detachments throughout the entire league that will encircle the statue of **Chesty Puller**, which is to be erected on a prominent hill-side overlook that is located between the Chapel and the front entrance of the **National Museum of the Marine Corps**. In keeping with the program’s directions, the brick’s proposed inscription will read...

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Young Marines – **George Martin** reported on the Young Marines activities and also requested a donation to offset the expenses associated with a two-weekend camping trip, which will cost in the neighborhood of **\$1,800**. The members in attendance authorized a detachment donation of **\$500** for that event and raised an additional **\$156** through a ‘*pass-the-hat*’ collection.

Mideast Division Marine of the Year – **Jim Brady** read the letter of nomination for detachment nominee **Ed Ross**.

St. Baldrick’s & Beyond...

Our detachment’s auxiliary contributed **\$100** to our 2012 fundraising effort at our May meeting. As of May 21st, supporters of our **Dougherty’s Pub Team** have enabled us to amass a total donation of **\$17,183** for the fight against the various forms of childhood cancer. So far, this year’s national effort has collected in excess of **\$28 million**. Once again, thanks to all of you, who have supported our efforts.



Rubbin' Elbows...

Detachment Adjutant Ben Wells and his wife **Erin** recently travelled to New Orleans to visit family. While there, they made a detour to attend a 'Crawdad Festival' held on the west-side of Baton Rouge. On the way, they stopped at Avery Island to see how *Tabasco* (Ben's favorite hot sauce) was made – the process takes 3 years and 28 days per bottle. Once they arrived at the crawdad festival, Ben and Erin danced and ate a lot of food. Ben states that "he got Erin to eat a little 'gator meat and she was not impressed."

While in Baton Rouge, he visited a 'gun shop' known to many as **Red Jacket Firearms**. The shop, which is owned and operated by **Will Hayden**, is the focus of a *Discovery Channel* cable-television series titled 'Sons of Guns' that recently completed its third season and is currently on hiatus. In the photo below, Ben is flanked by Red Jacket employees **Chris Ford**, (left) and **Joe Meaux**, (right).



It should be noted that the owner, Will Hayden, was a Marine for six years during the early 1980s. He left the Corps to fulfill his ambition to 'be his own boss.' After starting a construction/refrigeration business, he branched out by opening a surplus/firearms business in the front of his existing facility. This secondary business ultimately became a full-time operation that has come to be known as **Red Jacket Firearms**.

After the visit to Red Jacket, Ben and Erin returned to New Orleans, where they took part in a **Bourbon Street** party and visited the **WWII Museum**, which in Ben's words "... was worth the wait."



EDITORS NOTE – Speaking strictly for myself, I am envious! Spending time at Red Jacket is something that I've dreamed about for some time and attending a Louisiana 'crawdad' (mud-bug) festival would truly be icing on that 'cake.'



EARNING THE TITLE

"FOR THOSE WHO UNDERSTAND, NO EXPLANATION IS NECESSARY; FOR THOSE WHO DON'T UNDERSTAND, NO EXPLANATION IS POSSIBLE."

Members' Birthdays

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

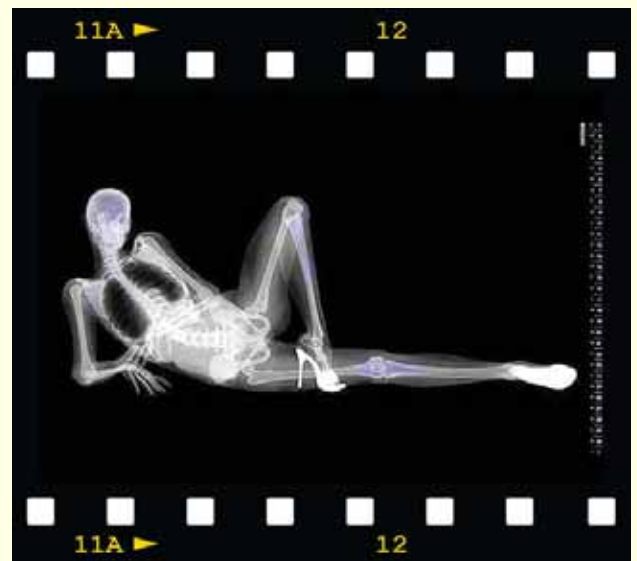
Members of our detachment, who will be celebrating birthdays during the month of **July** include:

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



Humor

TSA Pin-Up of the Year



Another Success... *(continued from page 1)*

Pete's main goal was the simplification of activities such as the participant check-in process, replacement of the previously issued 'goody bag' with a more meaningful memento (a Marines Helping Marines baseball cap), replacement of trophies and cash prizes with golf-related mementos, and the acquisition of a larger number of sponsors willing to help us slash the operating expenses that traditionally reduced the amount of money remaining after bills were paid. Initial feedback from our **Paymaster Ed Dahling**, indicates that most if not all of these intentions were realized.

From a golfer's perspective, the day was blessed with good weather, the pace of play was enjoyable, the beverage cart operation was better than last year, and the hot dogs at the turn provided the tasty revitalization necessary to complete the holes remaining to be played. The only point of improvement that might come up in this area were the inflated scores that some foursomes – including my own – unfortunately recorded.

After play was completed, participants were treated to a wide variety of barbecue dishes – among them, brisket, pulled pork, sausage, macaroni and cheese, baked beans with brisket, and slaw. The entire menu was prepared and provided by one of our major sponsors, **Mission BBQ**. In addition to their delicious food, members of their staff also provided table service for the golfers. However, their delicious food and exemplary service was not their most noteworthy contribution to our tournament; their most noteworthy contribution was the fact that they provided everything at no cost to the tournament, which maximized the amount of money that we will be able to present to the **Marines Helping Marines Program**.

Other sponsors deserving of special recognition for their generous contributions over the years include **Quality Built Homes**, **Harbour Liquors**, **The Keepers**, **Lauer's Supermarket & Bakery**, **Perry Building Services**, and **Terminal Services**.

There are many volunteers, who worked many hours in a behind the scenes capacity. Among them was our **Commandant Joe Wright**, **Paymaster Ed Dahling**, **Adjutant Ben Wells**, **Past Commandants Mac McNeir** and **Earl Parker**, and **Department of Maryland Commandant Ed Ross**. Our Auxiliary was well represented by **Nila Caulder**, **Dawn Parker**, and especially **Christine Stevens**. Christine was not only a member of the tournament staff, she was the leader of our volunteer force, the baker/provider of sumptuous desserts, and the 'go to gal' when those of us who play golf abandoned her in order to play in the tournament.

A less than stellar economy, approximately two dozen fewer golfers and other factors made this year's tournament a true challenge. However, the behind the scenes efforts and contributions of our volunteers, our sponsors (many of whom have provided support for all seven of our annual tournaments), and many members of other veterans organizations such as **VFW Post 160** and its **Auxiliaries**, **Pup Tent 3** of the **Military Order of Cooties**, are valued allies, who we truly appreciate. Finally, a special thanks to **GySgt Jim Terry** (USMC) for his willingness to do any and all things and **Paul 'Doc' Gunther** for again serving as our photographer.

Alphabetized listings of the sponsors and volunteers associated with this year's tournament are provided below. My sincere apologies to anyone whom I may have inadvertently omitted. Any omission is truly a manifestation of my declining memory and should not be construed to be a lack of sincere appreciation on the part of the detachment organizers.

The 2012 Marines Helping Marines Team

Sponsors

A. A. Co. Detachment 1049, MCL
Ayers, Kristina, Olive & Zach
Brady, Jim & Elaine
Harbour Liquors
Lauer's Supermarket & Bakery
Merrill, Bill & Pat
Mustang Athletic & Social Club
Modelewski, Leonard
Stockton Family

A. A. Co. Detachment 1049 Auxiliary
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Jimeno, Phil (State Farm)
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Military Order of the Cooties, Pup Tent 3
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Quality Built Homes
Terminal Services

Accu-Tech Corporation
Bay Country Rentals
Essex Elk's Lodge 1866
Keepers, The
Maiorana, Cassandra
Mission BBQ
Perry Building Services
Service First
VFW Post 160

Airey, Manny & Irene
Bay Hills Golf Club
Hadley, Mike
King, Bob & Mary
McNeir, Wayne & Giovanna
MODD, Pound 204
Pervi, Pete & Sue
Stevens, Scott, Chris & Mike
VFW Post 160, Ladies Auxiliary

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Airey, Manny
Huffman, Norm
Mallicote, Scott 'Sam'
Pervi, Pete
Salanik, Steve
Teeples, Bill

Caulder, Nila
Lathrop, Joyce
McNeir, Mac
Ross, Ed
Stevens, Chris
Terry, Jim (GySgt USMC)

Dahling, Ed
Luthardt, Charles
Parker, Dawn
Rough, Ron
Stevens, Scott
Wells, David

Gunther, Paul 'Doc'
Maiorana, Tom
Parker, Earl
Ryan, Michele
Stockton, Don
Wright, Joseph

Everyone involved should be justifiably proud of the fact that in the near future – once all of the bills have been paid – we will be able to present a check for approximately **\$11,000** to **National Director Ron Short** of the **Marines Helping Marines Program**.



MHM Tournament Photos

The 18th hole before the golfers arrived.



Pre-tournament preparation...



Sponsorship signs about to be deployed...



You really think that three 'Mulligans' per hole are enough?



They're smiling... they probably haven't teed-off yet.



Just a few of our long-time supporters.



The Mission BBQ Team, who made a significant contribution.



Our Commandant and this year's winning team.





Rifle & Pistol Team

Mac McNeir for Jake Jahelka

Dept. of New York Service Rifle Match

An excerpt from the unofficial results of the recent **Department of New York Service Rifle Match** held in Colonie, NY (near Albany) is provided below. Among the participants in the match was the lone member of the **Department of Maryland – Ray Sturm of Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049.**

Three matches were conducted during the course of the weekend. The *Garand-Springfield-Military (GSM) Match* and the *Four-Position Match* were held on Saturday, May 19th; while, the *National Match (NM)* was held on Sunday, May 20th.

On Saturday, Ray fired the M1 Garand in the vintage match and finished 12th out of 43 competitors. On Sunday, he used an AR-15 to finish 13th out of 45 competitors. Ray also placed 2nd in the NM 200 yard offhand stage and 3rd in the NM 200 yard sitting rapid fire.

Dept. of Pennsylvania Pistol Match

Results of the **MCL Department of Pennsylvania Pistol Match**, held over the period of **1-3 June 2012** at **Fort Indiantown Gap, PA**, will be reported in the July issue of *the Cutting Edge*.

New Members

Anyone desiring to be part of the detachment team or wishing to compete in future competitions should contact me at the following number...**410-799-7578**.

We could really use a few new shooters!



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.

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

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Mountainside Marines...

will be sponsoring a fund-raising motorcycle run titled the **Leatherneck Ride** at **11:00 AM** on **Saturday, June 16, 2012**. A rain-date of **June 23, 2012** has been established. The ride, which will begin at and depart from the **Cumberland Outdoor Club** parking lot, is being held in memory of...

Pfc Brandon Davis, USA LCPL Stephan Szwydek, USMC
Robert Portmess, USMC

A fee of **\$10** per cycle/rider and **\$5** per 2nd passenger is being charged. Lunch will be provided as well as tee-shirts to the first 100 pre-registered participants.

For more information, call either...

Lenny Emerick 1-814-324-4370, or
Jeff Robinette 1-301-268-1097



Ft Meade Marine Found Dead

NOTE – The following information was obtained from an Associated Press article posted online by the Marine Corps Times on May 25, 2012.

On Friday, May 25th, authorities identified a 19-year-old Marine found dead in his barracks room at Fort Meade in Odenton, Maryland as **Private Anthony Romanocaruso** of Alamance, N.C. The Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) is investigating his death.

Romanocaruso, whose body was found on Wednesday afternoon, was an active-duty Marine assigned to the **Defense Information School** at Fort Meade. Previously, Romanocaruso had undergone recruit training at Parris Island, SC and combat training at Camp Lejeune, NC.

No other details are currently available.

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Coming Events

The following events are scheduled to occur through **November 10, 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.

Flag Day

Thursday, June 14, 2012

Marine Barracks 8th & I, Sunset Parade

Friday, June 15, 2012 – Joe Wright
Depart VFW Post 160 promptly at 1730

Mideast Division Conference

Friday, June 15 – Sunday, June 17, 2012
Hosted by the Department of North Carolina, Tar Heel Detachment #733
The Hilton Raleigh-Durham Airport Hotel, Raleigh, North Carolina

Monthly Meetings, Detachment 1049 & Auxiliary

Monday, June 25, 2012 @ 1900 – Joe Wright / Anita Ullery

Friday Night Dinner, Detachment 1049 Auxiliary

Friday, June 29, 2012 from 1800 to 2000 – Anita Ullery

Friday Night Dinner, MCL Detachment 1049

Friday, July 6, 2012 from 1800 to 2000 – Joe Wright

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 – Paul Taylor

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 – Paul Taylor
American Legion Post 11, 1450 Taney Avenue, Frederick, 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



Corps' History

by Historian Vic Halme

1 June 1918

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

1 June 1942

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

5 June 1944

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

6 June 1918

Marines advance into Belleau Wood against German machine guns.

8 June 1880

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

8 June 1995

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

12 June 1961

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

12 June 2004

Marines kill more than 80 insurgents during a three-week assault on a Taliban stronghold in southern Afghanistan. The assault was a demonstration that there was no refuge for terrorists...only two Marines were wounded in the fierce fighting.

14 June 1898

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

18 June 1945

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

22 June 1954

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

25 June 1950

Korean War begins when North Korean forces invade South Korea.



Sinise Helps Wounded Marine Build 'Smart Home'

Note – The following article, by Michael Felberbaum of the Associated Press, was published in the on-line version of the Marine Corps Times on May 21, 2012.

RICHMOND, Va. – Actor **Gary Sinise**, known for playing Vietnam War amputee **Lt. Dan** in the film *'Forrest Gump,'* is keeping his promise to raise money for a southwest Virginia Marine who lost his limbs while on a mine sweep in Afghanistan.

After canceling a March benefit concert due to a car accident, the star of TV's *'CSI: New York'* is set to perform with his band, named after his fictional Lt. Dan character, in Martinsville on Thursday. The cover band's performance is part of a fundraiser to help build a specially equipped home for 22-year-old Patrick County **Marine Corporal J.B. Kerns**, who lost his right arm below the elbow and both his legs below the knees in an explosion in Afghanistan in 2011 during his third tour of duty.

The 57-year-old Sinise's foundation, along with others like the **Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation**, have helped build several such *'smart homes'* for wounded veterans across the country as part of an ongoing efforts to support U.S. military personnel and first responders. The foundations partnered to create the **Building For America's Bravest Program** to build the homes.

Nearly 1,450 military personnel have been treated at military facilities for amputations during post-9/11 operations, and more than 435 have multiple amputations, according to the Department of Defense. And the department says that those wounded in battle now have a 50 percent better chance of surviving than any previous war because of improved armor, better medical training and emergency care.

"These are young guys that have been blown to bits and they've given a lot for their country and they're going to have to go for the rest of their lives with a real challenge," Sinise said in an interview with the Associated Press. *"We're trying to do as much as we can for as many of them as possible."*

Sinise hopes his fundraising efforts can give those wounded, like Kerns, a *"place that is adapted to their needs so that they know for the rest of their lives they have a place to call home."*

The smart homes are custom designed to meet the needs of the amputee and typically feature energy-efficient appliances, along with automated systems to help them handle everyday tasks, said **John Hodge**, a spokesman for the **Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation**. Even cabinets and drawers can be



Marine Corps veteran Corporal Joshua 'J.B.' Kerns, 22, of Patrick County, VA, poses with actor and military activist Gary Sinise during a news conference in Martinsville, Va. [Photo by Mike Wray / The Bulletin via AP]

opened and closed by pushing a button or an application on an *iPad*. The costs for the homes range between \$500,000 and \$1,000,000 depending on the location and features, Hodge said.

For Kerns, the new home will help him be more independent, but he said his disability hasn't stopped him from living life to the fullest.

"I might be missing three limbs, but I still do a lot of stuff I used to do. I still ride my four-wheeler, I still go out shooting and fishing and hunting," Kerns said. *"Ever since I've gotten hurt I've had good spirits about anything and everything. I'm going to do what I want to do, you know. I'm not going to let it slow me down."*

Kerns said he thinks it's great that Sinise stuck to his word and is *"giving up his free time"* to help raise money for his new home.

Sinise became more active in supporting military members like Kerns after the 9/11 terrorist attacks, but has long been involved with similar efforts.

When playing the role of Lt. Dan, who lost both his legs during combat, Sinise worked with Vietnam War veterans groups and wanted to honor vets *"with an accurate portrayal of a Vietnam veteran who didn't end up committing suicide or getting drunk at the end of the story, but he's successful and he's walking around and he's moving forward with his life."*

"Certainly his disability was important, but it didn't define him at the end," Sinise said of his character. *"I've met incredible, inspirational guys who have lost parts of their body in service to our country and if I can get out there and help them ... it is my privilege and honor to do that."*



Cody & The Marine

Note – The following article, by Elisabeth Rentschler, appeared on the WLFI TV website (Lafayette, Indiana) on May 16, 2012. It should be noted that throughout his short life, young Cody Green had admired the bravery of the U.S. Marines.



Cody Green
(the Gateway Pundit website)

Marine Sergeant Mark Dolfini heard of **Cody Green's** situation through his co-worker, and got in contact with Cody's parents. When the call came that Cody was passing, he took action.

"I got the call from David [Cody's father] about 3:00 or 4:00 that afternoon," said Sgt. Dolfini, "He made it pretty clear to me that Cody was terminal and he wasn't going to last too much longer. I thought this is something that needs to happen right away."

"When I was driving down there, I had no idea what I was going to say, I had no idea what I was walking into, I didn't know if Cody was conscious," said Sgt. Dolfini. "I didn't know anything. I didn't know what I was walking into whatsoever."

When Sgt. Dolfini arrived, Cody was not awake.

"He was not conscious," said Sgt. Dolfini. "I mean, if he was, he was not responsive but he was heading to a better place."

Sergeant Dolfini made the decision to stand guard outside Cody's door for as long as Cody was alive, which turned out to be eight straight hours. When a nurse told Sgt. Dolfini Cody's time was limited, Sgt. Dolfini made the choice to say goodbye.

He presented Cody with his navigator wings and let his family be with him in his final moments.

"I actually went in and talked to Tracy and David and we just talked for a little bit," said Sgt. Dolfini. "I asked them about Cody to tell me some things about him and ironically enough, we have quite a bit in common. Except the Saints. He's a Saints fan. I'm not, so we would have argued about that. Then I let them know I was going to go ahead and go and I saluted them on my way out and gave them their time."

Sergeant Dolfini said leaving Cody and his family was not one of the hardest things he's ever done. That moment came a week later when he attended Cody's funeral.

"I went and went in front of the casket and saluted Cody," said Sgt. Dolfini. "I turned and before I left I stopped and I turned right to Tracy, Cody's mother. We looked straight into each

other's eyes and I saluted her and that was so hard. That was the most difficult thing I've encountered in awhile, but I know for that moment in time that we were locked in each other's gaze, keeping your bearing at that point is a tough thing to do."

"Marines don't do this sort of thing for acclaim," said Sgt. Dolfini. "That's not how we're wired. It's not why we join. We didn't join the Marine Corps. to be rich, we didn't join it for fame, you don't do it for that reason."

"If we all did just something like that once a day or just something small just think of what an incredible legacy that would leave for Cody," said Sgt. Dolfini.

Sergeant Dolfini said he has spoken with Cody's family several times since his funeral. He said they will be friends for life.



Sergeant Mark Dolfini, USMC
(the instapinch website)

Country Star Donates Homes to Vets

Note – The following is an edited version of an article by Chris Talbott of the Associated Press, published in the on-line version of the Marine Corps Times on May 24, 2012.

Tim McGraw will be saluting veterans in a big way while on tour this summer. The country music superstar is giving away 25 mortgage-free houses – one for each stop on his upcoming *"Brothers of the Sun"* tour with **Kenny Chesney** – to wounded or needy service members.

McGraw will kick off the campaign with a Memorial Day concert for military members at New York City's **Beacon Theatre** during Fleet Week.

"My sister's a veteran, my uncle's a veteran, my

grandfather was a veteran, one of my best friends is a veteran," McGraw said in an interview. "I've known people my whole life who are in service to America. And I think in my position to be able to do something like that is probably the ultimate thing. So to be able to go on tour and provide sort of a stable foundation for a veteran and their family is something I really look forward to."

Fans can watch a live stream of the show on **YouTube** and it also will be available to military bases around the world via **The Pentagon Channel** website.



Photo by Rick Diamond/Getty Images

Student's USMC Shirt Too Much for School

Note – The following article, by staff writer Gina Harkins, was published in the on-line version of the Marine Corps Times on May 22, 2012.

A Mississippi sixth-grader, whose grunt brother is deployed to Afghanistan, was told by his school's administrators to turn his shirt inside-out because they were offended by its depiction of an anatomically correct USMC bulldog.

Jordan Griffith, 13, of Ellisville, MS, received the shirt from his older brother, **Lance Corporal Timothy Swann Jr.**, a



member of 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines, out of Camp Lejeune, N.C. Swann gave it to his little brother while on his pre-deployment leave.

"Jordan just idolizes Timothy," their mother, **Sandy Griffith**, told Marine Corps Times. **"Timothy gave him the shirt and told him, 'Always remember you're a leader, not a follower.'"**

The front of the shirt shows the dog's head and body with the words **"If you are not the lead dog."** The back shows the dog's rear with the words **"The view never changes."**

Officials at **South Jones Elementary** objected to the realistic view of the dogs' genitals and asked the student to turn his shirt inside-out or have his parents bring him a new shirt.

The school's superintendent, **Tommy Parker**, said the decision had nothing to do with it being a Marine Corps shirt.

"We're very pro-military," Parker said. **"We're one of the most conservative places in the United States."**

But that may have played a part in upsetting some of the school's teachers, he said, adding **"all the details are there"** regarding the dog's anatomy, and teachers didn't want to look at it all day or have younger students seeing it.

Sandy Griffith, who rather than bring her son a new shirt instead pulled him from class, said the shirt is no more offensive than the view one has while walking a dog.

"My father made a joke that the woman who told him to turn the shirt inside-out must have been in the Navy," she said.

The shirt's message about leadership is one that kids should



think about, she said, especially when men and women are still fighting on behalf of the country.

After leaving the school, Griffith called **'The Rush Limbaugh Show,'** a conservative syndicated radio program. The host seemed surprised to hear this incident had happened in Mississippi.

"Now your kid can't wear a T-shirt given to him by a member of the U.S. military that espouses a positive character trait, leadership?" Limbaugh asked on his show. **"... People are fed up. They're fed up with being told what they can't eat, and what they can and can't do in their own yards and in their own homes. It's just not America anymore."**

Parker, the superintendent, was dismayed to read the show's transcript.

"It's almost absurd that anyone would accuse us here in Mississippi of being anti-military," he said. **"We recite the Pledge of Allegiance every morning. This very school has sent cards and letters to our troops overseas."**



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Featured Foto

Leading the Way – Marine LCPL Adrian Simone, a rifleman with 1st Platoon, Company B, 1st Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, throws up both hands at the end of the 2nd Marine Division run aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, NC on April 20th. Simone lost both of his legs (from the knee down) after stepping on an improvised explosive device in Sangin, Afghanistan. Another Marine had this to say: *"I was out with the 2nd Marine Division run this morning, around 16,000 Marines, and this Marine who lost both his legs and part of his left thumb from an IED blast in Afghanistan, was asked by his superior if he needed to get out of the formation to rest. He said, 'No sir,' and started screaming his unit's name, '1st Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment.' Truly humbling. I was speechless. Where do we find such awesome men?"* [Photo – Cpl. Timothy Solano, USMC]