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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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Awards & Officer Installations



Detachment staff looks on as Ed Ross (left center), the Detachment Marine of the Year, 2012 addresses the membership upon receipt of the award from past award recipients Manny Airey (left center), Dick Savage (right center), and Pete Pervi (right). Prior recipients Mike Hadley and James Brady, though not in the photograph, also took part in the ceremony. [Photo by Auxiliary member, Chasity Wright]

Story by Mac McNeir – The monthly detachment meeting conducted on April 23rd was an abbreviated session, which primarily focused upon the presentation of a few awards and the installation of our 2012-2013 staff of officers.

The first award presented was the **Detachment Marine of the Year Award**, which was presented to current **Department of Maryland Commandant Ed Ross**. The presentation was conducted by our first Detachment Marine of the Year and past Detachment Commandant **Manny Airey**, supported by previous winners of this prestigious award **Mike Hadley**, **James Brady**, **Pete Pervi**, and **Dick Savage**. Upon acceptance of the award, Ed graciously expressed his appreciation to all in attendance for what he described as a truly unanticipated honor.

The next award presented was the **Commandant's Award**, which is given annually to the detachment member, who in the judgment of the serving Commandant, was most prominent in the support of the detachment and the serving detachment officers during the preceding year. **Commandant Joe Wright** presented this year's award to **Past Detachment Commandant Mac McNeir**. A stunned Mac McNeir stated to the membership that the award was totally unexpected and that he shared the award with every detachment member who supported and assisted him in his various endeavors.

(see April Meeting on page 7)

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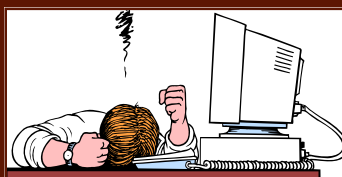
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From the Editor

by Mac McNeir

St. Baldrick's Update – Thanks to an inspired member of our **Dougherty's Pub** team, **Erin Shannon**, our team effort has now resulted in **\$15,401** being raised for the on-going effort to eradicate the various forms of childhood cancer. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the **Ladies Auxiliary of VFW Post 160** for their recent contribution.

On a personal note, I wish to state that I am humbled by being named the 2011-2012 recipient of the **Commandant's Award** by our **Commandant Joe Wright**. It's nice to know that someone notices and appreciates your dedication.

I could really use someone's assistance with the delivery of the printed copies of our monthly newsletter. Please contact me if you'd like to help.

Congratulations to our newly installed staff of officers. I know them... I trust them... I believe in them! Give them your support by getting involved and helping them to take our detachment to new heights.

I would also like to point out the newly implemented deadline for newsletter articles is **MIDNIGHT on the Saturday immediately following the 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)

June 2012	July 2012	August 2012
Harry Anderson Jeffrey Clark (D) Timothy Muniz Ben Wells	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
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,

I am again truly honored to have been sworn in as your Commandant for a second term. I am also privileged to be surrounded by outstanding Detachment officers to assist with ensuring Detachment 1049's success and that we continue to grow. Other than myself, your elected Detachment officers for fiscal year 2012–2013 are identified below.

Senior Vice Commandant **Ed Dahling**
Junior Vice Commandant **Ray Sturm**
Judge Advocate **Charles Luthardt Jr.**

Also, I want to thank everyone who agreed to give of their time to the Detachment by serving in the various staff positions. **I am still in need of a Chaplain to replace Ken Webster.** He is ready to pass on the honor of being the Detachment Chaplain having conscientiously served for the past two years. Anyone interested is encouraged to give me a call or talk to me at the next meeting.

Over the past year, I was hoping to increase attendance at our Detachment meetings by bringing back some of you members that have stopped coming for one reason or another, and by bringing in new members. After the addition of a number of new members, our **attendance at meetings has become less than desirable.** We have a great detachment with a reputation of being outstanding within the Department of Maryland, so I personally challenge all the members to come to meetings and become involved as much as possible. With all the great things we do as a detachment, I know we are capable of more.

This year's **Department Convention** was a success as usual and a great time was had by all. I would recommend your attendance at next year's Convention; it's a great opportunity to be a part of the workings and policy decisions of your Marine Corps League, as well as sharing in the camaraderie of time spent with other Marines throughout the State.

Congratulations go out to **Ed Ross**, who was sworn in as our **Department of Maryland Commandant** for a second term. Detachment 1049 members **Paul Taylor – Adjutant**, **Pete Pervi – Aid De-Camp South**, **Mike Hadley – Web Sergeant** and **Joe Wright – Sergeant at Arms** were also sworn in for a second term in our perspective positions on the Department of Maryland Staff. Highlights for the convention are included elsewhere in this newsletter.

Our annual **Marines Helping Marines Golf Tournament** will take place on **May 18th** and we will need volunteers from the detachment. Everyone that is available to volunteer should contact **Pete Pervi** and let him know. The money goes to a great program that helps wounded Marines and I feel that it is a distinct honor to be able to lend a hand.

For those that may not be aware, **Dawn Parker** will be the **Toys for Tots Coordinator** this upcoming year. She will need our help and I will ensure she has as much help as possible from the detachment.

Semper Fi,

Joe

Bombastic Bumper Snicker:



*It's generally inadvisable...
to eject over an area that
you've just bombed!*

From the desk of the

Senior Vice Commandant



Ed Dahling

Fellow Members,

My first monthly article is a brief one.

I would like to thank all of the membership for their support, which resulted in my election to this office. I look forward to serving you during the 2012-2013 term and I would also like to congratulate all of the other detachment officers, who were elected to serve during the same period.

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 detachment members.

Semper Fi,

Ed Dahling



Historian's Report

by Joe Wright, Historian

Semper Fi,

I want to make sure that everyone knows what the duties of the Historian entail.

The Historian is primarily responsible for the historical records of the detachment. He/she may solicit photography, biographical sketches and other items of value that tell the detachment's history.

So with that being said, over the next several months I will be compiling as much historical info as possible. I will be creating a *photo archive* of the many *awards and plaques* we have received over the years along with archiving *Bull Roast fliers*, *Marine Corps Ball programs*, etc. Anyone possessing *historical photos, fliers, Birthday Ball programs, golf tournament fliers* or any other *historical paperwork*; please provide me with a copy if at all possible. Once compiled, this information will be maintained in the detachment office for viewing by any and all interested members. I would appreciate every member's assistance with this task.



From the desk of the

Junior Vice Commandant



Ray Sturm

Fellow Members,

Wow! When I joined the detachment a few short years ago, I never dreamed that I'd be writing one of these articles. I thought the 'draft' ended in the 1970s.

On a serious note, I'd like to thank you for your confidence in me. As your newly drafted...umm...elected Junior Vice Commandant, it is my intention to dedicate my term of office to you – the membership. One of the most important responsibilities of the JVC, is to grow the membership of the detachment. I plan on making that my **number one goal** and I am open to any suggestions that my fellow members feel would help meet that goal.

I look forward to serving you in the year ahead.

Semper Fi,

Ray Sturm



Color Guard

by Color Guard Commander Woody Bowman

The **need for a few volunteers** continues to exist; so, I ask each of you to consider volunteering for an occasional event to help us satisfy our anticipated commitments in the coming months. Contact me for more information if you would like to join our ranks.

Besides helping out the detachment and providing a community service... you might even have a good time!

COMING EVENTS

- 25th Annual Glen Burnie Memorial Day Parade will be held on **Sunday, May 20, 2012**, at 2:00 PM. Participants should assemble at the *Corkran Middle School*.
- Presentation of Colors — **Rippling Woods Elementary School** (530 Nolfield Drive, Glen Burnie, MD 21061) at 8:30 AM on **May 25th, 2012**.
- Presentation of Colors — **American Legion Post 176** (on Quarterfield Road) at 9:00 AM on **May 28, 2012**.
- Memorial Day Program — **Crownsville Veterans Cemetery** (1122 Sunrise Beach Road, Crownsville, MD 21032) at 11:00 AM on **May 28, 2012**.





Chaplain's Corner

by Chaplain Ken Webster

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

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

Tony Begenwald, league member, *East Coast Coordinator of the Marines Helping Marines Program*, and recently designated *2012 Maryland Veteran of the Year*, took part in the Department of Maryland's Convention in Ocean City and appears to be well on his way to recovery.

Fred Downey, detachment member and *Korean War veteran*, is no longer undergoing dialysis treatments and is now up to receiving visitors. If you wish to visit Fred, please call him first (410 255-7615) to ensure that he is up to seeing you on that day. Also, after ringing his door bell (wrapping on his door), please give him a few moments to respond as he is not moving as quickly as he would like. Finally, Fred wishes to express his sincere appreciation for all of the calls and expressions of concern that he received during his recent medical travails.

Beneka Sirko, mother of *Annapolis Young Marines Joseph and Jai*, recently had a liver transplant and is now at home; where, she appears to be making encouraging progress.

George Martin, detachment member and *Commander of the Annapolis Young Marines*, is recovering from a broken ankle. It shouldn't surprise anyone that George had to have his cast replaced because rather than staying off of his feet, he was *up and about* and *overdoing it*. I guess we can construe that as a sign of recovery.

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

I am still need someone to take over as Detachment Chaplain as I need to focus on the needs of ailing members of my family. I will of course, assist the new Chaplain in becoming familiar with the requirements of this office.



Quotation

"Why are there tens of thousands of people running around pretending to be Vietnam Veterans?"

"I haven't seen anybody pretend that they were at Woodstock!"

"They can't steal our valor!"

General Anthony 'The Godfather' Zinni

USMC Retired, former Commander-in-Chief Central Command,
Special Envoy to Israel and the Palestinian Authority...
and father of a Marine



Military Order of the Devil Dogs



The Fun & Honor Society of the Marine Corps League

Woof-Woof,

April was a very busy month for Maryland Devil Dogs. **Pound 204** held a growl on the 15th; while, the **Maryland Pack** held its Grand Growl on the 27th, with the **54th Chief Devil Dog** in attendance. The Chief Devil Dog was privy to the way Maryland Devil Dogs are initiated. He was very impressed with the way we did things. And those lucky Dogs advancing at the Grand Growl had the privilege of being sworn in by the Chief, something they will remember for a long time.

At the Pound Growl we initiated another Pup into the ranks: **Pup Mike Simms**. Welcome aboard Devil Dog!

We also collected another **\$250** for the children's hospital in Mobile, Al, bringing our total contribution for the year to a total of **\$899**! Let's see some other Pound top that.

The **Spring** edition of the **Woof-a-Gram** indicated that the **Connecticut Pack** lead the **Maryland Pack** by less than **\$100**. When that word was passed during the Grand Growl, Devil Dogs got very busy *arm-twisting, coercing, threatening body injury, etc.*, and collected **\$559** for the children's hospital in Mobile. That effort brought the Pack's total donations for the year to **\$908**! Let's see some other Pack beat that.

I have forwarded ten applications for advancement to PDD to the Kennel. It should be a fun initiation for those DDs. I urge them to be sure to register early and enjoy their last initiation.

All Devil Dogs can relax for a month or so, as nothing happens until August. The Supreme Growl occurs on the 15th and the next Pound Growl takes place on the 26th. Enjoy the summer but keep the fleas at a safe distance.

Woof-Woof,

Paul Taylor

PDD & Dog Robber

Rumor Control

It has recently been rumored that **Osama Bin Laden** was living in one compound in Pakistan with three wives, and had never left the house for more than 5 years.

Effort is now being expended to verify that this notorious Islamic extremist may have actually contacted the **U.S. Navy Seals** and '*dropped-a-dime*' on himself.





Have You Heard?

by Mac McNeir

Marines Helping Marines (MHM) Golf...

The **7th Annual Marines Helping Marines Golf Tournament** is almost on us and we need all of you to solicit sponsors and participants if we are to achieve the success of the six previous tournaments. Contact either **Pete Pervi** or **Jim Brady** if you need any information. Volunteers are also needed to help run the tournament on **May 18th**.

2012 Dept. of Maryland Convention...

Although the attendance was down this year, the **Department of Maryland Convention**, held on **April 26, 27 and 28** was a successful event. The newly installed officers of the **Department of Maryland**, the **Auxiliary**, and the **Maryland Pack of the Devil Dogs** are identified in the *Departmental of Maryland News* column found on page 8 (see photos on page 11). Other relevant information about the convention is summarized in that column.

Three Pups (**Ken Webster**, **Ray Sturm** and **'JJ' Jones**) were elevated to **Devil Dog** at the convention (see photographs of the initiation on pages 10).

2012 National Convention...

Members planning to attend the **2012 National Convention** in **Mobile, Alabama**, should make their hotel reservations as soon as possible. Usually, hotel room availability becomes increasingly scarce as the date of the convention approaches. Hotel information is provided below.

- The Battle House Renaissance Hotel & Spa
26 North Royal Street, Mobile, Alabama 36602 (1-866-316-5957)
- Renaissance Mobile Riverview Plaza Hotel
64 South Water Street, Mobile, Alabama 36602 (1-800-922-3298)

St. Baldrick's & Beyond...

We are still awaiting a final accounting of our donations for this year's **St. Baldrick's Campaign** to eradicate the various forms of children's cancer. Our current unofficial total is **\$15,401**, which is based in great part on the efforts of a civilian member of our team – **Erin Shannon**, who on her own, was responsible for **\$9,976** of our overall total. Once again, thanks to all who supported our efforts.

On April 17th, **Department Commandant Ed Ross** and I attended a meeting of **Boy Scout Troop 247** in Baltimore County to present **Certificates of Appreciation** to the three scouts highlighted in last month's newsletter. The efforts of these stellar young men raised money to ease the financial burden on the family of a three-year-old boy recently diagnosed with Leukemia. As reported in that newsletter, **Eagle Scout Joseph Napoli** and **Star Scouts Ben Foster** and **Aidan Leyen** had their heads shaved by three fellow scouts, whose labors resulted in the largest monetary donations.



Young Marines

I am happy to announce that **Mrs. Sirko** (mother of Annapolis Young Marines **Joseph** and **Jai**) is at home and doing better after having had a Liver transplant.

It also gives me great pleasure to announce that a former Young Marine, **YMGYSGT Michael Iman** graduates from **MCRD Parris island** on **May 4th**. He was a member of the Young Marines for nine years.

Our current **Young Marines** have a busy month of May ahead; during which, they will be...

- undergoing *physical fitness testing*;
- marching in the **Ferndale Day Parade** alongside our detachment;
- conducting a **Quarter Auction** on May 4th at the **VFW Post 2462** in Pasadena;
- going to **Shenandoah National Park** for a three-day **Divisional Field Meet** on May 18 – 20 along with ten other units from within the division;
- assisting **American Legion Post 226** in the *placement of American flags on Veterans graves* at 31 cemeteries throughout the southern county area (last year 1100 flags were placed) on **May 26th**; and,
- conducting a *flag-folding ceremony* at **Kalis's Funeral Home** on Route 2 in Edgewater at 1300 on **May 26th**.

The Young Marines have been asked by **American Legion Post 226** to assist with the cleaning of the **Korean War Memorial** on **June 9th** in Washington, DC. We will assemble on site at **5:30 AM (0530)** to wash and clean the memorial. Anyone wishing to help with this endeavor is more than welcome to meet us and the few American Legion members participating in this project at the memorial.

The Young Marines sincerely hope that the Anne Arundel County Detachment had both a productive and enjoyable convention!

Respectfully,

George Martin

Young Marines Commander

Marine Barracks 8th and I Sunset Parade



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 stating that we have been granted a block of **50 seats** for the ceremony scheduled for the evening of **June 15th**.

The particulars for those wishing to attend will be discussed at our **May 21st** detachment meeting. However, 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.

Since, we need to attend the parade as a block of 50 Marine Corps Leaguers and guests (no individual tickets/reservations will be issued), the detachment staff is in the process of obtaining mass transportation to get us to and from the parade as a group.

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.

Again, please plan to attend the **May 21st** detachment meeting, where details of transportation, appropriate dress, etc. will be discussed/provided.



April Meeting... (from page 1)



Past Commandant Mac McNeir expressing his appreciation to detachment members for having been named the **Commandant's Award** recipient for 2011-2012. [Photo by Chasity Wright]

Commandant Wright then presented commendations to the following members for their support and physical labors expended in the day-to-day activities of the detachment.

Ben Wells	Ray Sturm	Tom Maiorana
Norm Huffman	Charles Luthardt Jr.	Ken Webster

The last order of business was performed by **Department of Maryland Commandant Ed Ross**, who conducted the installation ceremonies for the newly elected and appointed officers of the detachment. He was supported in the execution of those ceremonies by **Jack Severn** and **Paul Taylor**.



Newly sworn members of the 2012-2013 Detachment Staff, Adjutant Ben Wells, Senior Vice Commandant Ed Dahling, Junior Vice Commandant Ray Sturm, Judge Advocate Charles Luthardt Jr. and Commandant Joe Wright.

[Photo by Chasity Wright]

The meeting was then adjourned and a buffet of contributed treats was made available for all in attendance.





Department of Maryland News

Highlights of the **Department of Maryland Convention** held in Ocean City Maryland on April 26th through 28th are summarized as follows.

Department of Maryland News:

- *Department Marine of the Year* — Bob Flick
- *Department's Detachment Commandant of the Year* — Don Benson
- *Detachment of the Year* — Harford County Detachment 1198
- *Most Convention Book Ads Sold* — Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049
- *\$1,000 Raffle Prize* — Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049
- *New Department Officers for the 2012-2013 term* —

Commandant	Ed Ross
Senior Vice	Stuart Blair
Junior Vice	Mike Betts
Judge Advocate	Craig Reeling.
- *New Department Auxiliary Officers for the 2012-2013 term* —

President	Bernadine Blair
Senior Vice	Gloria Roman
Junior Vice	Priscilla Reed
Secretary	Agnes Bowersox
Judge Advocate	Chris Fay
Treasurer	Stephanie Del Valle
Guard	Chasity Wright
Chaplain	Joan Hanson

Pack of Maryland (MODD) News:

- *Pack Dog of the Year* — Bud Raines
- *Pound 204 Dog of the Year* — Tom Maiorana
- *Newly Initiated Devil Dogs* — Ken Webster, Ray Sturm, and 'JJ' Jones of Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049.
- *New Pack of Maryland Officers for the 2012-2013 term* —

Pack Leader	Don Benson
Senior Vice Pack Leader	Pete Pervi
Junior Vice Pack Leader	Ray Chatary
Dog Robber	Paul Taylor
Smart Dog	Craig Reeling
Mad Dog	Charlie Warns
Dog Trainer	Ed Ross
Police Dog	Pete Arnold

Marines Helping Marines:

May 16th is the date of a catered '**Smokey Bones**' BBQ cook-out for wounded Marines at Bethesda. Since the cook-out is catered, volunteer involvement will focus on visiting with the wounded and their families. Be sure to let **Tony Begenwald** know if (1) you plan to be there and (2) if you do not have a **DoD vehicle pass**, which is required to gain access to the medical center.

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.



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

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

CPL Jason David Mileo Detachment...

will be sponsoring a fund-raising car-wash on **Saturday, May 14, 2012** at the **Jeff Davis American Legion Post #18**, in **Centreville, MD**.

Harford County Detachment 1198...

will be holding their annual **Bull Roast and Shrimp Feast** at the **Jarrettsville VFW** at 1714 Morse Road, Forest Hill, MD 21050 on **Saturday, May 12th** from **6:00 to 11:00 PM**. Tickets are **\$40** each with all proceeds being used to fund the detachment's worthy endeavors.





Coming Events

The following events are scheduled to occur through **August 18, 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.

Marines Helping Marines Golf Tournament

Friday, May 18, 2012 @ 0900 – Joe Wright
Bay Hills Golf Club, Arnold, MD

Memorial Day (Observed)

Monday, May 28, 2012

Monthly Meetings, Detachment 1049 & Auxiliary

Monday, May 28, 2012 @ 1900 – Joe Wright / Dawn Parker

Flag Day

Thursday, June 14, 2012

Mid-East Division Conference

Friday, June 15 – Sunday, June 17, 2012
Hosted by the Depart. 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 / Dawn Parker

Friday Night Dinner, Detachment 1049 Auxiliary

Friday, June 29, 2012 from 1800 to 2000 – Dawn Parker

89th Marine Corps League National Convention

(Hosted by P.L. Wilson Detachment 447)
Sunday, August 12 – Saturday, August 18, 2012
(See the ad on page 15 for details)



Humor

All A Matter of Perspective?

An **Army grunt** stands in the rain with a 35 lb. pack on his back, 15 lb. weapon in hand, after having marched 12 miles, and says, "*This is shit!*"

An **Army Airborne Ranger** stands in the rain with a 45 lb. pack on his back, 15 lb. weapon in hand, after having jumped from an airplane and marched 18 miles, and says with a smile, "*This is good shit!*"

A **Navy Seal** lies in the mud, 55 lb. pack on his back, 15 lb. weapon in hand, after having had a 10 mile swim to shore, a five mile crawl through swamps, and a 25 mile march through the jungle, at night, through enemy territory, and says with a grin, "*This really is great shit!*"

A **Marine**, up to his nose in a stinking, bug-infested muddy swamp, with a 65 lb. pack on his back and a 15 lb. weapon in each hand, after jumping from an aircraft at high altitude, into the ocean, swimming 12 miles to shore, killing several alligators while navigating through swampy terrain, and then crawling 30 miles through the brush to assault an enemy camp, says, "*I love this shit!*"

An **Air Force NCO** sits in an easy chair in an air-conditioned, carpeted office, and says, "*My e-mail's out! What kind of shit is this?*"



Corps' History

by Historian Vic Halme

2 May 1946

Marines from Treasure Island Marine Barracks, under the command of **Warrant Officer Charles L. Buckner**, helped suppress three-day prison riot at Alcatraz Penitentiary in San Francisco Bay.

3 May 1898

Marines from the U.S.S. Baltimore raise the Stars and Stripes over the Cavite Naval Station.

5 May 1961

Marine pilots retrieved America's first astronaut, **Navy Commander Alan Shepard**.

6 May 1937

Marines at NAS Lakehurst, NJ helped rescue Hindenburg survivors.

6 May 1946

Commandant Archibald Vandergrift tells Senate Naval Affairs Committee that '*The bended knee is not a tradition of our Corps.*'

8 May 1995

In the wake of the most devastating storm to hit the New Orleans area in more than 200 years, a group of Marines and sailors from Marine Forces Reserve assisted in the evacuation of 2,500 civilians and medical treatment of flood victims.

15 May 1862

Corporal John Mackie, the first Marine to earn the Medal of Honor, was commended for service on the USS GALENA during action against Confederate shore batteries at Drewry's Bluff, which blocked the James River approaches to Richmond.

16 May 1945

The 22nd and 29th Marines continued the attack against Half Moon Hill, a day characterized by the 6th Marine Division as the 'bitterest' of the Okinawa campaign. By the 18th, the famed 'Shuri line' had been breached.

22 May 1912

First Lieutenant Alfred A. Cunningham, the first Marine officer to be assigned to 'duty in connection with aviation' reported for aviation training at the Naval Aviation Camp at Annapolis, MD.

23 May 1988

The V-22 Osprey, the world's first production tilt-rotor aircraft, unveiled at Bell Helicopter facilities in Arlington, TX.

26 May 1969

Operation Pipestone Canyon began when the 1st Battalion, 26th Marines and 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines began sweeps in the Dodge City/Go Noi areas southwest of Da Nang. It terminated at the end of June with 610 enemy killed in action at a cost of 34 Marines killed.

31 May 1900

Marines reach Chinese capital to defend Legation Quarter from Boxer rebellion.



Devil Dog Initiation Photos



Obviously, some of us didn't get the word about the appropriate uniform.



Spectators wondering why Pete's hands are in the shorts of another dog.



Maybe... if I continue to ignore him... he'll take his hands out of my shorts and go away.



Which of the two doctors (Seuss or Sturm) is the proctologist?
Hint he's the one wearing gloves..



I think this is truly a first! Have we ever have a Pup bring us a note from his mother before?



The Chief Devil Dog informs our new Devil Dogs and a Pup of the importance of attending Growls. Guess which one of them missed the Pack Growl, which took place little more than an hour later.

Other Convention Photos



Psst! Ed! This is a staff meeting not a growl!?



Ray's salute seems too indicate he's having second thoughts about being grouped with these dogs.



A case of musical chairs run amok?



You do realize that I was instrumental in getting you this award, Tommy?
So when do I get to use the 'people's car'?



You mean you're serious? You really want to sit with us?



What do you mean "Who are they?" I thought they were friends of yours!



Lest We Forget...

Harry E. Yaukey, Sr. (81), of Newburg, MD, passed away on April 12th at St. Mary's Hospital. He was the son of the late **Myra Loleta Reeder** and the late **Charles Franklin Reeder**. Harry was born in Chambersburg, PA on September 9, 1930.



He is survived by his brother, **Paul Yaukey** of Chambersburg, PA; his children, **Gene Yaukey, Jr., John Yaukey, Mary Pryor,** and **Myra Hardesty** and her husband **Bill Hardesty**; his step-son, **Christopher W. Swann**; his grandchildren, **Christina Ann Pryor, Laurie Marie Humphrys, John Russell Pryor, Kayla Faith Thompson, Justis Hardesty,** and **MyLee Rose Hardesty**; and 6 great grandchildren.

Harry enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1949 and was honorably discharged as a Staff Sergeant in 1954. He then served as a Maryland State Trooper from 1958 until being injured on duty in 1975.

Harry coached and managed Little League & Babe Ruth baseball for Charles County from 1972 until 1978. His leadership resulted in three championship teams during that period.

Harry was extremely involved in veterans affairs after his discharge from the Marine Corps. He served as **State Commandant for the Marine Corps League** from 1983 until 1986. He was responsible for starting the **Department of Maryland Marine of the Year** program and subsequently earned the honor twice himself – once during the period spanning 1981-1982 and again for the period of 1989-1990. He was instrumental in his detachment's **Middle School Scholarship Program** for deserving Charles County middle school students. Harry was elected **Commander of the Disabled American Veterans, Maryland Chapter** for 1994-1995. He had previously served as **Commander of the La Plata Chapter of the DAV** for two terms in 1991-1992. He was the **AmVets Department of Maryland VAVS Service Officer** for over 20 years at the **Charlotte Hall Veterans Home**. He was recognized as the **Maryland Veteran of the Year** in 1993 by the **Joint Veterans Committee**. He had the distinct honor of receiving a *Certificate of Honorary Membership* to the **Chapel of Four Chaplains** in Philadelphia, PA.

Harry was a long time member of the **Mason's St. Columbia Lodge** in La Plata, MD. He served over 20 volunteer organizations faithfully until struck by illness in February.

A Masonic Service was conducted for Harry on Thursday, April 19, 2012 at the **Brinsfield-Echols Funeral Home**. He was subsequently interred at the **Maryland Veterans Cemetery** in Cheltenham, MD.

Memorial Contributions may be made to: **Charlotte Hall Veterans Home**, 29449 Charlotte Hall Road, Charlotte Hall, Maryland 20622.

NOTE – The information above is based upon an obituary published on -line – see [Southern Maryland online](http://SouthernMarylandonline.com).

Ann Himmel, 86, died on March 28th. Ann worked as a retail associate for Hallmark Greeting Cards in Glen Burnie for 25 years before retiring in 1995. She was a devout Catholic, and a parishioner of St. Philip Neri Church. Her family was her love.

Ann was preceded in death by her husband, **Harry John Himmel**. She is survived by her daughters, **Sandra A. Dahling** of Millersville and **Karen J. Platzke** of Felton, DE; grandchildren, **Brittany Platzke, Wendi O'Dea** and **Edward Dahling III**; and great-grandchildren, **Kristin Stadler, Kaylee O'Dea** and **Abigail Dahling**.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Saturday, March 30, at **St. Philip Neri Church**. Interment was at **Cedar Hill Cemetery**.

Charitable donations may be made in Ann's memory to the **Alzheimer's Association**, 311 Arsenal Street, Watertown, MA.

NOTE – The information above is based upon an obituary published on-line by The Capital (HometownAnnapolis.com).



Most Valuable Couple

Norm and Jane Huffman were very important factors in our detachment maintaining its position as the largest promoter of the annual **Department Convention Book**. Their efforts allowed our detachment to realize a **\$1,205** share of the profits for our general fund. **Thank you Norm & Jane!**



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One-Armed Warrior

to do battle in 2012 Warrior Games

Editor's Note – This article, by Gidget Fuentes, was published on-line within Military.com's Battle Rattle section on April 6th.

As a kid, like many Marines, **Mark O'Brien** loved to trek through the woods near his home in upstate New York. He often hunted with his father and brother and his preferred choice of weapon: A hunting bow.

Then came November 8, 2004, when then-Cpl. O'Brien was deployed in Ramadi with his rifle squad with *Golf Company, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines*. An insurgent's rocket-propelled grenade exploded the *Humvee* he was riding in, sending shrapnel through his body that severed his right arm and right leg and nearly killed him. His story was featured in the 2005 TV documentary, "*Coming Home*."

Through his long recovery, through medical wards and physical therapy as he transitioned back to civilian life, O'Brien found that being a double amputee didn't mean he was limited in what he could do. "I wanted to just get back into doing things that I loved," says the 29-year-old married father of two boys who works and travels around the country as a motivational speaker.

And that included archery. So through trial and error, and with the help of his father, brother, and prosthetist, O'Brien crafted a trigger mechanism with a strap around his bicep so he could shoot the bow using his prosthetic arm – and his teeth. "I wanted often to do it, for a long time. The first time out, it was so exhilarating," he says of the first foray into the woods to hunt. "It was very surreal just to sit there. I ended up getting a deer that year. It was just so exciting."

The prototypes that O'Brien has developed let him push, instead of pull, the bow in order to release the arrow. It's a unique setup, for sure, but it works. While he often practices at the **Double J Archery** range near his home in Marilla, N.Y., a town so small it has only one red blinking light, he draws curious stares when practicing or competing at other ranges.

"Everybody kind of looks at you weird when I walk up with one arm, and then I start shooting," he says. A keen focus on the mission – the target – is all he needs to shut out everything else. "I am usually the only guy there with one arm and one leg. I focus on what I want to do, and I just keep working on it. I don't want to give up on it."

All that practice has paid off. This spring, O'Brien will represent the **Marine Corps** at the **2012 Warrior Games**, which will be held in Colorado Springs, Colo. He was selected to the team after winning gold during the All-Marine trials held at **Camp Pendleton**. "It's good to get out and represent the Marine Corps and be a part of something," he says.

"I just hope to kick the Army's ass," he adds, without hesitation. "I'm going to pretty much try to destroy the competition."



Pistol Team

by Jake Jahelka



Members of the **Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049 Pistol Team** will be representing us at the **MCL Department of Pennsylvania Pistol Match**, which will be held over the period of **1-3 June 2012** at **Fort Indiantown Gap, PA**.

Our pistol shooters have been practicing for the match every Sunday morning, since **11 March** at the **Associated Gun Clubs (AGC) Bullseye Range** in Marriottsville, MD (11518 Marriottsville Road). Hopefully, the practice will pay off and we will represent the detachment well.

I would again like to point out that anyone desiring to be part of the 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!



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 **June** include:

Troy Bryant	Danielle Campbell	Walter Cooper
Robert Di Lauro	Garland Downey Sr.	Francis Miller
William Russell	Rudolph Snyder	Joseph Stephens
	Ray Sturm	



Speaking of U.S. Marines

EDITOR'S NOTE – I recently came across a couple of items that offered a personal perspective of Marines from individuals, who are not part of our beloved Corps. The first was an email to a friend of mine, a retired USMC Warrant Officer, from a civilian friend — their names are purposely omitted for reasons of personal privacy.

The second was the 'Letter of the Month' from a British Royal Engineer, which was published in the May 2012 issue of Leatherneck Magazine's 'Sound-Off' column. I am reprinting both perspectives here for your examination.

An Excerpt from an email to a Marine Friend of Mine...

...I was standing in line at K-mart buying a new coffee pot, and two guys were standing behind me talking. I remained focused ahead.

The next cashier over called out to the guys behind me, and said **"I can check you over here sirs."**

When I looked over, there standing were the two guys that were behind me, in olive fatigues, and I realized they were soldiers. I put my hand over my heart to them and said, **"Thank you gentlemen, for all you do for me and our country. If I had known you were behind me, I certainly would have let you go ahead of me."**

They said, (God bless their souls)... **"No madam, ladies first."**

Then I said, **"What branch of the service are you gentlemen in?"**

They said, **"The Army."**

I said, **"Oh, you do the dirty work."**

They both said at once... **"No, those are The Marines!"**

I thought you would like this little story...

A Royal Marine's Reflections on U.S. Marines...

My name is Jason Connell, and I am a Corporal in the British Army, Corps of Royal Engineers, to be more specific. I recently completed a short mission-specific operational tour of duty in southern Afghanistan. Before I arrived in theater I was assigned to the 3d Battalion, Third Marine Regiment. There were a few copies of Leatherneck magazine in the office at Forward Operating Base Delhi. The theme that seemed to permeate the magazine was the immense pride that the United States Marines have for their beloved Corps and, indeed, for each other.

The Marines were able to assist me greatly in the completion of my mission and I would, if I may, use the medium of your fine publication to say a few things. I have served in a number of operational theaters, namely Iraq, Afghanistan and Northern Ireland, and have served my

Queen and country willingly for more than 12 years. I took part in several vehicle and foot patrols in Afghanistan, and although I was apprehensive, I knew I was surrounded by fit, professional and motivated Marines who cared for me, each other, the Corps and the mission. I would happily have patrolled with the Marines every day.

The time spent with the United States Marines was one of the most rewarding things that I have ever done, and I will treasure the memories for the remainder of my ongoing military career and my life. I would like to thank all of the men and women of 3/3 for the outstanding task that they are performing in Afghanistan. I am sure that you will all appreciate that my affections will always be strongest toward my beloved Corps of Royal Engineers, but I will defend the United States Marines until my last breath because I have no doubt at all they certainly would have done the same for me.

Cpl Jason Dennis Connell
Corps of Royal Engineers, British Army
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New 'Brain Bucket'

Editor's Note – This article was published on-line within Military.com's Kit-Up section.

The Marine Corps and Army have tapped **Ceradyne, Inc.**, to make the first of the new **Enhanced Combat Helmets**, ending a five-year search for a brain bucket capable of stopping rifle rounds.



The Marines and Army have given the green light to Ceradyne to build 8,600 ECHs, which will be split between the services. Fielding won't begin until after the services approve the ECH for full-rate production, a decision scheduled for May, according to a recent press release.

The ECH is a protective helmet consisting of a ballistic protective shell, pad suspension system and four-point chinstrap/nape strap retention system. This helmet fully exploits the latest lightweight material technology, Ultra-High Molecular Weight Polyethylene materials, to provide increased small arms protection above what is currently provided by the *Marine Corps Lightweight Helmet* (LWH) and the *Army Advanced Combat Helmet* (ACH). This material provides a higher degree of ballistic protection than Kevlar and Twaron, fibers used in both the LWH and ACH. It also provides enhanced protection against fragments.

In 2007, the Army and Marine Corps began looking into how to make current helmets stronger without increasing weight. Both could withstand a direct hit from a 9mm pistol round and some bomb fragments, but senior officials in both services wanted improved protection against rifle shots.

The contract award comes after the Ceradyne ECH suffered failures in the *First Article Test* process early last year. I guess we'll have to trust that the problems were resolved. The Marines are expected to receive 38,500 helmets, while the Army will buy a total of 200,000 helmets. The Navy is expected to procure 6,700 helmets as well.



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A service member with the **Blue Angels Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron** goes over the morning turns to ensure the **F/A-18 Hornet** is ready for the day's flight. There are currently 17 Marines, both enlisted and officer, on the team. The **Blue Angels** were organized **April 24, 1946**, and have been performing ever since.

[USMC photo by Cpl. Jacob D. Osborne – 3/28/2012]