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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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Fisher House steps forward to aid DOD in paying death benefits



WASHINGTON --By Jim Garamone | Headquarters Marine Corps | October 10, 2013

The Fisher House Foundation has stepped in to aid the Defense Department so families of fallen service members can receive the full set of benefits they have been promised, Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel said here today.

The Fisher House Foundation and DOD entered an agreement that includes the \$100,000 death gratuity payment.

"I am offended, outraged, and embarrassed that the government shutdown had prevented the Department of Defense from fulfilling this most sacred responsibility in a timely manner," Hagel said in a written statement.

In the weeks before the shutdown, defense officials had warned Congress that the ability to pay death benefits to grieving families would run out when the appropriations lapsed.

"The Department of Defense informed Congress that the department would be legally unable to pay death benefits were there to be a lapse in DOD appropriations,

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Members I must apologize for my absence since the June issue. My family and I are coping with our loss. I'm grateful for the help that has come from my fellow Marines of post 1049 and for the generosity of the Women's Auxiliary.

I would like to thank Mac for his help in keeping the Cutting Edge up and running during my absence. Without his help the Cutting Edge would have not made it to your mailbox.

Moving forward I will need the officers and newsletter article contributors to assist me by providing the articles as soon as possible. I work a full time job like many of you and now I'm raising a newborn baby. Now if that's not enough than add 9 weeks of radiation treatment for cancer. My Doctor has told me that fatigue will eventually set in and I will have to sacrifice something. Until then I will do my best to serve you as the Cutting Edge Newsletter Editor.

The article deadline for *the Cutting Edges'* next issue is **October 30**.



Membership Statistics

Good Standing (Dues Paid)			
Type	USMC	Associate	Multiple
Life Memberships	74	9	5
Annual Memberships	42	5	-
Delinquent Dues (Still on Active Roster)			
Type	USMC	Associate	Multiple
Annual Memberships		0	-
New Members			
	-	-	-
Sub-Totals			
	116	14	5
Total			
	135		

Renewals

[Dues expire at end of indicated month]

November 2013	December 2013	January 2013
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Commandant's Message



Ed Dahling

Marines,

Our meeting on the 23rd of Sept at the VFW Post 160. Attendance was low, but we will not be deterred. I am focusing on driving up our attendance and participation so if you can please mark on your calendar to bring a new unwrapped toy to the Oct.28th and November 25th general meeting Our Toys for Tots campaign will be in high gear during the months of November and December. This means that we need volunteers, so please give of your time.

As you know, the months of October, November, and December are very busy months for us Marines. On **October 19th**, we will have had the **Bull & Oyster Roast**, which is a major fund raiser for Detachment 1049. The proceeds will go to our general fund and assist us in paying some of our Marine Corps League expenses. I truly hope you all were able to attend and enjoy the fine food and fellowship, which that day offered.

We are also sponsoring the **October 16th Marines Helping Marines Picnic** with **L/Cpl Deane Detachment** at the **Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, MD...** I am looking forward to attending. If you like to volunteer please let me know ASOP so I can submit your name so you can gain entrance to the Medical center.

Semper Fi!

Ed Dahling



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Corps officials are soliciting Marines to consider a lateral move into a job with opportunity for new experiences, deployments and huge cash bonuses. The demand for Marines in the 0211 counterintelligence/human intelligence military occupation specialty has more than doubled over the past decade. The Marine Corps' intelligence community is asking sergeants, corporals and even some lance corporals, to consider moving to the 0211 MOS. Not much was known about what 0211s did until the U.S. invaded Afghanistan and then Iraq. CI/human intelligence Marines assisted commanders with gathering information they needed to be successful on the battlefield. Now as things wind down in the Middle East, commanders all over the world want to continue working with them. "Everybody wants CI/human intel Marines," said Col. Andrew Moyer, who serves as chief of staff for the director of Marine Corps Intelligence at the Pentagon. "So the operational tempo is very, very busy." From working undercover to interrogating detainees and protecting bases in the homeland, 0211s are in demand. The Corps is looking for mature Marines who are comfortable interacting with strangers, without a lot of input from leadership, to consider making the shift to intel. Marines who do so can find themselves deployed with a Marine expeditionary unit, working with foreign militaries or even with U.S. governmental agencies completely outside the Corps. "If you still want to be a Marine but hang your uniform up for a couple of years, wear a suit and grow your hair long, this career field will offer you an opportunity to do that," Moyer said.



From the desk of the

Senior Vice Commandant



Chris Kalwa

Hello Fellow Marines,

Not much to report this month working on getting the Bull & Oyster roast together and trying to come up with some new ideas for bringing some money into our detachment account. If anyone has ideas feel free to call me my phone is always on. Hope to see everyone at our next meeting. Remember to find new members there the future of the detachment.

Semper Fi,

Chris Kalwa

From the desk of the

Junior Vice Commandant



Ray Sturm

Boo!

Halloween is almost upon us and that means several things. First, the Marine Corps Birthday is just around the corner. I know I missed the September meeting, and I'm sure it was discussed, but I haven't heard anything about the detachment having a Ball. That's too bad. If we can't come together for one day out of the year and celebrate our traditions and enjoy the fellowship of our brother Marines... well... I just don't know.

It also means that the Bethesda picnic is fast approaching. I plan to be there and hope to see other members of the detachment there as well. We have been blessed with so much and this is a small way to show our appreciation for those who continue to sacrifice every day. As an exempt government employee on furlough, I can't take a day of leave to participate, but I'll be there conducting liaison with other federal partners. If I happen to see a wounded Marine, I'll stop by to say hello!

Semper Fi,

Ray Sturm



**Chaplain's
Corner**
by Mark East for Chaplain Fred Kaminski

"God's Word influences my perspective. My perspective influences how I respond. My response influences the outcome of the situation 100% of the time." -Dr. Nichols

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Woof-Woof,

The Maryland Pack had a very good Growl last month at the Pound Dog House. The passport bones collected, along with those collected at the Mid-east Growl, amounted to \$737.00! And we still have three more Pack Growls to go. Again, I am sure the Maryland Pack will be the Pack donating the most bones of any Pack in the Kennel. Well done Dogs!

At this year's Supreme Growl, the Kennel donated \$26,500.00 to the children's hospital in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Hopefully, next year we can raise that to \$30,000.00.

After being informed that Anne Arundel is the only county in the state that doesn't provide uniforms for Special Olympics participants, a motion was made, seconded, and passed to donate \$300.00 to this cause, along with the 50-50 raffle bones for the rest of the year.

Another reminder to those Devil Dogs seeking advancement to PDD next August: The first Pack Growl for you to attend to fulfill the two Pack Growl requirement in the year prior to the Supreme Growl has passed. The next opportunity will be in January 2014. Don't let the Growls slip by if you are planning on advancing at the next Supreme Growl.

Anne Arundel County Detachment still has two Dogs who have not paid their 2014 dues. If you are one of them, get 15 big bones to me ASAP. Thanks.

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

Woof-Woof,

Paul Taylor

PDD & Dog Robber



Japan will foot a third of the bill to move Marines to Guam

OCTOBER 8TH, 2013 | [BATTLE RATTLE](#) | POSTED BY [GINA HARKINS](#)



The State Department announced Thursday that Japan will pay \$3.1 billion to fund facilities and infrastructure in Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The U.S. has projected that final bill to move 5,000 Marines from Okinawa, Japan, to Guam to cost \$8.6 billion.

That means Japan will fund about 36 percent of the costs. The timeline to move all those Marines to Guam is still being worked out. Lt. Gen. Terry Robling, the commander of Marine Corps Forces Pacific, said figuring out how best to do that takes planning and time, he said.

“Continuing progress on Guam is contingent on the results of the Guam Relocation Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement,” Robling said. “This Record of Decision for Guam is expected in February 2015.”

The Marine Corps is slated to start construction of a Battle Staff Training Facility on Guam by 2019. Robling said his command is excited about developments on Guam because they will provide MARFORPAC with a place to host multilateral training on U.S. soil, which is important to further build relationships with other countries. The Corps is also assessing how best to move Marines from Okinawa to Hawaii, he said. Moving an additional 2,700 Marines there will bring the number up to 8,800.



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"White House press secretary Jay Carney said during his daily briefing today.

The issue was not explicitly addressed as part of the Pay Our Military Act. "The president was very disturbed to learn of this problem, and he directed the Department of Defense to work with the Office of Management and Budget and his lawyers to develop a possible solution and he expects this ... to be fixed today," Carney said.

Since the shutdown began Oct. 1, DOD budget officials looked at options to continue these benefits, Hagel said. "Even under the Pay Our Military Act, we found that we lacked the necessary authority to make payments to the families directly," the secretary said.

The Fisher House Foundation offered to make payments to these families from its own funds, and OMB officials determined DOD can enter into a contract with the Fisher House Foundation to provide these benefits.

"The Fisher House Foundation will provide the families of the fallen with the benefits they so richly deserve," Hagel said. "After the shutdown ends, DOD will reimburse the Fisher House for the costs it has incurred."

The Fisher House Foundation is best known for the houses built on the grounds of major military and VA medical centers nationwide and in Europe. Families of wounded or hospitalized service members stay at the houses as their loved ones undergo hospitalization for a combat injury, illness or disease.

A total of 26 service members have died since Oct. 1, including five killed in combat in Afghanistan. The \$100,000 death gratuity comes from appropriated funds, and DOD could not obligate funds once the fiscal year 2013 appropriation ran out. The department also cannot pay the benefit that provides 12 months of basic allowance for housing, as that money also comes via appropriated funds.

"The department has no higher priority than taking care of our service members and their families," Hagel said. "Congress has responsibilities as well, and it has abdicated them.

"Along with the rest of the department's leaders," he continued, "I will continue to work every day to address the very real impact that the government shutdown is having on our people, and I once again call on Congress to fulfill its basic responsibilities and restore funding for the federal government."



Miramar Air Show cancelled amid government shutdown

OCTOBER 3RD, 2013 | BATTLE RATTLE | BY HOPE HODGE
A Marine Corps air show that draws crowds of 750,000 every year has been cancelled the day before it was scheduled to begin.

Officials with Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, Calif., announced Thursday morning that the Miramar Air Show, set to start Friday, could not be held during the federal government shutdown, according to regulation.



In happier times: a color guard stands at attention as F/A-18 Super Hornets soar during the 2011 Miramar Air Show. /Gunnery Sgt. Steven Williams

Guidance from the Deputy Secretary of Defense mandates that non-expected activities, including outreach events, are not authorized under the current shutdown guidelines," air station officials said in a statement. "We want to thank everyone involved in the air show for their hard work, dedication and patience during such a period of fiscal duress and we look forward to this annual event to take place next year."

In July, air show organizers announced that the air show would not include any military flights or aerial demonstrations, including the Navy's world famous demonstration team the Blue Angels, due to sequestration budget cuts.

Rep. Duncan Hunter, a Republican whose district includes the air station, wrote to Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel to demand rationale for removing federal support for an event that reportedly brought in revenue every year. According to information obtained by UT San Diego, the air show cleared \$1.6 million in profits last year, which helped fund community programs.

Ultimately, the air station announced it would move forward with a shortened air show featuring civilian pilots and aircraft and static ground displays.

Just two days ago on Oct. 1, the first day of the government shutdown, Miramar issued a news release promoting the altered air show, which was to include a 5K "fun run" and Dusty, the Disney plane.



Needlecraft group creates comfort for wounded soldiers

By KELLEY LEMONS Correspondent CapitalGazette.com October 9, 2013



Senior Needlecraft Group

From left, members of the Pasadena Senior Center Needlecraft Group show some of the blankets they made for soldiers at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center to Marine Corps League members, who will deliver the blankets on Oct. 16. From left, front row: Corean White, Grace Wharton, Rose Smith, Tina Zahorcak, Betty Douglas, Sherry Drexler, Kathy Cuzzart and Wyetter Segar; back row: Wayne McNeir, Leslie Wires, Norman Huffman, Pasadena Senior Activity Center office manager Barbara Perron and Manny Airey.

For quite a few months, a group of 13 women have been wrapping yarn around their fingers, maneuvering needles and hooks, to create a gift of comfort for soldiers.

On Sept. 30, the **Pasadena Senior Center** Needlecraft Group handed over their hard work — 39 blankets — to members of **Marine Corps League Detachment 1049**, who will deliver them to soldiers at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda.

The group meets twice a week from 9 a.m. to noon at the center. One day, group leader **Kathy Cuzzart** told the center's activities director, Jane Huffman, "It would be nice if the ladies at the center could make afghans for the soldiers." She brought the idea to the group, and they decided to make afghans for the soldiers. Some of the ladies knit or crochet, and some do both.

"We have a good group of talented ladies that crochet and knit at the center," Cuzzart said. "We have been working on this for a little over nine months."

Three Marine Corps League members — **Wayne McNeir**, **Norman Huffman** and **Manny Airey** — and some of the ladies from the center will deliver them on Oct. 16 during the medical center's monthly picnic. The Marine Corps League sponsors the monthly picnics for the wounded military men and women at the hospital.

"This is a yearlong effort, and one of the many things we do," McNeir said. The league supports several medical centers and holds a golf tournament that has expanded to other leagues throughout the country.

The needle craft group — Cuzzart, **Cammy Blanch**, **Betty Douglas**, **Sherry Drexler**, **Beatrice Iacovino**, **Lazarus John**, **Carol Ramey**, **Wyetter Segar**, **Rose Smith**, **Grace Wharton**, **Corean White**, **Leslie Wires** and **Tina Zahorcak** — enjoy knitting and crocheting and manage to make plenty of items to sell at the center's craft shows. The next show will be Nov. 14 and 15.

The Marines Helping Marines cook out is on Wednesday 10 -16. If you would like to attend please contact **Ed** and or **Mac** so they can get your name on the roster as clearance to get on base has changed.



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Have You Heard?

by Mark East

Highlights of the September 23rd Meeting

The meeting was brought to order by **Commandant Ed Dahling**, who acknowledged the presence of **Department of Maryland Adjutant, Paul Taylor**; and **Past Detachment Commandants Guy Hall, Manny Airy, Mac McNair and Joseph Wright**.

Awards Presentation...

Mac McNair presented an award plaque that recognized **Christine Stevens** for her efforts as a volunteer for the **Anne Arundel County Marine Corp League golf tournament**. Thank you **Christine!**

Mac was kind enough to humor us with **Manny (the wall buster) Airy** plaque. **Manny** had managed to hit his ball hard enough to put a split. In the cover. He was recognized for his herculean efforts and presented with the split ball plaque.

Correspondence...

Jr. Past Commandant Joe Wright read a letter that was sent to our detachment by **Ron Short - National Director of Marines helping Marines**. He thanked us for our donation and continued support.

Joseph Wright announced that the **Marine Corp Museum** has laid the brick that recognizes **Marine Corp League 1049 for their contribution**. If you plan to visit the museum in the future be sure to take a picture of our brick. Look for brick # is 20810.

Sick or in Distress...

Mark East is undergoing radiation treatment for cancer and will continue treatment until mid November.

Rusty Bixler has cancer and is recovering. He is weak but recovering

Paul Taylor's daughter is in the hospital and recovering vascular bypass.

Report of Officers...

Commandant Ed Dahling : Reminded those in attendance of the **Marines Helping Marines** cook out is on Wednesday 10 -16. If you would like to attend please contact **Ed** and or **Mac** so they can get your name on the roster as clearance to get on base has changed.

Senior Vice Commandant Chris Kalwa : Reminded those in attendance that **October 19th** is the detachments annual **Bull & Oyster Roast**. We have plenty of tickets left. **Contact Chris** at 443-310-9517 to reserve yours.

Note that this is the big one and it has to be a success so that we have funds to carry us through the year. Be sure to offer a ticket to a friend, neighbor or a Marine that has yet to join.

Detachment Judge Advocate Ben Wells reported information from the Department of Maryland Judge Advocate he received at the department meeting.

Navy chaplains having earned the Fleet Marine Corp Badge while serving with Marines will be eligible for regular membership into the Marine Corp League.

Life member fees and schedule will be changed. The current 61 and over age schedule will be removed and replaced with 51 thru 64 at a fee of \$300.00. Life Membership for ages 65 and over will be charged at \$ 200.00

Lettering details for covers and uniforms were addressed and a memo is available with the details from Ben.

Changes will be in effect starting January 1, 2014

Chaplain Fred Kaminski has requested that detachment members call him at 410-760-4684 if you or your family are having problems that **Fred** can add some spiritual help to and to assist in communicating your problems to the remainder of our detachment. **Fred** stated that he has been chaplain for 4 to 5 months and has not received a call to date.

Newsletter Editor Mark East has asked that all the newsletter contributors push to get there articles to him sooner. I need all the time I can get to produce the newsletter. I will be going through many changes and I'm out of options and ways to make better use of my time. Your articles must be on time.

Quartermaster Fred Kaminski reported that **Major Savage** has donated some posters from the Korean war era and **Fred** has had them mounted. If you are interested in seeing them feel free to call 410-760-4684 or attend a meeting to see **Fred's** display.

Unfinished Business...

Harry Anderson wanted to report that he has experienced poor service in his attempt to pay his dues. If other members are experiencing this problem please contact **Ray Strum**.

New Business...

Mac McNair reported that **Dawn Parker** is kicking off the **2013 Toys for Tots campaign at the American Legion post 40 on October 20th between 2 to 7 pm**. Tickets are \$ 20.00 each plus you will need a toy in its unwrapped original container. The catering will be by **Mission Barbeque and Glory Days**. Come and enjoy great music, food and fun.

Manny Airey, Mac McNair and Norm Huffman traveled to the **Pasadena Senior Center** and picked up a truckload of quilts that the ladies had made for the wounded be treated down at **Walter Reed Hospital**. They will distribute them to the troops the day of the cook out.

Good of the League...

Norm Huffman presented a calendar fundraiser for the league. The idea was accepted as one that would be good for the league and **Mark East** added that he would like to sell ads to the Cutting Edge to help pay the cost of the newsletter and that the calendar and newsletter could help promote each other while in the marketing process of each. The motion was made to table the idea until the October meeting.

Adjournment...

The detachment meeting was adjourned in accordance with league rituals and will reconvene at **1900** on the **28th of October 2013**.



Recruits begin MCMAP with basics

By Cpl. Benjamin E. Woodle | Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego | October 11, 2013



Sgt. XXX Garcia, drill instructor, Instructional Training Company, Support Battalion, demonstrates how to give a front hand punch to recruits during an instructional class over the fundamentals of the Marine Corp Martial Arts Program aboard the depot, Sept. 18. (Photo by Cpl. Benjamin E. Woodle)

San Diego --

One mind, any weapon; the motto for the Marine Corps Martial Arts Program defines the purpose and goal of its training. Those wishing to excel must start with the basics, the fundamentals, of the program to eventually master.

Recruits of Company H, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, were introduced to the fundamentals of MCMAP aboard the depot, Sept. 18.

The purpose of the class was to introduce recruits to the basic moves. They will be learning more in-depth techniques throughout recruit training. Becoming a proficient warrior in the program doesn't happen overnight and neither does the opportunity to train in the more technical and advanced techniques.

"Every recruit needs a strong foundation to build on," said Recruit Elijah C. Sanchez, Platoon 2163, a Beeville, Texas native. "This training will help us build it so that we can, in the future, incorporate more technical maneuvers."

According to the Marine Corps Order, the focus of MCMAP is the personal development of each Marine in a team framework using a standardized, trainable, and sustainable close combat fighting system. As a weapon-based system, all techniques are integrated with equipment, physical challenges, and tactics found on the modern battlefield.

One of the goals of MCMAP is to be able to send Marines into combat with the ability to defend themselves both with their weapon and through hand-to-hand combat. Ensuring recruits leave recruit training with the basic skills necessary to accomplish that is a critical priority.

"In combat there are situations where you may need close-

quarter-combat skills," said Sgt. Richard P. Bowen, drill instructor, Plt. 2161. "Most recruits haven't been in a fight for their life or needed to defend themselves. The basics are enough to keep them alive."

During basic fundamentals training, MCMAP instructors gave demonstrations on the introductory techniques including the basic warrior stance, angles of movement, lead and rear hand punch and upper cuts. After watching the demonstration, recruits are instructed to "setup the dojo," where recruits form up in a rubber pit double-arms-distance away from each other to execute the techniques.

"Tan belt through black belt, you always revert back to the basics," said Bowen, a Grants Pass, Ore. native. "It's the building blocks for all of MCMAP."

Though the recruits are learning the physical maneuvers of MCMAP, they are also given additional training on core values and morals.

"MCMAP ties in with the warrior ethos, which is the whole Marine concept," said Bowen, a 2nd degree black belt instructor. "It will help develop them to be Marines and instill discipline in them to only utilize these techniques when necessary."

Co. H recruits have begun their journey to becoming experienced and efficient close-quarter-combat fighters. It is an essential training tool for all Marines to become proficient warriors.

"We're all rifleman, no matter what Military Occupation Specialty you are," said Sanchez. "Marines need to be ready in a combat environment."



Recruit Albert L. Lenerville of Company H, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, practices front hand punches during the introduction to the fundamentals of the Marine Corps Martial Arts Program aboard the depot, Sept. 18. Though the recruits are learning the physical maneuvers of MCMAP, they are also given additional training on core values and morals. (Photo by Cpl. Benjamin E. Woodle)





Fort Meade Toys for Tots Campaign Begins With Motorcycle Run



October 10, 2013

By **Brandon Bieltz**



Dani Kallas, 7, organizes donated toys during Saturday's second annual Toys for Tots Motorcycle Run at the Pavilion. The event was the official kickoff of the 2013 toy drive sponsored by the Marine Corps. (Photo by Nate Pesce)

The government shutdown took a bite out of the festivities at Saturday's second annual Toys for Tots Motorcycle Run, but it didn't diminish the significance of the start of the 2013 campaign.

"The government shutdown cannot affect the spirit of caring and giving," said Garrison Commander Col. Brian P. Foley.

Nearly 100 motorcyclists participated in the charity event, which included a police-escorted motorcycle ride that ended at the Pavilion, lunch provided by Mission BBQ and music by Mad Planet.

The U.S. Marine Corps Silent Drill Platoon was scheduled to perform at the conclusion of the ride, but due to the federal government shutdown, it had to cancel. Organizers said that despite the setback, they were pleased with the turnout.

"The main purpose was to be here for the kids," said Marine Capt. Pete Smith, head of the Anne Arundel County Toys for Tots program.

The event was the official kickoff of the annual Anne Arundel County Toys for Tots campaign, a Christmas toy drive sponsored by the Marine Corps. Last year, the campaign collected 100,000 gifts for less fortunate children in the area.

Bikers gathered at the First Christian Community Church of Annapolis to begin the 18-mile motorcycle ride to Fort Meade. To register for the ride, motorcyclists donated toys to the campaign.

Smith said the ride serves as a very public display of the start of the toy drive.

"The intent was to make the public aware that the Christmas season is getting ready to kick off, and the Toys for Tots effort is getting ready to kick off," he said. "Most of the folks who ride motorcycles care a lot about the military. They're patriotic.

"We wanted to use them as a means to get the word out. Bikers mean a lot to this community, and we asked for their help to help spread the word."

When the bikers arrived at the Pavilion, they dined on a free lunch catered by Mission BBQ to the music of Mad Planet, a local cover band.

In his brief remarks, Foley offered his support for the Toys for Tots campaign and thanked the bikers for participating in the kickoff.

With the 2013 Toys for Tots program officially underway, Smith said the campaign would begin collecting toys immediately and that he hopes to collect as many unwrapped toys as last year.

Individuals can donate a toy at one of the various collection sites throughout the area.

"We're going to have boxes all over the county," Smith said.

Editor's note: To find a donation location, go to toys-fortots.org.



It's Kick off time !

Dawn Parker is kicking off the **2013 Toys for Tots** campaign at the **American Legion post 40** on **October 20th** between **2 to 7 pm**. Tickets are \$ 20.00 each plus you will need a toy in its unwrapped original container . The catering will be by **Mission Barbeque** and **Glory Days**. Come and enjoy great music, food and fun .





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Young Marines

They had planned October Halloween Party according to the September Cutting Edge but no other information became available at the time this article went to print.

More information about the Annapolis Young Marines and their activities, contact either Jennifer Landon at aymjll@aim.com or Dallas Cooper at dmec69@yahoo.com. Until next time OOORAH!

You may also contact the Annapolis Young Marines at the following email address.... annapolisyoungmarines@aol.com.

Thank You,

Jennifer Landon

Young Marines Executive Officer

Quotation

"My old man says when it's time to be counted, the important thing is to be man enough to stand up."

Robert A. Heinlein, *Between Planets*



1ST RULE OF MARINE WARFARE

Only bring artillery if you want to kill EVERYONE

The Brick is Laid



Lest We Forget...



Lance Cpl. Jeremiah M. Collins Jr.

Died October 5, 2013 Serving During Operation Enduring Freedom

19, of Milwaukee, Wis.; assigned to Combat Logistics Regiment 2, 2nd Marine Logistics Group, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C.; died Oct. 5 while supporting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan.



The Brick that represents Marine Corp League detachment 1049 has been laid.

The next time you visit the National Marine Corp Museum be sure to take a picture of our brick and pass it on.

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Brick No. 20810

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Coming Events

The following events are scheduled to occur through **December 15, 2013**. 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.

Annapolis Young Marines Meeting

Sunday, October 13, 2013 from 1:30 PM to 4:30 PM (Dallas Cooper)

Bull & Oyster Roast, MCL Detachment 1049

Saturday, October 19, 2013 from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM (Chris Kalwa)

Annapolis Young Marines Meeting

Sunday, October 27, 2013 from 1:30 PM to 4:30 PM (Dallas Cooper)

Monthly Meetings, MCL Detachment 1049 & Auxiliary

Monday, October 28, 2013 @1900 (Ed Dahling/Anita Ullery)

Friday Night Dinner, MCL Detachment 1049

Friday, November 1, 2013 from 1800 – 2000 (Manny Airy)

Annapolis Young Marines Meeting

Sunday, November 10, 2013—1:30 PM to 4:30PM (Dallas Cooper)

Annapolis Young Marines Meeting

Sunday, November 24, 2013 —1:30 PM to 4:30PM (Dallas Cooper)

Monthly Meetings, MCL Detachment 1049 & Auxiliary

Monday, November 25, 2013 @ 1900 (Ed Dahling/ Anita Ullery)

MCL Detachment 1049 Auxiliary

Friday, November 29, 2013 from 1800 – 2000 (Anita Ullery)

Annapolis Young Marines Meeting

Sunday, December 1, 2013 —1:30 PM to 4:30PM (Dallas Cooper)

Annapolis Young Marines Meeting

Sunday, December 15, 2013 —1:30 PM to 4:30PM (Dallas Cooper)



Corps History

by Mark East

1 October 1880

John Phillip Sousa named 17th Director of the Marine Corps Band.

1 October 2001

General Peter Pace becomes first Marine to serve as **Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff**.

5 October 1775

Meeting in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the 2nd Continental Congress used the word '**Marines**' on one of the earliest known occasions, when it directed **General George Washington** to secure two vessels on '*Continental risque and pay*,' and to give orders for the '*proper encouragement to the Marines and seamen*' to serve on the two armed ships.

6 October 2008

The first **Marine Special Operations Individual Training Course** begins at Camp Lejeune, NC.

6 October 1945

Major General Keller E. Rockey, Commanding General, III Amphibious Corps, accepted the surrender of 50,000 Japanese troops in North China on behalf of the Chinese Nationalist government.

7 October 2001

The **War in Afghanistan** began as the armed forces of the **United States**, the **United Kingdom**, **Australia**, and the **Afghan United Front** (Northern Alliance) launched **Operation Enduring Freedom**.

14 October 1918

Marine flyers, **2nd Lieutenant Ralph Talbot** and **Gunnery Sergeant Robert G. Robinson**, win Medals of Honor.

16 October 1820

Lieutenant Colonel Anthony Gale, 4th Commandant of the Marine Corps, having been found guilty of habitual drunkenness and conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman by a General Court Martial, was dismissed from the Marine Corps.

17 October 1820

Archibald Henderson appointed Commandant...a position he held until his death, a period of 38 years.

18 October 1859

86 Marines, under **1st Lieutenant Israel Green**, USMC and **Lt. Colonel Robert E. Lee**, USA, capture abolitionist **John Brown** at Harpers Ferry, Virginia.

23 October 1983

At 0622, an explosive-laden truck slammed into the BLT headquarters building in **Beirut, Lebanon**, and took the lives of 241 Americans – including 220 Marines. This was the highest loss of life in a single day for Marines since D-Day on Iwo Jima in 1945.

24 October 1915

Marine Corps Recruit Depot was moved from Norfolk and re-established at Parris Island, South Carolina.

31 October 1955

Lieutenant General Lewis B. 'Chesty' Puller, who earned five Navy Crosses – and an Army Distinguished Service Cross – retires.

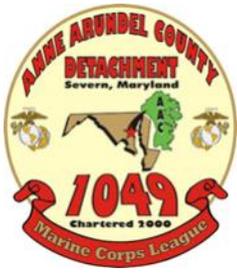


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Photo By: Cpl. Paul Peterson CAMP LEATHERNECK, Afghanistan - Marines conduct a controlled detonation of an improvised explosive device during a combat logistics patrol launched by Combat Logistics Regiment 2, Regional Command (Southwest), in Helmand province, Afghanistan, Aug. 28, 2013.