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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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Baseball Honors Heroes

NOTE – The following is an edited version of an article – 'Tribute for Heroes' – by Alyson Footer which appeared on the MLB.com website.



Heroism was front and center at the **All-Star Game** which recently took place at Citi Field in New York. But for this exercise, the focus was not on baseball players, but instead on a group of 30 of our nation's bravest who were honored, and thanked, for their military service.

Major League Baseball and **PEOPLE** magazine announced the 30 winners of the "Tribute for Heroes" campaign, which recognized veterans and military service members and built on both organizations' commitment to honoring our country's heroes. Fans nationwide voted at TributeForHeroes.com, selecting 30 winners from a pool of 90 finalists.

All winners, each representing one of the 30 Major League clubs, received first-class accommodations throughout the All-Star festivities, which included a private tour of the **9/11 Memorial and Museum**, a VIP reception on the **USS Intrepid**, the **Red Carpet Parade** and the **Home Run Derby**. Honorees were also recognized during pregame ceremonies conducted prior to the **2013 All-Star Game** that took place on July 16th.

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From the Editor

by Mac McNeir, Editor Emeritus

I am happy to report that **Mark East** will be back at the helm in time to publish the September issue of this newsletter. I will continue to lurk in the background for the time being to assist Mark on an as needed basis until he is ready to go it alone.

As I have stated many times, it has been a true pleasure for me to be part of the evolution that brought *the Cutting Edge* to the attention of many people outside of our detachment and the **Department of Maryland**.

I hope that you have enjoyed reading our newsletter as much as I have had serving as editor!

The deadline for the submission of articles to Mark for the next issue of *the Cutting Edge* is **August 31st**.



Membership Statistics

Good Standing (Dues Paid)

Type	USMC	Associate	Multiple
Life Memberships	71	8	5
Annual Memberships	26	5	–

Delinquent Dues (Still on Active Roster)

Type	USMC	Associate	Multiple
Annual Memberships	18	0	–

New Members

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Sub-Totals

115	13	5
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Total

133

Renewals

[Dues expire at end of indicated month]

August 2013	September 2013	October 2013
Robert Lucian Brian Nevel Earl Parker Franklin Wood Frank Zupancic	Albert Bell Walter Cooper Scott Neff Ray Sturm	James Galvin James McCormick

You are also asked to please advise the editor of any errors or omissions in the above listing as well as any changes to your contact information.

Commandant's Message



Ed Dahling

Marines,

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer and hopefully taking care of yourselves in the brutal summer heat. As usual, at this time of year, things have been quiet for the detachment.

I am requesting confirmation from our membership as to their intention to attend our **Marine Corps Ball**... if member feedback warrants our detachment having one. We can try to have a formal affair; however, if there is insufficient interest, we can still have our traditional gathering and a cake cutting ceremony at **VFW Post 160**. We will discuss this matter at the August 26th detachment meeting; so, I hope to see a large turnout.

Some very important staff positions have been vacant for far too long and they really need to be filled. With the diverse talent in this detachment, I cannot understand why these positions remain vacant. These positions do not take a lot of time... I know I held them myself and am willing to help anyone get started if necessary. Positions needing to be filled include the following.

- Veterans Affairs Volunteer Services (VAVS) Representative
- Public Information Officer
- Legislative Officer

SSgt Pointer with the **Marine Cryptologic Support Battalion** at **Fort Meade** will be conducting a **Summer Fun Day** for their Marines and families on **Friday, August 23rd**. Our detachment has a chance to come out and be represented at a table. It will be a great opportunity to reach out to Marines and their families and let them know that the **Marine Corps League** is here and what the league is about. **SSgt Pointer** will provide the tables and chairs... all we need are members willing to represent our detachment. If anyone would like to volunteer, please email me at umpire86@aol.com or call me on my cell (410-570-8673).

Semper Fi!

Ed



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Legendary Warrior...

exemplifies what it means to be a Marine

NOTE – The following is a reprint of an article by Dan Lamothe that recently appeared on the Marine Corps Times website.

Chesapeake, VA – When **Staff Sergeant Cliff Wooldridge** arrived here in 2011 to serve as an instructor with **Marine Corps Security Force Regiment**, he was less than a year removed from beating a Taliban fighter to death in Afghanistan with his own machine gun.

The transition to a training environment was not easy. Wooldridge had served as an *anti-tank missileman* in **3rd Battalion, 7th Marines**, out of Twentynine Palms, CA, as they pushed through a deployment in **Helmand province** in 2010. It included heavy combat in **Musa Qala** and **Sangin** districts, where insurgents were deeply entrenched.



SSgt. Cliff Wooldridge
[Photo by Mike Morones]

Despite the difficult readjustment after arriving in Virginia, Wooldridge, then a Sergeant, persevered, his colleagues say. He became an instructor with **Marine Corps Security Force Training Company's Close Quarter Battle School** last year, volunteered with charities and showed such dedication to work that he was meritoriously promoted to staff sergeant.

He also received the **Navy Cross** in May 2012 for his heroism in Afghanistan in 2010. The award is second only to the Medal of Honor in recognition of combat valor.

For his leadership, heroism and quiet professionalism, Wooldridge, 25, is the **2013 Marine Corps Times Marine of the Year**. He doesn't think he deserves the award, he said, but he was touched that Marines in his chain of command nominated him for it.

"There are definitely a lot of people who deserve this award over me, but the mere fact that I was even put up for this was incredible," Wooldridge said. *"I'm very humbled."*

Wooldridge recently joined one of the Corps' **Fleet Anti-terrorism Security Teams** as a platoon sergeant. He will serve as the senior enlisted leader in **5th Platoon, Bravo Company**, out of **Naval Weapons Station Yorktown, VA**. The 50-man unit serves as a crisis-response force, performing U.S. embassy reinforcement, evacuation and other anti-terrorism and security missions abroad as necessary.

Marines who work with Wooldridge say he has gone above and beyond to relate his experiences to junior Marines. He leads with a calm, cool demeanor that is rare in leaders with more experience, said his regiment's commanding officer, **Colonel Darrin Denny**.

(see *Legendary Warrior* on page 11)

"He has always taken a personal interest in knowing his students, and that the students he trains need to be ready to answer the nation's call when called upon while deployed"

From the desk of the

Senior Vice Commandant



Chris Kalwa

Fellow Marines,

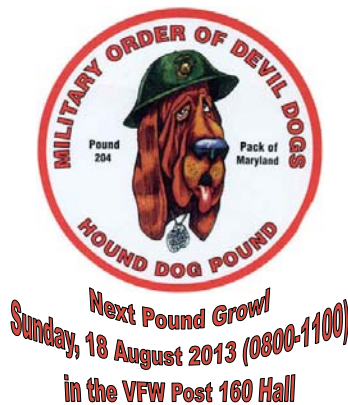
Another month has gone by and it's time to write an article for the newsletter. I find this task somewhat stressful in that (1) not much changes from month to month and (2) I'm not very good at writing.

I'm steadily working to prepare for the **Bull & Oyster Roast**, which will take place on **October 19, 2013**. Tickets are at the printer and should be available by the time of our next meeting on **August 26, 2013**. The per person purchase price will be **\$35**.

I'm also trying to come up with different ideas to make this year's roast more fun and exciting for all who attend. One idea I would like to run by everyone is – if the cost is right – would it be preferable to have a live band rather than a DJ for the entertainment. Please let me know about your feelings with regard to this idea; so, I know which route to take.

Semper Fi,

Chris Kalwa



Department of Maryland News

Next Department of Maryland Staff Meeting...

will take place here, at **VFW Post 160**, on **Saturday, September 7, 2013** from **0900 to 1100**.

All members are encouraged to attend this staff meeting. Why not take the opportunity to learn what goes on at the department level of our organization?



From the desk of the

Junior Vice Commandant



Ray Sturm

Greetings All,

On July 27th, I worked an event at the **Korean War Memorial** commemorating the 60th anniversary of the signing of the armistice. My day started at 0200 as final security measures were put in place. At 0630, the gates were open to the public. The first couple to be seated was a Marine and his wife. Naturally, I went to meet them. He had no idea I was a Marine, and when I asked why he was there so early (the President wasn't to arrive until 0945), he said **"I'm a Marine. We're always first in."**



It was the start of a great conversation, and just one of many chats I had with the veterans of the **'Forgotten War.'** Once I said I was a Marine, and that my father fought with them in Korea, they opened up with some great stories.

One of the saddest comments that I heard was from President Obama. He said that as of today, there were still 7,810 servicemen still listed as POW/MIA in Korea. That's right...almost eight thousand husbands, sons, fathers still unaccounted for. I'm ashamed to admit I had no idea the number was so high. How many times have I seen that black and white flag and never realized the sacrifice that so many continue to make?

I applaud those who are working to bring our servicemen home to be reunited with family or to finally rest in peace in the country they so loved. For the Korean War veterans in the detachment, please know that your sacrifices are not forgotten, and that from now on, when I see that black and white flag, I will have 7,810 reasons to remember.

Semper Fi,

Ray Sturm



Rifle & Pistol Team

by Ray Sturm



I have no news to report other than ammunition seems to be more available lately. Anyone wishing to shoot... let's get together and bust some caps. See you at the range.





Color Guard

by Mac McNeir for Color Guard Commander Woody Bowman

Although one volunteer has stepped forward, our detachment color guard **remains in need** of some new members... especially younger members capable of marching in parades!

Since our color guard keeps the community aware of our organization and its goals... the continuation of this highly visible undertaking is very important. Losing this community visibility could have severe consequences – especially among the vendors who have supported our fund-raisers over the years.

Need more information? Want to volunteer? Want to be part of the future of this valuable group? If the answer to any of these questions is **YES**, Call **Woody Bowman** at the following number...

(410) 647-9655



Chaplain's Corner

by Mac McNeir for Chaplain Fred Kaminski

– **NO REPORT** –

Please contact our Chaplain at the following number as soon as you learn of any member or member of our detachment's extended family, who is sick, in distress, etc.

410-760-4684 (home)



Military Order of the Devil Dogs



The Fun & Honor Society of the Marine Corps League

Woof-Woof,

As predicted last month, the **Mideast Division** had a very successful conference on the last weekend in June. Thanks to the efforts of the **Department of Maryland**, the other departments in the division now know how to host a successful conference.

As host of the **Mideast Growl**, the **Maryland Pack** also did an outstanding job, collecting nearly 400 bones for the child-ren's hospital in Charleston, West Virginia during next year's Supreme Growl.

Again, due to the outstanding efforts by the **Anne Arundel County Detachment** that hosted the *hospitality room*, nothing but outstanding comments were heard from all who visited.

With the new Dog year starting, it is time to scratch off the fleas, get moving and start barking. It is also time to start paying your annual dues. Several Dogs are already ahead of the program. It is never too early to pay them. As always, send your dues to me at **7944 Oakwood Road, Glen Burnie, MD 21061**. If paying by check, make it out for \$**15**, payable to 'MODD, Pound 204.'

The next **Pound Growl** will be on **18 August** and the next **Pack Growl** will be on **7 September**, hosted by the **Anne Arundel County Detachment**. Be sure to attend each and get the year off to a good start.

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

Woof-Woof,

Paul Taylor

PDD & Dog Robber

Bombastic Bumper Snicker:



War hath no fury...

like a non-combatant!



Have You Heard?

by Mac McNeir, Editor Emeritus

July 22nd Meeting Highlights ...

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

Induction of New Members...

In accordance with league rituals, Marines **Josh Copfer** (Afghanistan Veteran) and **Gilbert Cavey** (Vietnam Veteran) were sworn into the league and subsequently welcomed by detachment members during a temporary suspension of the meeting proceedings.

Awards...

Certificates of Appreciation from the detachment were awarded to **Norm Huffman**, **Tom Maiorana**, **Bud Wright**, and **Joe Wright** for their work as volunteers for the detachment sponsored **8th Annual Marines Helping Marines Golf Tournament** that was recently held at the **Compass Pointe Golf Course**.

Heart-felt Thank You...

Manny Airey expressed his sincere appreciation for all of the support and expressions of sympathy that he received from the members of the detachment as a result of the recent passing of his wife **Irene**.

Paymaster Report...

No report was given due to the fact that Junior Vice Commandant **Ray Sturm** has just recently relieved **Commandant Dahling** of his Paymaster responsibilities. A report will be forthcoming... most likely after an audit, which is to be performed by members **James Brady** and **Mike Hadley** in the near future.

Sick or in Distress...

Happily, there are no members of the extended detachment family known to be either sick or in distress at this time.

Report of Officers...

Commandant Ed Dahling reported that he had recently been contacted by the Commandant of the Marine Corps League's Annapolis Detachment, who offered the assistance of his membership in any activities undertaken by our detachment... activities such as collecting and distributing donations for the annual **Toys for Tots** campaign, manning booths at functions such as the county fair, etc.

Color Guard Commander Woody Bowman thanked the **Annapolis Young Marines** and all of our detachment members, who took part in the annual **Severna Park 4th of July Parade**. He also reminded everyone of the support that he has received from the Marines at Fort Meade in meeting the many community requests for

military participation in their various events.

Woody also reported that he and **Gabe Gutierrez** recently presented colors for a Maryland state square-dancing event in Hunt Valley.

The only event taking place in the near future is the **Lost in the Fifties Car Show**, which will take place on **September 14th at Marley Station Mall**.

Newsletter Editor... Due to the recent untimely passing of **Mark East**'s step-daughter **Sara Nelson**, **Mac McNeir** will continue to serve as the newsletter editor until the August issue of *the Cutting Edge* is published. Mark is easing back into his role as editor and will be responsible for the September and all subsequent issues of the newsletter.

New Business...

A motion was made by **George Martin**, which was seconded and approved, to donate \$100 to help defray some of the expenses associated with the start of a new training year for the **Annapolis Young Marines**.

Good of the League...

Jim Brady announced that he has been informed that a Marine named **Jim Lang**, who resided in the Ferndale area, recently passed away. Brady stated that he will be playing taps at a 'memorial event' on July 28th at the Ferndale Tavern and asked that other suitably attired members assist him in that endeavor.

Jim Brady reported that the recent **Mideast Conference** hosted by the Department of Maryland was an overwhelming success.

Manny Airey reported that he has 200 tickets being printed for the detachment's annual **Bull & Oyster Roast** which will take place on **19 October 2013** at the **VFW Post 160 Hall**. The tickets will cost \$35 per person and should be available for purchase at the next detachment meeting.

Adjournment...

The detachment meeting was adjourned in accordance with league rituals and will reconvene at **1900 (7:00 PM) on August 26, 2013**.



National Museum of the Marine Corps Plans Massive Expansion

New Wing Will Span Post-Vietnam Era Through Wars in Iraq & Afghanistan

NOTE – The following is an edited version of an article that recently appeared on the Marine Corps Times website, which was filed by Hope Hodge (staff writer).

By Hope Hodge

Triangle, VA – The **National Museum of the Marine Corps** is launching a seven-year \$100-million project to document the service's history from the end of fighting in Vietnam to this generation's conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq.

To do so, its facility on the outskirts of **Marine Corps Base Quantico** will nearly double in size, growing from 112,000 square feet to 200,000 square feet by 2020. The expansion will come in stages and feature the addition of an *IMAX-style movie theater, refurbished aircraft and combat vehicles* along with a host of *new exhibits*.

Construction of the new wing is scheduled to begin in 2015, museum staff say. By 2017, they expect to open the theater and a military art gallery. The following year, two permanent galleries are scheduled to open covering Marine history from the 1980s to the present. A gallery showcasing key events between conflicts is set to open in 2020 along with rotating exhibit space.

Exhibits will cover Marine missions in *Panama* and *Grenada*, the deadly barracks bombing in *Beirut, Lebanon*; operations *Desert Storm* and *Desert Shield*; and the wars in *Iraq* and *Afghanistan*. The new wing also will house a host of authentic artifacts used during this period, including a refurbished F/A-18 fighter jet, an AH-1W Super Cobra helicopter, an M60A1 tank, an MRAP-all terrain vehicle, drones and more.

Visitors will be able to watch combat artists draw and paint in the studio, feel the concussion of grenade blasts in immersion galleries and view a 30-minute feature-quality film about Marine Corps history and culture.

The museum opened in 2006 with 200 years of Marine Corps history depicting America's 911 force from the American Revolution to Vietnam. The decision to do so at partial completion was deliberate, said spokeswoman **Gwenn Adams**, and made in part so the nation's oldest Marine veterans would have a chance to see their history on display while they still have the opportunity.

"The guys who had fought in World War I certainly weren't coming to a museum at that point," Adams said. *"But the World War II guys continued to come,"* holding numerous reunions surrounded by mementos of their shared history.



The National Museum of the Marine Corps in Triangle, VA, is planning a \$100 million expansion to include Marine history from the post-Vietnam War era to the present. [Photo by Colin Kelly / Staff]

Money is another issue. The museum is the product of a public-private partnership; the **Marine Corps Heritage Foundation** raised \$60 million to build and open the facility, while the Marine Corps contributed \$42 million in public funds to populate the exhibits and galleries.

This next phase requires an additional \$34 million from the Marine Corps at a time when spending is being reined in across the federal government and sequestration – massive across-the-board cuts triggered in March after Congress failed to reach an agreement on how

to address the federal deficit – threatens even mission-essential programs. That has slowed planning, said **Lin Ezell**, the museum's director.

"Because this is a big number over a multiyear period, we were able to work with [Marine Corps] headquarters to spread out the funding over several years, so there wasn't one big spike," she said. *"It is a hard time to sell a new start. But all of the general officers have been incredibly enthusiastic, and they see the benefit of a museum that takes the story up to the present day."*

While curators relied on life-size cast figures and authentic uniforms to tell **Revolutionary War** history and oral accounts and grainy video to tell that of **World War II**, they will have the advantage of modern media – digital photos and videos made by Marines on the battlefield – to tell the present-day story. **Chuck Girbovan**, the museum's exhibit services chief, said the plan is to curate some of the best user-generated content, and possibly even one or two of the famous '*bored Marine videos*' that have given the world a backstage look at Marine goofiness and camaraderie during downrange downtime.

Girbovan said the museum may also feature elements of the cutting-edge urban-warfare training that has been developed in recent years, such as the infantry immersion trainers that attempt to replicate conditions in Afghanistan down to costumed role players, market sounds and barnyard smells.

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Corps' Museum... *(continued from page 7)*

The museum does not solicit donations. It receives most of its artifacts from veterans or military family members who want to

part with their military items but preserve the history they represent.

While curators receive an abundance of World War II-era weapons, uniforms and trophies, they've found many veterans of the most recent conflicts are not ready to part with their mementos. For Marines and veterans who might be willing to help them tell the next phase of the story, Girbovan cautioned that curators are looking for items that have a *'back story,'* that advance the historical narrative.

One prize artifact for the new wing is the fragmented helmet of **Corporal Jason Dunham**, who received the Medal of Honor posthumously in 2007. Dunham was killed in Iraq in 2004 when he covered a live grenade with his helmet and laid on top of it to protect fellow Marines. The Kevlar muted some of the blast, but left Dunham with fatal wounds.

"That we have that is huge because there's so many stories you can tell from that," Adams said. *"How strong is the Kevlar? How far will a Marine go to save his fellow Marines? All these stories you can tell from that one artifact."*

Aircraft Restorations Also Planned

The National Museum of the Marine Corps is restoring a handful of aircraft used throughout the service's history, from the early days of Marine aviation in the 1920s to the war on terrorism.

Currently under restoration is a **1929 Boeing FB-5** and an **F/A-18A Hornet**, according to several contract solicitations posted online.

The **FB-5**, also used by the Navy, was the United States' first aircraft for carrier operations. Once restored, it will be added to the *Inter-War Years Gallery*, which focuses on Marine Corps history between World Wars I and II.

The museum's new **Hornet** will be displayed in a future gallery dedicated to post-Vietnam era Marine operations, said the museum's aviation curator **Ben Kristy**. Since 2000, it's been kept in Quantico, VA, at *The Basic School*, where new Marine lieutenants are sent to learn how to become officers.

Other restoration efforts include a World War II-era **Douglas SBD-3 Dauntless** dive bomber, the same type of aircraft used throughout the Pacific campaign... during epic battles like that on **Iwo Jima** to soften enemy positions and provide close-air support.

An **AH-1W Super Cobra**, badly damaged in Iraq, may also soon be restored and efforts are underway to repaint the **RQ-2 Pioneer** *unmanned aircraft* now on display in the museum's atrium to more accurately reflect color schemes used during **Operation Iraqi Freedom**.



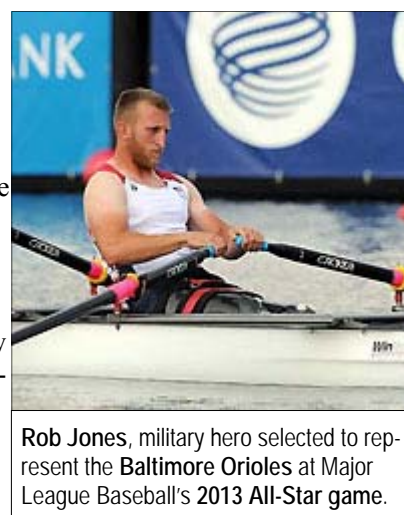
Heroes... (continued from page 1)

One winner is to be featured in the July 22 issue of **PEOPLE**, which will be available nationwide Friday. The magazine will feature **Brian Taylor Uruela** of Tampa, Florida, a Purple Heart recipient who helped start **VETSports**, a non-profit organization that provides adaptive sports opportunities for returning wounded and combat veterans.

The complete list of honorees is as diverse as it is extensive. Ranging in ages from 26 to 92, these heroes have served from **World War II** through **Afghanistan**. For example, **Brad Snyder** of Bethesda, MD, won two gold medals, a silver medal and set a number of American records for the **USA Paralympics** swim team at the **2012 London Games**. **David Patterson** of Rio Rancho, NM, the only Hero awarded the Medal of Honor, is a Native American who took part in every Marine assault in WWII as one of the **Navajo Code Talkers**.

A Marine, **Rob Jones**, was selected by the fans to represent the **Baltimore Orioles**. Jones

is a study in bravery and determination. After losing both legs to an IED in Taliban territory in Afghanistan in 2010, the combat engineer might have given up, but instead he fought back. Jones, who lives in Charlottesville, Virginia, used his recovery time learning to use his new prosthetic legs and reengaging with his passion for rowing. After intense training and several qualifying events, Rob and his rowing partner won the bronze medal at the **2012 Paralympics** in London. Now, Jones plans to cycle across America for charity in fall 2013 to raise \$1 million for charities aiding disabled veterans. Jones, a Purple Heart recipient, is also a motivational speaker, telling his story of triumph over adversity.



The **'Tribute for Heroes'** campaign did not end with the recognition of the 30 winners. Charitable efforts will be extended to **'Welcome Back Veterans'** that addresses the needs of veterans after they return from service.

Major League Baseball has committed more than **\$23 million** for grants to hospitals and clinics... medical facilities that provide post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury treatment to veterans and their families in a public/private partnership with **'Centers of Excellence'** at university hospitals throughout the country.

The focus was on the 30 honorees; but, the long-term effects will reach far and wide and extend beyond the scope of the All-Star Game. What better way to pay tribute to our heroes?



Marines Sticking to MARPAT Uniforms

“like a hobo on a ham sandwich.”

NOTE – The following article, posted by Hope Hodge, recently appeared on the Marine Corps Times website's Battle Rattle column.

General James Amos, Commandant of the Marine Corps, reassured Marines in Hawaii last week that he was committed to keeping the distinctive **MARPAT** camouflage pattern for Marines, even as lawmakers consider adopting a single camouflage pattern for all of the services.



General James F. Amos, Commandant of the Marine Corps, addresses Marines at the base theater on July 15, 2013. Amos and **Sergeant Major Micheal P. Barrett**, Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps, visited Marine Corps Base Hawaii to discuss issues circulating within the Marine Corps.

[Photo by Corporal Sarah Dietz, USMC]

Amos has so far been quiet regarding the proposed changes, even as **Navy Secretary Ray Mabus** has come out in support of a common camouflage – or at least a reduction from the ten-plus patterns now being utilized across the services.

But on July 15, he had some folksy fighting words regarding a change for troops aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii.

“We are on it like a hobo on a ham sandwich,” Amos said, according to a Marine Corps news release. *“I love the hell out of this uniform and I don’t have any intention of changing it.”*

What’s not clear from Amos’s comments this month is his perspective on a change that would lead to the other services adopting a camouflage similar or identical to the Marines’ proprietary camouflage pattern.

In 2011 **Marine Corps Sergeant Major Micheal Barrett** suggested it wouldn’t be a bad thing for the other services to follow the Marines’ lead in their camouflage research.

“I encourage all services to research our MARPAT during their tests to field a new combat uniform,” he said. *“We have the best camouflage pattern in the world, and I believe that it helps save the lives of our Marines and sailors. Our uniforms are distinctive, but what distinguishes [Marines] is our ethos, combat mindset and martial spirit.”*

But earlier this year, Barrett pushed back against changes that would lead to a common camouflage.

“There are tactical and psychological advantages unique to our [combat uniform] in terms of morale and culture,” Barrett told Marine Corps Times in a written statement for a June 17 cover story. *“Like our dress blues, the [combat uniform] is a visible indicator of our identity as United States Marines, globally! It’s part of our Corps’ identity. Where we walk or sail, people are safer – unless you screw with us!”*

Famously, the Marines developed MARPAT on an efficient \$319,000 budget. That’s compared to \$3.1 million the Air Force spent in 2007 to design a ‘tiger stripe’ pattern that was later determined to be flawed and unfit for combat deployments, and \$3.2 million in 2005 to develop an ‘Army Combat Uniform,’ or A CU, which is also being retired due to poor performance.

So far, the **House and Senate Armed Services Committees** have approved language that would require the military services to transition to a common combat uniform by 2018.



Corps Humor

Ammo is getting scarce!

One morning a retired Marine Master Sergeant lucked out and despite the current ammo shortage, was able to buy two boxes of ammo for his M1911A1 pistol. He placed the boxes on the front seat of his car and headed home. On the way, he decided to stop for gas.

At the gas station was a drop-dead gorgeous blonde, in a short skirt, who was filling-up her car at the adjacent pump.

Noticing the two boxes of ammo on the front seat of the Marine’s car, she walked over, leaned in the passenger window, and said in a very seductive voice, *“I’m a big believer in the barter system, old fella. Would you be interested in trading sex for some ammo?”*

The worldly-wise Marine thought for a few seconds and then replied, *“What kind of ammo are you trying to get rid of?”*



Mattis Joins Ivy League

NOTE – The following article by Gina Harkins recently appeared on the Marine Corps Times website.

The ‘Warrior Monk’ is climbing into an ivory tower. **Retired [Marine Corps] General James Mattis**, who recently stepped down as Commander of U.S. Central Command, is slated to join **Dartmouth College** in Hanover, NH, this fall as a *distinguished visitor*, college officials announced Tuesday. Mattis will serve as a senior foreign affairs fellow at the school’s **John Sloan Dickey Center for International Understanding**.



“I am delighted that General Mattis is joining us this fall,” said Daniel Benjamin, director of the center. “I worked closely with Jim Mattis while I was in government and I know him to be one of the deepest military thinkers and strongest leaders of his generation.”

Benjamin previously served as the State Department’s top counterterrorism official. He and Mattis worked together during the general’s tenure at **CENTCOM**, the command that oversees military activities in the Middle East and Western and Central Asia, including Afghanistan, Egypt, Iraq, Iran and Syria.

Mattis will be in residence at Dartmouth from September 18th to October 7th. During his time there, he will guest lecture in a number of courses and give a public address. He will also meet with student groups up to post-doctoral level.

“These distinguished visitors will interact with undergraduate and graduate students and faculty,” Benjamin said. “General Mattis’s visit is a model of what we want at Dickey.”

Mattis, whose call sign was ‘Chaos,’ retired from a 41-year career in the Marine Corps in May. He is revered by Marines for his leadership of the **1st Marine Division** during the ground invasion of Iraq in 2003, and is widely known for his frank talk and colorful quotes.

The general was instrumental in developing U.S. counterinsurgency doctrine, outlined in **Army Field Manual 3-24, Counterinsurgency**, that played a key role in Iraq and Afghanistan. The doctrine requires troops to be ‘*nation builders as well as warriors*’ and emphasizes recognition of cultural sensitivities, placing a premium on building trust with indigenous populations. Mattis penned the manual [in partnership] with retired **Army General David Petraeus**.

Academia should be a good fit for the general who, as an avid reader, was said to have at one time owned more than 7,000 books. Mattis encouraged all Marines to read and study in order to be effective fighters.

In addition to his time at Dartmouth, Mattis also signed on as a visiting fellow at **Stanford University’s Hoover Institution**, a conservative ‘think-tank’ in California.



Young Marines

The **Annapolis Young Marines** were a busy unit during the month of July, we started off marching in the annual **Severna Park 4th of July Parade** with the **Marine Corp League’s Anne Arundel County Detachment**. It was great to see the large turnout for the event... there were over 90 entries in the parade. Afterwards we went to a home of a Young Marine to cool off at a pool party.



Then, we were off to **Guppy Gulch Water Park** for some rest and relaxation with some of our registered adults. During that time, we did some cliff-diving, zip-lining, blob-jumping, snorkeling, and everyone that attended took their first step to our swimming ribbon. After a great day of swimming, we attended the parade marking the **150th Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg**. Later on that evening, we relaxed under the stars and watched ‘**Goonies**’ until we got rained on. Overall, it was a great weekend for everyone.

This weekend we will be attending the **Reckless Memorial Ceremony** at the **Marine Corps Museum** and the **Korean War’s 60th Anniversary Ceremony** in Washington DC. The highlights of these events will be reported upon in next month’s newsletter.

As a unit, we have been working with four enlisted Marines out of Fort Meade, who have been teaching (1) *what it is really like to work as a team* and (2) *that when one team member is down everyone jumps in to help out*.

For more information about the Annapolis Young Marines and their activities, contact either **Jennifer Landon** at ajmjl@aim.com or **Dallas Cooper** at dme69@yahoo.com.

Until next time OORAH!

Jennifer Landon

Young Marines Executive Officer

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with the regiment's Fleet Antiterrorism Security Teams," he [Colonel Denny] said. **"He always remains humble and carries himself with humility, grace and pride."**

Hand-to-Hand Combat...

Wooldridge, of Port Angeles, WA, joined the Marine Corps in 2007. He was working as a diesel mechanic on logging equipment, but decided he wanted to try something else. He shipped out for boot camp within weeks, becoming an infantryman.

In 2010, as the U.S. was surging forces into southern Afghanistan, his battalion deployed to northern Helmand. As a Corporal, he served as a vehicle commander for a *combined anti-armor team*, but the mission dictated that he and his Marines frequently dismount to find the Taliban.

On June 18, Wooldridge's mounted patrol came under enemy fire in **Musa Qala**. His squad dismounted their vehicles and maneuvered on the enemy fighters, who were preparing an ambush. Wooldridge, armed with a 5.56mm M249 Squad Automatic Weapon, and the rest of his squad killed or wounded about eight insurgents, causing the rest to scatter.

As the Marines began to withdraw from the area, Wooldridge posted security. Overhearing voices, he rushed around the corner of a building and confronted two more fighters, according to his Navy Cross citation. He killed them both and crouched behind a wall to reload his empty weapon. Then an enemy machine gun barrel appeared around the wall.

"Without hesitation, he dropped his empty weapon and seized the machine gun barrel," the Navy Cross citation states. **"He overwhelmed the enemy fighter in hand-to-hand combat, killing him with several blows to the head with the enemy's own machine gun."**

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Wooldridge, who is 6-foot-2 and about 210 pounds, said he still grapples with memories from the deployment. He wears a bracelet on his wrist to memorialize **Corporal Claudio Patino**, a friend and scout sniper with the battalion who was killed. Still, Wooldridge embraces his experiences.

"We had a rough deployment, but it's war," he said. **"I think about that stuff all the time, but it helped mold me into the Marine I am now. The mistakes we made out there, I'm going to make damn sure those mistakes are never made again by the guys I train."**

Legacy and Traditions...

When Wooldridge arrived in Virginia, not everyone was thrilled. Fellow Marines, aware of his difficult deployment and fame within the Corps, were concerned he would be difficult to work with or get preferential treatment, said **Gunnery Sergeant Todd Leahey**, the Staff Non-Commissioned Officer (SNCO) in charge of the **Close Quarter Battle School**.

"But ... you find out he's just a guy who has a lot of pride in being a Marine and wants to continue the legacy and traditions," he said.

Wooldridge served as an instructor for the regiment's basic security guard force, but his shift to teaching close-quarter skills allowed him to relate to students even more directly.

"They do the thing like, 'That's him! That's him! That's the guy!'" Staff Sergeant **Jesse Reed**, a team leader at the school, said of the students. **"But ... he's willing to talk to them. He's very approachable about it."**

Wooldridge volunteered for several charities in the past year, but took special interest in organizations like **Honored American Veterans Afield**, which seeks to reintegrate combat veterans into society through hunting, fishing and other out-door activities. Spending time with wounded warriors, he said, is a reality check.

"I love helping out with the 'Wounded Warriors' because plenty of my buddies are in the same spot," he said. **"I've seen how it could wreck somebody's life."**

A young wounded warrior told him that drill instructors at boot camp tell 'bedtime stories' about him to inspire others.

"Hearing that is just humbling," Wooldridge said, **"because these younger guys are going out there and fighting the fight."**



Members' Birthdays

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

Manny Airey	Eddie Grove	Mike Hadley
Bob Hole	Dick Johnson	Fred Kaminski
Jim LeGette	Bob Lucian	George Martin
John Ogle	Earl Parker	Charles Quick
Ruhl Rexroad	Granville Smith	Joe Wright

NOTE – If you were born in August and your name is not listed above, please contact the editor to be included in the future.



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Corps History

by Mac McNeir for Joe Wright, Historian

1 August 1960

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

2 August 1950

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

3 August 1950

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

6 August 1847

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

7 August 1942

1st Marine Division lands on Guadalcanal.

7 August 1990

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

13 August 1918

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

14 August 1945

President Truman announced Japan's unconditional surrender.

14 August 1990

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

17 August 1942

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

19 August 1919

Marines Hymn registered with the U.S. Copyright Office.

21 August 1968

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

24 August 1814

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

25 August 1948

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

29 August 1916

The Marine Corps Reserve was founded.



Coming Events

The following events are scheduled to occur through **November 29, 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, August 11, 2013 from 1:30 PM to 4:30 PM (Dallas Cooper)

MODD Growl, Pound 204

Sunday, August 18, 2013 from 0800 – 1100 (Mike Hadley)

Annapolis Young Marines Meeting

Sunday, August 25, 2013 from 1:30 PM to 4:30 PM (Dallas Cooper)

Monthly Meetings, MCL Detachment 1049 & Auxiliary

Monday, August 26, 2013 @ 1900 (Ed Dahling / Anita Ullery)

Friday Night Dinner, MCL Detachment 1049 Auxiliary

Friday, August 30, 2013 from 1800 – 2000 (Anita Ullery)

Friday Night Dinner, MCL Detachment 1049

Friday, September 6, 2013 from 1800 – 2000 (Ed Dahling)

Staff Meeting, MCL Department of Maryland

Saturday, September 7, 2013 from 0900 to 1100 – Stuart Blair

MODD Growl, Maryland Pack

Saturday, September 7, 2013 following the Staff Meeting – Don Benson

Annapolis Young Marines Meeting

Sunday, September 15, 2013 from 1:30 PM to 4:30 PM (Dallas Cooper)

Monthly Meetings, MCL Detachment 1049 & Auxiliary

Monday, September 23, 2013 @ 1900 (Ed Dahling / Anita Ullery)

Annapolis Young Marines Meeting

Sunday, September 29, 2013 from 1:30 PM to 4:30 PM (Dallas Cooper)

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 (Ed Dahling)

Annapolis Young Marines Meeting

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

Annapolis Young Marines Meeting

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

Monthly Meetings, MCL Detachment 1049 & Auxiliary

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

Friday Night Dinner, MCL Detachment 1049 Auxiliary

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



Life Membership Fees May Be Increasing!

NOTE – The following information was provided by Roger Ware, the Department of West Virginia Commandant and Mideast Division Adjutant.

A proposed 2013 National By-laws change has been proposed that would increase the life member fee for the older members of the league.

The current fees for members who could be affected are...

Ages 51 to 60\$300

Age 61 & over\$150

If passed, the new fees would be...

Ages 51 to 64\$300

Age 65 & over\$200

Please note the change for ages **61 through 64** is an additional **\$150**. The increase for members **65 and over** would amount to **\$50**.

Consideration of this by-law change will take place at the 2013 National Convention.



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General George C. Marshall

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Third Secretary of Defense



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Marine Corps Silent Drill Platoon members perform during a **Tuesday Sunset Parade** at the Marine Corps War Memorial in Arlington, Virginia on July 9th. [Photo by Cpl. Mondo Lescaud , USMC]