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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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New Sergeant Major for 8th & I

NOTE – The following story by Hope Hodge recently appeared on the Marine Corps Times website.



Sergeant Major Angela M. Maness salutes Colonel Philip J. Zimmerman upon posting for duties as Sergeant Major of Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, NC, in April 2011. Maness will become Sergeant Major at Marine Barracks 8th & I on June 27, 2013. [Photo by Cpl. Tyler J. Bolken, USMC]

The Washington, DC command housing the Marines' most prestigious ceremonial units will receive its first female Sergeant Major later this week.

Sergeant Major Angela Maness will assume the duties of senior enlisted Marine at Marine Barracks Washington, the 'oldest post of the Corps' during a Thursday morning ceremony, according to news releases from Marine officials.

Maness joined the Marines in 1987 and has previously served as Sergeant Major for *Combat Logistics Battalion 8, Camp Lejeune, NC*, and for *Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, NC*. At the barracks, she will replace **Sergeant Major Eric J. Stockton**, who took the post in 2010 and will be retiring at the end of a 30-year career.

"We're very excited about the possibilities and the leadership potential that Sergeant Major Maness brings to the table," said **Captain Jack Norton**, a spokesman for 8th and I. "She is the most qualified for the job; she just happens to be a woman."

(see New Sgt. Major... on page 10)

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From the Editor

by Mac McNeir, Editor Emeritus

Due to the tragic passing of **Mark's** 21 year old step-daughter **Sara Nelson**, I am again taking on the task of producing *the Cutting Edge* for the time being.

The past month has been truly trying for the members of our detachment because of the passing of charter Member **Vic Halme**, Auxiliary member **Irene Airey** (wife of Past Detachment Commandant **Manny Airey**) and **Sara Nelson**. For that Reason, I will not editorialize in this space; but, I will ask that you mark the passing of these fine people with kind words, compassionate thoughts, and prayers. However, I will take the editorial privilege of saying...

May God grant them all eternal peace!

On a potentially controversial note, I brought up two issues at the June detachment meeting for the consideration of those members in attendance. I am asking all of our members to consider (1) **a redesign of our detachment logo** as it pales in comparison to those of other detachments and (2) the **renaming of our detachment** to honor an Anne Arundel County (or local area) deceased Marine. My intent is to have these issues discussed and acted upon at a future date.

The article deadline for the next issue of *the Cutting Edge* is **July 27th**.



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]

July 2013	August 2013	September 2013
George Arbic Tom Hancock	Robert Lucian Brian Nevel Earl Parker Franklin Wood Frank Zupancic	Albert Bell Walter Cooper Scott Neff Ray Sturm

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,

My first two months as your commandant have been saddened with the passing of life member **Vic Halme**, **Mark East's** step-daughter **Sara Nelson**, and **Manny Airey's** wife **Irene**. My prayers go out for them and their families. I would like to thank **Ed Ross** for assisting me with performing my first memorial service

On another note, I have received complaints about some of our members not receiving their dues renewal notices from the league's national headquarters. I am contacting headquarters about that problem. Everyone needs to ensure that their dues are paid up; so, if you know that you should have received your renewal notice and have not, you can send a check for \$30 to

MCL Detachment 1049
Post Office Box 804
Severn, MD 21144

If you are not sure if you are current, please contact me and I will verify your dues status.

Our detachment color guard remains in desperate need of a few volunteers to help out with parades, school presentations, and other ceremonial activities. If no one steps up to help out, we will likely not have a Color Guard for our upcoming events... beginning with the **Severna Park 4th of July Parade**. Contact **Woody Bowman** if you can help.

Semper Fil!

Ed

Congress Seeks Common Combat Uniform

NOTE – The following story by Rick Maze recently appeared on the Marine Corps Times website.

The days of service-specific combat and camouflage uniforms are clearly numbered as the **Senate Armed Services Committee** has joined its House counterpart in telling the services to quit wasting money on their own unique styles.

The 2014 defense policy bill passed by the Senate committee says that with a few exceptions, the services would be prohibited from adopting new designs for combat and camouflage uniforms as of the day the bill becomes law.

The prohibition would extend to potential new designs using current fabric or camouflage patterns, in the event that the services try to simply move the pockets or change the seams to distinguish their specific uniforms.

The bill establishes as policy the requirement of reducing separate development and fielding of service-specific utility uniforms, saying that to the 'maximum extent practicable,' the **Defense Department** should require the services to collectively adopt and field combat and camouflage uniforms. This would not apply to special operating forces or to personnel supporting those forces.

Similar restrictions were passed by the **House Armed Services Committee** in its version of the defense bill, with one key difference. The House measure, **HR 1960**, sets a deadline of October 1, 2018, for a joint combat uniform to be in use. The Senate bill had no similar deadline, apparently content to let the services continue using their current unique designs but preventing any new uniforms from being developed unless they are shared across the force.

The Senate bill, **S 1197**, includes one camouflage uniform provision not mentioned by the House: It would prohibit any service from preventing another service from using their combat or camouflage uniform. That language may have been added with the Marine Corps in mind; the Corps has been highly protective of its distinctive 'MarPat' design.

Differences between the House and Senate bills will have to be reconciled before a final bill becomes law.

The Senate committee notes that the services generally wore 'the same pattern and family of combat camouflage and utility uniforms' before 2002, but slowly launched their own designs.

The **Government Accountability Office**, the investigative arm of Congress, 'found no performance standards for specific combat environments, no criteria for evaluating the effectiveness of camouflage patterns, and no requirements for the services to test interoperability between their uniforms and other tactical gear, despite the DoD establishing a **Joint Clothing and Textiles Governance Board**,' the Senate report says.

(see Combat Uniforms... on page 10)

Combat Uniforms... *(from page 3)*

"The committee continues to strongly urge the secretaries of the military departments to explore additional methods for



Chaplain's Corner

by Mac McNeir for Chaplain Fred Kaminski

Irene Airey, wife of **Past Detachment Commandant Manny Airey** passed away on June 19, 2013 – see **Lest We Forget...** on page 8.

Sara Alisonn Nelson, step-daughter of detachment member **Mark East** and daughter of **Laura East**, passed away on June 21, 2013 – see **Lest We Forget...** on page 8.

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)



From the desk of the

Senior Vice Commandant



Chris Kalwa

Hello Fellow Marines,

It's that time of year when we celebrate our nation's birthday. I hope that regardless of the plans that you make that you celebrate the occasion safely and more importantly, take time to reflect on the sacrifices others have made to make this country what it is.

On a different note, June has been a sad month. A month marked by the passing of several of our members and extended family members. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers. Remember life is short; so, live each day to it's fullest.

Finally, I'm working on getting tickets printed up for the **Bull & Oyster Roast**. They should be available for purchase by no later than the date of our August meeting. Tickets will be sold at a cost of \$35 each.

Semper Fi,

Chris Kalwa

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Members' Birthdays

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

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

NOTE - If you were born in July and your name is not Listed above, please contact the editor to be included in the future.



From the desk of the

Junior Vice Commandant



Ray Sturm

Greetings All,

Those of you who read my columns know that I often ask that we remember our fallen comrades or those warriors still in rehabilitation. They are certainly most deserving of our thoughts. Sometimes, however, we need to pause and look inward. June was a particularly difficult month for our detachment, as we lost several members of our family. Please keep Marine **Vic Halme**, **Sara Nelson** (step-daughter of **Mark East**) and **Irene Airey** in your thoughts and prayers.

Now on to business. It has come to my attention that several members have not received their membership renewal reminders. National HQ has recently converted their membership database and has had some difficulties with the transition. They have acknowledged this.

If you know your membership is up for renewal, please forward your dues to either me or the Commandant at...

PO Box 804
Severn, MD 21144.

Should you have any questions, you can also email me.

jrcmdt@mclacdet1049.org

Semper Fi,

Ray Sturm



Color Guard

by Color Guard Commander Woody Bowman

As reported for many months now, our detachment color guard **NEEDS** some new members... especially members capable of marching in parades!

The continuation of this highly visible undertaking is very important. Our color guard keeps the community aware of our organization and its goals. Unquestionably, losing this community visibility could have severe consequences – especially amongst 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





Rifle & Pistol Team

by Ray Sturm

I am pleased to announce that several members have expressed an interest in shooting. I think this is great! There is always room for new shooters... and we can field as many teams as we can. I look forward to seeing you on the range.

I have the results for the **Department of New York Service Rifle Tournament** held near Albany, NY in May. **Ben Wells** and I participated in 2 of the 3 matches that weekend. There were 41 total shooters.

The first match was a *30 round CMP Match* shot at 200 yards. Shooters fired 10 rounds each in *slow-fire prone*, *rapid fire prone*, and *off-hand (standing)* stages. With a rifle fresh out of the box, and NOT sighted in, Ben fired a 159-1x and placed **40th**. My rifle was zeroed and I shot a 294-11x which was high score.

Note – While any service rifle was allowed, this particular match was recorded as vintage. Ben and I fired modern rifles. The 2nd place shooter, 282-7x, was declared the winner.

The second match of the day was a *Four Position Match* using any service rifle. This match was also fired at 200 yards with 10 rounds each in *prone*, *sitting*, *kneeling*, and *off-hand*. With better dope on his rifle, Ben fired a 305-1x and placed **25th**. I shot a 374-5x and placed **4th**. The winner shot a 380. These matches are just like you remember range week in the Corps... including the always fun time of pulling butts.

Perhaps next month I'll have the results of the **Department of Pennsylvania Pistol Match**.



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Woof-Woof,

Just as last month, the Dogs are lying low and enjoying the dog days of summer.

By the time you read this, we should have had a very successful **Mideast Conference** and **Growl**, whose passport bones will count toward the Pack's contribution to a children's hospital in Charleston, West Virginia, at the August 2014 Supreme Growl.

Since there is not much happening in Dogdom, I will remind all annual dues paying members that your dues expire on **31 August – Pound 344** has already submitted every member's dues for 2014. So get those dues in to me at any time. If remitting by check, make it out for \$15, payable to 'MODD, Pound 204' and mail it to me at 7944 Oakwood Road, Glen Burnie, MD 21061.

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

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Have You Heard?

by Mac McNeir, Editor Emeritus

June 24th Meeting Highlights ...

The meeting (consisting of 20 attendees) was brought to order by Commandant **Ed Dahling**, who acknowledged the presence of Past Detachment Commandant & Marine of the Year **Mac McNeir** and Past Detachment Commandants **Guy Hall**, **Steve Salanik**, and **Joseph Wright**.

New Applicants for Membership...

Junior Vice Commandant **Ray Sturm** provided applicant information for Marine **Josh Copfer**. Since all necessary paper work was in order and the applicant's dues were paid, a voice vote was taken and applicant was approved for membership. Being that the new member was not present, his swearing in was placed on hold.

Correspondence...

A letter from **Jane Huffman**, wife of **Norm Huffman**, was read thanking the detachment for the plaque that had been presented to her for her on-going contributions and consistent support. Jane also advised that she as well as other volunteers at the **Pasadena Senior Activity Center** have crocheted approximately 40 quilts to be given to the wounded being treated at the **Walter Reed National Military Medical Center** in Bethesda, MD on behalf of the detachment.

She went on to request **Past Commandant Wright** to visit the center for a photograph prior to distributing the quilts. **Commandant Ed Dahling** and **Senior Vice Commandant Chris Kalwa** were asked to attend an *all day 'scrapbooking crop'* in the fall to benefit the detachment and explain the functions and goals of the Marine Corps League.

Paymaster Report...

Paymaster Dahling reported the following detachment financial account balances...

Combined Allocated Funds	\$9,664.29
Available Checking Account Assets.....	\$2,239.99

The report was approved by member vote pending audit.

Sick or in Distress...

Mac McNeir announced that **Irene Airey**, the wife of member **Manny Airey**, had passed away on **June 19, 2013** (see *Lest We Forget...* column on page 8).

He also announced that **Sara Nelson**, step-daughter of member **Mark East**, had passed away on **June 21, 2013** (see *Lest We Forget...* column on page 8).

Joe Wright reminded everyone of the tragic loss of member **Vic Halme**, who passed away on **June 1, 2013**.

Report of Officers...

Commandant Ed Dahling thanked everyone for their help with our successful **2013 Marine Helping Marines Golf Tournament**. He also reminded everyone of the **Mideast Division Conference** scheduled to take place from June 28th through the 30th in Hagerstown MD.

Senior Vice Commandant Chris Kalwa informed everyone that information concerning our annual **Bull & Oyster Roast** will be presented at the next meeting.

Judge Advocate Ben Wells reported on a proposed national by-law change that would increase the life member fees for the two oldest age groups. Anyone considering a life membership, should consider doing so before rates go up (see *Life Membership Fees* article on page 7).

Color Guard Commander Woody Bowman reminded everyone of the coming **Severna Park 4th of July Parade**. He announced that he needs more members for the parade and that those participating needed to assemble at **St. Martin's Church** at 0900 (9:00 AM). Detachment members, who cannot walk the route, can ride in either **Woody's** vehicle or **Paul Downey's** jeep. Active duty **Marine Corps** representation is being provided by the **Fort Meade Color Guard**. Woody also stressed that our color guard desperately needs some volunteers!

Newsletter Editor... Due to the death of **Mark East's** step-daughter **Sara Nelson**, the role of newsletter editor will be filled by **Mac McNeir** until Mark is able to return.

New Business...

A motion was made by **Mac McNeir**, which was seconded and approved, to donate \$100 for a tee-box sign at the annual **Christian Maiorana College Fund** golf fund-raiser held as a memorial to **Tom Maiorana's** late son **John**.

A motion was made by **Judge Advocate Ben Wells**, which was seconded and approved, to purchase two **Marine Corps League table covers** at a cost of \$175 each to be used at meetings and community events. JA Wells also requested \$875 to purchase a *canopy (tent) featuring the league logo* for community functions. The detachment will look into fundraising opportunity's to pay for the canopy.

Good of the League...

Guest **Crystal Hurley**, wife of a Fort Meade Marine, asked for detachment support of the **Semper Fi Fund** (see ad on page 8). Subsequently, a motion was made by **Sgt at Arms George Martin** to donate \$100 in support of Mrs. Hurley, who is running the **Marine Corps Marathon** to raise funds for the **Semper Fi Fund**. The motion was seconded and approved by member vote.

Adjournment...

The detachment meeting was adjourned in accordance with league rituals and will reconvene at **1900 (7:00 PM)** on **July 22, 2013**.



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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.



Young Marines

Since the last issue of *the Cutting Edge*, the Annapolis Young Marines have been busy with parades, ceremonies and a recent camping and canoeing trip with their families to **Little Orleans Campground**. We also braved **Tropical Storm Andrea** and attended out **Division 2 Encampment** with 214 other Young Marines... everyone had a great time.

Personally, I believe the best thing that we've been part of this year was our trip in to **Washington, DC** with **Hogs for Hero's**, where we spent the day with a group of veterans. We are planning another trip to the **Korean War Memorial** at the end of July and would love everyone to join us.



Annapolis Young Marines participating in the Hogs for Hero's gathering in Washington, DC.

We are saying good-bye to one of our Young Marines, **Tyler Barnes**, who leaves for recruit training at **Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, SC** on July 7th.

We would like to thank **VFW Post 160** for allowing us to join them at their recent car show, where, we set-up and operated a **dunking-booth**. The proceeds of our efforts were donated to **Land For Hero's**.

Our next drill will take place on **July 7th**, from **1:30 PM to 4:30 PM** at **VFW Post 160**.

We would also like to invite everyone out to see us march in the **Severna Park 4th of July Parade**, we will be providing a color guard unit.

Upcoming Events:

July 4th	Severna Park Parade @ 9:30 AM
July 7th	Drill @ VFW Post 160 from 1:30 PM to 4:30 PM
July 13-14th	Guppy Gulch Camping Trip
July 26th	Reckless Statue Tribute at the Marine Museum
July 27th	Trip to DC to attend Korean War Memorial Celebration

If you would like more information for any of the above events, please contact either **Jennifer Landon** at aymjl@aim.com or **Dallas Cooper** at dmecc69@yahoo.com.

Jennifer Landon

Young Marines Executive Officer



Lest We Forget...

Irene Airey, age 87, a resident of Riviera Beach for 55 years, and previously of Baltimore, died on June 19, 2013 at *Baltimore Washington Medical Center* after a brief illness.

She was born on March 8, 1926, in Baltimore, to the late **Constance and Joseph Sparra**.

After graduating from *Saint Mary's Star of the Sea*, she worked as a net-maker for the *Linen Thread Company* for 17 years. She was a member of the *Marine Corps League's Ladies Auxiliary of Detachment 1049*, as well as the *Poplar Ridge Seniors* and *Stoney Creek Democratic Clubs*. She enjoyed bingo, travelling to the casinos, taking care of her home, especially outdoor work and gardening, and spending time with her family and friends at *Cookies Restaurant*.

Along with her parents, she is preceded in death by two sisters: **Constance Rose** and **Dolores Sparra**.

She is survived by her beloved husband of 62 years: **Emanuel 'Manny' Airey**; her brother **John Sparra**; her sister **Doris Comet**; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial services and viewings were held at the *Gregory J. Gonce Funeral Home* in Pasadena, Maryland on Sunday, June 23rd and Monday June 24th. A *Mass of Christian Burial* was conducted at *St. Jane Frances de Chantal Catholic Church* on Tuesday, June 25th. She was subsequently interred in *Glen Haven Memorial Park* in Glen Burnie, MD.



Sara Alisonn Nelson, age 21, step-daughter of detachment member **Mark East** and daughter of **Laura East**, passed away on June 21, 2013 at the *University of Maryland Medical*



Center from complications incurred during and subsequent to the birth of her first child – daughter **Charlotte Ava-Rose Robinson** at the *Baltimore Washington Medical Center*.

Sara was born on June 25, 1991. She graduated from *Glen Burnie High School* in 2009 and had been attending *UMBC* where she was pursuing a degree in Mathematics. Her interests included art, Ravens football, tutoring math, shopping, exercise, cooking and sharing time with her friends and family.

She was preceded in death by her father, **Roger Nelson**.

In addition to her daughter, mother and step-father, she is survived by brothers **Jason** and **Brandon Nelson**, sister **April Nelson**, step-sisters **Angela East** and **Michele East-Handford**. She is also survived by **Joshua Robinson**, father of her daughter Charlotte.

In keeping with Sara's wishes, her remains were cremated and her ashes will be strewn upon the waters surrounding St. George Island, Maryland at a yet to be determined date. Details of the event are still in the planning stages and will be released as soon as they become available.

It was also Sara's desire that her organs be harvested and donated to help and sustain others with serious medical problems.

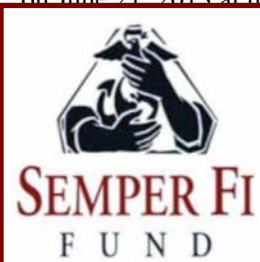
A fund-raiser was organized by her close friends and held on her birthday – Tuesday June 25th – at *Reckless Ric's* in Glen Burnie. A similar event was held at the *Texas Roadhouse* in Pasadena on July 2nd. The proceeds of these events will be used to establish a trust fund for baby Charlotte's future needs.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in support of Sara's daughter **Charlotte Ava-Rose Robinson** may be made at the following websites.

<http://www.youcaring.com/memorial-fundraiser/sara-nelson-memorial-fund/67735>

&

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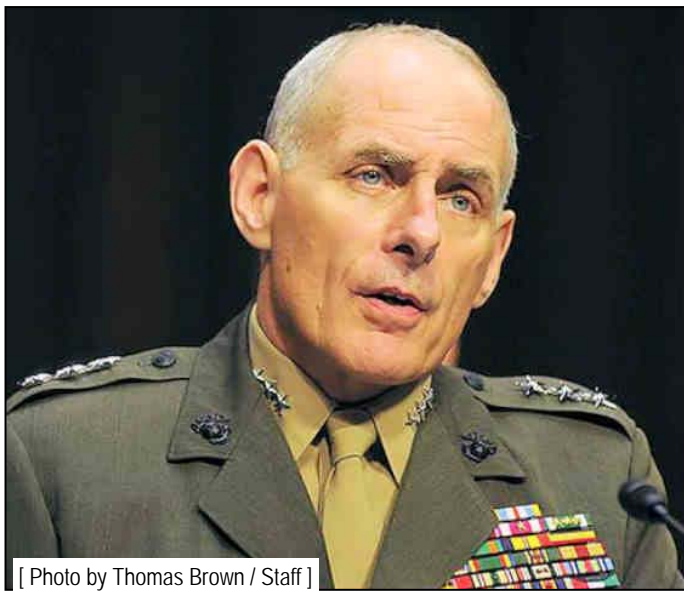
<http://semperfifund.org/>

Semper Fi... It's more than a slogan!

Words of A Marine General, Who Lost A Son In Combat, Resonate

NOTE – The following story by Jim Michaels of USA TODAY recently appeared on the Marine Corps Times website.

At a time when the divide between the military and civilian world has never been greater, the words of **Marine General John Kelly** have helped bridge the gap. He didn't set out to be a spokesman. A former enlisted infantryman, Kelly rose to a four-star rank over a nearly 40-year career leading Marines, including many months in combat.



[Photo by Thomas Brown / Staff]

He had two sons who followed him into the Marine Corps. One, **1st Lt. Robert Michael Kelly**, 29, was killed in Afghanistan in 2010 while leading a patrol in Sangin, at the time a hotly contested piece of terrain in Helmand Province.

Since then, the elder Kelly has resisted media efforts to make the story about him or his loss. But he has made a number of speeches to Marines, families and other groups.

His words have resonated, touching on themes that rarely get a wide airing. His talks have gone viral, earning him a broad following. *"It extends beyond the Marine community,"* says **Marine Colonel Chris Hughes**.

Only days after he learned of his son's death, Kelly kept a commitment to give a speech to the **Semper Fi Society of St. Louis** in November 2010.

"It would become one of the most memorable moments in the lives of everyone in the room," according to the organization's website. In the speech, Kelly addressed a familiar theme: *How only 1 percent of the nation has shouldered most of the burden of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.* But he went on to say voicing support for the troops alone is insufficient, suggesting that those sentiments can sometimes bleed into condescension. *"If anyone thinks you can somehow thank them for their service and not support the cause for which they fight – America's survival – then these people are lying to themselves and rationalizing away something in their own lives, but more importantly they are slighting our warriors and mocking their commitment to this nation,"* Kelly said.

Added Kelly: *"It's not Bush's war. It's not Obama's war. It's our war and we can't run away from it."* Thousands have been killed or injured in the wars, but they are not victims, Kelly said. *"The chattering class and all those who doubt America's intentions, and resolve, endeavor to make them and their families out to be victims, but they are wrong,"* Kelly wrote in prepared remarks for the speech. *"We who have served and are serving refuse their sympathy."*

Kelly went on to speak not about his own loss, but about two Marines who were killed while stopping a suicide bomber in Iraq. Instead of running when it raced toward them, the Marines opened fire, saving 150 of their American and Iraqi colleagues inside a base.

For **Cindy Kruger**, whose son **Sergeant Michael Hardegree** died in Iraq, Kelly's ability to make a major speech so soon after learning of his son's death was an inspiration. *"For most of us it would be years before we could do that,"* she said.

Those who know him say the remarks are in keeping with long-held beliefs and he doesn't relish being thrust into the public spotlight. *"Service is a privilege,"* says **Marine Brigadier General Eric Smith**, who has served with Kelly. *"That's what he's talking about. We don't want your sympathy at all. We're not saying that in a negative way. We're just saying you may not understand why we're doing what we're doing."*

Earlier this month Kelly spoke at the dedication of a memorial to [the] 5th Marines, the unit his son was fighting with when he was killed. Kelly said he struggled with the question of whether any cause was noble enough to justify losing a son.

"I realized the question was not mine to ask or to answer," he said. *"It didn't matter what I thought. Only what he thought. The answer was his to give. He gave it by his actions that day, by the entire life that brought him to the instant he was lost."*

"That is the answer to all of my questions," Kelly said. *"I need nothing else."*



Quotation

"... Valor is to do, without a witness, all that we could do before the whole world."

Francois de la Rochefoucauld

New Sgt. Major... (from page 1)

Maness's history-making assignment follows a series of high-profile sex assault incidents that have given [the] Marine Barracks a black eye. In March 2012, two female officers who had served at 8th and I joined six other female sailors and Marines in filing a federal lawsuit in U.S. District Court in Washington, alleging they had been raped while in the military. The suit named as defendants **Commandant General James Amos** and former Commandants, **Navy Secretary Ray Mabus** and former secretaries and Defense Secretary **Leon Panetta** and former secretaries.

One of the Marines, **1st Lieutenant Ariana Klay**, alleged she was gang-raped at her home a block away from the barracks in 2010, and [was] later shamed and harassed by her peers for the incident. The other, **2nd Lieutenant Elle Helmer**, a public affairs officer, said in the complaint that she was raped by a superior in 2006 after being pressured to drink excessively during a 'pub crawl.'

The lawsuit was dismissed in February 2013 when **U.S. District Judge Amy Berman Jackson** ruled that her court could not provide the kind of remedy the plaintiffs sought; under the *Feres Doctrine*, the federal government cannot be held liable for injuries related to troops' military service.

Most recently, a female bartender, **Karalen Morthole**, told NBC News that she had been raped by **Master Sergeant Ronald Bohlayer** on the premises of 8th and I after a night of drinking with him. Though a Marine investigating officer recommended that rape charges be dismissed, the recommendation was overruled by **Major General James Kessler**, the court-martial's convening authority, and the case will proceed.

Maness was honored in May by the *Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues* for her military achievements, including being slated to assume the role of Sergeant Major at Marine Barracks Washington.

"It is an honor and a privilege to be selected," she said, according to a news release from the event. *"Words of wisdom, not just for female Marines, for every Marine: Do your job, stay in the fight and do the best job you can do for your boss, for the Corps, for America."*



sharing uniform technology across the services as they develop their combat and utility uniform," the report says.

"The committee continues to believe that combat and utility uniforms should incorporate the most advanced levels of protection and should be available to all men and women in uniform, regardless of the military service in which they serve."



Restaurant Honors Local Marine

NOTE – The following article is a composite of information and graphics gleaned from stories appearing in local publications, most notably those of Kaitlyn Carr of the Severna Park Patch.

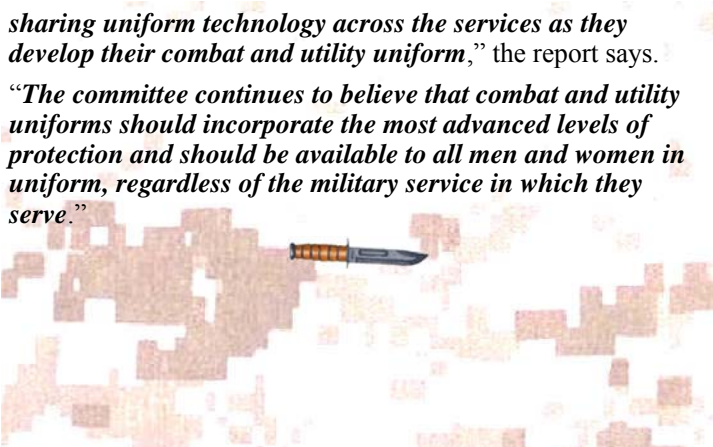
The **Breakfast Shoppe** in Severna Park recently hosted an event – '**Taylor Wild Day**' – and presented a check derived from the proceeds to **Friends of the Fallen** in the name of Severna Park resident and U.S. Marine **Lance Corporal William Taylor Wild IV**.

After Wild was killed during a training exercise in Hawthorne, Nevada, on March 18, the **Breakfast Shoppe** began collecting donations for *Friends of the Fallen*, a support group of volunteers located at **Dover Air Force Base** in Delaware. The group provides assistance to families of the fallen.

The day before LCpl Wild left for training in California, he stopped by *The Breakfast Shoppe* for some '*chicken and waffles*' accompanied by his brother and sister. Restaurant owner **Kyle Algaze** says the dish was not on the menu that day, but he made it especially for Taylor. Algaze went on to relate how Taylor's brother **Griffin** teased that Taylor always got what he wanted. That's just one memory Algaze and *The Breakfast Shoppe* family is left with now that Taylor Wild is gone. Wild, 21, a Severna Park High School graduate, was among seven Marines killed during a training exercise March 18th in Nevada.

The Wild family are regulars at *The Breakfast Shoppe*. Algaze said Taylor's dad **Bill** comes in a few times a week. At Taylor Wild's viewing, Algaze learned that his establishment was one of his favorite restaurants. When Wild joined the Marines the restaurant put a brick up to honor him while he was away. Now, *The Breakfast Shoppe* and the rest of the Severna Park community is left to mourn the loss of Wild, and reflect on the memories of him that they have stashed away like mini-treasures.

"We miss him dearly and our hearts go out to his family and friends at this time," Algaze also stated in a letter to potential donors that, *"Taylor was a brother, son and a friend who held our country in the highest regard. He gave the ultimate sacrifice, and it is our goal to honor him in any way possible. On Behalf of a Grateful Nation, thank you Taylor. We miss you."*



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Corps Bracing For Loss of Another 8,000 Marines

NOTE – The following story by staff writer Dan Lamothe recently appeared on the Marine Corps Times website.

The Marine Corps is bracing to lose another 8,000 active-duty Marines on top of what already had been planned as it faces deep, federally mandated budget cuts, the service's commandant said Wednesday.



Facing deep, federally mandated budget cuts, the Commandant of the Marine Corps said that the Corps is bracing to lose another 8,000 active-duty Marines on top of what already had been planned. [TSgt. Jerry Morrison Jr. / DoD]

The additional manpower reduction would drop the service to about 174,000 active-duty personnel, **General Jim Amos** said during a breakfast with reporters in Washington. The Corps is currently drawing down from a peak of more than 202,100 Marines to 182,100 by fall 2016, but must plan to go deeper now as a result of sequestration cuts, the drastic budget reductions triggered March 1 by Congress' inability to reach an agreement on a better way to reduce the federal deficit.

Amos' comments came following a new review of strategic choices conducted this spring. Courses of action have been presented by the services and **Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel's** staff, but the secretary has not yet made any decisions, the commandant said.

"As a result of sequestration, assuming this thing does not change, the Marine Corps is probably going to go down another 8,000," the commandant said. *"That's significant. We know what it is. We know what kind of units it will be. We know where it will come from across the United States. That's the reality of it."*

The general declined to say which specific units will be targeted with the additional cuts, but acknowledged it will effect virtually all components of the Corps, including headquarters, infantry, logistics, and fixed-wing and rotary aviation.

Amos also has made an alternative offer to Hagel, the commandant said: *"Tell me what my bill is, and I'll build you the best Marine Corps I can."*

The Corps announced early in 2012 that the service would draw down from 202,100 to 182,100. At the same time, top Marine officials had been advocating to reduce the Corps to 186,800 Marines, but the Pentagon decided it would be necessary to

reduce end strength further.

The Corps' plan to draw down to 182,100 would leave it with 23 infantry battalions, four less than it had with 202,100 personnel. Cutting to about 174,000 Marines would mean even fewer, but Amos declined to say how many until Hagel decides on the way ahead.

Amos has said previously that shrinking the Corps beyond 23 active-duty infantry battalions would create a tremendous strain on the service and its Marines during any large war in the future. The service would become a *"go-to-war-and-come-home-when-it's-over force,"* Amos said told the House Armed Services Committee in April.

Amos said Tuesday that even with the additional cuts, the Marine Corps Reserve would still have about 39,600 Marines, as it has for several years. For every infantry battalion cut from the active-duty force, there would be a corresponding cut to the other components of the service.

"That's the core unit in the Marine Corps," Amos said of infantry battalions. *"It's like Mr. Potato Head. That's the potato, and everything else is kind of plugged in along it to make it a head."*

The commandant stressed on Wednesday that he is not in favor of the additional cuts, but that the Corps has no choice in light of sequestration staying in place.

"By the way, I want to go on record: I don't want this to happen," he said. *"I don't want anybody here to think that the commandant thinks this is a good idea."*

Amos also said on Tuesday that the Corps' drawdown in Afghanistan is likely to occur ahead of schedule because Afghan forces have asserted themselves well in Helmand province this year, as they take the lead on providing security. The number of Marine adviser teams needed down-range will likely be reduced beginning this summer, and a one-star general overseeing them will return to the U.S. by the fall, the commandant said.

There are currently about 7,000 Marines in Afghanistan, part of the 66,000-plus force of U.S. personnel that are part of the **International Security Assistance Force** commanded by Marine **General Joseph Dunford**. The one-star general overseeing Marine advisers in Helmand is **Brigadier General George Smith**, the deputy commanding general for security assistance for **Regional Command Southwest**.



Women In Special Ops Raise 'Genuine Concerns'

NOTE – The following photo and story by Richard Sisk recently appeared on the *Military.com* website.

The days of 'Rambo' are over, but the men of *Special Operations* will still get a say on whether they want women on their small teams working in austere conditions, an Army general said Tuesday.

Speaking at a Pentagon briefing on opening up combat roles to women, **Army Major General Bennet Sacolick** said he was less concerned about women meeting the physical standards required for *Special Operations* troops than their ability to adapt to the social and behavioral demands put upon small A-teams of 12 or less.

"There's privacy issues" that have to be taken into account when it comes to *"female operators in an austere environment"* for long periods of time, said Sacolick, the Army's *Director of Force Management and Development for Special Operations*. "We have some genuine concerns."

"We don't deploy in large formations," Sacolick said. *"I'm actually more concerned with the men and their reaction"* to having women on their teams, he said. Sacolick said the Army would conduct surveys to gauge the reaction of men. *"I need to give them a venue to voice their opinion,"* Sacolick said.

In stating that the *"Days of Rambo are over,"* Sacolick said he meant that special operators in modern warfare are more valued for their language skills and intelligence than their physical prowess.

Sacolick was on a panel of senior officers from all the services who spoke on their plans to open up *military occupational specialties* previously closed to women as ordered last January by former **Defense Secretary Leon Panetta** and **General Martin Dempsey, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff**. The action by Panetta and Dempsey has since been endorsed by current **Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel**.

Under the planning, each of the services will review the current physical and mental requirements for certain infantry, armor, commando and other front-line positions and come up with a common standard for men and women in each MOS.

Colonel Jon Aytes, head of the **Marines' Military Policy Branch**, said he was looking to adopt standards that *"don't set our female Marines for failure."*

Aytes said that this summer, groups of 400 female and 400 male Marines would be select-ed to run through a series of



common tests to develop a gender-neutral standard.

Members of the panel said that under the current guidelines women could possibly begin training as Army Rangers in mid-2015 and as Navy SEALs in 2016. The assumption from the Defense Department is that all jobs now closed to women would be open unless the services come back with detailed reasons for an exception.

The move to open up positions to women reflected the experience of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, where women have fought and died on a scale unprecedented in U.S. military history. More than 150 women have been killed in Iraq and Afghanistan, and more than 300 have received the Purple Heart.

Expanding opportunities for women in the military has generated bipartisan support in Congress. In a statement Tuesday, **Senator John McCain (R-AZ)** said *"I support expanding the eligibility of women to serve in the most elite echelons of our nation's armed forces, including in combat roles, and I look forward to reviewing the details of the Pentagon's announced initiative in this area."*

"The plans submitted by the armed forces allowing military women to compete for select combat positions are a move in the right direction," said **Vania Leveille, Senior Legislative Counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union**. The **ACLU** last year filed a lawsuit to open up more than 200,000 positions that were then closed to women.

Critics warned that opening up ground combat positions to women would result in lower physical standards and possibly cost lives.

"The courage of our military women is not in question, but empirical evidence that is based on actual experience, not what amounts to Amazon Warrior Myths, indicates that women are not interchangeable with men in direct ground combat," said **Elaine Donnelly, President of the Center for Military Readiness**.

"In that environment, women do not have an equal opportunity to survive, or help fellow soldiers survive," Donnelly said.





Corps History

by Mark East

1 July 1920

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

4 July 1800

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

5 July 1968

Marines abandon Khe Sanh combat base.

6 July 1905

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

7 July 1941

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

18 July 1918

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

18 July 1948

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

23 July 2002

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

23 July 2004

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

25 July 1930

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

25 July 1944

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

27 July 1953

Korean War ended – armistice signed at Panmunjom, Korea.

28 July 1918

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



Coming Events

The following events are scheduled to occur through **November 1, 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.

Friday Night Dinner, MCL Detachment 1049

Friday, July 5, 2013 from 1800 – 2000 (Ed Dahling)

Annapolis Young Marines Meeting

Sunday, July 14, 2013 from 1:30 PM to 4:30 PM (Dallas Cooper)

Monthly Meetings, MCL Detachment 1049 & Auxiliary

Monday, July 22, 2013 @ 1900 (Ed Dahling / Anita Ullery)

Annapolis Young Marines Meeting

Sunday, July 28, 2013 from 1:30 PM to 4:30 PM (Dallas Cooper)

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 @ 1900 (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

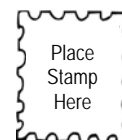
Friday, November 1, 2013 from 1800 – 2000 (Ed Dahling)





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Featured Photo

Marine Corps Base Hawaii – An AH-1W Super Cobra helicopter and UH-1Y Huey helicopter fly off the coast of the island of Oahu, toward MCB Hawaii during maintenance and readiness flights, June 13, 2013. [Photo by Sgt. R Lodder, USMC]