

the CUTTING EDGE

news for and about the members of Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049 of the Marine Corps League

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Marine Sergeant Major Refuses To Let The Bad Guys Win!

Note – The following is an edited version of a story & photograph by Corporal Daniel Wulz, USMC that was recently featured on the Defense Video & Imagery System (DVIDS) website – <http://www.dvidshub.net/>.

CAMP LEJEUNE, NC – All motorcycles share similar controls regardless of style or brand. Most of them have manually operated clutches controlled by using the left handle's lever to engage or disengage the clutch and the left foot-pedal used to shift gears up and down. On the right side, both the handle's lever and the foot-pedal are used for braking the front and rear wheels respectively. This is common knowledge for the experienced rider.

For retired Marine Corps **Sergeant Major Raymond H. Mackey** (see photo on right), former Battalion Sergeant Major of the **3rd Battalion, 10th Marine Regiment**, all of his braking and shifting are done completely by hand. He has custom hand controls designed for racing motorcycles installed on his brand new *Harley Davidson Tri-Glide*, often called a 'trike' or three-wheeled motorcycle. The specialized controls are a necessity for Mackey.

While on patrol in the volatile district of Nawa [Afghanistan], one of Mackey's Marines slipped and fell into a ditch. Mackey leaned down to pull him up and unknowingly stepped on an IED [improved explosive device], triggering an explosion that resulted in him losing both of his legs.

A Battalion Sergeant Major does not normally accompany his Marines on [a] patrol, but Mackey is a different kind of leader.

"I wholeheartedly believe that you can't advise the Battalion Commander if you don't know what the troops on the ground are thinking," said Mackey, a native of Sierra Vista, Arizona.



(see Sergeant Major continues the fight... on page 8)

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From the Editor

by Mac McNeir

Marines Helping Marines – *Monthly cook-outs at Bethesda* will resume on **March 20th**. Consider lending a hand. Tony can use the help!

Detachment Elections – All of you are encouraged to either consider running for an office or nominating someone who you feel is worthy and capable of that undertaking.

Detachment Marine of the Year – Consider nominating someone who you believe merits being named **Detachment Marine of the Year**. Nothing prevents you from nominating yourself, especially if you feel that you are deserving of the honor.

Farewell

It saddens me to have to say farewell to **Chris Thompson**, a Marine who served our detachment well. While I can appreciate his wanting to return to Georgia and his family, I will miss my **Senior Vice Commandant** – who played a major role in whatever success we managed to achieve during my tenure as your detachment Commandant! All of us will miss him!



The article deadline for *the Cutting Edge's* next issue is **March 30th**.



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			
	–	–	–
Sub-Totals			
	115	13	5
Total			
	133		

Renewals

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

March 2013	April 2013	May 2013
Robert Eckardt (D) James LeGette	Rich Gonzales Jr. Burton Helmka Joseph Stephens	Frederick Curtis (D) Gabriel Gutierrez Vernon Maher (D) John Vogel (D)
Please advise the editor of any errors/omissions in this listing.		

Please consider a **Life Membership** as a potential cost reduction.

Commandant's Message



Joe Wright

Marines,

At our February detachment meeting, we held the initial nomination session for the detachment's elected officers, who will serve during 2013-2014.

The **current nominations** for the detachment officers are:

Detachment Commandant Ed Dahling
Detachment Senior Vice Commandant **(NONE)**
Detachment Junior Vice Commandant Ray Sturm
Detachment Judge Advocate Ben Wells

At our March meeting, we will re-open the nomination process. If you are interested in filling an officer position within the detachment, please let your intentions be known.

DEPARTMENT OF MARYLAND CONVENTION

Currently, we have ten delegates attending the department convention. Delegates will be *electing the Department of Maryland Officers for the coming year* as well as *deciding the fate of other important items*. As a delegate, you will need to participate in the **Saturday, April 27th** department business meeting. If you are interested in serving as a delegate, please give your name to our current Adjutant during the March meeting. I also want to remind everyone of the need to sell advertisements for the Department of Maryland convention book. **We earn 50% of all sales over \$300!**

DETACHMENT MARINE OF THE YEAR – 2012

Nominations for the *Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049 Marine of the Year* will continue to be accepted until **18 March 2013**.

MARINES HELPING MARINES GOLF TOURNAMENT

With everything going on, we must not forget our annual Marines Helping Marines golf tournament on **Friday, May 31st**. Members must get the word out and help get golfers to participate in the tournament. We also need to sell **tee box signs**, which have raised significant funds in past events.

Anyone interested in helping with the tournament or having questions or concerns about the tournament should contact **Burt Helmka** at (1-443-848-6652) or email him at

goodfellas669@gmail.com.

Burt is also in need of someone to assist him with organizing the event.

Semper Fi,

Meet Chesty... the Next Marine Corps Mascot

NOTE – The following article by Dan Lamothe appeared in the on-line version of The Marine Corps Times column, Battle Rattle, on February 15, 2013.



Chesty, the next Marine Corps mascot, takes a nap before his departure to his future home at Marine Barracks Washington, DC. The nine-week-old pedigree English bulldog will become the Corps' mascot after the completion of obedience and recruit training. [Photo by Sgt. D. Baez]

For all their saltiness, most Marines love dogs.

That statement is backed by nothing other than five years of experience covering the Marine Corps and the war in Afghanistan. Still, I'll go out on a limb and say new photographs released by Marine Barracks Washington, DC, will be a hit.

Depicted in them is Chesty, a 9-week-old English bulldog who will soon take over as the Marine Corps mascot, serving at a variety of ceremonies and functions in the region, officials said. First, however, the puppy must attend *obedience school* and *recruit training*. I can only assume the drill instructors are nicer.

Marine officials said Chesty is currently in the care of **Staff Sgt. Jason Mosser**, a member of the Marine Corps Drum and Bugle Corps, and his wife, **Christine**, who serves as an assistant family readiness officer at the barracks.

Chesty comes from five generations of championship bulldogs bred by a mother-daughter team, **Sara Gomez and Abigail Callahan** from Stephens City, Va.



Chesty, the future Marine Corps mascot sits on the red carpet in front of the Commandant's Home in Washington, DC. [Photo by Sgt. D. Baez]



From the desk of the

Senior Vice Commandant



Ed Dahling

Fellow Detachment Members,

As was pointed out at the February meeting, we are in need of nominees (volunteers) to fill our detachment's elected officer positions for the coming fiscal year. **Should you be interested in filling one of these positions, please be sure to make your feelings known** at the March detachment meeting in order to have your name placed into nomination.

Spring is around the corner and we will be attending the **MCL Department of Maryland Convention** in Ocean City. You are reminded that the **8th Annual Marines Helping Marines Golf Tournament** will be taking place on **Friday, May 31st** at the **Compass Pointe** golf course. We are in need of everyone's support in obtaining golfers, sponsors, and tee-box sign purchasers.

Semper Fi,

Ed Dahling



Chaplain's Corner

by Mac McNeir for Chaplain Fred Kaminski

Sherrie Brewer, sister of our **Past Chaplain Ken Webster**, though still in remission from cancer, has fallen seriously ill and is in need of the prayers and good wishes of all.

Dina Foster, daughter of **Past Commandant Mac McNeir**, is recovering from surgery performed last month. Although still undergoing post-operative treatment, she has returned to work and resumed her role of full-time mother.

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

410-760-4684 (home)



From the desk of the

Junior Vice Commandant



Ray Sturm

Fellow Members,

As you read this article, there are Marines positioned on amphibious assault ships ready to respond to a crisis. There are Marines securing over 100 embassies, protecting our ambassadors and representing all Americans. These warriors are also humanitarians, responding to natural disasters both home and abroad. And of course, Marines continue to be deployed in harm's way, protecting our way of life.

As our country faces difficult financial and budget issues (none of which will be discussed here) serious cuts in defense spending loom. How these reductions will affect our servicemen is being debated at the highest levels of government. We face interesting and uncertain times. **What must not be uncertain is our commitment to our active duty servicemen and veterans!** The wars in Afghanistan and Iraq may be ending, but our support for these warriors should never wane.

So, what can you do? Well, you are already doing something, you're a member of 1049. I'm asking that you support 1049. Our detachment prides itself on what we do for our fellow Marines throughout the year. Come to a **Friday Night Dinner... volunteer to help with the golf tournament... join us at our annual Bull & Oyster Roast**. All of our activities will in some way support our Marines and veterans... but we need your help. Come join us.

Semper Fi,

Ray Sturm



Rifle & Pistol Team



by Ray Sturm



ATTENTION SHOOTERS – The **Department of Pennsylvania's** annual pistol match is scheduled for **Saturday, 1 June 2013**. **Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049** will participate again this year. Several of our members have expressed an interest in joining the team. This is your chance. A team consists of 5 shooters and we need you to round out our team. Please note that we can enter more than one team. So, please let me know if you are interested in being a team member.

Additional information can be found at

<http://www.pamcleague.org/pistol.htm>



Bombastic Bumper Snicker:



***Either Do or Do Not...
There is No Try!***

Have you nominated anyone to serve as a
2013 Detachment Officer?
Be Part of the Process!



**Military Order of the
Devil Dogs**



The Fun & Honor Society of the Marine Corps League

Woof-Woof,

Pound 204 had a very successful Growl last month collecting \$479 for the children's hospital in Grand Rapids, Michigan. That brings our total, with one Growl to go, to \$859. That should secure our being in first place for donating the most bones again this year at the Supreme Growl!

Pound 204 also started training two mongrels who, if successful, will be initiated at our **14 April Growl**. That will make them eligible to attend the **Grand Growl in Ocean City** on **26 April**, and witness the **DD initiation** that they could be eligible to take part in next year... if they meet the requirements.

The **Grand Growl** is fast approaching. You should have already made your reservations for the **Princess Royale in Ocean City**. Any Pups desiring to advance at the Grand Growl let me know no later than mid April so I can properly prepare the paperwork. And if you have not attended two Pound Growls since the last Grand Growl, you cannot advance to DD.

The **2 March Maryland Pack Growl** will probably be over by the time you read this. I will report on that next month.

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

Woof-Woof,

Paul Taylor

Have you sold any
**2013 Department of Maryland
Convention Book Ads?**

We Need Your Support!

Start contacting friends, business contacts, or whomever you feel might want to purchase advertising space in our 2013 Department of Maryland Convention Book.

Advertisement prices are as follows:

Full Page 7 1/2" x 10"	\$100
Half Page 7 1/2" x 5"	\$55
Quarter Page 3 3/4" x 5"	\$35
Business Card 2" x 3 1/2"	\$25
Patron's List - 1 Line	\$5
Outside Back Cover	\$200
Inside Front Cover	\$135
Inside Back Cove	\$135

Submit...

- Ads to Junior Past Commandant McNeir @ 410-437-4329
- Payments to Senior Vice Commandant Dahling @ 410-570-8673

Quotations

***"We've been looking for the enemy for some time now.
We've finally found him. We're surrounded. That
simplifies things."***

***"All right, they're on our left, they're on our right,
they're in front of us, they're behind us...they can't get
away this time."***

***"Great. Now we can shoot at those bastards from every
direction."***

Lewis Burwell 'Chesty' Puller

Lieutenant General U.S. Marine Corps – commenting on being surrounded by a numerically superior force of Chinese soldiers at the epic Battle of Chosin Reservoir during the Korean War.



Have You Heard?

by Mac McNeir

Highlights of the February 2013 Meeting...

The meeting was brought to order by Commandant **Joe Wright**, who recognized **Paul Taylor**, Department of Maryland Adjutant; **Don Benson**, Maryland Pack Leader (MODD); and past Detachment Commandants **Manny Airey**, **Guy Hall**, and **Mac McNeir**.

Commandant's Report...

Commandant **Joe Wright** underscored the need to purchase and/or sell advertisements for the **2013 Department of Maryland Convention Book**. The fact that this is one of the largest annual fund-raising activities for our detachment was reiterated. Contact **Mac McNeir** to place the ads and **Ed Dahling** to pay for the ad(s)

Joe also stated that **Delegates to the Department Convention were needed!** Delegates from our detachment will join with delegates from other Maryland detachments on the morning of **April 27th** to *deliberate and vote upon league issues* brought to the floor during the departmental business meeting. The delegates will also *review the nominees seeking to fill elected departmental staff positions and vote for those considered to be most deserving*. Installation of the newly elected officers will take place immediately after the elections conclude.

Regrettably, no one stepped up to run our **Friday Night Dinner**, scheduled for **March 1st**, so Joe was forced to turn the opportunity over to the detachment's auxiliary.

Senior Vice Commandant Report...

Ed Dahling announced that he has raffle tickets for a *42 inch, flat screen, high definition, smart-television* available for purchase. Tickets can be purchased for either **\$5 each** or at the bargain rate of **5 tickets for \$20**. Proceeds will benefit the **Mideast Division**.

Junior Vice Commandant Report...

Ray Sturm informed attendees that there is a new membership application that replaces all previous editions and is the only one that will be accepted by National Headquarters. He circulated copies of the new application to those in attendance. *The applicant's signature on the new form authorizes the Executive Director of the League to examine the DD-214 of that applicant in order to verify membership eligibility.*

Young Marines Commander...

George Martin, announced that after thirteen years in the role, he is turning over command of the **Annapolis**

Young Marines to active duty Marine and detachment member **Dallas Cooper** on **Sunday, March 3rd** at **1:00 PM** at **VFW Post 160**.

George went on to express his sincere appreciation for the long-term support and encouragement provided by the members of the Marine Corps League's **Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049** and their **Auxiliary** as well as the members of **VFW Post 160**.

Officer Nominations, 2013-2014 Term of Office...

Commandant **Joe Wright** opened the nomination process, which resulted in the following nominations...

- Commandant **Ed Dahling**
- Senior Vice Commandant..... (NONE)
- Junior Vice Commandant..... **Ray Sturm**
- Judge Advocate **Ben Wells**

After the nomination process was closed, Commandant **Wright** emphasized the importance of filling all of the offices (either elected or appointed), especially that of **Senior Vice Commandant**.

EDITOR'S NOTE – Examination of the current as well as past 'officer listings' in this newsletter will provide evidence that a number of the appointed offices have remained unfilled for far too long. It is respectfully requested that each of you review the current vacancies and determine if you have the inclination and background to serve our (your) detachment. We need everyone to contribute to the operation and betterment of this detachment.

Recognition of Support...

Past Commandants **Manny Airey & Mac McNeir** displayed a set of two plaques that will be presented to the **Ocean City** establishment known as **'Bull on the Beach.'** For many years, Marines of this detachment have benefited from the hospitality and generosity of the staff of this fine establishment. These plaques will provide tangible evidence that their support has been recognized and is deeply appreciated by all of us who have had the pleasure of being served by them.

St. Baldrick's Foundation...

Mac McNeir talked of the need to support childhood cancer research as it typically receives far less of the funds committed annually to research than the amount dedicated to the adult forms of the disease. He also invited all league members to attend the ceremonial *'shaving of heads'* which concludes the annual efforts of the **Ed Ross Team**. Other parts of the anatomy could also be shaved...if a sufficient bid/donation is proffered. The event will take place on **March 23rd** at **Dougherty's Pub**, which is located at **223 West Chase Street** in **Baltimore, MD**.

Have You Heard...

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Marines Helping Marines Golf Tournament...

2013 Tournament Chairman **Burt Helmka** reported on the state of this year's tournament. One urgent problem that he needs to have addressed, is finding someone to assist him and to serve as the main point of contact for this year's tournament, whenever he (Burt) is unavailable. The necessity of an assistant is made even more urgent by the death of Burt's father, which requires him to go to Florida for approximately 30 days in the near future to attend to various family related concerns.

It is imperative that someone step up as soon as possible to temporarily and efficiently fill-in for Burt!

Upon Burt's return, the continued assistance of whom ever steps forward would truly be appreciated. We cannot afford to drop the ball if we are to continue our string of successful fund-raiser for **Marines Helping Marines**.

Detachment Marine of the Year for 2012...

Jim Brady requested that nominations for the **Detachment Marine of the Year** be submitted as soon as possible; especially, since only one written nomination has been received at the time of the February meeting. Legibly written and signed nominations need to be turned into **Commandant Wright** by the **18th of March**.

Mideast Convention...

Jim Brady reminded everyone in attendance that the **Mideast Division Convention** will take place from **June 27th through June 29th** in **Hagerstown, MD**. Jim also revealed the new Mideast Division banner. The design and production of the banner was a collaborative effort undertaken by members **Jim Brady** and **Mike Hadley**.

Adjournment...

The detachment meeting was adjourned in accordance with league rituals and will reconvene at **1900 (7:00 PM)** on **25 March 2013** at **VFW Post 160**.



Marine Corps League Department of Maryland



Support Your

2013 Department Convention

**Princess Royale
Oceanfront Hotel & Conference Center
Ocean City, Maryland**

1-800-4-ROYALE

26 - 27 April 2013

Hotel Reservation Deadline for Special Rate - Monday, April 1, 2013

**Be sure to state that you are with the
Marine Corps League Convention**

*Have you nominated anyone to be the
2012 Detachment Marine of the Year?
Be Sure to Make Your Choice Known!*

What's Wrong With This Picture?

(Answer on page 13)



Sergeant Major continues the fight...

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Mackey had been a motorcycle rider for more than 35 years at the time of his accident.

"When this happened, I wanted to get back to as normal as I would ever get back to," said Mackey. "I wasn't going to let the bad guys win by not getting on a motorcycle, and I was determined to find a way to ride again. I looked into everything that there was that could assist me in getting on a bike again."

Ultimately, Mackey decided to purchase a three-wheeled trike and not a standard two-wheeled motorcycle after finally being able to get up on a bike less than five months ago.

With some help from the **New River Harley Davidson** motorcycle dealership, Mackey picked out a motorcycle and found ways to get custom hand controls installed. Specialists and engineers from **Adaptive Cycling**, a Florida-based motorcycle company, had some ideas about how they could install hand controls and sent them to New River Harley Davidson.

Jeff Myers, a salesman at New River Harley Davidson and a retired Marine, played an essential role, helping Mackey purchase the bike as well as coordinating the assembly of the bike.

"We're absolutely thrilled to be doing this," said Myers. "This is an opportunity to show all wounded warriors they can still ride 'American Iron.' A lot of guys who rode before may have given up their desire to ride, but now they can try again. That is at least our hope."

On December 23, 2012, which marked the third anniversary of his brush with death, Mackey received his brand new Harley Davidson motorcycle, customized precisely for Mackey to use without his legs.

As he started the motorcycle up for the first time, surrounded by friends and family, Mackey leaned in to listen to the engine and shouted to the audience above the noise, *"Is it on?"*

After the bike's maiden voyage, Mackey said that because of the rehabilitation he did at **Walter Reed Medical Center** [in Bethesda, MD], he was pretty accustomed to working with his truck's hand controls. Riding the bike for the first time was not difficult after riding for more than 35 years.

"We got along from the first moment we met and she didn't buck me off," said Mackey.

Mackey was plagued by the thoughts that he would never ride again early on, but he was determined to get back on the bike.

"I was always kind of stubborn," he explained. "People told me, 'You can't be a Marine. You're too stubborn to be a Marine.' I thought, 'Yes I can. I'm going to be a Marine,' So thirty years later, I have to retire and now being a double amputee I have people telling me, 'You can't do that. You're a double amputee.' I'm still thinking, 'Yes, I can.' So I hope in some way that I set an example, not just for other wounded warriors and amputees but for Marines. You can do the impossible."

Mackey, who had his retirement ceremony last November, is currently spending time with his wife, two sons, two daughters and of course his new motorcycle.

"At first all people initially see is the bike. Then they pull up closer and see I'm missing my legs and think, 'Oh, that's awesome!'"



2013 Marines Helping Marines Golf Tournament

– HELP NEEDED –

Detachment Members, Auxiliary Members & Friends,

The 8th annual iteration of the **Marines Helping Marines Golf Tournament** is fast approaching and I am still in need of volunteers and ideas. I would like to meet periodically with those of you who have helped with the tournament in past years as well as those of you who would like to get involved for the first time.

I understand that many of us still work and have other obligations; however, if we pool our energies and resources, the burden on any individual should be of workable proportions.

Watch the detachment bulletin board for meeting information or contact me directly either by telephone (1-443-848-6652) or email (goodfellas669@gmail.com).

Let's get together and make this year's event a successful one!

Burt Helmka

DEDICATION...



is sacrificing more than the average Joe and...
carrying-on as if it doesn't matter!

Devil Dog Review

2013 Marines Helping Marines Golf Tournament



Compass Pointe's North-East Golf Course

9010 Fort Smallwood Road
Pasadena, MD 21122
Phone: (410) 255-7764

Friday, May 31, 2013

4 Player Scramble
Shotgun Start 9:00 AM

ENTRY FEE – \$98



MARINES HELPING MARINES SUPPORTS



Wounded Warrior
Regiment



Joint Task Force
National Capital
Region Medical



Brooke Army
Medical Center



Naval Medical Center
San Diego



Naval Hospital
Camp LeJeune

*For additional information regarding registration,
sponsorship or participation, please contact either...*

Burt Helmka at 443-848-6652 / goodfellas669@gmail.com



**St. Baldrick's
FOUNDATION**

**2013
Campaign**

I am pleased to once again be able to represent our detachment as a 'shavee' who will be raising money for this year's **St. Baldrick's Campaign**. For our new members, this campaign raises money to help fund the research being conducted to find/develop cures for the various forms of childhood cancer.

For those who wish to support me in the effort to cure and **eradicate childhood cancers**, here is the information on how to do so.

METHOD 1 – You can contribute directly online, as a member of the detachment team at the following URL –

<https://www.stbaldricks.org/donate/>

- Enter Wayne McNeir into the *I'm donating towards the fund-raising goal of...* field.
- Click on the **SEARCH** button.
- Click on my name (Wayne McNeir) in the resultant display.
- Complete the form that is now displayed – my name should be displayed in the **Participants** field at the top of the form.

METHOD 2 – If you wish to write a check, please make it payable to the '**St. Baldrick's Foundation**.'

Once I receive your check, I will transmit the funds to **St. Baldrick's** and update the website to reflect your generosity! Be sure to provide me with information such as...

- The name you wish to appear in the donor list...you may want to donate in someone else's honor; or
- the term '**anonymous**' if you wish to remain unnamed.

Regardless of the method that you chose, **your donation will be tax deductible!**

On behalf of some very special kids, thanks in advance for your support and your generosity!

Semper Fi,

Wayne (Mac) McNeir

Junior Past Commandant
Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049

Thanks to those who have already donated!

**Our team will soon be
getting sheared at
Dougherty's Pub, so...**

*If you have not yet contributed; but plan to...
Please make your contributions soon...
the Children need you!*



Coming Events

The following events are scheduled to occur through **June 30, 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.

Monthly Meetings, MCL Detachment 1049 & Auxiliary

Monday, March 25, 2013 @ 1900 (Joe Wright / Anita Ullery)

Friday Night Dinner, MCL Detachment 1049 Auxiliary

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

Marine Corps League Leadership Course

Saturday, April 13, 2013 from 0800 – 1600 (Craig Reeling)
(443-477-0670)

MODD Growl, Pound 204

Sunday, April 14, 2013 from 0800 – 1100 (Mike Hadley)

Monthly Meetings, MCL Detachment 1049 & Auxiliary

Monday, April 22, 2013 @ 1900 (Joe Wright / Anita Ullery)

2013 Department of Maryland Convention

Thursday, April 25 through Saturday, April 27, 2013 (Ed Ross)
Princess Royale Oceanfront Hotel & Convention Center
9100 Costal Highway, Ocean City, MD. (1-800-4-ROYALE)

Friday Night Dinner, MCL Detachment 1049

Friday, May 3, 2013 from 1800 – 2000 (Joe Wright)

Monthly Meetings, MCL Detachment 1049 & Auxiliary

Monday, May 20, 2013 @ 1900 (Pending 2013 Election Results)

2013 Marines Helping Marines Golf Tournament

Friday, May 31, 2013 / Shot-Gun start at 0900 (Burt Helmka)
Compass Pointe (North/East Course), Pasadena, MD.

2013 Mideast Division Convention

Friday, June 28 through Sunday, June 30, 2013
Clarion Hotel and Conference Center, 901 Dual Highway,
Hagerstown MD 21740 (301-733-5100)



Members' Birthdays

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

Albert Bell	Woody Bowman	Butch Cavey
Paul Downey	Frank Fleishman	Gary Frye Sr.
Scott Neff	Jack Seal	Chris Thompson



Corps History

by Historian Vic Halme

2 March 1968

The **Battle of Hue** declared over. Estimates of communist casualties (NVA & Viet Cong) ranged between 2,500 and 5,000; while Marine casualties were reported as 142 killed and 1,100 wounded.

3 March 1776

First Marine landing on hostile shores in the Bahamas.

6 March 1932

John Philip Sousa dies at age 79 in Reading, Pennsylvania.

8 March 1928

Captain Merritt Edson sets out on epic CoCo River patrol in search of Nicaraguan rebel leader Sandino.

8 March 1965

9th Marine Expeditionary Brigade lands at DaNang, Republic of Vietnam – first U.S. ground combat troops committed to that conflict.

12 March 1824

Marines quell prison riot in Boston. Story published in *McGuffey's Reader* spreads Marine Corps fame.

12 March 2003

President George W. Bush signed an executive order establishing two new awards – the **Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal** and the **Global War on Terrorism Service Medal** – to recognize sacrifices and contributions made by military members since 11 September 2001.

13 March 1943

First Women Marine officer candidates arrive at U.S. Midshipmen School at Mount Holyoke College.

16 March 1927

4th Marines land in Shanghai, China and remain for fourteen years.

21 March 2007

Major William D. Chesarek, Jr. awarded *British Distinguished Flying Cross (DFC)* by Queen Elizabeth II in a ceremony at Buckingham Palace. His actions on 10 June 2006 in support of British ground troops – while serving as an exchange officer with the **British 847th Naval Air Squadron** – lead to him becoming the first American since World War II to receive the British DFC.

23 March 2003

18 Marines of Task Force **Tarawa** lost attempting to secure the Iraqi city **An Nasiriyah** and key bridges over the **Euphrates River**.

26 March 1945

Iwo Jima secured. Marines suffer 25,851 casualties.

31 March 1801

Lt. Colonel Commandant William W. Burrows & President Thomas Jefferson select site for Marine Barracks, 8th & I.



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