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## Membership Statistics

### Good Standing (Dues Paid)

Type	USMC	Associate	Multiple
Life Member-	78	9	6
Annual Member-	28	9	—



### New Members

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### Sub-Totals

107	17	6
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### Total

130
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## Members' Birthdays

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

**Gary Barr    Chris Kalwa  
Bill Merrill   Tim Muniz   George Owings**

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

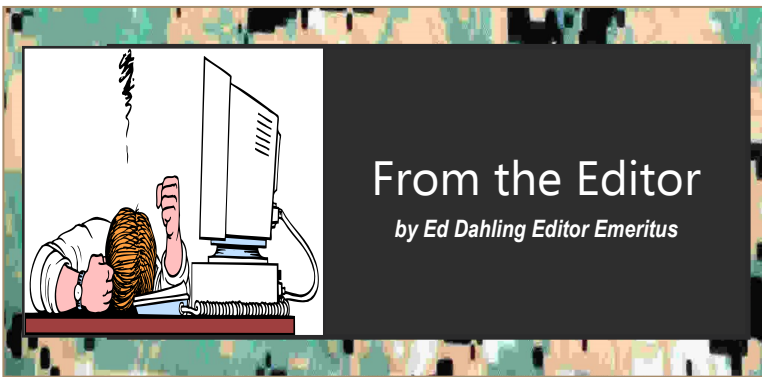
## Corps Quotation

"Success is a little like wrestling a gorilla. You don't quit when you are tired... you quit when the gorilla gets tired!"

**Robert Strauss**

Reporter, Writer, Editor, TV  
Critic & Adjunct Instructor at  
the University of Pennsylvania





Anyone planning to attend the **Department of Maryland Convention** as a delegate must let us know so the appropriate paperwork can be completed. Delegates from all of the Maryland detachments will be electing the Department of Maryland Officers for the coming year as well as deciding the fate of other important items. If you are interested in serving as a delegate, please notify **Joe Wright** or myself. I also want to remind everyone to push the sale of convention ads for this year's convention book. **We earn 50% of all sales over \$300!**

**Department of Maryland Marine of the Year 2018**  
Our detachment will be submitting the name of one (1) nominee for this award prior to the next department meeting. If you have someone in mind that you believe to be deserving of statewide recognition as the **Department of Maryland Marine of the Year**, be sure to submit the required information as I outlined in the last (January 2018) newsletter.

**Detachment 1049 Marine of the Year 2018**  
Nominations for the **Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049 Marine of the Year** will be accepted until **26 March 2018**. If you wish to nominate an individual, be sure to follow the guidelines outlined in the last (January 2018) newsletter.

**Detachment 1049 Election of Officers for FY 2018 – 2019** We will begin the nomination process at the next detachment meeting; so if anyone is interested in running for an elected position, please let your intentions be known. Candidates (nominees) are needed for each of the following positions.

**Detachment Commandant**  
**Detachment Senior Vice Commandant**  
**Detachment Junior Vice Commandant**  
**Detachment Judge Advocate**



The following events are scheduled to occur through **May 2018** 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  
Monday, 26 February 2018 @ 1900 (Ray Sturm)

**.Friday Night Dinner, MCL Detachment 1049** Friday, March 2nd 2018 from 1800 – 2000 (Ray Sturm)

**2018 National Mid-Winter Conference**  
March 1-3, 2018 - MCL National Midwinter Staff Conference Fredericksburg Hospitality House and Conference Center 2801 Plank Rd, Fredericksburg, VA 22401

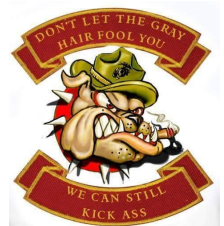
**VFW Sunday Breakfast** hosted at VFW Post 160 on Sunday 4 March 2018.0800–1100

**Monthly Meetings**, MCL Detachment 1049  
Monday, 26 March 2018 @ 1900 (Ray Sturm)

**Leadership College** Hosted by the Department of Maryland 22 April 2018 VFW Post 160 2597 Dorsey Rd, Glen Burnie, MD

**Department Convention** 10-11&12 MAY  
Princess Royale Ocean City, Maryland

**Midwest Division Conference** June 15-17, 2018 Turf Valley Resort 2700 Turf Valley Road Ellicott City, MD 21042





# Commandant Ray Sturm

Greetings,

Many of you know that the detachment is in the process of forming a 501(c)3 subsidiary to assist with fundraising. That new organization is recognized in Maryland as the Marines Helping Heroes Foundation. Our website is [www.MarinesHelpingHeroes.org](http://www.MarinesHelpingHeroes.org). Please visit the website to see information about the organization and to sign up for the golf tournament on May 18<sup>th</sup>. I will post additional information soon.

Speaking of the golf tournament, we are always looking for volunteers to help organize the event and of course to help on the actual day. Please see either Christine Stevens or me if you are interested in helping.

On the topic of new websites, the MCL Chief Operation Officer has created a new, easy to use, website designed for members at every level. It is a library of useful documents, information about conferences, and recommended professional reading. Feel free to visit the site at [www.mcleaguelibrary.org](http://www.mcleaguelibrary.org).

The detachment will conduct its election of officers at the March meeting. I have announced my intention to run for a fourth term. I would not have even considered it, but for the support you all have given me over the last three years. Many of the current officers have agreed to stay on as well. If you are interested in a position, please let me know.

The detachment will host the Department Leadership College on April 28<sup>th</sup>. This is a great opportunity for new officers and members to learn about the League. Everyone is welcome to attend. As a reminder, the Mid-Winter Conference is 1-3 March in Fredericksburg, VA. Several members will be attending including myself. If you have anything you would like us to bring up, please let me know. Don't sit in silence, make your voice heard.



Pistol Team  
Ray Sturm

Nothing to Report at this time.





## Corps History

by Ed Dahling for Joe Wright, Historian

### 1 February

1967 Operation Prairie II began in Quang Tri province by elements of the 3rd Marine Division. During the 46 day search-and-destroy operation, 93 Marines and 693 enemy combatants were killed.

### 20 February

1815 Captain Archibald Henderson leads Marines in the USS Constitution's capture of HMS Cyane and HMS Levant, which occurs 3 days after the end of the War of 1812.

### 20 February

1962 Lieutenant Colonel John H. Glenn Jr. orbits the earth in first manned American space capsule.

### 23 February

1945 Men of the 5th Marine Division raise flag on Mount Suribachi.

### 24 February

1991 1st and 2nd Marine Divisions breach Iraqi defensive positions.

### 24 February

1991: The I Marine Expeditionary Force and coalition forces began a ground assault on Iraqi defenses in the final chapter of Operation Desert Storm.

### 26 February

1991 A Marine recon unit was the first U.S. force to enter Kuwait City and retake the American Embassy.

### 28 February

1991: Operation Desert Storm ends. I Marine Expeditionary Force, with a strength of more than 92,000 for the operation, becomes largest Marine Corps operation in history. 24 Marines were killed in action during the Gulf War.

### 28 February

1967 PFC James Anderson Jr. is first black Marine to win the Medal of Honor.



## Senior Vice Commandant Ben Wells



Hello Marines,

Winter is drawing to an end and the weather seems to be getting better. The Mid-Winter meeting is coming up March 1<sup>st</sup> thru the 3rd and we would love to see you there so if you have not signed up please do.

We had our first meeting for the annual MHH golf tournament which will be held May 18<sup>th</sup>. Please help us have another good golf tournament by helping sign up sponsors and golfers. We will be starting the meetings for the annual 5K run soon so if you would like to part of this please let us know.

Please patronize the next VFW Sunday Breakfast hosted at VFW Post 160 on the 1st Sunday of every month. 0800-1100



## 2018 Mideast Division Conference

June 15-17, 2018 Turf Valley Resort  
2700 Turf Valley Road  
Ellicott City, MD 21042

Group code: 2844UW Phone: (410) 465-1500  
Room rates \$109 plus tax. Reservations must be made by 16 May 2018

Conference registration opening 1 January 2018







## Color Guard

Color Guard Commander Woody Bowman

### – COMING EVENTS –

There are no events scheduled for our Color Guard until March of this year; but, you are reminded that... our color guard is always looking for new volunteers to join their ranks, and the schedule of future Color Guard activities will be published as it evolves.

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**

### Veteran Crisis Resources

Veterans Crisis Line 1-800-273-8255 and Press 1

Military Crisis Line 1-800-273-TALK (8255)

National Call Center for Homeless Veterans

1-877-4AID-VET (424.3838)

VA Caregiver Support Line 1-855-260-3274



## Military Order of the Devil Dogs



### Military Order of the Devil Dogs (MODD)

The Fun and Honor Society of the Marine Corps League

Woof woof,

With seven months of the Dog year gone, Anne Arundel County Detachment still has three Dogs in arrears. As such, they cannot attend Growls or hold office. They can rectify this by remitting a check for 15 measly bones to their friendly Dog Robber (me) at 7944 Oakwood Road, Glen Burnie, Md 21061. Make the check payable to MODD, Pound 204. If you no longer desire to be a Devil Dog, let me know and I can delete you from the roles. Dogs in arrears make the Pound look bad: **pay up or drop out.**

There is only one Pack Growl left for those DDs desiring to advance to PDD in Buffalo, New York next year. If you haven't attended one already, it is too late for you to advance this year. The next Pack Growl is on 11 May at Ocean City.

Likewise, there is only one Pound Growl left for those Pups aspiring to advance to DD in Ocean City in May. Again, if you haven't attended one already, it is too late for you to advance this year. By attending all Growls, you won't have this problem. The next Pound Growl will be on 8 April.

At the February Pound Growl we collected 277 bones for the kids and at the February Pack Growl we collected 347 bones for them.

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

Woof woof,  
PDD Paul Taylor  
Dog Robber





# Marine Corps League

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## Junior Vice Commandant Pat Sharkey

Marines,

.. I'm sure every one of us knows a former Marine. Ask this Marine if he's heard of the League. If not, invite him to our monthly meeting. We'd be glad to explain what we do.. we'll even make the recruiting pitch for you.

If you know any of Detachment member, who allowed their current membership to expire. Or If here is a reason for becoming uninvolved with us, have them contact me or let me know, so we can see what we can do to get them involved again. We don't want to lose members.



## Marine Corps League License Plates

Marine Corps League License Plates are available for a one time fee of \$30. You continue to pay your normal registration fee at the time it is normally due.

You must be a member in good standing and either the registered owner or co-owner of the vehicle.

Contact the Department  
License Plate Chairman, Craig  
Reeling, at 443-477-0670 or  
[Craig.Reeling@MarylandMarines.org](mailto:Craig.Reeling@MarylandMarines.org)




## Chaplain's Corner Bill Collins

February has been another busy month in Marine Corps Land. Commandant Sturm and a group of his merry volunteers have been working diligently to get our "Marines Helping Heroes" initiative designated as a 501c3 nonprofit corporation. This requires a significant effort jumping through the government hoops required to justify nonprofit status. Once we have been approved as a 501c3 our ability to raise funds for the charities that we support will be greatly enhanced and thus enable us to raise even more money to support causes like : The Semper Fi Fund, Treat-Now, Our Boy Scouts and all of the other worthwhile efforts that we routinely support.

Our Marine Corps League Mission Statement says, in part : "effectively promote the ideals of American freedom and democracy, voluntarily aiding and rendering assistance to all Marines and former Marines and to their widows and orphans" Our "Marines Helping Heroes" initiative satisfies that promise and extends that support to include Veterans of all of our military services; to first responders and to all of our community heroes. Members of the Detachment can be justifiably proud of the contribution that we are making to improve the lives of our Marines and the community at large.






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E-Mail: [secretary@garrisonrr.org](mailto:secretary@garrisonrr.org)  
Website: <https://www.garrisonrr.org>

Club meets every second Tuesday of each month  
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# Have You Heard?

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

## *January 22nd Meeting Highlights . . . . .*

### **OPENING BY RITUAL:**

Meeting called to order by Commandant Ray Sturm at 1900 hours.  
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by prayer by Guest Chaplain Fred Kaminski.  
Members in Attendance: 17

- Paul Taylor Department Adjutant, Department Marine of Year (2010)
- Edward Dahling Dept. Paymaster, Past Det. Commandant, Detachment Marine of Year (2016)
- Manny Airey Past Det. Commandant, Detachment Marine of Year (2005), Dept Marine of Year (2014)
- Joe Wright Past Detachment Commandant, Detachment Marine of the Year (2015)
- Woody Bowman Color Guard Commander, Detachment Marine of the Year (2014)

### **APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:**

There were no applications for membership.

### **READING OF THE MINUTES:**

Minutes of the November meeting were distributed via the detachment list server (e-mail). twice and copies were available at the meeting.

### **CORRESPONDANCE:**

- Thank you letter received from Fischer House Foundation thanking the detachment for the \$500.00 donation

### **PAYMASTER:**

Paymaster Ed Dahling gave a hardcopy report:

### **Chaplain REPORT:**

- Updated the detachment on Treat Now activities for 2017.
- Danny Fischio's father passed away.
- Notified by family that life member Theodore Thompson passed away in March

### **COMMANDANT:**

No Report

### **SENIOR VICE:**

- Department Convention raffle tickets are available. Buy some and sell some.

### **JUNIOR VICE:**

No Report

### **JUDGE ADVOCATE:**

No Report

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# Have You Heard?

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

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## **NEWSLETTER EDITOR:**

- Get articles in on time.
- If you have something you would like to see in the newsletter, send it to Ed Dahling

## **QUARTERMASTER:**

- Looking into options for ordering and selling detachment shirts. Possibly advertise in the newsletter

## **HISTORIAN/ WEB SERGEANT:**

No report.

## **COLOR GUARD:**

- Please consider becoming a member of the Color Guard. Need new members.
- Nothing else until May.

## **TOYS FOR TOTS:**

No Report

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- Passed around a potential logo for the proposed detachment coin.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Golf Tournament schedule for Friday May 18th.

## **GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:**

- Several new signs with detachment logos were designed and supplied by Marine Bill Collins. The signs are outstanding!
- Forms for detachment MOY were distributed and everyone was encouraged to fill the form out.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Department Meeting & Pack Growl February 3rd.
- Pound 204 Growl February 11th.

## **CLOSING CEREMONIES:**

Commandant Sturm closed the meeting IAW MCL rituals. The next detachment meeting will take place on February 26 2018 Prayer was given by Acting Chaplain Fred Kaminski as well as an outstanding playing of the Marines' Hymn on the harmonica.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joseph Wright, Adjutant  
Marine Corps League - A. A. County Detachment 1049





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