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Semper Fidelis!



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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			
			–
Sub-Totals			
	107	17	6
Total			
130			



Members' Birthdays

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

**Bill Creager
Gerald Grimes,**

**Charles Dorn,
Warren Lindgren**

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

Corps Quotation

When word got around that the bombs had forced the Japanese surrender, we knelt in the sand and cried. For all our manhood, we cried. We Were going to live!"

Unidentified Army Veteran,
who had been scheduled to be part
of the invasion of Japan



From the Editor

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and an outstanding New Year. With that being said, it is time to get back to business.

I wish to again remind you that our next major fund-raising effort for the detachment is the selling of advertisements for our **Department Convention Book**. If you've sold ads in the past ... please keep on contributing. If you haven't sold ads in the past ... make 2018 the year that you join us in raising the monies necessary to allow our detachment to fund its many charitable efforts.

On a different note, we have many league activities coming up in the next few months activities such as the **Mid-Winter Conference** in Fredericksburg Va. the **2018 Election of our Detachment Officers**, and the **Department of Maryland Convention**, etc. Please think about taking part in these activities and possibly running for office.

The deadline for all **February** newsletter articles is **NOON on Tuesday, February 20th, 2018. Please do not wait until the last minute!**



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

VFW Post 160 Closed
News years Day 2018

Friday Night Dinner, MCL Detachment 1049 Friday, January 5th 2018 from 1800 – 2000 (Ray Sturm)

Monthly Meetings, MCL Detachment 1049 Monday, 22 January 2018 @ 1900 (Ray Sturm)

Department of Maryland Meeting 3 February at the Tap House #1637, 23418 Three Notch Road, California, Md 20619.

Pound Growl 204 will be on 11 February at pound house VFW Post 160

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

Department Of Maryland Department Convention - 11-13 May 2018, Princess Royale Hotel, Ocean City, MD





Commandant Ray Sturm

Greetings,

I trust everyone had a great holiday season. It's time to kick off the New Year. Speaking of the New Year, did everyone make a resolution? I did. I was going to quit all of my bad habits, but then I remembered no one likes a quitter. (I put that in because no one commented on my really bad Christmas joke.)

I want to start by offering my thanks and congratulations to **Christine Stevens** and **Pete Smith** who once again coordinated our Toys for Tots campaign. The final numbers aren't in yet, but judging by the warehouse, I'm sure they did a fantastic job. A special thanks to all the members who assisted with dropping off boxes and picking up toys.

We have a few important dates coming up. The first is regarding nominations for the Detachment Marine of the Year. I will have some short forms available at the Jan and Feb meetings to assist in the nomination process. Also, we have elections in March. That means we will solicit nominations in Feb and March.

On Jan 27th, there will be a fundraiser poker tournament for Project Healing Waters in Grasonville, MD. I will have additional details at the monthly meeting.

The Mid-Winter Conference is March 1-3 in Fredericksburg, VA. If you would like to attend and be a delegate, please let me know.

Also, as reminders, the Department of Maryland will meet on **3 February at the Tap House #1637, 23418 Three Notch Road, California, Md 20619**. hosted by the Pax River Detachment and Pound 204 will hold a Growl on 11 February.



Pistol Team
Ray Sturm

Nothing to Report at this time.





Corps History

by Ed Dahling for Joe Wright, Historian

4 January 1991

Marine helicopters evacuate 281 people from U.S. Embassy in Mogadishu, Somalia.

7 January 1969

Medal of Honor awarded posthumously to 1st Marine Division Chaplain, Lt. V.R. Capodanno, U.S. Navy, who was killed in action in Quang Tin Province, Vietnam on 4 September 1967.

8 January 1815

Marines, with Andrew Jackson's help, repulsed British forces at New Orleans.

9 January 2002

All seven Marine crewmen were killed when their KC-130R crashed near a forward operating base at Shamsi, Pakistan. Enemy ground fire was not suspected in the crash. These Marines of VMGR-352 were the first to die in the war on terrorism.

10 January 1995

2,600 U.S. Marines deployed to Somali (Operation United Shield) to assist in the final withdrawal of UN peace-keeping troops from Somalia.

18 January 1951

Marines of the 1st Marine Division begin mop-up operations against guerrillas in the Pohang, South Korea region, following their epic battle with Communist Chinese troops at the Chosin (Changjin Reservoir).

20 January 1968

The second battle for Khe Sanh began when Marines from the 3rd Battalion, 26th Marines attacked a North Vietnamese battalion between Hill 881 South and Hill 881 North.

22 January 1969

Operation Dewey Canyon began with the airlift of the 9th Marines and supporting artillery into the A Shau/Da Krong Valleys.

25 January 1856

Marines and seamen from the U.S.S. Decatur went ashore at the village of Seattle, Washington, to protect settlers from Indian raids.



Senior Vice Commandant Ben Wells



Hello Marines,

I hope everyone had a good start to the New Year and that you're ready for another exciting year. Now it's time to get down to business, before you know it, the election of officers will be upon us. Nominations for the elected offices of Commandant, Senior Vice Commandant, Junior Vice Commandant and Judge Advocate will be held at the February and March meetings with voting being held at the March monthly meeting. So be thinking about those Marines of this Detachment that you consider to be most qualified to lead us during this coming year.

I would like to see more members volunteer for elected and appointed positions. Many of the tasks may seem daunting at first, but there is always plenty of help. The Detachment needs your help and input. After all, the Detachment includes all of us, not just a few. If you think you could or should be doing more, please get involved in more than just the monthly meetings.

Semper Fi,
Ben



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 -

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**

MCL Midwinter Staff Conference

Will be March 1-3, 2018 at the Fredericksburg Hospitality House and Conference Center,
2801 Plank Rd,
Fredericksburg, VA 22401.

GroupID=1650125 Phone: (540) 786-8321
Room rate includes up to 4 breakfast vouchers per occupancy. \$94.00 per night + prevailing tax (currently 11.3%) Please make your room reservation direct to the hotel now at 540-786-8321.

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,

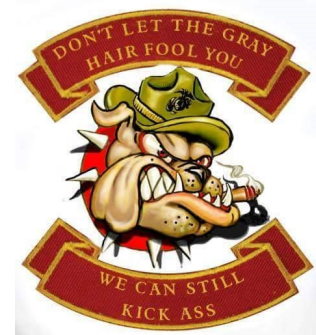
With six months of the Dog year gone, Anne Arundel County Detachment still has three Dogs in arrears. As such, they cannot attend Growls or hold office. They can rectify this by remitting a check for 15 measly bones to their friendly Dog Robber (me) at 7944 Oakwood Road, Glen Burnie, Md 21061. Make the 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 are only two Pack Growls left for those DDs desiring to advance to PDD in Buffalo, New York next year. If you plan on advancing, you must attend both. The next one will be on 3 February at Tap House #1637, 23418 Three Notch Road, California, Md 20619.

There are only two Pound Growls left for those Pups aspiring to advance to DD in Ocean City in May. Those two Pound Growls will be on 11 February and 8 April. You must attend both to be eligible.

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

Woof woof,
PDD Paul Taylor
Dog Robber



TRICARE Increasing Copayments

On Feb. 1, 2018, copayments for prescription drugs at TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery and retail pharmacies will increase. These changes will affect TRICARE beneficiaries who are not active duty service members.

Prescriptions filled at military pharmacies remain available at no cost. Using home delivery, the copayments for a 90-day supply of generic formulary drugs will increase from \$0 to \$7. For brand-name formulary drugs, copayments will increase from \$20 to \$24.

To see the new TRICARE pharmacy copayments, visit the TRICARE website. To learn more about the TRICARE Pharmacy Program, or move your prescriptions to home delivery, visit the TRICARE Pharmacy webpage

Parking Garage Open at Baltimore VA Medical Center

All three levels in the parking garage at the Baltimore VA Medical Center (VAMC) are open for patient and visitor parking. **Patients and visitors are no longer able to park at the Metro West garage because many of the services to support patient and visitor parking are no longer available.**

Patients and visitors can use the valet service to park on level P1 of the Baltimore VAMC garage Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., or they can self-park on levels P2 or P3. Only visitors of registered inpatients will be authorized to park in the Baltimore VAMC garage.

MCL Midwinter Staff Conference

March 1-3, 2018 - MCL Midwinter Staff Conference will be at the Fredericksburg Hospitality House and Conference Center, 2801 Plank Rd, Fredericksburg, VA 22401.

Group code: MCLMDWINTER18

Phone: [\(540\) 786-8321](tel:5407868321)

Room rate includes up to 4 breakfast vouchers per occupancy. TBA per night + prevailing tax (currently 11.3%) Please make your room reservation directly with the hotel no later than TBA at [540-786-8321](tel:5407868321).



Junior Vice Commandant Pat Sharkey

Marines,

Alright it's a new year. You know you have been meaning to get down to a meeting. So do it. You will see some old friends and maybe make some new ones.

We have added a few new members, you should be there to welcome them aboard. Really, what else is there to do on the fourth Monday this 22 January 2018?

There is always the possibility that you will enjoy yourself!

Semper Fi

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



Chaplain's Corner Bill Collins

During **2017** our Detachment raised some serious money to support our two major charities, the **Semper Fi Fund** and the **TreatNOW** coalition.

The Semper Fi Fund: Established by a group of dedicated military spouses at Camp Pendleton in the spring of 2003 when they organized "welcome home" activities for the first wave of wounded service members returning from Iraq. Since then, they have been pursuing their mission of providing direct assistance and vital programming for combat wounded, critically ill and catastrophically injured service members and their families during hospitalization and recovery.

TreatNOW : Martin Richard Hoffman, former Secretary of the Army, a tireless veterans advocate, died on July 14th 2014, at the age of 82. Among many other accomplishments, he was a core member of the Coalition seeking to use Hyperbaric Oxygen (HBOT) to get immediate help to the hundreds of thousands of Veterans and civilians suffering from brain injuries and the invisible wounds of war: Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). A guiding principle throughout his career was continual improvement in all aspects of the experience and well-being of our service members. He sought to honor their commitment to our country by securing the best for them whether during active service or after discharge.

TreatNOW Goal: Ensure that over 800,000 Iraq and Afghanistan brain injured veterans and active duty service members, along with all citizens, get insured access to Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (HBOT) and other proven alternative medical treatment for their invisible wounds.

2017 saw unprecedented progress with respect to getting the DOD/VA/Army and general medicine moving forward in recognizing that HBOT is safe, dramatically more effective, and much less expensive than all other interventions when helping to heal brain wounds caused by TBI/PTSD/Concussions. Let's make **2018** the year that we end the suicides. If you thought that the high incident of suicide among Veterans was a generational phenomenon consider that most of the victims are over fifty (50) years old.



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Have You Heard?

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

December 18th 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: 21

- 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: None

PAYMASTER:

Paymaster Ed Dahling gave a hardcopy report:

Chaplain REPORT: None

COMMANDANT:

No Report

SENIOR VICE:

Elections coming up, so think very hard as to who you want to fill those offices.

JUNIOR VICE:

No Report

JUDGE ADVOCATE:

No report.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR:

Get articles in on time.

QUARTERMASTER: No report.

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Have You Heard?

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

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HISTORIAN/ WEB SERGEANT:

No report.

COLOR GUARD:

Did last colors for the year in the snow on December 9th at Food Lion in Pasadena

Performed 17 functions this year.

Please consider becoming a member of the Color Guard. Definitely need new members.

TOYS FOR TOTS:

Chris Stevens looking for help at the warehouse

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

No unfinished business

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion made by Nila Caulder to donate \$500.00 to the Fisher House Jam Session. Motion was voted on and approved.

A motion was made to explore the cost to design and procure detachment challenge coins. Motion was voted on and approved.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:

Department of Maryland Marine of the year nominations are required to be in Paul Taylors hands prior to the start of the Department Meeting on February 3rd.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Commandant Sturm received a call from the organizer of the 6th Marine Division reunion at the BWI Hilton August 21-25. She is looking for any help we can give (Young Marines, Bugler, Bag Pies, etc...). More details to come.

CLOSING CEREMONIES:

Commandant Sturm closed the meeting IAW MCL rituals. The next detachment meeting will take place on January 22, 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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(Address Correction Requested)



- Marines with the 2nd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment are transported by a CH-53E Super Stallion helicopter near Yuma, Arizona. The Corps will get the first four CH-53K Super Stallion helicopters in 2018 to begin replacing the CH-53E, which has the worst readiness problems of all Marine aircraft. (Cpl. Trever A. Statz/Marine Corps)