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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

106	18	6
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Total

130

Members' Birthdays

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

Gary Barr Charles Fisher Chris Kalwa
Bill Merrill Tim Muniz George Owings
Jack Severn

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

Quotation

Our Debt To The Heroic Men And Women In The Service Of Our Country Can Never Be Repaid. They Have Earned Our Undying Gratitude America Will Never Forget Their Sacrifices".

President Harry s Truman



The next few months will be extremely busy and the need for help in many areas of detachment operation will never be more evident. Please consider going against the ingrained ethic of never volunteering that many of us were taught and give some truly serious thought to becoming more involved in your detachment's activities. I can guarantee that you will likely meet some very interesting people, gain a degree of satisfaction from being part of some worthwhile activity, and feel a renewed sense of accomplishment when your contributions of time and effort leave the detachment in a better state than it ever could be without the help of many selfless people such as yourself.

Remember that the newly elected officers will be installed at our April 23rd meeting. After the installation ceremony, there will be a social gathering with pizza and an open bar.

The deadline for April articles is MIDNIGHT on Tuesday, May 15, 2018. Please do not wait until the last minute to submit your article (s)!



The following events are scheduled to occur through **June 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, 23 April 2018 @ 1900 (Ray Sturm)

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

.Friday Night Dinner, MCL Detachment 1049 Friday, May 4th 2018 from 1800 – 2000 (Ray Sturm)

Color Guard: 6 May Ferndale Parade. Starts 12:00 PM

- 20 May Glen Burnie Parade. Parade Starts At 2:00PM

- 28 May Colors at American Legion Post 276. Starts 9:00 AM

- 28 May Crownsville Veterans Cemetery. Program Starts 11:00 AM

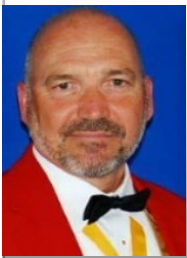
Marines Helping Heroes' Golf Tournament Friday May 18th 2018 @ 09:00 to 14:00
Walden Country Club Crofton Md. (Ray Sturm)

Monthly Meetings, MCL Detachment 1049
Monday, 28 May 2018 @ 1900 (Ray Sturm)

Department Of Maryland Department
Convention - 10-12 May 2018, Princess Royale Hotel, Ocean City, MD

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





Commandant Ray Sturm

Greetings,

First, I would like to thank you for your confidence in me by reelecting me as your Commandant for the 4th term. I would not have accepted the nomination if it were not for the tremendous leadership team you have assembled. The support I have received from the other elected and appointed officers has been tremendous. I am indeed indebted to them.

Please come out for the **Installation of Officers** on **Monday, April 23rd at 7:00 PM**. After the installation, we will have pizza and an open bar. We will conduct the necessary business, but I promise to keep the meeting short. The **Uniform of the Day** is MCL short sleeve shirt **OR** detachment red shirt. If you don't have either, please wear any red shirt or sweatshirt.

The detachment's annual golf tournament is less than a month away. As always, a lot of effort goes into making the event a success. I am asking each member to simply pass the word about the tournament. Details can be found at <https://MarinesHelpingHeroes.org>. I will have flyers at the meeting. If everyone would take one or two and post them at your barber shop or dry cleaners it would be a "huge" help.

I would like to open up the conversation to the possibility of a detachment field trip. Are there any suggestions? In the past we have gone to a Friday Evening Parade at 8th & I, the US Secret Service training center, and the Udvar Hazy Air & Space Museum. Let us know where you'd like to go and we can work on arranging a trip.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at the Department Convention in Ocean City on May 11-12. The Chaplain has promised spring weather by then.



Pistol Team Ray Sturm

The Department of PA Service Pistol Match has been scheduled for the weekend of June 8-10. Additional information is available at <http://pamcleague.org/DeptProgramsMarksmanship>



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‘Fast drying’ and ‘lightweight’ tropical uniform and boots



The New Year will bring new gear for Marines everywhere.

For starters, Marine Commandant Gen. Robert Neller wants Marines to have lighter gear, so the Corps expects to begin making a new tropical uniform and boots available in late 2018, said Lt. Col. Christopher Madeline of Marine Corps Systems Command.

The new boots and uniform will not be sea bag items, meaning Marines will not be required to have them. Marines who know their units will be deployed to desert or jungle climes can get the uniform and boots at individual issue facilities or purchase them in exchanges.

team in Hawaii with 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marines has been testing the new tropical uniforms. “Midpoint review was very promising,” said Madeline, program manager for infantry combat equipment. “They used terms like: ‘fast drying,’ ‘lightweight,’ ‘felt like pajamas.’ Those are all good words to meet what we want with that tropical uniform.”

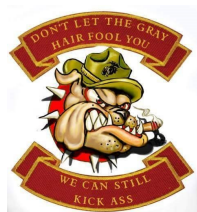
Meanwhile, Marines have been testing three types of boots made by Danner, Bates and Rocky Boots, said Madeline. “The decision may be that all three of them are acceptable.”

Also at the start of 2018, Marines will be issued reinforced backpack frames to replace the frames that were breaking in Norway and at the School of Infantry, officials said. Deliveries are scheduled to begin on Dec. 15, said Barbara Hamby, a spokeswoman for MARCORSYSCOM.



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Corps History

by Ed Dahling for Joe Wright, Historian

1 April 1945

1st & 6th Marine Divisions land on Okinawa.

2-3 April 2003

5th Marine Regimental Combat Team captures bridges over Tigris River to open the path to Baghdad.

3 April 1945

Marines of the III Amphibious Corps effectively cut Okinawa in half in three days rather than the originally projected eleven.

8 April 1956

Six recruits drown in Ribbon Creek at MCRD Parris Island.

9 April 1942

105 Marines among American captives on Bataan Death March.

13 April 2003

Marines locate seven American soldiers held prisoner by the Iraqis near Samarra.

14 April 1865

Marines guard the body of **John Wilkes Booth** after the assassination of **Abraham Lincoln**.

15 April 1962

Marine Corps operational involvement in the Vietnam War begins, when HMM-362 arrives at Soc Trang in the Delta south of Saigon – as part of **Operation Shufly** – to air-lift Vietnamese troops into battle.

18 April 1983

A Marine Security Guard is killed and seven wounded when a large car bomb explodes just outside the U.S. Embassy in Beirut, Lebanon.

19 April 1995

Captain Randolph A. Guzman and **Sergeant Benjamin L. Davis** are killed when the Alfred Murrah Federal Office Building is bombed in Oklahoma City, OK.



Senior Vice Commandant Ben Wells



Fellow Detachment Members,

They keep saying that spring is right around the corner but I don't believe it. We have had three meetings for the 13th annual MHH golf tournament which will be held May 18th and things are moving in the right direction. Please help us have another good golf tournament by helping sign up sponsors and golfers.

We had our second meeting for the annual 5K run and met the new players, so if you would like to part of this please let us know. The date will be set soon and posted on Active for runners to sign up. The MCL Maryland Convention starts May 11th and we hope to see everyone there.

I'm asking that you support 1049. Our detachment prides itself on what we do for our fellow Marines throughout the year.

Semper Fi, Ben



2018 Mideast Division Conference

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Color Guard

Color Guard Commander Woody Bowman

– COMING EVENTS –

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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,

Anne Arundel County Detachment still has three Dogs in arrears. The Dog Robber will now assume they no longer desire to remain a member of the fun and honor society of the Marine Corps League, so they will be deleted from the roles effective 1 July and their delinquency will not be mentioned again. The three will be informed to remove all MODD patches/emblems from their uniforms.

At the 8 April Growl, we came out with 277 bones for the kids in New York.

It looks as though the Pound will only have two Pups advancing to DD at the Grand Growl on 11 May. Their paperwork is done and will be available for the Pack Mad Dog's signature after the grueling initiation.

For those DDs desiring to advance to PDD in Buffalo, New York in August, let me know your intentions no later than the 11 May Pack Growl so I can get the proper paperwork done. You can advance only if you have attended two Pack Growls within the last year.

Remember to attend the Grand Growl of the Pack in Ocean City on 11 May!!!

It is an honor to be a Devil Dog!

Woof, woof
PDD Paul Taylor
Dog Robber





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Junior Vice Commandant Pat Sharkey

Marines

This is my final column as your Junior Vice Commandant I thank you for all the support you have given me over the last several years. Oh, don't worry... I'm not fading away just yet.

I want to thank everyone for electing me as your new **Judge Advocate**.

I also would like to say congratulation to our new *Junior Vice Commandant Chris Wise*.

Semper Fi,



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Chaplain's Corner Bill Collins

Spring is springing.....Rockfish season is open and all is right with the world....well almost. Our Marines on sick call, Manny and Guy Hall are on the mend and we hope they will be back on duty soon. The golf tournament is less than a month away. There is much to do and your help is needed. See me or any member of the golf committee for details.


Our Marines Helping Heroes Foundation continues to work with TreatNOW and other service organizations to improve treatment options available to brain injured Veterans and other Heroes in our community.

Veterans and citizens in Maryland are in the grip of three epidemics: suicides, death through overdose, and brain injuries/mental health. Marine Corps League, Anne Arundel County, Detachment 1049, in partnership with TreatNOW, Infinity Healing and other veteran service organizations in Maryland are announcing an offer to help brain injured veterans, first Responders, fire, police, rescue and National Guard with help healing their TBI/PTSD/ Concussion.

Several states have already recognized that epidemics of brain injury demand immediate, urgent, safe and effective help healing. Oklahoma, Texas, Indiana, Kentucky and Arizona have stepped up and passed legislation recognizing the crises; Maryland could be next.


The Marines have landed! You or someone you know in Maryland needs help. For details, please call (703) 346-8432 and visit www.treatnow.org (<http://www.treatnow.org>). This free treatment involves an hour/ day breathing 100% oxygen in a safe, comfortable, relaxed environment over a two month period.

Dr. Martin Luther King spoke of the "fierce urgency of NOW." We are issuing a similar call to arms across the state. 20 veteran suicides a day and an underserved veteran population of over 75,000 brain-wounded demands that we help. Call now. Get help for brain injuries and the degenerative cycle of drug dependency and worse.



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Have You Heard?

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

March 26th 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: 18

- Paul Taylor Department Adjutant
- Edward Dahling Dept. Paymaster, Past Det. Commandant, Detachment Marine of Year (2016)
- 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 February meeting were distributed via e-mail and posted on the detachment website.

PAYMASTER:

Paymaster Ed Dahling gave a hardcopy report:

Chaplain REPORT:

- Met with the VA in Washington DC with the commandant to discuss. The meeting addressed suicide prevention.
- The chaplain recommended a book "Visible Scars" to better understand PTSD, Shell Shock, Battle Fatigue etc.
- Manny Airey not doing well. He is home and not able to do much for himself right now. Mike Hadley and Nila Caulder have been keeping an eye on him and assisting him as needed.
- Guy Hall is not doing well either and is in the hospital. He has his cell phone with him.

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:

- Passing around the shopping list for the Semper Fi Store to take orders so that he can head to the store to fill the orders instead for paying large shipping fees.

. HISTORIAN/ WEB SERGEANT:

- We have a new website through Go-Daddy. The new site is mobile friendly and looks great. If you haven't been to the site in a while, go to mclaacdet1049.org
- Due to switching to Go-Daddy, the list server is no longer active. Do not use it.

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Have You Heard?

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- The \$500.00 donation to the USO Gateway Lounge at BWI Airport to help them offset the cost to replace their freezer is no longer needed. BWI Airport purchased the freezer and will maintain the freezers. The check has been returned & destroyed.

COLOR GUARD:

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NEW BUSINESS:

- Motion made to sponsor \$100 to the VFW Car Show. Motion was voted on and approved.
- Motion made to purchase 100 detachment coins @ \$3.89/each plus \$50 setup fee. Motion was voted on and approved

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:

- Nominations for officers were held and are now closed. The officers for the 2018-2019 term will be: • Commandant- Ray Sturm
- Sr Vice – Ben Wells
- Jr Vice – Chris Wise
- Judge Advocate – Pat Sharkey

*Installation will be conducted at the April meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 8 April Pound 204 Growl.
- 18 May Marines Helping Heroes Golf Tournament.
- Easter Sunday sunrise service. Mayo Beach Park @ 06:30.
- 11-12 May – Department Convention in Ocean City.

CLOSING CEREMONIES:

Commandant Sturm closed the meeting IAW MCL rituals. The next detachment meeting will take place on April 23, 2018. Prayer was given by Chaplain Bill Collins

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



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(Address Correction Requested)



An F-35B Lightning II takes off on the flight deck of U.S. Navy amphibious assault ship Wasp during routine daylight operations, a part of Operational Testing 1. (Cpl. Anne K. Henry/U.S. Marine Corps)