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# the CUTTING EDGE

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

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## Semper Fidelis!



Congratulations to Ben Wells, he received the 2018 Detachment Marine of the year award.

Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049

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## Detachment Staff:

**Commandant** .....Ray Sturm  
**Senior Vice-Commandant** .....Ben Wells  
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**Junior Past-Commandant**.....Ed Dahling  
**Adjutant** .....Joseph Wright  
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**Chaplain** .....Bill Collins  
**Color Guard Commander** .....Woody Bowman  
**Historian** .....Joseph Wright  
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**Young Marines Commander** ...Dallas Cooper

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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
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## Members' Birthdays

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

**Jerry Fay Joseph Lowman Edward Luthardt**

**Charles Luthardt Jr. Ron Short**

**Robert Tavik Sr. William Wild**

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

## Quotation

*“Why are there tens of thousands of people running around pretending to be Vietnam Veterans?”  
 “I haven’t seen anybody pretend that they were at Woodstock!”*

*“They can’t steal our valor!”*

**General Anthony ‘The Godfather’ Zinni**

USMC Retired, former Commander-in-Chief Central Command, Special Envoy to Israel and the Palestinian Authority and father of a Marine



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Just a reminder that this month meeting will be on Monday the 21st since the 28th is Memorial Day.

The deadline for June articles is MIDNIGHT on Tuesday, June 12, 2018. Please do not wait until the last minute to submit your article



The following events are scheduled to occur through **July 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

**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)

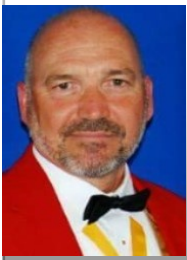
**Department Of Maryland Department** Convention - 10-12 May 2018, Princess Royale Hotel, Ocean City, MD

**Monthly Meetings**, MCL Detachment 1049 Monday, 21 May 2018 @ 1900 (Ray Sturm)

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

**Friday Night Dinner, MCL Detachment 1049** Friday, July 6th 2018 from 1800 – 2000 (Ray Sturm)





## Commandant Ray Sturm

First, I would like to say thank you to everyone who volunteered to make our annual golf tournament a success. Additionally, our 13<sup>th</sup> annual event would not have been possible without the tremendous effort put in by the golf committee of **Christine Stevens, Ben Wells, Bill Collins, Burt Helmka, and Ed Dahling**. As of this writing, the weather looks terrible for golf. I have asked the Chaplain to put in a good word for us.

I realize many of you already know, but I wanted to bid farewell to Marine **Joseph "JJ" Jones**. JJ reported to his final duty station on 6 May. He was an active member of the detachment, Pound 204, the VFW, and the American Legion. He will be missed by his many friends. Heaven's streets are indeed well guarded.

We had several members attend the Department Convention and Growl in Ocean City. The weather favored us there with a beautiful weekend at the beach. During the banquet, I was honored to receive the Department Marine of the Year award. The by-laws state the nomination has to come from a vote of detachment's members. I am humbled by the support you all give me and the other elected officers. Thank you for your confidence.

Since our last meeting, I had the pleasure to present an award to an outstanding cadet from the Annapolis High School's Junior Navy ROTC program. I also presented an award to a midshipman at the newly formed Navy ROTC program at the University of Maryland. The NROTC program commissions Navy Ensigns and Marine Second Lieutenants upon graduation.

I need to put in a plug for the **Downs Park Family Day** in Pasadena on 2 June. The detachment will have a tent and table. Naturally, we will be looking for volunteers to help staff the event. If interested, please see **Norm Huffman** for details. He has promised free beer and unicorn rides to all volunteers.



### Pistol Team Ray Sturm

As previously reported, the Dept of PA Service Pistol match is scheduled for 8-10 June. Details can be found at [www.pamcleague.org](http://www.pamcleague.org) under Department Programs. Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend this year. Please see **Ben Wells** if interested.



### MARINES HELPING HEROES Charity Golf Tournament



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# Proposed Changes to the National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures

As per the National Judge Advocate Warren Griffin and the National Chief Operating Officer Bob Borka, this e-mail is to inform you that the new "re-write" of the National Bylaws and the new "re-write" of the National Administrative Procedures are now on the National Website as per direction of the National Bylaws, Article Eight, Section 800.

These two newly rewritten documents and all proposed National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures changes were placed on the National Website prior to 1 May 2018 as required.

Please review the re-write of the new National Bylaws, the re-write of the new National Administrative Procedures, and all proposed changes to these two documents at your convenience.

These proposed changes may be downloaded to your computers, tablet, smart phones, and/or any other device that you may have. If you plan to attend the National Convention in August 2018 in Buffalo, NY, please either print copies for your use and/or use your computer, tablet, or smart phone to view these documents at the National Conventions.

The proposed changes will be shown on the overhead projector but printed copies will not be handed out.

The following link will carry you directly to the new "re-write" of the National Bylaws and the new "re-write" of the National Administrative Procedures. All proposed changes to these documents are there also:

<https://www.mcleaguelibrary.org/convention/>

Marines may access the changes also by following these procedures:

Open the "Marine Corps League National Website" - <https://www.mclnational.org/>

Scroll down to the words "Marine Corps League Library" and click on "VISIT NOW."

On the top of the "Marine Corps League Library" page, click on "CONVENTIONS."

After you have reached the Conventions page, scroll down and you will see:  
"PROPOSED CHANGES FOR BYLAWS AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES."

There are 31 separate proposed changes. The first two listed are the "NATIONAL BYLAWS RE-WRITE FINAL" and the "NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES REWRITE FINAL." All other proposed National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures changes follows.

Semper Fi,

Johnny Baker

National Junior Vice Commandant

Marine Corps League



## Corps History

by Ed Dahling for Joe Wright, Historian

### 2 May 1946

Marines from Treasure Island Marine Barracks, under the command of Warrant Officer Charles L. Buckner helped suppress three-day prison riot at Alcatraz Penitentiary in San Francisco Bay.

### 3 May 1898

Marines from the U.S.S. Baltimore raise the Stars and Stripes over the Cavite Naval Station.

### 5 May 1961

Marine pilots retrieved America's first astronaut, Navy Commander Alan Shepard

### 6 May 1937

Marines at NAS Lakehurst, NJ helped rescue Hindenburg survivors

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### 6 May 1946

Commandant Archibald Vandergrift tells Senate Naval Affairs Committee that  
The bended knee is not a tradition of our Corps

### 8 May 1995

In the wake of the most devastating storm to hit the New Orleans area in more than 200 years, a group of Marines and sailors from Marine Forces Reserve assisted in the evacuation of 2,500 civilians and medical treatment of flood victims.

### 15 May 1862

Corporal John Mackie the first Marine to earn the Medal of Honor, was commended for service on the USS GALENA during action against Confederate shore batteries at Drewry's Bluff, which blocked the James River approaches to Richmond.

### 22 May 1912

First Lieutenant Alfred A. Cunningham the first Marine officer to be assigned to 'duty in connection with aviation' reported for aviation training at the Naval Aviation Camp at Annapolis, MD



## Senior Vice Commandant Ben Wells



First off, let me say thank you for the trust you put in me to elect me a 3rd time as your Senior Vice Commandant. I'm looking forward to the next year and working with Ray Sturm again to make our detachment the best in the league.

I'd like to congratulate **Ray Sturm** on being selected as our Department **Marine of the Year**, which I believe is well deserved and past due.

If you missed the department Convention in Ocean City you missed a good time.

The 13th annual MHH golf tournament will be held May 18th unless we are rained out.. Please help us have another good golf tournament by helping sign up sponsors and golfers.

The annual 5K run is now up and running on the Active web site so please help sign up runners and walkers. The date for the 5K is September 30, 2018, hope to see everyone there.

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





## Color Guard

*Color Guard Commander Woody Bowman*

### – COMING EVENTS –

May 6 – Ferndale Parade. Parade Starts at 12:00 PM

May 20 – Glen Burnie Parade. Parade starts at 2:00 PM

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

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

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**

## 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)



## 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 assumes they no longer want 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.

The Maryland Pack held a very good Grand Growl this month, raising another 403 bones for the kids. That is the best we've done in quite a while, but not up to a norm of a few years ago. But it all counts.

Congratulations to new Devil Dog Matt Prial. Besides him, the Pack had four other Pups advancing to DD.

Pound 204 only has one DD going to Buffalo for advancement to PDD. If there are any others, I need to know ASAP in order to get the paperwork to Kennel before the 1 July deadline.

Pound 204 recruited a new member during the festivities in Ocean City: Junior Chief Devil Dog C. O. Smith! He is now a life member of Pound 204.

The next Pack Growl will be on 25 August, probably in Salisbury.

The next Pound Growl will be the following day in our Dog House.

### It is an honor to be a Devil Dog!

Woof, woof  
PDD Paul Taylor  
Dog Robber





On 10 May 2018, Commandant Ray Sturm presented the MCL Meritorious Commendation-Individual Award to Midshipman 4/C Justin Rafi at the University of Maryland Navy ROTC Awards Ceremony. (left to right, Ray Sturm, Midn Rafi, Captain Troy Mong, USN)

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- Ten point covered high power rifle range 200 yds with butts)
- A four field, lighted, outdoor trap range w/automatic and manual trap house.
- Messick Hall club house w/ kitchen & restrooms.
- Lower range house/meeting hall.

For more information contact club secretary Thomas Betty, at (443) 850-5737  
E-Mail: [secretary@garrisonrr.org](mailto:secretary@garrisonrr.org)  
Website: <https://www.garrisonrr.org>

Club meets every second Tuesday of each month  
Except January which is the third Tuesday.  
11518 Marriottsville Road  
Marriottsville, Maryland 21104-1220

## Junior Vice Commandant Chris Wise

### Marines

I'd like to thank you for your confidence in me. As you're newly elected Junior Vice Commandant, it is my intention to dedicate my term of office to you – the membership.

One of the most important responsibilities of the Junior Vice Commandant is to grow the membership of the detachment. I plan on making that my **number one goal** and I am open to any suggestions that my fellow members feel would help meet that goal.

Semper Fi,



## Chaplain's Corner Bill Collins

Much time and effort has been spent on arrangements for our 13<sup>th</sup> annual golf tournament. The heavy rains forced us to reschedule the tournament. The new date is 25 May 2018. Same time, same place. The date change inevitably resulted in the loss of some of our golfers.

We urgently need the help of all of our members to sign up as many players as possible in the next few days. As always, it promises to be a fun day and a good deal for any golfer fortunate enough to participate.

We have a great Detachment. It could be even better if more of our members would step up and give a little of their time to support our events. I know your Drill Instructor told you to never volunteer. Surprisingly he was wrong. In our world, volunteering is fun and rewarding. It is volunteering that makes it possible for us to support such worthy causes as the Semper Fi Fund and TreatNow as well as other worthy causes. It is thru these charitable activities that we Marines continue to serve our fellow veterans, our community and our country.

Bill C.  
Semper Fi

## Armed Forces Day 2018

May 19th is Armed Forces Day, which was created in 1949 to honor those who wear the uniform of our nation. It is an opportunity to express our gratitude to selfless patriots who raise their right hands when most don't. In a Military Times editorial, VFW National Commander Keith Harman calls Armed Forces Day "a time for all Americans to reflect on the freedoms we have today, and to think about the brave service members who for centuries have provided our country with the very security which makes those freedoms possible."

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# Have You Heard?

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

## *April 23rd 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 Chaplain Bill Collins.  
Members in Attendance: 27

- Evelyn Remines Department of MD Commandant
- Don Benson Department of MD Sr Vice Commandant
- Paul Taylor Department of MD Adjutant
- Leonard Stiepler Department of MD Chaplain
- Ed Dahling Department of MD Paymaster, Past Det. Commandant, Det. Marine of Year (2016)
- Guy Hall Mid-East Ambassador, Past Detachment Commandant
- Joe Wright Past Detachment Commandant, Detachment Marine of the Year (2015)
- Woody Bowman Detachment Marine of the Year (2014)

**APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:** There were no applications for membership.

**READING OF THE MINUTES:** Minutes of the March meeting were distributed via e-mail and posted on the detachment website.

**PAYMASTER:** Paymaster Ed Dahling gave a hardcopy report:

**Chaplain REPORT:** Manny Airey recovering at Future Care on College Parkway and is expected to be home on Friday 4/27/18.

**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:** No Report

**COLOR GUARD:** June 3rd – American Legion Post 276 Officer Installation.

- June 14th – American Legion Post 277 Flag Day Ceremony

**HISTORIAN/ WEB SERGEANT:** No Report

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Detachment coins have been received and are available for purchase.  
\$10.00 per coin.

- The following officers were sworn in by Department Commandant Evelyn Remines for the 2018-2019
- Commandant: Ray Sturm
- Sr. Vice Commandant: Ben Wells
- Jr. Vice Commandant: Chris Wise
- Judge Advocate: Pat Sharkey

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# Have You Heard?

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

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## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion made to sponsor \$100 for a T-Box sign for the Garrett County golf tournament. Motion was voted on and approved.

- Motion made to purchase corrugated board for signs at a cost of \$150.00. Motion was voted on and approved.

## **GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:**

- 2018 Marine of the Year – Ben Wells
- 2018 Associate of the Year – Chris Stevens
- 2018 Commandants Award – Nila Caulder
- MODD Pound 204 donated \$100 towards a T-Box sign for the MHH Golf Tournament.
- Department Commandant Evelyn Remines present Ed Dahling and Tom Maiorana with the Distinguished Citizen Medal (Silver).
- Commandant Ray Sturm presented the Meritorious Commendation Award (Individual) to Ben Wells and Pat Sharkey.
- Department Sr Vice Commandant Don Benson needs everyone to get Department Convention banquet forms in and guest forms in by Friday 4/27/18

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Cpl Mileo Detachment planning a trip to Paris Island.
- June 2nd – Downs Park Family Day event. Detachment will have a tent on site. 12:00 – 4:00
- Department Sr Vice Commandant Don Benson needs everyone to get Department Convention banquet forms in and guest forms in by Friday 4/27/18.
- Department Convention May 10th – 12th
- Department of Maryland Leadership College will be at VFW Post 160 on 4/28/18 @ 7:00 AM.
- Detachment Friday night dinner at VFW Post 160 on 5/4/18.

## **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

# 2018 Department Convention



Congratulations to our Commandant Ray Sturm. For being awarded the Dept. Of MD Marine of the Year





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Horse Haldalgo, representing life-saving US Marine horse Sergeant Reckless who served with the US Marine Corps during the Korean War, is awarded with the PDSA Dickin Medal beside Sergeant Mark Gostling, right, and Lieutenant Colonel Michael Skaggs in London, Wednesday, July 27, 2016. Reckless, who survived one of the bloodiest battles in modern military history, was awarded the PDSA Dickin Medal – known as the animal equivalent of the Victoria Cross – for her bravery and devotion to duty during the Korean war 1950 until 1953. (Frank Augstein/The Associated Press)