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news for and about the members of Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049 of the Marine Corps League
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The 13th Annual Marines Helping Heroes Golf Tournament



Opening Ceremony The 13th Annual Marines Helping Heroes Golf Tournament sponsored by Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049 was conducted on May 23, 2018

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- Chaplain** Bill Collins
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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 **June** include;

**Robert Di Lauro Troy Bryant Garland Downey Sr.
Francis Miller Rudolph Snyder Joseph Stephens
Raymond Sturm**

NOTE – If you were born in **June** 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



From the Editor

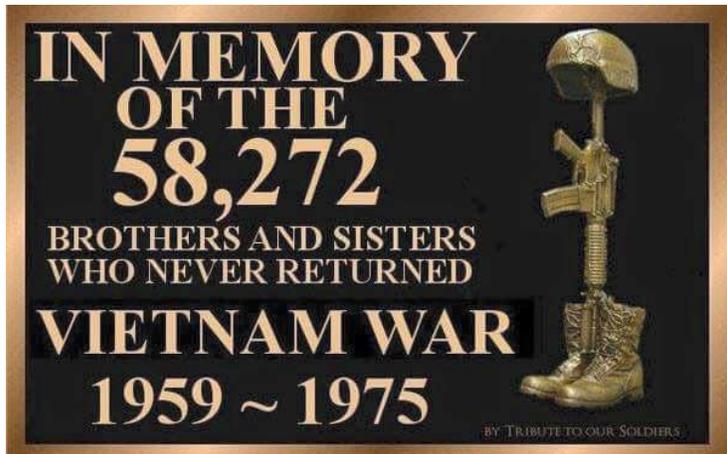
by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

The **Marines Helping Hero's Golf Tournament** was an outstanding success. I am proud of everyone involved for making the tournament such a huge success.

All Annual dues are due now for 2018 Please send in your dues of \$35.00 to the Paymaster Ed Dahling 493 Procopio Cir Millersville Md. 21108-1791

You do have until August 31 2017 but please don't wait until then.

If you have an email account and are not currently receiving **the Cutting Edge** electronically, please consider doing so. Providing me with your email address will reduce our monthly newsletter delivery costs. My e-mail address is umpire86@aol.com



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*

Monthly Meetings, MCL Detachment 1049
Monday, 25 June 2018 @ 1900 (Ray Sturm)

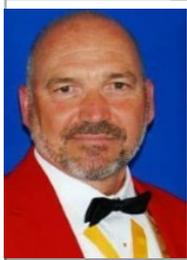
Color Guard, July 4th, the Color Guard will be participating in the Severna Park parade. And Presenting colors at Bay Sox Stadium

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)

Monthly Meetings, MCL Detachment 1049
Monday, 23 July 2018 @ 1900 (Ray Sturm)





Commandant Ray Sturm

Greetings all,

Summer is officially here, and it began with a rather soggy golf tournament. This is the first time in 13 years that we had to postpone and reschedule because of rain. The backup date given to us by the course was the start of the Memorial Day Weekend. Needless to say, the weather delay and the holiday weekend affected our turnout. However, once again we put on a damn fine event for those who played. I can't thank our golfers, sponsors, volunteers, and golf committee enough for their support. Thank you!

I would like to thank **Norm Huffman** for coordinating the Annual Downs Park Family Day event in Pasadena. The crew that volunteered to man the recruiting tent did a terrific job. We distributed a lot of material and discussed the League's mission and what we do with numerous members of the community. If there is an event in your hometown that you would like to see the detachment participate in, just let us know.

I attended the Mid-East Division Conference in Ellicott City. We have a solid team representing our interests when we go to the national convention. The biggest topic to consider in quite a few years will be our new National By-laws. The draft is available for review on the national website. I encourage everyone to read them. If you have concerns, it is not too late to express them.

I have been appointed the Marine For Life Chairman for the Department of Maryland. I attended a M4L meeting in Arlington to begin the process of organizing in Maryland. The group assists Marines as they transition from active duty to civilian life. Additional information is available on their website, www.MarineForLife.org

I close on a sad note. Marine Paul Downing was called home by the Supreme Commandant. Paul was a life member of the detachment and active member of the Color Guard for many years. He will be missed by his family and friends.



The Marine Corps Heritage Foundation will kick off the 2018 annual Summer Concert Series with the June 28 concert featuring the Quantico Marine Corps Band. Family and friends can enjoy the warm summer weather with free live entertainment on the entry plaza of the National Museum of the Marine Corps. The Museum galleries will stay open until the start of the concert. Outdoor concessions will be available.

The concerts are a wonderful cost-free way for family and friends to come together, and enjoy performances by talented military musicians. For more information on the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation's Summer Concert Series please go to <http://www.marineheritage.org/>.



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 REWRITE 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

1 June 1918

"Retreat Hell! We just got here," said the 5th Marine Regiment in France.

5 June 1944

Lieutenant General H. M. (Howlin' Mad) Smith is designated the first FMF Pac Commander.

6 June 1918

Marines advance into Belleau Wood against German machine guns.

8 June 1995

Team of 40 Marines rescues downed USAF pi-lot, Captain Scott O'Grady, who had been shot down over Bosnia-Herzegovina six days earlier.

12 June 1961

President John F. Kennedy signs a presidential proclamation calling for the American flag to be flown at the Marine Corps War Memorial in Arlington, Virginia, "at all times... day and night."

18 June 1945

Major General Roy S. Geiger, USMC, assumes command of the 10th Army during the battle for Okinawa after Army Lieutenant General Simon Buckner's killed.

21 June 1945

The battle for Okinawa ends with the raising of the American flag by Lieutenant General Roy S. Geiger, USMC.

22 June 1954

President Eisenhower authorizes the use of the first official Marine Corps Seal.

25 June 1950

Korean War begins when North Korean forces invade South Korea.

25 June 1971

Last Marine ground troops depart Vietnam.



Senior Vice Commandant Ben Wells



As in the past, our detachment had a very good showing and more important we had a very good time. I highly recommend for every member who has not attended a Department Convention, to consider to attend one.

I would like to thank everyone who helped with the Marines Helping Heroes golf tournament.

We have one fund raiser left for the year and this money goes to our general fund so please help support this function. October 6th is the bull & oyster roast and this money goes to the general fund also, so please support this event with ticket sales. We would also like to see you smiling faces along with your spouse and children

Ben



Esteral Paul Downey, age 85, a resident of Pasadena for 60 years, passed away on June 16, 2018 at his home after fighting liver cancer for more than a year.

He was born on March 19, 1933, in Covington, Virginia, to the late Etta and Fred Downey, Sr. After high school, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, serving for 33 months in the Korean War.

After the service, he worked for the Davidson Chemical Company for 44 years until his retirement.

He was a member of the Marine Corps League Anne Arundel County Detachment Color Guard, and Kinder Farm Park, where he liked to volunteer much of his time. As a carpenter he enjoyed building furniture and homes, and he always loved spending time with his family and friends.



Color Guard

Color Guard Commander Woody Bowman

- COMING EVENTS -

- June 3rd – American Legion Post 276 Officer Installation.
- June 14th – American Legion Post 277 Flag Day Ceremony.
- 4th of July – Severna Park parade. Colors at the Bay sox's game.

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



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,

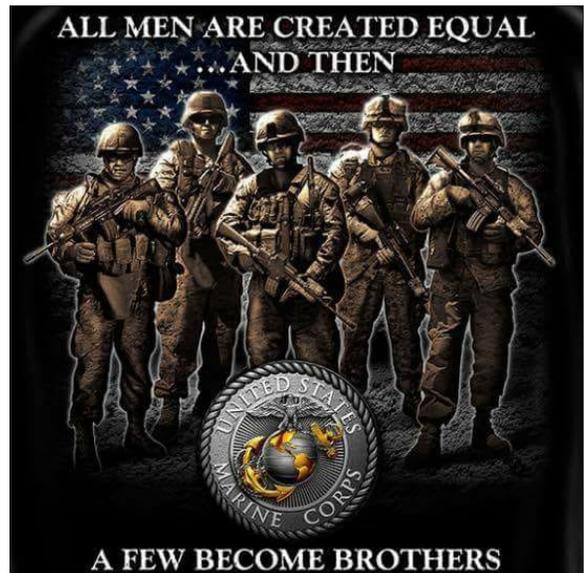
All annual-dues paying members' dues expire on 31 August. It is not too early to send 15 big bones to your friendly Dog Robber to get ahead of the rush.

The next Pack Growl will be held in conjunction with the Department of Maryland meeting on 25 August, probably in Salisbury.

The next Pound Growl will be on Sunday, 26 August at our Dog House at VFW Post 160, Glen Burnie. If you haven't forwarded your dues by then, have 15 extra big bones handy.

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

Woof, woof
PDD Paul Taylor
Dog Robber



Report on Veteran Suicides

VA released its annual report on veteran suicides on Monday. This data, which includes the number of suicides from 2005-2015, also includes the number of suicides from DOD. In 2016, VA released data that found the average number of veterans who die by suicide each day to be 20. The average daily toll remains at 20 per day, but also includes the numbers of those who died by suicide while on active duty, as well as in the Guard or Reserve. The average number of those currently serving is reported to be 3.8 suicide deaths per day. The data shows that the number of veterans who are actively enrolled in VA is six veterans per day. The remaining 10 per day either have not used VA within a year, are not enrolled in VA or were still serving in uniform. Women veterans and older male veterans who never deployed are still at the highest risk for death by suicide.



In the Washington Post!

Institution and historical reporter Michael Ruane recently visited the National Museum of the Marine Corps to learn about the Battle of Belleau Wood. Read his article below...

The Battle of Belleau Wood was brutal, deadly and forgotten. But it forged a new Marine Corps By Michael Ruane, *The Washington Post*

Col. Albertus W. Catlin stood on a rise in the ground with his field glasses and watched his Marines advance through the waist-high wheat toward the woods 400 yards away.

He was closer to the fighting than he should have been and would soon pay the price. But he was a big, cigar-smoking Marine who had been serving aboard the USS Maine when it blew up in Havana harbor in 1898, and he had a Medal of Honor from the fighting at Vera Cruz in 1914.

This was June 6, 1918, though, and as his men walked toward the old French hunting preserve of Belleau Wood, they were about to launch a bloody new era in the history of the Corps.

This June marks the 100th anniversary of the largely forgotten World War I Battle of Belleau Wood in northern France. Marines are remembering the landmark, three-week fight with events at home and overseas.

The National Museum of the Marine Corps, in Triangle, Va., is unveiling an exhibit of World War I art on June 6.

In April, French President Emmanuel Macron gave the White House an oak sapling from Belleau Wood, where, he said, "the blood [of Americans] was spilled to defend France." The battle was a modest affair compared with the titanic World War I struggles that went on for months. But, fought across open fields and in the dark, overgrown woods, it seemed especially grim, with hand-to-hand fighting, fixed bayonets and poison gas attacks



*Junior Vice Commandant
Chris Wise*

Marines

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We still have about 15 Marines that have not paid dues for 2018.

If you are one of these 15 you will need to update your dues for 2018 and 2019 before you are drop from our roster.

Semper Fi,



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*Chaplain's Corner
Bill Collins*

During the month of June we lost one of our life time members. Paul Downing passed away on June 16, 2018 at his home after fighting cancer for over a year. Paul was eighty-five years old. He will be missed.

June is slipping away and the 4th of July is just around the corner. If you are traveling or just staying at home with some legal fireworks.... be safe.

We have another big year coming up. We start with our third annual 5K run at Arundel Mills.

As always, there is much to be done and just the same small group of volunteers to do it. Look at your schedule and see if you can give a hand with some of our events. It's fun and rewarding. A very easy one is the weekly clean up at the VFW Post. Every Sunday morning at 0700 a small but expert team gathers to tidy up the facility. After the chores are done you will be rewarded with hot coffee and maybe even a doughnut.... Accompanied by sea stories and sage advice.

I look forward to seeing you next week or whenever your circumstances allow.

Chaplain Bill



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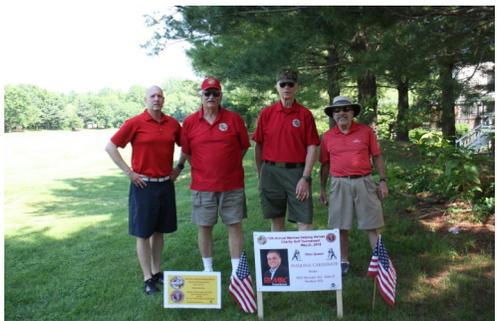
- Covered bench rest-equipped rifle, black powder, and pistol range (25, 50, 75 & 100 yds.)
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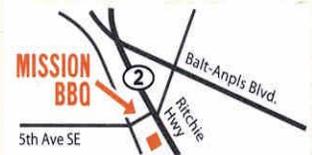


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Have You Heard?

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

May 21st 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: 17

- 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 April meeting were distributed via e-mail and posted on the detachment website.

PAYMASTER: Ed Dahling gave a hardcopy report:

SENIOR VICE:

- No Report.

JUNIOR VICE:

- No report.

JUDGE ADVOCATE:

- Bylaws to be updated after National Convention.

Chaplain REPORT:

- Charter was draped in Honor of Joseph Jones (JJ).
- Chaplain Bill Collins has requested to be kept updated with member happenings.
- Manny Airey is doing well and is home rehabbing.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR:

- Submitting newsletter to national for participation in the newsletter contest.
- Newsletter editor is looking for newsletter ideas.

QUARTERMASTER:

- New detachment patches are available for \$5.00.

COLOR GUARD:

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by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

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HISTORIAN/ WEB SERGEANT:

No Report

QUARTERMASTER:

- New detachment patches are available for \$5.00.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Golf Tournament was postponed until May 25th due to the weather.

NEW BUSINESS:

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

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:

- Carroll County detachment holding golf tournament June 16th and is need of players.
- Detachment will use detachment poker chips to hand out to potential members and they can come to the VFW to exchange the poker chip for a draft beer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- June 2nd – Downs Park Family Day event. Detachment will have a tent on site. 12:00 – 4:00
- June 15-16 – Mideast Convention.
- August 12 – National Convention.
- The following Department officers were sworn in at the Department Convention for the 2018-2019
- Commandant: Eve Remines
- Sr. Vice Commandant: Earl Ruff
- Jr. Vice Commandant: Joe Fay

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)



The Corps took delivery of its first CH-53 King Stallion on May 16, 2018 at the New River Air Station in Jacksonville, North Carolina. (Marine Corps)

The CH-53K is one of the most powerful helicopters across the Defense Department and is capable of lifting nearly three times the weight of its predecessor, the CH-53E.

But the King Stallion isn't slated to be operational until sometime in 2019. The helicopter delivered by Sikorsky has further testing to undergo with the Corps.