

November 2018

# the CUTTING EDGE

news for and about the members of Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049 of the Marine Corps League  
Ed Dahling, Editor / <http://mclaacdet1049.org/>

## Semper Fidelis!



From the Officers and Staff of Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049 would like to wish you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving

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# From the Editor

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

Thanksgiving is a time we spend with our friends and family when we reflect on the past Year. Particularly we are thankful for what we hold closest, God, our loved ones, our Country and fellow Veterans.

This Thanksgiving let's give our thanks to all Veterans on this National Holiday, with special prayers for the brave men and women, here, abroad, on land, air and sea, that are currently deployed protecting the hallowed ground on which our homes stand.

**As a reminder, our December meeting is one week early on 17 December. Please bring a covered dish, your favorite dessert, or other edible treat to share after the meeting.**

The deadline for all December newsletter articles is NOON on Tuesday, December 10, 2018 Please do not wait until the last minute!



**THE ONE THING I LIKE  
MORE THAN BEING A  
VETERAN  
IS BEING A MARINE**



DEVIL DOG

**VETERAN**



# Coming Events

The following events are scheduled to occur through **December 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*

**Wednesday November 7th** Happy Hour observance of the Corps' 243rd Birthday, which will take place at VFW Post 160 beginning at 19:00. (Ray Sturm)

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

**Color Guard**, 4 November 2018 Pasadena Parade. Veterans Day November 11th – presenting Colors at Quarterfield Road American Legion Post 276 at 0900 hours, followed by Crownsville Cemetery for event at 1100

**December 9th** Pound 204 Growl @ 0800 Breakfast 0900 Growl (Ray Sturm) at VFW Post 160 2597 Dorsey Road, Glen Burnie, MD 21060

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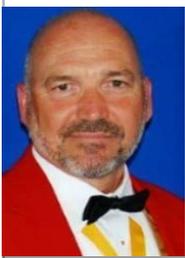


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# Commandant Ray Sturm

Greetings all,

November is a month where we pause to give thanks. First, we give thanks for our illustrious Corps when we celebrate its founding. We follow immediately with Veterans Day when the nation celebrates all those who heard the call to duty. Finally, we end the month with Thanksgiving, celebrating with our families and friends. And on that note, I would like to wish each of you a very safe and Happy Thanksgiving. In doing so, I ask that you remember the many less fortunate and those standing post around the globe.

I would like to thank Don Benson and his team for hosting the Department's Division 2 Birthday Ball. Sr Vice Ben Wells and I along with our wives were in attendance and thoroughly enjoyed the evening. I encourage everyone to attend next year.

I would also like to thank the Marines of the Marine Cryptologic Support Battalion for the invitation to join them at their Ball. Numerous members of the MCL were in attendance and made to feel very welcome.

I should also remind everyone that Toys For Tots is well underway. If you are able to volunteer to deliver boxes, collect toys, or work the warehouse, please contact Christine Stevens. I'm sure she, and her band of merry Marines, can use the help.

And speaking of Toys For Tots, the annual T4T Motorcycle Ride was a huge success. Over 75 motorcycles escorted a vintage firetruck and Santa from American Legion Post 175 to Post 40. And of course, numerous boxes of toys were collected.

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Rifle & Pistol Team  
Ray Sturm



OK.. the cold weather is upon us. It's time for some indoor activities. I would like to restart our detachment Range Nights. Join me on 29 Nov at 7:00 PM at On Target on Annapolis Rd, Severn. This is an informal practice session. No experience required. Come out and bust a few caps with fellow Marines.

# MARINE TOYS FOR TOTS FOUNDATION

Marine Toys for Tots - Every Child Deserves A Christmas

Well, it's that time again. Looking for help and volunteers to start dropping off the box's

. I will need help at the Warehouse and to pick up toy's form the drop off locations. If you can want to volunteer you may e-mail .

My Toys for Tots email is [chris@aatft.org](mailto:chris@aatft.org).

Thanks,  
Christine Stevens  
Anne Arundel County Toys for Tots Co-Coordinator  
[cmsstevens@comcast.net](mailto:cmsstevens@comcast.net) or [chris@aatft.org](mailto:chris@aatft.org)



## Toys For Tots, the annual Motorcycle Ride



TOYS FOR TOTS



## Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049

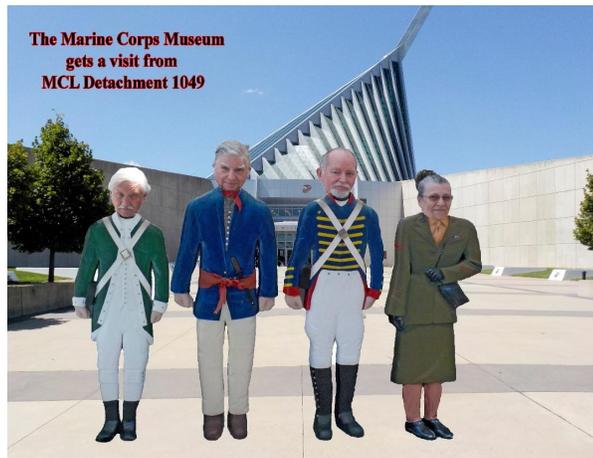
TOYS FOR TOTS



HAPPY THANKSGIVING  
TO ALL



The Marine Corps Museum  
gets a visit from  
MCL Detachment 1049



the *Fettling & Sons*





# Corps History

by Ed Dahling for Joe Wright, Historian

## 2 November 1950

Marines engage Chinese in North Korea near the Chosin Reservoir.

## 3 November 2003

Presidential Unit Citation awarded to 1st Marine Expeditionary Force for its service in Operation Iraqi Freedom. It becomes the first unit to earn the award since the end of the Vietnam War..

## 4 November 1979

Mob overruns U.S. Embassy in Teheran, Iran; 13 Marines among 65 American hostages; 52 of whom were held captive for 444 days.

## 10 November 1775

Continental Congress authorizes creation of two battalions of Marines.

## 10 November 1948

First eight enlisted women are sworn in as regular Marines. First black women Marines enlist the following summer.

## 10 November 1954

Marine Corps War Memorial site dedicated near Arlington National Cemetery,

## 18 November 1915

Major Smedley D. Butler leads Marine attack on Fort Riviere, Haiti and is awarded 2nd Medal of Honor

## 20 November 1947

{date approximate) Toys For Tots program founded.

## 23 November 1950

7th Marines take Yudam-ni. Thanksgiving was celebrated in Korea with temperatures hovering about 20 degrees below zero.

## 27 November 1950

Eight Chinese Communist divisions launch a massive attack in Korea, with the express purpose of destroying the 1st Marine Division. This action leads to the successful Marine Corps attack out of the Chosin Reservoir and its relocation to the coastal port of Hungnam.



**Senior  
Vice Commandant  
Ben Wells**



Marines,

As we celebrate our Corps' 243rd Birthday, we should reflect on our own lives as Marines, on those of our buddies, some of whom are gone and others with whom we have stayed in contact through the years. While we are lovers of peace, we are also a Brotherhood of warriors, who by choice have always put Country and Corps above our own lives. We should also remember that our wives, children, parents, and sweethearts have had to live with our choice and suffer all the trials and tribulations of war. Many unique challenges have been endured and overcome by every generation of Marines and Marine families; since, the first recruit signed up at Tun Tavern. Every generation of Marines has had to step-up and give their fullest measure in defense of freedom and our way of life. Today, just as with previous generations, Marines and their families are making the sacrifice. As members of the Marine Corps League, we also serve by providing help and support to our successors and their families. We of all people know and understand the level of their sacrifice. So with the highest degree of respect, let us extend our deepest gratitude to the men and women of the Corps as well as their families and friends. Be proud of these men and women, who with great pride and selflessness go into harm's way as United States Marines. They understand the heritage that has been passed on to them and they are building upon the legacy of those Marines who preceded them. To all of the men and women, past and present, who have earned and upheld the traditions of the Eagle, Globe, and Anchor

Happy 243rd Birthday  
and Semper Fi!





# Color Guard

Color Guard Commander Woody Bowman

## - COMING EVENTS -

November 4th – Pasadena Parade.

November 11th – presenting Colors at Quarterfield Road American Legion Post 276 at 0900 hours, followed by Crownsville Cemetery for event at 1100.

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

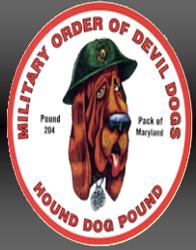
Marine Corps League License Plates are available for a one time fee of \$30. You continue to pay your normal registration fee at the time it is normally due.

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

The Pack Growl held on 27 October netted \$249.00 for the kids.

The next Pound Growl will be on Sunday, 9 December at our Dog House at VFW Post 160, Glen Burnie.

Enjoy gnawing on that turkey bone on Thanksgiving Day and don't forget to give thanks for this great country and the brave men and women who protect it.

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

Woof, woof  
PDD Paul Taylor  
Dog Robber



### Marine Corps League

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12<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> of August 2018



MILITARY ORDER OF THE DEVIL DOGS  
79<sup>th</sup> SUPREME GROWL





**Honor a Marine With an Engraved Brick  
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You can honor a Marine this holiday season by engraving his or her name on a brick to be placed along the trails in Semper Fidelis Memorial Park.

Space for bricks is limited – and bricks will be installed in the order in which they are received.

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Please enter below the inscription you wish to have engraved on your brick. Each brick may include up to three lines; each line may contain up to 20 characters including letters, punctuation and spaces. Each line must end with a full word or name. Words will not be hyphenated or continued onto the next line. Bricks purchased separately may not be sited next to one another. You will receive a proof copy of your inscription before it's engraved. Go to [eNewsletter@marineheritage.org](mailto:eNewsletter@marineheritage.org) for more information.

Amount you would like to donate in US dollars: \$210.00 - One Brick \$420.00 - Two Bricks



Marine First company graduates in new dress blue uniform for female Marines

The female Marines of November Company, 4th Recruit Training Battalion, became the first company to graduate sporting the new female dress blue uniform that features the mandarin collar.

Roughly 129 female Marines made history as they marched across the parade deck Friday aboard the recruit depot at Parris Island, South Carolina, wearing the new dress coat, which resembles the male dress blues.

Currently, female Marines can still choose between the new dress blue coat and the old style that features a neck tab, at least until Sept. 30, 2022. After that, the new dress blue coat will be mandatory.



## Junior Vice Commandant Chris Wise

### Marines,

We have 11 unpaid members and twice as many that have been dropped from our rolls. So check your membership card if does not have 2019 you need to send your dues in now?

Please When you receive your renewal notice, please complete the form, include your payment, of \$35.00 and mail them as soon as possible; this will allow us to keep our membership numbers up. If you do not receive your renewal notice or you misplace it... please get in touch with me as soon as possible and I will make sure that your renewal gets taken care of expeditiously.

You should also consider Life Membership; it could be a cost saver for you. I look forward to seeing each of you at our next meeting.





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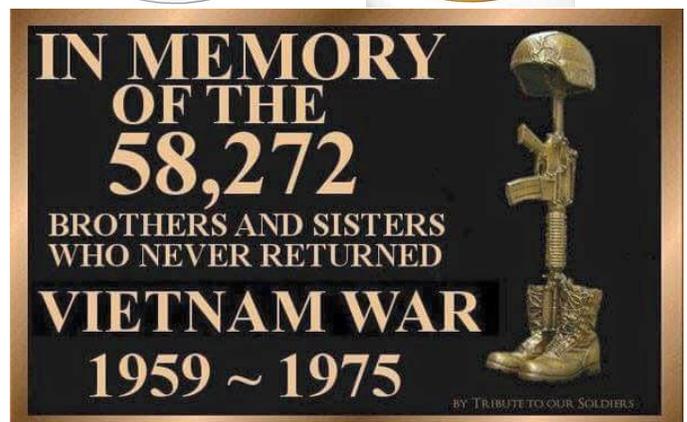
## Chaplain's Corner Bill Collins

The highlight of the month was the Celebration of the 243rd birthday of our Marine Corps. Traditional cake cutting ceremonies and birthday celebrations were well attended and enjoyed by all. In addition the Lake Shore Volunteer Fire Company held their 5th annual "Salute to Veterans". This event is a great way to celebrate Veterans Day. The members of the fire company invest a great deal of time and energy to make this event a special day for all. The food was great, the entertainment inspiring and the performance of the honor guard was impressive. Our thanks to all who helped to make this event a great success.

As the holiday season approaches let us be thankful for all of our blessings and to be helpful to all of those who are less fortunate than we. It's Toys for Tots time; any help that you are able to provide will be greatly appreciated. Please keep Manny in your thoughts and prayers. For the time being he is house bound and would appreciate a call or if possible a brief visit.

Wishing you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a happy holiday season.

Bill Collins, Chaplain  
Semper Fidelis





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# Have You Heard?

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

## *October 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 Chaplain Bill Collins.  
Members in Attendance: 19

- Edward Dahling Department of MD Paymaster, Past Detachment Commandant, Detachment Marine of Year (2016)
- Don Benson Department of Maryland District 2 Vice Commandant
- Joe Wright Past Detachment Commandant, Detachment Marine of the Year (2015)
- Ben Wells Detachment Marine of the Year (2017)
- Ray Sturm Detachment Marine of the Year (2018)
- Woody Bowman Detachment Marine of the Year (2014)

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

### **READING OF THE MINUTES**

- Minutes of the August meeting (with corrections) were posted on the detachment website and included in the detachment newsletter

### **PAYMASTER:**

Ed Dahling gave a hardcopy report:

### **CORRESPONDANCE:**

- None

### **SENIOR VICE:**

- No Report

### **JUNIOR VICE:**

- No report.

### **JUDGE ADVOCATE:**

- No Report.

### **Chaplain REPORT:**

- Manny in your thoughts and prayers. For the time being he is house bound and would appreciate a call or if possible a brief visit.

### **NEWSLETTER EDITOR:**

- Please let Ed know if you have anything you would like to add to the newsletter.

### **QUARTERMASTER:**

- No Report

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# Have You Heard?

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

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## **COLOR GUARD:**

- November 4th – Pasadena Parade.
- Veterans Day – 2 Events – No dates set yet.

## **HISTORIAN/ WEB SERGEANT:**

No Report

## **Bull & Oyster Roast Committee:**

- Looking into changing from October to March or April

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- No Report

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- No Report

## **GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:**

- Toys for Tots motorcycle parade still on schedule for November 17th

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- No Announcements

## **CLOSING CEREMONIES:**

Commandant Sturm closed the meeting IAW MCL rituals. The next detachment meeting will take place on November 26, 2018. Closing prayer was given by Chaplain Bill Collins.

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





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(Address Correction Requested)



The Corps says it only has 150 sergeants and below holding the coveted 0317 scout sniper job field.  
(Cpl. April L. Price/Marine Corps)