

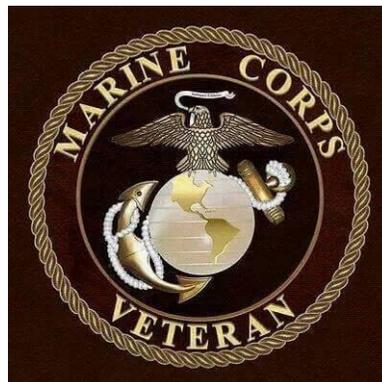
January 2019

# 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!

### Happy New Year Marine's



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Winner**

3rd Place Winner 2017  
2nd Place Winner 2018  
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- Commandant** .....Ray Sturm
- Senior Vice-Commandant** .....Ben Wells
- Junior Vice-Commandant**..... Chris Wise
- Judge Advocate** .....Pat Sharkey
- Junior Past-Commandant**.....Ed Dahling
- Adjutant** .....Joseph Wright
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- Chaplain** .....Bill Collins
- Color Guard Commander** .....Woody Bowman
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- Toy For Tots Chairman**.....Chris Stevens
- Young Marines Commander** ...Dallas Cooper

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## National Award Winner



**3<sup>rd</sup> Place Winner 2017**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winner 2018**  
**Marine Corps League**  
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**Award**

## Membership Statistics

### Good Standing (Dues Paid)

Type	USMC	Associate	Multiple
Life Member-	76	9	6
Annual Member-	17	8	—



### New Members

			-
<b>Sub-Totals</b>			
93	17	6	
<b>Total</b>			
116			

## Members' Birthdays

Members of our detachment, who will be celebrating

Birthdays during the month of January includes

Bill Creager                      Charles Dorn,  
Gerald Grimes,                  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.*

## 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 2019 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 our Golf Tournament, and our Bull & Oyster roast, the Mid-Winter Conference, the 2019 election of officers, the Department of Maryland Convention, etc. Please think about taking part in these activities and possibly running for office.

The deadline for all December newsletter articles is NOON on Tuesday, February 19, 2019 Please do not wait until the last minute!



The following events are scheduled to occur through **May 2019** 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, 28th January @ 1900 (Ray Sturm)

**9th February Department Meetings**, @ 09:00 With Pack Growl after the Department Meeting  
Location: Yingling Ridgely VFW Post 7472, 4225 VFW Ln, Ellicott City, MD 21043

**February 17th** Pound 204 Growl @ 0800  
Breakfast 0900 Growl (Ben Wells) at VFW Post 160 2597 Dorsey Road, Glen Burnie, MD 21060

**Monthly Meetings**, MCL Detachment 1049  
Monday, 24th February @ 1900 (Ray Sturm)

**MCL Midwinter Staff Conference**  
February 28 — March 2 at the Fredericksburg Hospitality House and Conference Center, 2801 Plank Rd, Fredericksburg, VA 22401

**March 30th** Bull & Oyster Roast Place TBA

**MAY 9-10 & 11** 2019 Department Convention  
Princess Royale Oceanfront Hotel & Conference Center Ocean City, Maryland




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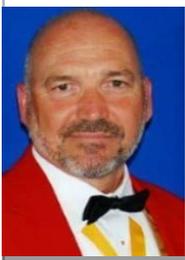
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# Commandant Ray Sturm

Well, the holidays are over and we look forward to a new year. We have a lot on our plate and I hope to see a lot of involvement by the members. If every member would volunteer to help with just one event this year, we can make a huge difference. A short list of opportunities includes, Eagle Scout presentations, Bull & Oyster Roast, golf tournament, Downs Park Family Day, Color Guard, 5k Run, Toys For Tots, and many more.

I would be remiss if I didn't first extend a huge congratulations to Christine Stevens and Pete Smith for another successful Toys For Tots campaign. The exact number of toys collected is still being tabulated. I'll report that when I can. I also want to thank those of you who volunteered to deliver boxes, collect sort and count toys, and assisted in the distribution. Trust me when I say your efforts made a lot of kids very happy on Christmas morning.

My fourth term as your Commandant is winding down. That means that we will soon be looking for new leadership. This is an exciting time as new faces bring in fresh ideas. We will solicit nominations for officers in February and March. We will also elect our officers in March and install them into office in April. If you would like to become an elected or appointed officer, please see me regarding what the offices entail. New officers are encouraged to attend the MCL Leadership College on 13 April at VFW Post 160.

The Department of Maryland meeting is on 9 February in Ellicott City at VFW Post 7472. The Post is located at 4225 VFW Lane, Ellicott City. Breakfast will be served at 0800. The business session will run from 0900-1230. A Pack Growl will be held at approximately 1400.

The National Mid-winter Conference is February 28th to March 2nd in Fredericksburg, VA. The proximity to Maryland affords our members the opportunity to see how National functions and what issues are of importance. The Sr Vice Commandant and I plan on attending. You are all welcome to attend any business session. Additionally, ALL members of the MODD may attend the Growl. You do not have to be a PDD to attend. I highly encourage everyone to come on down for a day. Details and a schedule of events are on the National Library website, [www.mcleaguelibrary.org](http://www.mcleaguelibrary.org)

My final thought is to help us get the word out about the MCL. Talk to your neighbors, coworkers, and friends to perhaps attract new members. Sometimes all you have to do is ask.



## Rifle & Pistol Team Ray Sturm



There will be an open pistol shoot at On Target on Thursday, 31 Jan at approx. 7:00 PM.  
No experience is necessary.



# Marine Corps League Department of Maryland



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**Saturday, 9 February 2019.**

MCL Department Of Maryland Meeting 09:00

With Pack Growl after the Department Meeting

Location: Yingling Ridgely VFW Post 7472, 4225  
VFW Ln, Ellicott City, MD 21043

All members and Associate Members are invited.



*the Fighting Edge*





## 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



Marines,

Winter is upon us and it is cold outside so stay bundled up and warm. The Mid-Winter meeting is coming up February 28th through March 2nd and we would love to see you there so if you have not signed up please do.

We have moved our annual Bull and Oyster Roast to March 30th and the flyer will be coming out soon.

We had our first meeting for the annual MHH golf tournament which will be held May 17th. Please help us have another good golf tournament by helping sign up sponsors and golfers.

We will be starting the meetings for the annual 5K run soon so if you would like to part of this please let us know.

Semper Fi!  
Ben



## Department Meeting Saturday – 9 February 2019

ALL Members and Associate Members Invited

MCL Meeting 0900-1200

MODD Growl after Lunch

Location: Yingling-Ridgely VFW Post 7472  
4225 VFW Lane, Ellicott City, MD 21043  
Hosted by the SSgt Karl G. Taylor Det. 1084



**WE DON'T HAVE  
AN ATTITUDE...  
WE'RE JUST THAT  
GOOD!**





# Color Guard

Color Guard Commander Woody Bowman

## - COMING EVENTS -

Finished for the season. Next event not until 1st Sunday in May.

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

I would like to give thanks to Paul Taylor for all the years as the pound 204 Dog Robber.

As most of us know that he has stepped down from this position after many years.

if there is a dog out there that would like to take the position as dog robber please let me know or Sir Pound Keeper PDD Ben Wells.

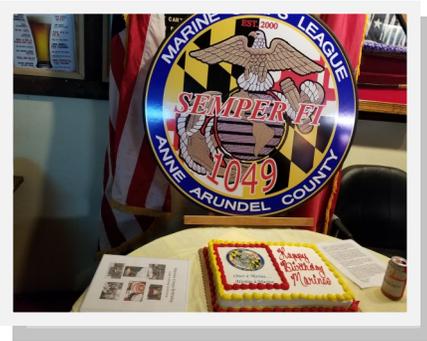
There are only two Pound Growls left for those Pups aspiring to advance to DD in Ocean City in May. Those two Pound Growls will be on 17 February and 28 April. 2019 You must attend both to be eligible.

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

Woof woof,  
PDD Ed Dahling  
Dog Robber



# Photo's 2018



## Junior Vice Commandant By Ed Dahling For Chris Wise

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 28 January 2019

There is always the possibility that you will enjoy yourself!

Semper Fi





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- ✔ Club Christmas Dinner

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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.
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## Chaplain's Corner Bill Collins

2018 was a good year for the detachment. Due to the success of our fundraising events we were able to continue financial support to the Semper Fi fund, TreatNow and Troop 216 of the Boy Scouts in addition to several other worthy causes.

The well-known Semper Fi Fund provides a variety of programs to assist wounded veterans in all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces.

Our contributions are also helping TreatNow in the fight to provide effective treatment to our VETS with suicide inducing brain injuries and/or post-traumatic stress. These injuries and their deadly after effects have been with us during and after every major conflict. Terms like "shell shock", "battle fatigue" and "thousand yard stare" have been used to describe the effect of these invisible wounds. It is only within the past decade that the severity of these wounds and the tragic number of related suicides has been recognized. Our most recent contribution is being used to treat a Force Recon Marine who has been exposed to multiple IED and other overpressure events during his repeated deployments to Afghanistan.

Troop 216 is a group of exceptional young men who are worthy of all of the support that we can provide.

Thanks to Chris Stevens and her merry group of volunteers Toys for Tots had another successful year.

2019 promises to be another busy year. We are facing many of the same challenges that were with us last year. Please consider adding your support by joining the group of volunteers who continue to make our detachment the great organization that it is.

Bill Collins, Chaplain

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# Have You Heard?

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

## *December 17th 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: 18

- Edward Dahling Department of MD Paymaster, Past Detachment Commandant, Detachment Marine of Year (2016)
- 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 doing great. Attended the 29th Division Reunion.
- TreatNow – Donation going to treat a Force Recon Marine.

### **NEWSLETTER EDITOR:**

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

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by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

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## **QUARTERMASTER:**

No Report

## **COLOR GUARD:**

- Finished for the season. Next event not until 1st Sunday in May.

## **HISTORIAN/ WEB SERGEANT:**

No Report

## **TOYS for TOTS:**

No Report

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- No Report

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

No Report

## **GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:**

- On Target pistol night will take place the Thursday after each meeting. Anyone interested may attend.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Fisher House Marathon Bluegrass Jam Maryland will take place February 23rd at American Legion Post 276.
- Our annual Bull & Oyster Roast will be held on March 30th – Location TBD (This will replace the Annual October Bull & Oyster Roast)

## **CLOSING CEREMONIES:**

Commandant Sturm closed the meeting IAW MCL rituals. The next detachment meeting will take place on January 28th. 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)



U.S. Navy Flight Demonstration Team, The Blue Angels, will receive the larger, upgraded Boeing F/A-18F two-seat Super Hornets to replace their aging F/A-18C/D Hornets, by the end of 2021. The news is exciting for several reasons. For the first time ever anyone can buy a ticket to ride in a fighter jet.

Most current generation Blue Angel fans have never seen the team fly any other aircraft, so the upgrade to the Super Hornet adds an element of freshness and excitement to the team's sensational display.