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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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## Semper Fidelis!

*Lt. Gen. David Berger nominated as next commandant of the Marine Corps*



His nomination was submitted Tuesday, according to a Senate notice, and it requests that he be promoted to the rank of general. If his nomination is approved, Berger will be the 38th commandant of the Marine Corps.

Since his commissioning in 1981, Berger has served in multiple prestigious assignments including director of operations for the Department of Plans, Policies, and Operations, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps; commanding general, 1st Marine Division (Forward) in support of Operation Enduring

Freedom; commanding general, Berger has been the commanding general of Marine Corps Combat Development Command and the Deputy Commandant for Combat Development and Integration since August. Prior to his current assignment, I Marine Expeditionary Force; and commander, U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific.

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3rd Place Winner 2017  
2nd Place Winner 2018  
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### Detachment Staff:

- 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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- Young Marines Commander** ...Dallas Cooper

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## 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 April includes

Gary Barr Charles Fisher Chris Kalwa  
Bill Merrill 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

“Do not fear the enemy, for your enemy can only take your life. It is far better that you fear the media, for they will steal your HONOR.”

Samuel Langhorne  
Clemens Aka Mark Twain  
American Author and Humorist





Detachment 1049 Election of Officers for FY 2019 – 2020 Has ended the installment of our new elected officer will take place at the April detachment meeting. Our new officer are.

Commandant, **Ben Wells**

Senior Vice Commandant **Louis GEWIRTZ**

Junior Vice Commandant **Burt Helkma**

Judge Advocate **Ray Sturm**

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 postage fees.

Due to the Department Convention, the deadline for May articles is extended to MIDNIGHT on Tuesday, May 21, 2019. Please do not wait until the last minute to submit your article(s)!



The following events are scheduled to occur through **August 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 Meeting**, MCL Detachment 1049  
Monday, 22 April @ 1900 (Ray Sturm)

**Leadership College** - Department of Maryland  
MCL April 27th 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM Harry L Cooper  
VFW Post 160, 2597 Dorsey Rd, Glen Burnie, MD 21061

**April 28th** Pound 204 Growl @ 0800 Breakfast  
0900 Growl (Ben Wells) at VFW Post 160 2597  
Dorsey Road, Glen Burnie, MD 21060

**1st May** Annapolis Jr NROTC Awards Ceremo-  
ny, Annapolis HS

**2nd May** Pistol Shoot at On Target in Severn

**May 5th** Ferndale Day Parade – Sunday,  
at North County High School

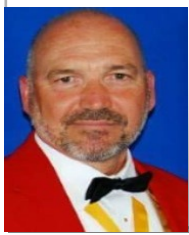
**MAY 9-10 & 11** 2019 Department Convention  
Princess Royale Oceanfront Hotel & Conference  
Center Ocean City, Maryland

**Friday, May 17,** Golf Tournament at 9:00 AM  
Walden Country Club – Crofton, MD

**Monthly Meeting**, MCL Detachment 1049  
Monday, 27 May @ 1900 (Ray Sturm) VFW  
Post 160

**June 8th** Department of PA Pistol Match at Fort  
Indiantown Gap.

**4-10 Aug** National Convention, Billings, MT



# Commandant Ray Sturm

Greetings Marines,

This will be my last report as Commandant after serving four terms. It has been an honor and privilege, and to be honest, quite humbling to be standing at that podium for so long. I could not have done it without your support. I would like to think we have accomplished many good things in the community. Fear not, I don't plan on going anywhere. I'll be there to support our new Commandant, Ben Wells, as he takes the gavel at our April meeting.

I can't go much further without acknowledging the loss of one of our most beloved members, Manny Airey. Yea, he was a crusty ol' son of a gun at times, but I have yet to meet a more generous and caring individual. As many of you know, I just wanted to join the MCL to do some shooting with fellow Marines. Manny convinced me to be the Sgt-at-Arms, saying all I had to do was set up the hall for the meetings. Yea, riiiiight! I have no intention of eulogizing him here, but wanted to say that his dedication to our detachment will be missed. I could not have asked for a finer mentor. I'd like to thank Nila Caulder, who set her own life on pause as she tended to Manny in his final year, and was there to hold his hand as he passed.

Folks, our 14th Annual Marines Helping Heroes Charity Golf Tournament is May 17th. I need your help getting the word out. We need golfers and volunteers. Post a few flyers at your barber shop, dry cleaners, or any community bulletin board. George Owings, the MD Secretary for Veterans Affairs has already signed up to play. We are also accepting "bottles of booze" for use as a prize at the tournament. Please bring one to the April meeting if you can.

I need to congratulate Sgt Zachary Moore, USMC for receiving the Spirit of Community Award (Military) from the Central Maryland Chamber. Zach is an honorary member of the detachment and was instrumental in the success of last year's 5k Challenge. He even does some recruiting. His wife, Michelle, is a former Marine and has joined the detachment also.

I also need to thank Burt Helmka for single handedly organizing our Bull & Oyster Roast. The event was a huge success.

Finally, our new Commandant will need your support. If you'd like to volunteer at any level, please let him know.



## Rifle & Pistol Team Ray Sturm



. The detachment open pistol shoot will be on Thursday, May 2nd at 7PM at On Target in Severn.

The Department of Pennsylvania Service Pistol Match is June 8th at Fort Indiantown Gap. Details can be found at

<http://www.pamcleague.org/Portals/15/Docs/Pistol/Current%20Year%20Match/2019%20MCLPA%20Pistol%20Flyer%20-%20Final.pdf?ver=2019-04-02-123928-843>



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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



Marines,

They keep saying that spring is right around the corner but I don't believe it. We have had three meetings for the 14th annual MHH golf tournament which will be held May 17th 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 9th and we hope to see everyone there.

Semper Fi!  
Ben



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# Color Guard

Color Guard Commander Woody Bowman

## - COMING EVENTS -

Ferndale Day Parade – Sunday, May 5th

Stage at North County High School by 11:00 AM

Parade commences at NOON.

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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)

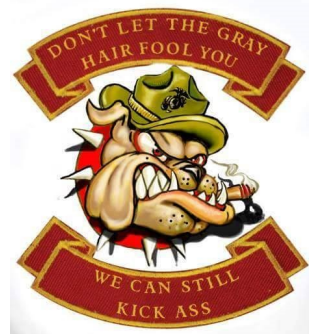
The Fun and Honor Society of the Marine Corps League

There is only one Pack Growl left for those DDs desiring to advance to PDD in Billings Montana this year. If you haven't attended one already, it is too late for you to advance this year. The next Pack Growl is on 10 May at Ocean City.

Likewise, there is only one Pound Growl left for those Pups aspiring to advance to DD in Ocean City in May. Again, if you haven't attended one already, it is too late for you to advance this year. By attending all Growls, you won't have this problem. The next Pound Growl will be on 28 April.

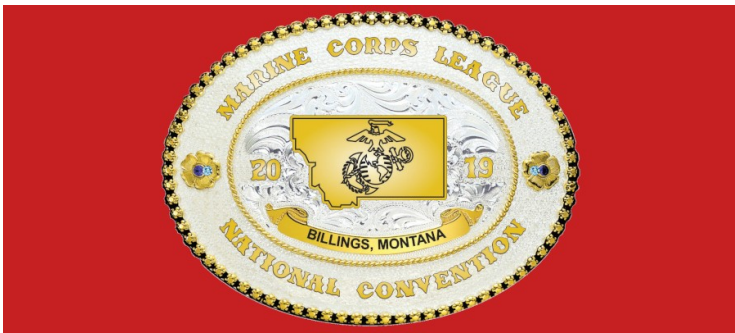
Remember: It is an honor to be a Devil Dog!

Woof woof,  
PDD Ed Dahling  
Dog Robber





National Military Retiree Appreciation Day: April 18th, 2019



**Marines Helping Heroes**  
Charity Golf Tournament  
Walden Country Club  
**May 17, 2019**  
9 AM Shotgun Start

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**MarinesHelpingHeroes.org**

Breakfast  
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Prizes  
Games

## 96th Annual Marine Corps League Convention 2019

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## Junior Vice Commandant By Ed Dahling For Chris Wise


Marines,

Detachment membership numbers remain in relatively good shape. We continue to attract new members; But I am sorry to say that as of March 1st, there are 9 members of our detachment, who are delinquent in payment of their dues. So, please check your membership cards to see if your dues are current; if they are not, please send your dues to me as soon as possible. That will allow me to get them into the League's Department and National Headquarters and prevent you from being dropped from our roster.

We have a new Honorary Active Duty Member Captain Joe Paoletta, USMC Co B, MCSB

Captain Paoletta will be assisting with the 5k Challenge.





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## Chaplain's Corner Bill Collins



**Airey, Emanuel L. "Manny"**

31 March 2019 was a day of great loss to the Detachment, the League, the Marine Corps and to the United States of America. Our fellow Marine Manny was ordered to report to the Supreme Commandant. I suspect that there was need for a Sergeant of the guard for the Detachment that guards the heavenly streets. I believe that Manny would laugh out loud if he heard me saying those words and that he would probably call me "Numb Nuts" for having written them. Manny was a member of the "greatest generation" having served in some of the most iconic battles in Marine Corps history. He served at Iwo Jima, Tarawa and Saipan as a Navy Frog Man clearing underwater obstacles and mapping Japanese defensive positions. He was in Tokyo Bay when surrender documents were signed by the Japanese aboard the Battleship Missouri. It can be argued that Manny was a slow learner because shortly after WWII he enlisted in the Marine Corps. In June of 1950 the North Koreans invaded South Korea and Manny found himself with the 1st Marine Division at Pusan, Inchon and the Chosin Reservoir. Manny was with the 11th Marines, "The Cannon Cockers" as they fought their way through the thousands of Communist Chinese troops who had the 1st Marine Division surrounded. He received a purple heart after being shot and a second one for the frost bite that nearly cost him both of his feet. Manny was enthusiastic about raising money for "the kids" and always contributed more than his share. He was a good man, a good friend and a great Marine. He was one of a kind, he cannot be replaced. We miss him. Semper Fi Manny.





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# Have You Heard?

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

## *March 25th Meeting Highlights .....*

### **OPENING BY RITUAL:**

Meeting called to order by Jr. Past Commandant Ed Dahling at 1900 hours.  
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by prayer by Chaplain Bill Collins.  
Members in Attendance: 17

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)

### **• APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:**

There were no applications for membership

### **READING OF THE MINUTES**

• Minutes of the February meeting were posted on the detachment website and included in the detachment newsletter

### **PAYMASTER:**

Ed Dahling gave a hardcopy report:

### **CORRESPONDANCE:**

None

### **COMMANDANT:**

Bull roast went well.

### **SENIOR VICE:**

• No Report

### **JUNIOR VICE:**

• No report.

### **JUDGE ADVOCATE:**

• No Report.

### **Chaplain REPORT:**

- Manny Airey not doing well.  
HBOT funded E-9 from Camp Lejeune doing well. Has his life back.  
Chaplain Bill Collins is the chairman of the MCL National Suicide Awareness & Action Group.

### **NEWSLETTER EDITOR:**

• If you would like to see something in the newsletter, let Ed know

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# Have You Heard?

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

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## **TOYS for TOTS:**

Looking for a closer warehouse.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

• Nominations for officers were held and are now closed. The officers for the 2019-2020 term will be:

Commandant: Ben Wells  
Sr. Vice Commandant: Louis Gewirtz  
Jr. Vice Commandant: Burt Helmka  
Judge Advocate: Ray Sturm

\*Installation will be conducted at the April meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

. .None

## **GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:**

None.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

April 27 – MCL Leadership College.  
April 28 – Pound 204 Growl.  
May 9-11 – Department of Maryland Convention.  
May 17 – MHH Golf Tournament

## **CLOSING CEREMONIES:**

Jr. Past Commandant Ed Dahling closed the meeting IAW MCL rituals. The next detachment meeting will take place on April 22, 2019. Closing prayer was given by Chaplain Bill Collins.

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



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