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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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Happy Easter Marines from the Officers and Staff of the Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049

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Membership Statistics

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Type	USMC	Associate	Multiple
Life Member-	76	9	6
Annual Member-	17	8	–
New Members			
			–
Sub-Totals			
	93	17	6
Total			
	116		



Members' Birthdays

Members of our detachment, 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

Since 1775 the United States Marines have upheld a fine tradition of service to their country. They are doing so today. I am confident they will continue to do so. “

Franklin D. Roosevelt





From the Editor

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

Detachment 1049 Election of Officers for FY 2020 – 2021 last chance to nominate someone so if anyone is interested in running for an elected position, please let your intentions be known. Candidates (nominees) are needed for each of the following positions.

Commandant,
Senior Vice Commandant
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Coming Events

The following events are scheduled to occur through **June 2020** 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, **Cancelled**

MCL Detachment 1049 Monday, 23 March @ 1900 (Ben Wells) VFW Post 160 Detachment nominations-2nd round Detachment ELECTIONS

March 21st Bull & Oyster Roast **Postponed new date to be TBA** Place American Legion Post 40 5th Ave Glen Burnie Md.

April 17th, 2020 **Postponed**

QUARTER AUCTION THROWDOWN Friday TIME: 7 P.M. til 9:15 P.M. at the Orchard Beach Volunteer Fire Company 7549 Solley Road * Glen Burnie Maryland 21060 Postponed

Monthly Meeting, **Cancelled**

MCL Detachment 1049 Monday, 27 April @ 1900 (Ben Wells) VFW Post 160 NSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

April 26th Canceled Pound 204 Growl @ 0800 Breakfast 0900 Growl (Ben Wells) at VFW Post 160 2597 Dorsey Road, Glen Burnie, MD 21060

May 7- 8 & 9 2020 Canceled Department Convention Princess Royale Oceanfront Hotel & Conference Center Ocean City, Maryland

Monthly Meeting, MCL Detachment 1049 Monday, 25 May @ 1900 (Ben Wells) VFW Post 160

June 5th 2020 Golf Tournament at Walden Country Club

June 19-21, Mideast Division Conference Virginia Beach, Virginia



Commandant David (Ben) Wells

Marines

I hope everyone is healthy and doing well with all this COVID-19 going around. To my knowledge none of us has this at the moment and I would like to keep it that way.

There is not a whole lot to say because everyone is shut down right now waiting on the government to re-open the country for business. Once the VFW opens its doors we can go back to business as usual. We do need to hold elections and according to National we can do this online so that is what we are going to do. Ed Dahling has sent out the paperwork for getting online and the protocol for doing this.

We have had three meetings (with the last one a conference call) for the 15th annual MHH golf tournament which will be held June 5th and things are moving in the right direction. Please help us have another good golf tournament by helping sign up sponsors and golfers. The MCL Maryland Department Convention has been canceled as many of you know.

Semper Fi



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Rifle & Pistol Team Ray Sturm



No Report

QUARTER AUCTION THROWDOWN

at the
Orchard Beach Volunteer Fire Company
7549 Solley Road * Glen Burnie Maryland
21060

Charity of the evening
Marine Corps League
Anne Arundel County Post # 1049

DATE: Friday April 10th

TIME: 7 P.M. til 11 P.M.

open at 6 P.M. for registration

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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 Louis Gewirtz

Marines,

Department Convention that is scheduled to be held 7-9 May 2020 has been **Cancelled**.

What to do now:

The 50/50 Convention Raffle is still going on so sell or buy your raffle tickets and send the money to the Department Paymaster Ed Dahling. The drawing to be held at or next Department Meeting which TBA later.

NOTE on cancellations:

Hotel rooms can be cancelled up to 72 hours prior to arrival (or 3 May to be safe). the Princess Royale Hotel has already started to refund full payments.

Please be safe and look contact your local Detachment membership, especially those who may be most susceptible to COVID-19.

Semper Fi,
Ed Dahling
For Sr, Vice Commandant
Louis Gewirtz





Color Guard

Color Guard Commander Woody Bowman

- COMING EVENTS -

This event has been **Cancelled**
Next event is Ferndale Day parade on May 3rd.
The Young Marines will be marching directly
behind the detachment's Color Guard. also

Woody stated he worked with the Young Marines
on presenting Colors.

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**



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Military Order of the Devil Dogs



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League

All Applicants for Advancement and Membership
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Monday prior to the Supreme Growl.

Get your Applications for Advancement into your
Pound and Pack Dog Robbers early, even if you're
not sure you're coming. Then it will be on file when
you show up.

Bring a copy with you for safety sake.
Applications for Membership must have the
recommendation section completed and signed by
the Detachment Commandant.
Pups advancing to Devil Dog must have the Pound
Endorsement.

All Application for Advancement forms must have the
Pack Dog Robber Endorsement, where there is a
Pack.

The Mad Dog and Witness signature lines are left
blank.

Make sure the Applications are filled out completely.
This includes the medical disclaimer.
Incomplete forms will be returned

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

Woof woof,
PDD Ed Dahling
Dog Robber



Reminder for all members of the Marine Corps League.

If you recall not too long ago, the United States Marine Corps worked with the Marine Corps League in a successful effort to bring all State Motor vehicle registration tags into compliance with their trademark requirements.

14 August 2018- @ 2018 MCL National Convention

COO Borka reported on the United States Marine Corps aggressively pursuing trademark violations. Some examples that require approval from Headquarters Marine Corps are for the use of the EGA, USMC, Marine Corps, Semper Fi, Semper Fidelis, and Oorah. The Marine Corps is also looking at motor vehicle tags that are used by a number of states for Marine veterans that have not been approved by HQ USMC.

To my knowledge the MCL tag issues has been resolved and the MCL is in compliance.

Please share with all members to review the trademark information at the link below before use of any United States Marine Corps Trademarks, such as U.S.M.C, Semper Fi, Marine Corps, E.G.A, etc. are used.

United States Marine Corps, Trademark and Licensing Office. Office of Counsel for the Commandant Commercial/Trademark Use Guide

<https://www.hqmc.marines.mil/Portals/134/Docs/USMC%20Content%20Guide%202015.pdf>

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

<https://www.hqmc.marines.mil/ousmcc/Units/Marine-Corps-Trademark-Licensing-Program/FAQ/>

Stay well
Semper Fidelis,
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Junior Vice Commandant Burt Helmka

Marines,

I don't have much to communicate or pass on.

Except hunker down and remember your intervals.

Wear your mask, wash your hands and we'll get through this Marines.

Last thing , hope all is well with you and family.

The mission of the Marine Corps League is to promote the interest and to preserve traditions of the United States Marine Corps; strengthen the fraternity of Marines and their families; serve Marines, FMF Corpsmen, and FMF Chaplains who wear or who have worn the Eagle, Globe and Anchor; and foster the ideals of Americanism and patriotic volunteerism.

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Chaplain's Corner Bill Collins

Greetings fellow shut ins. The virus continues....We must continue to observe the guidance provided to us by our medical experts. Keep your distance, wash your hands often and leave home only when necessary. By following these simple guidelines we can reduce the severity and the duration of this pandemic. Please keep in touch with your families, your fellow Marines and your friends and neighbors to let them know that you are thinking of them and that you are available to provide help if it is needed. If you are aware of anyone who is in distress ... let me know...410-271-4847. If I can't help... I will find someone who can. Stay safe, stay well, God bless us everyone.

Remember

- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. - Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces. - Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. - For more information, visit the Centers for Disease Control - If a person has any signs for flu like symptoms, they should not attend our events.

Bill Collins,

Chaplain





Marine Corps League Department of Maryland



National Bylaws SUSPENSION OF SECTION 940 ELECTIONS & INSTALLATIONS 17 March 2020

SUSPENSION OF SECTION 940 ELECTIONS & INSTALLATIONS

Dear Members,

The Corona virus (COVID-19) and the ensuing quarantine issued by the President of the United States, Governors and Local Government Leaders. These local leaders have issued more stringent quarantine regulations, impacting our Department/Detachment elections and installations.

To avoid any potential problems or confusion for our Departments/Detachments, we are suspending the Bylaws Section 940 for 30 days. This covers only upcoming elections and installations. It will be effective starting today 17 March 2020 through 16 April 2020.


If during that period there is any change to the quarantine the Board of Trustees will look at the feasibility of reinstating the by-law and proceeding with the elections and installations. If the quarantine goes longer, we will consider extending the by-law suspension or possible alternative ways to hold elections.

We are in a crisis and need to do our part to safeguard our families and our members. Additionally, the Board asks that every Department/Detachment reaches out to their elderly members, make sure all is well and that they have plenty of food and supplies.

Stay safe and healthy

Semper Fidelis,
Dennis Tobin






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Have You Heard?

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

EMERGENCY PLAN FOR ELECTIONS AND INSTALLATIONS

Marines,

IMPORTANT: ACTION REQUIRED. Please read in its entirety.

First and foremost, I trust this message finds that you and your families are doing well. These are indeed very trying times. If you need anything, please do not hesitate to reach out to any member of the detachment's staff. We will assist in any way we can.

As many of you know, MCL National has put a freeze on League activities, including monthly meetings. However, it is very important that some business be conducted. We normally elect our incoming officers in March and have an installation in April. Obviously, we were unable to hold elections in the normal manner. Detachments across the country face a similar dilemma.

On April 1, 2020, the National Commandant held a Special Meeting of the National Board of Trustees and approved Emergency Election Procedures that include the election and installation of detachment officers. These procedures include the use of video or phone conferences to conduct the election and installation and to waive the normal MCL meeting rituals.

In accordance with, and under the authority of the 2020 Emergency Plan for Elections and Installations, MCL League Detachments, Effective Period: 1 April 2020 to 1 August 2020, signed by Dennis Tobin and approved by the National Board of Trustees on April 1, 2020, The Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049 will conduct its election and installation of officers in the following manner. ALL members are invited and encouraged to participate.

- 1. Detachment Commandant Ben Wells has called for a Special Meeting on April 27, 2020 at 7:00 PM** with the expressed purpose of electing and installing officers. This meeting will be held via telephone conference call. NOTE: This is the same date and time of the detachment's normally scheduled monthly meeting.
- 2. At the above date and time, members are asked to call 978-990-5000** to join the meeting. Enter Access Code 508223# when prompted. Simply call to participate.

The following is a list of current officers and those previously nominated at the February meeting. Another round of nominations will be conducted at the special meeting. If you would like to nominate a person you must be a regular member of the detachment. Please send that nomination to the Adjutant and include the nominee's name, phone number and email address.

Please note that Burt Helmka has expressed a desire to remain the Jr Vice Commandant. Nominations will be accepted for both Senior and Junior Vice Commandant.



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Have You Heard?

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

Billet	Current	Nominated*
	Elected	
Commandant	Ben Wells	Ben Wells
Sr Vice Cmdt	Lou Gewritz	Burt Helmka
Jr Vice Cmdt	Burt Helmka	vacant
Judge Advocate	Ray Sturm	Ray Sturm
	Appointed	
Sgt-at- Arms	Jim Galvin	will accept
Chaplain	Bill Collins	will accept
Adjutant	Norm Huffman	vacant
Paymaster	Ed Dahling	will accept

*One round of nominations was conducted on 24 Feb 2020

- The Commandant will open the meeting without the normal MCL rituals.
- The Adjutant will call roll and ensure a quorum is present.
- The Commandant will turn the meeting over to Past Commandant Joe Wright who will chair the nomination and election process. If there is a contested position, the Adjutant will tally the votes and report the winner.
- The Adjutant will again call the roll of the newly elected officers about to be installed or appointed. He will also ensure the Installation Officer is present.
- The Commandant will turn the meeting over to Past Department Commandant Craig Reeling, who will act as Installation Officer.
- The Installation Officer installs the officers per the instructions in the emergency procedures.

No other business is expected to be conducted during the Special Meeting. If an item requires immediate attention, it should be emailed to the Commandant NLT 20 April for consideration.

Each member is requested to reply to the Adjutant within 3 days of receiving this email and state your intention to participate and define what method you will cast your private vote, if necessary; email, or text. The Chair may ask for a voice vote if nominees are uncontested.

The detachment staff thanks you for your patience and understanding as we chart unknown waters.

Contact information

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Adjutant Norm Huffman: 443-848-1971 or nrhuff926@icloud.com J

Judge Advocate Ray Sturm: 202-903-8480 or bandit6a@gmail.com

Semper Fi,
Ray Sturm Judge Advocate



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(Address Correction Requested)



Grunts and infantry-like Marines will be the first to get their hands on a new lightweight plate carrier that's been in the works for the last several years, according to Marine Corps Systems Command.