



The official newsletter of the Anne Arundel Co Detachment

Ed Dahling Returns

The detachment was surprised and overwhelmed at the surprise visit by **Ed Dahling** at the March meeting.

As you know, Ed has been battling health issues for a year now. He was pleased to report he is now in remission. He still has a long road to full recovery and is undergoing physical therapy to regain his strength.

We would like to thank his wife, **Sandi**, for bringing him to the meeting. Ed said it was only the third time he's been out in public in over a year that wasn't a doctor's appointment.

Ed sends his regards to everyone and is grateful for all of the prayers and support.

New Detachment Commandant Elected

Congratulations to Marine Burt Helmka on being elected as Commandant of the Anne Arundel Detachment.

Burt brings a wealth of experience to the position and is looking forward to continuing the great work the detachment does in the community.

Joining Burt as elected officers are Ben Wells (Sr Vice Cmdt), Joe Wright (Jr Vice Cmdt), and Ray Sturm (Judge Advocate).

The Installation of Officers ceremony will take place at the next monthly meeting on April 25th. Please plan to attend and show your support. Food will be provided after the meeting.



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INTERIM NEWSLETTER EDITOR

**ALL THE NEWS THAT'S
FIT TO PRINT.. AND
SOME THAT ISN'T**

Greetings Marines,

Happy Easter.

I would like to congratulate and thank Burt Helmka for stepping up to assume the helm of the detachment. It is a lot of responsibility to take on and he has the full support of every previous commandant. We all look forward to his fresh ideas on how to serve the community.

Planning for our 16th annual

golf tournament is underway. We always need volunteers with fresh ideas. Let us know if you are interested in helping.

Also, please see the flyer at the end of this newsletter. Print it and post it anywhere you think people will see it. It can be your dry cleaners, barber shop, or at work. Help us spread the word about this terrific event.

Semper Fi,

Ray Sturm



MARINES HELPING HEROES
16th Annual Charity Golf Tournament
Marine Corps League of Anne Arundel County
Marines Helping Heroes Foundation

Proceeds will also benefit, the Semper Fi & America's Fund, TreatNOW, and the Caring Cupboard Food Bank. The Marines Helping Heroes Foundation is an IRS 501(c)3 charity.

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www.birdease.com/MHHgolf

DETACHMENT TO HOST 16TH GOLF TOURNAMENT

The detachment will once again co-host its 16th annual golf tournament. The event is set for **June 3rd** at the Walden Country Club in Crofton.

All funds raised will benefit the **Semper Fi & America's Fund, Treat-NOW**, and the **Caring Cupboard Food Bank** in Pasadena.

As I am sure you are aware, both Semper Fi and TreatNOW work with active duty service personnel and veterans who suffer from PTSD and traumatic brain injuries, both of which have been linked to the suicide epidemic among our fellow veterans.

For additional information, or to register, donate, or sign up as a sponsor, please visit **Birdease.com/MHHgolf** or scan the QR code to the left.

See last page for event flyer.



COMMANDANT'S CORNER

Marines,

I hope everyone is healthy and doing well. Spring is here and the doors are open for business so I would like to see everyone on the 4th Monday of every month at 19:00 sharp.



Elections have been held and Burt Helmka has taken the reins as Commandant so please congratulate him when you see him. We will have the swearing in of officers this coming Monday the 25th. The uniform will be black trousers and red polo detachment shirt.

I attended the SE and NE conference the last couple weekends and we had a good time. I learned a lot at the SE conference which I will share when I see everyone. The MCL Maryland Department Convention has been moved to a new hotel so please check the web site and get signed up (www.deptofmdmcl.org).

We are now in full swing for the 16th annual MHH golf tournament which will be held June 3rd and things are moving in the right direction. Please help us have another good golf tournament by helping sign up sponsors and golfers.

Semper Fi

Ben Wells



Detachment Colors

YOUR DETACHMENT

STAFF

Commandant	Ben Wells
Sr Vice Cmdt	Burt Helmka
Jr Vice Cmdt	Joe Wright
Judge Advocate	Ray Sturm
Jr Past Cmdt	Ray Sturm
Adjutant	Norm Huffman
Chaplain	Bill Collins
Sgt-at-Arms	Jim Galvin
Color Guard Cdr	Woody Bowman
Newsletter Editor	Ed Dahling
Paymaster	Joe Wright
Quartermaster	Bill Collins
Public Affairs	Ray Sturm
Marksmanship	Ray Sturm
Web Sergeant	Joe Wright
Young Marines	April Westerlund

WEBSITE

<http://mclacdet1049.org>

FACEBOOK

Anne Arundel County Detachment
1049, MCL

MEETINGS

The detachment meets the 4th Monday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Harry L. Cooper VFW Post 160, 2597 Dorsey Rd, Glen Burnie, MD

SOCIAL HOUR

Social hour commences immediately after the meeting. Come join us for a beverage and the telling of sea stories.

SUBMISSIONS

Submit articles, photos, or suggestions to Ray Sturm at Bandit6A@gmail.com by the Saturday following the detachment meeting.



SENIOR VICE COMMANDANT

Marines,

Thank you and Semper Fi for having the faith in me to be your next Commandant. Hopefully I can carry on and fill the boots of previous commandants. It seems like yesterday Guy Hall was knocking on my door to sign the charter before I went out of town . I promise to serve you to the best of my ability.

The Bull & Oyster roast was a success once again. Monies raised was \$2,221.73 dollars. I would like to thank everyone involved and American Legion Post#40. Next fundraiser is our golf tournament, lets make this a successful one once again. Also just floating this out there, purse bingo for wives, lady friends and families. Let me know your thoughts as a fundraiser.

Lastly, we need members. A recruitment drive is in order. I also need input on this idea. I do have a few in my head. We all know that could be dangerous.

Semper Fi

Burton Helmka

Commandant-Elect

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDANT

Marines,

The season is changing but the date for membership renewals remains the same.. **31 August**. No reason to wait until the last moment.

It's time to start thinking about next year's membership dues. You can pay your dues at any membership meeting (preferred) or you can mail your dues to:

A.A. County Detachment 1049
Marine Corps League
Post Office Box 804
Severn, Maryland 21144-0804

The detachment will be participating in the **Downs Park Family Day** in Pasadena on **June 4th**. We will be setting up a recruiting tent and volunteers are always needed. The park is in a great location with an amazing view of the Chesapeake Bay. Come join us.

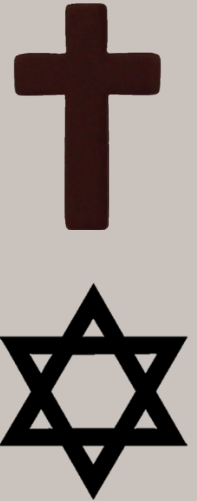
Joe Wright



CHAPLAIN

Many thanks to Ben Wells for serving the past three years as our Commandant. Great job Ben! Our recent election was much like a game of musical chairs with officers switching places except for our new Commandant Burt Helmka. Congratulations Burt. Ed Dahling's attendance at our March meeting provided the best news we have had in a very long time. Ed looks great and he is looking forward to once again terrorizing the Walden Golf course with his special golf cart driving skills. Yes, the golf tournament is just around the corner. If each one of us puts forth a little effort, we can make this year's tournament the most successful that we have ever had. We can make that happen if starting now, we each sell just five Tee-box signs. For only \$100, Tee-box signs provide good advertising for real estate agents, dentists, liquor stores, grocery stores, barbers, beauticians, restaurants, and any other establishment that you do business with. Please give it a try. Every dollar that we earn will help a fellow Marine, a veteran, a first responder, or any other local hero who is in need.

Semper Fi, Bill Collins-Chaplain



COLOR GUARD

The detachment's Color Guard will present Colors on Memorial Day at the following locations.

9:00 AM at the American Legion Post 287

11:00 AM at the Crownsville Veterans Cemetery



EAGLE SCOUT COORDINATOR

I am pleased to report that BSA Troop 216, which the detachment supports, has begun meeting again.

Jim Galvin



GOVERNOR HOGAN COMMEMORATES MARCH 30 AS WELCOME HOME VIETNAM VETERANS DAY IN MARYLAND



ANNAPOLIS, MD—Governor Larry Hogan today commemorated March 30 as “Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day,” which coincides with a call by the United States Vietnam War Commemoration to join in thanking and honoring Vietnam veterans and their families for their service and sacrifice.

“Our administration is eternally grateful for the men and women who bravely served this country, and we are proud to give our veterans this well-deserved recognition,” said Governor Hogan. “Our citizens enjoy freedom because of the many sacrifices of our military veterans, so today, I ask all Marylanders to join together in welcoming home those who selflessly served.”

On March 30, 2015, Governor Hogan signed the “Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day” bill into law with unanimous support from the Maryland General Assembly. More than 2.7 million Americans served in the Vietnam War with nearly 9 million serving during the Vietnam era.



INFLATION AND PANDEMIC DRIVE PROPOSED VA BUDGET TO MORE THAN \$300 BILLION [Stars & Stripes]

WASHINGTON — A White House proposal released Monday would push the Department of Veterans Affairs budget to more than \$300 billion for the first time, with much of the increase going toward veterans’ medical care.

Overall, the proposal amounts to a 10.5% increase over the VA’s enacted budget for 2022. The White House is requesting about 20% more for medical care, and it cited health care inflation, as well as the lasting effects of the coronavirus pandemic, as major reasons for the boost.

1 April 1945

The Battle of Okinawa (April 1, 1945–June 22, 1945) was the last major battle of World War II, and one of the bloodiest. On April 1, 1945—Easter Sunday—the Navy's Fifth Fleet and more than 180,000 U.S. Army and U.S. Marine Corps troops descended on the Pacific island of Okinawa for a final push towards Japan.

10 April 1959

Lieutenant Colonel John H. Glenn, Jr. was named as one of the original seven Project Mercury astronauts selected for space training.



17 April 1915



Medal of Honor recipient **Joseph "Joe" Foss**, was born in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

In 1940, Foss joined the Marine Corps as a pilot, and went on to become a leading American "ace" during World War II. During his time in the Corps, Foss won 26 aerial victories and received numerous awards, including the **Distinguished**

Flying Cross and the Medal of Honor for his actions over Guadalcanal in the Solomon Islands where he recorded 23 confirmed (and numerous other probable) kills in just over a month between October and November of 1942.

Following his time in the military, Foss had a number of jobs, including serving as the 20th **Governor of South Dakota**, the **Commissioner of the American Football League**, and the **President of the National Rifle Association**. He died in Arizona in 2003 at the age of 87.

25 April 1897

Medal of Honor recipient **Merritt "Red Mike" Edson** was born in Chester, Vermont.

When World War II broke out, Edson was assigned as the Commanding officer of the Marine Raiders.

Edson retired from the Marine Corps in 1947, after being promoted to the rank of Major General. Following his time in the Corps, Edson became the first Commissioner of **the Vermont State Police** before later serving as the **Executive Director of the National Rifle Association**. In addition to the **Medal of Honor**, Edson also earned **two Navy Crosses, the Silver Star, and two Legions of Merit** during his time in the Corps.



27 April 1805



To the shores of Tripoli. First Lieutenant **Presley O'Bannon** and seven other Marines, along with Greek and Arab forces, who were under the command of American Consul William Eaton raised the American flag over the fortress at Derne, a pirate stronghold in Tripoli. This was the first time the American flag had been raised over a conquered fortress in the Old World. Two Marines were killed and another was injured in the assault on the city.



Hound Dog Pound 204

Mer-lin Pack

Officers

Pound Keeper	Paul Gunther
Sr Vice PK	Pat Sharkey
Jr Vice PK	Howard Koonz
Smart Dog	Ray Sturm
Dog Trainer	Leonard Steipler
Mad Dog	Woody Bowman
Police Dog	Norm Huffman
Watch Dog	Ben Wells
Barking Dog	Stuart Blair
Dog Robber	Joe Wright

Next Growl

19 June 2022 @ 0900

Dog House

Harry L. Cooper VFW Post 160



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MODD

Hound Dog Pound 204

Pack Growl

Immediately following the Department meeting on 9 April

American Legion Post 66

9605 Laurel-Bowie Rd

Bowie, MD

Pound 204 Growl

19 June 2022

VFW Post 160



BURN PITS CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

The measure must now go to the Senate, where it faces an uncertain future. Some senators prefer an incremental approach to expanding health care and benefits, rather than one comprehensive bill.

“We passed the most comprehensive legislation to date to treat toxic exposure as a cost of war and ensure that all toxic-exposed veterans can access the care and benefits they’ve earned,” said Rep. Mark Takano, D-Calif., the chairman of the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs. “This fight is not over, but I will not rest until our veterans have a guarantee in statute that their government will take care of them when they come home — no matter the cost.”

The bill would increase spending by about \$208 billion during the next decade because of the expanded eligibility for disability compensation, according to the latest estimates from the Congressional Budget Office. The office estimated the bill would cost an additional \$110 billion in the following 10 years for the expansion of health care.

Throughout the 1990s and the post-9/11 wars, the military used open-air pits to burn garbage, jet fuel, paint, medical waste, plastics and other materials. Veterans diagnosed with cancer, respiratory issues and lung disease at young ages have blamed exposure to the toxic fumes. They have sought VA benefits and health care, but the department contended for years that there wasn’t sufficient evidence to support their claims.

The PACT Act would add 23 of those cancers and respiratory illnesses to the list of conditions that would qualify veterans for VA benefits and health care.

The bill also addresses other types of toxic exposure. The bill calls for presumptive benefits for Vietnam War veterans who have developed hypertension because of exposure to chemical herbicides, as well as veterans who served in Thailand, Laos and Cambodia and were potentially exposed to herbicides. It also includes veterans who participated in toxic cleanup activities in Enewetak Atoll or Palomares, Spain.

Rep. Mike Bost of Illinois, the ranking Republican on the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, criticized Democrats for approving the bill and argued Thursday in favor of the Senate’s approach to the issue.

The Senate passed a bill last month that would expand health care to more veterans who served in areas with toxic

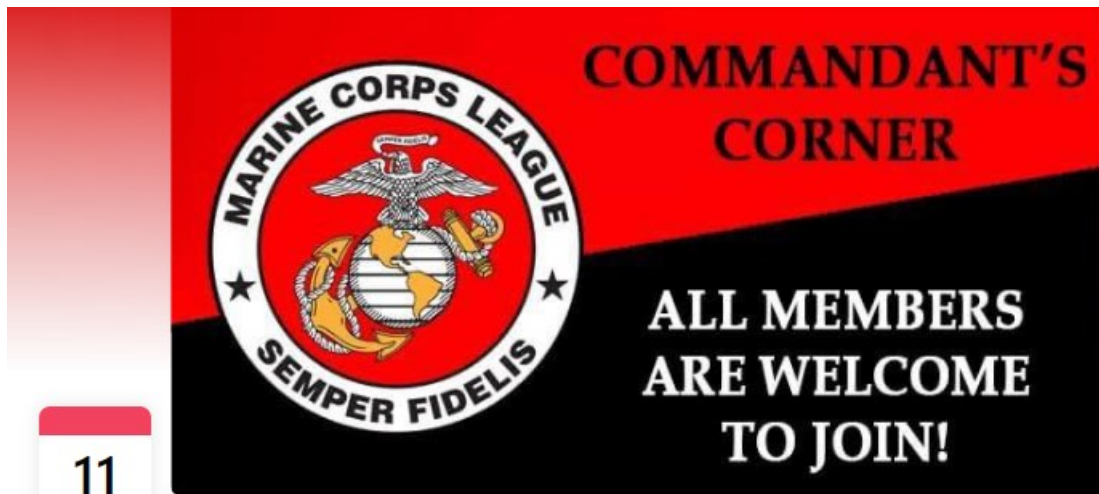


In this April 28, 2011, photo, an Afghan National Army pickup truck passes parked U.S. armored military vehicles, as smoke rises from a fire in a trash burn pit at Forward Operating Base Caferetta Nawzad, Helmand province south of Kabul, Afghanistan. The House voted Thursday, March 3, 2022, to pass the Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics Act, a sweeping measure that expands eligibility for health care and benefits to millions of veterans exposed to burn pits and other toxins. (Simon Klingert/AP)





April 11, 2022 at 7:00 PM





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MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2022 AT 7 PM EDT

Commandant's Corner MCL Foundation & Chapel of 4 Chaplains

Online event

 Event by The Marine Corps League

 Public · Anyone on or off Facebook

Monthly topic: MCL National Foundation & Chapel of Four Chaplains Discussion.

Learn more about these programs and be prepared with questions to our VIP panel of experts.

This is a ZOOM social and NOT a Facebook event. Please note the login information:

Meeting ID: 416 428 8328

Passcode: MCL2022 (all caps)

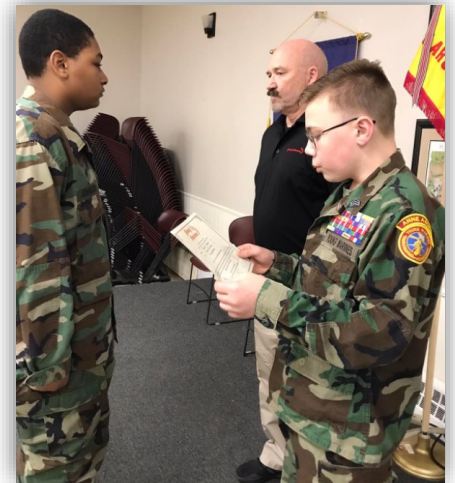
Please have your audio & video enabled as this allows to host to better control the room. Logging in from a laptop with a webcam is best.

Young Marines

CONGRATULATIONS YOUNG MARINE PFC JOHNSON

Young Marine PFC Denzel Johnson was promoted to his present rank on April 3, 2022 by Unit Commander Ray Sturm.

Denzel worked incredibly hard and put in a lot of effort to earn his first promotion as a Young Marine.



YM/Sgt Bladen Wheatley reads Denzel Johnson's promotion warrant.



Unit Commander Ray Sturm congratulates new YM/PFC Denzel Johnson

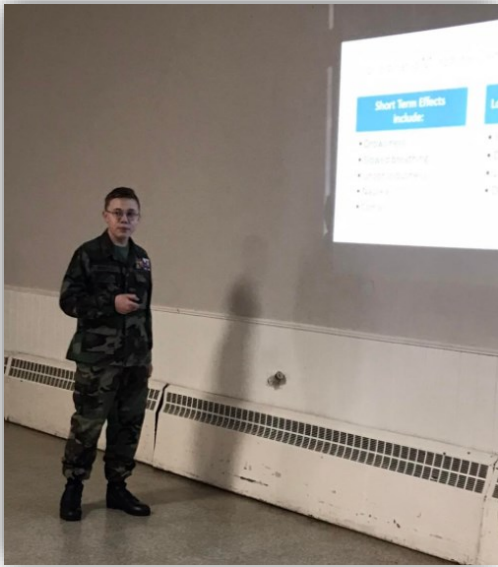


YM/PFC Johnson having his new chevrons pinned on by his mother, Maria Johnson and YM/Sgt Wheatley.



Newly promoted YM/PFC Denzel Johnson with his mother, Maria Johnson

Young Marines



Young Marine Sgt Bladen Wheatley gave a Drug Demand Reduction class during the Unit's drill on April 3, 2022.



Young Marines learning how to care for their uniforms.



Young Marine PFCs Hudson Mager and Charlie Knott work on shining their boots.



Young Marine Cpl Cameron Westerlund observes Young Marine Sgt Timothy Clingenpeel spit shine his boots.



UC Ray Sturm and Young Marine PFC Denzel Johnson discuss the finer points of shining boots.

Paymaster's Report

Monthly Summary

28 February—27 March 2022



Checking Account (see Monthly Transactions Sheet)	Beginning	\$9,399.31
	Receipts	\$6,130.00
	Expenses	(\$4,510.40)
	Ending	\$11,018.91

Savings Account	Beginning	\$2,266.82
	Interest	\$0.09
	Deposits	
	Withdrawals	
	Ending	\$2,266.91

Total Detachment Assets		\$13,285.82
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Shown to the left is a summary of March's activity. Members are invited to view the detachment's detailed ledgers and check-book at anytime. If interested, please contact Paymaster Joe Wright to make arrangements.

Mideast Division



The Mideast Division bulletin for March 2022 is now available at

www.mclmideast.com

The Asst Nat'l Vice Cmdt, **Frank Mathers**, requested that the following information be disseminated to all members. I know this is old news for many of you but it's a great reminder, and essential for any new members.

Marine Corps League <https://www.mclnational.org/>

Membership and Member Benefits, Youth Programs, Marine Corps League Competitions, Veterans Information, Ceremonial Rifle Program, Event Insurance, Marine Programs and Protocols, Recruiting/Forming a Detachment, Board of Trustees, Detachment Locator

Marine Corps League - Library <https://www.mcleaguelibrary.org/>

Corporate Documents, Detachment Document, Program Documents, Conferences, Conventions, Events Calendar, Helping Marines and Family, About Us, Veterans Service Officers, Leadership Legislation, Semper Fi Magazine, Members Portal

Marine Corps League Member Library <https://www.mcleaguelibrary.org/member-library/>

Corporate Documents - National Staff Roster, 2021 By-Laws, 2021 Administrative Procedures, Detachment Guidebook, Ritual Manual, Ceremonies, Honor Guard and Uniforms, Professional Development Training, Meeting Minutes, Awards and Citations

Please do not forget that the current address for the Marine Corps League National is:

**Marine Corps League National
P.O. Box 1990
Stafford, VA 22555-1990**

UPCOMING EVENTS

CALENDAR

9 Apr	Dept of MD meeting	American Legion**	9:00 AM
11 April	Commandant's Corner	Zoom (MCL Nat'l)	7:00 PM
25 Apr	MCL meeting—Installation	VFW Post 160	7:00 PM
6 May	Dept of MD Convention	Ocean City, MD	9:00 AM
10 May	Modern Day Marine	Washington, DC	
23 May	MCL meeting	VFW Post 160	7:00 PM
29 May	Young Marine Graduation	VFW Post 160	1:30 PM
3 June	Golf Tournament	Walden County Club	9:00 AM
12 June	VFW Car Show	VFW Post 160	
19 June	Pound 204 Growl	VFW Post 160	9:00 AM
24 June	Mideast Div Conf	Durham, NC	
27 June	MCL meeting	VFW Post 160	7:00 PM
25 July	MCL meeting	VFW Post 160	7:00 PM
15 Aug	MCL Nat'l Convention	Daytona Beach, FL	
22 Aug	MCL meeting	VFW Post 160	7:00 PM

Please send calendar additions to Ray Sturm at Bandit6A@gmail.com NLT the Saturday following the detachment's monthly meeting.

**** American Legion Disney-Bell Post 66** 9605 Laurel-Bowie Rd, Laurel, MD

CHANGE

The 2022 Department Convention has been moved from the Fenwick Inn to the Holiday Inn-Ocean City, 6600 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD.

See next page



Marine Corps League

Department of Maryland

2022 Department of Maryland Convention will be **6-8 May 2022** at the Holiday Inn: Ocean City.

Renovations at the Fenwick on the 8th floor meeting/banquet area will not be complete. If you have made reservations for the Fenwick Inn please cancel them. Their phone number is 800-641-0011.

Please make reservations at the Holiday Inn: Ocean City starting Tuesday January 18th. Reserve a room with the code MAR. The convention information on the Department website is in the process of being updated.

Holiday Inn: Ocean City

6600 Coastal Highway Ocean City, MD 21842 (410) 524-1600

Thursday

Garden View \$84.00

South Ocean View \$94.00

East Ocean View \$99.00

Friday and Saturday

Garden View \$154.00

South Ocean View \$169.00

East Ocean View \$184.00

Minutes

We apologize but the minutes were not available at press time. They will be published under separate correspondence. Sorry for the inconvenience.





VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

Harry L. Cooper VFW Post 160
2597 Dorsey Rd
Glen Burnie, MD 21061

The VFW Post 160 is a Veterans organization that stands for Veterans of Foreign Wars. We were founded on May 5th 1936, we moved to our current location in June 1958. We also have an auxiliary who are family of a Veteran.

The Marine Corps League Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049 is based here, as is the Fleet Reserve Association branch 212. Our members are from Marines, Army, Navy, Coast Guard, and Air Force.

We come together to help Veterans, their families, and community in our area. Why not see if you are eligible to join any of our organizations. ~ *VFW Post 160 website*

VFW EVENTS

- VFW House Committee 2nd Monday @ 6:00 PM
- VFW/VFWA 2nd Monday @ 7:00 PM
- MOC/MOCA 2nd Friday @ 7:30 PM
- Fleet Reserve Assn 2nd Saturday @ 10:00 AM
- Marine Corps League 4th Monday @ 7:00 PM
- Anne Arundel Young Marines Every other Sunday @ 1:30 PM

SNACKS		PIZZA	
CHEESE BURGER	\$4.50	LARGE PIZZA	
CHICKEN BITES	\$3.50	CHEESE PIZZA	\$7.50
CHICKEN TENDERS	\$4.25	PEPPERONI PIZZA	\$7.80
CHICKEN WINGS (12)	\$9.55	3 MEAT PIZZA	\$7.80
CHICKEN WINGS (6)	\$5.30	THIN PEPPERONI PIZZA	\$7.80
HOT DOG	\$1.50	PERSONAL SIZE	
MOZZARELLA STICKS	\$2.00	CHEESE PIZZA	\$4.25
FRENCH FRIES	\$1.90	PEPPERONI PIZZA	\$5.30
CHIPS 	\$1.25		

Canteen Hours

- Sun 12-6 PM Unless football. We could be open later.
- Mon—Thur 12-8 PM
- Fri-Sat 12-10 PM

Wednesday and Friday night dinners: 6-8 PM

We would like to thank all of

Our Sponsors, Supporters, & Friends

For your commitment to our community and charitable causes throughout the year.





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Contact

Ray Sturm
202-903-8480

Christine Stevens
443-742-1507

Info@MarinesHelpingHeroes.org



Includes:

- ✓ Greens fees and cart
- ✓ Continental breakfast
- ✓ Hot dogs on the 10th
- ✓ Lunch by Mission BBQ
- ✓ Complimentary beverages

Sign up at

www.birdease.com/MHHgolf

or by sending a check payable to *Marines Helping Heroes* to MHH at 4157 Mountain Rd, #310, Pasadena, MD 21122

Or scan QR code



Registration

Player 1

Player 2

Player 3

Player 4

Inclement weather notification made via MarinesHelpingHeroes.org