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- Commandant** Ben Wells
- Senior Vice-Commandant** Burt Helmka
- Junior Vice-Commandant**..... Joseph Wright
- Judge Advocate** Ray Sturm
- Junior Past-Commandant**..... Ray Sturm
- Adjutant** Norman Huffman
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Membership Statistics

Good Standing (Dues Paid)

Type	USMC	Associate	Multiple
Life Member-	96	11	6
Annual Member-		5	–
New Members			
			–
Sub-Totals			
	96	16	6
Total			
	118		



Members' Birthdays

Members of our detachment, celebrating Birthdays during the month of August includes:

Eddie Grove Mike Hadley Robert Hole
Dick Johnson Jim LeGette George Martin
John Ogle Earl Parker Charles Quick
Ruhl Rexroad Joseph Wright Mike Hadley

NOTE – If you were born in August and your name is not listed above, please contact the editor to be included in the future.

Quotation

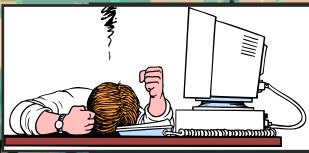


The Marines I have seen around the world have the cleanest bodies, the filthiest minds, the highest morale, and the lowest morals of any group of animals I have ever seen. Thank God for the United States Marine Corps!

— Eleanor Roosevelt —

AZ QUOTES





From the Editor

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

National Purple Heart Day: National Purple Heart Day is observed on Aug. 7 each year. It is a time for Americans to pause to remember and honor the brave men and women who were either wounded on the battlefield or paid the ultimate sacrifice. The Marine Corps League honors all service men and women who have earned this medal with their sacrifice.

Remember Annual dues are now due at the end of this month. Send in yours ASAP Dues are \$35.00

If you have an e-mail 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 costs.

The deadline for all Sept. newsletter articles is NOON on Tuesday 15 Sept 2020 Please do not wait until the last minute!



Coming Events

The following events are scheduled to occur through **November 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

August 16th 2020 MOOD Pound 204 Growl 0900 at Pound Dog House VFW Post 160

Monthly Meeting, MCL Detachment 1049 Monday, 24 August 2020 @ 1900 (Ben Wells) VFW Post 160

August 31st Annual Membership Dues Are Do for 2021

Pack Growl Saturday 5 September 2020 Pack Growl 5 September at VFW Post 160 with registration at 1130, chow at noon and the actual Growl at 1300.

Monthly Meeting, MCL Detachment 1049 Monday, 28 September 2020 @ 1900 (Ben Wells) VFW Post 160

October 1- 4 Gathering of the Dogs for the Devil Dog Weekend Princess Royale Oceanfront Resort Ocean, City Maryland.

October 10–November 10 Marines Helping Heroes Virtual 5th annual 5K race

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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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- Lower range house/meeting hall.

Club meets every second Tuesday of each month Except January which is the third Tuesday. 11518 Marrottsville Road Marrottsville, Maryland 21104-1220

For more information contact club secretary Thomas Betty, at (443) 850-5737 E-Mail: secretary@garrisonrr.org Website: <https://www.garrisonrr.org>



Commandant

Marines,

The Marines Helping Heroes along with Detachment 1049 is sponsoring our 5th annual 5K race which will be Virtual due to covid-19 to help the junior enlisted Marines at Ft. Meade, aid the Semper Fi Fund, Treat Now. Along with local heroes in the county.

We can use Sponsor and runners please sign up it is easy to do at Just go to marineshelpingheroes.org to run or walk the 5K that works also.

I would like to see everyone at our monthly meeting Monday 24th if you miss last month you miss out on the pizza. This month we are having chilly and corn bread so come on out and enjoy the company with the rest of us Jar Heads.

Semper Fi

Ben Wells



Vets4Warriors is the leading national peer support and resource connection network for veterans, service members, family members and caregivers who need answers and understanding from someone who knows what they are going through.

CDD TOM HAZLETT

WOOF WOOF!



59th CHIEF DEVIL DOG

OCT 1 AT 4 PM – OCT 4 AT 11 AM

Gathering of the Dogs for the Devil Dog Weekend Princess Royale Oceanfront Resort

Woof woof,

Are you ready for the "Devil Dog Weekend"?

The Honorable 59th Chief Devil Dog is inviting ALL Dogs of The Order to join him for a "Gathering of the Dogs"

This will be at the Princess Royal Hotel in Ocean City, Maryland. 1 - 4 OCT 2020

Woof, woof

All Dogs of the Order! You can book on-line: <https://www.princessroyale.com/groups/> Make sure you put in the group code 8265 and the check in & check out date. 01-04 October or Everyone can call the direct reservations: 1-800-476-9253 and just reference the group code: 8265 and the group name: Military Order Of The Devil Dog



Chaplain's Corner

Bill Collins

Marines,

Good news on the TreatNow front. For the 1st time, the U.S. Senate has passed and moved legislation to the House of Representatives that calls for the VA to use Hyperbaric Oxygenation. Senators Hoeven and Cramer (ND) sponsored the Bill urging the VA to “enter into partnerships with non-federal government entities to provide Hyperbaric Oxygen treatment to veterans to research the effectiveness of such therapy”. This legislation comes as the VA pilot demonstration project on the use of Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (HBOT) for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) has shown near total success at five sites across the U.S. The TreatNow Coalition has been working for over a decade to see such legislation enacted. Our Detachment has been helping since 2016. It is now up to the House of Representatives to make this legislation a reality. For the full text of the Bill, google Senate Bill, S.785 . The Commander John Scott Hannon Veterans Mental Health Care Improvement Act of 2019, is a Bill to improve mental health care provided by the Dept. of Veterans Affairs and for other purposes. Title VII, Section 702 provide details.

TreatNow has added a blog to their website. The blog provides up to date information about the treatment of PTSD and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI). It is well worth a look. Google TreatNow.org and click the blog button.

Two of our members...Charlie Young and Guy Hall are at the top of our thoughts and prayers list.

Bill Collins

Woof, woof,

The Mer-lin Pack will Growl on Saturday, September 5th at VFW Post 160, 2597 Dorsey Rd, Glen Burnie, MD.

- 1130 Registration opens
- 1145 Pups report to Mad Dog
- 1200 Lunch served (advancing Pups to front of line)
- 1255 All Dogs in seats
- 1300 Growl starts
- 1400 Growl ends (approx.)



Eligible Pups seeking to advance to Devil Dog can do so at this Growl. To make the advancement special, the Honorable Chief Devil Dog will be in attendance. The theme for the Growl is the Attack on Belleau Wood. Advancing Pups will reenact the battle as part of their initiation. Pups should bring a change of clothes.

Elections and Installation of Officers will be held. There are several vacant positions. An update on the status of the Pack's tax status will be given.

Woof woof,
Ray Sturm
Worthy Pack Leader



Corps History

by Ed Dahling for Joe Wright, Historian

1 August 1960

The Corps' Enlisted Rank & Pay Structure Board revised existing rank structure by incorporating the rank of Lance Corporal and the E-8 and E-9 Pay grades.

2 August 1950

1st Marine Provisional Brigade lands at Pusan, South Korea.

3 August 1950

Eight Corsairs of VMF-214 the famed 'Black Sheep' squadron of World War II, executed the first Marine aviation mission in the Korean War in a raid against enemy installations near Inchon.

6 August 1847

Marines commenced their march on the "Halls of Montezuma" in Mexico.

7 August 1990

President Bush ordered U.S. military aircraft and troops to Saudi Arabia as part of a multi-national force. One week later the Marine Corps announced the commitment of 45,000 troops to Operation Desert Shield – largest deployment of U.S. forces since Vietnam.

13 August 1918

Opha Mae Johnson became the first female Marine when she enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserve.

14 August 1945

President Truman announced Japan's unconditional surrender.

17 August 1942

2nd Marine Raider Bn under Lt. Colonel Evans F. Carlson landed on Makin Island and destroyed a seaplane base, two radio stations, a supply warehouse, and killed about 100 Japanese troops.

19 August 1919

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Junior Vice Commandant Joseph Wright

Marines,

Hope all is well with everyone during this event free summer. Annual dues are due by August 31st, so if you have not paid, you need to do so ASAP.

Please send in your dues of \$35.00 to Paymaster Ed Dahling 493 Procopio Cir Millersville Md. 21108-1791 or come to the detachment meeting on August 24th and deliver the payment to Ed directly.

We would enjoy your attendance! Stay healthy, maintain 6 ft, wash your hands and wear those masks!

Semper Fi,
Joe



Membership Renewal

Annual Notice

Expires 31 August



Renew today with your
local Detachment Paymaster





Color Guard

Color Guard Commander Woody Bowman

- COMING EVENTS -

Severna Park 4th of July Parade has been rescheduled to September 7th 2020

Cancelled

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** 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



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 Devil Dogs, Hound Dog Pound 204, Maryland Pack, Military Order of Devil Dogs, will hold a Growl sometime around 0900, Sunday 16 August 2020, at the Pound Dog House (VFW Post 160), 2597 Dorsey Road Glen Burnie, phone 410 766 9802.

We would appreciate your attendance. Bring bones! All Pups report to Sir Mad Dog (PDD Bowman) NLT 0800 for fun and games.

Bloody Mary's and a delicious breakfast by our Devil Dog chef and canteen manager will be served at 0800.

Advancement reminder: There is a Pound requirement for Pups desiring to advance to Devil Dog to attend two Pound Growls in the year prior to the Grand Growl.

There is a Pack requirement for DDs desiring to advance to PDD, to attend two Pack Growls in the year prior to the Supreme Growl at which you desire to advance.

Get ahead of the game: Attend each Pound and Pack Growl.

We know that covid19 has disrupted all of our lives and we know that some of you are tired of it but there are precautions that we must follow at the VFW in the canteen, kitchen, and in all meetings.

These predictions are as followed: maintain 6 foot distancing, wearing of masks unless you are seated and eating or drinking, no standing at the bar, sanitizing all areas.

The dues of all annual dues-paying Dogs expire on 31 August. They remain a paltry \$15.00.

You can forward them to your friendly Pound Dog Robber (me) at any time.

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

PDD Ed Dahling
Dog Robber

Senior Vice Commandant Burt Helmka

Marines,

I apologize for being U.A. for some time. First thing is your Bull & Oyster roast. I'm requesting a refund on the monies put out to the vendors. All other ticket money has been reimbursed.

Secondly the 5K run is being done virtual this year. Please support or get some people to sign up.

Last but not least COVID-19 things are not back to normal please remember to DON YOUR MASK, wash your hands and social distance.

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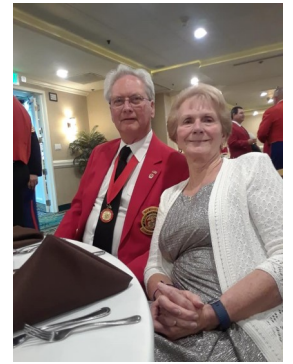
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Memories Department 2019 Convention





Have You Heard?

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

July 17th Meeting Highlights

OPENING BY RITUAL:

Meeting called to order by Sr. Vice Commandant Burt Helmka at 1900 hours.
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by prayer by Chaplain Bill Collins.
Members in Attendance: 13

Commandant Wells announced guests in attendance: Department Officers – Ed Dahling, Ray Sturm (Marine for Life) Department Marine of the Year – Ed Dahling, Ray Sturm Past Detachment Commandants: Ray Sturm (2015-2019), Ed Dahling (2013-2015), Joseph Wright, (2012-2015). Past Marine of the Year: Bill Collins (2019), Ben Wells (2018), Ray Sturm (2017), Ed Dahling (2016), Woody Bowman (2014) Past Detachment Marine of the Year: Woody Bowman, Joe Wright, Ed Dahling, Ray Sturm, Ben Wells, Bill Collins, and Tom Maiorano Maryland Pack Leader – Ray Sturm (2019)

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: None

ADJUTANTS REPORT: July meeting were distributed by det. website and in newsletter

CORRESPONDENCE: None

PAYMASTER: Ed Dahling gave a hardcopy report:

CHAPLAIN REPORT: Bill reported they are still following legislation on the suicide prevention issue and asked all to read the article in the Chaplains Corner. Please keep Guy Hall in your thoughts and prayers.

Mr. Rusty, one of our members did have COVID. He remarked “when he comes back, if he sees someone without a mask, he might just throat punch them.”

SENIOR VICE: Absent

JUNIOR VICE: Joe Wright stated the membership dues are due by August 31st.

JUDGE ADVOCATE: No Report. .

JR. PAST COMMANDANT: No Report

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Have You Heard?

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

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NEWSLETTER EDITOR: If you have anything for the newsletter, contact Ed Dahling. Make sure Ed has your email address.

QUARTERMASTER: Bill Collins reported he has items for sale. He also has some stickers \$1.00 each or free.

HISTORIAN/ WEB SERGEANT: If anyone has anything they would like to post on the website, contact Joe Wright. The site will be updated.

COLOR GUARD: Woody reported the Color Guard participated in two events this year; The Fisher House and services in Glen Burnie on Memorial Day. Woody reported the annual Severna Park – July 4 th parade will be held on September 7th due to COVID. There will not be as many entries as in the past but come out and have a good time. Hoping it is not cancelled again due to COVID.

YOUNG MARINES: Absent

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: The 5k run was cancelled due to COVID and limitations of allowing only 50 people for gathering. We will hold a virtual run. Woody can even participate and win! We do not have sponsors for this “run”, so we need to get the word out for virtual runners. There will be fliers online so share with anyone you may know. They may run on their own, but do not have to run. Fill out the information and return it with the \$30.00. This is the last event we have this year to raise funds, as the golf tournament was also canceled. Everyone donating would receive a medallion and the option to purchase a t-shirt.

NEW BUSINESS: Commandant Wells brought up Pub tables in VFWs. They represent all the armed services. He would like to have one for our detachment to be placed in the bar. Motion was made to spend up to \$300 for a 28-inch pub table. (They come in 28-inch size which is \$269 and 36-inch which runs \$329 dollars.) Voted on and passed. Ben stated he would like to also purchase 2 bar chairs to go with the pub table. After discussion on pricing, it was tabled until a later time.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE: Ben reported on a customer that has donated \$1,000 to the MCL 5K run annually. Ben contacted him to notify the run was cancelled. The gentleman stated he will still make his \$1,000 donation. Again, everyone donating would get a medallion and the option to purchase a t-shirt.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

CLOSING CEREMONIES: Sgt at Arms James Galvin closed the meeting IAW MCL rituals. The next meeting will be held on August 24, 2020. Closing prayer was given by Chaplain Bill Collins.

Respectfully submitted,
Norm Huffman, Adjutant
Marine Corps League - A. A. County Detachment 1049



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