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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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Merry Christmas Marines



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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 on December includes:

Mike Lowman Scott Stevens
Robert Foley Jr. Eugene Punte Ben Wells

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

Quotation

“The Marine Corps has just been called by the New York Times, 'The elite of this country.' I think it is the elite of the world.”

William Halsey





From the Editor

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

Marines,

December is a month of heart ache and joy, remember Pearl Harbor and Christmas. Never forget the men and women and their families who will not get to spend Christmas together.

Many states governors are setting down some pretty harsh COVID restrictions and I'm sure this is making it even more difficult to plan for the Christmas Holiday, but just do the best you can, protect yourself and your family, and try to make the best of the situation.

On behalf of the Detachment and myself, we wish you and your family good health and a Very Merry Christmas!



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Coming Events



The following events are scheduled to occur through **December 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

December 13th 2020 Pound 204 Growl @ 0800 Breakfast 0900 Growl at VFW Post 160 2597 Dorsey Road, Glen Burnie, MD 21060

VFW Post 160 Closed—Christmas Day, 25 December 2020 And News years Day 1 January 2021

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



Monthly Meeting, MCL Detachment 1049
 Monday, 25 January 2021 @ 1900 (Ben Wells)
 VFW Post 160

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 - A four field, lighted, outdoor trap range w/automatic and manual trap house.
 - Messick Hall club house w/ kitchen & restrooms.
 - Lower range house/meeting hall.
 Club meets every second Tuesday of each month Except January which is the third Tuesday. 11518 Marrottville Road, Marrottville, 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



Corps History

by Ed Dahling for Joe Wright, Historian

1942

2 December

Carlson's Raiders neared the end of an epic 26 day patrol on Guadalcanal.

1943

26 December

1st Marine Division lands on Cape Gloucester, New Britain.

1947

1 December

The Corps' first helicopter squadron, HMX-1, was commissioned at Quantico, VA.

15 December

The Secretary of the Navy signed a Memorandum of Agreement with the State Department which laid the basis for the modern Marine Security Guard program at U.S. Embassies through-out the world.

1950

1 December

The 1st Marine Division began its bitter withdrawal from Yudamni, North Korea.

4 December

Lt. Colonel Raymond G. Davis led the 1st Battalion, 7th Marines into Hagaru-Ri, Korea after four days of intense fighting in the mountain passes against a numerically superior hostile force, clearing the way for the 5th and 7th Marines. Lt. Colonel Davis was awarded the Medal of Honor for his heroism.

24 December

Last elements of the 1st Marine Division departed Hungnam, North Korea.

1965

20 December

Operation Harvest Moon ended for Task Force Delta (2/7, 3/3, and 2/1). More than 400 Viet Cong were killed in action.

*Junior Vice Commandant
Joseph Wright*

Marines,

I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year as we say good riddance to 2020!

Reminder notices have been sent out to members that have not paid their renewal dues and are not in good standing. Only a few responded to pay their renewal dues. Please make sure you send in you renewal dues if you have not already done so. Stay safe, wear your masks and I hope to see more of you as things hopefully return to normal in 2021.

Semper Fi,
Joe



Membership Renewal

Annual Notice

Expires 31 August



Renew today with your
local Detachment Paymaster





*Commandant
David (Ben) Wells*

Marines,

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December is a month of heart ache and joy, remember Pearl Harbor and Christmas. Never forget the men and women and their families who will not get to spend Christmas together.

MCL Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049 meeting has been postponed due to COVID-19. Once the governor opens the state back up we will let everyone know the date of the next meeting.

Semper Fi

Ben Wells



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\$26 PER DAY

BREAKFAST: COMPLIMENTARY 2 PER
ROOM DAILY

ANY CANCELLATIONS AFTER FEBRUARY
10, 2021 WILL FORFEIT THE ONE NIGHT
DEPOSIT (2022 CANCELLATION PERIOD
WILL BE POSTED AS INFORMATION IS
AVAILABLE).

IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT UBER OR
TAXI ARE THE BEST METHOD OF
TRANSPORT FROM THE AIRPORT.

THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE IS NOT A
CONVENTION. IT IS A BUSINESS MEETING.



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.

Chaplain's Corner Bill Collins

Let's hope that COVID leaves with 2020 and that 2021 brings with it a return to the life that we all miss. In the meantime, we will have to endure the protocols that are meant to reduce the severity and the duration of this pandemic. Unfortunately, government at all levels continues to do what bureaucracy's do best. They send mixed messages that do more to confuse than to enlighten. Fortunately, keeping our distance, washing our hands and wearing a mask are not very difficult. What we do know is that there is no penalty for being careful and that the consequences of being careless can be tragic. Be safe and enjoy the Holiday Season. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and the best of everything in the New Year.

Bill Collins, Chaplain

Semper Fidelis

COVID-19

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) recently announced that essential health care workers at the VA will be the first to be offered the COVID-19 vaccine. The VA has a limited number of vaccines and the distribution plan addresses vaccinations for veterans, staff and other federal partners including a prioritization framework for identifying the population(s) at highest risk to receive the vaccine. For more information go to www.va.gov/health-care/covid-19-vaccine/stay-informed





Color Guard

Color Guard Commander Woody Bowman

- COMING EVENTS -

The Color Guard presented Colors inside the Chapel at Crownsville for Veterans Day. No word on Pearl Harbor Day Remembrance

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.

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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

With August 31st gone, our Pound 204 still have Five (5) Dogs in arrears. As such, they cannot attend Growls or hold office. They can rectify this by remitting a check for 15 measly bones to their friendly Dog Robber (me) at 493 Procopio Cir. Make the check payable to MODD, Pound 204.

Hound Dog Pound 204, Military Order of Devil Dogs, Welcome two new pup Danial Dumell and Wayne Miller.

Remember to wear your mask and we need to keep social distancing do the best you can, protect yourself and your family, and try to make the best of the situation.

Ed Dahling Dog Robber
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Senior Vice Commandant Burt Helmka

MARINES,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Flight Quarters is now being set and flight deck is clear for Santa Claus...lol That's for all you float Marines.

Let's keep our forward Marines in our prayers and all Marines plus our other brothers in arms.

Not much to talk about on the league front. Once again I apologize for not being apart of everything going on, but once the tree line is clear. I promise to be on point again.

SEMPER FI,
Burton Helmka



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Anne Arundel Young Marines



The Anne Arundel Young Marines bestowed holiday honors upon deceased Veterans at the Crownsville Veterans Cemetery by laying holiday wreaths with Wreaths Across America.



Have You Heard?

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

November 23rd Meeting Highlights

OPENING BY RITUAL: Meeting called to order by Commandant David “Ben” Wells at 1900 hours. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by prayer by Chaplain Bill Collins.
Members in Attendance: 14

Commandant Wells announced guests in attendance: National - Ray Sturm (Marine for Life Committee) 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: 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 Maiorana Maryland Pack Leader – Ray Sturm (2019)

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: None

ADJUTANTS REPORT: November minutes were distributed via email and in newsletter. Copies available on table. A Thank You card was received from Fisher House for donation.

PAYMASTER: Ed Dahling gave a hardcopy report:

CHAPLAIN REPORT: : Chaplain Collins reported Charlie Young is doing okay. No others in distress as far as he is aware.

COMMANDANT: . Mid-Winter is still scheduled as planned, but that could change. Notices will be sent out. Mrs. Jane is doing a great job at fund raising. Cake cutting ceremony turned out to be a great success with about 35 members present. Would love to have that many at a meeting. Commandant has sent the list of deceased members in hopes of having them removed from the membership list.

SENIOR VICE: Absent

JUNIOR VICE: No Report

JUDGE ADVOCATE: No Report.

JR. PAST COMMANDANT: No Report.

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

QUARTERMASTER: Bill has items in inventory to include tee shirts and piss cutters.

COLOR GUARD: .Woody Bowman reported the Color Guard presented Colors inside the Chapel at Crownsville for Veterans Day. No word on Pearl Harbor Day Remembrance



Have You Heard?

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

SGT-at-ARMS: Absent

HISTORIAN/ WEB SERGEANT: No Report

YOUNG MARINES: John & April Westerlund reported one of the Young Marines will be graduating on November 29th. All are invited to attend the ceremony at the Post at 3:30 pm.

TOYS for TOTS: Woody Bowman reported the warehouse is pretty bare.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Ray Sturm is still checking on shed prices. He will continue to research chairs. Also, Ray still needs to discuss the slot machine situation with Burt and VFW.

Norm asked about a donation to the Devil Dogs.

Ben stated they need to help with fundraising as it is not up to us to be the only ones to raise funds.

Jane Huffman reported the NYE 50/50 raffle is almost sold out.

Nila Caulder stated Fisher House activities are on hold.

NEW BUSINESS: None

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE: Ray Sturm gave Jane Huffman a thank you letter to distribute to those who donated to the Quarter Auction.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: : December 13th Pound 204 growl
Pack growl to be determined

CLOSING CEREMONIES: Acting Sgt at Arms Ed Dahling closed the meeting IAW MCL rituals. The next meeting will be held on December 28, 2020. Bring refreshments. 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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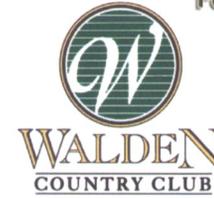
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