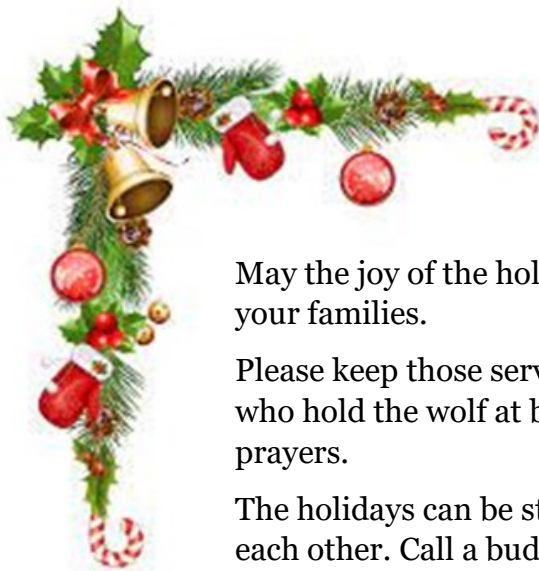




The official newsletter of the Anne Arundel Co Detachment

Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah



May the joy of the holiday season be with you and your families.

Please keep those serving in every clime and place, who hold the wolf at bay, in your thoughts and prayers.

The holidays can be stressful. Let's look out for each other. Call a buddy and check on him. Your call can make a difference.

ATTENTION ON DECK

The Commandant would like to thank Marine **John Dunker** for volunteering to become the new Sr Vice Commandant. The detachment staff stands ready to assist him in any way possible to ensure his success.

Please support John by coming to our next detachment meeting on 22 January when he will be sworn in.

Let's kick the new year off right!

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FROM THE EDITOR

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

Marines,

First, I would like to wish each of you and your families a very happy and safe holiday season.

I would like to thank Marine John Dunker for his support of the Young Marines. John graciously hosted the Young Marines annual Christmas party at Glen Burnie Bowl. The kids had a blast, and we may have picked up a new member.

It looks like there will be a lot of "firsts" in the coming year, starting with our first recruiting event at Bas Pro.

I know the detachment can count on your continued support.

Semper Fi,

Ray Sturm



COMMANDANT'S CORNER

Marines,

Well, the end of the year is just around the corner. First, I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from myself, family, and the detachment staff.

Let's keep our deployed Marines and all Marines and their families in our prayers. Also don't forget all those who serve and their families in your prayers.

Danny Fischio has completed changes to detachment by-laws and administrative procedures. These were voted on and passed. They will be distributed shortly and posted. A big thanks to him.

Thanks to everyone who came to our potluck dinner and meeting on December the 18th. We had a short meeting and enjoyed the fellowship of a great meal.

Semper Fi,
Burt



Detachment Colors

YOUR DETACHMENT

STAFF

Commandant	Burt Helmka
Sr Vice Cmdt	Ben Wells
Jr Vice Cmdt	Joe Peacy
Judge Advocate	Ray Sturm
Jr Past Cmdt	Ben Wells
Adjutant	Debbie Deene
Chaplain	Jim Sanchez
Sgt-at-Arms	Jim Galvin
Color Guard Cdr	Woody Bowman
Newsletter Editor	Ray Sturm
Paymaster	Joe Peacy
Quartermaster	vacant
Public Affairs	Vacant
Marksmanship	Ray Sturm
Web Sergeant	Joe Wright
Young Marines	Ray Sturm

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.

MIA Update



December 7: The Defense POW/MIOA Accounting Agency announced two burial updates for service members who have been missing and unaccounted for from World War II and the Vietnam War. Among those returning home is Marine Corps **Captain Ronald W. Forrester**, 25, of Odessa, Texas. He was assigned to Marine All-Weather Attack Squadron 533, Marine Attack Group 13, 1st Marine Air Wing. He was killed in action on December 27, 1972.

Rest in peace, Marine.

SENIOR VICE COMMANDANT

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.

MCL Detachment 1049 meeting has been moved up to December 18th and this will be, bring a food dish meeting. The detachment is also looking for someone to take over the Paymaster job. I will keep doing it until someone steps up.

Do not forget Mid-Winter convention (February 22nd-24th), I would enjoy seeing more of our detachment there.

Semper Fi

Ben Wells



Monthly Fellowship Dinner

January 19, 2024

**Casa Della Nonna
8141 Telegraph Rd
Severn, MD**

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDANT

No report



MEMBERSHIP

CHAPLAIN

Charter Member **Charles Miller** was laid to rest at Crownsville Veterans Cemetery. Rest in peace, Marine.



COLOR GUARD COMMANDER

Upcoming Events—none



BSA LIAISON AND EAGLE SCOUT COORDINATOR



The BSA Troop 216 held its Holiday Party on Dec 6. I would like to thank the detachment for its support.



US must dominate in space to win future wars, Marine Corps' Glavy says

By Colin Demarest December 11, 2023

NATIONAL HARBOR, Md. — The U.S. must dominate in space and the technologies deployable there to maintain an advantage in future wars, according to Marine Corps Lt. Gen. Matthew Glavy.

Space-based capabilities already include an array of technologies such as sensing and spying satellites, communications relays and navigation aids used by combatants on the ground, at sea and in the air. The Space Force was established years ago, as well, a sign that the U.S. Department of Defense is taking the extraterrestrial more seriously.

“Space is the most resilient capability we have,” Glavy said Dec. 11 at the Association of Old Crows conference in Maryland. “I’m telling you right now: We don’t win the space domain? Don’t even bother.”

Glavy serves as the deputy commandant for information, a role that touches advanced networking, cybersecurity, influence operations and more. Previously, he was tapped to lead Marine Corps Forces Space Command, or MARFOR-SPACE. Its activation, he said, was “eye opening.”

The U.S. is not alone in its appreciation of space and the potential advantages it affords. Russia and China are spacefaring world powers and, at the same time, are thought to be top national security threats. The latest U.S. National Defense Strategy warns both countries are building up counter-space capabilities, leading to a potential flash-point.

“It’s pretty stiff competition,” Glavy said. “No space, no chance.”

Beijing in 2007 destroyed its own weather satellite in a demonstration of its growing space arsenal.

The direct-ascent anti-satellite test, or ASAT, drew international rebuke. While the additional space debris was worrisome, as even small pieces of metal pose serious collision concerns, it also raised questions about future attacks on U.S. military or intelligence satellites considered key to tracking, targeting and communication.



LtGen Matthew Glavy, Deputy Commandant for Information.



MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY ANTHONY WOODS

Dear Friends,

This week, Governor Wes Moore declared 2024 to be the Year for Military Families in Maryland. He also announced a legislative package designed to support service-members, families, caregivers, and survivors.

The first legislative announcement by the Moore-Miller administration for the 2024 legislative session include the Families Serve Act, encouraging preferential hiring for active-duty military spouses by both private sector employers and state government, and the Time to Serve Act, granting paid military leave to state employees who are members of the National Guard or Reserves.

Senator Dawn Gile (District 33), with support from the Governor, also unveiled a bill to rename the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs to the *Maryland Department of Veterans and Military Families*.

This is an exciting time for the Department and we stand ready to fulfill our mission to serve veterans, servicemembers, and their families.

Editor's note: In what is purely my opinion, I'm not sure how I feel about renaming the Department of Veterans Affairs to include "Military Families." The department should be about veterans (and their families). The military, thru the DOD, is tasked with taking care of active duty servicemen and women and their families. This should not be the responsibility of the State of Maryland.

Also, the time, energy, and money they spend on a name change does not help veterans in any way. Put that money and effort into the programs that support veterans.

How do you feel about it? Let me know and I'll post your comments as well.



The Celebration of Life ceremony for former MDVA Secretary George Owings drew a standing room only crowd to American Legion Post 206 in Chesapeake Beach.

Gold Star Families Memorial Monument Improvement Project

The Gold Star Families Memorial Monument, located just north of the World War II Monument in Annapolis, will be closed for construction starting December 7, 2023. The estimated reopen date is May 3, 2024.

Improvements to the monument location include the installation of a new parking lot on the north side of Chase Road. New lighting and an ADA-accessible route from the parking lot to the monument will also be installed. The monument will be newly landscaped to accommodate the parking and lighting modifications. There will be no impact to the monument itself.

For safety reasons, the monument will not be accessible to the public during this time.

Maryland is home to a second Gold Star Families Memorial Monument in Havre De Grace. Citizens are encouraged to visit this monument located at 911 Ontario Street, Havre De Grace, Maryland 21078.

Thank you for your patience during this project. We look forward to a new and improved site for all Marylanders to visit in Spring 2024.



Gold Star Families Memorial Monument—Annapolis, MD



Holiday Rush Prescription Deliveries



The Department of Veterans Affairs wants veterans to know it intends for mail order prescriptions to be delivered in a timely manner throughout the holidays. VA works with the U.S. Postal Service to prioritize deliveries to veterans. However, if a veteran experiences an issue, pharmacies at VA medical centers can fill prescriptions. Staying in contact with your doctor and local VA health team is important for handling any gaps in medical needs.

After my first week of meditation I was able to sleep.... My depression has improved daily and my aggression has vanished.
TM has given me the perspective to live with a peaceful mind.

—AB, Iraq War Veteran



Mindfulness Meditations Class for Veterans

Join VA's free, phone-based class called "Mindfulness Meditation." Designed for Veterans of all eras, this class will help you manage the challenges and stressors of everyday life. Each class covers a topic related to mindfulness, followed by a guided meditation practice. Classes are available from 11a.m. to noon ET once per month on these upcoming days:

- January 5th
 - February 2nd
 - March 1st
 - April 5th
 - May 3rd
- Take any or all classes.



 **Veterans
Crisis Line**
DIAL 988 then PRESS 1

~ Our History ~ Customs ~ and Traditions ~

DAY OF INFAMY

The Marine Corps losses at Pearl Harbor included 112 Marines killed and missing in action and at least 64 wounded. The heaviest losses came from the ship's detachment aboard the USS Arizona, only 3 officers and 12 enlisted Marines survived from a Marine detachment of 82.

On Sunday, 7 December 1941, there were approximately 4,500 Marines stationed at Pearl Harbor and its vicinity. Ashore, in addition to Marine Aircraft Group 21 (MAG-21) at Ewa and the Marine Barracks, there were a variety of Marine units: 2d Engineer Battalion, 2d Service Battalion, 1st Defense Battalion (rear echelon), 3d Defense Battalion, 4th Defense Battalion, and a token element from the 6th Defense Battalion.

The Marine Corps Air Station at Ewa, Oahu, was the first target of the striking Japanese bomber and fighter planes, approximately two minutes before the portion of the U.S. Pacific Fleet anchored at Pearl Harbor was attacked. The air raid began approximately at 7:55am and continued until shortly before 10:00am. Three separate attacks were made in all, with MAG-21 losing nearly all of its 47 Grumman F4F Wildcats and dive bombers in the first attack.

It was noted in the official Marine Corps report of the air raid on Ewa that: "So precise and well executed were the individual (Japanese) attacks that it appeared as though each plane previously has selected its particular target; and aimed at the wings of the aircraft on the ground with the purpose of riddling them, and setting fire to the gas tanks, in order to render them useless for pursuit and interception."

The commanding officer of MAG-21, LtCol Claude A. Larkin, although wounded almost immediately upon arriving at the field that morning, continued to direct the efforts of his Marines to meet the Japanese attack. Marine personnel fought back with machine guns stripped from the ruins of smoldering planes, and in many instances with small arms. Miraculously, only four Marines perished in the air raid at Ewa.

Similarly, the commanding officer of the Marine Barracks at the Pearl Harbor Navy Yard noted in his report of 7 December that immediately upon the first raid by hostile planes, "the (1st and 3d) defense battalions immediately went into action with antiaircraft machine guns with telling effect." In addition to manning battle stations, security posts and fire engines, Marines at the Barracks assisted in collecting and transporting casualties from the waterfront to the Naval Hospital. One set of barracks, the Noncommissioned Officers' Club and the Post Exchange were also vacated and prepared for the caring of casualties. The mess halls were opened and served food on a 24-hour basis to civilian and military personnel at the Barracks.

Though stunned by the fury of the enemy assault, the Marines who were not caught below ship manned their posts and returned antiaircraft fire. Individual acts of heroism were numerous that December morning; four Marines serving aboard ships in "battleship row" received Navy Crosses for heroic actions in rescuing fellow Marines and Navy personnel.

- Marine Corps University—US Marines at Pearl Harbor





MODD

Hound Dog Pound 204

Pound Growl 3 Mar

0800 Breakfast

0900 Growl

Pack Growl 9 Mar

American Legion 86, Rockville, MD

ATTENTION ALL DOGS OF THE POUND

A motion was made to move the day of our Growls to Saturday vice Sunday mornings. The motion was tabled until the next Growl on 10 Dec, when it will be brought to the floor and voted upon.

The motion was brought to the floor on 10 Dec and was defeated.
Pound 204's Growls will remain on Sunday.

Hound Dog Pound 204

Mer-lin Pack

Officers

- Pound Keeper Pat Sharkey
- Sr Vice PK Howard Koontz
- Jr Vice PK Bobby Lee
- Smart Dog Ray Sturm
- Dog Trainer Leonard Steipler
- Mad Dog Woody Bowman
- Police Dog Norm Huffman
- Watch Dog Burt Helmka
- Barking Dog Stuart Blair
- Dog Robber Vacant

Next Growl

3 March 2024

Dog House

Harry L. Cooper VFW Post 160





Young Marines

Upcoming Events

10 Dec	Holiday Party	Glen Burnie Bowl
16 Dec	Wreaths Across America	Crownsville Veterans Cemetery
24 Dec	No Drill	
27 Dec	Military Bowl Parade	Annapolis
6-7 Jan	Lock-In	Post 275
13 Jan	Food Pantry	Glen Burnie
21 Jan	Drill	Post 276
27 Jan	Adult Volunteer Training	Cheltenham
3 Feb	Rifle Range	TBD
4 Feb	Drill	Post 276
16-18 Feb	Back Azimuth	Cheltenham
18 Feb	Drill	Post 276



Celebration of Life

George Owings



YM Michael Southward participated in the Joint Color Guard celebrating the life of MDVA Secretary George Owings.



Michael "Mikey" Southward

Meeting former
Governor Larry
Hogan



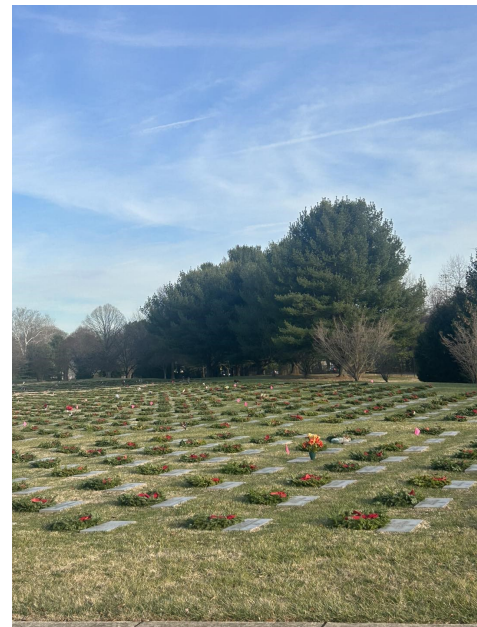
Nathan Coppersmith



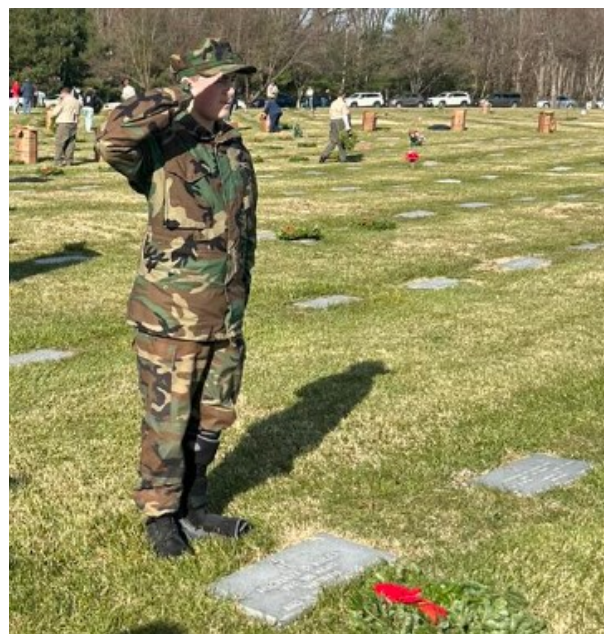
REMEMBER HONOR TEACH



WREATHS *across* AMERICA



On Saturday, December 16th, the Young Marines laid wreaths at Crownsville Veterans Cemetery to honor all veterans during the holiday season.



UPCOMING EVENTS

CALENDAR

19 January	Dinner	Casa Della Nonna
22 January	Detachment meeting	
22-24 February	Mid Winter Conference	Arlington, VA
26 February	Detachment meeting	
9 March	Dept of MD meeting	
25 March	Detachment meeting	
20 April	Leadership College	Am Leg Post 276
22 April	Detachment meeting	
27 April	Recruiting event	Bass Pro Shop
9-12 May	Dept of MD Convention	Ocean City

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

HELP

If you are aware of a community event, and would like to see the Detachment set up a table or tent, please let us know. We are looking for recruiting events. We need new members.

Examples:

Festivals	Family Days
Street Fairs	Art Shows
Gun Shows	Church Events
Food Festival	Home Shows

November Minutes

The November minutes are being corrected. Please bear with us.

They will be delivered via separate correspondence and posted to the detachment's website.

Sorry for the inconvenience.

Very special thanks to

Associate Member Jane Huffman

Whose fundraising prowess has recently raised
\$3,629.54 for the detachment.

\$1,129 Bus trip

\$2,000 Holiday raffle

Thank you, Jane, for everything you do.

PAYMASTER'S REPORT

27 November 2023 – 24 December 2023

Monthly Summary

Checking Account (see <i>Monthly Transactions Sheet</i>)	Beginning	\$13,469.05
	Receipts	\$903.00
	Expenses	\$856.45
	Ending	\$15,228.50

Savings Account	Beginning	\$2,268.52
	Interest	\$0.00
	Deposits	
	Withdrawals	
	Ending	\$2,268.52

Total Detachment Assets	\$17,497.02
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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

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

HOLIDAY EVENTS

Saturday, 16 December	Children’s Christmas Party	1-3 PM
Sunday, 17 December	Football Pot Luck	
Sunday, 24 December	Christmas Eve Party	1-5 PM
Sunday, 31 December	New Year’s Eve Party	

STANDING 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

Veterans of Foreign Wars
of The United States
Col. Harry L. Cooper Post 160
2597 Dorsey Rd
Glen Burnie, MD 21061-3268

<u>SNACKS</u>	<u>PIZZA</u>
CHEESE BURGER \$4.50	<u>LARGE PIZZA</u>
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	<u>PERSONAL SIZE</u>
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.

