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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, who will be celebrating Birthdays during the month of February includes

Gary Barr Chris Kalwa Pat Sharkey

Bill Merrill Tim Muniz George Owings

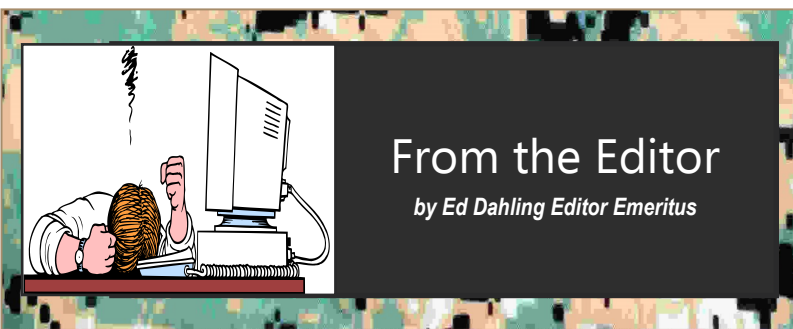
NOTE – *If you were born in February and your name is not listed above, please contact the editor to be included in the future.*

Quotation

"There are not enough china men in the world to stop a fully armed Marine regiment from going where ever they want to go."

"Chesty" Puller,





From the Editor

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

Anyone planning to attend the Department of Maryland Convention as a delegate must let us know so the appropriate paperwork can be completed. Delegates from all of the Maryland detachments will be electing the Department of Maryland Officers for the coming year as well as deciding the fate of other important items. If you are interested in serving as a delegate, please notify Joe Wright or myself. I also want to remind everyone to push the sale of convention ads for this year's convention book. We earn 50% of all sales over \$300!

Detachment 1049 Marine of the Year 2019 Nominations for the Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049 Marine of the Year will be accepted until 25 March 2019. If you wish to nominate an individual, be sure to follow the guidelines on our Web page

Detachment 1049 Election of Officers for FY 2019 – 2020 We will begin the nomination process at the next detachment meeting; 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
Junior Vice Commandant
Judge Advocate

The deadline for all December newsletter articles is NOON on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 Please do not wait until the last minute! **Bill**



Coming Events

The following events are scheduled to occur through **May 2019** 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

February 17th Pound 204 Growl @ 0800
Breakfast 0900 Growl (Ben Wells) at VFW Post 160 2597 Dorsey Road, Glen Burnie, MD 21060

Monthly Meeting, MCL Detachment 1049
Monday, 24th February @ 1900 (Ray Sturm)

MCL Midwinter Staff Conference
February 28 — March 2 at the Fredericksburg Hospitality House and Conference Center, 2801 Plank Rd, Fredericksburg, VA 22401

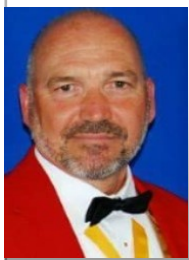
March 23rd Bull & Oyster Roast Place American Legion Post 40 5th Ave Glen Burnie Md.

Leadership College - Department of Maryland MCL April 13th 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM Harry L Cooper VFW Post 160, 2597 Dorsey Rd, Glen Burnie, MD 21061

Monthly Meeting, MCL Detachment 1049
Monday, 22nd April @ 1900 (Ray Sturm) VFW Post 160

MAY 9-10 & 11 2019 Department Convention
Princess Royale Oceanfront Hotel & Conference Center Ocean City, Maryland





Commandant Ray Sturm

Greetings Marines,

I don't have a lot to report this month. I'm sure I will make up for it next month after the Mid-Winter Conference.

The detachment will have its Annual Bull & Oyster Roast on 23 March. I'm asking that members contribute in several ways. First, please join us. The event will be at American Legion Post 40 in Glen Burnie, MD. Yes, we changed the venue in the hopes of filling more tables. Tickets are available from Burt Helmka. Second, we are asking that members bring a bottle of booze to add to the "Basket of Booze" to be raffled at the roast.

If you haven't heard, I should report the passing of Marine Bob Rossi. Bob was a member of the Jack Hetchen Detachment in Montgomery Co and a Dog in Pound 204. He was a friend to many of our members.

The Mid-Winter Conference is 28 Feb to 2 March in Fredericksburg, VA. It is not too late to register. Let me know if you plan on attending.

OK.. it's that time of year again. The detachment will be taking its first round of nominations for officers for 2019. If you have an interest in running for office or for one of the appointed positions, please let me know. If you are not certain what is required in the positions, a Leadership College will take place on 13 April at Post 160.



Rifle & Pistol Team
Ray Sturm



. . . Due to the Mid-Winter Conference, there will be no pistol shoot this month. The next shoot will be 28 March.

There is no word on the Dept of PA Service Pistol Match. Please stand by. I'll let everyone know as soon as I find out.



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Corps History

by Ed Dahling for Joe Wright, Historian

1 February

1967 Operation Prairie II began in Quang Tri province by elements of the 3rd Marine Division. During the 46 day search-and-destroy operation, 93 Marines and 693 enemy combatants were killed.

20 February

1815 Captain Archibald Henderson leads Marines in the USS Constitution's capture of HMS Cyane and HMS Levant, which occurs 3 days after the end of the War of 1812.

20 February

1962 Lieutenant Colonel John H. Glenn Jr. orbits the earth in first manned American space capsule.

23 February

1945 Men of the 5th Marine Division raise flag on Mount Suribachi.

24 February

1991 1st and 2nd Marine Divisions breach Iraqi defensive positions.

24 February

1991: The I Marine Expeditionary Force and coalition forces began a ground assault on Iraqi defenses in the final chapter of Operation Desert Storm.

26 February

1991 A Marine recon unit was the first U.S. force to enter Kuwait City and retake the American Embassy.

28 February

1991: Operation Desert Storm ends. I Marine Expeditionary Force, with a strength of more than 92,000 for the operation, becomes largest Marine Corps operation in history. 24 Marines were killed in action during the Gulf War.

28 February

1967 PFC James Anderson Jr. is first black Marine to win the Medal of Honor.



**Senior
Vice Commandant
Ben Wells**



Marines,

Winter is drawing to an end and the weather seems to be getting better. The Mid-Winter meeting is coming up February 28 thru March 2nd and we would love to see you there so if you have not signed up please do.

The detachment will have its Annual Bull & Oyster Roast on 23 March. the event will be at American Legion Post 40 in Glen Burnie, MD. Tickets are available from Burt Helmka. Second, we are asking that members bring a bottle of booze to add to the "Basket of Booze" to be raffled at the roast.

We had our first meeting for the annual MHH golf tournament which will be held May 17th. Please help us have another good golf tournament by helping sign up sponsors and golfers. We will be starting the meetings for the annual 5K run soon so if you would like to part of this please let us know.

Please patronize the next VFW Sunday Breakfast hosted at VFW Post 160 on the 1st Sunday of ever month.0800-1100

Semper Fi!
Ben



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.



Color Guard

Color Guard Commander Woody Bowman

- COMING EVENTS -

Finished for the season. Next event not until 1st Sunday in May.

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The Fun and Honor Society of the Marine Corps League

There is only one Pack Growl left for those DDs desiring to advance to PDD in Billings Montana this year. If you haven't attended one already, it is too late for you to advance this year. The next Pack Growl is on 10 May at Ocean City.

Likewise, there is only one Pound Growl left for those Pups aspiring to advance to DD in Ocean City in May. Again, if you haven't attended one already, it is too late for you to advance this year. By attending all Growls, you won't have this problem. The next Pound Growl will be on 28 April.

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

Woof woof,
PDD Ed Dahling
Dog Robber



DOWN TO ONE MARINE

On Nov. 15, 2003, an 85-year-old retired Marine Corps Colonel died of congestive heart failure at his home in La Quinta, Calif., southeast of Palm Springs.

He was a combat veteran of World War II. Reason enough to honor him. But this Marine was a little different. This Marine was Mitchell Paige.

It's hard today to envision -- or, for the dwindling few, to remember -- what the world looked like on 26 Oct 1942.

The U.S. Navy was not the most powerful fighting force in the Pacific. Not by a long shot. So the Navy basically dumped a few thousand Marines on the beach at Guadalcanal.

As Platoon Sgt. Mitchell Paige and his 33 riflemen set about carefully placing their four water-cooled .30-caliber Browning machine guns, manning their section of the thin khaki line which was expected to defend Henderson Field against the assault of the night of 25 Oct 1942, it's unlikely anyone thought they were about to provide the definitive answer to that most desperate of questions:

How many able-bodied U.S. Marines does it take to hold a hill against over 2,000 desperate and motivated Japanese attackers?

Nor did the commanders of the Japanese Army, who had swept everything before them for decades, expect their advance to be halted on some jungle ridge manned by one thin line of Marines in October of 1942.

But by the time the night was over, The Japanese 29th Infantry Regiment has lost 553 killed or missing and 479 wounded among its 2,554 men, historian David Lippman reports. The Japanese 16th Regiment's losses are uncounted, but the [US] 164th's burial parties handled 975 Japanese bodies. ... The American estimate of 2,200 Japanese dead is probably too low. Among the 90 American dead and seriously wounded that night were all the men in Mitchell Paige's platoon; every one. As the night of endless attacks wore on, Paige moved up and down his line, pulling his dead and wounded comrades back into their foxholes and firing a few bursts from each of the four Brownings in turn, convincing the Japanese forces down the hill that the positions were still manned.

The citation for Paige's Medal of Honor Citation defines the event:

"When the enemy broke through the line directly in front of his position, P/Sgt. Paige, commanding a machine gun section with fearless determination, continued to direct the fire of his gunners until all his men were either killed or wounded. Alone, against the deadly hail of Japanese shells, he fought with his gun and when it was destroyed, took over another, moving from gun to gun, never ceasing his withering fire."

In the end, Sgt. Paige picked up the last of the 40-pound, belt-fed Brownings (the same design which John M. Browning fired for a continuous 25 minutes until it ran out of ammunition, glowing cherry red, at its first U.S. Army demonstration) and did something for which the weapon was never designed.

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Junior Vice Commandant By Ed Dahling For Chris Wise



Marines,

I'm sure every one of us knows a former Marine. Ask this Marine if he's heard of the League. If not, invite him to our monthly meeting. We'd be glad to explain what we do.. we'll even make the recruiting pitch for you.

If you know any of Detachment member, who allowed their current membership to expire. Or If here is a reason for becoming uninvolved with us, have them contact me or let me know, so we can see what we can do to get them involved again. We don't want to lose members.

Semper Fi



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Chaplain's Corner Bill Collins

Sad to report: Bob Rossi, a longtime member of Devil Dog Pound 204, was called home by the Supreme Devil Dog. Bob will be greatly missed by all of us who were fortunate enough to have known him. Bob's sense of humor, his song writing talent and his wise council are likely irreplaceable.

Our senior member Manny Airey is as feisty as ever even though he is, for the most part, confined to bed. Please keep Manny in your thoughts and prayers.

As you may know the Detachment is in the process of apply for tax exempt status for our Marines Helping Heroes Foundation. When we receive approval from the IRS we will be better positioned to raise funds to support the charitable causes that we champion. We can be justifiably proud of the contributions that we have made to The Semper Fi Fund, TreatNOW and Boy Scout Troop 216 as well as to other deserving members of our community.

Your help in support of all of our fundraising efforts is greatly appreciated.

Remember our upcoming Bull & Oyster Roast, Saturday March 23rd, being held at American Legion Post 40 in Glen Burnie. Bring friends for a good time and great chow. See you there.

Bill Collins, Chaplain

Semper Fidelis



Down to one Marine (Continue From Page 8)

Sgt Paige walked down the hill toward the place where he could hear the last Japanese survivors rallying to move around his flank, the belt-fed gun cradled under his arm, firing as he went. The weapon did not fail.

At dawn, battalion executive officer Major Odell M. Conoley was first to discover the answer to our question: How many able-bodied Marines does it take to hold a hill against two regiments of motivated, combat-hardened Japanese infantrymen who have never known defeat?

On a hill where the bodies were piled like cordwood, Mitchell Paige alone sat upright behind his 30-caliber Browning, waiting to see what the dawn would bring.

One hill: one Marine!

But "In the early morning light, the enemy could be seen a few yards off, and vapor from the barrels of their machine guns was clearly visible," reports historian Lippman "It was decided to try to rush the position."

For the task, Major Conoley gathered together "three enlisted communication personnel, several riflemen, a few company runners who were at the point, together with a cook and a few messmen who had brought food to the position the evening before."

Joined by Paige, this ad hoc force of 17 Marines counterattacked at 5:40 a.m., discovering that this extremely short range allowed the optimum use of grenades. They cleared the ridge. Joined by Paige, this ad hoc force of 17 Marines counterattacked at 5:40 a.m., discovering that this extremely short range allowed the optimum use of grenades. They cleared the ridge.

And that's where the previously unstoppable wave of Japanese conquests finally broke and began to recede. On an unnamed jungle ridge on an insignificant island no one had ever heard of, called Guadalcanal.

But who remembers, today, how close-run a thing it was, the ridge held by a single Marine, in the autumn of 1942?

Sometime after, when the Hasbro Toy Co. telephoned asking permission to put the retired Colonel's face on some kid's doll, Mitchell Paige thought they must be joking.

But they weren't. Today, that's his face on the little Marine they call "G.I. Joe."





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Have You Heard?

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

January 23rd Meeting Highlights

OPENING BY RITUAL:

Meeting called to order by Commandant Ray Sturm at 1900 hours.
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by prayer by Chaplain Bill Collins.
Members in Attendance: 18

- Edward Dahling Department of MD Paymaster, Past Det. Commandant, Det. Marine of Year (2016)
- Joe Wright Past Detachment Commandant, Detachment Marine of the Year (2015)
- Ben Wells Detachment Marine of the Year (2017)
- Ray Sturm Detachment Marine of the Year (2018)

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:

There were no applications for membership.

READING OF THE MINUTES

- Minutes of the December meeting (with corrections) were posted on the detachment website and included in the detachment newsletter

PAYMASTER:

Ed Dahling gave a hardcopy report:

CORRESPONDANCE:

- None

SENIOR VICE:

- No Report

JUNIOR VICE:

- No report.

JUDGE ADVOCATE:

- No Report.

Chaplain REPORT:

Toys for Tots was challenging with the change in venue, but everything went well.
Manny Airy doing well, just mad because he's not walking.
TreatNow – Donation going to treat a Force Recon Marine.
Bill Wild had complications from surgery, but is doing better.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR:

- Please let Ed know if you have anything you would like to add to the newsletter.

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Have You Heard?

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

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TOYS for TOTS:

Christine Stevens thanked everyone that helped.
Collected 36,000 toys and 18,000 children received toys this Christmas.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- No Report

NEW BUSINESS:

No Report

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:

- Chaplain Bill Collins reaching out to the membership to become more involved. Officer nominations will be accepted during the February and March detachment meetings. Installation of Officers will be in April.
- If you plan to attend the Mid Winter Conference in Virginia, please let Commandant Ray Sturm know so he can register you as a Delegate.
- If you plan to attend the Department of Maryland Convention in Ocean City, please let Commandant Ray Sturm know so he can register you as a Delegate
- Please push convention book ads for the Department Convention. The detachment is selling spots for a patron ad.
- American University in Washington DC currently recruiting Gulf War Veterans for a study to examine whether dietary exposure to food additives may be contributing to symptoms in Gulf War Illness (GWI). Research Coordinator contact information: Elizabeth Brandley brandley@american.edu 202-885-3810

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Fisher House Marathon Bluegrass Jam Maryland will take place February 23rd at American Legion Post 276.
- February 28 – March 2 – Mid Winter Conference, Fredericksburg, VA.
- March 10 – Eagle Scout presentation in Pasadena.
- March 30th – Bull & Oyster Roast – American Legion Post 40 (Glen Burnie). **NOTE * DATE CHANGED TO MARCH 23rd.**
- April 13 – MCL Leadership College.
- April 28 – Pound 204 Growl.
- May 9-11 – Department of Maryland Convention.
- May 17 – MHH Golf Tournament

CLOSING CEREMONIES:

Commandant Sturm closed the meeting IAW MCL rituals. The next detachment meeting will take place on February 25th. Closing prayer was given by Chaplain Bill Collins.

Respectfully submitted,
Ed Dahling For
Joseph Wright, Adjutant
Marine Corps League - A. A. County Detachment 1049



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(Address Correction Requested)



The JLTV is slated to replace some Humvees as a more rugged, survivable vehicle for ground combat. But a recent report noted problems with blind spots, maintenance and interior space.