



The Cutting Edge



The official newsletter of the Anne Arundel Co Detachment



MARYLAND SAILOR IDENTIFIED

The remains of Navy **Shipfitter 1st Class Charles F. Perdue**, 32, of Salisbury, Maryland, was assigned to the battleship USS Oklahoma, which was moored at Ford Island, Pearl Harbor, when the ship was attacked by Japanese aircraft on Dec. 7, 1941. The USS Oklahoma sustained multiple torpedo hits, which caused it to quickly capsize. The attack on the ship resulted in the deaths of 429 crewmen, including Perdue. He will be buried May 16, 2022, in Lancaster, California.

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OK, it's winter. We are tired of the pandemic. Russia and China are rattling sabers. People are cranky. Blah, blah, blah.

I thought we could all use a chuckle so I included a little extra Valentine's Day humor in this edition. Hope you don't mind.

~ The Editor

PS: If you do mind, I'll be happy to send you the template for this document. [Even editors get cranky.. LOL]

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INTERIM NEWSLETTER EDITOR

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

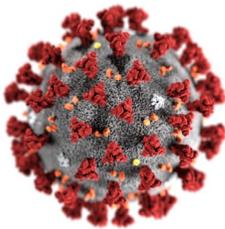
The detachment will accept its first round of nominations at the February meeting. If you can not attend the meeting but are willing to accept a nomination, please indicate your desire by sending the Commandant an email.

Our **Bull & Oyster Roast** is on 19 March. The flyer is on the last page of this newsletter. Please print a copy or two and hang one at your barber, dry cleaner, etc.

The next **Department of MD meeting** will be on 19 Feb at VFW Post 160. The meeting starts at 0900 and typically runs until lunch. If you have never been to a Dept meeting, this is your chance to see what is happening at the state level. Come see what the other detachments are doing.

Semper Fi,
Ray Sturm

COVID-19 BOOSTER IS CRITICAL



As we approach the third year of the COVID-19 pandemic and with rapidly increasing cases of the Omicron variant, CDC vaccine guidelines include receiving a vaccine booster. Data has shown those who are fully vaccinated and have received a booster shot are less likely to be contagious and require hospitalization. Veterans, caregivers, and spouses may receive the COVID-19 vaccine and vaccine booster by checking with their local VA facility for vaccine clinic times.

[Reprinted from the VFW Action Corps Weekly]

COMMANDANT'S CORNER

Marines

I hope everyone is doing good during our winter snows. We have a number of events coming up in February, the first is our department meeting on the 19th at the VFW Post 160 in Severn, MD followed by a Pack Growl. For all the dogs of Pound 204 we have a growl the next day on the 20th. Next is Mid-Winter Conference on February the 24th – 26th and I would love to see Detachment 1049 represented well. We would love to see you there so if you have not signed up, please do.

Detachment 1049 will be holding the first round of elections for the new officers. The second round is in March with the swearing in at the April meeting. I would like to take a minute and encourage our members to please come back and enjoy your brothers and sisters at our monthly meeting. Our annual Bull and Oyster Roast will be held at the American Legion Post #40 on March 19th. If you have not bought your tickets please do.

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://mclaacdet1049.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

As I reported at the January detachment meeting, our lottery fundraiser net **\$1,850**. Thank you to everyone who participated and especially to those who sold tickets.

Our largest fundraiser is just around the corner. **March 19th** is our annual **Bull & Oyster Roast**. The funds raised benefit the detachment's general fund which allows us to keep operating and make various donations throughout the year. In addition to being a fundraiser, this event is a social gathering for our members and friends. Please come join us.

The event will once again be held at American Legion Post 40 and will feature the same caterer. The location and the food are fantastic, so why mess with success!

To make the event special, I am asking members to donate a bottle of liquor to add to the **Basket of Cheer** to be raffled off. (I'll just say the last basket was quite impressive.

Semper Fi

Burton Helmka

Why didn't the skeleton want to send any Valentine's Day cards?

"His heart wasn't in it."

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDANT

Marines,

I hope everyone is staying warm. I am counting down the days until warmer weather is back in our lives again!

I have mailed out membership late notices and I wanted to drop one **last reminder** that if you received a reminder notice and have not paid your dues, your membership is not in good standing and you will be removed from the rolls. Please do not allow this to happen and submit your membership dues as soon as possible.

Semper Fi,

Joe Wright



CHAPLAIN

The lingering effects of Covid have put a damper on many social events including our monthly meetings. For the past several months we have had fewer than fifteen (15) members attending including our officers. Attendance at our monthly meetings has been declining for the past several years, Covid has only made it worse. If the Detachment is to survive, we must reverse this trend. If you know an inactive member, past or present or any other Marine, encourage them to attend an upcoming meeting.

During the past several months our relationship with the Young Marines has become more and more productive. It is great to see kids involved in an activity that teaches them good citizenship and responsibility. Thanks to the Marines who have given their time and talent to teach these young people what it means to be a Marine. Special thanks to Ray Sturm and Woody Bowman.

By now, we all know whether Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow on February 2nd. The story goes, that if this talented groundhog sees his shadow when he emerges from his winter quarters there will be six more weeks of winter, if not, we will have an early spring. The groundhogs have been providing this valuable service since 1886. Thus far, they have been accurate 39% of the time. Think I'll flip a coin...the odds are better. Either way, spring is well on its way and our golf tournament is just around the corner. As always, volunteers will be needed to ensure the success of this great event. The date will be announced soon.

Plan attending our Bull and Oyster Roast on March 19 th at American Legion Post 40. See Burt Helmka for tickets.

S/F

Bill Collins

What's Cupid's favorite band?

"Kiss!"

EAGLE SCOUT COORDINATOR

FYI, The detachment has presented 10 Good Citizen Awards to new Eagle Scouts at their Courts of Honor during the period of June 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021.

If you are aware of a scout about to attain the rank of Eagle, please let me know.

Semper Fi,

Jim Galvin



Press Release

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS TO HOLD DIGNIFIED BURIAL CEREMONIES FOR UNACCOMPANIED VETERANS

ANNAPOLIS, MD—The Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA) today announced two dignified burial ceremonies for unaccompanied veterans who honorably served our nation. The first of two ceremonies will be Friday, January 28 at 2:30pm, at Crownsville Veterans Cemetery, located on Sunrise Beach Road in Crownsville. A second ceremony will be Friday, February 4 at 1:00pm, at Garrison Forest Veterans Cemetery, located on Garrison Forest Road. The Department has held private unaccompanied burial ceremonies in the past. However, in response to related legislation passed last year in the Maryland General Assembly, MDVA is now inviting the public to attend. “Our veterans serve as a reminder of the immeasurable cost of war,” said **Governor Larry Hogan**. “Offering dignified burial ceremonies for those who have served, especially veterans who are unaccompanied, ensures proper respect is paid to the brave men and women who have served this nation.” “The Department has a moral obligation to provide a dignified final resting place for our veterans,” said **Secretary George Owings**, Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs. “We are thankful to the Maryland Anatomy Board for their partnership and for ensuring these heroes are given the honors they deserve.

Among those being interred at Garrison Forest Veterans Cemetery is **PFC Dave Rykie Agenes, USMC**, who served from 30 July 1963 to 28 July 1967.

All are welcome to attend the two ceremonies. Both will include an honor guard and brief remarks by Department personnel. In attendance will be a number of veteran service organizations. The events will take place rain or shine, standing room only, with limited parking. For more information, please call 410-923-6981.

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25th Anniversary: Honoring the Veterans of Desert Storm Copies Available



The Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs has limited copies of the book *25th Anniversary: The Liberation of Kuwait, Honoring the Veterans of Desert Storm*. Books are available for pick up, on a first come first serve basis, in the Annapolis office, located at 16 Francis Street. If you are interested in picking up a book, please contact the MDVA at 410-260-3838 or the Outreach Program at 410-260-3842/3840.

Do you have medical equipment to donate?

The Maryland Department of Aging is providing durable medical equipment (DME) to Marylanders with any illness, injury, or disability, regardless of age, at no cost. All equipment is collected via donation and is sanitized, repaired, and redistributed to Marylanders in need. This service will improve the quality of life for many Maryland residents and provides the opportunity to avoid costlier levels of care.

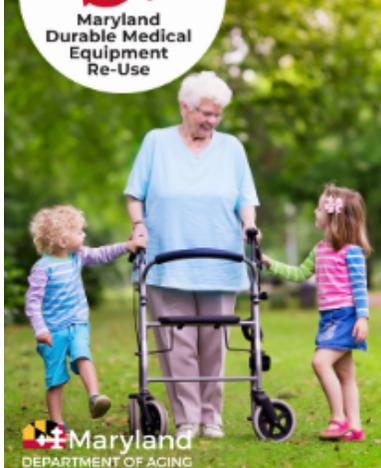
Donations Needed:

The Maryland Department of Aging is currently accepting donations of Durable Medical Equipment. Donated equipment will be sanitized and refurbished to later be provided to adults and children who need equipment. For more information on how you can donate, please visit the [Maryland Department of Aging DME Program](#) or call 240-230-8000



Give or Receive the Gift of *Mobility*

Donate or Receive Durable Medical Equipment



Maryland
DEPARTMENT OF AGING

DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT EXAMPLES:

Wheelchairs, Power Wheelchairs, Rollators, Power Scooters, Walkers, Shower Supports, Hospital Beds, Mechanical Lifts, Canes, Crutches, Tub Transfer Benches, & Much More!

DONATIONS WILL BE:

- Sanitized
- Repaired
- **Redistributed** to adults and children with mobility needs

If you are in need of DME, please email DME.MDOA@maryland.gov or call 240-230-8000 or visit aging.maryland.gov to learn more!

1 February 1967

Operation Prairie II Begins Elements of the 3rd Marine Division began Operation Prairie II in Quang Tri province, South Vietnam. The 46-day search-and-destroy operation, which concluded on March 18, 93 Marines and 693 enemy troops were killed.

2 February 1944

Battle of Roi-Namur The 4th Marine Division captured Roi-Namur and eight other islands in the Kwajalein Atoll. This was done as part of the first assault on islands controlled by the Japanese before the beginning of World War II.

15 February 1898

USS Maine Explodes 28 Marines and 232 sailors were killed when the U.S. battleship Maine exploded under suspicious circumstances in the harbor of Havana, Cuba. Despite the fact that no definitive evidence of the Spanish being involved in the explosion, "Remember *The Maine*" became a rallying cry and less than three months later, the United States and Spain were at war.

23 February 1945

American Flag Raised on Iwo Jima February 23 marks the anniversary of one of the most iconic moments in Marine Corps history and in all of World War 2—the American flag being raised over Mt. Suribachi during the Battle of Iwo Jima.

24 February 1991

First Marine Expeditionary Force Attacks Iraqi Defenses The First Marine Expeditionary Force, along with coalition forces, began a ground assault on Iraqi defense forces in the final stages of Operation Desert Storm. The First and Second Marine Divisions attacked Iraqi defenses from the front while allied armored forces attacked from the rear. Approximately 100 hours later, Iraqi forces surrendered.

28 February

Operation Desert Storm Cease Fire Operation Desert Storm came to an end when a cease-fire declared by George W. Bush went into effect. Over the course of the war, the First Marine Expeditionary Force had a strength of more than 92,000 Marines, making Operation Desert Storm the largest Marine Corps operation ever. In total, 24 Marines were killed during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.



No caption need



US Marines fire a 155 mm artillery piece during Desert Storm



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

20 February 2022 @ 0900

Dog House

Harry L. Cooper VFW Post 160



Woof woof,

Dogs, there will be a Pound Growl on 20 Feb 2022. The Growl will begin at 0900 at the Dog House (VFW Post 160 in Glen Burnie). Breakfast will be served at 0800. Pups should report to Sir Mad Dog Woody Bowman at 0830.

Bring BIG bones.

Woof woof,

PDD Paul “Doc” Gunther—Sir Pound Keeper



Editor's Notes

There will be a Pack Growl after lunch, following the Department meeting on 19 Feb. The Growl will be at VFW Post 160.

For those **Pups advancing to Devil Dog** in Ocean City, you need TWO Pound Growls in the year preceding the Growl.

For those **Devil Dogs desiring to advance to Pedigree** at the National Convention in Daytona Beach, you will need TWO Pack Growls in the year preceding.

Dog Robbers, be sure to have your paperwork in order.

PDD Ray Sturm

Jr. Past Worthy Pack Leader



Young Marines



The Anne Arundel Young Marines practicing drill movements. The Young Marines meet every other Sunday at VFW Post 160. The program focuses on teaching the values of leadership, teamwork, and self-discipline. Expect more on the Young Marines program in future newsletters.

I'm pleased to announce that two of our Anne Arundel Young Marines will be attending Senior Leadership School in Oregon later this year. They will be attending on scholarships from YM Headquarters.

The Young Marines have teamed with **Wendy's** for a fundraiser on Thursday, February 24th at the Glen Burnie location. Present the flyer on the next page and the YMs receive a 20% donation. Feel free to distribute the flyer to as many people as you can.



FUNDRAISING TASTES GREAT



Show your support for

Anne Arundel Young Marines

by bringing the family out to the Wendy's® at

6910 Ritchie Highway, Glen Burnie

Thursday, February 24, 2022

Drive Thru: 6:30a.m.-9:00p.m./Dining Room: 10:30a.m.-7:00p.m.

20% donation is applied on any breakfast, lunch or dinner order when this flyer is presented digitally or on paper at the register



Anne Arundel Young Marines

DID YOU KNOW...

REPUBLIC OF CHINA MARINE CORPS

A.K.A. TAIWAN MARINE CORPS



FOUNDED: December 1914

MOTTO: Semper Fidelis

SIZE: about 10,000

The ROC Marine Corps were formed from the former Navy Sentry Corps in December 1914.

During the Second Sino-Japanese War, the ROC marines saw little in amphibious warfare for the Japanese dominated the seas & thus saw combat in the same form as the regular infantry.

Likewise, during the civil war, the ROC marines were either absorbed as regular infantry units, or played as supporting role. However, in 1947, the ROC Marine Corps was reconstituted & saw action Mawei, Fujian.

The Marine Corps used to be 2 divisions, 66th and 99th divisions, in size, when its doctrine focused on retaking mainland China. Since its transition to a defensive posture, the ROCMC has been downsized towards a focus as a small rapid reaction force, a strategic reserve, and has learned skills compatible with guerrilla warfare operations. The Marine Corps is by design trained and equipped for transport by the ROC Navy to conduct amphibious assaults to defend Taiwan's outlying islands and Taiwan's coasts.

In 2004, the ROCMC redeployed a brigade near the Taipei area to defend against a possible PRC decapitation strike.

Since its formation the ROC Marine Corps has received training from the United States Marine Corps, from 1979 to 2020 that **training was conducted secretly** however in 2020 the annual month long training exercise held with trainers from the USMC's **Marine Raider Regiment** was conducted publicly.

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Paymaster's Report

Marine Corps League Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049		
20 December 2021 – 23 January 2022		
Monthly Summary		
Checking Account <small>(see Monthly Transactions Sheet)</small>	Beginning	\$9,414.70
	Receipts	\$90.00
	Expenses	(\$401.34)
	Ending	\$9,103.36
Savings Account	Beginning	\$2,266.62
	Interest	\$0.10
	Deposits	
	Withdrawals	
	Ending	\$2,266.72
Total Detachment Assets		\$11,370.08



Shown to the left is a summary of January's activity. Members are invited to view the detachment's detailed ledgers and checkbook at anytime. If interested, please contact Paymaster Joe Wright to make arrangements.



UPCOMING EVENTS

CALENDAR

19 Feb	Dept of MD meeting	VFW Post 160	9:00 AM
23 Feb	Midwinter Conference	Norfolk, VA	
28 Feb	MCL meeting	VFW Post 160	7:00 PM
19 Mar	Bull & Oyster Roast	Am Leg Post 40	2:00 PM
28 Mar	MCL meeting	VFW Post 160	7:00 PM
9 Apr	Dept of MD meeting	DAV—Laurel, MD	9:00 AM
25 Apr	MCL meeting	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
TBD	Golf Tournament	Walden County Club	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.

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

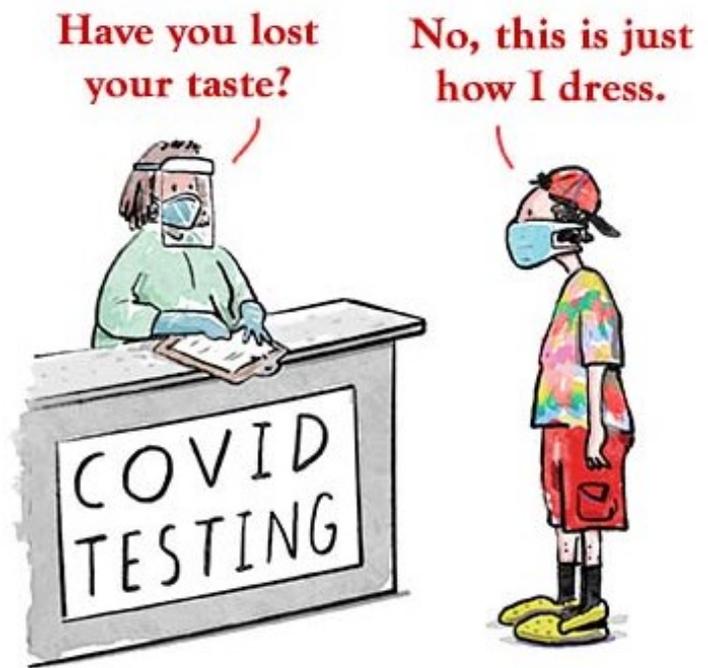
East Ocean View \$99.00

Friday and Saturday

Garden View \$154.00

South Ocean View \$169.00

East Ocean View \$184.00



Minutes

Detachment Adjutant, Norm Huffman, was unable to attend the January meeting. The Minutes will be posted on the detachment's website once they are transcribed.

We apologize for the inconvenience.



What do single people call Valentine's Day?

Happy Independence Day!



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.

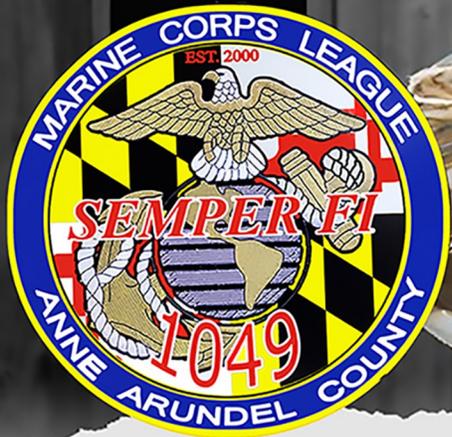


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Inc**



Stromberg Metal Works, Inc.





BULL & OYSTER ROAST

SAT. MAR. 21, 2020

Games of
Chance

1PM-5PM

Tickets: \$45.00
Open Seating - No Reservations
- No Refunds

AMERICAN LEGION POST 40

500 FIFTH AVE. SE, GLEN BURNIE, MD 21061

*Pit Beef, Ham, Turkey,
Red Skin Potato Salad,
Cole Slaw, Campfire Beans,
Macaroni & Cheese,
Md. Crab Soup, Rolls,
Beer & Soda*

**OYSTERS
RAW & FRIED**



♪ *Disc Jockey* ♪

Order Tickets : Call Burt (850-635-5575) or Ben Wells (443-223-8232)

Make Checks Payable to MCL Det.1049