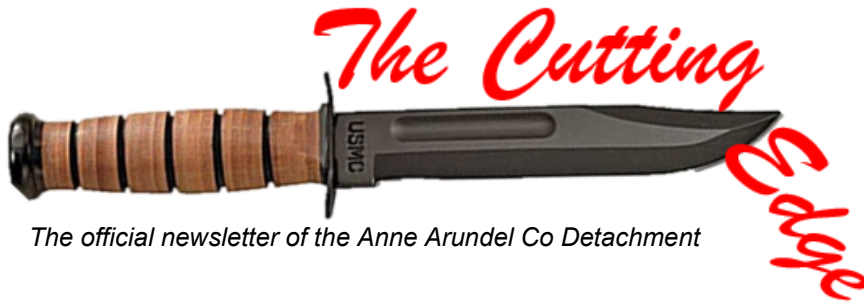


February 2024



The official newsletter of the Anne Arundel Co Detachment

## Detachment Fellowship Dinner



On February 16th, the detachment held its monthly dinner at Twin Rivers Steak & Seafood Restaurant in Pasadena. As you can see, we had a great turnout. Our next dinner is March 15, 2024. All Marines and Marine families are welcome. You do not need to be a member of the detachment. Do you have a favorite restaurant in Anne Arundel County? Let's go!

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February 4, 2024: Sgt-at-Arms and BSA Coordinator, **Jim Galvin** celebrates Scout Sunday with BSA Troop 216 at St Bernadette's in Severn, MD.

After the service, the Troop went to Casa Della Nonna for a pizza party. According to Jim, "A good time was had by all."

[More on BSA Troop 216 on page](#)



## Move to Post 175

## Mid-Winter Conf

## From The Editor

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

Greetings all,

As you probably already know, the detachment had its first meeting at our new home. The folks at American Legion Post 175 were very welcoming. We still have a few issues to work out, but things went very well.

We will soon need to move the detachment's gear from VFW Post 160. We may need a small working party. Please help if you can.

The detachment's February social dinner was a huge success. We had sixteen for dinner, our best turnout yet. Let's set another record in March.

Our next dinner will be at **Casa Della Nonna** in Severn. It is a very friendly Italian restaurant with terrific food. Come join us.

Marines, it's that time of year again. The first round of nominations was conducted for next year's officers. Please see the results on

page 4. If you are interested in becoming more involved with the detachment, please let the Commandant know.

Also, it is also time to select a Detachment Marines of the Year. If you have a worthy candidate. Please reach out to the selection committee chairperson, Jim Galvin or to Commandant Helmka.

Final thought.. The national Mid Winter Conference will probably still be in session when you read this. If you can, you are invited to attend the conference at the Sheraton-Pentagon City in Arlington, VA. This is a great opportunity to see the MCL in action and meet our national officers.

Semper Fi,  
Ray Sturm



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"Being ready is not what matters. What matters is winning after you get there." ~ LtGen Victor H. Krulak, USMC, April 1965

## Commandant's Corner

Marines,

By the time you read this more than likely, we have held our 1st meeting at the new location of American Legion Post #175.

I'm asking the detachment's membership to consider joining the American Legion Post 175, if eligible. The Post Commander has stated he will encourage his members to do the same.

I apologize in advance for the change of dates for holding our meetings. This change happened due to Legion obligations and this being the only consistent date available. I know some members will have a conflict, but I encourage everyone to attend if possible. Hopefully, you can attend on the 3rd Monday of the month.

Our fellowship dinners seem to be well liked. Two Rivers and Casa Nonna being the favorites. I have not attended every dinner due to family and medical issues. I'm getting back to a normal life and moving forward.

Final thought, please attend our detachment's meetings now on the **3rd Monday** of the month at 7:00 PM at American Legion Post 175 at 832 Manhattan Beach Road, Severna Park, MD.

That is all.

Semper Fi,  
Burt



### Detachment Colors

#### DETACHMENT STAFF

Commandant	Burt Helmka
Sr Vice Cmdt	John Dunker
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://mclaacdet1049.org>

#### FACEBOOK

Anne Arundel County Detachment  
1049, MCL

#### MEETINGS

The detachment meets the 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00 PM at American Legion Post 175 at 832 Manhattan Beach Rd, Severna Park, 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](mailto:Bandit6A@gmail.com) by the Saturday following the detachment meeting.



## Senior Vice Commandant

No report

### **March Fellowship Dinner**

**March 15, 2024 @ 6:30 PM**

**Casa Della Nonna**

**8141 Telegraph Rd**

**Severn, MD**

## Junior Vice Commandant

No report

# Elections

The first round of nominations for detachment officers was conducted by former District Vice Commandant Don Benson. The following officers have accepted nominations as follows:

For Commandant: Burt Helmka

For Sr Vice Cmdt: John Dunker

For Jr Vice Cmdt: Joe Peacy

For Judge Adv: Ray Sturm

Another round of nominations will be conducted at the March meeting.

Installation of officers will be in April.





## Chaplain

Sometimes when we are hit with bad news like cancer, for example, we seem to embrace the language of fighting.

A lady named Christina was diagnosed with a brain tumor and surrounded by the constant talk faced with fighting cancer she quickly started to feel exhausted. She did not want to spend whatever time she had left at war with her own body.

Instead, what she found most helpful were daily practices of gratitude. Gratitude for the team of professionals caring for her. Gratitude for the ways her brain and body were sometimes showing healing. Gratitude for the opportunity to still be with our loved ones.

She experienced first-hand that no matter how difficult the struggle, practices of gratitude can help us resist depression and can sort of re-wire our brains to help us build resilience, strength, and lifted spirits. While not all suffering will find complete healing in this lifetime, God renews our hearts when we show gratitude.

Jim Sanchez  
Chaplain



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## Color Guard Commander

No events until May



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## BSA Liaison and Eagle Scout Coordinator



Troop 216 at the B&O Railroad Museum.



# From Around the Corps

## Marine Corps won't consider allowing hands in pockets for now

Though the Navy now allows sailors to stick their hands in their uniform pockets, the Marine Corps is not planning to follow suit anytime soon.

The current iteration of the Marine Corps Uniform Board will not hold a vote on lifting the ban on hands in pockets when it convenes, Marine spokesman Maj. Joshua Pena confirmed to Marine Corps Times Friday.

The board, which votes on uniform changes and makes recommendations to the commandant, is now soliciting feedback from the fleet on a slate of uniform issues — the pockets question not among them, Pena said.

The Marine Corps uniform order bans Marines in garrison from putting their hands in pockets for reasons other than “to retrieve something from said pockets.” That order still stands, Pena confirmed.



So, for now, enlisted leaders can still tell their Marines to get their hands — or a more colorful term for the appendages — out of their pockets.

The Marine Corps has said hands in pockets “detract from an appropriate military presence.”

But the Navy on Tuesday announced sailors were free to place their hands in their pockets “when doing so does not compromise safety nor prohibit the proper rendering of honors and courtesies.” It was an about-face from a branch that claimed in 2021 that putting hands in pockets “is inappropriate and detracts from military smartness.”

The Air Force green-lit hands in pockets in 2021, citing the trust the branch puts in its airmen to handle significant resources and responsibilities. Lt. Gen. Brian Kelly, Air Force deputy chief of staff for manpower, personnel and services, said at the time, “We likewise trust they can figure out what it takes and means to maintain standards without specifying exact behavior in every situation.”

The Army, like the Marine Corps, bans hands in pockets except for when those hands are retrieving objects.

The Marine Corps generally has the strictest uniform standards of the military services.

It is the only branch in which women can't wear ponytails except during physical training. Male Marines have to keep their hair shorter than in other branches, a standard that gave the Marines the nickname “Jarheads.”

Marines also can't wear the camouflage uniform out in the civilian world.

The Marine commandant, Gen. Eric Smith, had urged Marines to keep up the high standards that make the Corps distinctive.

*Editor's note: This article was stolen directly from the Marine Times. It was written by Irene Loewenson on 16 Feb. She is a staff reporter for the Marine Times.*





On February 7, 2024, a section of U.S. Route 13 on the eastern shore of Maryland was dedicated in memory of PFC Michael Anthony Carter, Jr., USMC. In this photo are Sandra Johnson-Carter, Gold Star Mom of PFC Carter and MDVA Deputy Secretary, Ross Cohen.

## Maryland Honors Unaccompanied Veterans



The Honor Guard folds the flag at the Unaccompanied Veterans Ceremony at Crownsville Veterans Cemetery. Secretary Woods is on the left.



Maryland Patriot Guard at the Unaccompanied Veterans Ceremony at the MDVA Eastern Shore cemetery.



**MIA Update:** The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency announced four burial updates for service members who have been missing and unaccounted for from World War II and the Korean War. Among those returning home for burial with full military honors is:

-- **Marine Corps Sgt. Harold Hammett, 24**, of Avery, Mississippi, was a member of L Company, 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, Fleet Marine Force. He was among 1,000 marines and sailors killed in action at the Battle of Tarawa, and reportedly died on Nov. 20, 1943. He was buried in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, on Feb. 16,



# ~ Our History ~ Customs ~ and Traditions ~

## Brief History of Seagoing Marines

Nearly everyone is acquainted with the Marine Corps and its air, land and amphibious operations. Less well-known are its seagoing activities. Although the very word "Marine" pertains to the sea, it is not so closely related today. U.S. Marines have always been seagoing. Their service aboard ships of the fleet spans the days of sharpshooting from a frigate's rigging to the present day service of manning a 5-inch gun on an aircraft carrier.

Marines, equipped with a musket and a cutlass, first served under Commodore Esek Hopkins aboard the USS *Cabot* in December, 1775.

In 1803, action against the Barbary pirates took the Marines to the northern coast of Africa and the "shores of Tripoli."

During the period from 1815 to 1825, a wave of piracy swept the Caribbean area, resulting in the capture of many American ships and the murder of their crewmen. U.S. forces, including 200 Marines on board the *Macedonian* and other ships, helped end these outrages by capturing pirate ships and their shore strongholds. Punitive action also was required against Sumatrans, following the 1831 sacking of an American trading ship in the harbor of Quallah Battoo and the murder of part of its crew. An expedition, including Marines from the frigate *Potomac*, seized several Sumatran forts.

In 1835, the Seminole Indians attacked Army troops who had been sent to Florida to move them to the western reservations. Marines from the Navy's West India Squadron were among the first reinforcements sent to the area. They later participated in operations of the "Mosquito Fleet" composed of canoes, barges and other small vessels which were used until 1842 to patrol the swamps and everglades.

The year 1842 also saw ship detachments of Leathernecks become engaged in the suppression of slave trading which had sprung up along the western coast of Africa.

When sails gave way to steam, the United States needed advance bases for the purpose of supplying fuel for her ships as well as supplies for her crews. The added speed gained in steamship travel also stimulated interest in the increase of foreign commerce. When Admiral Matthew C. Perry visited Japan in 1854, Marines participated in the impressive ceremony and pageantry of the occasion, which helped to promote trade agreements between the two countries.

During the Civil War, both the Union and the Confederacy had a Marine Corps. These Marines, both north and south, were used in the same manner aboard ship and on land.

In 1871, after a number of American seamen had been massacred in Korea, a U.S. naval squadron was sent to that country to negotiate for the protection of American seamen and, if possible, to open up Korea to America trade. When ships of the squadron were fired upon by Koreans, a landing force was sent up the Sallee River to attack the forts. Of the squadron's 105 Marines who formed the shock troops for the expedition, six were awarded Medals of Honor for their heroism.

Illegal destruction of seals in the Bering Sea had reached wholesale proportions by 1892 following the purchase of Alaska from Russia. The poachers, principally British, were threatening the complete extinction of the valuable animals. A settlement was finally reached between Great Britain and the United States by which naval officers of each nation were authorized to arrest and detain poachers. The steamer *Al-Ki*, with three Marine officers and 40 Marines aboard, was sent to the troubled area, and the ruthless slaughter was soon ended.





# MODD

Hound Dog Pound 204

**Pound 204 Growl**

3 March

Post 160

**Pack Growl**

9 March

Hagerstown

Following the Department meeting

**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**

10 December

**Dog House**

Harry L. Cooper VFW Post 160



**Maryland Pack  
Growl  
9 March 2024  
after lunch**

HOSTED BY:  
**Sgt Jack Hettchen Det 1428**  
Location: American Legion Post 86 – Rockville, MD





# **Young Marines**

## **Upcoming Events**

3 Mar	Drill	Post 276
17 Mar	Drill	Post 276
31 Mar	Drill	Post 276
5-7 Apr	Division Field Meet	Cheltenham
19-21 Apr	Unit Encampment	Downs Park
27 Apr	Recruiting Event w/ MCL	Bass Pro Shops
28 Apr	Drill	Post 276
4 May	Craft/Vendor Show	
12 May	Drill	
18 May	Color Guard	Daughters of the American Revolution
26 May	Drill	Post 276
27 May	Memorial Day Parade	Annapolis



# Range Day at 12th Precinct Pistol and Archery Club

10 Feb 2024





# UPCOMING EVENTS

# CALENDAR

19 February	Detachment meeting	American Legion Post 175
22-24 February	Mid Winter Conference	Arlington, VA
18 March	Detachment meeting	American Legion Post 175
9 March	Dept of MD meeting	
15 April	Detachment meeting	American Legion Post 175
20 April	Leadership College	Am Leg Post 276
27 April	Recruiting event	Bass Pro Shop
9-12 May	Dept of MD Convention	Ocean City
20 May	Detachment meeting	American Legion Post 175
7 June	Golf Tournament	Walden Country Club

*Please send calendar additions to Ray Sturm at [Bandit6A@gmail.com](mailto: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

# January Minutes



Detachment Meeting Minutes  
Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049  
Marine Corps League  
January 22, 2024

## OPENING BY RITUAL:

Meeting called to order by Commandant Burt Helmka at 1900 hours.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by prayer by our Chaplain James Sanchez

Members in attendance: 14

## ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:

Commandant	Burt Helmka	P
Sr. Vice Commandant	John Dunker	P
Jr. Vice Commandant	Joe Wright	P
Judge Advocate	Ray Sturm	P
Jr. Past Commandant	Ray Sturm	P
Adjutant	Debbie Deene	P
By-Laws Committee Chairman	Danny Eischio	E
Chaplain	James Sanchez	P
Color Guard Commander	Woody Bowman	P
Historian	Joe Wright	P
Newsletter Editor	Ray Sturm	P
Paymaster	Joe Peacy	P
Public Information Officer	Vacant	
Quartermaster	Bill Collins	E
Rifle Pistol Team Captain	Ray Sturm	P
Sgt-at-Arms	James Galvin	P
Web Sergeant	Joe Wright	P
Young Marine Commander	Ray Sturm	P

**APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:** No report

**ADJUTANT'S REPORT:** Minutes from January were read aloud, and meeting minutes will be posted on the Detachment website and in the newsletter. Copies available on table.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**PAYMASTER:** The financial report was given by Ben Wells. This amount is as follows:

Checking:	\$15350.50
Savings:	<u>\$ 2268.52</u>
Total assets:	\$17,619.02

**CHAPLAIN REPORT:** George Owens III a family was sent a card to the family. George's son wants to stay in touch with the Detachment and would like to attend the annual golf tournament. We also received Charles M. Miller charter member has passed and a card will be sent to his family.



**COMMANDANT:** Commandant Helmka reported that there will be a Leadership college on April 20,2024, at Post 276. This will be from 08:00-16:00 and lunch will be provided. The applications are available, and the fee is \$40.00 per person. This is open to all MCL Members, Officers, and Associate members. Discussion was made to start thinking about Marine of the year and associate of the year. There was an email sent from the Department Commandant to urge all to try and participate on February 6,2024the the State House upper gallery in Annapolis, to lobby for events that will be discussed that is relevant to all veterans. Please wear MCL shirts and covers if you attend.

Fellowship dinner will be held on February 19, 2024, at Two Rivers in Pasadena at 6:30pm.

Literature was emailed to me from a law firm in Baltimore pertaining to Camp Lejeune health issues. Information is available, please contact me if you have any questions.

Lastly, we have secured the American Legion Post 175, in Severna Park for our detachment. Our meetings will be moved to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month. The next meeting is February 19,2024.

I will be meeting with the post commander this Friday to go over final details pertaining to where we will store our equipment and supplies.

Discussion brought up about our annual bull and oyster roast and planning for that accordingly. We are looking into trying to have this in April 2024, more details to follow. I will assist John Dunker with the planning of this event.

**SENIOR VICE:** No report

**JUNIOR VICE:** No report

**JUDGE ADVOCATE:** Ceremony and Installation of new officers as follows John Dunker -as Senior Vice and Ben Wells - as Paymaster. Sergeant of Arms declared these officers as official.

**JR. PAST COMMANDANT:** No report

**NEWSLETTER EDITOR:** Ray Sturm reported he would like to process the monthly newsletter the early part of the month and would like all reports sent to him as soon as possible. If anyone has any interesting articles, please forward them to Ray.

**QUARTERMASTER:** No report

**BY LAWS-** No report

**HISTORIAN/ WEB SERGEANT:** No report

**COLOR GUARD:** No report nothing until May 2024

**YOUNG MARINES:** Commander Ray Sturm reported the Young Marines had their overnight trip at Post 276 was a successful event. They will be working on their rifle skills and training at the 12<sup>th</sup> precinct, which has a great range. The parade in Annapolis for the bowl parade was cancelled due to the weather. The month of February they will be doing a navigation event outdoors, this will be a cold weekend hopefully there will not be any more rain.

**OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** No report

**NEW BUSINESS:** Motion was made to purchase a new bugle for the detachment not to exceed \$700.00, then an amendment was made and second not to exceed \$800.00. This was voted on and approved.

A motion was also made that the league reimburse all who attend the leadership college once they have been issued their diplomas, this was voted on and accepted.

**GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:** Commandant Burt Helmka suggested continuing holding fellowship dinners at local restaurants, hoping to draw more attendance, this was a unanimous decision, and we all enjoyed the past dinners. Participation is encouraged.

Lastly Ben Wells wanted to share the proper way to exit and enter any MCL meeting and /or convention in progress in the event you must leave the room.

When leaving the room you stand up salute the American Flag then you salute the Sgt, At Arms, then salute the Sgt. At Arms upon entering and then the American Flag

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Golf tournament meeting to be held at Bens office on Thursday January 25, 2024 at 5:00pm.

Mid-Winter Conference Pentagon City February 22-24, 2024

Leadership college April 20, 2024 Post 276, Severn, Md

Recruitment drive April 27, 2024 at 10:00am Bass Pro Hanover. Md

Department Convention Ocean City, Md May 9-11, 2024

Mid-East Conference Martinsburg, West Va. June 27-29.

**CLOSING CEREMONIES:** Sgt. at Arms Jim Galvin closed the meeting IAW MCL rituals. The next meeting will be held on February 19, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,  
Debbie Deene, Adjutant  
Marine Corps League - A. A. County Detachment 1049

## PAYMASTER'S REPORT

Checking: \$15,350.50  
Savings: \$2,268.52  
Total Assets: \$17,679.02



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Welcome to

## American Legion Post 175

832 Manhattan Beach Rd

Severna Park, MD

### Post Operating Hours

Monday: 2 PM to 11 PM

Tuesday—Thursday 11 AM to midnight

Friday: 11 AM to 2 AM

Saturday: Noon to 2 AM

Sunday: Noon to Midnight

### Kitchen Hours

Tue: 11 AM to 2 PM and 4 PM to 8 PM

Wed: 11 AM to 2 PM

Thur: 11 AM to 2 PM and 4 PM to 8 PM

Fri: 11 AM to 4 PM

### Bar Deli Hours

Daily until 10 PM

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