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Membership Statistics

Good Standing (Dues Paid)

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, celebrating Birthdays during the month of January includes:

Bill Creager Charles Dorn,
Gerald Grimes, Warren Lindgren

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

Quotation

Since 1775 the United States Marines have upheld a fine tradition of service to their country. They are doing so today. I am confident they will continue to do so. “

Franklin D. Roosevelt



From the Editor

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and an outstanding New Year. With that being said, it is time to get back to business.

On a different note, we have many league activities coming up in the next few months activities such as our Golf Tournament, and our Bull & Oyster roast, the Mid-Winter Conference, the 2020 election of officers, the Department of Maryland Convention, etc. Please think about taking part in these activities and possibly running for office.

I wish to again remind you that our next major fund-raising effort for the detachment is the selling of advertisements for our Department Convention Book. If you've sold ads in the past please keep on contributing.

The following dates are important to the detachment. Please include a mention in your next article.

- Jan 27 Vote on our nominee for Dept MOY. Must be at Dept NLT 8 Feb
- Feb 8 Dept Staff meeting (Dept MOY selected)
- Feb 8 Pack Dog of the Year selected
- Feb 24 Detachment nominations-1st round
- Feb 27 Mid-winter Conference in Norfolk
- Mar 23 Detachment nominations-2nd round
- Mar 23 Detachment ELECTIONS
- Apr 27 Detachment **INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**
- May 7 Department Convention Ocean City
- Jun 5 Golf Tournament
- Jun 19 MED Conference in VA Beach
- Aug 9 Nat'l Convention Daytona Beach

The deadline for all February newsletter articles is NOON on Tuesday 18 February, 2020 Please do not wait until the last minute!



Coming Events

The following events are scheduled to occur through **February 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

Monthly Meeting, MCL Detachment 1049
Monday, 27 January @ 1900 (Ben Wells) VFW Post 160

8th February 2020: The Next Department Meeting and Pack Growl will be on 0800-1200, Hosted by Sgt Jack Hettchen Detachment 1428. Montgomery County, MD. at Clarksburg Tavern 23315 Frederick Rd. Clarksburg Md. 20871

Monthly Meeting, MCL Detachment 1049
Monday, 24 February @ 1900 (Ben Wells) VFW Post 160

February 27 Mid-winter Conference in Norfolk.

Monthly Meeting, MCL Detachment 1049
Monday, 23 March @ 1900 (Ben Wells) VFW Post 160

Monthly Meeting, MCL Detachment 1049
Monday, 27 April @ 1900 (Ben Wells) VFW Post 160

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Commandant David (Ben) Wells

Marines

Winter is upon us and it is cold outside so stay bundled up and warm. The Mid-Winter meeting is coming up February 27th through February 29th and we would love to see you there so if you have not signed up please do. The department meeting will be February 8th in Montgomery County and once again we would love to see you there.

We have moved our annual Bull and Oyster Roast to March 21st and the flyer will be coming out soon.

We will have our first meeting for the annual MHH golf tournament which will be held June 5th at the same place. Anyone who would like to be involved please let us know. 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 also if you would like to part of this please let us know.

Semper Fi

Ben Wells



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Rifle & Pistol Team Ray Sturm



No Report



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Saturday, 8th February 2020.

MCL Department Of Maryland Meeting 09:00

With Pack Growl after the Department Meeting

Location: Montgomery County, MD. at Clarksburg Tavern 23315 Frederick Rd. Clarksburg Md. 20871

All members and Associate Members are invited.



Corps History

by Ed Dahling for Joe Wright, Historian

4 January 1991

Marine helicopters evacuate 281 people from U.S. Embassy in Mogadishu, Somalia.

7 January 1969

Medal of Honor awarded posthumously to 1st Marine Division Chaplain, Lt. V.R. Capodanno, U.S. Navy, who was killed in action in Quang Tin Province, Vietnam on 4 September 1967.

8 January 1815

Marines, with Andrew Jackson's help, repulsed British forces at New Orleans.

9 January 2002

All seven Marine crewmen were killed when their KC-130R crashed near a forward operating base at Shamsi, Pakistan. Enemy ground fire was not suspected in the crash. These Marines of VMGR-352 were the first to die in the war on terrorism.

10 January 1995

2,600 U.S. Marines deployed to Somali (Operation United Shield) to assist in the final withdrawal of UN peace-keeping troops from Somalia.

18 January 1951

Marines of the 1st Marine Division begin mop-up operations against guerrillas in the Pohang, South Korea region, following their epic battle with Communist Chinese troops at the Chosin (Changjin Reservoir).

20 January 1968

The second battle for Khe Sanh began when Marines from the 3rd Battalion, 26th Marines attacked a North Vietnamese battalion between Hill 881 South and Hill 881 North.

22 January 1969

Operation Dewey Canyon began with the airlift of the 9th Marines and supporting artillery into the A Shau/ Da Krong Valleys.

25 January 1856

Marines and seamen from the U.S.S. Decatur went ashore at the village of Seattle, Washington, to protect settlers from Indian raids.



Senior Vice Commandant Louis Gewirtz

Marines,

We have the 50/50 tickets for the Department of Maryland fund raiser for the Department convention in May 2020 so please help out and buy a couple. I will have them at all meetings until the event in May..

We have our annual Bull and Oyster Roast to March 21st and the flyer will be coming out soon.

Finally, I'd like to thank everyone for their support this year I'm looking forward to making 2020 our best year



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 -

Presenting Color 22 February 2020 American Legion post 276 will host the "Mostly Bluegrass" Marathon Jam to benefit Fisher house

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** at 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.

You must be a member in good standing and either the registered owner or co-owner of the vehicle.

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

Woof, woof,

We still have a few Dogs in the Pound who are in arrears of their dues and therefore cannot attend a Growl or hold office. If you are one of the delinquents, get with the program and send 15 big bones to your friendly Dog Robber (me) ASAP. A few extra bones, for the kids, from those of you who never attend a growl would be greatly appreciated. When you are two years in arrears, you will be dropped from the roles of the MODD. Don't let this happen.

Pay your dues now

There are only two Pack Growls left for those DDs desiring to advance to PDD in Daytona Fl. next year. If you plan on advancing, you must attend both. The next one will be on 8th February 2020: 0800-1200, Hosted by Sgt Jack Hettchen Detachment 1428. Montgomery County, MD. at Clarksburg Tavern 23315 Frederick Rd. Clarksburg Md. 20871

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

Woof woof,
PDD Ed Dahling
Dog Robber



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Will you be his Valentine?

A 104-year-old World War II veteran hopes to receive plenty of Valentine's Day cards this year, to add to his collection of keepsakes documenting his own incredible life and times.

Maj. Bill White served in the Marine Corps during World War II and survived the Battle of Iwo Jima in 1945, Fox 40 reports. One of White's most cherished medals is his Purple Heart, which is awarded to those who were wounded or killed in action. "The fact that I even survived is something. There weren't too many of us," White recalled.

California WWII veteran, 104 and a former Marine, asks for Valentine's Day cards: 'I'll save every one'.

Valentine's Day cards for Maj. White can be sent to:

Operation Valentine, ATTN: Hold for Maj Bill White, USMC (Ret), The Oaks at Inglewood, 6725 Inglewood Ave., Stockton, CA 95207



USS Arizona and USS Oklahoma to Sail Again,

Navy's Acting Secretary Says Navy ships named USS Arizona and USS Oklahoma will return to active duty with the announcement by Acting Navy Secretary Thomas Modly that two new Virginia-class attack submarines will be named after American heroes of the greatest generation who perished on the famed Pearl Harbor battleships. The move brings back into service the hallowed ship names 78 years after both were badly damaged in the surprise Japanese attack on Dec. 7, 1941. Most of the Navy casualties that day came from losses on those two ships.



Paul Bowman

Club Manager

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Junior Vice Commandant Burt Helmka

Marines,

Hope your holidays were great and blessed.

The December lotto is over We profited \$2,200 dollars. \$1,600 is going to the Growl/Pound and the remainder goes to the our detachment.

The Bull & Oyster roast tickets are now on sale. Please come out and support the detachment by buying a ticket or a table. The basket of cheers raffle, donate a bottle of liquor to support this event.

Last I would like to thank everyone for their support on this fund raising events.

Semper FI
Burt



Chaplain's Corner Bill Collins

As we begin the New Year our detachment is challenged to continue our good works and to find more effective ways to serve our community, our fellow veterans and our brother and sister Marines. Last year our Golf Tournament and our 5k run were both very successful enabling us to continue to contribute to our major charities: Treatnow and the Semper Fi Fund, as well as numerous other causes including our Boy Scouts in Troop 216. In the coming year we must make certain that our events continue to raise the funds that are so vital to the success our chosen charitable causes.


In regard to Treatnow 2019 yielded unprecedented progress with respect to getting the DOD/VA/Army, Special Operations and general medicine moving forward in recognizing that Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (HBOT) for TBI/PTSD/Suicide Prevention is safe, more effective, longer lasting and less expensive than all other interventions when treating and healing brain wounds. Congressional legislation calling for the use of HBOT for TBI and PTSD has for the first time been introduced in both the House and Senate. Florida and North Carolina joined five other states that have now passed legislation calling for use of HBOT use with veterans: Oklahoma, Texas, Indiana, Kentucky and Arizona. Legislation is pending in several other States.

Duane Pohlman, Investigative Reporter out of Cincinnati's WKRC, will complete the third part of his multi-part series on Super Bowl Sunday. <https://local12.com/news/investigates/dying-for-a-cure>. One of the Subjects of the video is now-retired former Marine Sgt. Maj. Simon leMay. He is the first USMC Wounded Warrior out of the Wounded Warrior Battalion East, Camp Lejeune. His success was phenomenal and he is now a spokesman for the use of HBOT for TBI/PTSD/Concussion. We can be justifiably proud of the part that our Detachment played in facilitating Sgt. leMay's recovery. In the coming year we must continue to work to end the suicide epidemic that is taking the lives of far too many of our fellow veterans.

Bill Collins, Chaplain

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Have You Heard?

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

December 16th 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: 17

Commandant Wells announced guests in attendance: Past Detachment Commandants: Ray Sturm (2015-2019), Ed Dahling (2013-2015), Past Marine of the Year: Bill Collins (2019), Ben Wells (2018), Ray Sturm (2017), Ed Dahling (2016), Woody Bowman (2014), Maryland Pack Leader – Ray Sturm (2019)

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: None

CHAPLAIN REPORT: Chaplain Collins reported on Charlie Young. Charlie is doing okay physically, but he may not recognize you.

Jim Dunn is being relocated to a hospital north of Baltimore specializing in anxieties and PTSD.

ADJUTANTS REPORT: No Report.

PAYMASTER: Ed Dahling gave a hardcopy report:

CORRESPONDENCE: None

COMMANDANT: Commandant Ben Wells reported the next Department meeting will be held in Montgomery County on February 8th, 2020.

The Toys for Tots program can use any help you may be able to give.

Commandant Wells reported he would like to get more involved with the Young Marine program again. If anyone would like to help with this (not in charge) please let him know. This includes Active duty Marines.

Commandant requested that everyone think about the Marine of the Year selection which will be held next month.

SENIOR VICE: No report.

JUNIOR VICE: No Report

JUDGE ADVOCATE: No report

QUARTERMASTER: Bill Collins reported he has items for sale.

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Have You Heard?

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

NEWSLETTER EDITOR:

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

HISTORIAN/ WEB SERGEANT: Absent

COLOR GUARD: No Report

HISTORIAN/ WEB SERGEANT: No report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Burt Helmka reported he has tickets for the Bull & Oyster Roast which will be held on March 21st at Post 40. Tickets are \$45 each. 8 per table. Lounge manager at Post 40 will donate some alcohol for the roast. Asked for donation, if possible.

The lottery is going well.

Burt has raffle tickets for Post 277.

Ray Sturm made a motion the Young Marines program be placed back in the budget. (\$300) Motion made and passed. There will be a new change of command for the Young Marines on January 31st. Dallas Cooper will no longer be involved.

Ed Dahling reported the 50/50 raffle tickets for the State Convention are available. Please try to sell some.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:

Marine Bill Wild donated sweatshirts are available for anyone who wants them. (Leftover from a golf tournament)

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

CLOSING Ceremonies:

Commandant Wells closed the meeting IAW MCL rituals. The next detachment meeting will take place on 27 January 2020 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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(Address Correction Requested)



The Marine Corps has awarded a \$10 million contract for new lightweight polymer .50 caliber ammunition for the M2 Browning Machine Gun — a staple of the military's arsenal since World War II.