

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049

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The official newsletter of the Anne Arundel Co Detachment

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ANNE ARUNDEL YOUNG MARINES HONORED REGIMENTAL UNIT OF THE YEAR !

Congratulations to the Anne Arundel Young Marines, who were selected as the Maryland Regiment, Unit of the Year. The Maryland Regiment consists of three battalions. Within those battalions are a total of eleven units. The Anne Arundel Young Marines are in the 2nd Bn with the Central Maryland, Hamilton, and Historic Elkridge Young Marine units.



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INTERIM NEWSLETTER EDITOR

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

First, I would like to wish you all a very safe, prosperous, healthy, and happy new year!

I know this **COVID** thing seems never ending. It can make us all feel depressed especially around the holidays when we miss being surrounded by friends and family. **Please know you are not alone.** If you need something or simply want to chat, give me a call. I know our Commandant and Chaplain feel the same way. Just reach out.

I would like to thank everyone

who brought a dish to our December meeting. It certainly added to the festivities.

At that meeting, the Commandant kinda, sorta hinted that I would be your newsletter editor for the foreseeable future. Ed, you are welcome to it when you return. I struggle to fill your boots with this.

Oh, if anyone has an idea on how to make this newsletter better, please let me know. I welcome new ideas.

Semper Fi,
Ray Sturm



MARYLAND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES HONORS VETERANS



The [Maryland Environmental Service](#) (MES) leadership wanted to do something special for our veterans and a challenge coin thanking them for their service just seemed like a perfect way to do this. The challenge coins have been well received by our amazing veterans. From our Executive Director - Charles C. Glass, Ph.D., P.E.: "We are thrilled that our Veterans find the challenge coins to be a respectful way to honor their service to our nation. We strive to show how much we value all that they have given every day and hope that they know that it comes from our deep-felt appreciation."

Photo and text provided by Joseph Wright, MES

Past Commandant (and current JVC and Paymaster) Joe Wright works for Maryland Environmental Service and was instrumental in establishing the challenge coin program to honor veterans in the department.





**American
Red Cross**

CRITICAL NEED FOR BLOOD DONATIONS

The American Red Cross is experiencing the worst blood shortage in over a decade. The dangerously low blood supply levels have forced some hospitals to postpone major surgeries, including organ transplants. Your donation is desperately needed this holiday season. Please schedule an appointment by using the Red Cross Blood Donor app, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-Red-CROSS (1-800-733-2767)

[Reprinted from vfw.org]

COMMANDANT'S CORNER

Marines

Winter is upon us and we are looking at our first snow so be safe. Mid-Winter Conference this year will be 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. The Department meeting will be February 19th but I don't know where. I checked the Department website but it has not been updated since 2020. I did raise a bit of a stink and hopefully it will light a fire under someone.

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.

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.



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

No report submitted.

Bull & Oyster tickets are available.

"Cool quote"

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDANT

Marines,

I have mailed out reminders to twenty members that have yet to pay their dues for the current membership year and have only received one membership renewal from the bunch. Please submit your renewals as soon as possible and let me know if there is a particular reason why you are not renewing. Annual dues remain \$35.

Send your renewals to:

Anne Arundel County Det 1049

PO Box 804 Severn, MD 21144

Semper Fi,

Joe Wright



CHAPLAIN

2021 was an event filled year, for our country and for our detachment. We are all familiar with the events that captured national headlines. Unfortunately, most of those headlines do not bode well for the future of our country. This tells us that as Americans and as Marines we must stay engaged with our local and national leaders to ensure that everything that can be done is being done to preserve our great country. While it is true that, as a nation we are not perfect, America still provides the most hope and the best opportunities for people of every race, religion, and ethnicity. Our country is the only country in history to ever attempt to fulfill the promise that, we are all created equal. The beginning of a new year is the time for each of us to rededicate ourselves to seeing to it that America remains the land of the free and the home of the brave.

Detachment 1049 had another successful year. Funds raised by our golf tournament and our 5k run provided much needed financial support to the America's and Semper Fi Fund, TreatNow, and our special needs Boy Scout Troop.

Of special note: We received a letter from a Marine veteran of the war in Afghanistan. He was suffering from a Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). Funds raised by our golf tournament and our 5K run paid for his hyperbaric oxygen (HBOT) treatments. Excerpts from his letter are as follows:

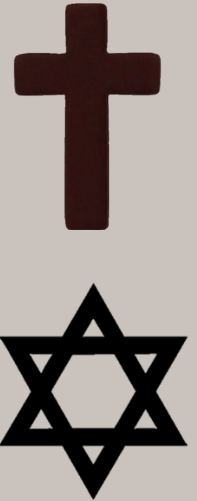
"In 2019, I was on the verge of becoming another suicide statistic. My faith was strong, but my body was not, and I was tired of fighting. Tired of the sleeplessness, the chronic pain but perhaps most terrifying, the hopelessness of ever truly healing"..... "After the first HBOT treatment the migraines were gone. Along with that came additional relief in several other areas as well, greatly contributing to some critical improvements for me and most of all, giving me hope again"..... "My family and I are eternally grateful for the effort and sacrifices so many are making to make HBOT available to our servicemembers and for funding the way to success"....."Hope is literally the difference between life and death in my world. Thank you for giving me hope".

The letter is signed, Dan M. USMC, retired.

This letter tells us that we are making a significant difference in the lives of our fellow veterans and that we should redouble our efforts in 2022.

Happy New Year and God bless you all,

Bill Collins, Chaplain



In Memorium			Sick Call
9-Dec	Margaret Tremblay	Mother-in-Law of Jim Galvin	Ed Dahling
12-Dec	RoseLee Sturm	Mother of Ray Sturm	
3-Jan	Brandon Kalwa	Son of Chris Kalwa	

16 January 1991

Operation Desert Shield became **Operation Desert Storm** as allied coalition forces launched an all-out attack air campaign against targets in Iraq and occupied Kuwait in an effort to liberate Kuwait and enforce the resolutions of the United Nations Security Council.

20 January 1968

The second battle for **Khe Sanh** began outside the village of the same name in the Quang Tri Province, Vietnam, 14 miles south of the DMZ and six miles east of the Laotian border, when the People's Army of North Vietnam (PAVN) launched a massive artillery bombardment on the U.S. Marine garrison. For the next 77 days, until April 6, the Marines and their South Vietnamese allies, the Army of the Republic of Vietnam (ARVN), fought off the siege in what was the longest, and one of the bloodiest, battles in the war.

22 January 1969

Operation Dewey Canyon, arguably the most successful high-mobility regimental-size action of the Vietnam War, began in the A Shau/Da Krong Valleys when the 9th Marines, commanded by Colonel Robert H. Barrow, and supporting artillery were lifted from Quang Tri. By mid-March, the enemy's base area had been cleared out, 1617 enemy combatants had been killed, and more than 500 tons of weapons and ammunition were recovered. Barrow later went on to become the 27th Commandant of the Marine Corps.



29 January 1991

The first serious ground-combat of **Operation Desert Storm** broke out when Iraqi troops mounted an attack into Saudi Arabia along a 40-mile front. Iraqi units centered their efforts on Khafji, a port city six miles south of the border. Saudi and Quatari troops, supported by artillery from the 1st Marine Division, attack helicopters, and other allied coalition aircraft, recaptured the town two days later.



*Image info: U.S. Marines inch their way toward the summit of Hill 881N during the Battle of Khe Sanh (USMC photo/released)



*Image info: U.S. Marine artillerymen set up their 155 mm howitzer for a fire mission against Iraqi positions on January 20, 1991 during Operation Desert Storm. (USMC photo by Staff Sergeant Vance).



FREE PREMIUM LINKEDIN PROFILE

Veterans often face a unique transition once they leave the military and begin looking for a new job – likely in a new location, and often in a new industry. To help make this a little easier, LinkedIn offers a free one-year Premium Career subscription to every eligible Veteran. The subscription includes access to 16,000+ LinkedIn Learning courses where users can stand out by adding Certificates of Completion to their LinkedIn profile; InMails to reach out to hiring managers and recruiters to grow one’s network; and exclusive insights on open roles that might be a career match. Additionally, LinkedIn offers this same benefit to Fry Scholar recipients and family caregivers participating in VA’s Program of Comprehensive Assistance.

For additional information and benefits available thru LinkedIn, please visit [Tips for Veterans navigating the job market - Vantage Point](#)





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

TBD

Dog House

Harry L. Cooper VFW Post 160



MODD

Hound Dog Pound 204

Woof woof,



No report submitted.



Happy New Year from the Anne Arundel Young Marines!

We had a rather exciting and busy December. Let me start with the great news we received in early December. The Anne Arundel Young Marines were selected as the **Maryland Regiment Unit of the Year!!** We are so pleased and proud to have the hard work of the entire organization recognized in such an honorable way.

On December 12th **Young Marine Charlie Knott** was promoted to YMPFC.

On December 18th it was our great honor to participate in **Wreaths Across America** at the Crownsville Veterans Cemetery. There were enough wreaths donated to cover every grave in the cemetery (nearly 20,000). How beautiful it looked when the day was done.

We traded our boots for bowling shoes on December 19th. We had a fun Christmas bowling party, which we called **Santa Bowl**, for our Young Marines. At the end of the party each Young Marine received a gift.

We were scheduled to participate in the **Military Bowl Parade** on December 27th but sadly it was canceled due to COVID. January is a little bit up in the air for us right now. We are trying to make responsible decisions about meeting given the recent uptake of COVID numbers. We are planning some fundraisers that we will be rolling out over the next few months. Please keep an eye out for them. We would greatly appreciate your support!



Newly promoted, Young Marine PFC Charlie Knott and Unit Commander John Westerlund.



FUNDRAISER FOR
Anne Arundel Young Marines

VIRTUAL COMMUNITY
FUNDRAISERS



When

**Monday, January 10,
2022**

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or delivery on Monday,
January 10 !



Where

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nationwide**

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How

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or via App

28% of sales will be donated to: Anne Arundel Young Marines

Youth education program that promotes the mental,
moral, and physical development of its members.

To support the Young Marines Panda Express fundraiser, and to place your order, please visit

[Panda Express Community Programs](#)

<https://community.pandaexpress.com/virtual-fundraiser/events/promotions/76c9d673-9aa9-1212-59a8->



DID YOU KNOW...

PHILIPPINE MARINE CORPS



FILIPINO: Hukbong Kawal Pandagat ng Pilipinas

FOUNDED: November 7, 1950

MOTTO: Honor, Duty, Valor

SIZE: about 12,500

COLORS: Scarlet, Gold, & Blue

The Philippine Marine Corps is organized into four maneuver brigades, a Combat Service and Support Brigade (CSSB), the Coastal Defense Regiment (CDR) and independent units such as the Marine Special Operations Group (MARSOG) and the Marine Security and Escort Group (MSEG). The four maneuver brigades provide administrative and logistical support to the units assigned to them, while the CSSB acts as a training and administrative command for the Field Artillery (FABN) and Assault Armor (AABN) battalions.



Paymaster's Report

Monthly Summary



Checking Account <i>(see Monthly Transactions Sheet)</i>	Beginning	\$11,669.10
	Receipts	\$56.00
	Expenses	(\$2,221.40)
	Ending	\$9,503.70

Savings Account	Beginning	\$2,266.43
	Interest	
	Deposits	
	Withdrawals	
	Ending	\$2,266.43

Total Detachment Assets		\$11,770.13
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Shown to the left is a summary of December'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.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR A BOOSTER?

Marylanders ages 16-17 are eligible for the Pfizer booster only. Marylanders 18 and older may choose which vaccine they want for a booster, even if it is different from the original vaccine received.

What did you get?	When can you get a booster?	Who is eligible for a booster?
Pfizer	6 months after 2nd dose	16 years and older
Moderna	6 months after 2nd dose	18 years and older
Johnson & Johnson	2 months after single dose	18 years and older



Call 855-MDGOVAX or visit covidvax.maryland.gov to schedule your booster appointment.



UPCOMING EVENTS

CALENDAR

24 Jan	MCL meeting	VFW Post 160	7:00 PM
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
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.



Detachment Meeting Minutes
Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049
Marine Corps League
December 20, 2021

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: 16

Commandant Wells announced guests in attendance:

National - Ray Sturm (Marine for Life Committee)

Department Officers – Ray Sturm (Marine for Life)

Past Detachment Commandants - Joseph Wright (2011-2013), Ray Sturm (2015-2019), Ben Wells (2019-present)

Past Detachment Marine of the Year - Woody Bowman (2014), Joe Wright (2015), ~~Ray~~ Ray Sturm (2017), Ben Wells (2018), Bill Collins (2019), Tom Maiorana(2020), (Norm Huffman (2021)

Past Department Marine of the Year – Ray Sturm (2018) and Ben Wells (2020).

Maryland Pack Leader – Ray Sturm (2019)

Commandant Wells dispensed with attendance and recognition of guest.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:

Commandant	David "Ben" Wells	P
Sr. Vice Commandant	Burt Helmka	P
Jr. Vice Commandant	Joe Wright	P
Judge Advocate	Ray Sturm	P
Jr. Past Commandant	Ray Sturm	P
Adjutant	Norm Huffman	P
By-Laws Committee Chairman	Danny Fischio	A
Chaplain	Bill Collins	P
Color Guard Commander	Woody Bowman	P
Historian	Joe Wright	P
Newsletter Editor	Ed Dahling	E
Paymaster	Ed Dahling	E
Public Information Officer	Vacant	
Quartermaster	Bill Collins	P
Rifle Pistol Team Captain	Ray Sturm	P
Sgt-at-Arms	James Galvin	P
Web Sergeant	Joe Wright	P
Young Marine Commander	Joan Wheatley	P
	April Westerlund	P

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: None

ADJUTANT'S REPORT: Minutes from the November meeting were posted on the website and printed in the newsletter. Copies available on the table.

CORRESPONDENCE: (See Chaplain's report)

PAYMASTER: The financial report was given by Jr. Vice Commandant Joe Wright.

Savings:	<u>\$ 2,266.43</u>
Checking:	<u>\$ 9,503.70</u>
Total Detachment Assets	\$11,770.13

There are two outstanding checks for lottery payout. Burt Helmka will send a note to the address listed requesting a response.

CHAPLAIN REPORT: Chaplain Collins met with a veteran suffering from PTSD. He shared his experience in a letter sent to the detachment, via Chaplain Collins. Ray Sturm read his experiences and how the HBOT helped him to get his life back.

Please keep Ray Sturm, Jean Bowman, and Kathy Galvin in your prayers as both have lost their mothers recently.

COMMANDANT: There will be a department meeting in January/February in Elkton and another in March/April (at Post 160) timeframe. Dates to be determined.

SENIOR VICE: Burt reported we sold 815 tickets, 156 were returned and 29 unaccounted for. Profit @ \$1575.00 after payouts and cost of tickets. Burt has Department raffle tickets for sale for \$5 each or 3 for \$10. Bull and Oyster Roast tickets are available. See Burt for tickets.

JUNIOR VICE: Joe Wright stated his company has created challenge coins to give out to Veterans. Joe has given out many Marines Helping Heroes coins but is now out of them. Commandant Wells suggested Joe receive additional coins as he encounters many politicians in his travels working with the State as a Service Specialist.

JUDGE ADVOCATE: No report.

JR. PAST COMMANDANT: We have to start thinking about who to nominate for Department Marine of the Year. It must be voted on at a Detachment meeting and must come from the Detachment. Due by May.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Ray Sturm reported he would like to have all articles turned in by the Saturday after the meeting. Newsletter to go out early January.

QUARTERMASTER: No report.

HISTORIAN/ WEB SERGEANT: No report

COLOR GUARD: No report

YOUNG MARINES: The Young Marines were selected "Regimental Unit of the Year. " The Young Marines participated in Wreaths Across America on Dec 18th. There were enough wreaths available for all this year.

Two Young Marines were promoted to SGT and PFC.

Held a bowling party for the Young Marines and all had a blast.

Will be participating in the Military Bowl parade on Dec. 27 which ends up at Navy Marine Corps Stadium, 10am

Trying to raise funds to be able to assist the Young Marines in participating in classes across the State and Country such as Leadership classes, etc.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE: None

CLOSING CEREMONIES: Acting Sgt. at Arms Jim Galvin closed the meeting IAW MCL rituals. The next meeting will be held on January 24th, 2021. Closing prayer was given by Chaplain Bill Collins.

Respectfully submitted,
Norm Huffman, Adjutant
Marine Corps League - A. A. County Detachment 1049



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

We would like to thank all of

Our Sponsors, Supporters, & Friends

For your commitment to our community and charitable causes throughout the year.

