



The official newsletter of the Anne Arundel Co Detachment

Detachment Marine of the Year 2023



Sgt-at-Arms Jim Galvin poses with his 2023 Detachment Marine of the Year plaque. Jim was the unanimous selection of the MOY committee.

In addition to his duties as Sgt-at-Arms, Jim has been the detachment's Eagle Scout Coordinator for the last several years.

Jim's love and passion for Scouting goes beyond presenting awards at Courts of Honor. Many of our members know Jim is the Scoutmaster for SN Troop 216.

Congratulations, Jim.. And thanks for your many contributions to the detachment and your community.

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FROM THE EDITOR

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

The summer is going strong and hot.. And things are heating up for the MCL.

The 100th National Convention is about to kick off in Oklahoma City, OK. It promises to be a good one and we hope to see you there.

On 21 July, the detachment had its second "just for the hell of it" dinner at Casa Della Nonna. The event was a great success and everyone had a terrific time. Our next dinner has yet to be scheduled. We will certainly pass the word when it is.

ATTENTION MARINES!

If you have an old photo of yourself from your active duty time, and would like to share it here, please send it to me.

I may publish your photo

without your name to see how many in the detachment can recognize you.

Finally, please take care of yourselves out there. Go easy cutting your grass. Hydrate! Stay cool.

My alibi.. Yes, I know I am just getting the July newsletter out and it's the first week of August. I'm doing the best I can here. Thanks for your understanding.

Semper Fi,

Ray Sturm



Deadline for veterans to apply for backdated PACT Act benefits is Aug. 9

COMMANDANT'S CORNER

Marines,

By the time you read this we'll have had our fellowship dinner, monthly meeting, voted on updated by-laws, and our move.

First, there was a SNAFU regarding the meeting with American Legion Post 276. We are working to correct and will soon meet with their Post Commander and Executive Board to discuss our potential move there.

Our by-laws were updated by Dan Fischio. They are in the process of being reviewed. I expect to have more on this after the national convention.

Our second dinner at Casa Della Nonna was a success. Hopefully everyone who attended the dinner enjoyed everything. We look forward to growing the dinner in the future. Come join us.

That is all I have for now.

Semper Fi,
Burt



Detachment Colors

YOUR DETACHMENT

STAFF

Commandant	Burt Helmka
Sr Vice Cmdt	Ben Wells
Jr Vice Cmdt	vacant
Judge Advocate	Ray Sturm
Jr Past Cmdt	Ben Wells
Adjutant	Norm Huffman
Chaplain	Jim Sanchez
Sgt-at-Arms	Jim Galvin
Color Guard Cdr	Woody Bowman
Newsletter Editor	Ray Sturm
Paymaster	vacant
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 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.

Famous Marines— Gene Hackman

The actor once known as the hardest working man in Hollywood (and he certainly seemed to be, appearing in half the films produced between 1970 and 2000), Gene Hackman has quietly retired from acting. Hackman was a Marine field radio operator before launching a film career that including roles as an admiral (*Behind Enemy Lines*) and an unhinged submarine captain (*Crimson Tide*).



SENIOR VICE COMMANDANT

Marines,

Well another 4th of July has come and gone and I hope everyone had a good time.

The MCL National Convention will be held in Oklahoma City August 14th -19th and we would love to see more of our Marines showing up.

At our July meeting (7/24/23) we had an online drawing for a \$500.00 gift card to Giant food. Congratulations to the winner.

Our next meeting will be August 28th and we hope to see more Marines there.

Semper Fi

Ben Wells



JUNIOR VICE COMMANDANT

Vacant

If anyone would like to assist by becoming the next Jr Vice Commandant please contact Commandant Burt Helmka or any member of the staff.

We need to fill this critical position.

The primary responsibility is MEMBERSHIP.



CHAPLAIN

No Report

If you are aware of a member or member's family that is sick or in distress, please let Chaplain Jim Sanchez or Commandant Burt Helmka know.



EAGLE SCOUT COORDINATOR

No report



Message from Secretary Anthony Woods:

Dear Friends —

This week, America marked the 75th anniversary of President Harry S. Truman's order to integrate the U.S. military. In signing [Executive Order 9981](#), President Truman sent a strong signal that Black service members would not be left behind. Military desegregation has benefited countless Veterans in Maryland, including Governor Moore and I. Our lives were transformed by the experience we gained in the Army leading soldiers of varied backgrounds. Today, Governor Moore and I wrote about what integration of the military means to us in the *Military Times*.



State Partner News

The 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline:

Marylanders who are experiencing a mental health or substance use crisis should call or text 988. Learn more at 988.maryland.gov and access free community outreach materials in our [988 Toolkit](#). Maryland veterans and their loved ones can call 988 and press 1 to transfer to the Veterans Crisis Line. Press 2 for Spanish. Press 3 for LGBTQIA+ support.

The next meeting of the Governor's Commission on Suicide Prevention will be held virtually on September 20th at 1 to 3pm. These meetings are open to the public and are live-streamed from Maryland's Commission on Suicide Prevention's [Facebook page](#).



MDVA Office in Frederick at New Location:

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for Primary Care Practices

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- Barriers to care
- Risk assessment tools
- Safety planning
- Lethal means safety



Features

- 11 self-paced e-learning modules (3.5 total hours)
- 3 AMA PRA Category 1 credits
- Certificate of completion
- Physical and virtual toolkits

Join the mission to end veteran suicide

The Trained Military Assistance Provider Program (TMAP) is a new initiative to reduce suicides and increase lethal means safety for service members, veterans and their families.

Developed by the Maryland Governor's Challenge to Prevent Suicide Among Service Members, Veterans and their Families, this advanced training in military culture, risk assessment and safety planning is **free to Maryland-based nurses, doctors and all primary care staff** as well as those that support Maryland's population.

EVERYONE NEEDS TRAINING

People who die by suicide are more likely to have seen a PCP in the month prior to their death than any other healthcare provider.



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Governor's Challenge to
Prevent Suicide Among SMVF
Maryland



Five Reasons Why Eligible Veterans and Survivors Need to Apply for PACT Act Benefits by August 9

Fayetteville, NC — Thanks to the PACT Act, VA is now able to “presumptively” provide benefits to Vietnam, Gulf War and Post 9-11 Veterans who live with hundreds of toxic-exposure related conditions – including many cancers and illnesses. This means that when eligible Veterans apply for benefits, they do not need to prove that their service caused their condition; instead, VA automatically assumes service-connection for these Veterans and provides benefits accordingly.

- **First**, VA wants eligible Vietnam, Gulf War and Post 9/11 Veterans to apply for PACT Act benefits and care right now – and reapply if you’ve been denied before. Vietnam, Gulf War and Post 9-11 Veterans or their survivors, may be eligible for benefits under the PACT Act.
- **Second**, if you apply for PACT Act-related benefits by August 9, your benefits may be backdated to August 10, 2022 – so get your claims in as soon as possible. And if you’re not ready to submit a full claim by then, don’t worry – you can also submit a quick-and-easy “intent to file” (VBA-21-0996 linked below) by August 9 and still receive the same effective date.
- **Third**, some Veterans are worried that applying for PACT Act benefits will impact their current benefits – but the truth is this: if you file a claim, you are 32 times more likely to see your benefits increase or stay the same than decrease.
- **Fourth**, there are people out there who will try to convince you that you need to pay someone or use a lawyer to apply for VA benefits – but that’s not true. Applying for PACT Act benefits is free, it’s easy, and you can do it by working directly with VA or a Veteran Service Organization.
- **Finally**, you can learn more about the PACT Act – and apply or submit your “intent to file” (VBA Form 21-0996 by visiting VA.gov/PACT or calling 1-800-MY-VA-411).

There is no deadline to apply for PACT Act benefits, but there is urgency: If you apply for PACT Act-related benefits before by August 9, your benefits, if eligible, will be backdated to August 10, 2022 – the day the bill was signed into law.

Visit VA.gov/PACT to apply – or submit your Intent to File Form: [VBA-21-0966-ARE.pdf](#)

You can also file claims at a county Veterans Services Office, or VA accredited Veteran Service Officers and accredited attorneys and claims agents.

~ Our History ~ Customs ~ and Traditions ~

Test your World War II aviation knowledge. Identify the below aircraft. Be as specific as possible. Aircraft markings were purposely left intact to assist the reader. The first member to correctly identify all 10 aircraft (via email to Bandit6A@gmail.com) will win a free drink and detachment baseball hat at the August meeting.



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MODD

Hound Dog Pound 204

Supreme Growl 16 Aug

Oklahoma City, OK

Pack Growl 9 Sept

Jarrettsville, MD

Pound 204 Growl 17 Sept

Post 160

Gathering of Dogs 5-7 Oct

Maryland Heights, MO

The next **Pack Growl** will be in Jarrettsville, MD

Hound Dog Pound 204

Mer-lin Pack

Officers

- Pound Keeper Paul Gunther
- Sr Vice PK Pat Sharkey
- Jr Vice PK Howard Koontz
- 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 Joe Wright

Next Growl

17 Sept

Dog House

Harry L. Cooper VFW Post 160





Young Marines

Upcoming Events

20 Aug	Firearms Training	
3 Sept	Drill / Recruit Graduation	
9 Sept	Food Pantry	Glen Burnie, MD
16 Sept	Poker Run	Am Leg Post 276 and other MD locations
17 Sept	Drill / Awards Ceremony	Am Leg Post 276
22-24 Sept	Sandy Point Encampment	Sandy Point, MD
30 Sept	Color Guard for Fisher House	Am Leg Post 276
1 Oct	Drill	Am Leg Post 276
14 Oct	YM Birthday Ball	MCL Baltimore
15 Oct	Drill	Am Leg Post 276
21 Oct	National DDR Dash	Nat'l Museum of the Marine Corps, Quantico, VA
28 Oct	PFT	TBD
29 Oct	Drill—Halloween Costumes	Am Leg Post 276

DDR Training From Those Who Have Been There



On 9 July, the Anne Arundel and Oxon Hill Young Marines conducted joint Drug Demand Reduction training under the guidance of John Burghauer and Don Riffle. Mr. Burghauer discussed his past addictions and arrests as a result of drug use. Former Marine Cpl Riffle discussed how one bad decision ended his Marine career and changed his life forever.



Left to Right, Unit Training Officer introduces guest speakers Don Riffle and John Burghauer



Breakout sessions to discuss various drug related scenarios.



The burgers may have gotten wet, but the rain didn't dampen the spirits of the YMs.



Mr Burghauer talks with the Anne Arundel and Oxon Hill Young Marines.

Guest Speaker Teaches Public Speaking



July 23, 2023: Professor Shelley Mahoney from Anne Arundel Community College instructs the YMs on how to prepare and deliver presentations. YMs deliver speeches and make presentations at every rank.



YM SSgt Bladen Wheatley demonstrates the proper protocol to fold the American flag.

Young Marines



Poker Run

* Open to all vehicles *

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AMERICA

and

Anne Arundel
Young Marines
Maryland Regiment



Scan to register or donate
Cash registration accepted at the door.

For additional information
Teresa Nash 443-904-7778



The Young Marines are a national youth program for boys and girls, ages eight through high school, focused on leadership, citizenship through community service, self-discipline, and living a healthy, drug-free lifestyle.

Saturday
16 Sept 2023

10:00 AM Opening Ceremony

Start & Finish

American Legion Post 276
8068 Quarterfield Rd
Severn, MD 21144

Rider: \$25

Passenger: \$15

Highest Hand: \$200

Lowest Hand: \$100

Raffles – Games – Food

Rain date: 7 Oct

UPCOMING EVENTS

CALENDAR

14 Aug	National Convention	Oklahoma City, OK
28 Aug	Detachment meeting	Post 160
9 Sept	Dep of MD meeting	Jarrettsville, MD

Please send calendar additions to Ray Sturm at 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

June Minutes



Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049

Marine Corps League

June 26, 2023

OPENING BY RITUAL:

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by prayer by Sr. Vice Commandant Ben Wells.

Members in attendance: 11

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:

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

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: None

ADJUTANT'S REPORT. Minutes for May were distributed by Detachment web site and copies on table.

PAYMASTER: Joe Wright absent. Financial report for minutes:

Checking	\$9,911.12
<u>Savings</u>	<u>2,268.23</u>
Total	\$12,179.35

CHAPLAIN REPORT: James Sanchez was absent.

Bill Collins is improving; rehab has been helping to strengthen his legs.

Jim Brady had double bypass surgery but was expected to return home today.

COMMANDANT: Commandant Burt Helmka reported he attended the Mid-Eastern meeting. Notes from this meeting included:

- Embrace your auxiliary.
- Download the MCL app on your phone.
- Establish a Young Marine program along with a youth physical fitness program.

- 2024 Mid East will be held in Princeton WV, hosted by Det 957.
- MD MCL donated \$1,174 at Mid East

SENIOR VICE COMMANDANT: No report.

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDANT: Absent.

JUDGE ADVOCATE: Absent.

JR. PAST COMMANDANT: Absent.

HISTORIAN / WEBMASTER: Absent.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Please get your reports to Ray Sturm as soon as possible.

QUARTERMASTER: Absent.

BY LAWS: Still waiting on Danny Fischio to complete the bylaws. Outstanding issue with bylaws was concerning Associate Marine of the Year members. After speaking with Nationals, it was determined that individual Detachments set those criteria. Anyone can submit a nomination letter for an Associate Marine of Year nomination.

COLOR GUARD: Severna Park parade is July 4th. Ed Dahling will be riding with Woody in the parade.

YOUNG MARINES: Commander Sturm reported the young marines are staying busy.

- Cleanup of Golds Gym parking lot
- Presented Colors for Mid East meeting and looked great
- Received a \$500 donation
- Looking for a place to perform swim qualifications other than North Arundel Aquatics Center. (very crowded). Ben suggested Pasadena YMCA.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Are we moving?

Ray Sturm will reach out to the Executive committee to check on:

- availability of days for meeting
- outside storage as there is no inside storage available

Jane Huffman and Debbie Deene are still working on the auction raffle fundraiser. Jane Huffman will hold a \$500 raffle in the meantime.

NEW BUSINESS: Sr. Vice Commandant suggested holding the Annual Bull & Oyster Roast (2024) instead of the Shrimp Feast that was discussed prior.

Next dinner social will be held at Bella Nona on Friday, July 21, 2023 at 6pm.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE: Discussion on recruitment.

- Need a recruitment drive as there are no new members coming into the VFW.
- Nice to have Detachment and Young Marines under the same roof.
- Recruitment drive at Bass Pro (have hotdogs & soda or yellow roses for donation).
- Gun shows, advertise in newspapers, online, County fair, Glen Burnie carnival (since meeting have been told they do not have booths to rent or free)

Commandant Helmka reminded all of their health issues (toxic exposures) for those who served at Camp Lejeune. Article in the June Leatherneck magazine.

Discussion on the Marine of the Year. Awardee will be posted next meeting.

Motion to update the Commandant Award plaque as well as the Associate of the Year plaque.
Motion to spend up to \$200.

CLOSING CEREMONIES: Acting Sgt. at Arms Ben Wells closed the meeting with IAW MCL rituals. The next meeting will be held on June 26, 2023. The closing prayer was given by Acting Chaplain Ben Wells.

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

PAYMASTER'S REPORT

Not available as of the publication date.





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

 Veterans of Foreign Wars of The United States <small>Col. Harry L. Cooper Post 160 2597 Dorsey Rd Glen Burnie, MD 21061-3268</small>	
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

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