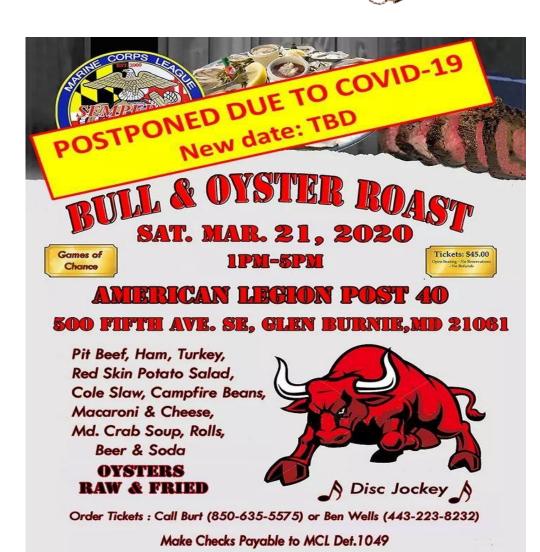


Semper J'idelis!



We regret to announce that the Bull & Oyster Roast has been POSTPONED due to the COVID-19 coronavirus. The health of our members and guests is paramount. We will announce a new date when circumstances permit. We hope you understand.

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Type	USMC	Associate	Multiple	
Life Member-	76	9	6	
Annual Member-	17	8	-	



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New Members				
		-		
Sub-Totals				
93	17	6		
Total				
116				

Members' Birthdays

Members of our detachment, celebrating Birthdays during the month of March includes:

Woody Bowman Butch Cavey Frank Fleishman Burt Helmka Jack Seal

NOTE – If you were born in February 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









As we monitor the spread of Coronavirus, we remain attentive to the planning for our Department Convention, now scheduled for 7-9 May 2020. In an abundance of caution for the safety of our Members – we will notify you as soon as possible if it becomes necessary to cancel or postpone our Convention.

I also want to remind everyone to push the sale of convention ads for this year's convention book. We earn 50% of all sales over \$300!

Detachment 1049 Marine of the Year 2020 Nominations for the Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049 Marine of the Year will be accepted until 23 March 2020. If you wish to nominate an individual, be sure to follow the guidelines on our Web page

Detachment 1049 Election of Officers for FY 2020 – 2021 last chance to nominate some one so if anyone is interested in running for an elected position, please let your intentions be known. Candidates (nominees) are needed for each of the following positions.

Commandant, Senior Vice Commandant Junior Vice Commandant Judge Advocate

The deadline for all April newsletter articles is NOON on Tuesday 14 April, 2020 Please do not wait until the last minute!







Coming Events

The following events are scheduled to occur through **August 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, MC Chment 1049 Monday, 23 March @ Wells) VFW Post 160 Detachment ELECT ations-2nd round

March 21st Bull & Oyster Roast Postponed new date to be TBA Place American Legion Post 40 5th Ave Glen Burnie Md.

April 17th, 2020 QUARTER AUCTION THROWDOWN Friday TIME: 7 P.M. til 9:15 P.M. at the Orchard Beach Volunteer Fire Company7549 Solley Road * Glen Burnie Maryland 21060

Monthly Meeting, MCL Detachment 1049 Monday, 27 April @ 1900 (Ben Wells) VFW Post 160 Detachment INSTALLATION OF OFFIC-ERS

April 26th Pound 204 Growl @ 0800 Breakfast 0900 Growl (Ben Wells) at VFW Post 160 2597 Dorsey Road, Glen Burnie, MD 21060

May 7-8 & 9 2020 Department Convention Princess Royale Oceanfront Hotel & Conference Center Ocean City, Maryland

Monthly Meeting, MCL Detachment 1049 Monday, 25 May @ 1900 (Ben Wells) VFW Post 160

June 5th 2020 Golf Tournament at Walden Country Club

Aug 9 - 15 Nat'l Convention Hilton Daytona Beach







Commandant Davíd (Ben) Wells

Marines

The Mid-Winter meeting was great and we learned new things and got to see some old friends. We have canceled our Bull & Oyster Roast on the 21st of this month at the American Legion Post 40 due to the outbreak of Coronavirus better known as COVID-19.

We have had a couple of meetings for the annual MHH golf tournament which will be held June 5th and things are looking good. Please help us have another good golf tournament by helping sign up sponsors and golfers. We will have our first meeting soon for the annual 5K run and met the new players. If you would like to be part of this please let us know.

Attention: Until further notice our monthly MCL meetings and growls have been canceled due to the COVID-19.

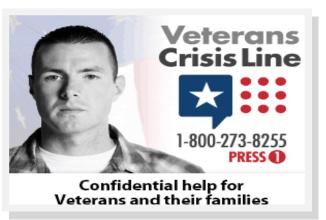
Everyone please be safe out there!

Semper Fi

Ben Wells









Rifle & Pistol Team Ray Sturm





No Report

QUARTER AUCTION THROWDOWN

at the

Orchard Beach Volunteer Fire Company 7549 Solley Road * Glen Burnie Maryland 21060

Charity of the evening
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Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049

DATE: Friday April 17th, 2020

TIME: 7 P.M. til 9:15 P.M.

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Corps History

by Ed Dahling for Joe Wright, Historian

Senior Vice Commandant **Louis Gewirtz**

3 March 1776

First Marine landing on hostile shores in the Bahmas.

3 March 1809

Five-year enlistments in the Corps replaced the previous three-year terms.

8 March 1928

Captain Merritt Edson sets out on epic CoCo River patrol in search of Nicaraguan rebel leader Sandino.

8 March 1965

9th Marine Expeditionary Brigade lands at DaNang, Republic of Vietnam – first U.S. ground combat troops committed to that conflict.

11 March 1778

Marines aboard the frigate BOSTON, assisted in the engagement and capture of the British merchant ship MARTHA. Future President John Adams seized a musket and joined the Marines on deck until the frigate's commanding officer, Captain Samuel Tucker, sent him below for safety.

13 March 1943

First Women Marine officer candidates arrive at U.S. Midshipmen School at Mount Holyoke College.

21 March 1945

General A.A. Vandegrift, 18th Commandant, becomes first Marine four-star general on active duty.

25 March 1804

Secretary of the Navy approves first formal Marine Corps uniform.

26 March 1945

Iwo Jima secured. Marines suffer 25,851 casualties.

31 March 1801

Lt. Colonel Commandant William W. Burrows & President Thomas Jefferson select site for Marine Baracks. 8th & I.



Marines,

Department Convention that is scheduled to be held 7-9 May. At this point we are planning to move ahead as scheduled, but as more information on the COVID-19 situation becomes available we may reevaluate that decision.

What to do now:

Plan as if the Convention is still being held 7-9 May.

Register your Detachment Delegates. Buy your Convention Raffle Tickets.

NOTE on cancellations:

Hotel rooms can be cancelled up to 72 hours prior to arrival (or 3 May to be safe).

The contract the Department has with the Princess Royale Hotel has an "Act of God" clause if there is a need to cancel the entire convention.

Please be safe and look contact your local Detachment membership, especially those who may be most susceptible to COVID-19.

Semper Fi,

Craig Reeling, PDC Adjutant Department of Maryland MARINE CORPS LEAGU











Color Guard

Color Guard Commander Woody Bowman

- COMING EVENTS -

Commander Woody Bowman reported the unit presented colors at the Fisher House event.

Next event is Ferndale Day parade on May 3rd. The Young Marines will be marching directly behind the detachment's Color Guard. also Woody stated he worked with the Young Marines on presenting Colors.

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**



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Military Order of the Devil Dogs (MODD)

The Fun and Honor Society of the Marine Corps League

Woof,woof

Welcome our newest PUP Burt Helmka to our pound

There is only one Pound Growl left for those Pups aspiring to advance to DD in Ocean City in May. Again, if you haven't attended one already, it is too late for you to advance this year. By attending all Growls, you won't have this problem. The next Pound Growl will be on 26 April.

All Pups report to Sir Mad Dog (PDD Bowman) NLT 0800 for fun and games.

Lets welcome our new Pup Burt Helmka

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

Woof woof, PDD Ed Dahling Dog Robber









From: Kennel Smart Dog PDD Evelyn F. Remines

SUBJECT: GUIDANCE DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

As our Nation continues to deal with the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic, our National, state, and local leaders are taking more stringent actions in order to prevent Americans from facing the same numbers of infected as seen in other countries around the world. As a result, the Chief, Board of Directors, and I are aware that Pack and Pound Growls will have to be canceled in order to keep members of the Order safe. These cancellations are fully supported by us as this is a highly contagious virus which can be extremely dangerous to those who contract it.

Chief Hazlett wants to ensure all Devil Dogs who are attempting to advance degrees will not be held back due to these cancellations. This applies to those Pups and Devil Dogs who have been attending growls before the COVID-19 outbreak in order to achieve their next Degree but cannot meet the required number of growls as a result of quarantines or cancellations. I ask that all Pound Keepers and Pack Leaders use their best judgement when exempting Dogs from this requirement for advancement. Do not hold enthusiastic Dogs back from advancement due to a situation none of us can control.

If any Packs or Pounds need to delay elections and installations of new officers due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we can assess those situations. Most likely, an extension will be granted as no one is certain how long we will need to limit gatherings and be cautious.

This is an unprecedented event for all of us. We want to ensure all our members that no Dog, Pack, or Pound will be chastised or held back as a result of the current situation. We are here to support you, work with you, and ensure that you are taking actions to protect your health. Please follow local guidance, check in on your fellow Dogs, and stay safe.

Semper fi, Evelyn F. Remines

PDD Evelyn F. Remines, 08-036 Kennel Smart Dog







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Iwo Jima hero, 96, sees US warship commissioned in his honor



NORFOLK, Va. — A 96-year-old war hero looked on as military officials commissioned a U.S. Navy warship in honor of the veteran, the last surviving Medal of Honor recipient from the Battle of Iwo Jima.

The USNS Hershel "Woody" Williams was commissioned Saturday in Norfolk, Virginia, with the World War II veteran present.

The USNS Hershel "Woody" Williams is an Expeditionary Sea Base ship that was built and launched in 2017. With its commissioning, the vessel's designation changed from a support ship to a warship, and command transferred from the Military Sealift Command to Naval Surface Force Atlantic.

Williams described the commissioning as "a moment in history that is beyond my comprehension."

"May all those who serve aboard this ship that bears my name be safe and proud. May she have God's blessings for a long life of service to America, the greatest country on Earth," he said.

U.S. Sen. Joe Manchin delivered the principal address at Saturday's ceremony, praising his fellow West Virginian as "West Virginia strong through and through."

Other speakers included Marine Corps Commandant Gen. David Berger, Assistant Secretary of the Navy James Geurts, U.S. Rep. Elaine Luria and Rear Adm. Roy Kitchener, commander of Naval Surface Force Atlantic.

"This ship, by design, is intended to go over the horizon and into harm's way and I am confident they will do so, combat ready and battle-minded," Kitchener said.

The ship will primarily support aviation mine countermeasure and special operations missions, freeing up amphibious warships and surface combatant ships for more demanding operational missions. Williams received his medal for actions as a demolition sergeant with the 3rd Marine Division in February 1945. As U.S. tanks tried to open a lane for infantry amid pillboxes and buried mines, he went forward alone seeking to reduce enemy machine gun fire.

Covered by only four riflemen, Williams fought for hours, returning repeatedly to his own lines to prepare demolition charges and obtain flamethrowers to wipe out enemy positions. On one occasion, he mounted a pillbox to insert the nozzle of his flamethrower through the air vent, killing the occupants and silencing the gun.



Junior Vice Commandant Burt Helmka

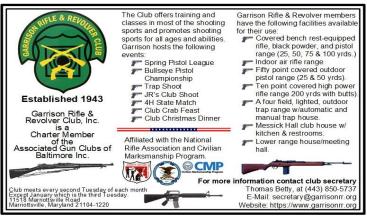
Marines.

By now you realize we have postponed the Bull & Oyster Roast. All money has been refunded. This was done due to COVID-19, also the American Legion and VFW Post are closed. We are still on the books with the legion paid and D.J. paid also.

As Marines we have faced adverse conditions before, be prepared hunker down and let's ride this out. Hand wash, sanitizer, clean surfaces and remember our intervals.

One last thought most of us are grandparents and have grandchildren graduating this year. They came into this world with 911 and finish school with a pandemic. This will be a strong generation this was told to me by my daughter.









Chaplain's Corner Bill Collins

With spring just around the corner we find ourselves confronted with the Corona Virus and all of the fear and uncertainty that it brings with it. We are all concerned for the health and well-being of our families, our friends, our fellow Americans and indeed for all of the people of the world. We can all help to defeat this highly contagious virus by following the guidelines that have been defined by the medical experts who are working to put this epidemic behind us. Their recommendations include limiting person to person contact and washing hands often. Other guidance is being provided via the news media on a daily basis. Be sure to stay informed as to the latest developments in this rapidly developing epidemic. We must also be sure to routinely check the status of those among us who are most vulnerable including the elderly and those with compromised immune systems. Picking up groceries and prescriptions or just saying "do you need help with anything" can be a great help to those with limited mobility. Just knowing that someone cares and is willing to help can provide great comfort to our elderly or disabled friends and neighbors. As Marines it is in our DNA to help in times of trouble....this is one of those times and we will be there to provide assistance to our fellow citizens in any way that we can. SEMPER FI.

Bill



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.



Marine Corps League Department of Maryland



National Bylaws SUSPENSION OF SECTION 940 ELECTIONS & INSTALLATIONS 17 March 2020

SUSPENSION OF SECTION 940 ELECTIONS & INSTALLATIONS

Dear Members,

The Corona virus (COVID-19) and the ensuing quarantine issued by the President of the United States, Governors and Local Government Leaders. These local leaders have issued more stringent quarantine regulations, impacting our Department/Detachment elections and installations.

To avoid any potential problems or confusion for our Departments/Detachments, we are suspending the Bylaws Section 940 for 30 days. This covers only upcoming elections and installations. It will be effective starting today 17 March 2020 through 16 April 2020.

If during that period there is any change to the quarantine the Board of Trustees will look at the feasibility of reinstating the by-law and proceeding with the elections and installations. If the quarantine goes longer, we will consider extending the by-law suspension or possible alternative ways to hold elections.

We are in a crisis and need to do our part to safeguard our families and our members. Additionally, the Board asks that every Department/Detachment reaches out to their elderly members, make sure all is well and that they have plenty of food and supplies.

Stay safe and healthy

Semper Fidelis, Dennis Tobin













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Have You Heard?

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

February 24TH 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:
Department Officers – Ed Dahling, Ray Sturm (Marine for Life)
Department Marine of the Year – Ed Dahling, Ray Sturm
Past Detachment Commandants: Ray Sturm (2015-2019), Ed Dahling (2013-2015)
Joseph Wright, (2012-2015). 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

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: Application for Charles Black was presented. Motion made and second to accept Charles for membership. Charles was sworn in, followed by prayer by Chaplain Collins.

ADJUTANTS REPORT: Norm was absent this evening due to illness. Minutes of January meeting were distributed via e-mail (newsletter) and copies available on table, per Commandant Wells.

CORRESPONDENCE: A thank you letter for the 2019 donation was received from the Semper Fi Fund.

PAYMASTER: Ed Dahling gave a hardcopy report:

Paymaster Ed requested the names of any Delegates going to the Department Convention in Ocean City. Detachment will pay for Delegates. Also, anyone bringing their family members to the Convention, please let Ed know so he can submit these names as well. Cost is \$10. This will assure you get nametags to allow your family to partake in the refreshments provided at the Hospitality House. Need ads for the Convention book – anything collected over \$300 will assist the Detachment. There are 50/50 tickets available for sale.

CHAPLAIN REPORT: .Chaplain Collins reported that Charlie Young (87 years young) is holding his own physically, but is suffering from dementia. Bill Collins asked that all keep Buddy Cagel in your prayers.

COMMANDANT: Commandant Ben Wells reported he and Ray Sturm will be attending the Mid-Winter meeting in Virginia Beach.

SENIOR VICE: Absent

JUNIOR VICE: Junior Vice Burt Helmka Burt requested everyone push the Bull & Oyster Roast on March 21st, as ticket sales are down. Event is \$45 per person and will be held at the American Legion Post 40. Donation letters are available. Alcohol donations are still being accepted for the basket of cheer.

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

JR. PAST COMMANDANT: Ray Sturm asked everyone to support the upcoming events. Any help is appreciated

COLOR GUARD: Commander Woody Bowman reported the unit presented colors at the Fisher House event. Next event is Ferndale Day parade on May 3rd. The Young Marines will be marching directly behind the detachment's Color Guard. Woody also stated he worked with the Young Marines on presenting Colors.

YOUNG MARINES: John and April, new coordinators as of March 1st, reported on the activities of the group. Currently, there are 9 members. During a recruitment drive, there were 9 additional members accepted. There will be a graduation held on April 19th at the VFW hall for those going up. This will be the first time they are able to wear their uniforms. April thanked the detachment for their support of this group.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Ray Sturm reported he will be mailing out the letters to members to updated their contact information, as was discussed in Januarys meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: Nila Caulder reported there will be a Quarter Auction held on April 17th at the Orchard Beach VFC to benefit the detachment. Help will be needed.

Nila also thanked Woody, Ed, and Brian for presenting Colors at the Fisher House event. She reported they collected \$59,538 that day.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE: Ray Sturm opened nominations for new detachment officers. He explained nominations will be held February and reopened in March. Elections will be held in March with installation in April. The following nominations were accepted at this meeting: Commandant – Ben Wells Sr. Vice Commandant Ser, Vice Commandant Junior Vice Commandant – none at this time Judge Advocate – Ray Sturm Chaplain Collins made and second to allocate 10 coins to the Commandant to utilize as he sees fit. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mid-Winter meeting – February 27-29, 2020 Beautification of VFW – March 8, 2020 (Young Marines will be cleaning the grounds and getting new flags for the memorial.)

Detachment 1049 meeting – March 23 / Nominations & Elections

Department Convention (Ocean City) – May 7-9, 2020

Golf tournament – June 5, 2020 Recruitment Drive at Downs Park – June 6, 2020

Mid-East Convention – June 19-20, 2020

CLOSING Ceremonies:

Commandant Wells closed the meeting IAW MCL rituals. The next detachment meeting will take place on 24 February 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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It was on March 29, 1973, when combat and combat support units withdrew from South Vietnam. Generations later, Veterans of this time period are gaining the respect that was not so freely given upon their return. Involving five U.S. presidents, crossing nearly two decades and 500,000 U.S.military personnel, it left an indelible mark on the American psyche.



