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news for and about the members of Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049 of the Marine Corps League

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## Semper Fidelis!



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- Senior Vice-Commandant ..... Burt Helmka
- Junior Vice-Commandant..... Joseph Wright
- Judge Advocate .....Ray Sturm
- Junior Past-Commandant ..... Ray Sturm
- Adjutant ..... Norman Huffman
- By-Laws Committee Chairman Danny Fischio
- Chaplain .....Bill Collins
- Color Guard Commander ..... Woody Bowman
- Historian ..... Joseph Wright
- House Chairman ..... Vacant
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- Sergeant-at-Arms .....Jim Galvin
- VAVS Officer ..... Vacant
- Web Sergeant ..... Joseph Wright
- Toy For Tots Chairman.....Vacant
- Young Marines Commander ...April Westerlund

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## Membership Statistics

### Good Standing (Dues Paid)

| Type               | USMC | Associate | Multiple |
|--------------------|------|-----------|----------|
| Life Member-       | 96   | 11        | 6        |
| Annual Member-     |      | 5         | –        |
| <b>New Members</b> |      |           |          |
|                    |      |           | –        |
| <b>Sub-Totals</b>  |      |           |          |
|                    | 96   | 16        | 6        |
| <b>Total</b>       |      |           |          |
| 118                |      |           |          |



## Members' Birthdays

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

Justin Asher Spike Miller Jim Brady, Guy Hall, Ed Dahling Mac McNeir John Ulrich

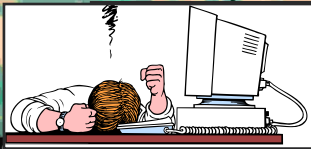
*NOTE – If you were born in November and your name is not listed above, please contact the editor to be included in the future.*

## Quotation

“I am convinced that there is no smarter, handier, or more adaptable body of troops in the world”

Prime Minister of Britain,  
Sir Winston Churchill





## From the Editor

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

Marines,

I trust everyone had a great Thanksgiving. I know I'll be enjoying leftovers for a while. As veterans, we often hear people thank us for our service. We in turn know that the true thanks goes to our families who supported us. I want to add my thanks to the young men and women of our Corps today. I am truly thankful for what they do to keep our adversaries at bay.

From the Officers and Staff of Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049 would like to wish you and your family a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.



## Coming Events



The following events are scheduled to occur through **December 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

**November 10th** Happy Hour observance of the Corps' 245th Birthday, which will take place at VFW Post 160 hall beginning at 18:00.(Ray Sturm)

**November 11th** – presenting Colors at Quarterfield Road American Legion Post 276 at 0900 hours, followed by Crownsville Cemetery for event at 1100

**October 10th–November 10th** Marines Helping Heroes Virtual 5th annual 5K race

**Monthly Meeting**, MCL Detachment 1049 Monday,23 November 2020 @ 1900 (Ben Wells) VFW Post 160

**December 13th 2020** Pound 204 Growl @ 0800 Breakfast 0900 Growl at VFW Post 160 2597 Dorsey Road, Glen Burnie, MD 21060

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Club meets every second Tuesday of each month Except January which is the third Tuesday. 11518 Marrottville Road, Marrottville, Maryland 21104-1220

For more information contact club secretary Thomas Betty, at (443) 850-5737 E-Mail: secretary@garrisonrr.org Website: <https://www.garrisonrr.org>



## Corps History

by Ed Dahling for Joe Wright, Historian

### 2 November 1950

Marines engage Chinese in North Korea near the Chosin Reservoir.

### 3 November 2003

Presidential Unit Citation awarded to 1st Marine Expeditionary Force for its service in Operation Iraqi Freedom. It becomes the first unit to earn the award since the end of the Vietnam War..

### 4 November 1979

Mob overruns U.S. Embassy in Teheran, Iran; 13 Marines among 65 American hostages; 52 of whom were held captive for 444 days.

### 10 November 1775

Continental Congress authorizes creation of two battalions of Marines.

### 10 November 1948

First eight enlisted women are sworn in as regular Marines. First black women Marines enlist the following summer.

### 10 November 1954

Marine Corps War Memorial site dedicated near Arlington National Cemetery.

### 18 November 1915

Major Smedley D. Butler leads Marine attack on Fort Riviere, Haiti and is awarded 2nd Medal of Honor.

### 20 November 1947

{date approximate) Toys For Tots program founded.

### 23 November 1950

7th Marines take Yudam-ni. Thanksgiving was celebrated in Korea with temperatures hovering about 20 degrees below zero.

### 27 November 1950

Eight Chinese Communist divisions launch a massive attack in Korea, with the express purpose of destroying the 1st Marine Division. This action leads to the successful Marine Corps attack out of the Chosin Reservoir and its relocation to the coastal port of Hungnam.

## Junior Vice Commandant Joseph Wright

Marines,

Happy Birthday Marines! I hope to see a lot of you at the Marine Corps Birthday cake cutting at VFW Post 160 on November 10th at 1900.

Reminder notices have been sent out to members that have not paid their renewal dues and are not in good standing. Please make sure you send in you renewal dues if you have not already done so.



## Membership Renewal

Annual Notice

Expires 31 August



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## Commandant David (Ben) Wells

Marines,

The month of November is a full month with the 245th Marine Corps Birthday events. Our detachment had our cake cutting on November 10th at 7:00 PM at the VFW Post 160. I would like to thank everyone who attended and what a crowd we had. I believe this was the most Marines we have ever had at our cake cutting. I would like to thank Ray Sturm and Jim Galvin for doing our presentation once again.

The Maryland department meeting has not been scheduled yet due to the COVID-19 restrictions. Detachment 1049 has their meeting November the 23rd at 7:00 PM so please show your support by attending.

Last and most important Thanksgiving is November the 26th. Have a wonderful day with your family or whoever you are with on this day.

Semper Fi



Ben Wells



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ROOM DAILY

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WILL BE POSTED AS INFORMATION IS  
AVAILABLE).

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**10 NOVEMBER 2020**

## **A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS**

If there were a watchword for 2020, the shortlist would certainly include ‘change,’ ‘uncertainty,’ and ‘adaptation.’ This new dynamic and uncertain environment has impacted how we recruit and train Marines, deploy aboard ship, and even how we honor our Corps’ hallowed traditions. But adapting to change and uncertainty is nothing new for Marines. It is what we have done for 245 years and what is expected of us as the Nation’s force-in-readiness. Where others see challenges, Marines see opportunities. We don’t take a knee. We will always be ready to answer the nation’s call, no matter the crisis.

In a world of seemingly relentless change and uncertainty, some things remain constant—our core values: Honor, Courage, and Commitment. These values are at the very heart of our ability to be, “most ready when the Nation is least ready.” It’s honor that gives us an uncompromising sense of personal integrity and accountability; courage that allows us to face any circumstance with an ironclad resolve to do what’s right; and commitment that binds us together as a family and drives us toward excellence. And while our core values might never change, the way we give life to them requires constant vigilance. This year’s national conversations about race remind us that we must all do better to embody our service’s values.

Commemorating the 245th birthday of our Corps offers us a chance to reflect on our history. We who serve today stand upon the shoulders of giants. While this year’s many challenges are significant and unique, they are not unprecedented, and it is important to remember that our Nation and Corps have endured difficult times in our past. This year, for example, marks the 75th anniversary of brutal battles in the Pacific; when soldiers of the sea defined the term “uncommon valor” on the black sands of Iwo Jima; the 70th anniversary of bitter fighting at Inchon and Chosen Reservoir; 55 years since Marines landed at Da Nang; and a decade since our struggle with the Taliban in the Helmand River Valley. We remember the service and sacrifice of all Marines, and honor the legacy passed down through generations. Our continuing obligation is to honor their legacy by making meaningful contributions to what they started.

From the past, we draw strength, pride, and a responsibility to carry on the warfighting heritage our predecessors built. We must also recognize our tradition of continuous adaptation—one that should inspire our current force modernization and innovation efforts. As has been the case in the past, today’s threats require us to fight as a cohesive team, and our ability to succeed will depend on the Honor, Courage, and Commitment of each individual Marine. From recruiting individuals of great intelligence, strength, spirit, and diversity, to evolving how we train, educate, and mentor Marines throughout their careers, we remain dedicated to developing the world’s finest warfighters, guided by our core values.

In a year of significant change and uncertainty, I am reminded of the words of American novelist, John Dos Passos, “In times of change and danger when there is a quicksand of fear under men’s reasoning, a sense of continuity with generations gone before can stretch like a lifeline across the scary present...” Never forget, what you do today becomes the foundation for the generations of Marines that will follow. There is no challenge we cannot overcome, together, by holding fast to our core values. Happy 245th Birthday Marines

Semper Fidelis,  
DAVID H. BERGER  
General, U.S. Marine Corps  
Commandant of the Marine Corps

# Chaplain's Corner

## Bill Collins

### TBI/PTSD: A Battle That Must Be Won.

The incidence of suicide among our veterans remains at an unacceptably high level.....20+every day despite the best efforts of clinicians and millions of dollars invested in treatments that are only marginally successful. The Department of Defense (DOD), the Veterans Administration (VA) and Congress have been lamenting and responding to traumatic brain injuries (TBI) and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) with "Suicide Prevention" studies, strategies, conferences and proclamations for more than a decade. All of these well intentioned organizations assert that "Preventing Veterans Suicide is our #1 priority". Yet, in spite of this "top priority status" and their best efforts the rate of suicide continues to slowly and steadily increase.

According to statistics published by U.S.News, TBI and/or PTSD affect approximately 1,850,000 Veterans..... 810,000 Vietnam Veterans, 660,000 Gulf War Veterans and another 380,000 Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) and Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) Veterans.... the numbers continue to rise. Treatments that have been used to treat TBI & PTSD-- the acknowledged "signature wounds" of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars-- fall into three treatment protocols. The 1<sup>st</sup> Protocol is medication in the form of anti-depressants and other drugs. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Protocol is Cognitive Psychotherapy or Talk Therapy which uses techniques like cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT), Mindfulness and other approaches intended to adjust the way in which the brain deals with problems. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Protocol includes Support Organizations. Over 55,000 of these have mushroomed since 9/11. Some offer important assistance including activities which provide pleasant experiences, camaraderie and companionship to those veterans who carry invisible scars as well as to those who have suffered physical wounds.

Debate as to the effectiveness and, in some cases, the negative side effects of some of these treatments is ongoing. **While the debate continuous so do the suicides. What cannot be debated are the results of this approach. Continuing to apply the same solutions to the [misdiagnosed] problem, not surprisingly, yields the same result.....the suicide epidemic goes on unabated.**

It is important to note that none of these three treatment protocols make any mention of treating injury to the brain or (TBI). TBI is acknowledged as a "signature wound" of the war on terror. Since 2000, 414,000 of our troops have been diagnosed with TBI. In the case of a TBI the first step must be proper diagnosis and intervention to heal the wounded brain. A recent Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA) study states that 21% of those diagnosed with TBI will also suffer from PTSD. Thus, according to this study, there are over 86,000 cases of misdiagnosed or undiagnosed cases of PTSD caused by brain injuries. This in addition to over 300,000 cases of PTSD already acknowledged. In short, the numbers don't accurately represent the breadth and depth of lives diminished by brain wounds. This number is likely very conservative and it continues to grow.

The Status Quo is killing our friends and loved ones. The time has come to try a new approach. Remember that Einstein said that doing the same thing over and over and hoping for a different result is the definition of insanity. That said, we need the "4th Protocol." We as a nation should guarantee insured access to all available, well vetted, alternative treatments that include treating the wounded brain.

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That would involve treatments such as: Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (HBOT), Cranial Electrical Stimulation (CES), EEG Neurofeedback, and Low Level Light Therapy (LLLT). Other complementary & integrative health programs like meditation, acupuncture, chiropractic and Yoga should be employed, so long as they are safe and show effectiveness. These treatments can be given in combination with, or in place of the conventional treatments currently being used. For example, researchers in multiple countries and here in the U.S. have completed seventeen (17) successful HBOT clinical trials, all showing safety and “significant improvement” in all treated patients. In addition HBOT has helped to heal over 7,500 brain wounded warriors and civilians. HBOT treatments are safe, effective and far less costly—financially and morally—than not treating brain-wounded patients.

Currently a group of Marines from Wounded Warrior Battalion East, Camp Lejeune, N.C. is receiving HBOT treatments at a civilian clinic in Durham N.C. Without exception results have been positive. Similar results for dozens of Special

Operators – Seals, Force Recon, Combat Air Controllers, Explosive Ordinance Disposal (EOD), Rangers and Green Berets - have been recorded, typically with donations paying for their treatments. Seven states: Oklahoma, Texas, Indiana, Kentucky, Arizona, Florida & North Carolina have passed legislation that promises to provide financial support to veterans seeking alternative treatments for their mental and neurological disorders. At the Federal level S.785- Commander John Scott Hannon Veterans Mental Health Care Improvement Act of 2019-2020 directs the VA to “Study and invest in innovative treatment options by expanding veterans access to alternative programs and investing in VA research on veterans suicide risk and identifying and treating mental illness.” In addition the TREAT ACT, H.R. 8147 directs the Secretary of the VA to expand an existing pilot program, and establish a new one for complimentary and integrative treatments. The ball is rolling in the right direction, but more help is needed, more boots at the door of legislators, more pressure and relentless demands for action. We must make certain that every available tool is being used to bring an end to the tragic suicide epidemic that is taking the lives of so many of our veterans. With 66,000 members the Marine Corps League is well positioned to demand that legislators and decision makers at all levels follow up on legislation that is in place and to further demand that all fifty states enact legislation similar to laws passed in the seven (7) states listed above. Our veterans deserve nothing less than the best treatment available. We must keep our promise to “Leave no one behind” and to make certain that our motto “SEMPER FIDELIS” carries with it the full weight of the traditions of our Corps, traditions that have been earned by all of those Marines who have gone before us.

SEMPER FIDELIS

Bill Collins, Chaplain  
Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049  
Marine Corps League

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## Color Guard

Color Guard Commander Woody Bowman

### - COMING EVENTS -

Six events were cancelled this year due to Covid.-19 There are still three events scheduled for the year: American Legion Post 276, present Colors at Crownsville Cemetery for Veterans Day and Pearl Harbor Day at Food Lion.

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** 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](mailto: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

With August 31st gone, our Pound 204 still have Five (5) Dogs in arrears. As such, they cannot attend Growls or hold office. They can rectify this by remitting a check for 15 measly bones to their friendly Dog Robber (me) at 493 Procopio Cir. Make the check payable to MODD, Pound 204.

Hound Dog Pound 204, Military Order of Devil Dogs, will hold a Growl sometime around 0900, Sunday, 13 December 2020, at the Pound Dog House (VFW Post 160), 2597 Dorsey Road, Glen Burnie, phone 410 766 9802.

We would appreciate your attendance. Bring bones!

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

Remember bring your mask and we need to keep social distancing

You do not need to wear a mask when sitting at the bar or a table.

Ed Dahling Dog Robber  
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## Senior Vice Commandant Burt Helmka

MARINES,

ATTENTION on DECK, Happy Birthday to All. We look good for a bunch of 245 year olds.

Hope everyone enjoys the cake cutting ceremony and drinks.

Remember to mask up, social distance and keep our teams small.

Well the holidays are upon us. Thanksgiving and Christmas will be a little different this year, from shopping, to family gatherings. Please be safe.

One last thing keep our forward deployed and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

SEMPER FI,  
Burton Helmka



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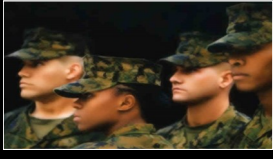


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## Anne Arundel Young Marines



Thanks to the Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049 for our New Banner and Flag



# Have You Heard?

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

## *October 26th 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: 13

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: Ben Wells (2018), Ray Sturm (2017), Ed Dahling (2016) , Woody Bowman (2014) Past Detachment Marine of the Year: Woody Bowman, Joe Wright, Ed Dahling, Ray Sturm, Ben Wells, Bill Collins and Tom Maiorana Maryland Pack Leader – Ray Sturm (2019) Guest – Buddy Cadel

**APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:** None

**ADJUTANTS REPORT:** September minutes were distributed by detachment website and in newsletter. Copies available on table.

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**PAYMASTER:** Ed Dahling gave a hardcopy report:

**CHAPLAIN REPORT:** Bill Collins reported President Trump signed a bill in support of the Veteran’s Administrations use of HBOT on veterans suffering from TBI and PTSD. Bill reported he delivered a briefing on PTSD at the Devil Dog Gathering in Ocean City. Keep Charlie Young in your thought and prayers. Today was a good day, per his wife.

**COMMANDANT:** No Report.

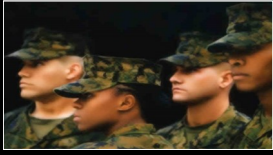
**SENIOR VICE:** Excused. Burt Helmka was in North Carolina tending to ailing family member.

**JUNIOR VICE:** Joe Wright is sending out letters to members who are in arrears of dues. Need stamps.

**NEWSLETTER EDITOR:** If you have anything for the newsletter, contact Ed Dahling. Make sure Ed has your email address. Ed stated the Honorary Active Duty members cannot pay dues on transmittals as new system will not take them. Can keep them in-house. Ben stated all are welcome to come in. Active duty does not pay dues. Ed stated the membership list is not being updated. Ed stated there is a member on the membership list that has 2 different numbers and addresses. Ben will take care of it.

**QUARTERMASTER:** See Bill Collins if you need to purchase any items.

**COLOR GUARD:** Woody Bowman reported they will be presenting Colors on Veterans Day at Crownsville Cemetery



# Have You Heard?

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

**SGT-at-ARMS:** Jim Galvin reported that Jim Dunn, leader of the Special needs Scout troop, had passed on October 22. Jim and his wife were both in a rehab facility which had outbreaks of COVID. Both Jim and his wife came down with the virus and the virus ultimately took Jim's life. Jim's wife is suffering from a pulmonary embolism and pneumonia. Please keep the Dunn family in your thoughts and prayers. No definite word on the Scout's Christmas party. Since COVID, the boys have been in lockdown at their group homes, so a party doesn't look promising. A meeting will be held to determine situation.

**HISTORIAN/ WEB SERGEANT:** If you have any recommendations for the website, please contact Joe Wright. Joe stated the DOG portion of the website has been updated.

**YOUNG MARINES:** John & April Westerlund reported the Young Marines changed their name from Annapolis Young Marines to Anne Arundel Young Marines. They will be taking the children on a trip to Freeland Maryland this weekend. On November 29th, one of the Marines will be graduating and all are invited to attend at VFW at 1530 hrs.

**TOYS for TOTS:** Chris Stevens is no longer involved with the Toys for Tots. Pete Smith is the new liaison. If you have boxes, please put them out.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Ray Sturm reported on the purchase of a new shed for the Detachment. A basic 8 X 10 shed is \$2,175. There is a backup in ordering due to COVID. Still working on pricing.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Ray Sturm reported on the Detachment helping the VFW with the installation of three slot machines. The VFW was in need of \$3,000 to finish install. Discussion on the Detachment lending \$3,000 to the VFW (to be put in escrow in case of a quick payout). Detachment will form a committee to look into the details on how the Detachment would benefit from the machines. Burt Helmka and Ray Sturm will be on the committee. Ray asked the Detachment commit to helping the VFW on the \$3,000 depending on the terms decided upon. (VFW would need to keep their gambling license or Detachment gets the \$3,000 back.) Lawyers will be involved. Motion to continue negotiations. Ray stated the Detachment offered to assist the Young Marines in the past with needed items. Since the Young Marines have changed names, they are in need of updated items. Ray made a motion to assist the Young Marines with additional needed items (flags, etc.) totaling \$710.34. Motion was second.

**GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:** Ed Dahling thanked Jane and Norman Huffman for organizing the virtual auction which brought in \$2500. Also, two 50/50 drawings were also held with a profit of \$1,000. Ed suggested donating \$500 to the Marine Helping Heroes and \$500 to MODD. Motion made and second to send \$500 to Marine Helping Heroes. Discussion was held on the donation to MODD. After further discussion, the \$500 donation to MODD was tabled. Marine Corps Birthday celebration - The cake cutting ceremony will be held at the VFW on November 10th at 7pm.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** December 13th Pound 204 meeting Pack meeting to be determined.

**CLOSING CEREMONIES:** Sgt at Arms James Galvin closed the meeting IAW MCL rituals. The next meeting will be held on November 23, 2020. Closing prayer was given by Chaplain Bill Collins.

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



# Photo's Detachment 1049 Marine Corps 245th Birthday Cake Cutting



The Youngest and Oldest Marines



*the Cutting Edge*



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