

# The Cutting



The official newsletter of the Anne Arundel Co Detachment

# Edge



## Back-to-Back Winners



### CONGRATULATIONS YOUNG MARINES

#### The Detachment would like to congratulate the Anne Arundel Young Marines

Rob Willis, the Regimental Commander for the Maryland Young Marines, presents the Anne Arundel Unit Commander, Ray Sturm, with the Regiment Unit of the Year certificate. Accepting the award were the Young Marines and Adult Volunteers who attended the Young Marines Birthday Ball.

This is the second award for the Anne Arundel Young Marines who also won the award in 2021. The hard work and dedication of these amazing Young Marines has been recognized once again.

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**Happy  
Birthday  
Marines**

## NEWSLETTER EDITOR

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

The detachment is in a bit of a slow period. We need to take advantage of this and regroup, plan, and prepare to attack the holiday season and new year.

Our membership has waned recently. We need to get out in the community and talk about what we do. That's right, we need to sell ourselves and recruit new members.

As you can see, your Young Marines stay very active. They were just selected as the Regiment's (same as MCL Department) Unit of the Year for the second consecutive year. They

really appreciate the support the detachment has given them.

Semper Fi,  
Ray Sturm



### **Detachment Cake Cutting Ceremony**

November 10

7:00 PM

VFW Post 160

ALL Marines past and present are welcome.

# 9-8-8

**NOW** in effect: The new **National Suicide Prevention Hotline**.

We are all used to calling 9-1-1 to report an emergency. This new number is designed to save lives also. However, it is only effective if people know it. **PLEASE PASS THE WORD.**

## COMMANDANT'S CORNER

Marines,

I'm trying to nail down a date for our first fellowship meeting. If you have any ideas, please let me know. We can meet for breakfast or happy hour. This is not a meeting, just an opportunity to build camaraderie with fellow Marines.

Also, I'm reaching out again to a couple of venues to host our monthly meetings. We have discussed all the reasons at our last two detachment meetings. No decision has been made.

I have started to look at the national bylaws on the MCL web site. We need to bring our detachment bylaws into compliance. I am asking our Bylaw Committee Chairman to begin that process.

I am soliciting volunteers to help our Senior Vice Commandant to get the money ball rolling to raise funds for the detachment. We are open to any new ideas

Sorry for such a short article, but I have been busy with job change and State of Maryland.

On a final note, please keep the people of Florida, and especially our fellow Marines, who have suffered and continue to suffer such devastating losses, in your prayers.

Semper Fi,  
Burt



Detachment Colors

## YOUR DETACHMENT

### STAFF

|                   |              |
|-------------------|--------------|
| Commandant        | Burt Helmka  |
| Sr Vice Cmdt      | Ben Wells    |
| Jr Vice Cmdt      | Joe Wright   |
| Judge Advocate    | Ray Sturm    |
| Jr Past Cmdt      | Ben Wells    |
| Adjutant          | Norm Huffman |
| Chaplain          | Bill Collins |
| Sgt-at-Arms       | Jim Galvin   |
| Color Guard Cdr   | Woody Bowman |
| Newsletter Editor | Ray Sturm    |
| Paymaster         | Joe Wright   |
| Quartermaster     | Bill Collins |
| 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](mailto:Bandit6A@gmail.com) by the Saturday following the detachment meeting.

# 9-8-8

**Extension 1**

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COMING SOON **NEW INITIATIVE** COMING SOON

DETACHMENT FELLOWSHIP GATHERINGS

WATCH YOUR EMAIL FOR DETAILS

(This is not a trick to get a working party)



## SENIOR VICE COMMANDANT

Marines,

Well Fall is kind of here, cool this morning when I walked out.

Our monthly MCL 1049 meeting will be held on Monday the 24<sup>th</sup> and the next Department meeting is November 19<sup>th</sup>.



I am working on the next Bull and Oyster Roast and will release this information soon.

Semper Fi

Ben Wells

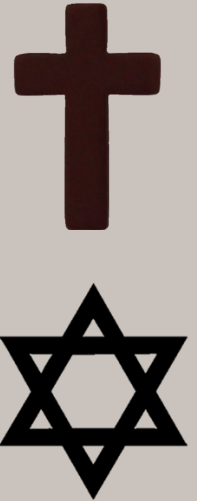
## JUNIOR VICE COMMANDANT

No report at this time.



## CHAPLAIN

Folks,  
Our Chaplain, Bill Collins, has been under the weather.  
We look forward to his return.  
The Editor



## EAGLE SCOUT COORDINATOR



Jim Galvin presents the MCL Good Citizenship Award to Eagle Scout Christopher Smith of Pasadena, MD on 8 October 2022.

# Operation Green Light: About/Get Involved

The Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs is honored to participate in the National Association of Counties Operation Green Light Initiative.

## **ABOUT**

This coming Veterans Day, the National Association of Counties (NACo) and the National Association of County Veteran Service Officers (NACVSO) invite the nation's 3,069 counties, parishes, and boroughs to **join Operation Green Light and show support for veterans by lighting our buildings green from November 7 to November 13**. By shining a green light, county governments and our residents will let veterans know that they are seen, appreciated and supported.

Operation Green Light provides educational opportunities for governments, businesses and individuals to learn more about military culture, suicide prevention, and things veterans want us to know about their service and their transition from military to civilian culture. Maryland's participation in the VA/SAMHSA Governor's Challenge to Prevent Suicide Among Service Members, Veterans, and Families provides the forum in which to do so. Visit the Governor's Challenge Psych Armor Training Portal to complete free training on a variety of subjects related to the military and veteran culture, women veterans, and suicide prevention.

MDVA is collaborating with the NACo, Maryland Association of Counties (MACo), Maryland Municipal League (MML) and County Veterans Affairs Commissions on Operation Green Light and this November, we hope to see Maryland illuminated in green.



IN COLLABORATION WITH  
THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES

## **COLA Increase for Veterans and Survivors:**

The president signed [H.R. 7846](#), *Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2022* into law. Certain VA benefits including disability compensation, clothing allowances, and dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors will receive the same cost-of-living adjustment as Social Security benefits. The announced increase is to be 8.7 percent, which is higher than in recent years to account for inflation. The adjustment will go into effect on Dec. 1, 2022, and the first checks to reflect the new rate will be on Dec. 31, 2022.

## **TRICARE Network Pharmacy Changes Coming Soon:**

TRICARE has announced that on Oct. 24, 2022, thousands of community pharmacies will leave the network. Express Scripts is the TRICARE pharmacy contractor with oversight of home delivery, military pharmacy, and civilian contract facilities. Walmart and Sam's Club pharmacies are among those impacted by this change. It is recommended that you contact your pharmacy to see if it will remain in network or find a participating pharmacy near you.



## **October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month:**

According to VA, one in ten men and one in four women encounter Intimate Partner Violence (IPV). Research shows veterans may be twice as likely to experience this than their civilian counterparts. VA recognizes that IPV and suicide share risk factors, and the occurrence of one increasingly impacts the other. VA's [Intimate Partner Violence Assistance Program](#) offers a network of VA and community services to provide education, assessment, intervention, and resources.

*Did you know...?*

## Marine Corps Reserve celebrates 75 years of Toys for Tots

By Jonathan Lehrfeld, Military Times.

This holiday season, the Marine Corps Reserve is marking the 75th anniversary of its renowned Toys for Tots program.



The national initiative, which began in 1947, collects and distributes toys for children whose families may not have the means to buy them gifts for Christmas.

“The impact that Toys for Tots has on families is that they’re facing many economic issues right now, they have to choose between putting food on the table, paying their bills or getting a gift for their children,” Sgt. Robert Bacchus recently said in a Marine Forces Reserve video.

“We have the opportunity to take some of that burden off of their shoulder[s].”

Marine Corps reservist Maj. Bill Hendricks and his wife Diane collected around 5,000 toys when the couple started the campaign over seven decades ago, according to the initiative’s website. But from its humble origins of gifting handcrafted dolls made by Diane, the program has grown exponentially to support more than 281 million children in need.

Last year, Toys for Tots handed out roughly 19 million toys across every state and U.S. territory, according to Marine Forces Reserve spokesman Lt. Col. Craig Thomas, and this season, they’re on track to reach upwards of 20 million gifts.

Of these contributions, some will go to the children of Afghan refugees who have been granted asylum in the U.S. following the chaotic evacuation from their homeland.

For more information on donating or requesting a toy, visit the Toys for Tots website at [toysfortots.org](https://toysfortots.org).





## 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

11 December 2022

#### Dog House

Harry L. Cooper VFW Post 160



# MODD

## Hound Dog Pound 204

### Operation Chow Hound

At the last Pack Growl, a motion was made to bring Operation Chow Hound to Maryland. We ask that Dogs bring some dog food to the next **Pack Growl on 19 November**. The items collected will be donated to a local “no kill” shelter. Suggested items include dog food, cat food, cat litter, etc. The operation started a few years ago in the NC Pack and has been warmly received in the community. Barking Dogs, this has great public relations appeal.

The Pack Growl will be on 19 Nov at VFW Post 7472 in Ellicott City.





Hosted by the National Public  
Relations Committee



No information available. Will advise on next Zoom.

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# **Young Marines**

## **Upcoming Events**

|        |                      |                       |                 |
|--------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 22 Oct | DDR Dash             | Quantico, VA          | 7:00 AM         |
| 22 Oct | YM Color Guard       | Fisher House          | 12:00 PM        |
| 30 Oct | Unit Drill           | VFW Post 160          | 1:30 to 5:00 PM |
| 10 Nov | Colors /Cake Cutting | VFW Post 160          | 7:00 PM         |
| 11 Nov | Veteran Appreciation | Brightview Senior Ctr |                 |
| 13 Nov | Unit Drill           | VFW Post 160          | 1:30 to 5:00 PM |
| 3 Dec  | Craft Fundraiser     | Bowie Elks Club       |                 |

## **ATTENTION CRAFTERS**

We are looking for crafters who would like to rent a table at our December Holiday Bazaar.

If you are interested, please see and follow the directions on the flyer on the next page. All proceeds from table fees will benefit the Anne Arundel Young Marines.

ANNE ARUNDEL YOUNG MARINES  
**HOLIDAY BAZAAR**

CRAFTERS WANTED!!!!

***SPACES WILL BE OPEN FIRST TO CRAFTERS.***

If spaces remain, we will open up to Direct Sales at a  
later date

DECEMBER 3, 2022 (10 AM – 2 PM)

Elks Bowie – 1506 Defense Hwy – Gambills, MD  
21054

Provided – 8' Table with 2 Chairs

\$50 per space inside (34 available) - \$40 outside space  
(5 available)

\$100 Spaces available for Food Trucks (5 available)

Please email me to request an application.

([jcowger55@gmail.com](mailto:jcowger55@gmail.com))

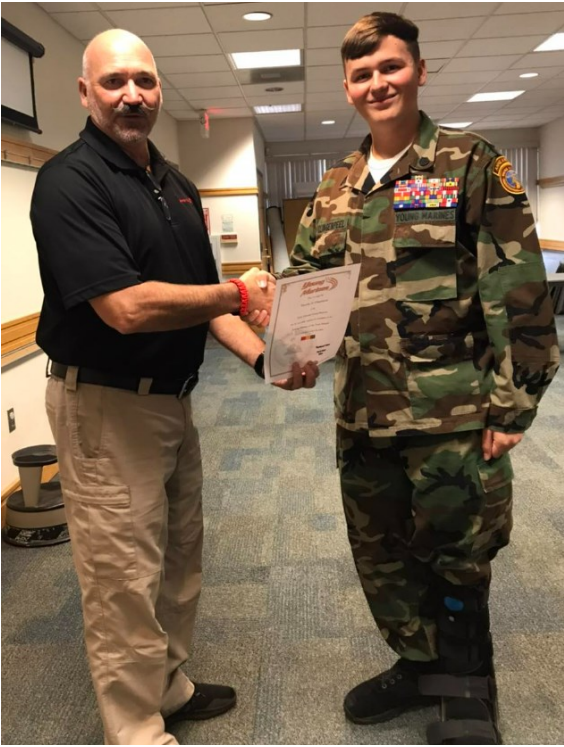
Provide your name, email, type of craft ***with a picture of your crafts***, preference for indoor or outdoor space and if electricity is needed. If/When approved, you will be sent the application with payment information that will be required to be made within 72 hours after receiving email. PAYMENTS MADE THROUGH PAYPAL.

Direct sales can submit information to be put on the waiting list if spaces become available.

We will be limiting types of crafters so we have lots of variety. Sponsor: ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY YOUNG MARINES. If you would like more information about the Anne Arundel Young Marines, please visit [youngmarines.org](http://youngmarines.org) or facebook



# Young Marines Staying Active



YM SSgt Timothy Clingenpeel was selected as the Unit's YM of the Year. Special thanks to Woody Bowman who assisted with the YMOY Board.



Presenting Colors at the VFWA Fall Fest. L to R, Skylar Hiatt, Nick Walker, Bladen Wheatley, Hudson Mager



Division 2 Junior Leadership School. Anne Arundel YMs Cameron Westerlund and Skylar Hiatt (center)



Division 2 Junior Leadership School. Anne Arundel YM Daniel Westerlund, (4th from left)

# Fort Frederick Encampment



History lesson



Sand table on fort designs



Capturing a French spy



More drill.. Colonial style



S'mores anyone?

# Maryland Regiment Young Marines Birthday Ball



Baltimore Detachment Commandant Earl Ruff welcomes the Young Marines



The Official Party. Mrs Berhinger, LtCol Berhinger (Guest of Honor), Mrs Willis, Mr Rob Willis (MD Regt Cdr) MCL Department Commandant Joe Fay, YM SgtMaj Cody Areford (MD Regt SgtMaj)



Emcee YM GySgt London Williams (SoMD) and Chaplain, YM Sgt Bladen Wheatley (seated)





# UPCOMING EVENTS

# CALENDAR

|        |                    |               |         |
|--------|--------------------|---------------|---------|
| 24 Oct | MCL meeting        | VFW 160       | 7:00 PM |
| 10 Nov | Cake Cutting       | VFW 160       |         |
| 19 Nov | Dept of MD meeting | Ellicott City | 9:00 AM |
| 28 Nov | MCL meeting        | VFW Post 160  | 7:00 PM |

*Please send calendar additions to Ray Sturm at [Bandit6A@gmail.com](mailto:Bandit6A@gmail.com) NLT the Saturday following the detachment's monthly meeting.*



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# Minutes



Detachment Meeting Minutes  
**Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049**  
Marine Corps League  
September 26, 2022

## OPENING BY RITUAL:

Meeting called to order by Commandant Burt Helmka at 1900 hours.  
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by prayer by Acting Chaplain 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    | P |
| Judge Advocate             | Ray Sturm     | P |
| Jr. Past Commandant        | Ben Wells     | P |
| Adjutant                   | Norm Huffman  | A |
| By-Laws Committee Chairman | Danny Fischio | A |
| Chaplain                   | Bill Collins  | A |
| Color Guard Commander      | Woody Bowman  | P |
| Historian                  | Joe Wright    | P |
| Newsletter Editor          | Ray Sturm     | P |
| Paymaster                  | Joe Wright    | P |
| Quartermaster              | Bill Collins  | A |
| Rifle Pistol Team Captain  | Ray Sturm     | P |
| Sgt-at-Arms                | James Galvin  | P |
| Web Sergeant               | Joe Wright    | P |
| Young Marine Commander     | Ray Sturm     | P |

**APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:** Application for Marine Shayne Jarosz was presented.  
Motion made and second to accept Shayne for membership. Shayne was sworn in, followed by prayer by Acting Chaplain Ben Wells.

**ADJUTANT'S REPORT:** Minutes from the August meeting were posted on the Detachment website and in the newsletter.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**PAYMASTER:** The financial report was given by Paymaster, Joe Wright.

|               |                    |
|---------------|--------------------|
| Checking:     | \$10,099.36        |
| Savings:      | <u>\$ 2,267.48</u> |
| Total assets: | \$12,366.84        |

**CHAPLAIN REPORT:** Marine Warren Lindgren passed away on September 19, 2022. Services were held on September 27, 2022.

**COMMANDANT:** Have not received any comments related to our current bylaws in preparation of pending bylaw updates. The updates will occur in the very near future. Possible fellowship meeting away from the post to have breakfast or dinner and get to know each other better.

**SENIOR VICE:** No report

**JUNIOR VICE:** Will start working on bylaw changes.

**JUDGE ADVOCATE:** No report

**JR. PAST COMMANDANT:** No report

**NEWSLETTER EDITOR:** Ray Sturm reported he would like to have all articles turned in as soon as possible.

**COLOR GUARD:** Nothing until November.

**YOUNG MARINES:** Commander Ray Sturm reported they have a lot on their schedule. Colors for VFW fall fest. Young Marine of the Year Board October 8<sup>th</sup>. YM Birthday Ball October 16<sup>th</sup>. Drug Demand Reduction Run at the Marine Corps Museum in Quantico October 22<sup>nd</sup> followed by colors for the Fisher House fund raiser. October 29<sup>th</sup> community service at local food bank. October 30<sup>th</sup>, Color Guard Commander Woody Bowman to assist with color guard stuff during their Halloween party and Woody is required to be in costume.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** No unfinished business was discussed.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:** Master Sergeant Shafi McCants, Sr Marine Instructor with the Northeast High School Marine Corps Junior ROTC attended the meeting to discuss our two organizations working together and establishing liaison between each other. New member Shayne Jarosz offered to supply a flag flown over Iwo Jima along with other item to use as a fund raiser for the detachment. Ray Sturm notified everyone that we have been invited to the MCSB Marine Corps Ball on November 4<sup>th</sup> at Live Casino. Anyone interested in tickets are asked to contact Ray Sturm. 2018 Associate of the Year, Chris Stevens was presented with the newly minted Associate of the Year Medallion.

**CLOSING CEREMONIES:** Sgt. at Arms Jim Galvin closed the meeting IAW MCL rituals. The next meeting will be held on October 24, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joseph Wright, Jr. Vice Commandant/Paymaster  
Marine Corps League - A. A. County Detachment 1049



**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
- Anne Arundel Young Marines            Every other Sunday @ 1:30 PM

|  <b>Veterans of Foreign Wars<br/>of The United States</b><br><small>Col. Harry L. Cooper Post 160<br/>2597 Dorsey Rd<br/>Glen Burnie, MD 21061-3268</small> |                                                                                     |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>SNACKS</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>PIZZA</b>                                                                        |
| CHEESE BURGER      \$4.50                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>LARGE PIZZA</b>                                                                  |
| 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                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>PERSONAL SIZE</b>                                                                |
| 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

We would like to thank all of

## **Our Sponsors, Supporters, & Friends**

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



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Inc**



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