

March/April 2025



Bull & Oyster Roast A Huge Success

The detachment’s annual Bull & Oyster Roast was held on March 8, 2025. Over 110 Marines, family, and friends packed into Post 175 to enjoy an afternoon of good food, great friends, and fun games. A good time was had by all. There are too many individuals to thank for its success but kudos to John Dunker, Joe Peacy, and Debbie Deene, for taking the “bull by its oysters” and getting ‘er done.



We received numerous comments about what a good time it was. Several people have even said they are looking forward to next



year. It may be hard to top, but the challenge is out there.

For additional photos, please see page 7.

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From The Editor

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

Greetings everyone,

Yes, I know it's been a while since the last newsletter. I will try to get them out on time.

The detachment's B&O Roast was very successful. Special thanks to John Dunker and everyone who assisted or participated.

Next up is our recruiting event coordinated by our Commandant, Burt Helmka. The event is at Bass Pro Shops on Saturday, 19 April from 10 AM to 3 PM. Volunteers are always welcome to help staff the tent.

The success of the detachment is tied to recruiting. We need new and hopefully younger members. We all need to consider ourselves

as recruiters. One person cannot do this alone.

I thank our Jr Vice, Joe Peacy, for his efforts in getting new members. Please see his article and join us all in welcoming Brian Wasson and Norman Milligan into the detachment.

Marines, it is also that time of year for nominations for detachment officers. If you are considering a role, please note that there is a wealth of knowledge in the detachment. We are very willing to help if you decide to volunteer.

Semper Fi
Ray



Golf Tournament Cancelled

Due to an unfortunate series of events, our annual golf tournament has been cancelled. If things change, we may be able to have one in 2026. This would have been our 19th year.

Coming Soon - Renditions Golf Package

The detachment and Marines Helping Heroes will raffle a four-some and lunch at Renditions in Davidsonville. The details are still being worked out.

Commandant's Corner

Marines,

I hope all is well with you.

Shout out to Tommy & Bill Collins, you guys can come back now. No more clean-up detail. We surely miss you guys.

Well, our Bull & Oyster Roast was a success once again. Thanks again to all who participated, collected donations, and worked the event. Numbers will follow in the Senior Vice's report.

Up next is our recruitment drive on April 19th at Bass Pro Shops from 10:00 AM till 3:00 PM. We are going to need volunteers as in all hands on deck. Uniform of the day is cover and red detachment polo shirt or cover and any red shirt. We will be giving away hotdogs, taking donations, and attempting to recruit new members. We need your help.

Lastly, the department convention package is out and on www.deptofmdmcl.org.

That is all.

Semper Fi,

Burt



Detachment Colors

DETACHMENT STAFF

Commandant	Burt Helmka
Sr Vice Cmdt	John Dunker
Jr Vice Cmdt	Joe Peacy
Judge Advocate	Ray Sturm
Jr Past Cmdt	Ben Wells
Adjutant	Debbie Deene
Chaplain	Jim Sanchez
Sgt-at-Arms	Jim Galvin
Color Guard Cdr	Woody Bowman
Newsletter Editor	Ray Sturm
Paymaster	Ben Wells
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 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00 PM at American Legion Post 175 at 832 Manhattan Beach Rd, Severna Park, 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.

Social Dinner
April 25
TBD



Senior Vice Commandant

Greetings Marines!

I would like to thank everyone who made the Bull & Oyster Roast the success it was.

This has been an exceptionally busy month for me. I will have B&O numbers to everyone at the earliest possibility. Thanks for your understanding.

Semper Fi
John Dunker



Junior Vice Commandant

I would like to welcome two new members, Brian Wasson (pending his DD214) and Norman Milligan, who was sworn in at the March meeting.

Remember, recruiting is related to the continued success of the detachment.

Joe Peacy

Quartermaster

I am the Quartermaster for Detachment 1049. I want to make you aware of the items currently on hand. If you are interested, please contact me at 443-955-8531. I am in the process of obtaining additional items.

Hats: Detachment 1049 Red Ballcaps > 2 on hand

Once a Marine, Always a Marine, black > 2 on hand

Detachment patches: > 96 on hand

Detachment polo shirts, S/M/L > various

Detachment coins: > 25 on hand

S/F,

Dan Ryan



Chaplain

Spring is here, and with that comes new and warmer weather. Of course, here in Maryland we still might get some very chilly days and certainly more chilly nights. That could be God's gentle reminder that we can still be surprised! With spring also comes new life, not only in nature with the trees, plants, and grass, but with the animals bringing forth new life, too. Humans are also part of that equation. Many of us have family and friends who have had babies come into this big world, and some of us have even had the misfortune and sadness of losing loved ones. Let us remember to pause sometime throughout our busy days and say a prayer of thanks, and of hope for our loved ones. We can pray for peace, and we can pray for the strength to not give up when the going gets tough. And we can pray for some wisdom to know when to reach out for help, or when to reach out to help someone in need.

Be blessed MCL family!

Jim Sanchez
Chaplain



Color Guard

No report.



BSA Liaison and Eagle Scout Coordinator

BSA Troop 216 will hold its 16 April meeting at Glen Burnie Bowl. The Scouts will try their luck at "Duck Pin" bowling. The meeting starts at 1830.

Jim Galvin
Sgt-at-Arms



From Around the Corps

F-35B still undergoing repairs at Japanese airport weeks after precautionary landing

By BRIAN MCELHINEY AND KEISHI KOJA STARS AND STRIPES • April 15, 2025

A Marine Corps F-35B Lightning II that made a precautionary landing at a Japanese airport more than three weeks ago is still undergoing maintenance, the service said Tuesday. The stealth jet, assigned to Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 121 at Marine Corps



Air Station Iwakuni, landed at Kochi Airport on the afternoon of March 25 after the pilot received a warning indication during a routine training flight, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing spokesman Maj. Joseph Butterfield said at the time. As of Tuesday morning, the jet remained parked at the airport in Kochi prefecture, where it is undergoing parts replacement and maintenance, Butterfield told Stars and Stripes by email that day. No timeline has been set for its return to MCAS Iwakuni, said Butterfield, who declined to provide further details, citing security concerns. “The aircraft’s onboard systems worked as designed and alerted the pilot to a potential issue, and the pilot responded as trained to ensure safe flight operations,” he wrote. “We will continue thorough inspections of the aircraft to ensure its safe return to home station.”

Read more at: [https://www.stripes.com/theaters/asia_pacific/2025-04-15/f-35b-iwakuni-marine-corps-shikoku-17474376.html?](https://www.stripes.com/theaters/asia_pacific/2025-04-15/f-35b-iwakuni-marine-corps-shikoku-17474376.html?utm_source=sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=mil-ebb)

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Source - Stars and Stripes

Detachment Bull & Oyster Roast



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No News to Report



Join National Day of Service, April 23

National Volunteer Week is April 20–26. As part of this special week, support a National Day of Service through “VetServe 2025,” a campaign to strengthen volunteer capacity across the nation on April 23, 2025.



Suicide prevention: Self-check assessment

Confidential questionnaire can help you find out if stress and depression are affecting you

March 27, 2025

Matthew Miller
Executive Director, Suicide Prevention

Checking in with yourself can save your life.

For me, the gym is more than a place for exercise. It’s where I tune in to my body and mind. As I get older, my joints and muscles have plenty to say, and I’ve learned to listen.

But beyond the occasional aches and pains, the gym is my personal check-in point. It’s where I take stock of life, sort through challenges and find clarity when stress starts piling up. I admit that it sometimes can be a struggle.

Veterans tend to prioritize others’ needs. But if you’re at the point where it’s second nature to just keep pushing through negative issues, you could end up overwhelmed. You could even face a crisis.

It’s always a good idea to check in with yourself, and we want you to know that there’s a tool available for you.

What is VA’s self-check assessment?

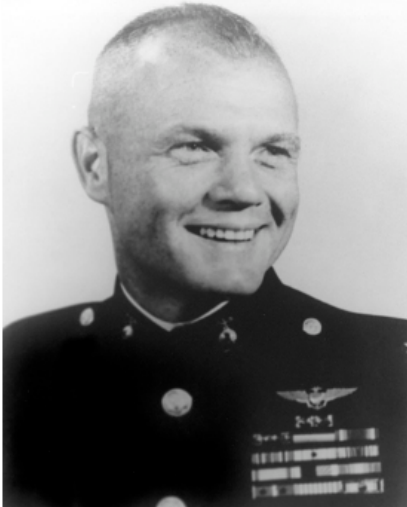
VA and the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention teamed up to create the [Veterans Self-Check Assessment](https://www.vetsselfcheck.org/welcome.cfm), a free, confidential tool to help you find out if stress and depression are affecting you and what you can do about it.

The assessment includes a series of questions that takes about 10 minutes to complete. It’s designed specifically for Veterans, active-duty military service members and members of the National Guard and Reserve, as well as their family members.

<https://www.vetsselfcheck.org/welcome.cfm>

~ Our History ~ Customs ~ and Traditions ~

Famous Marines with April Links



Lieutenant Colonel John H. Glenn Selected for Space Training

On April 10, 1959, Lieutenant Colonel John H. Glenn, Jr. was named as one of the original seven Project Mercury astronauts selected for space training. All seven astronauts were volunteers and were selected by NASA out of a pool of 110 candidates, all of whom were leading military test pilots. Just under three years later, in February of 1962, Glenn became the first American to orbit the Earth.



Joe Foss Born

On April 17, 1915, future Medal of Honor recipient Joseph "Joe" Foss, was born in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

In 1940, Foss joined the Marine Corps as a pilot, and went on to become a leading American "ace" during World War II. During his time in the Corps, Foss won 26 aerial victories and received numerous awards, including the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Medal of Honor for his actions over Guadalcanal in the Solomon Islands where he recorded 23 confirmed (and numerous other probable) kills in just over a month between October and November of 1942.

Following his time in the military, Foss had a number of jobs, including serving as the 20th Governor of South Dakota, the Commissioner of the American Football League, and the President of the National Rifle Association. He died in Arizona in 2003 at the age of 87.

*Image info: Joe Foss
(USMC photo/released.)



Merritt "Red Mike" Edson Born

On April 25, 1897, future Medal of Honor recipient Merritt "Red Mike" Edson was born in Chester, Vermont.

In October 1917, Edson received his commission as a Second Lieutenant in the Marine Corps, and served in France and Germany during World War I. Following the war, Edson held several positions before going to flight school in 1922. After graduating flight school and being designated a Naval Aviator, he performed several assignments in Central America and China.

When World War II broke out, Edson was assigned as the Commanding officer of the Marine Raiders. While commanding Marine Raiders on Guadalcanal, Edson earned the Medal of Honor for the defense of Lunga Ridge on September 13-14, 1942. During the battle, Edson's Raider Battalion, along with two companies of the 1st Parachute Battalion, were assigned to defend Lunga Ridge, a short distance south of Henderson Field in what was supposed to be a relatively uneventful mission.

*Image info: Merritt Edson.
(USMC photo/released)



MODD

Hound Dog Pound 204

Pound 204 Next Growl

TBD

VPW Post 160

Maryland Pack Grand Growl

9 May 2025

Ocean City, MD

Advancing Pups must have their paperwork in on time. See the Dog Robber or Pound Keeper.

Hound Dog Pound 204

Mer-lin Pack

Officers

Pound Keeper Howard Koontz

Sr Vice PK Bobby Lee

Jr Vice PK

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 Burt Helmka

Dog House

Harry L. Cooper VPW Post 160





Young Marines

Upcoming Events

30 Mar	Unit Drill and Recruit Graduation	Glen Burnie Elks Lodge
11-13 Apr	Encampment	Tuckahoe State Park
19 Apr	Bass Pro Recruiting and Fundraiser	With MCL
Apr 27	Unit Drill	American Legion Post 276
10 May	Green Valley Fundraiser	Pasadena
11 May	NO DRILL — Mother's Day	
17 May	Green Valley Fundraiser	Pasadena
25 May	Car Show	Glen Burnie Elks Lodge
26 May	Memorial Day Parade	Annapolis

NEW RECRUIT GRADUATION 30 MARCH
MUST BE 8 YEARS OLD TO HIGH SCHOOL



Unit Drill is conducted every other Sunday at the American Legion Post 276 at 8068 Quarterfield Rd, Severn MD. Marine Corps League members are welcome to attend and observe drill.

Young Marines

Bushel of Crabs

Memorial Day Fundraiser

Win me and a bushel of my buddies.
We will come to your backyard on
Memorial Day for a great party.
Get your tickets now.



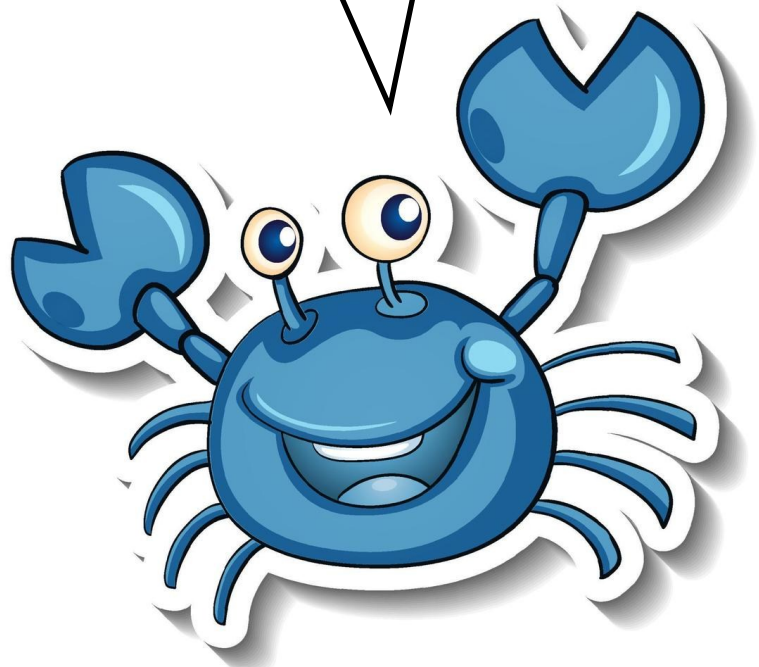
Proceeds support the
Young Marines.

**Tickets are just \$10
each or 3 for \$25**

For tickets contact

Ray Sturm at Bandit6A@gmail.com
or 202-903-8480

Drawing held **17 May** in time for
your Memorial Day BBQ.



Four Recruits Graduate

30 March 2025, the unit welcomed four new Young Marine Privates as full fledged Young Marines. The graduates underwent 26 hours of recruit training in order to graduate.



Recruits Tossie, Dove, Allegar, and Lampley being briefed by UC Ray Sturm and YM Sgt Mager.



Special thanks to the Glen Burnie Elks Lodge for the use of their fantastic facility.

The new members of the Anne Arundel Young Marines. (L to R)

YM Pvt Cyana Tossie

YM Pvt Nicolai Dove

YM Pvt Tyson Lampley

YM Pvt Joey Allegar

UPCOMING EVENTS

CALENDAR

19 April	Recruiting Event	Bass Pro Shops	Arundel Mills
21 April	Detachment meeting	American Legion 175	Severna Park, MD
28 April to 1 May	Modern Day Marine		Washington DC
8-11 May	Department Convention	Grand Hotel	Ocean City, MD
16 June	Detachment meeting	American Legion 175	Severna Park, MD
26-28 June	Mideast Div Conference		Fredericksburg, VA

Please send calendar additions to Ray Sturm at Bandit6A@gmail.com NLT the Saturday following the detachment's monthly meeting.

HELP Needed

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

March Minutes



Detachment Meeting Minutes
Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049
Marine Corps League
March 17, 2025

OPENING BY RITUAL:

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

The Pledge of Allegiance recited, followed by prayer by the commandant in our Chaplain's absence

Members in attendance: 12

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:

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

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: Joe Peacy, shared with us we two new members to vote on Norman Milligan and Brian Wasson, both have served and are in honorable standing to join.

ADJUTANT'S REPORT: Debbie Deene, reported that the minutes from February's meeting were not available and will be read and posted are noted, together with the March minutes at our April meeting. These minutes will be posted on the detachment website and copies available to anyone who would like a copy.

CORRESPONDENCE: No report

PAYMASTER: No report

CHAPLAIN REPORT: No report

COMMANDANT: Burt Helmka, reported that our Bull and Oyster roast on March 8th seemed to be a success more information to follow when our second vice reports at our meeting in April.

Our Ocean City convention packet online does not have the banquet registration form included, this has been updated and corrected now. Please get your rooms booked and register for the banquet you must mail in the banquet form and choose your food choice. Remember this event is a casual Hawaiian theme, no shorts or flip flops.

When our young marines present colors at the Baltimore Orioles game and the Bowie Bay Sox games we should all try and go to support them and represent our league.

Our annual golf tournament we have been doing for 18 years has been cancelled due to lack of volunteer's, and time required. According to Ray Sturm we are current as a foundation all insurance's, C-3 status and website are still in place, therefore we will re-visit this at the end of the year for next year. There will be a golf four some raffle for the foundation more information to follow.

Reminder our recruitment drive is on April 19th at Bass Pro from 10-3, Volunteers needed if you're available. We will have the young marines assisting as they did last year.

SENIOR VICE: No report

JUNIOR VICE: Joe Peacy, reported with us we two new members to vote on and swear in. The league voted to accept both new members Norman Milligan and Brian Wasson, both have served and are honorably eligible. Brian could not be sworn in today due to a prior commitment, and will be sworn in in April's meeting. We proceeded with formalities to swear in and welcome Norman Milligan to the league.

JUDGE ADVOCATE: No report.

JR. PAST COMMANDANT: No report.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: No report.

QUARTERMASTER: Dan Ryan, reported he issued out two covers and has ordered some new uniforms.

BY LAWS- No report.

HISTORIAN/ WEB SERGEANT: No report.

MARINE FOR LIFE: No report

COLOR GUARD: No report

YOUNG MARINES: Ray Sturm report that the youngsters are busy as usual. They will be at Tuckahoe State Park in April for a fishing event. They will be posting colors in June at Camden Yards for the Orioles game and in Bowie at the Bay Sox game. He will let us know what the exact dates will be at our next meeting. National has dictated new uniform change, we are changing from basic camo to digital camo. We are currently running a raffle for a bushel of crabs to help with the cost of our new uniforms.

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS: No report

GUEST/VISITOR- No report

NEW BUSINESS: Jane Huffman, reported that her Nila and Debbie are in the process of organizing another fundraiser in the form of a quarter auction maybe in the fall. This event we would make money on a bake table a white elephant or Chinese auction table. The organization that puts these on requires us to provide 6 baskets to raffle off at least a \$100.00 value. We will need several fast running volunteer's to collect the quarters off of each table. Ray Sturm said the young marines may be able to assist in this event depending on the date. Jane will be meeting with the woman who puts these on to get dates and more information at our next meeting. We could even do our 50/50 raffle and draw it live the day of the quarter auction.

Secondly one of our local businesses Cookies restaurant who donates to our league greatly is in need of some help. Cookie has formed a group to help with soup kitchens in a town called Hot Springs, NC, due to the tragic hurricanes down there. She is going down again in April with her group and is asking for any support in collecting non-perishable items, dishes, pots and pans etc. Ray Sturm mentioned another MCL league down there was affected and their historian updated league information without power for nearly two months. Nila Caulder made a motion to donate \$500.00 to cookie and Jeff Glover made the second, this was voted on and accepted by the league. Ray Sturm made a motion also to donate no more than \$500.00 toward food and supplies needed for our recruitment drive at Bass Pro on April 19th, this was seconded by Woody Bowman and voted on and accepted by the league.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE: No report or date on a proposed social dinner due to Easter weekend and being Good Friday we will most likely resume in May after convention.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Jim Galvin reported the Boy Scout troop we sponsor has members ranging from 29 -72 years old. We have a young boy at age 14 with downs syndrome who joined with us as we are working with a group of downs syndrome fellas. One mother is a little reluctant due to the nature of our activities and f it would be beneficial for her son, we think we have her convinced it would be a good fit. The move to the Providence center has been a bit rough at first but is working out great. We are located in the Cloverleaf business park off of Veterans Highway in Millersville, Md.

Woody Bowman shared that Tommy Maiorana, is now doing dialysis 3 times a week for 4 hours at a time please keep Tommy in your thoughts and prayers. Also it was shared by Jane Huffman that Bill Collins has been down in the dumps lately as he hasn't heard from anyone from the league. We need to get a card and all sign it to send to him, anybody who may want his address or email let me know he would certainly appreciate hearing from us. We will have a card to sign at the next meeting.

CLOSING CEREMONIES: Sgt. at Arms Jim Galvin closed the meeting IAW MCL rituals. The next meeting to be held on April 21, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Deene, Adjutant
Marine Corps League - A. A. County Detachment 1049



Welcome to

American Legion Post 175

832 Manhattan Beach Rd

Severna Park, MD

Post Operating Hours

Monday: 2 PM to 11 PM

Tuesday—Thursday 11 AM to midnight

Friday: 11 AM to 2 AM

Saturday: Noon to 2 AM

Sunday: Noon to Midnight

Kitchen Hours

Tue: 11 AM to 2 PM and 4 PM to 8 PM

Wed: 11 AM to 2 PM

Thur: 11 AM to 2 PM and 4 PM to 8 PM

Fri: 11 AM to 4 PM

Bar Deli Hours

Daily until 10 PM

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throughout the year.



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