

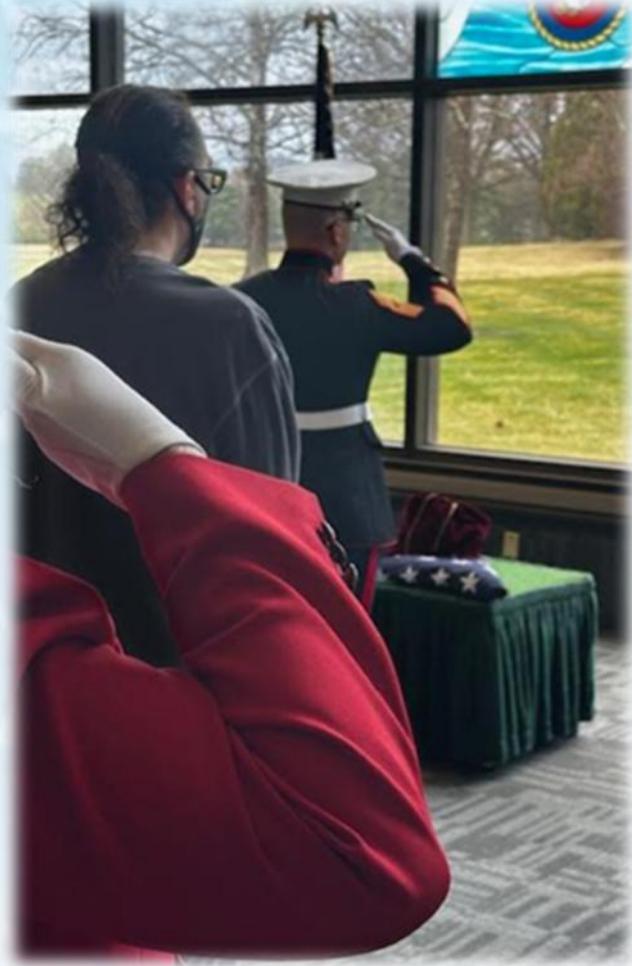
# The Cutting Edge



The Official Newsletter  
of the Anne Arundel County Detachment



## Present... ARMS!



Final Honors are rendered to Marine Mike Hadley at his Internment Ceremony at Crownsville Veterans Cemetery on 16 March. Mike passed peacefully at home on 25 November 2025. Rest in peace, brother.

The detachment meets the 3rd Monday of the Month at 7:00 PM at the American Legion Post 175 at 832 Manhattan Beach Rd, Severna Park, MD.

**ALL MARINES ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND**



# From the Editor



In an abundance of caution due to the predicted extreme weather, the commandant cancelled our March meeting. In doing so, we have to push the second round of nominations and elections to April. The April meeting will feature the elections and installation of officers. Everyone is welcome.. nominations are set. Please come and support the officers.

We are attempting to create a group of shooters who meet on the **3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday from 1800-2000 at Cindy's in Glen Burnie**. If you have an interest in shooting please come join us.

We need to know who will be attending the Department Convention in May. If you plan on attending, please let us know. The detachment will cover your Delegate registration.

A special thanks to **Debbie Deene** for submitting her article on a joint community service event.

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I attended the Midwinter Conference and Mini-Growl. I'll have some information to pass along to you at our next meeting.

Bull and Oyster roast tickets are now on sale, letter for donations to be solicited is ready. Please contact me for both.

Our Friday night dinner at Post 175 was a success. We raised \$204 dollars and were sold out in 1 hour and 10 minutes. Thanks to all that helped. Only nine more to go.

We shot at Cindy's Hot Shot last night, 5 members in attendance. All broke paper. It is a really good time and no experience is needed. Hope to see some more members next month.

Next up is our Mideast Division Conference at Rehoboth Beach, DE. Please attend if you can. Lots of great information will be passed. Additionally, we will be selecting our National Division Vice Commandant. Your votes are important.

The highlight for the MODD will be a Growl hosted by the Maryland Pack. It will certainly be a lot of fun. Additionally, there will be a much-needed class on Kennel Management Application (KMA).

I also would like to apologize for cancelling the March meeting on such short notice. I made a decision to error on the side of caution due to the expected dangerous thunderstorms and tornado watches in effect. It was my call.

The elections that would have been held will be conducted at the April meeting with the installation of officers immediately after.

Semper Fi,  
Burt

### DETACHMENT STAFF

Commandant	Burt Helmka
Sr Vice Cmdt	John Dunker
Jr Vice Cmdt	Joe Peacy
Judge Advocate	Ray Sturm
Jr Past Cmdt	Ban Wells
Adjutant	Debbie Deene
Chaplain	Jim Sanchez
Sgt-at-Arms	Jim Galvin
Color Guard Cdr	Woody Bowman
Paymaster	Joe Peacy
Quartermaster	Dan Ryan
Public Affairs	Vacant
Marksmanship	Ray Sturm
Web Sgt	Joe Wright
Young Marines	Ray Sturm

### WEBSITE

<https://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

Commences immediately after the meeting. Join us for a beverage and the telling of sea stories.

# Next Pistol Shoot



**23 Apr 2026**

**6:00 PM**

**to**

**8:00 PM**

**Cindy's Hot Shots**

115-C Holsum Way

Glen Burnie, MD 21060

No experience required.

Some shooters bring several firearms to share. Bring ammo or purchase on site.



**DINNER**

**SOCIAL**

Our next dinner is

**TBD**

**All Marines and Families are Welcome**

**Fundraiser Tickets**

**Available Now**

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE  
**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY DETACHMENT 1049**  
**Over \$2000 in CASH prizes ~ Month of MAY 2026**  
The winning number is based on the Maryland EVENING 3-digit number drawn STRAIGHT.  
 Payouts will be made at the end of the month. Awards will be given as listed below.  
 Name appearing on the stub is the winner.

May 1 \$75	May 9 \$50	May 17 \$50	May 25 \$300
May 2 \$50	May 10 \$300	May 18 \$50	May 26 \$50
May 3 \$50	May 11 \$50	May 19 \$75	May 27 \$50
May 4 \$50	May 12 \$50	May 20 \$50	May 28 \$50
May 5 \$50	May 13 \$50	May 21 \$50	May 29 \$50
May 6 \$50	May 14 \$50	May 22 \$50	May 30 \$50
May 7 \$75	May 15 \$50	May 23 \$50	May 31 \$75
May 8 \$50	May 16 \$50	May 24 \$50	

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
 PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
 SELLER \_\_\_\_\_

REFER TO THE DRAWING FOR THE WINNING NUMBER

DONATION: \$5.00—1,000 TICKETS SOLD  
 ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT MCL DET 1049



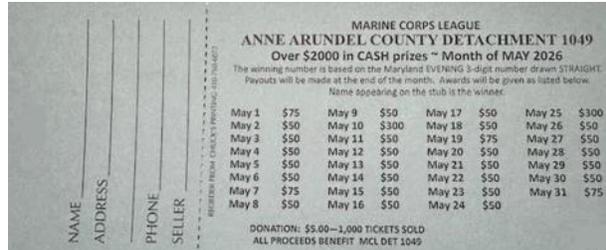


## Senior Vice Commandant

### We need your support.

> The detachment is running a **fundraiser** for May. It is based on the Maryland Evening Pick 3 daily lottery (picked straight.) Tickets are just \$5 each with proceeds supporting the detachment's general fund. You will have 31 chances to win.

**Tickets are on sale now.** See any detachment officer for tickets.



> Standby for information on our next **Bull & Oyster Roast on April 11th**. Last year's was a success and we want to continue growing it.

- John Dunker

## Junior Vice Commandant

My focus continues to be on recruiting to increase our detachment numbers. We are getting more exposure out in the community by sponsoring events at the American Legion Post 175, which is our base of operations. Members of the detachment have been sponsoring dinners at the American Legion Post 175. In addition to increasing our exposure at the post, it brings members of the detachment together for comradeship.. and some fun in the kitchen. Dinner volunteers are always welcome.

Semper Fi  
Joe Peacy

## Quartermaster

We still have coins available for \$10. Shirts in various sizes, baseball caps, and uniform covers are available as well. All uniform covers have been monogrammed with our detachment name.

Any questions, contact Dan Ryan





## Chaplain

We are about to transition from the chills of winter to the rains and sunshine of spring. We pray that new growth and life abound all around. Let us also pray for our world leaders. We pray for sensible governance and that our world leaders engage in prayer to You, Almighty Father, seeking true wisdom, integrity, and discernment in all their decisions; that they promote justice and peace. May they ask humbly for guidance, courage, and a servant's heart to make decisions that protect the vulnerable and uphold righteousness.

I would like to thank the members of the detachment and VFW Post 160 who attended Marine Mike Hadley's Internment Service. As many of you know, Mike was a longtime member of both organizations. He will be missed.

James Sanchez

## Color Guard

No report.

Next event: Memorial Day

Semper Fi

Woody

## Scouting Liaison

No report

Jim Galvin, Sgt-at-Arms



# From Around the Corps

## **US Marine Corps Pursues Thermal Cloaks to Hide Troops from Heat Sensors** by Michael Peck Military Times 11 March 2026

As the Ukraine war has shown, drones equipped with thermal sensors have made the battlefield so hazardous that the best defense is not to be spotted at all.

Thus, the U.S. Marine Corps is looking for camouflage cloaks that shield wearers from prying eyes and infrared cameras, according to a Marine Corps Systems Command.

The Multispectral Camouflage Overgarment, or MCO, “is intended to provide individual signature management for Marines by mitigating detection across the visual (VIS), near infrared (NIR), and short-wave infrared (SWIR) spectrums as well as suppress thermal signatures in the mid-wave infrared (MWIR) and long wave infrared (LWIR) to reduce the likelihood of detection by thermal sensors,” the notice notes. The deadline is April 22.

The Marines want 13,000 cloaks by 2027 and 61,000 by 2030.

[Read the full article.](#)



Russia adds thermal imaging to first person view Kamikaze drones.



U.S. Department  
of Veterans Affairs



News You Can Use

## VA Limit on GI Bill Benefits is Challenged by Major Veterans Groups

Stars & Stripes: Linda Hersey 10 March 2026.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars and Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America are plaintiffs in a lawsuit claiming veterans are being denied full education benefits under both the Montgomery GI Bill and Post-9/11 GI Bill. [Read more.](#)



Edward C. Rothstein

Secretary

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<http://veterans.maryland.gov>



I begin this message with a heavy heart, mindful of the developing situation in Iran and the tragic loss of six U.S. Army Reserve service members killed in action. May their memories forever be a blessing. Our thoughts and deepest sympathies are with their families, loved ones, and all those currently serving in harm's way. The Maryland Department of Veterans and Military Families stands ready to support our state's service members, veterans, and military families during this difficult time.

Over the past several days, I joined fellow state leaders at the National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs 2026 Midwinter Conference to share best practices for serving veterans nationwide. During this time, myself and other DVMF leaders, met with counterparts from California, Pennsylvania, Delaware, New Jersey, Texas, North Carolina, Oregon, and other states to exchange ideas aimed at strengthening services for veterans and military families.

Our mission is results driven:

**Federal Benefit Security:** In 2025, DVMF served Maryland veterans and their families securing more than \$54.5 million in federal benefits.

**Expert Support:** Through the dedication of our team, we assist Maryland's military-connected community in accessing critical federal, state, and local resources.

**Strategic Growth:** Looking ahead, we are strengthening our strategy to reach more veterans and military families across Maryland and ensure they connect with the resources they deserve.

While policy discussions and legislation continue to evolve, our commitment remains clear: Serving Maryland's veterans and military families. We remain dedicated to delivering the essential services our community relies on while expanding our reach across the state.

**CALL TO ACTION!** Reach out anytime, by emailing [secretary.dvmf@maryland.gov](mailto:secretary.dvmf@maryland.gov) to share your thoughts and ideas with me.

# Joint Community Service Event

Article by Debbie Deene

*I am writing to share a brief article regarding a joint event between the Marine Corps League Detachment #1049 and American Legion Post 175. ~ Debbie Deene*

In February, American Legion Post 175 posted a request for care package items such as games, snacks, and socks. During our February meeting, our detachment voted to donate \$200 toward this initiative. Nila Caulder purchased the requested items via Amazon and was reimbursed by the detachment. Norman and Jane Huffman delivered the supplies to the Post upon arrival.

On March 1, 2026, a group from our detachment including Commandant Burt Helmka, Nila Caulder, and I joined 2 American Legion members and 3 auxiliary Legion members to assemble the four large care packages. These were prepared for shipment to the Army, Air Force, and to the Marines aboard the USS Tarawa. There was a total of 4 boxes to each group totaling over \$2070.00 in items



Debbie Deene



Commandant Burt Helmka (behind the boxes)



Nila Caulder

*Thank you for what you do.*

# History ~ Customs ~ Traditions

## Meet the first pilot to receive the Medal of Honor flying the 'Whistling Death'

Military Times. By Jon Guttmas 11 March 2026

World War II in the Pacific produced a remarkable 10 fighter pilots of the United States Marine Corps who were awarded the Medal of Honor. Aside from Captain Henry T. Elrod at Wake Island, they all earned them in or around the Solomon Islands. Among them was the first to achieve ace status in a new entry to the USMC arsenal, one with which his name would be associated: Kenneth Walsh and the Vought F4U-1 Corsair. [Read entire article.](#)



*Ace pilot and Medal of Honor recipient, Kenneth A. Walsh*





**Hound Dog Pound 204**

**Mer-lin Pack**

**Officers**

- Pound Keeper    Howard Koontz
- Sr Vice PK        Bobby Lee
- Jr Vice PK        Wayne Miller
- Smart Dog        Ray Sturm
- Dog Trainer      Leonard Steipler
- Mad Dog          Glen Tabler
- Police Dog        Harry Hierstetter
- Watch Dog        Burt Helmka
- Barking Dog      Stuart Blair
- Dog Robber        Burt Helmka

**Dog House**

Harry L. Cooper VFW Post 160



# MODD

Hound Dog Pound 204

## Next Pound 204 Growl

7 June 2026                      VFW Post 160

## Other Pound Growls

- Pound 333      21 Mar
- Pound 344      11 Apr
- Pound 404      14 June

## Mideast Division

## Growl Hosted by Maryland Pack

17 Apr 2026

Rehoboth Beach

## Grand Growl of the Pack

8 May 2026

The Grand Hotel

Ocean City, MD





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



## ***Upcoming Events***

13 Mar	Nat'l Awards Banquet		DoubleTree Hilton-Dulles
15 Mar	Drill	AL Post 276	Severn, MD
28 Mar	Fish Fry	AL Post 276	Severn MD
29 Mar	Drill	AL Post 276	Severn, MD (Recruit Graduation)
12 Apr	Drill	AL ost 276	Severn, MD
25 Apr	Fundraiser	Green Valley	Pasadena, MD
26 Apri	Drill	AL Post 276	Severn, MD (Encampment Prep)
1-3 May	Encampment	Downs Park	Pasadena, MD

## ***Special Events***

Bushel of Crabs Fundraiser	Tickets Available	See Ray Sturm	Drawing 16 May
Poker Run Fundraiser	TBD		

**[AAYoungMarines.org](http://AAYoungMarines.org)**



So, what do we do you ask....

28 February 2026: The Anne Arundel Young Marines Color Guard presents Colors at the opening ceremony for the **Fisher House Bluegrass Jamboree** at American Legion Post 276 in Severn, MD. YMs left to right: **Harper Mager, Manny Periera, Mikey Southward, Joey Allegar.**







So, what do we do you ask....

There is no "typical" drill.

Getting Ready for the PFT



Tyson Lampley



Alayna Ott and Charlie Knott





So, what do we do you ask....

## The PFT and Recruit Testing



Recruits **Claire Wimbush** and **Georgia McGrail** taking the final recruit written test.





# UPCOMING EVENTS

# CALENDAR

11 Apr	Bull & Oyster Roast	AL Post 175	Severna Park, MD
17-19 Apr	MED Conference	Atlantic Sands	Rehoboth Beach, DE
20 Apr	Detachment Meeting	AL Post 175	Severna Park, MD
28-30 Apr	Modern Day Marine	Convention Ctr	Washington, DC
7-10 May	Dept of MD Convention	Grand Hotel	Ocean City, MD
17 May	Detachment Meeting	AL Post 175	Severna Park, MD

The detachment meets the 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00 PM at the American Legion Post 175 at 832 Manhattan Beach Rd, Severna Park, MD.

**Detachment Calendar Fundraiser**— Tickets on sale for May drawings.

**Bull & Oyster Roast** - 11 April 2026

**Bass Pro Membership Drive**—TBD

**Glen Burnie Spring Fest** - 9 May 2026

**Volunteers are needed to assist at these events.**



# HEAR YE, HEAR YE



Detachment Meeting Minutes  
**Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049**  
Marine Corps League  
February 16, 2026

## OPENING BY RITUAL:

Meeting called to order by Commandant Burt Helmka at 1900 hours.  
The Pledge of Allegiance recited, followed by prayer  
Members in attendance: 14

## ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:

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

**GUEST/VISITOR:** Retired Marine Matthew Lookfong possible new member to our league.

**APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:** Yes, application for new member Matthew Lookfong.  
Verification and vote to take place after initial business is finished.

**ADJUTANT'S REPORT:** Minutes from February meeting are noted that the minutes will be posted on the detachment website along with the newsletter. Copies available on table, pending review for any changes.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** No report

**PAYMASTER:** The financial report was given by. This amount is as follows as to date

Checking Account:	\$ 6618.48
Investment Account	<u>\$ 10,537.84</u>
	\$ 17,156.32

**CHAPLAIN REPORT:** - No report. However, Nila Caulder shared that one of our lifetime members, Earl Parker, is ill and has had lung biopsy done. His health progress is not good, please keep him in our prayers. Nila Caulder has provided his address if we would like to mail him a card. Oscar Earl Parker, 7638 Fairbanks Court, Hanover, Md.

The commandant also shared our condolences as a whole for Norm and Jane Huffman in the recent passing of their son.

**COMMANDANT:** As the commandant I attended the monthly meeting here at Post 175. It was reported that our dinner that was done in January coordinated by Joe Peacy was good he did a great job. I volunteered MCL to host dinners every other month. Then their board then asked whether we would take on every month for the remainder of the year; I took it upon myself to say yes. So, we will be hosting dinners every second Friday of the month for the remainder of the year. I was willing to give back to the post money on these dinners however they declined and told us to build up our funds. This post is sitting very well financially at 1.5 million, which is amazing.

The post will be having a game night on February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026 part of a collaboration with the American Legion gaming, Channel 2 news will be here to do a spotlight on this event. It was also shared that there are several bills being addressed with the senate at the state house right now regarding veterans. On that note the legion will have an event on Saturday, March 21, 2026 to help anyone file any VA claims to any that may be interested.

The second item I brought up with the commander of the legion was securing the hall for our annual bull and oyster roast. Credit is to be given to our member Brian Wasson as he helped us get the hall as a donation from the legion for our event. Also, Brian is looking at his schedule to see if he can be our bartender that day, so we do not have to pay a bar tender for this event. The bull and oyster roast will be on Saturday April 11, 2026, which our second vice will discuss on this event in more detail.

I've arranged and was approved with Bass Pro to hold our annual recruitment drive again, but the date is not yet confirmed. I also received an email from the Glen Burnie Improvement association about their spring vendor event on Saturday May 8, 2026. We did have a table set up in the spring for recruitment and sold a little swag. The date of the event is when we are at our state convention in May in Ocean City. I would like to ask if anyone is not attending the convention and can set up a table and volunteer for this event, it would be great, please just let me know.

Our pistol shoot is scheduled for Thursday February 19, 2026, at Cyndi's Hot Shots at 18:00-20:00, for anyone wanting to attend. No need to have a gun we have plenty to go around as Ben Wells shared. Lastly, I hope no one is upset that I took the initiative upon myself for these monthly dinners. I will get with the house committee here at the legion when they meet on the last Tuesday of each month.

**SENIOR VICE:** We are all set for April 11, 2026, for our annual bull and oyster roast. The caterer is secure. Our menu will be the same as last year along with raw and fried oysters. There will be draft beer, Miller Lite draft and a cash bar, soda and water will be included with the ticket price. The price of the tickets will be the same as last year at \$60.00 each. We will have 50/50 raffle auction items and pull tabs; any raffle tickets we have not sold for our May lottery calendar will also be sold that day. Should there be any beer left over in the keg we will donate it back to the post. We are looking for donations for our basket raffles and volunteers to go out and try and obtain some donations; we will provide a donation letter for anyone that can help. Please let me know who needs one and who can help.

I also have some 250 anniversary shirts available and coins. I will bring the coins to have Dan put in the footlocker in the shed.

**JUNIOR VICE:** Thanks to all who helped with our January legion dinner, it was a great success and we received good feedback. The only thing I learned for the next one is to have more meat I mis judged vs uncooked weight and cooked weight and possibly use smaller rolls next time. We will offer our dinners basically for around \$12.00 each month tis is what the legion has suggested and based on our cost of the food. It was proposed by Jeff Glover to go to Groesbeck's. grocery with a donation letter and several places do donate to these types of organizations as they did for him with the girl scouts when he would cook for them. We simply need a donation letter updated.

We have a new member to vote on and swear in. All his credentials are in order, and he is more than qualified to be part of this Marine Corps league. Please welcome Matthew Lookfong as he shares a little bit of information about himself, we will proceed with voting him in and his initiation after our regular business is finished.

**JUDGE ADVOCATE:** No report.

**JR. PAST COMMANDANT:** Reminder that we have our Mid-Winter conference in Pentagon City at the Sheraton February 25, 2026, through February 28, 2026. There is also a growl scheduled.

**NEWSLETTER EDITOR:** No report.

**QUARTERMASTER:** No report.

**BY LAWS:** No report.

**HISTORIAN/ WEB SERGEANT:** No report.

**MARINE FOR LIFE:** No report

**COLOR GUARD:** No report.

**TOYS FOR TOTS:** No report

**YOUNG MARINES:** No report

**OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:** Jane Huffman shared that the American Legion Post is looking to do care packages to send out to 4 military groups. This information is on their website they are looking for donations for items such as snacks, candy games such as cards socks for both men and women. Visit their website or order directly on Amazon to have sent to the post. They are looking at people do assist with packing these up once everything has arrived on Sunday, March 1,2026.

A motion was made by Nila Caulder to donate \$200.00 toward this on behalf of the league and it was seconded by Jeff Glover. Nila will order the items on her Amazon account and bring them to the legion for packaging that day. The league will re-imburse Nila for the order not to exceed the \$200.00 motion. Commandant Helmka has announced its time for nominations to begin for officers at the league this is first round of nominations and we will have another at our next meeting in March and again in April where we will vote.

Burt Helmka was nominated as commandant again by Ben Wells – Burt declined

Ben Wells then nominated John Dunker for commandant

John Dunker accepted the nomination as commandant

Joe Peacy accepted the nomination as Senior Vice

Jeff Glover was nominated as Junior Vice but before accepting he wanted to know what the details of the position entailed. He was explained and then accepted the nomination as junior vice.

Burt Helmka accepted the nomination as Junior Past

Ray Sturm was not present by proxy and accepted the nomination as Judge Advocate. Ray will accept verbally at our March meeting.

Nominations will open again next month at our regular meeting.

We then proceeded to vote him in and was sworn in as a new member of the league. The detachment members then welcomed Matthew Lookfong to our league.

**GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:** Jim Galvin shared that the Boy Scout Troop attended a Pinewood Derby event at the Glen Burnie Elks Lodge this past Saturday. The Pinewood Derby is an event in which scouts construct and decorate their own race cars, then compete against one another in organized races. We then followed up for lunch at Casa Dela Nona for pizza. Last week they attended Severna Park bowling and bowled with duckpins, the scouts realized that duckpins were much harder to bowl with than ten pin balls.

Joe Peacy shared there will be an additional dinner at the legion on Friday May 29,2026. Joe will have the same menu he had in January. We are asked any months where there are five weeks that we cover dinner throughout this year.

Jane Huffman has turned in a total of \$630.00 for raffle tickets for our May fundraiser. If anyone wants any additional raffle tickets to sell see Ms. Jane. We will promote these at our dinners and at the Bull and Oyster Roast if they don't sell out beforehand.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** The next meeting is scheduled for Monday March 16, 2026

**CLOSING CEREMONIES:** Sgt at Arms Jim Galvin closed the meeting IAWCL rituals.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Deene, Adjutant

Marine Corps League - A. A. County Detachment 1049

# Marine Corps Word Scramble

Unscramble the letters to find words or terms every Marine is familiar with. Good luck. Answers to most are on the next page. No peeking.

- |                |       |                   |       |
|----------------|-------|-------------------|-------|
| 1. CHAISLNO    | _____ | 14. NREAAGD       | _____ |
| 2. EULNEJE     | _____ | 15. TAOBENY       | _____ |
| 3. HREDPASLEI  | _____ | 16. AEFLRIMN      | _____ |
| 4. AIMNNCHNGU  | _____ | 17. AETKEELHNRC   | _____ |
| 5. LMSSOONO    | _____ | 18. EENKGUD       | _____ |
| 6. ACNLDAAUALG | _____ | 19. ARAEJHD       | _____ |
| 7. DMCTNAAMON  | _____ | 20. KRTCMAA       | _____ |
| 8. SREGANTE    | _____ | 21. ECAMVED       | _____ |
| 9. OKAINAW     | _____ | 22. TGTBSHLAIETS  | _____ |
| 10. AAORRTDSB  | _____ | 23. CLUASICMLHKTE | _____ |
| 11. CAISORR    | _____ | 24. DNLEMPLOYET   | _____ |
| 12. RSKCBARA   | _____ | 25. INOUDG        | _____ |
| 13. WOLLOHOYD  | _____ |                   |       |

## Word Search Answer Key

<b>1</b>	Nicholas	<b>10</b>	Starboard	<b>18</b>	Geedunk
<b>2</b>	Lejeune	<b>11</b>	Corsair	<b>19</b>	Jarhead
<b>3</b>	Leadership	<b>12</b>	Barracks	<b>20</b>	Amtrack
<b>4</b>	Cunningham	<b>13</b>	Hollywood	<b>21</b>	Medevac
<b>5</b>	Solomons	<b>14</b>	Grenada	<b>22</b>	Battlesights
<b>6</b>	Guadalcanal	<b>15</b>	Bayonet	<b>23</b>	
<b>7</b>	Commandant	<b>16</b>	Rifleman	<b>24</b>	Deployment
<b>8</b>	Sergeant	<b>17</b>	Leatherneck	<b>25</b>	Guidon
<b>9</b>	Okinawa				

The first one to TEXT the editor at 202-903-8480 with the correct answer to #23 wins a drink on him after our April meeting.



## Crisis Signs



**Veterans  
Crisis Line**

**DIAL 988 then PRESS 1**

**These signs require immediate attention. If you are experiencing any of these and need medical attention, call 911 now. For immediate help in dealing with a suicidal crisis, contact the Veterans Crisis Line: Dial 988 then Press 1.**

- Thinking about hurting or killing yourself
- Looking for ways to kill yourself
- Talking about death, dying, or suicide
- Self-destructive behavior, such as drug abuse, risky use of weapons, etc.

**It's okay to ask directly: "Are you thinking about taking your own life?"**



## Warning Signs

**These signs may indicate that a Veteran needs help. If you or a Veteran you know is experiencing any of these, contact the Veterans Crisis Line now: Dial 988 then Press 1.**

- Appearing sad or depressed most of the time
- Hopelessness
- Anxiety, agitation, sleeplessness, or mood swings
- Feeling as if there is no reason to live
- Feeling excessive guilt, shame, or sense of failure
- Rage or anger
- Engaging in risky activities without thinking
- Increasing alcohol or drug misuse
- Losing interest in hobbies, work, or school
- Neglecting personal welfare and appearance
- Withdrawing from family and friends
- Showing violent behavior, like punching a hole in the wall or getting into fights
- Giving away prized possessions
- Getting affairs in order, tying up loose ends, or writing a will



**Veterans  
Crisis Line**

**DIAL 988 then PRESS 1**

**Asking about thoughts of suicide doesn't increase their suicide risk.**



