



Detachment Meeting Minutes  
**Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049**  
Marine Corps League  
March 28, 2022

## 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:

Commandant Wells announced guests in attendance:

National - Ray Sturm (Marine for Life Committee)

Department Officers – Ray Sturm (Marine for Life)

Past Detachment Commandants - Ray Sturm (2015-2019), Joseph Wright (2011-2013), Ed Dahling (2013-2015), C Ben Wells (2019-present)

Past Detachment Marine of the Year - Woody Bowman (2014), Joe Wright (2015), Ray Sturm (2017), Ben Wells (2018), Bill Collins (2019), Tom Maiorana(2020), (Norm Huffman (2021)

Past Department Marine of the Year - Ben Wells (2020). Ray Sturm (2018)

Maryland Pack Leader – Ray Sturm (2019)

## ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:

Commandant	David “Ben” Wells	P
Sr. Vice Commandant	Burt Helmka	P
Jr. Vice Commandant	Joe Wright	P
Judge Advocate	Ray Sturm	P
Jr. Past Commandant	Ray Sturm	P
Adjutant	Norm Huffman	P
By-Laws Committee Chairman	Danny Fischio	A
Chaplain	Bill Collins	P
Color Guard Commander	Woody Bowman	P
Historian	Joe Wright	P
Newsletter Editor	Ed Dahling	P
Paymaster	Ed Dahling	P
Public Information Officer	Vacant	
Quartermaster	Bill Collins	P
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:** None

**ADJUTANT’S REPORT:** Minutes from the February meeting were posted on the website and printed in the newsletter. Copies available on the table.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**PAYMASTER:** The financial report was given by Jr. Vice Commandant Joe Wright.

Savings:	\$ 2,266.72
Checking:	<u>\$11,018.91</u>
Total Detachment Assets	\$13,285.63

**CHAPLAIN REPORT:** Bill Collins reported he spoke with Ed Dahling, and he sounded great.

**COMMANDANT:** Ben Wells remarked the Detachment must vote for Marine of the Year, for both Detachment and Department. Need to do this before May meeting.

Commandant Wells reported he attended the DD SE Division Conference where a suggestion was given on how to acquire members. **Suggestion:** Don't hold so many meetings. Hold every other meeting off-site for dinner, etc. Detachment meetings are business meetings, where DD meetings are fun meetings. The off-site meetings may draw in attendance.

**SENIOR VICE:** Burt Helmka reported a profit of \$2,221.73 on the Bull Roast. There was great music, food, raffles, and a nice turnout. Thank you to Burt.

**JUNIOR VICE:** No report.

**JUDGE ADVOCATE:** No report.

**JR. PAST COMMANDANT:** No report.

**NEWSLETTER EDITOR:** Ray Sturm reported he would like to have all articles turned in by the Saturday after the meeting. Newsletter to go out early April.

**QUARTERMASTER:** Please see Bill Collins to acquire any MCL attire.

**HISTORIAN/ WEB SERGEANT:** Joe Wright reported he has added Dan Enoch to the email list.

**COLOR GUARD:** Woody Bowman reported the Color Guard will present Colors:

- April 2 - at the Pasadena Baseball parade at the old George Fox Middle School
- April 30 – Crownsville Cemetery and AL Post in Glen Burnie
- July 4 – Severna Park parade

**YOUNG MARINES:** The Change of Command for the Young Marines took place on March 6<sup>th</sup>, with Ray Sturm taking over as Commander. Ray stated he has two new recruits, making a total of twelve Young Marines.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** A motion was made by Burt Helmka to purchase a table to Post 40's Shrimp Feast @ a cost of \$270. (Since they supported the Detachment with the B & O Roast.) After discussion, Burt withdrew his original motion. Ray Sturm made a motion which was second to donate \$300 to the AL Post 40. All in favor.

Ray Sturm reminded the Detachment they had agreed to sponsor two Young Marines for Leadership class in Oregon. The initial cost to send the Young Marines is \$150 per student, but that has been covered. Ray would like to acquire new camouflage utilities for the two youngsters, totaling \$300. Motion made and second by Woody Bowman.



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## **ED JUST WALKED IN! GREAT TO SEE YOU BACK!**

**GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:** Commandant Wells remarked he had heard a request for Zoom Detachment meetings. He is against this and hopes members will attend the meetings and not sit home to watch.

Ray Sturm announced second round of nominations:

- Commandant – Burt Helmka
- Sr. Vice Commandant – Ben Wells
- Jr. Vice Commandant – Joe Wright
- Judge Advocate – Ray Sturm

Adjutant Norm Huffman cast a unanimous vote for all candidates.

Norm Huffman reminded everyone the Detachment will be holding a Recruitment drive at Downs Park on June 4<sup>th</sup> at the Downs Park Family Day from noon until 4pm. All are invited to attend. Wear red ball cap and red golf shirts.

Joe Wright reported the DD golf shirts have come in and look great. They will be sold at the next meeting on June 19<sup>th</sup>.

Dan Enoch reminded everyone of the Vietnam War Remembrance Day on March 29<sup>th</sup>.

**CLOSING CEREMONIES:** Sgt. at Arms Jim Galvin closed the meeting IAW MCL rituals. The next meeting will be held on April 25, 2022 for Installation of Officers. Closing prayer was given by Chaplain Bill Collins.

Respectfully submitted,  
Norm Huffman, Adjutant  
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