



Detachment Meeting Minutes
Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049
Marine Corps League
July 26, 2021

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: 15

Commandant Wells announced guests in attendance:

National - Ray Sturm (Marine for Life Committee)

Department Officers – Ray Sturm (Marine for Life)

Department Marine of the Year – Ray Sturm

Past Detachment Commandants: Ray Sturm (2015-2019), Joseph Wright (2012-2015), Ben Wells (2019-2020)

Past Department Marine of the Year: Ben Wells (2018), Ray Sturm (2017)

Past Detachment Marine of the Year: Joe Wright, Ray Sturm, Ben Wells, Bill Collins, Tom Maiorana

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	E
Paymaster	Ed Dahling	E
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	John and April Westerlund	P

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: None

ADJUTANT’S REPORT: Minutes from the June meeting were distributed via website. Copies available on the table.

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

Savings: \$2,266.15

Checking: \$8,367.93

CHAPLAIN REPORT: (inaudible due to air conditioners running)

COMMANDANT: Ben thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He reported Ed Dahling is in rehab with 30-minute visitations twice a week. Please continue to send cards and notes to Ed to let him know we are thinking of him.

Ben Wells and Ray Sturm will be attending the National Convention and will update everyone upon their return.

Ben encountered a problem when trying to have “LIFE MEMBER” embroidered on Nila’s cover as it is smaller than a men’s cover. There are no written regulations on placement of words. Was embroidered same as the men’s.

SENIOR VICE: Burt Helmka requested everyone try to sell the November Lotto cards as we need to sell 500 tickets to break even. Burt also reported he was unable to secure a hall for the Bull & Oyster Roast. Decision made to postpone the event until March.

JUNIOR VICE: No report.

JUDGE ADVOCATE: No report.

JR. PAST COMMANDANT: No report.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Ray Sturm reported he will try to create a newsletter in Ed’s absence. Please send your articles to Ray Sturm.

QUARTERMASTER: Let Quartermaster Bill Collins know if you need anything, and he will order it.

HISTORIAN/ WEB SERGEANT: Commandant Wells requested Joe Wright send out a meeting reminder prior to the meetings.

COLOR GUARD: Color Guard Woody Bowman reported on the following scheduled events:

July 5th – Severna Park Parade was a success, and it was good to see people out and about.

Fisher House event – October 2nd

Pasadena Caring & Sharing Parade – November 7th

November 11th – Veterans Day – present Colors at Crownsville Cemetery

YOUNG MARINES: April Westerlund reported there will be a graduation for 4 of the Young Marines in August. The group is looking for someone to take over, as the current Commander is being PCS’ed next year. Preferably looking for a Marine to take over.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Question on the status of the faded Marine Corps League sign in front of the VFW. Commandant Wells reported a state grant is coming out which may help with the purchase of an electronic sign.



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NEW BUSINESS: Ray Sturm suggested the detachment members participate in a Family Day event the VFW may be hosting. Good camaraderie. Ben reported on the hatchet throwing contest the Harford County detachment held. Lots of fun.

Ray reported the Marine for Life Networking Happy Hour will be held on Tuesday August 3rd in Silver Spring.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE: Jim Galvin reported Troop 216 is now up and running. There were 13 Citizenship awards given out to 13 Eagle Scouts.

There will be a bus trip to Delaware Park Casino and Horseraces on Thursday August 19th, 2021 to benefit the MCL Detachment 1049. See Jane or Norman Huffman for information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Willie Merryweather reported he will be expecting his 4th child on February 6th. Congratulations to Willie.

CLOSING CEREMONIES: Sgt at Arms Jim Galvin closed the meeting IAW MCL rituals. The next meeting will be held on August 23rd, 2021. Closing prayer was given by Chaplain Bill Collins.

Respectfully submitted,
Norm Huffman, Adjutant
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