



Detachment Meeting Minutes  
**Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049**  
Marine Corps League  
November 25, 2019 Meeting

**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: 17

Commandant Wells announced guests in attendance:

Past Detachment Commandants: Ray Sturm (2015-2019), Ed Dahling (2013-2015),  
Past Marine of the Year: Bill Collins (2019), Ben Wells (2018), Ray Sturm (2017), Ed Dahling (2016), Woody  
Bowman (2014),  
Maryland Pack Leader – Ray Sturm (2019)

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:**

Commandant	David “Ben” Wells	P
Sr. Vice Commandant	Lou Gewirtz	E
Jr. Vice Commandant	Burt Helmka	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	A
Newsletter Editor	Ed Dahling	P
Paymaster	Ed Dahling	P
Public Information Officer	Guy Hall	A
Quartermaster	Bill Collins	P
Rifle Pistol Team Captain	Ray Sturm	P
Sgt-at-Arms	James Galvin	A
Toys for Tots Coordinator	Chris Stevens	P
Web Sergeant	Joe Wright	A

**APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:** Welcome Jim Warner, transfer from Antietam Detachment. Jim was a fighter pilot in Vietnam War. POW with McCain.

**ADJUTANTS REPORT:** Partial minutes of the October meeting were distributed in newsletter. There was a problem with the recorder.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**PAYMASTER:** Paymaster Ed Dahling gave a hardcopy report:

Checking	\$13,682.27
Savings / CDs	\$ 7,337.55
Total Detachment Assets	\$21,019.82

**CHAPLAIN REPORT:**

Chaplain Collins reported on the good time at the Toys for Tots event at Waugh Chapel. Chaplain Collins read a thank you letter for the \$3,000 donation made to the TREAT NOW coalition, helping those veterans with PTSD and TBI.

**COMMANDANT:** Please remember all military who will be deployed this holiday. We will have a Pound GROWL on December 15<sup>th</sup>. The Detachment meeting will be held on December 16. Asking all to bring a dish.

**SENIOR VICE:** No report.

**JUNIOR VICE:** Burt reported we are doing pretty good with the lottery. We have sold enough to break even.

The Bull & Oyster Roast will be held on March 21<sup>st</sup> at Post 40. Tickets being printed.

**JUDGE ADVOCATE:** No report.

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

**NEWSLETTER EDITOR:** If you have anything for the newsletter, contact Ed Dahling. Make sure Ed has your email address.

**QUARTERMASTER:** Bill Collins reported he has items for sale.

**HISTORIAN/ WEB SERGEANT:** Absent

**COLOR GUARD:** Commander Woody Bowman reported Ed, Brian, and himself attended Severn and Quarterfield Elementary Schools and spoke to the 2<sup>nd</sup> graders on Veterans Day.

**Upcoming events:**

December 7<sup>th</sup> – Food Lion on Mountain Road at Noon.

December 14<sup>th</sup> – Boy Scout event

**TOYS FOR TOTS:** Chris Stevens is asking for volunteers in the warehouse separating toys and bagging toys for delivery on December 15<sup>th</sup>. Distribution at the Community College will be held December 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** Ray Sturm reported the new President of the Marine Corps League Foundation is Jerry Devlin. Ray Sturm made a motion to donate \$100 to the Foundation. Motion voted on and passed.

**GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:** Ray Sturm reported on December 11th, Scout Troop 216 will be hosting their Christmas Party. The \$500 donation will be presented at this time. Ray would like to recognize



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Scout leader Jim Dunn for his 40-year dedication to community service by presenting him with a plaque. Motion was made and passed. (Jim Dunn recently suffered a stroke.)

Ray Sturm thanked Jane Huffman for selling over 300 tickets for the December lotto.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- December 1<sup>st</sup> - Toys for Tots breakfast at Truckhouse Road Elks Club
- December 3<sup>rd</sup> – Fisher House meeting
- December 7<sup>th</sup> - Toys for Tots event at Post 34
- December 15, 2019 - Pound 204 Growl @ 0900 at VFW Post 160 2597 Dorsey Road, Glen Burnie, MD 21060

Burt asked for prayers for his good friend Norm Mason who is suffering with asbestosis. Norm is a member at Post 40.

**CLOSING CEREMONIES:** Commandant Wells closed the meeting IAW MCL rituals. The next detachment meeting will take place on Dec. 16, 2019. Closing prayer was given by Chaplain Bill Collins.

Respectfully submitted,  
Norm Huffman, Adjutant  
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