



Detachment Meeting Minutes
Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049
Marine Corps League
February 24, 2020 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:

Department Officers – Ed Dahling, Ray Sturm (Marine for Life)

Department Marine of the Year – Ed Dahling, Ray Sturm

Past Detachment Commandants: Ray Sturm (2015-2019), Ed Dahling (2013-2015), Joseph Wright, (2012-2015).

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	A
Jr. Vice Commandant	Burt Helmka	P
Judge Advocate	Ray Sturm	P
Jr. Past Commandant	Ray Sturm	P
Adjutant	Norm Huffman	A
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	A
Web Sergeant	Joe Wright	A

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: Application for Charles Black was presented. Motion made and second to accept Charles for membership. Charles was sworn in, followed by prayer by Chaplain Collins.

ADJUTANTS REPORT: Norm was absent this evening due to illness. Minutes of January meeting were distributed via e-mail (newsletter) and copies available on table, per Commandant Wells.

CORRESPONDENCE: A thank you letter for the 2019 donation was received from the Semper Fi Fund.

PAYMASTER: Paymaster Ed Dahling gave the following report:

Checking	\$11,840.98
Income	155.00
Expenses	(238.83)
Total checking	\$11,757.15

- Paymaster Ed requested the names of any Delegates going to the Department Convention in Ocean City.
Detachment will pay for Delegates. Also, anyone bringing their family members to the Convention, please let Ed know so he can submit these names as well. Cost is \$10. This will assure you get nametags to allow your family to partake in the refreshments provided at the Hospitality House.
- Need ads for the Convention book – anything collected over \$300 will assist the Detachment.
- There are 50/50 tickets available for sale.

CHAPLAIN REPORT:

- Chaplain Collins reported that Charlie Young (87 years young) is holding his own physically, but is suffering from dementia.
- Bill Collins asked that all keep Buddy Cagel in your prayers.

COMMANDANT: Commandant Ben Wells reported he and Ray Sturm will be attending the Mid-Winter meeting in Virginia Beach.

SENIOR VICE: Absent

JUNIOR VICE: Junior Vice Burt Helmka Burt requested everyone push the Bull & Oyster Roast on March 21st, as ticket sales are down. Event is \$45 per person and will be held at the American Legion Post 40. Donation letters are available. Alcohol donations are still being accepted for the basket of cheer.

JUDGE ADVOCATE: Nothing to report.

JR. PAST COMMANDANT: Ray Sturm asked everyone to support the upcoming events. Any help is appreciated.

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: No report

COLOR GUARD: Commander Woody Bowman reported the unit presented colors at the Fisher House event. Next event is Ferndale Day parade on May 3rd. The Young Marines will be marching directly behind the detachment's Color Guard. Woody also stated he worked with the Young Marines on presenting Colors.

YOUNG MARINES: John and April, new coordinators as of March 1st, reported on the activities of the group. Currently, there are 9 members. During a recruitment drive, there were 9 additional members accepted. There will be a graduation held on April 19th at the VFW hall for those going up. This will be the first time they are able to wear their uniforms. April thanked the detachment for their support of this group.



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UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Ray Sturm reported he will be mailing out the letters to members to updated their contact information, as was discussed in Januarys meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nila Caulder reported there will be a Quarter Auction held on April 17th at the Orchard Beach VFC to benefit the detachment. Help will be needed.

Nila also thanked Woody, Ed, and Brian for presenting Colors at the Fisher House event. She reported they collected \$59,538 that day.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE: Ray Sturm opened nominations for new detachment officers. He explained nominations will be held February and reopened in March. Elections will be held in March with installation in April.

The following nominations were accepted at this meeting:

- Commandant – Ben Wells
- Sr. Vice Commandant – Burt Helmka
- Junior Vice Commandant – none at this time
- Judge Advocate – Ray Sturm

Chaplain Collins made and second to allocate 10 coins to the Commandant to utilize as he sees fit. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mid-Winter meeting – February 27-29, 2020

- Beautification of VFW – March 8, 2020 (Young Marines will be cleaning the grounds and getting new flags for the memorial.)
- Detachment 1049 meeting – March 23 / Nominations & Elections
- Department Convention (Ocean City) – May 7-9, 2020
- Golf tournament – June 5, 2020
- Recruitment Drive at Downs Park – June 6, 2020
- Mid-East Convention – June 19-20, 2020

CLOSING CEREMONIES: Commandant Wells closed the meeting IAW MCL rituals. The next Detachment meeting will take place on March 23, 2020. Closing prayer was given by Chaplain Bill Collins.

Respectfully submitted,
Norm Huffman, Adjutant
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