



Detachment Meeting Minutes
Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049

Marine Corps League
February 27, 2023

OPENING BY RITUAL:

Meeting called to order by Commandant Burt Helmka at 1900 hours.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by prayer by Sr. Vice Commandant Ben Wells.

Members in attendance: 14

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:

Commandant	Burt Helmka	P
Sr. Vice Commandant	Ben Wells	P
Jr. Vice Commandant	Joe Wright	P
Judge Advocate	Ray Sturm	P
Jr. Past Commandant	Ben Wells	P
Adjutant	Norm Huffman	P
By-Laws Committee Chairman	Danny Fischio	A
Chaplain	Bill Collins	E
Color Guard Commander	Woody Bowman	P
Historian	Joe Wright	P
Newsletter Editor	Ray Sturm	P
Paymaster	Joe Wright	P
Public Information Officer	Vacant	
Quartermaster	Bill Collins	E
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 for January were distributed by Detachment web site and also newsletter.

PAYMASTER: Paymaster Wright gave the financial report to Adjutant for minutes.

Checking	\$10,614.58
<u>Savings</u>	<u>2,267.85</u>
Total	\$12,882.43



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CHAPLAIN REPORT: Acting Chaplain Ben Wells asked everyone to continue to keep Bill Collins in your prayers. He is moving forward. Also, Leonard's wife had a stroke and has been put into a medically induced coma.

COMMANDANT: Commandant Burt reported he is now the Dog Robber for the Maryland Pack.

SENIOR VICE COMMANDANT: No report

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDANT: No report

JUDGE ADVOCATE: No report.

JR. PAST COMMANDANT: No report.

HISTORIAN / WEBMASTER: No report.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Ray Sturm reported he will try to condense his newsletter, but still requests all to send in their reports in a timely manner.

QUARTERMASTER: No report.

BY LAWS: Danny Fischio is still working on the bylaws and stated all are based on the National bylaws. Per Danny, the Marine of the Year was passed in prior meeting, but still needed to be incorporated into the bylaws. Judge Advocate Ray Sturm stated the Marine of the Year still needs to be voted on prior to being incorporated.

COLOR GUARD: Commander Woody Bowman reported he has nothing scheduled until May.

YOUNG MARINES: Commander Ray Sturm gave the following report:

- Participated in a Gun Safety course along with 5 other units. Approximately 30 in attendance
- Participated in a Night / Day land navigation at Cheltenham, along with promotion board – Approximately 66 Young Marines participated.
- Promotions will be presented on March 5th at Ft. McHenry.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Commandant Helmka brought up the move of the Detachment. Jim Galvin asked if the VFW was aware of the move and whether it would be detrimental to the VFW. Answer: the



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VFW is not dependent on the detachment. Ben Wells stated Post 276 and Post 40 both welcome the Detachment. Jim Sanchez stated American Legion Post 175 is also a nice place and asked if it would be okay if he spoke with them. Jim will speak with Post 175. Prerequisites include indoor storage and additional outside convex storage. Also, need to determine what nights are available.

Ray suggested asking if the detachment could hold a meeting at each venue and then determine which one the members like best.

NEW BUSINESS: The Annual Golf tournament will be held on June 2nd, 2023.

\$500 Valentine raffle was held on FB Live. Winner was Norm Huffman. Detachment profit of \$500.

Will be holding another online raffle of prizes / baskets.

Norm Huffman reminded all that the Downs Park Family Day is June 3rd if we are going to participate as a recruitment day. The Young Marines will be participating, per Ray Sturm. We will need to know so the rangers can accommodate us on the map.

First round of nominations of officers were held. Ray Sturm made a motion that the slate of officers remain the same for the upcoming year. Second by Woody Bowman.

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Sr. Vice Commandant: Ben Wells

Jr. Vice Commandant: Joe Wright

Judge Advocate: Ray Sturm

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE: Ben Wells reported the MCL is losing money on the life membership fees and are looking for new ways to handle this. Will eventually be raising the life membership fees. Commandant Helmka suggested holding a Shrimp Feast for the detachment and family. Probably be held in the September timeframe.

Sgt. At Arms Jim Galvin suggested holding a fellowship gathering at a local restaurant and suggested Casa Della Nonna in Severn. It was decided to meet on Friday, March 10th at 6pm for fellowship.

CLOSING CEREMONIES: Sgt. at Arms Jim Galvin closed the meeting IAW MCL rituals. The next meeting will be held on March 27, 2023. Closing prayer was given by Acting Chaplain Ben Wells.

Respectfully submitted,

Norm Huffman, Adjutant - Marine Corps League - A. A. County Detachment 1049