



Detachment Meeting Minutes
Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049
Marine Corps League
February 19, 2024

OPENING BY RITUAL:

Meeting called to order by Commandant Burt Helmka at 1900 hours.
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by prayer by our Chaplain James Sanchez
Members in attendance:

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:

Commandant	Burt Helmka	P
Sr. Vice Commandant	John Dunker	P
Jr. Vice Commandant	Joe Peacy	P
Judge Advocate	Ray Sturm	P
Jr. Past Commandant	Ray Sturm	P
Adjutant	Debbie Deene	P
By-Laws Committee Chairman	Danny Fischio	E
Chaplain	James Sanchez	P
Color Guard Commander	Woody Bowman	P
Historian	Joe Wright	P
Newsletter Editor	Ray Sturm	P
Paymaster	Ben Wells	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: No report

ADJUTANT'S REPORT: Minutes from February were read aloud, and meeting minutes will be posted on the Detachment website and in the newsletter. Copies available on table.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

PAYMASTER: The financial report was given by Ben Wells. This amount is as follows:

Checking:	\$15350.50
Savings:	<u>\$ 2268.52</u>
Total assets:	\$17,619.02

CHAPLAIN REPORT: No Report. However Ray Sturm reporting on Bill Collins getting a lot of therapy requests no visitors due to his major stroke.

COMMANDANT:

Commandant Helmka reported Fellowship dinner will be held on February 19, 2024, was a success.

Commandant also reported that there will be a Leadership college on April 20, 2024, at Post 276. This will be from 08:00-16:00 and lunch will be provided. The applications are available, and the fee is \$40.00 per person. Deadline is April 6, 2024, this is open to all MCL Members, Officers, and Associate members.

We have secured the American Legion Post 175, in Severna Park for our detachment. Our meetings will be moved to the 3rd Monday of each month. The next meeting is February 19, 2024.

Discussion brought up about our annual bull and oyster roast and planning for that accordingly. We are looking into trying to have this in April 2024, more details to follow. I will assist John Dunker with the planning of this event if we can do so.

Lastly a discussion was made to start thinking about Marine of the year and Associate of the year.

SENIOR VICE: No report

JUNIOR VICE: No report

JUDGE ADVOCATE: No Report

JR. PAST COMMANDANT: No report

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Ray Sturm reported he would like to process the monthly newsletter the early part of the month and would like all reports sent to him as soon as possible. If anyone has any interesting articles, please forward them to Ray. January newsletter will be attached with February's newsletter and minutes.

QUARTERMASTER: No report

BY LAWS- No report

HISTORIAN/ WEB SERGEANT: No report

COLOR GUARD: No report nothing until May 2024

YOUNG MARINES: Commander Ray Sturm reported the Young Marines it was basically the same as last month however there are a few items to share. We had a Young Marine of the Year from Division 2 come down and speak to us; he is a super great kid. We also will be having the Chief of Police of Baltimore County come speak with us in April; the topic will be 'Drug use'.

We will have a field meet in April in Cheltenham. Their shooting range event two weeks ago went well. I may start to volunteer at the 12th precinct and help with their youth program. We have purchased a few more guns for use, all in all the program is moving along very well.

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Commandant Helmka discussed what donations were recently made by the league and it appears that we made donations recently to Fisher House, The MCL Heritage Fund, The MCL Foundation. Subject brought up about purchasing yellow roses for MODD and the red roses are to be used for the MCL Detachment; yellow roses are used by National. Both can be used for our recruitment event. We still cannot find a place to purchase the bugle was told to look at vanguard.



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GUEST/VISITOR- Don Benson- Don missed being here and has apologized due to being ill himself. Don has and has reported on several members of the detachment have been ill. Bill Knox has been given medical advice and was told to get his affairs in order. We had one female lose her leg due to cancer, and 3 other ladies fall. Leonard's wife has been ill, and he is taking care of her despite his current health condition; he refuses to place her in a home.

NEW BUSINESS: We have purchased an 8X12 shed which we will need to add power to it, ventilation, and shelving. Waiting on the commander from the post to give a final cost for the pad to place it on and installation.

Looking to do the Bull & Oyster Roast on April 13th from 1-5. Jason is on board for the beef, looking for his partner for oysters. Looking for a DJ and looking to; purchase tickets. It looks as though this hall will hold about 120 people. Ticket prices to be determined upon discussion on prices of beef and oysters as well as availability. All this will factor in the cost. Point of contact would be Corey for use of the kitchen and caterers for events.

First round of officer Nominations for officers on February 19,2024, second round nominations to be on March 18 ,2024. Installation of officers to be done in April 2024.

Nominations as follows:

Commandant: Burt Helmka

Senior Vice: John Dunker

Junior Vice: Joe Peacy

Judge Advocate: Ray Sturm

All have been nominated and have been seconded.

As a detachment we will vote for Marine of the Year and Associate member of the year at our next meeting March 18, 2024. Nomination slips distributed and will be turned in on March 18, 2024

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE: Commandant Burt Helmka suggested continuing holding fellowship dinners at local restaurants, hoping to draw more attendance, this was a unanimous decision, and we all enjoyed the past dinners. Participation is encouraged.

Ben Wells wanted to share the proper way to exit and enter any MCL meeting and /or convention in progress in the event you must leave the room.

When leaving the room you stand up salute the American Flag the you salute the Sgt, At Arms, then salute the Sgt. At Arms upon entering and then the American Falg

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Leadership college April 20,2024 Post 276, Severn, Md

Recruitment drive April 27, 20204 at 10:00am Bass Pro Hanover. Md

Department Convention Ocean City, Md. May 9-11,2024

Golf Tournament – June 7, 2024 -Golf tournament meetings to be held at Bens office dates will be announced.

Mid-East Conference Martinsburg, West Va. June 27-29.

CLOSING CEREMONIES: Sgt. at Arms Jim Galvin closed the meeting IAW MCL rituals. The next meeting will be held on March 18, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Deene, Adjutant
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