



Detachment Meeting Minutes
Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049
Marine Corps League
March 18, 2024

OPENING BY RITUAL:

Meeting called to order by Commandant Burt Helmka at 1900 hours.
The Pledge of Allegiance 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	Vacant	
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 March 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:	\$ 7612.90
Savings:	\$ 2269.18
CD	\$ 5178.40
Total assets:	\$15060.48

Motion made and accepted a few months ago to move the CD to another account with Morgan Stanley to give us a higher interest rate on our money.

CHAPLAIN REPORT: No Report.

COMMANDANT:

Commandant did roll call of all current board members and acknowledged all past board members. Commandant Helmka made a motion to accept the revised minutes from last month's meeting, minutes were then voted and accepted.

Commandant Helmka shared information for a law firm representing Camp Lejune and only taking 25% fee if awarded compared to other law firms, literature and Information is available to anyone interested.

Commandant Helmka shared that all MCL members have been issued an accidental life insurance policy from American Income Life, a no cost \$3000.00 policy. There are additional policies available on the website and the password is SG2C.

National Headquarters has asked all detachments to submit any of their photos for the Convention in August 2024. They have also requested that everyone download the MCL APP on their cell phones.

Commandant Helmka shared that two detachments have recently closed or are due to close soon; they are Choptank and Mountainside

Commandant Helmka announced members in the state and local MCL that are ill as follows. Department Senior Vice, Department Paymaster, Chaplin Extraordinaire and Quartermaster. Please keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

Lance Corporal Dean detachment gun raffle tickets are still available for anyone interested. April 30 thru May 2 ,2024 is Bottom Day in Washington, DC

The Department is also selling a raffle for an AR10, and tickets are available at \$20.00 each, for 1st prize. We will also have a 2nd and 3rd prize cash award if we sell three hundred tickets in total.

Lastly Commandant made a discussion 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 to add to the newsletter.

QUARTERMASTER: As Commandant Helmka reported in leu of no current Quartermaster position. There are items available for sale in the footlocker if anyone is interested .



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BY LAWS- No report.

HISTORIAN/ WEB SERGEANT: No report.

MARINE FOR LIFE: No report

COLOR GUARD: No report nothing until May 2024. However, we were able to purchase the new bugle and it was less than the \$600.00 budget requested. This is an all-electronic one, and it was tested at Bens's office, and it works well and is loud. Anyone may sign it out for use, and you must wear white gloves when using them. Has a simple ON /OFF switch to play it.

YOUNG MARINES: Commandant Ray Sturm, reported that last week we had one recruit graduate and is now an official "Young Marine."

We will have a field meet in mid-April in Cheltenham, there will be young marines from Maryland, Delaware, North Carolina, West Virginia, and Kentucky.

On May 18th there will also be a poker run, everyone interested are able to attend. Overall, the program is moving along very well.

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Commandant Helmka We presented nominations for officers as follows:

Junior Vice: Joe Peacy

Judge Advocate: Ray Sturm

All the candidates were nominated by the league, accepted, and seconded.

Commandant: Burt Helmka

Senior Vice: John Dunker

Junior Vice: Joe Peacy

Judge Advocate: Ray Sturm

We were to do a second-round vote on these at the April 15th meeting. However, Ray Sturm presented a motion to bypass the second vote to March 18th and proceed with installments as of today, the votes were second by Nila Caulder and all accepted and approved.

Proceeded with installations of newly elected officers.

GUEST/VISITOR- Department of Maryland Past Commandant Howard Koontz was our guest and performed the installation of all the officer's ceremony. We had the pleasure of him as our guest and appreciate him taking time to do so. Pictures are on our website.

NEW BUSINESS: Commandant Helmka

As a detachment we will vote for Marine of the Year and Associate member of the year at our next meeting. Commandant Helmka distributed nomination slips to everyone to vote; these should be turned in on March 18, 2024, with their votes. The votes are to be tallied and announced at our next meeting,

Our convention will be coming up May 9-11th in Ocean City at the Grand Hotel & Conference Center. All must register and register their guests; everyone must have their name badge to participate and to attend the banquet. You may register online. We have three delegates and I, as commandant, will take care of registering these delegates. All events and itinerary are available on our website.

Ray Sturm put in a motion to purchase a tabletop podium not to exceed \$150.00, motion seconded by Nila Caulder and vote on and accepted by all.

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. Our next fellowship dinner will be April 19th at Casa Del Nona. Sergeant at Arms Jim Galvin suggested another location called Old Stein in Edgewater, Maryland for another dinner location.

Ray Sturm shared that the golf tournament is on June 7, 2024. Registration and donation letters are online at HelpingHeros.org.

Commandant Helmka and John Dunker announced to hopefully have our Bull & Oyster Roast in September, A date to follow once they can secure it with the legion.

Commandant Helmka also shared that the MOU between the American Legion and the league has been signed and is available on our website.

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 you salute the Sgt, At Arms, then salute the Sgt. At Arms upon entering and then the American Falg

Also, per Ben Wells shared that Sgt At Arms may leave his cover on when presenting and retiring the colors

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Recruitment drive April 27, 2024 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 to be held on April 15, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Deene, Adjutant

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