



t Meeting Minutes
Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049
Marine Corps League
April 24, 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: 19

Commandant Helmka announced those in attendance:

Department Officers – Sr. Vice Commandant Tony Rust, District 3 Vice Commandant Omar Jabr, Marine for Life Ray Sturm

Department Marine of the Year – Paul Taylor (2010), Ray Sturm (2018), Ed Dahling (2019), Ben Wells (2020)

Past Detachment Commandants – Joe Wright (2011-2013), Ed Dahling (2013-2015), Ray Sturm (2015-2019), Ben Wells (2019-2022)

Past Detachment Marine of the Year – Woody Bowman (2014), Joe Wright (2015), Ed Dahling (2016), Ray Sturm (2017), Ben Wells (2018), Tom Maiorana (2020), Norm Huffman (2021), Burt Helmka (2022)

Crist Burns – Harford County Detachment

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:

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| 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 |

Commandant Helmka requested to temporarily suspend the regular business to present an award to Elwood “Woody” Bowman. Richard Barnes, Chairman of United Veterans of Anne Arundel County presented the award to Woody.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: Jr. Vice Commandant Joe Wright presented one application for Evelyn Bowers. Was voted on and accepted. Welcome to the League.

ADJUTANT’S REPORT. Minutes for March were distributed by Detachment web site.



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

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| Checking | \$9,979.68 |
| <u>Savings</u> | <u>2,268.14</u> |
| Total | \$12,247.82 |

CHAPLAIN REPORT: Chaplain Collins is undergoing rehab a couple of times a week. Keep Bill in your prayers.

COMMANDANT: Commandant Burt Helmka reported that Life membership is increasing as of 1 July, 2023. The price of membership will double.

Department MCL Convention will be held May 11-13, 2023 in Ocean City.

SENIOR VICE COMMANDANT: Ben Wells reported on the Department rifle raffle. Deadline is nearing. Tony Rust has tickets for the AR-style rifle along with 4 boxes of ammunition. The prize is worth @\$1,500-\$1,700. Tickets are \$20 each.

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDANT: Joe Wright announced that due to some work changes he is stepping down as Paymaster and Jr. Vice Commandant. These positions are open.

JUDGE ADVOCATE: No report.

JR. PAST COMMANDANT: No report.

HISTORIAN / WEBMASTER: No report.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Ray Sturm reported he will combine the April/May newsletter and requested articles be sent to him as soon as possible. Hopes to get the word out about the life membership dues.

QUARTERMASTER: Absent

BY LAWS: Still waiting on Danny Fischio to complete the bylaws.

COLOR GUARD: Commander Woody Bowman gave the following report:

- May 29 – Present Colors at AL Post 276 at 9am
- May 29 – Present Colors at Crownsville Cemetery with Ft. Meade Marines at 11am
- June 2 – Present Colors at MCL Golf Tournament with Ft. Meade Marines at the Walden Country Club.
- July 4 – Participate in Severna Park July 4th parade, with Young Marines.

YOUNG MARINES: Young Marine Commander Ray Sturm gave the following report.

- The Young Marines completed their Division 2 meet at Cheltenham. Approximately 80 Young Marines from MD, NC, and VA participated in the event.



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- Three recruits graduated to Marine status, with two additional waiting to begin training.
- Will be participating in beach cleanup at Downs Park for Earth Day.
- Sponsoring a Craft Fair at AL Post 276.
- Will be participating in the Memorial Day parade in DC
- Will be participating in Severna Park July 4th parade with Detachment 1049 Color Guard

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: The Detachment 1049 Golf tournament will be held on June 3rd at the Walden Country Club. Please be at the Club by 630am if you are able to help. Applications for this event can be found on the Marines Helping Heroes Foundation website.

NEW BUSINESS: Tony Rust gave an update on the Department's upcoming Convention.

- May 11-13, 2023 at the Grand Hotel, Ocean City Maryland
- The Hospitality room will be held in Room 827 on the 8th floor for snacks and beverages. No alcoholic beverages are to leave the room.
- The majority of Convention festivities will be held in the Grand Ballroom on the 4th floor.
- Due to the low number of convention book ads, all ads are to be sent to Tony Rust by May 1st to be put on a thumb drive. Price is \$120 for full page ad. The theme on the drive will be honoring the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam Veterans Coming Home.

The Installation of the Detachment Officers was held by Tony Rust, Department of Maryland Sr. Vice Commandant. Assisting was District 3 Vice Commandant Omar Jabr and Crist Burns (Harford County).

The 2023-2024 Officers and appointees are:

Commandant: Burt Helmka
Sr. Vice Commandant: Ben Wells
Jr. Vice Commandant: Vacant
Judge Advocate: Ray Sturm
Adjutant: Norm Huffman
Chaplain: Bill Collins (upon his return)
Sgt. at Arms: Jim Galvin
Paymaster: Vacant
Webmaster: Joe Wright
Color Guard Commander: Woody Bowman

Ben Wells made a motion to pay for the rooms of the participating Young Marine Color Guards at Convention, not to exceed \$1,000. This will cover three/four rooms for the Young Marines and their handlers (parents). They will be participating in the Opening ceremonies on the Saturday morning of Convention. Motion second by Chris Wise.

CLOSING CEREMONIES: Sgt. At Arms Jim Galvin closed the meeting with IAW MCL rituals. The next meeting will be held on May 22, 2023. The closing prayer was given by Acting Chaplain Ben Wells.

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