



## Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049

Marine Corps League  
June 26, 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: 11

### ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:

Commandant	Burt Helmka	P
Sr. Vice Commandant	Ben Wells	P
Jr. Vice Commandant	Joe Wright	E
Judge Advocate	Ray Sturm	P
Jr. Past Commandant	Ben Wells	P
Adjutant	Norm Huffman	P
By-Laws Committee Chairman	Danny Fischio	A
Chaplain	James Sanchez	A
Color Guard Commander	Woody Bowman	P
Historian	Joe Wright	E
Newsletter Editor	Ray Sturm	P
Paymaster	Joe Wright	E
Public Information Officer	Vacant	
Quartermaster	James Sanchez	A
Rifle Pistol Team Captain	Ray Sturm	P
Sgt-at-Arms	James Galvin	E
Web Sergeant	Joe Wright	E
Young Marine Commander	Ray Sturm	P

**APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:** None

**ADJUTANT'S REPORT.** Minutes for May were distributed by Detachment web site and copies on table.

**PAYMASTER:** Joe Wright absent. Financial report for minutes:

Checking	\$9,911.12
<u>Savings</u>	<u>2,268.23</u>
Total	\$12,179.35

**CHAPLAIN REPORT:** James Sanchez was absent.

Bill Collins is improving; rehab has been helping to strengthen his legs.

Jim Brady had double bypass surgery but was expected to return home today.

**COMMANDANT:** Commandant Burt Helmka reported he attended the Mid-Eastern meeting. Notes from this meeting included:

- Embrace your auxiliary.
- Download the MCL app on your phone.
- Establish a Young Marine program along with a youth physical fitness program.



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- 2024 Mid East will be held in Princeton WV, hosted by Det 957.
- MD MCL donated \$1,174 at Mid East

**SENIOR VICE COMMANDANT:** No report.

**JUNIOR VICE COMMANDANT:** Absent.

**JUDGE ADVOCATE:** Absent.

**JR. PAST COMMANDANT:** Absent.

**HISTORIAN / WEBMASTER:** Absent.

**NEWSLETTER EDITOR:** Please get your reports to Ray Sturm as soon as possible.

**QUARTERMASTER:** Absent.

**BY LAWS:** Still waiting on Danny Fischio to complete the bylaws. Outstanding issue with bylaws was concerning Associate Marine of the Year members. After speaking with Nationals, it was determined that individual Detachments set those criteria. Anyone can submit a nomination letter for an Associate Marine of Year nomination.

**COLOR GUARD:** Severna Park parade is July 4<sup>th</sup>. Ed Dahling will be riding with Woody in the parade.

**YOUNG MARINES:** Commander Sturm reported the young marines are staying busy.

- Cleanup of Golds Gym parking lot
- Presented Colors for Mid East meeting and looked great
- Received a \$500 donation
- Looking for a place to perform swim qualifications other than North Arundel Aquatics Center. (very crowded). Ben suggested Pasadena YMCA.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Are we moving?

Ray Sturm will reach out to the Executive committee to check on:

- availability of days for meeting
- outside storage as there is no inside storage available

Jane Huffman and Debbie Deene are still working on the auction raffle fundraiser. Jane Huffman will hold a \$500 raffle in the meantime.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Sr. Vice Commandant suggested holding the Annual Bull & Oyster Roast (2024) instead of the Shrimp Feast that was discussed prior.

Next dinner social will be held at Bella Nona on Friday, July 21, 2023 at 6pm.



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### **GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:** Discussion on recruitment.

- Need a recruitment drive as there are no new members coming into the VFW.
- Nice to have Detachment and Young Marines under the same roof.
- Recruitment drive at Bass Pro (have hotdogs & soda or yellow roses for donation).
- Gun shows, advertise in newspapers, online, County fair, Glen Burnie carnival (since meeting have been told they do not have booths to rent or free)

Commandant Helmka reminded all of their health issues (toxic exposures) for those who served at Camp Lejeune. Article in the June Leatherneck magazine.

Discussion on the Marine of the Year. Awardee will be posted next meeting.

Motion to update the Commandant Award plaque as well as the Associate of the Year plaque.  
Motion to spend up to \$200.

**CLOSING CEREMONIES:** Acting Sgt. at Arms Ben Wells closed the meeting with IAW MCL rituals. The next meeting will be held on June 26, 2023. The closing prayer was given by Acting Chaplain Ben Wells.

Respectfully submitted,

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