



Detachment Meeting Minutes  
**Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049**  
Marine Corps League  
January 23, 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: 12

### 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	E
Web Sergeant	Joe Wright	P
Young Marine Commander	Ray Sturm	P

**APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:** One Associate application was received from Deborah Deene. Application was approved. Deborah was sworn into the League by Commandant Burt Helmka.

**ADJUTANT'S REPORT:** Jr. Vice Commandant Joe Wright (acting Adjutant for Norm Huffman) will send the December minutes as soon as he is able.

**PAYMASTER:** Paymaster Wright verbally gave the financial report and will send a copy to Adjutant for minutes.

**CHAPLAIN REPORT:** Acting Chaplain Ben Wells asked everyone to continue to keep Bill Collins in your prayers. He is sounding much better.

Ben also reported Jerry Bowersox passed and a Memorial service will be held on January 28<sup>th</sup> at Laurel's Post 66. Uniform for the memorial service: Red blazer & Black trousers.

**COMMANDANT:** Commandant Burt Helmka again reported the Detachment's storage room at the VFW had a pipe burst and the room was flooded, damaging several items. The Charter was damaged and had to be reframed. Sr. Vice Commandant Wells had the Charter repaired. Hoping to get reimbursement for additional damages.

**SENIOR VICE COMMANDANT:** No report

**JUNIOR VICE COMMANDANT:** No report

**JUDGE ADVOCATE:** No report.

**JR. PAST COMMANDANT:** No report.

**NEWSLETTER EDITOR:** Ray Sturm requested articles be sent to him in a timely manner.

**QUARTERMASTER:** In Bill Collins absence, Commandant Wells reported the footlocker is dry inside but is turning rusty due to the flooding. A new footlocker is needed.

**WEB SERGEANT:** No report.

**BY LAWS:** It was reported that Danny Fischio is looking over the bylaws and is checking on Associate member information on medals. Go by the Nationals information.

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

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

February – cold weather campout at Cheltenham

The Severna Park Voice reported a great article on the Young Marines.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Ray Sturm reported the only days available for meetings at the American Legion Post 276 were Thursday and Fridays. Will not choose Friday as that's a busy day. Commandants will meet with the AL to assure they could accommodate the detachment. Great parking and lighting, private entrance. Will need to see where the storage container would be placed outside.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Sr. Vice Commandant Wells expressed concern if the detachment would be holding its Annual Bull & Oyster Roast. Help is needed to sell tickets and to work the event. After a discussion, the Roast was cancelled for this season. Jane Huffman will be holding the \$500 Valentine Raffle and will hold the auction in the Spring (\$2500) which will make up for the loss of Bull & Oyster revenue.

Commandant Helmka requested all to think of who they would like to nominate for Marine of the Year. This will take place March/April timeframe.

The purchase of a storage shed was discussed. Alternatives discussed were containers or a trailer for storage. There is \$2,500 already allocated toward the purchase.

**GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:** A shrimp feast for members was discussed. More discussion at a later date.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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