



Detachment Meeting Minutes
Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049
 Marine Corps League
 March 22, 2021

OPENING BY RITUAL:

Meeting called to order by Commandant David “Ben” Wells at 1900 hours.
 The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by prayer by Chaplain Bill Collins.
 Members in Attendance: 16

Commandant Wells announced guests in attendance:

National - Ray Sturm (Marine for Life Committee)
 Department Officers – Ed Dahling, Ray Sturm (Marine for Life)
 Department Marine of the Year – Ed Dahling, Ray Sturm
 Past Detachment Commandants: Ray Sturm (2015-2019), Ed Dahling (2013-2015), Joseph Wright, (2012-2015)
 Past Marine of the Year: Ben Wells (2018), Ray Sturm (2017), Ed Dahling (2016)
 Past Detachment Marine of the Year: Joe Wright, Ed Dahling, Ray Sturm, Ben Wells, Bill Collins
 Maryland Pack Leader – Ray Sturm (2019)

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:

Commandant	David “Ben” Wells	P
Sr. Vice Commandant	Burt Helmka	P
Jr. Vice Commandant	Joe Wright	P
Judge Advocate	Ray Sturm	P
Jr. Past Commandant	Ray Sturm	P
Adjutant	Norm Huffman	P
By-Laws Committee Chairman	Danny Fischio	A
Chaplain	Bill Collins	P
Color Guard Commander	Woody Bowman	A
Historian	Joe Wright	P
Newsletter Editor	Ed Dahling	P
Paymaster	Ed Dahling	P
Public Information Officer	Guy Hall	A
Quartermaster	Bill Collins	P
Rifle Pistol Team Captain	Ray Sturm	P
Sgt-at-Arms	James Galvin	P
Web Sergeant	Joe Wright	P
Young Marine Commander	John and April Westerlund	A

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: No applications at this time, but Commandant Wells reported a female Marine will be joining next month.

ADJUTANT’S REPORT: Adjutant Huffman reported minutes from the February meeting were distributed via website and newsletter. Copies available on the table.

PAYMASTER: Paymaster Ed Dahling gave the following report:

Checking	\$9,367.38
Savings	<u>7,419.32</u>
Total assets	\$16,786.70

CHAPLAIN REPORT: Chaplain Collins reported Woody Bowman is recuperating from his hip replacement. Keep Charlie Young in your prayers as he is living with dementia. Guy Hall has been moved to a rehab center, per Ben Wells. (Paul Taylor has additional information on Guy.)

COMMANDANT: Department of Maryland having negotiations concerning refreshments at the Princess Royale event.

SENIOR VICE: No report.

JUNIOR VICE: No report.

JUDGE ADVOCATE: No report.

JR. PAST COMMANDANT: No report.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: If you have anything for the newsletter, contact Ed Dahling. Make sure Ed has your email address.

QUARTERMASTER: No report.

RIFLE & PISTOL – Ray Sturm reported the Shangri-La Detachment of Thurmont will be holding a pistol match on July 26th and has invited the Detachment to bring a team. Commandant stated he has a weapon and ammunition if anyone wants to sign up. Ammunition to be reimbursed.

HISTORIAN/ WEB SERGEANT: No report.

COLOR GUARD: Absent but will resume once he is healed from surgery.

YOUNG MARINES: Absent

DETACHMENT MARINE of the YEAR: It was decided that voting for MOY will be done via email. Send your vote to Bill Collins.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Ray Sturm stated he is still looking for a good price on a shed.

NEW BUSINESS: Buddy expressed concern with the low number of members who attended the meeting. Jr. Vice Commandant Joe Wright explained this is a different time and many of the members have passed or have moved out of State. We must find a way to gain members.

Nomination of Officers:

Commandant – Ben Wells
Sr. Vice Commandant – Burt Helmka
Jr. Vice Commandant – Joe Wright
Judge Advocate – Ray Sturm

Adjutant Huffman cast one unanimous vote for the slate as read.
Commandant Wells reported this is his last year running as Commandant.



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GOOD OF THE LEAGUE: Jr. Vice Commandant Joe Wright reported we need to upgrade our MCL sign out front as it is turning pink.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Devil Dog Gathering in Greenville SC – 8-10 April
Mid-East Division Conference – 16-18 April
Department of MD meeting at Princess Royale – 6-8 May
Golf tournament at Walden – 4 June
Shangri-La Pistol match – 26 July

CLOSING CEREMONIES: Sgt at Arms Jim Galvin closed the meeting IAW MCL rituals. The next meeting will be held on April 26th, 2021. Closing prayer was given by Chaplain Bill Collins.

Respectfully submitted,
Norm Huffman, Adjutant
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