



Detachment Meeting Minutes
Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049
Marine Corps League
August 23, 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: 15

Commandant Wells announced guests in attendance:

National - Ray Sturm (Marine for Life Committee)

Department Officers – Ray Sturm (Marine for Life)

Past Detachment Commandants: Joseph Wright (2011-2013), Ray Sturm (2015-2019), Ben Wells (2019-present)

Past Detachment Marine of the Year: Joe Wright(2015), Ray Sturm (2017), Ben Wells (2018), Bill Collins (2019), Tom Maiorana (2020)

Past Department Marine of the Year – Ray Sturm (2018)and Ben Wells (2020)

Ben Wells (2020),

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	E
Paymaster	Ed Dahling	E
Public Information Officer	Vacant	
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	April Westerlund	P

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: One transfer from Baltimore detachment; Welton McCallister

ADJUTANT’S REPORT: Minutes from the July meeting were posted on the website. Copies available on the table.

PAYMASTER: The financial report was given by Jr. Vice Commandant Joe Wright.

Savings:	\$ 2,266.24
Checking:	<u>\$ 8,169.05</u>
Total Detachment Assets	\$10,435.29

CHAPLAIN REPORT: Chaplin Bill Collins reported the passing of member Bud Wright.

COMMANDANT: Commandant Ben Wells reported all missed a good time at the National Convention. There were 43 bylaw changes (which can be found online). The new National Commandant is Johnny Baker.

The 5k will be held on October 2nd at LIVE. Chris Wise reported they are no longer doing setups but are doing planks.

Please keep Craig Reeling in your thoughts and prayers as he will be undergoing a triple bypass this week.

SENIOR VICE: Burt Helmka reported he turned in \$1,690 this evening for the detachment's LOTTO fundraiser. Department raffle tickets are available.

JUNIOR VICE: Junior Vice Commandant Joe Wright thanked the detachment for the memorial service performed for his father, Bud Wright.

Joe has the raffle tickets for the Department. They are \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10. The detachment will purchase \$100 worth.

JUDGE ADVOCATE: No report.

JR. PAST COMMANDANT: No report.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Ray Sturm requested newsletter articles be sent to him as he will be editing the newsletter until Ed is back.

QUARTERMASTER: Quartermaster Bill Collins reported he will order baseball hats and pens. If you need anything, please let Bill know.

HISTORIAN/ WEB SERGEANT: Commandant Wells requested Joe Wright send out a meeting reminder prior to the meetings.

COLOR GUARD: Absent

YOUNG MARINES: April Westerlund thanked Ray Sturm and Woody Bowman for attending the Young Marines graduation. Woody remarked he has seen a transformation in the young people when presenting Colors. Their next drill is in two weeks. The group is still looking for someone to take over, as the current Commander is being PCS'ed next year. Preferably looking for a Marine to take over.



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MARINE FOR LIFE: Ray Sturm reported the Happy Hour networking event held in Silver Spring was successful. Looking for sponsors. (**Marine For Life** is a transition assistance program that helps Marines, and their families get settled back in the community when they leave active duty. The program taps into the network of **Marine** veterans and **Marine**-friendly businesses, organizations and individuals that are willing to lend a hand to a **Marine** who has served honorably.)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE: Jim Galvin reported the troop will be attending the Bowie Baysox game next week. All Scouts are back except for Sherman, whose home is still in lockdown.

Ray Sturm reported Pax River MCL is having a Zombie shoot. He also reported the Choptank detachment has turned in their Charter. They have a year to regroup.

Hotel registration for Mid-Winter is now available at the Norfolk Sheraton. Feb 24-27, 2022

The Department Convention will be held at the Ocean City Fenwick Inn May 5-7, 2022.
Call 800-641-0011. Mention MCL.

Jane Huffman reported the Delaware Park bus trip profited \$779.42. All monies turned in.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: 5K run – October 2, 2021
Fisher House event – October 2, 2021
VFW Family Day – October 16, 2021
MD Department meeting (Mt. Airy) – November 20, 2021

CLOSING CEREMONIES: Sgt. at Arms Jim Galvin closed the meeting IAW MCL rituals. The next meeting will be held on September 27th, 2021. Closing prayer was given by Chaplain Bill Collins.

Respectfully submitted,
Norm Huffman, Adjutant
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