



Detachment Meeting Minutes  
**Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049**  
Marine Corps League  
March 17, 2025

## OPENING BY RITUAL:

Meeting called to order by Commandant Burt Helmka at 1900 hours.

The Pledge of Allegiance recited, followed by prayer by the commandant in our Chaplain's absence

Members in attendance: 12

## ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:

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

**APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:** Joe Peacy, shared with us we two new members to vote on Norman Milligan and Brian Wasson, both have served and are in honorable standing to join.

**ADJUTANT'S REPORT:** Debbie Deene , reported that the minutes from February's meeting were not available and will be read and posted are noted, together with the March minutes.at our April meeting These minutes will be posted on the detachment website and copies available to anyone who would like a copy.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** No report

**PAYMASTER:** No report

**CHAPLAIN REPORT:** No report

**COMMANDANT:** Burt Helmka, reported that our Bull and Oyster roast on March 8<sup>th</sup> seemed to be a success more information to follow when our second vice reports at our meeting in April.

Our Ocean City convention packet online does not have the banquet registration form included, this has been updated and corrected now. Please get your rooms booked and register for the banquet you must mail in the banquet form and choose your food choice .Remember this event is a casual Hawaiian theme, no shorts or flip flops.

When our young marines present colors at the Baltimore Orioles game and the Bowie Bay Sox games we should all try and go to support them and represent our league.

Our annual golf tournament we have been doing for 18 years has been cancelled due to lack of volunteer's, and time required. According to Ray Sturm we are current as a foundation all insurance's, C-3 status and website are still in place, therefore we will re-visit this at the end of the year for next year. There will be a golf four some raffle for the foundation more information to follow.

Reminder our recruitment drive is on April 19<sup>th</sup> at Bass Pro from 10-3, Volunteers needed if you're available. We will have the young marines assisting as they did last year.

**SENIOR VICE:** No report

**JUNIOR VICE:** Joe Peacy, reported with us we two new members to vote on and swear in. The league voted to accept both new members Norman Milligan and Brian Wasson, both have served and are honorably eligible. Brian could not be sworn in today due to a prior commitment, and will be sworn in in April's meeting. We proceeded with formalities to swear in and welcome Norman Milligan to the league.

**JUDGE ADVOCATE:** No report.

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

**NEWSLETTER EDITOR:** No report.

**QUARTERMASTER:** Dan Ryan, reported he issued out two covers and has ordered some new uniforms.

**BY LAWS-** No report.

**HISTORIAN/ WEB SERGEANT:** No report.

**MARINE FOR LIFE:** No report

**COLOR GUARD:** No report

**YOUNG MARINES:** Ray Sturm report that the youngsters are busy as usual. They will be at Tuckahoe State Park in April for a fishing event. They will be posting colors in June at Camden Yards for the Orioles game and in Bowie at the Bay Sox game. He will let us know what the exact dates will be at our next meeting. National has dictated new uniform change, we are changing from basic camo to digital camo. We are currently running a raffle for a bushel of crabs to help with the cost of our new uniforms.

**OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** No report



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**GUEST/VISITOR-** No report

**NEW BUSINESS:** **Jane Huffman**, reported that her Nila and Debbie are in the process of organizing another fundraiser in the form of a quarter auction maybe in the fall. This event we would make money on a bake table a white elephant or Chinese auction table. The organization that puts these on requires us to provide 6 baskets to raffle off of at least a \$100.00 value. We will need several fast running volunteer's to collect the quarters off of each table. Ray Sturm said the young marines may be able to assist in this event depending on the date. Jane will be meeting with the woman who puts these on to get dates and more information at our next meeting. We could even do our 50/50 raffle and draw it live the day of the quarter auction.

Secondly one of our local businesses Cookies restaurant who donates to our league greatly is in need of some help. Cookie has formed a group to help with soup kitchens in a town called Hot Springs, NC, due to the tragic hurricanes down there. She is going down again in April with her group and is asking for any support in collecting non-perishable items, dishes, pots and pans etc. Ray Sturm mentioned another MCL league down there was affected and their historian updated league information without power for nearly two months. Nila Caulder made a motion to donate \$500.00 to cookie and Jeff Glover made the second, this was voted on and accepted by the league. Ray Sturm made a motion also to donate no more than \$500.00 toward food and supplies needed for our recruitment drive at Bass Pro on April 19<sup>th</sup>, this was seconded by Woody Bowman and voted on and accepted by the league.

**GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:** No report or date on a proposed social dinner due to Easter weekend and being Good Friday we will most likely resume in May after convention.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** **Jim Galvin** reported the Boy Scout troop we sponsor has members ranging from 29 -72 years old. We have a young boy at age 14 with downs syndrome who joined with us as we are working with a group of downs syndrome fellas. One mother is a little reluctant due to the nature of our activities and if it would be beneficial for her son, we think we have her convinced it would be a good fit. The move to the Providence center has been a bit rough at first but is working out great. We are located in the Cloverleaf business park off of Veterans Highway in Millersville, Md.

Woody Bowman shared that Tommy Maiorana, is now doing dialysis 3 times a week for 4 hours at a time please keep Tommy in your thoughts and prayers. Also it was shared by Jane Huffman that Bill Collins has been down in the dumps lately as he hasn't heard from anyone from the league. We need to get a card and all sign it to send to him, anybody who may want his address or email let me know he would certainly appreciate hearing from us. We will have a card to sign at the next meeting.

**CLOSING CEREMONIES:** Sgt. at Arms Jim Galvin closed the meeting IAW MCL rituals. The next meeting to be held on April 21, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,  
Debbie Deene, Adjutant  
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