



Detachment Meeting Minutes
Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049
Marine Corps League
January 22, 2020 Meeting

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: 17

Commandant Wells announced guests in attendance:

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: Bill Collins (2019), Ben Wells (2018), Ray Sturm (2017), Ed Dahling (2016), Joseph Wright (2015).
Woody Bowman (2014),

Maryland Pack Leader – Ray Sturm (2019)

NOTE: Don Benson is no longer District Vice. Harry Hierstetter has now taken Don’s place.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:

Commandant	David “Ben” Wells	P
Sr. Vice Commandant	Lou Gewirtz	A
Jr. Vice Commandant	Burt Helmka	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	P
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
Toys for Tots Coordinator	Chris Stevens	P
Web Sergeant	Joe Wright	P

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: None

ADJUTANTS REPORT: Minutes of December meeting were distributed via e-mail (newsletter) and posted on detachment web site. Ben Wells and Woody Bowman are not getting the minutes via email for unknown reason.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- A thank you letter was received from the American Legion Post 175, thanking the Detachment for the \$250 dollar donation to the Gold Families Memorial Gazebo for the Heroes of Severna Park Fund.

- Marathon Bluegrass Jam Maryland will be held at the American Legion Post #276 Quarterfield Road on Saturday February 22, from noon til midnight, benefitting Fisher House Foundation. Admission is free.
- Letter from Marine Corps Heritage Foundation requesting continued membership – (in the budget.)

PAYMASTER: Paymaster Ed Dahling gave a hardcopy report:

Checking	\$12,530.98
<u>Savings / CDs</u>	<u>\$ 7,347.75</u>
Total Detachment Assets	\$19,878.73

CHAPLAIN REPORT:

- Chaplain Collins reported that Charlie Young is holding his own, per his wife.
- Bill Collins reported the Sgt. Major we assisted who experienced PTSD is back to normal.
- Jim Dunn is doing well, speech coming along good, losing weight with good diet, still some anxieties.
- Bill Collins reported his granddaughter is performing in Camelot at the Maryland Hall of Performing Arts in Annapolis on February 14-15 if interested.

COMMANDANT: Commandant Ben Wells reported a letter was received from MCL Foundation Jerry Devlin for monies to be donated toward the Foundation’s scholarship fund. (Checking to see if this had already been done last month.)

Ben reported the next Department meeting will be held in Montgomery County on February 8th, 2020.

SENIOR VICE: Absent

JUNIOR VICE: Junior Vice Burt Helmka reported there was \$4100 collected in lotto ticket sales. The Pound received \$1,600. The Detachment received \$675.

Burt reported the Bull & Oyster Roast will be held on Saturday March 21st. Tickets are \$45 per person. He has requested donations of booze for the Basket of Cheer raffle. Those catering the event do a good job.

JUDGE ADVOCATE: Ray Sturm reported on an Open letter sent to the President of the United States from local citizen Frank Larkin concerning his son who suffered from PTSD and had TBI. Mr. Larkin’s son was a Navy SEAL who committed suicide. Please read the letter and share it. (This is what we raise funds for through the golf tournament.)

Commandant Wells stated we need to wear our uniforms correctly when attending meetings or events. This has come down from above. If you are out of uniform, you will not be allowed to participate.

JR. PAST COMMANDANT: No report.

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



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QUARTERMASTER: Bill Collins reported he has items for sale.

HISTORIAN/ WEB SERGEANT: No report

COLOR GUARD: Commander Woody Bowman reported the unit participated in about 14 events in 2019, to include parades, funerals, American Legion events, schools, scouts, and presented Memorial Day Colors.

MARINE OF THE YEAR: All voted for Marine of the Year.

TOYS FOR TOTS: Chairperson Chris Stevens reported fourteen thousand children received toys in 2019 from the Toys for Tots. Distribution went well with help from the active duty Marines and the Marine Corps League members.

MARINE FOR LIFE: Ray Sturm reported he will be receiving a conference call tomorrow on the status of this. Additional information coming after the call.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Ed Dahling stated the website contract is for 5 years. The budget allots \$100 for the domain. Need additional \$80 for domain. Motion made and second to allocate \$180 for the 5-year renewal.

Ray Sturm reported they will be re-establishing contact with the Young Marines. Need to give additional monetary support to them for uniform changes (@\$300). They are changing from the Annapolis Young Marines to the Anne Arundel County Young Marines. Motions made to allocate no more than \$500 for the Young Marines to update their uniforms. Motion passed.

Burt Helmka suggested selling the lotto tickets again in the summer and to be drawn in October.

Ray Sturm stated we need to send a mailing to the members for updated contact information. Motion made to spend \$150 for stamps and envelopes to send to members. Motion passed.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE: Ben Wells stated the Golf tournament planning meeting will be coming up soon. Also, a planning meeting for the 5K will be held as well.

Nila Caulder thanked the Detachment for the Fisher House donation. Marathon Bluegrass Jam held at American Legion Post #276 Quarterfield Road on Saturday February 22, from noon til midnight, benefitting Fisher House Foundation. All are welcome to attend. Admission is free.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

CLOSING CEREMONIES: Commandant Wells closed the meeting IAW MCL rituals. The next Detachment meeting will take place on February 24, 2020. Closing prayer was given by Chaplain Bill Collins.

Respectfully submitted,
Norm Huffman, Adjutant
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