

Detachment Meeting Minutes

Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049

Marine Corps League October 26, 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: 13

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: Ben Wells (2018), Ray Sturm (2017), Ed Dahling (2016), Woody Bowman (2014)

Past Detachment Marine of the Year: Woody Bowman, Joe Wright, Ed Dahling, Ray Sturm, Ben Wells, Bill Collins and Tom

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Maryland Pack Leader – Ray Sturm (2019)

Guest – Buddy Cadel

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:

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Commandant	David "Ben" Wells	P
Sr. Vice Commandant	Burt Helmka	E
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	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	A
Web Sergeant	Joe Wright	P

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: None

ADJUTANT'S REPORT: October minutes were distributed via email and in newsletter. Copies available on table.

PAYMASTER: Paymaster Ed Dahling gave the following report:

 Checking
 \$14,620.01

 Savings
 7,393,94

 Total assets
 \$22,013.95

CHAPLAIN REPORT: Bill Collins reported President Trump signed a bill in support of the Veteran's Administrations use of HBOT on veterans suffering from TBI and PTSD.

Bill reported he delivered a briefing on PTSD at the Devil Dod Gathering in Ocean City.

Keep Charlie Young in your thought and prayers. Today was a good day, per his wife.

COMMANDANT: No report

SENIOR VICE: Excused. Burt Helmka was in North Carolina tending to ailing family member.

JUNIOR VICE: Joe Wright is sending out letters to members who are in arears of dues. Need stamps.

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.

Ed stated the Honorary Active Duty members cannot pay dues on transmittals as new system will not take them. Can keep them in-house. Ben stated all are welcome to come in. Active duty does not pay dues.

Ed stated the membership list is not being updated. Ed stated there is a member on the membership list that has 2 different numbers and addresses. Ben will take care of it.

QUARTERMASTER: See Bill Collins if you need to purchase any items.

SGT-at-ARMS: Jim Galvin reported that Jim Dunn, leader of the Special needs Scout troop, had passed on October 22. Jim and his wife were both in a rehab facility which had outbreaks of COVID. Both Jim and his wife came down with the virus and the virus ultimately took Jim's life. Jim's wife is suffering from a pulmonary embolism and pneumonia. Please keep the Dunn family in your thoughts and prayers.

No definite word on the Scout's Christmas party. Since COVID, the boys have been in lockdown at their group homes, so a party doesn't look promising. A meeting will be held to determine situation.

HISTORIAN/ **WEB SERGEANT:** If you have any recommendations for the website, please contact Joe Wright. Joe stated the DOG portion of the website has been updated.

COLOR GUARD: Woody Bowman reported they will be presenting Colors on Veterans Day at Crownsville Cemetery.

YOUNG MARINES: John & April Westerlund reported the Young Marines changed their name from Annapolis Young Marines to Anne Arundel Young Marines. They will be taking the children on a trip to Freeland Maryland this weekend.

On November 29th, one of the Marines will be graduating and all are invited to attend at VFW at 1530 hrs.



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TOYS for TOTS: Chris Stevens is no longer involved with the Toys for Tots. Pete Smith is the new liaison. If you have boxes, please put them out.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Ray Sturm reported on the purchase of a new shed for the Detachment. A basic 8 X 10 shed is \$2,175. There is a backup in ordering due to COVID. Still working on pricing.

NEW BUSINESS: Ray Sturm reported on the Detachment helping the VFW with the installation of three slot machines. The VFW was in need of \$3,000 to finish install. Discussion on the Detachment lending \$3,000 to the VFW (to be put in escrow in case of a quick payout). Detachment will form a committee to look into the details on how the Detachment would benefit from the machines. Burt Helmka and Ray Sturm will be on the committee. Ray asked the Detachment commit to helping the VFW on the \$3,000 depending on the terms decided upon. (VFW would need to keep their gambling license or Detachment gets the \$3,000 back.) Lawyers will be involved. Motion to continue negotiations.

Ray stated the Detachment offered to assist the Young Marines in the past with needed items. Since the Young Marines have changed names, they are in need of updated items. Ray made a motion to assist the Young Marines with additional needed items (flags, etc.) totaling \$710.34. Motion was second.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:

Ed Dahling thanked Jane and Norman Huffman for organizing the virtual auction which brought in \$2500. Also, two 50/50 drawings were also held with a profit of \$1,000. Ed suggested donating \$500 to the Marine Helping Heroes and \$500 to MODD. Motion made and second to send \$500 to Marine Helping Heroes. Discussion was held on the donation to MODD. After further discussion, the \$500 donation to MODD was tabled.

Marine Corps Birthday celebration - The cake cutting ceremony will be held at the VFW on November 10th at 7pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: December 13th Pound 204 meeting

Pack meeting to be determined.

CLOSING CEREMONIES: Sgt at Arms James Galvin closed the meeting IAW MCL rituals. The next meeting will be held on November 23, 2020. Closing prayer was given by Chaplain Bill Collins.

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