

#### **Detachment Meeting Minutes**

### **Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049**

Marine Corps League October 25, 2021

# October 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: 18

Commandant Wells announced guests in attendance:

National - Ray Sturm (Marine for Life Committee)

Department Officers - Ray Sturm (Marine for Life)

Past Detachment Commandants: Ray Sturm (2015-2019), Ben Wells (2019-present)

Past Detachment Marine of the Year: Ray Sturm (2017), Ben Wells (2018), Bill Collins (2019), Norm Huffman

(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	E
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	E
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	E
Young Marine Commander	April Westerlund	P

### **APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:** None

**ADJUTANT'S REPORT:** Minutes from the September meeting were posted on the website. Copies available on the table.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

**PAYMASTER:** The financial report was given by Jr. Past Commandant Ray Sturm.

 Savings:
 \$ 2,266.43

 Checking:
 \$11,138.67

 Total Detachment Assets
 \$13,405.10

**CHAPLAIN REPORT:** Chaplain Bill Collins reported Tom Maiorano took a fall and is home recovering. (He stressed it was a short fall.) Commandant Ben Wells spoke with Ed Dahling and he is now at home recovering. He is available for short telephone conversation. Please keep both Marines in your prayers.

**COMMANDANT:** Ben Wells reported the cake cutting for the Marine Birthday will be November 10, 2021 at 7pm at VFW Post 160. Open bar after cutting. Young Marines are welcome to join and present Colors. Lt. Col. Thomas from Ft. Meade was a guest.

**SENIOR VICE:** Senior Vice Burt Helmka will have his report on the lotto fundraiser later. He will also have tickets for the March 19<sup>th</sup> Bull & Oyster at the cake cutting on November 10<sup>th</sup>.

JUNIOR VICE: Absent

**JUDGE ADVOCATE**: No report.

JR. PAST COMMANDANT: No report.

**NEWSLETTER EDITOR**: Ray Sturm reported he would like to have all articles turned in by the Saturday after the meeting. He stressed he is doing the newsletter until Ed Dahling is able to take it back and remarked how much work it entails.

**QUARTERMASTER**: Bill Collins reported the baseball hats are in and will cost \$20 each.

**HISTORIAN/ WEB SERGEANT:** Absent

**COLOR GUARD**: Commander Woody Bowman will participate in the upcoming events:

November 7 – Pasadena Thanksgiving Parade

November 11 – Quarterfield Road American Legion 276 to present Colors

November 11 – Crownsville Cemetery to present Colors

**YOUNG MARINES:** April Westerland reported the Young Marines would be participating in the following events:

October 31 – Halloween party

November 7 – Drill

November 10 – Present Colors at MCL Cake cutting ceremony

November 11 – Attend Brightview in Annapolis

April thanked everyone who purchased meat sticks for the fundraiser.

Joan

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Chris Stevens gave an update on the 5K run.

Starting balance in fund: \$ 4,984.99 Ending balance in fund: \$14,729.21



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Donations to 3 organizations were made from the funds.

Semper Fi - \$2,500 Treat Now - \$2,500

Marine Post at Ft. Meade - \$5,000 – check accepted by Lt. Col Thomas

Lt. Col. Thomas reported on the Marines stationed at Ft. Meade and how they are encouraged to participate in the community as well as perform their regular tasks on base.

She explained the DOD Guidance of no more than 50 persons in attendance has cancelled the Marine Corps Ball. A request for a waiver was denied. The Marines will celebrate in small groups.

Nila Caulder reported the Fisher House event raised over \$60,000. Woody also presented Colors at the event.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Commandant Wells requested the help of the Ft. Meade Marines on the 2022 Golf tournament. Planning will begin shortly.

## **GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:**

Cake Cutting at VFW Post 160 – November 10, 2021 – 7pm Veterans Day luncheon hosted by VFW– November 11, 2021 (free) – 11am – 2pm Pasadena Flag Ceremony at Mt. Road – November 11, 2021 Department meeting at Mt. Airy – November 20, 2021 Department Convention will be held at the Ocean City Fenwick Inn May 5-7, 2022. Call 800-641-0011. Mention MCL.

**CLOSING CEREMONIES:** Sgt. at Arms Jim Galvin closed the meeting IAW MCL rituals. The next meeting will be held on November 22, 2021. Closing prayer was given by Chaplain Bill Collins.

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