



Detachment Meeting Minutes
Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049
Marine Corps League
November 22, 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: 11

Woody Bowman served as Sgt at Arms in Jim Galvin’s absence.

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: Woody Bowman (2014), Joe Wright (2015), Ray Sturm (2017), Ben Wells (2018), Bill Collins (2019), Norm Huffman (2021)

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

Maryland Pack Leader – Ray Sturm (2019)

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:

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| 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 | P |
| 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 | E |
| Web Sergeant | Joe Wright | P |
| Young Marine Commander | Joan Wheatley (for April Westerlund) | P |

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: None

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

CORRESPONDENCE: Ray Sturm received a thank you letter from the Semper Fi Fund for the \$2,000 donation. Bill Collins reported a similar thank you letter was received by Chris Stevens for the TREAT NOW donation.

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

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| Savings: | \$ 2,266.43 |
| Checking: | <u>\$12,470.24</u> |
| Total Detachment Assets | \$14,736.67 |

CHAPLAIN REPORT: Chaplain Bill Collins spoke with Ed Dahling and said he sounded much better. Please continue to keep him in your prayers. Bill also spoke with Nic Kipke concerning PTSD and TBI.

COMMANDANT: Commandant Wells reported there has been notice sent out by Department Commandant to assure everyone wears the correct uniforms and wears them properly. Also, assure unbecoming photographs (in uniform) are not placed on social media.

SENIOR VICE: Senior Vice Burt Helmka reported on the November lotto fundraiser. He also has tickets for the March 19th Bull & Oyster Roast. The roast will be held at Post 60 from 2pm until 6pm. 8-10 seats to a table.

Burt has Department raffle tickets for sale for \$5 each or 3 for \$10.

JUNIOR VICE: No report.

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.

QUARTERMASTER: Bill Collins reported the baseball hats are available for \$20 each.

HISTORIAN/ WEB SERGEANT: If you have anything to go on the website, send it to Joe Wright. Commandant Wells reported everything has been thrown out of the file cabinet. Ray Sturm reported he will create a mailout to send to all members to try to acquire current addresses and their status.

COLOR GUARD: Commander Woody Bowman reported the Color Guard will participate in the flag raising at Food Lion on Mountain Road on December 4th at 12pm. This is the 9th and final event for the Color Guard this year.

YOUNG MARINES: Thank you for including the Young Marines in the cake cutting ceremony.

Participated in /will be participating in the following events:

Brightview Sr. Living

Camping trip

Nov 28 – Awards ceremony at VFW at 130pm

Dec 12 – Drill

Dec 18 – Wreaths Across America

Dec 19 – Bowling party



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Unfortunately, due to family illness, the Young Marine Commander may be leaving Maryland earlier than planned.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Nothing.

NEW BUSINESS: Nothing

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE: Ray Sturm reported on the Department meeting:
Guest speaker was from the Governor's staff of the Health Department. 18% of all suicide are Veterans. Speaker gave ideas on securing firearms, drugs, etc. in lockable bags.

Join the Commandant Corner site on December 8th at 1900 hrs. Will be discussing roster issues and other pertinent info.

Joe Fey mentioned the Department Convention is still scheduled for Fenwick Inn, but it is currently under construction. May 5-7, 2022. Call 800-641-0011. Mention MCL.

Leadership College will be held in the Spring.

Dec 11, 2021 – Ceremony for Lewis Bausell (buried at sea) at Battle of Peleliu will be held at Ft. Washington Cemetery. Color Guard from 8th & I will provide service.

Department of Maryland will celebrate 50 years in 2023.

Norm Huffman asked everyone to keep June 4th, 2022 open for recruitment drive at Downs Park.

CLOSING CEREMONIES: Acting Sgt. at Arms Woody Bowman closed the meeting IAW MCL rituals. The next meeting will be held on December 20, 2021. Will have refreshments. Closing prayer was given by Chaplain Bill Collins.

Respectfully submitted,
Norm Huffman, Adjutant
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