

Detachment Meeting Minutes

Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049

Marine Corps League December 20, 2021

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: 16

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), Tom Maiorana(2020), (Norm Huffman (2021)

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

Maryland Pack Leader – Ray Sturm (2019)

Commandant Wells dispensed with attendance and recognition of guest.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:

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	P
Web Sergeant	Joe Wright	P
Young Marine Commander	Joan Wheatley	P
-	April Westerlund	P

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: None

ADJUTANT'S REPORT: Minutes from the November meeting were posted on the website and printed in the newsletter. Copies available on the table.

CORRESPONDENCE: (See Chaplain's report)

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

 Savings:
 \$ 2,266.43

 Checking:
 \$ 9,503.70

 Total Detachment Assets
 \$11,770.13

There are two outstanding checks for lottery payout. Burt Helmka will send a note to the address listed requesting a response.

CHAPLAIN REPORT: Chaplain Collins met with a veteran suffering from PTSD. He shared his experience in a letter sent to the detachment, via Chaplain Collins. Ray Sturm read his experiences and how the HBOT helped him to get his life back.

Please keep Ray Sturm, Jean Bowman, and Kathy Galvin in your prayers as both have lost their mothers recently.

COMMANDANT: There will be a department meeting in January/February in Elkton and another in March/April (at Post 160) timeframe. Dates to be determined.

SENIOR VICE: Burt reported we sold 815 tickets, 156 were returned and 29 unaccounted for. Profit @ \$1575.00 after payouts and cost of tickets. Burt has Department raffle tickets for sale for \$5 each or 3 for \$10. Bull and Oyster Roast tickets are available. See Burt for tickets.

JUNIOR VICE: Joe Wright stated his company has created challenge coins to give out to Veterans. Joe has given out many Marines Helping Heroes coins but is now out of them. Commandant Wells suggested Joe receive additional coins as he encounters many politicians in his travels working with the State as a Service Specialist.

JUDGE ADVOCATE: No report.

JR. PAST COMMANDANT: We have to start thinking about who to nominate for Department Marine of the Year. It must be voted on at a Detachment meeting and must come from the Detachment. Due by May.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Ray Sturm reported he would like to have all articles turned in by the Saturday after the meeting. Newsletter to go out early January.

QUARTERMASTER: No report.

HISTORIAN/ WEB SERGEANT: No report

COLOR GUARD: No report

YOUNG MARINES: The Young Marines were selected "Regimental Unit of the Year."

The Young Marines participated in Wreaths Across America on Dec 18th. There were enough wreaths available for all this year.

Two Young Marines were promoted to SGT and PFC.

Held a bowling party for the Young Marines and all had a blast.



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Will be participating in the Military Bowl parade on Dec. 27 which ends up at Navy Marine Corps Stadium, 10am

Trying to raise funds to be able to assist the Young Marines in participating in classes across the State and Country such as Leadership classes, etc.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE: None

CLOSING CEREMONIES: Acting Sgt. at Arms Jim Galvin closed the meeting IAW MCL rituals. The next meeting will be held on January 24th, 2021. Closing prayer was given by Chaplain Bill Collins.

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