



Detachment Meeting Minutes
Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049
 Marine Corps League
 March 29, 2017 Meeting



OPENING BY RITUAL:

Meeting called to order by Commandant Ray Sturm at 1900 hours.
 The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by prayer by Guest Chaplain Fred Kaminski.
 Members in Attendance: 24

- Paul Taylor Department Adjutant, Department Marine of Year (2010)
- Edward Dahling Department Paymaster, Past Detachment Commandant, Detachment Marine of Year (2016)
- Guy Hall Mid-East Ambassador, Past Detachment Commandant, Department Marine of Year (2009)
- Woody Bowman Color Guard Commander, Detachment Marine of the Year (2014)
- Wayne McNeir Past Detachment Commandant, Detachment Marine of the Year (2013)
- Joe Wright Past Detachment Commandant, Detachment Marine of Year (2015)

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:

Commandant	Ray Sturm	P
Sr. Vice Commandant	Ben Wells	P
Jr. Vice Commandant	Pat Sharkey	P
Judge Advocate	Chris Wise	P
Jr. Past Commandant	Ed Dahling	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
House Committee Chairman	VACANT	
Legislative Officer	VACANT	
Newsletter Editor	Ed Dahling	P
Paymaster	Ed Dahling	P
Public Information Officer	Guy Hall	P
Quartermaster	Bill Collins	P
Rifle Pistol Team Captain	Ray Sturm	P
Sgt-at-Arms	James Galvin	P
Toys for Tots Coordinator	Chris Stevens	P
VAV Officer	VACANT	
Web Sergeant.	Joe Wright	P
Young Marine Commander	Dallas Cooper	A

READING OF THE MINUTES: Adjutant Norm Huffman reported minutes of the February meeting were distributed via the detachment list server (e-mail). Several hardcopies of minutes and newsletters were available at the meeting.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: One membership application was presented for Brad Jeffery Plehn. Brad was voted on and accepted. Acting Chaplain Fred Kaminski shared prayer for the new member. Brad is an active duty Marine at Fort Meade. Welcome to the Detachment.

PAYMASTER: Paymaster Ed Dahling gave a hardcopy report:



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Checking	\$8,645.71
<u>Savings / CDs</u>	<u>\$7,295.03</u>
Total Detachment Assets	\$15,940.74

CHAPLAIN REPORT: Life member Mr. Thompson passed away and we are waiting on the family for arrangements. Mr. Thompson was a member of the Color Guard for 5 years, according to Color Guard Commander Woody Bowman.

Also, another Marine in Pasadena area passed in a tragic house fire. The Marine was 92 years old and an WWII Marine. He was not a member of the Detachment, but appropriate honors will be given for him as well. The Charter was draped.

COMMANDANT: Commandant Sturm reported there were 792 Toys for Tots Campaigns Nationwide, collecting 18 million toys, helping 7 million children. Of the 792 campaigns, there were 178 individual detachments collecting toys. The MCL Detachments alone collected 4.5 million toys helping 1.5 million children. Detachment 1049 is not a part of these numbers as we are collecting toys under the Fort Meade group.

The 2018 National Convention will be held in Buffalo New York. Any Delegates attending this convention will be able to pick up our streamers and not have to carry the Colors.

Commandant Sturm reported on IRS policy. A Corporation may only donate to a 501©3 organization to get a tax exempt. The Marine Corps League is a 501©4. Individuals may donate to a 501©3 or 501©4 to get a tax exemption on their taxes. There was a corporation that donated to a MCL thinking they could use them as a tax write-off. IRS investigated and now the corporation is suing the MCL detachment to recover the donated funds. Note: Our paperwork states “**donation may be tax deductible.**” Please be sure you do not misrepresent.

The National Marine Corps League is getting a new database and set of by-laws. The current bylaws are very lengthy but will be shortened to approximately 30 pages. Most of the current bylaw will be moved to Administrative procedures.

Commandant Sturm attended the Department meeting on Saturday, March 27th. Please get your Convention ads to Jack Severn by April 17th. Jack has created a new section in the convention book entitled “Guess Who?” for our older members. Patron ads are \$5.00 each.

SENIOR VICE: No report.

JUNIOR VICE: No report.

JUDGE ADVOCATE: Absent

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: No report.

QUARTERMASTER: No report.



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HISTORIAN WEB SERGEANT: No report.

COLOR GUARD: Color Guard Commander Woody Bowman reported the following:

May 7th – Ferndale Parade – Meet at North County High School at 11 am
May 21th – Glen Burnie Parade – Meet at Corkran Middle School at 1 pm
May 29th - Present Colors at Post 276 at 9 am and following to Crownsville. Be there by 1030am for 11am Presentation of Colors.

Commandant Sturm read the report from the Young Marine liaison. The Young Marines are currently learning knots, physical training, visiting Quantico, participating in the Annapolis Memorial Day parade, participating in the Annapolis July 4th Parade, and will be at the Fort Meade massing of the Colors. They participated in the Frozen Chosen encampment. All who participated received their ribbons. They also qualified for Marksmanship ribbons.

OLD BUSSINESS: We have 500 copies of the new trifolds. Please keep some in your car and disperse when you meet a Marine. Guy Hall would like to get the newsletter editor to interview a lady he met who has three sons in the Marine Corps. Commandant Sturm thought this was a good idea and suggested they discuss this outside of the meeting.

Commandant Sturm reported the Walden Golf Course is willing to sign a 5-year contract with the Detachment, so the price will not increase. The tournament still owes the Detachment \$500. Once monies start coming in, this will be taken care of.

Marine of the Year forms are available. Please nominate and turn the form over to one of the Committee members.

If you plan on attending the Department Convention in Ocean City, please give the information to Adjutant Norman Huffman so he can register you. The Paymaster has already sent the required \$100.

NEW BUSINESS: Commandant Sturm stated he would like to do a mailing because contact information is outdated. We have 124 members and only 30 attending the meetings. Cost will be approximately \$1.00 per person for mailing. Motion was made by Senior Commandant Wells and second by Paymaster Ed Dahling to send out the mailings.

Chris Stevens stated the Annual Bull & Oyster Roast will be held on September 30th, 2017.

Nominations of Officers: The following were nominated:

Commandant: **Ray Sturm (reportedly will be his last term)** – by Bill Collins

Sr. Vice Commandant: **Ben Wells** – by Woody Bowman

Jr. Vice Commandant: **Pat Sharkey** – by ?

Judge Advocate: **Joe Wright** – by Pat Sharkey

Elections will be held next month.



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GOOD OF THE LEAGUE: Commandant Sturm reported the service for the fallen WW II Marine will be held at 7:30 pm. at McCully's Funeral Home on Mountain Road. Please wear your red blazers.

A \$200 check was donated to Boys Scout troop 216 by Devil Dog Pound 204. Commandant Sturm asked any Devil Dogs to come forward for a photograph. Commandant Sturm explained Troop 216 Special Needs troop and the Military Order of the Devil Dogs.

The Department Commandant has created a Lifetime Achievement Award for Marines who have been involved with the MCL for a long period of time. If you need help writing up the nominee, contact Commandant Sturm for assistance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- March 30th 5K Run meeting at 6 pm at Ben Wells office
- April 29th Golf meeting at 6 pm at Ben Wells office
- April 2nd Eagle Scout Court of Honor – for Ben Foster who is Mac McNeir's grandson
- April 9 Pound 204 growl
- April 12th Troop 216 meeting
- April 13th Range night
- April 22nd Leadership College – teaches you about the MCL – great class
- April 26 Troop 216 meeting
- May 5th Friday night dinner
- May 11th -13th Department Convention in Ocean City

Mac McNeir donated an autographed NFL football for the raffle at the Golf tournament.

Guy Hall stated on April 12th there will be an EXPO held at Camp Lejeune if anyone is interested in attending.

Fred Kaminski presented posters to Norm Huffman and Brad Plehn and then played the Marine Hymn on the harmonica.

CLOSING CEREMONIES:

Commandant Sturm closed the meeting IAW MCL rituals. The next detachment meeting will take place on April 24th, 2017. Prayer was given by Acting Chaplain Fred Kaminski. Winner of 50/50 was Matt Prial.

Respectfully submitted,
Norman Huffman, Adjutant
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