



Detachment Meeting Minutes  
**Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049**  
 Marine Corps League  
 January 23, 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: 21

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| • Donald Benson  | District #2 Vice Commandant   |
| • Paul Taylor    | Department Adjutant, Department Marine of Year (2010)   |
| • Edward Dahling | Department Paymaster, Past Detachment Commandant, Detachment Marine of Year (2016)                |
| • Manny Airey    | Past Detachment Commandant, Detachment Marine of Year (2005),<br>Department Marine of Year (2014) |
| • Guy Hall       | Mid-East Ambassador, Past Detachment Commandant, Department Marine of Year (2009)                 |
| • Woody Bowman   | Color Guard Commander, Detachment Marine of the Year (2014)                                       |
| • Joe Wright     | Past Detachment Commandant  |

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:**

Commandant	Ray Sturm	P
Sr. Vice Commandant	Ben Wells	P
Jr. Vice Commandant	Pat Sharkey	P
Judge Advocate	Chris Wise	A
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

**APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:** None

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

**PAYMASTER:** Paymaster Ed Dahling gave a hardcopy report:

Checking	\$11,218.08
<u>Savings / CDs</u>	<u>\$ 7,294.83</u>
Total Detachment Assets	\$18,512.91

Commandant Ray Sturm asked Jim Galvin, Sgt. at Arms to bring the sign-in book back to the meeting. (If you are not a member of the VFW you are required to sign the book.)



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**CHAPLAIN:**

Commandant Ray Sturm asked the members to rise as they draped the MCL Charter in honor of Life Member Bob Foley. He also thanked Ben and Erin Wells for making the drape.

**REPORT OF OFFICERS**

**COMMANDANT:** Commandant Sturm reported last month he attended the VFW House Committee. One of the things discussed was signing of the book at the door. If we are not members of this post we must sign in. Door code was changed. You must be a member to get the door code. Do not ask a member for the code. We must stay in compliance. There was a small fire outside of the door. They believe it was a cigarette thrown in the mulch. Building maintenance showed roof estimate would be around \$3,300. Electrical estimate was between \$12,000-\$25,000 depending on what needs to be repaired. There was no estimate for plumbing as there would be no funds available for this.

**SENIOR VICE:** Sr. Vice Commandant Ben Wells reminded everyone he has the Department's money raffle tickets.

**JUNIOR VICE:** Jr. Vice Commandant Pat Sharkey will be meeting with Paymaster Ed Dahling to discuss the membership dues. They will be collecting all email addresses so members can be reminded their dues are due by August 31<sup>st</sup>. Further dues information will be announced later. (Department Adjutant Paul Taylor suggested the dues money due be announced without the breakdown of the monies. This will make it less confusing to members.)

**JUDGE ADVOCATE:** Not present.

**NEWSLETTER EDITOR:** If you do not see the newsletter online, Ed needs your e-mail address.

**QUARTER MASTER:**

Acting Quartermaster Fred Kaminski had a poster for Guy Hall. Quartermaster Bill Collins reported he had shirts on the back table for sale for \$2 each. Also, new patches are \$5 and receive one old one free.

**HISTORIAN WEB SERGEANT:** Webmaster Joe Wright updated the event calendar through December.

**COLOR GUARD:** None

**OLD BUSSINESS:** Commandant Sturm reported the Marines Helping Marines organization has disbanded as there are currently no inpatient wounded combat Marines. Due to IRS regulations, the organization's monies have been placed in an escrow account. If they were not placed in the escrow account, the monies would have been placed in the US General Treasury. If there is a need at a later time, the monies can be used under the new organizations name. Donations may still be accepted, but they will be deposited in the escrow account.



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The golf tournament will be called the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Anne Arundel County Golf Tournament instead of the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Marines Helping Marines tournament. The golf tournament committee will choose an organization who assists combat-injured Marines suffering from (PTSD) post-traumatic stress disorder, (TBI) traumatic brain injuries, or suicide. Looking for an organization in good standing. Commandant Sturm asked for any suggestions. Commandant Sturm commented he felt the monies should **not** be put into the MHM escrow account and should be used now as needed. Agreed.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Commandant Sturm sent sixteen letters to nursing and convalescent homes in A.A. County who may have Marines as patients. Ray would like to start the MVP (Marines Visitation Program) to visit any veterans in these homes. He is asking for anyone who may like to visit the veterans monthly. He will visit with the activities directors for suggestions on how to approach this.

**GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:** Paul Taylor reported that George Martin is having health problems.

The Detachment received the Meritorious Unit Commendation on the National level. Anyone who was a member of the detachment during timeframe listed was eligible to wear the ribbon. Commandant Sturm wrote the recommendation for the Detachment in recognition of those who had helped raise funds with the golf tournament the past eleven years. Job well done, per Commandant Sturm.

Commandant Sturm reported the Department Commandant is starting a Department Lifetime Achievement award. The recognition will take place at the Convention in Ocean City. This will keep the Marine of the Year separate from the Lifetime Achievement award, per District Commandant Don Benson.

Nomination forms for Detachment Marine of the Year were distributed.

Commandant Sturm received a thank you letter from Scout troop 216 for the \$300 donation.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- February 9 – Detachment range night at On Target
- February 12<sup>th</sup> - Pound 204 Growl at VFW
- February 18<sup>th</sup> – Eagle Scout Court of Honor
- March 2-4<sup>th</sup> - Mid-winter Conference –in Fredericksburg Virginia
- March 25<sup>th</sup> - Department meeting –in Hagerstown
- April 1<sup>st</sup> – Sgt. Mileo Detachment - Turkey shoot on Eastern Shore

**CLOSING CEREMONIES:**

Commandant Sturm closed the meeting IAW MCL rituals. The next detachment meeting will take place on February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Prayer was given by Acting Chaplain Fred Kaminski. Winner of 50/50 was Jim Galvin.

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