



Detachment Meeting Minutes  
**Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049**  
 Marine Corps League  
 October 26, 2015 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 Chaplain Fred Kaminski.

Members in attendance: 22 members

Commandant Ray Sturm acknowledged the presence of the following Special Guests.

- Don Benson                      District Vice Commandant
- Paul Taylor                     Department of Maryland Adjutant
- Ed Dahling                      Department of Maryland Paymaster, Past Detachment Commandant
- Manny Airey                    Past Detachment Commandant, Department Marine of the Year
- Joe Wright                      Past Detachment Commandant, Detachment Marine of the Year
- Woody Bowman                Color Guard Commander, Detachment Marine of the Year

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:**

Commandant	Ray Sturm	P
Sr. Vice Commandant	Ben Wells	P
Jr. Vice Commandant	Matt Prial	P
Judge Advocate	Chris Wise	A
Jr. Past Commandant	Ed Dahling	P
Adjutant	Norm Huffman	P
By-Laws Committee Chairman	Danny Fischio	A
Chaplain	Fred Kaminski	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	A
Quartermaster	Fred Kaminski	P
Rifle Pistol Team Captain	Ray Sturm	P
Sgt-at-Arms	Pat Sharkey	P
Toys for Tots Coordinator	Chris Stevens	A
VAV Officer	VACANT	
Web Sergeant.	Joe Wright	P
Young Marine Commander	Dallas Cooper	A

**APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:** None



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**READING OF THE MINUTES:** Adjutant Norm Huffman reported minutes of the September meeting were distributed via the detachment list server (e-mail). Several hardcopies were available at the meeting. One correction to the September minutes should read: Jim Galvin was present, not Jim Gavin. (Thank you for catching this error, Mac.)

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Adjutant Norman Huffman reported the Pasadena Thanksgiving Parade will be held on November 1<sup>st</sup> and the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Veteran’s Ceremony would be held on November 11, 2015 at the flag at Mountain Road and Rt. 100 in Pasadena Md.

<b>PAYMASTER:</b>	Checking	\$11,827.28
	Savings / CD’s	\$ 5,270.86
	Available Checking Assets	\$11,827.28

**MEMBERS SICK AND IN DISTRESS:** None

**REPORT OF OFFICERS:**

**Commandant:** (See below)

**Sr. Vice Commandant:** Ben Wells has the Department of Maryland raffle tickets. He had these printed early so that Manny Airey does not have to sit at the Convention and sell them.

**Jr. Vice Commandant:** No Report

**Judge Advocate:** Not present

**Quartermaster:** There are some new posters on the table. Price is a donation of \$1.00

**REPORT OF COMMITTEES:**

**Color Guard Commander:** Woody Bowman presented the Ft. Meade Color Guard with a plaque for their participation in the Glen Burnie Parade. Woody reported on the upcoming activities:  
 November 1<sup>st</sup> - Pasadena Caring and Sharing Parade - with lineup at 1 P.M. - Anyone wishing to ride in the parade with the Color Guard, contact Woody.  
 November 3<sup>rd</sup> – Quarterfield Elementary School  
 November 4<sup>th</sup> – Severn Elementary School  
 November 9<sup>th</sup> – Ridgeway Elementary School  
 American Legion 276 on Quarterfield for Colors, then to Crownsville Cemetery for Colors

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Mike Nelson reminded all about the Toy for Tots motorcycle run which will be held on November 21, 2015. It will start at noon at Chesapeake Cycle and proceed to Bestgate Blvd, to Rowe Blvd and ends at the City Dock. Marines will be waiting to receive toys. If anyone wants to ride or help in handling the toys, they are most welcome.

**Museum Trip.** Bill Collins reported the Air & Space Museum trip has been rescheduled for December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015. The bus will leave the VFW on Saturday at 8:30am. Trip will include an IMAX movie and lunch. The cost will be \$20.00, which includes member and guest. The cost is to cover transportation. Contact Bill Collins if interested.



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**NEW BUSINESS:** Ray Sturm mentioned the Mid-winter Conference will be held March 3-5, 2016 at the Marriott View Park in Falls Church, Virginia. Pre-registration per Delegate is \$10.00 or \$12.00 if not pre-registered. Ben Wells made a motion for Detachment to cover the cost for delegates. It was voted on and passed.

Also Mid-winter is asking for help to defray their cost. Ads in Convention Book are: \$100 for a full page, half page \$60, quarter page \$30, business card \$25, advertising \$25, patron ad \$2.00 per name. The Mid-winter Convention book is not in our current budget. Ben Wells made a motion to purchase a full page ad. Voted on and passed.

The transportation on the museum trip was \$500 dollars. We are asking members and guest to pay \$20 per couple, and any donations we can get. Ben Wells made a motion to pay no more than \$300 to help defray the cost of transportation. Voted on and passed.

Commandant Ray Sturm introduced member Jim Galvin, who is a Boy Scout leader for Troop 216. (This troop is a special needs troop chartered under the Knights of Columbus in Severna Park, Maryland. Jim reported the troop has been in existence since the 1970s and currently has 17 special needs scouts on their roll. The boys work for OBI and therefore most of their earnings go back to the group homes they live in. Jim also reported all of the supplies to include uniforms, insurance, camping gear, etc. are given to the scouts by the organization. The youngest scout is 29 years old and the oldest scout being 52 years old. The scouting program is their main social outing time. The budget for the troop is @\$8500 annually. Donations are always welcome from local organizations to assist with the budget.)

A motion was made by Manny Airey and second to donate \$100 to Troop 216. Past Commandant Joe Wright amended the motion to donate \$250 to Troop 216. Motion was second and approved. Sr. Vice Commandant Ben Wells made a motion to “adopt” the troop by making a formal liaison and providing assistance wherever possible. Motion second and approved.

### **GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:**

Commandant Sturm reported on the Holiday Project being sponsored by the Department of Veterans Affairs, Maryland Healthcare System. A donation of \$55 will furnish a “gift package” for an inpatient veteran hospitalized at a Veterans Hospital this holiday season.

Paul Taylor stated the Baltimore MCL still has seats available for their Marine Corps Ball.

District Vice-Commandant Don Benson stressed the importance of reaching out to those members who have been absent from meetings. He requested Jr. Vice Commandant Matt Prial to contact each member on the roll and provide a reason for absence. (to include unable to reach member) Don needs this report to provide the Nationals.

Don also relayed that Department of Maryland Commandant Craig Reeling asked to be invited to Detachment meetings for special occasions. He is willing to travel when invited. The Harford County Detachment 1198 will be holding their cake cutting ceremony on Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> at their VFW.

Don also thanked the Detachment for welcoming him into the membership and suggested the Newsletter editor submit the Detachment newsletter into the Nationals for competition. Very good newsletter.



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**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- November 1<sup>st</sup> – Pasadena Caring and Sharing Parade – Tick Neck Park – 1 P.M. – Woody has a few openings if anyone wants to ride in the parade with the Honor Guard
- November 6<sup>th</sup> – Detachment Friday Night Dinner at VFW Post 160 – Spaghetti, meatballs, garlic bread, salad
- November 10<sup>th</sup> – Cake cutting ceremony at VFW Post 160 - 1800 hours
- December 5<sup>th</sup> – National Air & Space Museum trip – Chantilly Virginia (Contact Bill Collins)
- December 13<sup>th</sup> – Pound Growl – VFW Post 160
- January 16<sup>th, 2016</sup> – Pack Growl – Westminster
- March 3-5<sup>th, 2016</sup> – Mid-Winter Conference – Falls Church, Virginia

**CLOSING CEREMONIES:**

Commandant Sturm closed the meeting IAW MCL rituals. The next Detachment meeting will take place on November 23, 2015. Prayer was given by Fred Kaminski. Winner of 50/50 was ? (not on tape)

Respectfully submitted,  
Norman Huffman, Adjutant  
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