



Detachment Meeting Minutes  
**Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049**  
 Marine Corps League  
 August 22, 2016 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, 16

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

- Edward Dahling, Department Paymaster, Past Detachment Commandant
- Guy Hall Mid-East Ambassador, Past Detachment Commandant
- Manny Airey Past Detachment Commandant, Department 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	Pat Sharkey	A
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	A
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	A
Young Marine Commander	Dallas Cooper	A

**APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:** None

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



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**CHAPLAINS REPORT:** Charlie Luthhardt is doing well and in Ocean City. John Spiker Sr., who was instrumental in raising funds through the Quarter Auction and All Day Scrapbooking events passed away on August 22<sup>nd</sup> after a short battle with cancer. Viewing for John will be held on August 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. Services will be held at Lake Shore Baptist Church, Monday August 29, 2016 at 11am, with a reception following at the Riviera Beach VFC. All are welcome to attend.

**PAYMASTER:** Ed Dahling gave the paymasters report:

Checking	\$11,725.23
<u>Savings / CDs</u>	<u>\$ 5,271.62</u>
Total Detachment Assets	\$16,996.85

**COMMANDANTS REPORT:** Ray Sturm reported on the National Convention. Litigations brought on by National Commandant Mike Bloom has been settled. Not sure of the outcome and information is sealed. The Semper Fi store and Headquarters have been moved to Quantico Va. They also removed many employees which will save about \$500,000 dollars. The Semper Fi magazine will undergo a complete change, as the contract has not been renewed with the current publisher. The new company has started to sell a lot of advertising.

A new National bylaw was passed – Annual expiration date of membership are now August 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. Check out Ray’s article in the newsletter for more information.

**SENIOR VICE:** Ben has the tickets to the bull roast. Stop by and pick up tickets and sell to friends and neighbors.

**JUNIOR VICE:** No Report

**QUARTER MASTER:** Bill Collins has the dog tags that they gave to the participants of the 5k run. He is selling them at a cost of \$5.00, so get yours today.

**COLOR GUARD:** Nothing till November.

**NEWSPAPER EDITOR:** No report

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Ray reported you only need a Delegate at the convention to receive your detachment streamer. (In the past, you needed to bring your Colors. Due to the weight of the Colors and the prices in transporting, this was changed.) New detachment Colors were on display and looks very nice.

The 5K Run, held last month was a success profiting approximately \$2,700. There were lessons learned for next year’s event. The event needs to be advertised earlier to obtain runners. The funds profited from this event will go toward the Marine Corps Ball on November 11<sup>th</sup> in Baltimore. The Fort Meade USMC Commander has invited the Marine Corps League members to attend the Ball as well. Additional information is coming.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None



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**GOOD TO THE LEAGUE:** Commandant Sturm gave the 2016 National Convention streamer to the Sgt. At Arms to place on the Detachment flag.

Commandant Sturm attended the Gold Star Family ground breaking ceremony near Annapolis. Anne Arundel County has the first Gold Star Family Memorial in the State of Maryland.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- August 28, 2016 - Pound 204 Growl – 0900 hours at VFW
  - September 10, 2016 - Department of Pennsylvania rifle match near Altoona PA. Ray Sturm will represent. Service rifle match. Any kind of gun may be used. Firing from 200-yard line. Four position match.
  - October 1, 2016 – Staff meeting in Garrett County at American Legion post.
  - October 8, 2016 - Bull and Oyster Roast 1300 – 1800 hours - MCL Detachment 1049 at VFW (Unable to hear Guy Hall's announcement) – Looking for used fishing rods and reels for an organization his grandson is involved with. Norman Huffman suggested attending the Pasadena Sportfishing meeting at Earleigh Heights VFC the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month for this.
- Discussion on reasons why members do not get involved in the detachment or attend meetings. Many people do not have computers, but if one requests a newsletter, it will be mailed out. Many do not want their personal information posted on the website.

**CLOSING CEREMONIES:**

Commandant Sturm closed the meeting IAW MCL rituals. The next Detachment meeting will take place on September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Prayer was given by Fred Kaminski. Winner of 50/50 was Jim Galvin.

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