



Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049

Marine Corps League
October 20, 2025

OPENING BY RITUAL:

Meeting called to order by Commandant Burt Helmka at 1900 hour.

Pledge of allegiance and Chaplain's prayer before meeting.

Members in attendance: 17

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:

Commandant	Burt Helmka	P
Sr. Vice Commandant	John Dunker	P
Jr. Vice Commandant	Joe Peacy	P
Judge Advocate	Ray Sturm	P
Jr. past Commandant	Ben Wells	P
Adjutant	Debbie Deene	P
By-Laws Committee Chairman	Danny Fischio	E
Chaplain	James Sanchez	E
Color Guard Commander	Woody Bowman	P
Historian	Joe Wright	E
Newsletter Editor	Ray Sturm	P
Paymaster	Ben Wells	P
Public Information Officer	Vacant	
Quartermaster	Dan Ryan	P
Rifle Pistol Team Captain	Ray Sturm	P
Sgt-at-Arms	James Galvin	P
Web Sergeant	Joe Wright	E
Young Marine Commander	Ray Sturm	P

Motion was made prior to starting the meeting to suspend regular business until we have the initiation ceremony for our new member Staff Sergeant Estrada. We issued him a one year membership and a shirt and cover. He was given an award from the national MCL commandant as Marine of the year. Motion was accepted and meeting resumed to normal business following ceremony.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: No report.

ADJUTANT'S REPORT: The minutes from September's meeting were presented and accepted. They will be posted on the detachment website and copies available to anyone who would like a copy. There were two corrections made in spelling errors and resent from September 2025 minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE: No report

PAYMASTER: Checking account \$7782.93 and Morgan Stanley \$415.67 interest to date.

CHAPLAIN REPORT: No report

COMMANDANT: Commandant shared about the MC 250th birthday and cake cutting ceremony on November 10th. Senior Vice will share additional information.

Reminder there will be a Department meeting on November 1, 2025 that our detachment is hosting. This will be held at American Legion Post 40, light breakfast and lunch will be served for a minimal cost. Breakfast served starting at 8:00 am meeting to start at 9:00 lunch will be served after meeting. We will then have a growl.

SENIOR VICE: We are proceeding with the cake ceremony in conjunction with the post 175. Finalization for the cake has not come in yet but I should have it in the next day or so. We will start ceremony at 7:00 pm.

We are looking at having a commemorative T-shirts for this celebration and have two designs to discuss and vote on. One is the front having the having USMC and back having simply EGA and date .The second option was USMC on front and the back a picture of a continental marine leaning on the EGA and on the other side of the EGA a modern day marine showing the 250th birthday. Voted to go with the second choice and sell them at the ceremony.

Brian Wasson MCL member and adjutant to Post 175 legion; is working on these with me. We had discussion and vote at last meeting about the coins which may not arrive until after the 10th. I will table this for old business.

JUNIOR VICE: No report

JUDGE ADVOCATE: No report.

JR. PAST COMMANDANT: No report.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Please get your articles to me as soon as you can.

QUARTERMASTER: We have new uniforms and hats available if anyone needs a new shirt or hat. Our covers are now available except size 7 3/8.

BY LAWS- No report.

HISTORIAN/ WEB SERGEANT: No report.

MARINE FOR LIFE: No report

COLOR GUARD: We will be at the Pasadena parade on November 2, 2025. We will be presenting colors at Post 276 on Veterans Day, November 11th and then again at Crownsville Veterans Cemetery. We have nothing scheduled until May 2026

YOUNG MARINES: We attended an encampment t Sandy Point state park which went well except for a lot of mosquito bites. We have 4 new members who joined our league. We will be presenting colors at the cake cutting ceremony in November here at Post 175, on November 10, 2025. We presented colors at Post 276 for their crab feast. Some attended a 5K drug command run. We will be presenting colors on November 10th at the Bowie Elks club Veteran's dinner. On Veterans Day we be at Bright view Senior



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Center presenting colors and a service to veterans there. We will have one young marine moving up to lance corporal.

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Motion was made to order our detachment and 250th birthday coins and was second and accepted even though they may not arrive before November 10th.

Our Bull and oyster roast dates for April will only be the 11th or the 25th, John is still waiting on an answer if either of these dates are available. Brian Wasson is looking at trying to get the hall rate lowered for this event.

Proposal was made but omitted from last month's minutes about a social hour our detachment will provide after the cake cutting ceremony. We voted on one hour of bar time and the legion matched another hour. Motion made and second vote accepted.

James Galvin asked if we would like music from his guitar at the cake cutting ceremony, the league said yes of course.

Jim Galvin also reported the scout troop #216 had a Halloween gathering on October 11th in College Park. November 19th they will hold their first movie night. They have two new members joining one has cerebral palsy and we are working on transportation for him.

Our Christmas party will be at the Providence Center December 3rd at 6:30 pm more information to follow however all are welcome to attend.

GUEST/VISITOR- Newly elected MCL member Sgt. Estrada shared a little information about his career and family. We welcomed him as a new member his resume is awesome.

NEW BUSINESS: November 8th we have been invited to a veteran's dinner at the Lake Shore Fire department. This is free to veterans and spouse or significant other. Black trousers, red polo and cover required. Time is set for 2:00 pm at this time. Please send list of attendees to Norm and Jane.

Veterans Day November 11th Post 175 will be serving breakfast and lunch starting at 9:00am Post 160 V FW will also be hosting lunch all day to veterans and their families at no cost.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: We have collectively voted to not have our social dinner in October and November due to all the events and holidays taking place. This will be up for discussion at our next meeting for future dates.

CLOSING CEREMONIES: Sgt. at Arms Jim Galvin closed the meeting IAW MCL rituals. The next meeting to be held on November 17, 2025

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Deene, Adjutant
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