



Detachment Meeting Minutes
Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049
Marine Corps League
April 21,,2025

OPENING BY RITUAL:

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

The Pledge of Allegiance recited, followed by prayer by the commandant in our Chaplin's absence

Members in attendance: 11

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:

Commandant	Burt Helmka	P
Sr. Vice Commandant	John Dunker	E
Jr. Vice Commandant	Joe Peacy	P
Judge Advocate	Ray Sturm	P
Jr. past Commandant	Ben Wells	E
Adjutant	Debbie Deene	P
By-Laws Committee Chairman	Danny Fischio	E
Chaplain	James Sanchez	P
Color Guard Commander	Woody Bowman	P
Historian	Joe Wright	E
Newsletter Editor	Ray Sturm	P
Paymaster	Ben Wells	E
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

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: Commandant Helmka .We have one new membership to vote on Brian Wasson

ADJUTANT'S REPORT: Debbie Deene, reported the minutes for March minutes will be posted on the detachment website and copies available to anyone who would like a copy. Motion made and the minutes were voted n and accepted.

CORRESPONDENCE: Debbie Deene shared a very nice thank you letter from Cookie Kiser for our donation to assist with the NC flood disaster. Cookie also thanked Jane Huffman for her participation in this donation.

PAYMASTER: Ben Wells was excused however submitted a report to be read by **Ray Sturm**. Our current checking account balance is \$8791.23 as of March 31, 2025. I do not have a current balance on the Morgan Stanley account until next month's meeting, accepted balances pending audit.

CHAPLAIN REPORT: No report from **James Sanchez** other than Ben Wells is working with me on a list of names of those members who are deceased. We had one member we thought was deceased and

his family shared he was very much alive. Woody Bowman shared his niece of 48 years old passed away a few months ago; condolences to Woody and his family.

COMMANDANT: Burt Helmka, Our recruitment drive at Bass Pro brought in a profit of \$350.00 in donations. We had a possible 6-10 interests in the league and handed out a few applications. Our expenses were a little over \$135.00 not a bad day at all. It was a little breezy and cool at first then cleared up and was nice and warm. I am still working on some Marines from Bass Pro to join. I want to thank all that helped out that day also to the Young Marines for their help.

With our Vice Commandant being excused Commandant Helmka read the report on our Bull & Oyster roast fundraiser. We made a total profit of \$3441.31, and to my understanding all bills have been paid. John and I have been in discussion for next year's we should maybe try and hold this in April when it's a little warmer we could use the pavilion. We will get these dates locked in and make sure it's not surrounding Easter or spring break.

Next week to a week and a half is our Maryland convention. Please plan on attending even for a day or so sit in on meetings. To all the pups and mongrels going up at the convention this will be at the growl. Our next pound growl for pound 204 is scheduled for June 1, 2025.

Joe Peacy asked what a Mongrel was he was informed it was a fresh new person being initiated as a pup at the convention. AKA- **Joe Peacy**: commandant told him to make a good costume.

SENIOR VICE: No report excused report given by Commandant Helmka

JUNIOR VICE: Joe Peacy- made a motion to vote in another new member Brian Wasson .All of his credentials are in order and definitely is eligible. Motion accepted and he was voted in to be sworn in next meeting.

JUDGE ADVOCATE: No report.

JR. PAST COMMANDANT: No report

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Ray Sturm, Finally the newsletter was posted and I will try to keep up with the newsletter within a week of our meeting. So please get any articles to me as soon as possible. **Joe Peacy**, asked can he send stuff for articles and **Ray Sturm**, shared to send it to the commandant with details also.

QUARTERMASTER: Dan Ryan, No report

BY LAWS- No report.

HISTORIAN/ WEB SERGEANT: No report.

MARINE FOR LIFE: No Report.

COLOR GUARD: No report. However **Woody Bowman** shared the Toys for Tots location is at Cromwell Business Park and will be there the next 3 years. This will be his last year after 20 years involvement.



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YOUNG MARINES: **Ray Sturm**, reported the young marines profited a little over \$200.00 for the Bass Pro event .The young marines will be very busy May 17th at Green Valley food store set up for a recruitment event and doing a drawing for the crab raffle they had going on. On May18th they will be at the Orioles game and again on Sunday June 1, 2025. They have an upcoming car show and the Annapolis Parade. These kids stay busy.

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS: **Jane Huffman** reported on the quarter auction Debbie and Nila and I had attended. We wanted to see if it would be something we may want to do as a league fundraiser. For the amount of preparations and volunteers needed to make this event possible is extremely involving. We as a group decided to table this possibly for another year. We will wait as there is not any openings until 2026. Ray Sturm had another idea he will present in new business.

GUEST/VISITOR- N/A

NEW BUSINESS: Final nominations were made and **Ray Sturm** made a motion for all current officers to remain in their positions we had one unanimous vote. All nominations were accepted, installation will be at May,s meeting.

Discussion came up about a few possibilities for a shirt and hat vendor. Joe Wright has a proposed vendor In Arnold, we have our current vendor through Ben Wells, (Imprint). **Commandant Helmka** decided to table this discussion until we get some additional quotes.

Dan Ryan shared we have patches for both shirts and hats too have put on shirts

Ray Sturm, presented the possibility of a fundraiser by means of a Golf weekend package in either Kent Island or like Myrtle Beach. This would be set up online and sold nationwide. This is for discussion at future meetings. **James Sanchez** also shared you can get some great group deals in Myrtle Beach and this is a great idea.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE: Our social dinner is scheduled for Friday, May 16, 2025 due to not having one Easter weekend as it was Good Friday. We are looking at a Mexican restaurant in Odenton called Reconsido, next door to the Goodwill. **James Galvin** will check availability for their backroom to accommodate our group. In the event we are unable to meet there will plan on the Casa Del a Nona as our normal go to. Awards will be presented at our next meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS: **Debbie Deene** made mention simply anyone attending convention to donate some snacks, a bottle of alcohol, beer etc. for the hospitality room.

CLOSING CEREMONIES: Sgt. at Arms Jim Galvin closed the meeting IAW MCL rituals. The next meeting to be held on May 19, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Deene, Adjutant
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