



Detachment Meeting Minutes
Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049
Marine Corps League
August 18, 2025

OPENING BY RITUAL:

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

The Pledge of Allegiance recited, followed by opening prayer by our Chaplain

Members in attendance: 14

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	P
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	E
Web Sergeant	Joe Wright	E
Young Marine Commander	Ray Sturm	P

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: New membership transfer from Marine At large Free State unit Edward McDonald. Edward served in 1977-1981

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

CORRESPONDENCE: No report

PAYMASTER: Our checking account balance is currently \$7747.67 and our Morgan Stanley investment account has a capital gains amount of \$314.00 making our current balance of \$10,314.00

CHAPLAIN REPORT: No report

COMMANDANT: Commandant Helmka shared he is also looking at possibly working the Anne Arundel County fair for a table or booth to help promote growth for our detachment. The fair runs September 10-17, 10:00 am to 10:00 pm. He has reached out with 3 different telephone numbers as a

contact and has never heard back from anyone. Burt asked Ben Wells to reach out to Delegate Kipkey to possibly get some answers it may however be too late or cost too much to rent a booth. Jeff Glover spoke up and shared that the Glen Burnie Fall Festival/Vendor event will take place where the carnival grounds are on Saturday, October, 4, 2025. Stephanie Glover's cousin works for the Glen Burnie Improvement association she will reach out to her cousin to possibly do a booth at that event at no cost. Debbie Deene shared to keep in mind several schools are having fall and Xmas events we may be able to get into one of those and set up a table.

Commandant shared we will be having a Department meeting on Saturday, August 23, 2025 in Westminster at the American Legion Post 31, 2 Sycamore Street, Westminster, Md.

Breakfast and social hour begins at 8:00 am meeting starts at 9:00. There will be a growl after the meeting once lunch is served,

Commandant shared he did not attend the National Convention and asked if Ben Wells or Ray Sturm had anything to share but they did not. Commandant has ordered officer books for John Dunker and Joe Peacy.

SENIOR VICE: No report. He has information to be discussed under new business.

JUNIOR VICE: No report

JUDGE ADVOCATE: No report.

JR. PAST COMMANDANT: No report

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Ray Sturm, try and get articles into me as soon as possible same as always.

QUARTERMASTER: No report

BY LAWS- No report.

HISTORIAN/ WEB SERGEANT: No report.

MARINE FOR LIFE: No report

COLOR GUARD: Woody Bowman shared they will be at the Pasadena parade on November 11, 2025 parade starts at 2:00 pm On Veterans Day they will be at the American Legion Post 276 then off to Crownsville Veterans cemetery.

TOYS FOR TOTS: 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. We are down to 10 stops now. 1st Monday in November is when he will begin efforts for the season

YOUNG MARINES: Commandant Ray Sturm shared, the kids have a lot on their calendar. They are up to 16 kids and have a new one coming in soon. They now have 4 girls in the troop. They have been spending a lot of time at the home post (American Legion #276)



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OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS: James Sanchez thanked the detachment for our donation of \$200.00 toward the school supply project in partnership with Wounded Warriors on the Bay. At our last meeting we discussed shirts, hats and covers. Ben had the order placed and was ready for pick up this past week. We had talked about combining our cake cutting ceremony with post 175 that will be followed up again at our next meeting.

There was a discussion last month about attending the Lake Shore Fire Department dinner on November 8th, 2025. This is a free dinner to honor Veterans and their guest a total of 10 tickets are available. Please reach out to Norm Huffman or Jane Huffman with a list of names attending before October 24, 2025. Black slacks and red shirts are required. Ben Wells said it's a real nice event to attend we did not go last year. We decided to scratch the possibility of a golf package fundraiser at this time maybe next year. Debbie Deene shared to keep in mind several schools are having fall and Xmas events we may be able to get into one of those and set up a table to do some recruiting. Ben Wells shared for many years it was only a selected few that did the recruitment drive and it needs to be a group effort. Ben also added we now have a lot of new members who have stepped up to assist in many events.

GUEST/VISITOR- New member transfer introduced himself to the group Edward McDonald we welcomed him and voted him to our detachment.

NEW BUSINESS: John Dunker proposed that possibly combining efforts with the legion here at the Post 175 for a cake cutting ceremony for the marine Corp league birthday .Suggestion made by Ray Sturm to combine with another detachment for this even. Possibly the Baltimore detachment. James Sanchez is reaching out to his contacts in Ft, Meade and possibly seeing about a table for the Marine Corp cake cutting and ball.

John has also made a suggestion we look into having a 250th Anniversary coin made with our detachment on one side. The cost would be approximately \$680.00 for a 100 coins. Ben Wells shared he could possibly get these coins at a lower cost. Ray Sturm made the motion on the floor to purchase the coins and not to exceed \$700.00.

A suggestion was made by Ben Wells to go back to the old way of having the Jr. Vice do the paymaster position as well as membership. This will be so much easier for Joe Peacy, to have all that he needs as he does his transmittals. Commandant Helmka, also agreed. A motion was made and vote taken to combine the job duties as they were before.

Discussion was made to start looking into our planning of the annual bull and oyster roast in the spring. We need to get that date on the books as soon as possible.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE: Ray Sturm shared the possibility to looking into a website to do corporate swag and merchandise for our detachment, and possibly combining the fee with the young marines. This website / sales site is called Spot A Fi , we can sell numerous MCL and MC items and have these items shipped directly to a person's home; this will elevate having to have space for storing items .We may not be able not for sure purchase anything with the EGA on it but Ray will research it more.

James Sanchez will reach out to Brian Wasson from Post 175 about community events he is the adjutant for Post 175 .We will also website called Next Door Community Page for events in our area.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Our social dinner has been planned for Friday September 26, 2025, at Casa Del A Nona, in Severn at 6;30 pm

CLOSING CEREMONIES: Sgt. at Arms sub Ray Sturm closedthe meeting IAW MCL rituals. The next meeting to be held on September 18, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Deene, Adjutant
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