



Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049

Marine Corps League
May 23, 2023

OPENING BY RITUAL:

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by prayer by Sr. Vice Commandant Ben Wells.

Members in attendance: 12

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:

Commandant	Burt Helmka	P
Sr. Vice Commandant	Ben Wells	P
Jr. Vice Commandant	Joe Wright	E
Judge Advocate	Ray Sturm	E
Jr. Past Commandant	Ben Wells	P
Adjutant	Norm Huffman	P
By-Laws Committee Chairman	Danny Fischio	A
Chaplain	James Sanchez	P
Color Guard Commander	Woody Bowman	P
Historian	Joe Wright	E
Newsletter Editor	Ray Sturm	E
Paymaster	Joe Wright	E
Public Information Officer	Vacant	
Quartermaster	Bill Collins	E
Rifle Pistol Team Captain	Ray Sturm	E
Sgt-at-Arms	James Galvin	E
Web Sergeant	Joe Wright	E
Young Marine Commander	Ray Sturm	E

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: None

ADJUTANT'S REPORT. Minutes for April were distributed by Detachment web site and copies on table.

PAYMASTER: Joe Wright absent. Financial report for minutes:

Checking	\$9,628.90
<u>Savings</u>	<u>2,268.23</u>
Total	\$11,897.13

CHAPLAIN REPORT: James Sanchez was appointed Chaplain since Bill Collins has been undergoing health issues and is currently participating in therapy to strengthen his legs.

COMMANDANT: Commandant Burt Helmka reported

- Danny Fischio has been in contact and will have the bylaws ready for the June meeting.
- Department MCL Convention was held May 11-13, 2023 in Ocean City. The convention went well. Three Pups were brought into the Devil Dogs. Talk about long-term contract with the Grand Hotel for future Conventions. Registration fees have been raised from \$10 to \$20.
- Our 17th Annual Golf tournament will be held on June 2nd at Walden's Country Club.



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- Marine Corps League asked the Detachment for \$100 for the Foundation.
- Requested all Detachments update their rosters.

SENIOR VICE COMMANDANT: Ben Wells reported the Department is in poor financial shape. Detachment 1049 won the 1st Place raffle of \$500. Due to the Department's financial health, Ben made the decision to donate the monies back to the Department. This encouraged the remaining winners to do the same. Ben stated he would write a personal check to the Detachment if anyone was opposed to this. All agreed. Approximately \$4,000 was profited on the rifle raffle.

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDANT: Absent.

JUDGE ADVOCATE: Absent.

JR. PAST COMMANDANT: Absent.

HISTORIAN / WEBMASTER: Absent.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Absent.

QUARTERMASTER: Absent.

BY LAWS: Still waiting on Danny Fischio to complete the bylaws.

COLOR GUARD: Commander Woody Bowman gave the following report:

- July 4 – Participate in Severna Park July 4th parade, with Young Marines. Ed will be participating in this parade with Woody.

YOUNG MARINES: Absent.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Are we moving?

Jim Sanchez gave an update on VFW's renovation progress. Received \$500K grant for renovations. Politicians suggested submitting for additional funds.

- Roof almost complete – Removed old roof. \$400K – Jim reported a year was wasted waiting on small companies. Had to acquire a larger company, Cole Roofing to do the job.
- HVAC and heat will be the next project.
- Planning on slots but must have the roof completed first.
- Electronics are installed. Mike Hadley is the POC on electronics.
- Ben Wells reported he would do the electrical updates if progress is shown. He will only charge for parts and labor of his workers. No extra.

Jane Huffman and Debbie Deene are working on the auction raffle fundraiser. Jane Huffman will hold a \$500 raffle in the meantime.



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The recruitment drive will be held at Downs Park on Saturday June 3rd. Setup by 11 am.

NEW BUSINESS: Upcoming Shrimp Feast plans are in the works.
VFW Car Show will be held on June 11, 2023.

Jane Huffman asked that all keep her brother John Harrington (a Marine) in prayer, as he is now on home hospice due to cancer.

CLOSING CEREMONIES: Acting Sgt. at Arms Matt Prial closed the meeting with IAW MCL rituals. The next meeting will be held on June 26, 2023. The closing prayer was given by Chaplain Jim Sanchez.

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