



Detachment Meeting Minutes
Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049
Marine Corps League
May 20, 2024

OPENING BY RITUAL:

Meeting called to order by Commandant Burt Helmka at 1900 hours.
The Pledge of Allegiance recited, followed by prayer by our Chaplain James Sanchez
Members in attendance: 14

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	P
Adjutant	Debbie Deene	P
By-Laws Committee Chairman	Danny Fischio	E
Chaplain	James Sanchez	P
Color Guard Commander	Woody Bowman	E
Historian	Joe Wright	E
Newsletter Editor	Ray Sturm	P
Paymaster	Ben Wells	P
Public Information Officer	Vacant	
Quartermaster	Vacant	
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: No report

ADJUTANT'S REPORT: Minutes from April were noted, and meeting minutes will be posted on the detachment website along with the newsletter. Copies available on table.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

PAYMASTER: The financial report was given by Ben Wells. This amount is as follows:

Checking:	\$ 7236.34
Savings:	\$ 2269.37
CD	\$ 2340.23
CD	<u>\$ 3144.17</u>
Total assets:	\$ 14186.17

The motion was made a few months ago to move the CD to another account with Morgan Stanley to give us a higher interest rate on our money and was still out for discussion under old business at this meeting. Our current CD's have made our detachment no money over the past several years.

CHAPLAIN REPORT: No Report.

COMMANDANT:

Commandant did roll call of all current board members and acknowledged all past board members. Commandant Helmka made a motion to accept the revised minutes from last month's meeting, minutes were then voted and accepted.

Thanks to all that attended the convention in Ocean City, we had a great speaker, One Star General Glen. We brought in a few 'Dogs as 'Pups', and a couple advanced to 'Devil Dogs' in May, at the convention.

Thanks to all the staff that support me here and the award I received at the convention Burt did not feel he deserved it. The question was raised by Ben Wells as to what award I had received, and Burt had to share with everyone. He was given the Commandant of the Year for the State of Maryland for 2024. It was noted that that award came from higher up in the Maryland League and was recognized above our detachment. Congratulations were given to Burt from our detachment.

The recruitment drive seemed to be a success at Arundel Mills and the Young marines really attracted the ladies carrying out Victoria secret bags. I want to thank everyone who participated. We raised \$397.00 and made a profit of \$100.00, unless receipts are not submitted therefore, we stand to profit all \$397.00.

National Headquarters has asked all detachments to submit any of their photos for the Convention in August 2024. They have also requested that everyone download the MCL APP on their cell phones.

The Department is also selling a raffle for an AR10-308 caliber and tickets are available at \$20.00 each, for 1st prize. We will also have a 2nd and 3rd prize cash award if we sell three hundred tickets total. This will be drawn at the Mid-East convention in June in Martinsburg, West Virginia.

SENIOR VICE: No report.

JUNIOR VICE: No report.

JUDGE ADVOCATE: No report.

JR. PAST COMMANDANT: No report.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Ray Sturm reported he has been extremely busy and will have April and May's newsletter together on the website before our June detachment meeting. If anyone has any interesting articles, please forward them to Ray to add to the newsletter.



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QUARTERMASTER: As Commandant Helmka reported in lieu of no current Quartermaster position. There are items available for sale in the footlocker if anyone is interested. There were several shirts ordered in different sizes and a baseball cap for new member Dan. This was announced by Ben wells

BY LAWS- No report.

HISTORIAN/ WEB SERGEANT: No report.

MARINE FOR LIFE: No report

COLOR GUARD: No report

YOUNG MARINES: Commandant Ray Sturm shared that the boys have been very busy with community service hours. They have assisted with the recruitment drive at Arundel Mills. On Memorial weekend they placed flags at the cemetery in Annapolis, then presented colors at the Crownsville cemetery. We had two young marines promoted, one to Lance corporal. We will be at Downs Park on June 1, 2024. On June 9th, 2024, we will be meeting with the Baltimore County Police to learn about the dangers and discuss drugs and stuff that is harmful and addictive. The poker run was cancelled until June 15th, 2024 due to the weather.

Sadly, I must announce my assistant Joan will be leaving as well as her son. It is so hard to retain the young boys once they start driving and growing older.

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS: A motion was proposed by Ben Wells to take our two current CD's, our savings and approximately \$2500.00 from our checking account to make a total of \$10,000.00. The Marine Corp League is under this umbrella with Morgan Stanley group at a rate of 12%. We will be given a letter of content from the broker Tom. There is a very minimal penalty of less than a dollar to withdraw the current CD's. Asking for approval to vote to consolidate and invest.

Motion was made by Nila Caulder to accept this proposal to consolidate and invest and a second motion made by James Sanchez. Commandant Helmka requested a vote as a whole and was accepted by the detachment.

Nila Caulder shared that the Fisher House fundraiser will not be in October this year and will be moved to February 2025. She will not be asking for a donation until then if she is still involved in this event as she has stepped away from so many things as she has an extreme amount on her plate lately. Nila requested that Ray Sturm check with Mac at Post 276 pertaining to this event for additional details.

GUEST/VISITOR- We had guest in attendance, Sgt. Jones from Washington, DC, who attended our meeting to get some ideas to fundraise for the next marine Corp birthday celebration in November. He was given several ideas as to what we do for fundraising and quick easy ways to do so. We decided to talk in detail after our meeting to assist him with additional ideas.

NEW BUSINESS: Commandant Helmka announced two detachment awards that were voted on using a secret ballot. The Detachment of the Year award for 2024 was presented to our Chaplain James Sanchez.

There was also an Associate award for 2024 given to our adjutant Debbie Deene. Extra Ribbons and medallions will be given when they arrive, and we should have them by our next meeting.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE: Commandant Burt Helmka suggested continuing holding our social dinners at local restaurants, hoping to draw more attendance, this was a unanimous decision, and we all enjoyed the past dinners. Our next social dinner will be June 14th at Casa Del Nona.

Sergeant at Arms Jim Galvin suggested another location called Old Stein in Edgewater, Maryland for another dinner location. This will be a possibility in July.

Ray Sturm shared that the golf tournament is on June 7, 2024. Registration and donation letters are online at HelpingHeros.org.

John Dunker and Commandant Helmka announced to hopefully have our Bull & Oyster Roast in October as the September dates were not available. A date to follow once they can secure it with the legion looking for possibly the 3rd weekend in October. This will not be an outside event as originally planned due to moving the date to October. The facility will hold approximately 150-160 people max. We will have confirmation and details at our next meeting. We will need to start planning and requesting donations from the community.

Ben Wells wanted to share the proper way to exit and enter any MCL meeting and /or convention in progress in the event you must leave the room.

When leaving the room, you stand up salute the American Flag you salute the Sgt, At Arms, then salute the Sgt. At Arms upon entering and then the American Flag

Also, per Ben Wells shared that Sgt at Arms may leave his cover on when presenting and retiring the colors

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Golf Tournament meetings to be held at Bens office dates will be announced. Ray Sturm shared that the golf tournament is on June 7, 2024. Registration and donation letters are online at HelpingHeros.org.

Mid-East Conference Martinsburg, West Va. June 27-29.

Jim Galvin announced that scout Glen Feldman received his Eagle badge by planting several trees and bushes around the Columbian center, about 20 of them total.

There is a possibility of the Columbian Center being sold and they have about 6 months to relocate Troop 216. The troop has been meeting there for 30 years. The troop meets twice a month on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday. If they relocate and find a sponsor home, they are open to changing their meeting days. The church is not willing to sponsor the troop. We are searching for a new home and sponsor and would like to stay in the area since we are an Anne Arundel County based troop. Any ideas or suggestions and help would be appreciated. This is the second time this has happened with the center and the last sale failed so it's all up in air at this point.

CLOSING CEREMONIES: Sgt. at Arms Jim Galvin closed the meeting IAW MCL rituals. The next meeting to be held on June 17, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Deene, Adjutant
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