# Detachment Meeting Minutes
# Anne Arundel Detachment 1049
# Marine Corp League
# October 19, 2026

**Meeting called to order by Commandant John Dunker at 1900 hours. The Pledge of Allegiance recited, followed by prayer from Detachment Chaplin. Members in Attendance 13.**

**Roll Call of Officers**

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| Commandant | John Dunker | P |
| Sr. Vice Commandant | Joe Peacy . | P |
| Jr. Vice Commandant | Jeff Glover | P |
| Judge Advocate | **Vacant** | |
| Jr. Past Commandant | Burt Helmka | P |
| Adjutant | Dan Ryan | P |
| By-Laws Committee Chairman | Danny Fischio | E |
| Chaplain | James Sanchez | P |
| Color Guard Commander | **Vacant** | |
| Pay Master | Jeff Glover | P |
| Historian | Joe Wright | E |
| Newsletter Editor | Ray Sturm | 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 |

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**Application for membership**: Currently waiting on two applicants to be sworn in.

**Commandant:** See Notes Below

**Adjutant Report**: meeting report online.

**Pay Master:**
Checking: $11,488.60
Investment $10,771.59
Recent fundraising dinners generated profits, including $65 from a wet day event and $180 from general activities.

**Senior Vice:**
Senior Vice will coordinate visits to Earl Parker, collecting contact information and arranging small group visits later in the week.
Members will sign a card for Earl Parker, with the card to be delivered during the upcoming visit.

**Junior Vice:**
See Notes below.

**Judge Advocate**: Vacant

**Jr. Past Commandant**:
See Notes below.

**Quartermaster:** No Report

**News Letter Editor**: Get your articles in ASAP

**Young Marines:** See Notes Below.

**Items for information:**

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Financial reports indicated stable funds and successful fundraising from recent dinners. The group discussed upcoming events, notably the Marine Corps birthday celebration on November 10th, with plans for a cake-cutting support the League. Updates on members facing health challenges were shared, and community outreach efforts such as Toys for Tots and backpack donations to local schools were highlighted. The team also addressed logistics for future dinners, catering options for the oyster roast, and strategies to reconnect with inactive members. The meeting concluded with announcements about upcoming events, a discussion on potential dues increases, and recognition of distinguished service within the detachment.

## Action Items

- The team will finalize catering options and ticket pricing for the April 10th oyster roast, aiming to have tickets ready for sale by the November and December meetings.
- Members will submit newsletter articles by the weekend so the editor can compile the quarterly newsletter upon return.
- The team will continue supporting Toys for Tots, coordinating box distribution and collection with local partners.
- The Commandant and Senior Vice will follow up with inactive members via calls or letters to encourage engagement.
- Organize the Marine Corps birthday event on November 10th, including cake, open bar (beer, wine, seltzer) up to $400, and a 50/50 raffle.
- Prepare for the Scout Christmas party on December 2nd and Glenn Feldman's Eagle Court ceremony on October 25th.
- Continue planning and executing Friday dinner fundraisers, with sausage and peppers scheduled for November 13th and meatloaf in December.
- Monitor and communicate any updates regarding potential dues increases to the department and detachment members.

## Smart Insights

### Event Planning and Execution: Marine Corps Birthday and Fundraisers

The detachment is organizing a Marine Corps birthday celebration on November 10th, featuring a cake-cutting ceremony, Young Marines color guard, and an open bar limited to $400 for beer, wine, and seltzer.

A 50/50 raffle will be held during the event to help offset costs and support League activities.

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Lessons from last year's event informed stricter bar management and clearer guidelines for guest participation.
Regular Friday dinner fundraisers continue to be a reliable source of income, with menus and volunteer roles planned months in advance.

Financial Health and Strategic Budgeting
The detachment maintains healthy balances in both Morgan Stanley and Bank of Glen Burnie accounts, with recent events contributing positively to funds.
Careful consideration is being given to event pricing, catering costs, and maximizing fundraising efficiency for the upcoming oyster roast.
Discussions about increasing department dues reflect a proactive approach to long-term financial sustainability, balancing operational needs with member affordability.
The team is attentive to cost-saving opportunities, such as seeking competitive catering bids and leveraging volunteer labor where possible.

Member Welfare and Engagement Initiatives
The group is actively supporting members facing health challenges, coordinating visits, and maintaining regular contact to foster a sense of community.
Outreach to inactive members is prioritized through calls, letters, and potential social gatherings, aiming to boost engagement and attendance.
Recognition of long-term service, such as the Distinguished Citizen Medal presentation, reinforces a culture of appreciation and belonging.
The newsletter remains a vital communication tool, especially for members unable to attend meetings, with efforts underway to ensure its regular publication.

Community Outreach and Partnerships
Toys for Tots remains a central community initiative, with active coordination of collection boxes and local partnerships.
The detachment continues to support local schools through backpack donations, targeting low-income students and reinforcing the League's commitment to youth.
Collaboration with organizations like Glass Soldier and the Young Marines expands the impact of service projects, such as assembling kits for homeless veterans.
Participation in broader community events, including Veterans Day meals and Scout ceremonies, strengthens the detachment's public presence.

Administrative Improvements and Future Planning

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The team is focused on improving administrative processes, including accurate record-keeping, timely newsletter distribution, and efficient event planning.
Strategic discussions about dues increases and fundraising diversification aim to ensure the detachment's long-term viability.
The group is responsive to feedback and open to new ideas, as seen in the exploration of new catering options and event formats.
Ongoing evaluation of member needs and preferences guides decision-making, ensuring that activities remain relevant and inclusive.

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Health and Welfare Updates were shared on members and their families facing health challenges, including Earl Parker in hospice and Norm Milligan undergoing cancer treatment.

Distinguished Citizen Medal was presented to Elwood Woody Bowman, in recognition for his years of Distinguished Service.

Meeting closed by Sgt. At Arms next meeting November 16, 2026.

Respectfully Submitted,
Daniel F. Ryan
Adjutant MCL Detachment 1049

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