



Detachment Meeting Minutes
Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049
Marine Corps League
February 17, 2025

OPENING BY RITUAL:

Meeting called to order by Commandant Burt Helmka at 1900 hours.
The Pledge of Allegiance recited, followed by prayer
Members in attendance: 17

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	E
Color Guard Commander	Woody Bowman	P
Historian	Joe Wright	P
Newsletter Editor	Ray Sturm	P
Paymaster	Ben Wells	P
Public Information Officer	Vacant	
Quartermaster	Dan Ryan	E
Rifle Pistol Team Captain	Ray Sturm	P
Sgt-at-Arms	James Galvin	P
Web Sergeant	Joe Wright	P
Young Marine Commander	Ray Sturm	P

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: **Joe Peacy** We have one new membership application Jeffrey Glover. Jeff served from 1983-1989 as an engineer with 1341 and has lived locally all his life. Jeff was then voted on and accepted by the league and was then sworn in as a member,

ADJUTANT'S REPORT: **Debbie Deene** reported minutes from January, are noted the minutes will be posted on the detachment website along with the newsletter. Copies available on table. Minutes were voted on and accepted.

CORRESPONDENCE: No report

PAYMASTER: **Ben Wells**, reported the financial report was given. This amount is as follows

Checking:	\$ 3557.71
Investment Account	\$ 10,149.09 (Morgan Stanley)

CHAPLAIN REPORT: No report. However it was made aware that one of our members Bob Holt's wife was now in an assisted living care facility in Magothy Beach, asking for prayers, Also Commandant Burt Helmka asked for prayers for his daughter's upcoming medical procedure.

COMMANDANT: Burt Helmka. Reported items from the Department of Md. meeting that was on February 8, 2025. The most current finances for the department are as follows: \$7741.24

\$1612.25 income

\$1514.06 expenses

\$7839.43 balance

Our formal dinner at the convention will be casual and the theme is a Hawaiian Luau. No shorts or flip flops allowed. The reason for the casual venue is to let everyone be comfortable and decide to stay and enjoy the evening rather than change out of formal attire and never return to socialize. I have sent a request waiting approval to allow decent Bermuda or golf shorts for this event; waiting on a response. The dogs will do their swim in the pool at 1300-1400 on Friday that week. The pistol match was cancelled no reason given. Marine Corps license plates can now be ordered digitally. Leadership class has not been scheduled yet for a number of reasons Craig Reiling is very ill and may not be able to do this this year more to follow. This is an excellent class to attend please consider when it's available. Please keep Craig in your prayers during this time. I have raffle tickets for the department in my possession please see me if interested.

We have 3 detachments that are moving from active to members at large; depending where they are located we may be able to capture some of these members.

The VFW and the American Legion have changed the name from Veterans Service Officer to what is now called a "Resource Officer"

SENIOR VICE COMMANDANT: John Dunker. Reported Our Bull & Oyster roast is coming along well so far we have about 75 or more tickets sold. We have several members who have purchased over 10 and 20 tickets. Big shout out to Dan Ryan who has sold over 23 tickets so far. Our menu will include Pit beef, ham and turkey, coleslaw, macaroni and cheese green beans and baked beans, crab soup and raw and fried oysters. Draft beer is included. Cash bar available for purchases.

Still waiting on a price for the beer kegs. The cost of the food is approximately \$1900.00 and the hall rental will be \$650.00.

Waiting to also find out the tables and layout of the hall to set up for the event, we will need help on Saturday for this. Would love to have help with the lay down boards, pull tab raffles, 50/50, and selling raffle tickets for the basket raffles. We will need to meet out a week out to determine what raffles we need. We will also have a separate raffle or the basket of cheer @ \$5.00 each to be determined depending on size of cheer. We will need people on Saturday to help. Burt, Dan, myself and Debbie will meet on Friday the 21st to see what all we have for raffle baskets and what items we may still need.

JUNIOR VICE: Joe Peacy- Our recruitment drive is scheduled for April 19, 2025 at Bass Pro at Arundel Mills from 10-3 we will provide hot dogs and chips and water for a donation. We had one member sworn in Jeff Glover and his wife will join as an associate member in the next month.

JUDGE ADVOCATE: No report.

JR. PAST COMMANDANT: Ben Wells reported he sent 77 mailings out to members who we have not heard from requesting updates. He received information that 4 members that have passed away: they are Michael Lloyd, Phillip Swartzenburgh, Eugene Bunte, and Christopher Calloway. Cards for Charles



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Sutton were returned to sender with no forwarding address. If anyone knows anything about these men please let Ben know. One card did get sent to Ben his name is Michael Milton he is 95 years old DOB 3-11-30 and he served in 1948-1952, this was amazing he sure has it together. Once Ben receives our yearly regular membership cards he will issue them to everyone. Your new cards will have now what is called a PID number profile ID

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Ray Sturm, reported to please send in any articles or photos of interest you may have. He mentioned newsletter is very time consuming and if everyone can get articles and photos to him in a timely manner that would be helpful

QUARTERMASTER: Dan Ryan, reported that he listed all items in our inventory on a spreadsheet. We may need to purchase some additional shirts and covers

BY LAWS- No report.

HISTORIAN/ WEB SERGEANT: No report.

MARINE FOR LIFE: No report

MARINE FOR LIFE COMMITTEE: Voted on and votes are in.

COLOR GUARD: No report.

YOUNG MARINES: Ray Sturm, reported as always the kids are super busy. They attended Golds gym for a fitness event. They then were given cash to go to the dollar store and purchase items to create care packages for the homeless as part of their community events. They presented colors at the blue grass festival at American Legion Post 276. There are 5 recruits graduating on March 30th. The legion is not available for us to do this event here so we are looking for a place either March 30th or around April 2nd. On April 16th we are going boxing at Mike's gym the kids like that, we will also go on the eastern shore to Tuckahoe State Park for a fishing expedition. There also is a Young marine conference to be held in Dallas in April, not sure if I will be attending or not just yet.

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS: There was a discussion on possibly doing another 50/50 Easter raffle this is still in discussion .Reminder we need volunteer's for our recruitment drive on April 19, 2025 at Bass Pro from 10-3

GUEST/VISITOR- No report.

NEW BUSINESS: No report

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE: No report

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Our next social dinner was proposed for March 21, 2025 at Casa Del a Nona. All are invited, guests and friends not limited to just the MCL, when we do have our dinner gatherings they are really fun encourage gusts to attend.

Keep in mind our annual Golf tournament will be Friday June 13, 2025, at Walden Country Club and Gold course. Please start thinking of donations for this event. If anyone needs a donation letter please see Burt Helmka

CLOSING CEREMONIES: Commandant Helmka in absence of Sgt. at Arms closed the meeting IAW MCL rituals. The next meeting to be March 17, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Deene, Adjutant
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