



Detachment Meeting Minutes
Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049
Marine Corps League
July 21, 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: 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	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	E
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: New membership application Stephanie Glover, Stephanie was escorted out as a vote was taken to initiate her in. All in favor to vote her in and accepted.

ADJUTANT'S REPORT: Debbie Deene, reported the minutes for June's 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 \$7962.52 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 that the American Legion Post 175 will be sponsoring the State Legion baseball tournament at Joe Cannon stadium.in Hanover near Arundel Mills The dates are Friday July 25, 2025 thru Tuesday July 29, 2025. Rain date will be July 30, 2025. Anyone able to

volunteer in areas of ticket booth sales, 50/50 raffle sales, t-shirt sales etc. Please reach out to the commander Corey at 443-835-8309.

Commandant also reached out to the commander Corey as a riders group from another post removed one of our plaques off our wall and replaced it with a prank note. This was very disrespectful but will be addressed.

Commandant 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

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, Finally the newsletter was posted and I will try to keep up with the newsletter within a week of our meeting. So please get any articles to me as soon as possible. Basically we are all so busy our newsletter will be considered our “summer version”

QUARTERMASTER: Commandant shared looking at getting up with the gentleman Ben Wells knows to have our shirts and hats and covers made. Discussion on costs and amounts to be determined. Basically its cheaper to purchase in lots of 6 as the machines are set up and 6 items can be engraved at the same time. Further discussion on quantities and items need at another meeting, quartermaster is absent and we need an accurate inventory before we decide to purchase.

BY LAWS- No report.

HISTORIAN/ WEB SERGEANT: No report.

MARINE FOR LIFE: No report

COLOR GUARD: Woody Bowman shared the Severna Park 4th of July, parade was the best it has been in years it was actually their 50th year. 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: Ray Sturm, shared young marines were at the 12th airfield participating in field skills, bush stuff, ropes, and bridges survival skills. The kids had a great time and are preparing for several more encampments on their schedule. As usual they are busy.

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS: James Sanchez shared we had voted on and was approved for a donation of \$200.00 to the Wounded Warriors on the Bay, Inc., school supply products in conjunction with the VFW post 160. Ben was present to present him with the check. The group as a whole donated over \$4000.00 in school supplies in which the project organization then supplied all the backpacks to be filled.



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Debbie shared the end of the year fundraiser for a cash prize of \$500.00 has started and we will continue to sell. Drawing to be held at our September meeting as a live Facebook drawing

GUEST/VISITOR- No report. New member initiation of an Associate Stephanie Glover , her husband Jeff is a Marine and a member of our detachment.

NEW BUSINESS: John Dunker proposed that possibly combining efforts with the legion here at 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. These will all be discussed at our next meeting in August and at the Department meeting on Saturday, August 23, 2025

John has also made a suggestion we look into having a 250th Anniversary coin made with our detachment on one side.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE: The swearing in ceremony was proceeded and we have a new associate member Stephanie Glover .James Sanchez, offered to help anyone who may need in writing their articles for the newsletter.

Jim Galvin reported that the boy scouts are halfway through their schedule, they attended a special needs camporee in Chester County Pa., with over 100 special needs people. They will be attending a Bowie Baysox game on August 24th, 2025. They have plans to and go to Martin State Airport museum and to visit the Willow Oak farm and participate in a nature walk and learn about plants and flowers. They are doing chair yoga at their regular meetings if anyone wants to attend. Lastly their Christmas party will be on December 4th , 2025

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Commandant shared there will be a Department meeting on Saturday August 23, 2025, in Westminster. Also there will be a growl scheduled for Pound 204 on September 7th, 2025. Nilka Caulder shared there will be burial Friday July 25, 2025 at the Crownsville Veterans Cemetery for three soldiers who have no family members. One is a Marine the other two are Army if anyone is available to attend in their honor at 11:00 am please let Nila know.

CLOSING CEREMONIES: Sgt. at Arms Jim Galvin closed the meeting IAW MCL rituals. The next meeting to be held on August 18, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Deene, Adjutant
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