



Detachment Meeting Minutes  
**Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049**  
Marine Corps League  
December 15, 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	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	P
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 December 2025, are noted the minutes will be posted on the detachment website along with the newsletter. Copies available on table.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** No report

**PAYMASTER:** The financial report was given by. This amount is as follows as to date

Checking:	\$ 5820.41
Investment Account	<u>\$ 10,478.40</u>
	\$ 16,298.81

**CHAPLAIN REPORT:** - James Sanchez was finally able to do the submission for Mike Hadley..Looking to reach out to his step-son Lester to find out about the checking account that needs to be transferred as his biological son and daughter were estranged from his life. Dan Fischio may be the contact person for this. Commandant Helmka called a moment of silence and the charter was draped. Ben Wells shared this is why there should always be at least three people on the accounts at all times.

**COMMANDANT:** My report is simple this month . I have been on several zoom calls with the Kennel as the Dog robber ,with the National Jr. Vice . Basically all discussions lead to retention and engaging new members. It was discussed to reach out to local reserve units , ROTC in the local schools.

**SENIOR VICE:** We are still in discussion. We will discuss this in the old business about the Bull & Oyster Roast. We have plenty of coins and Tshirts left from the 205th Marine Corps birthday.Coins are \$10.00 each and shirts are \$15.00.

**JUNIOR VICE:** -No report

**JUDGE ADVOCATE:** No report.

**JR. PAST COMMANDANT:** No report.

**NEWSLETTER EDITOR:** No report. Just send in any articles or photos of interest you may have.

**QUARTERMASTER:** No report.

**BY LAWS:** No report.

**HISTORIAN/ WEB SERGEANT:** No report.

**MARINE FOR LIFE:** No report

**COLOR GUARD:** No report;nothing until May 2026.

**TOYS FOR TOTS :** The last pick up will be December 19,2025 . When Woody left there today the truck was really loaded .

**YOUNG MARINES:** The marines have as always been very busy. They participated in laying wreaths on the graves at the veterans cemetery for wreaths across America; there were over 3000 people volunteering a great turn out and went really quickly. Everyone was asked if they are available the 1st weekend in February, to assist in picking up the wreaths. If anyone has a pick-up truck that can assist that would be great. Our Christmas party is scheduled for this coming Saturday, December 20th at Dave & Busters.

**OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Sr. Vice John shared he is still waiting on a possible date from the legion for our Bull & Oyster Roast. We were looking at the last weekend in March. Both the pit beef guy and oyster guy are available this weekend. Burt will get their schedule of availability so we can lock this in. Ben shared that the last weekend of the month is palm sunday weekend we will have the event the Saturday before.

Mrs.Jane talked about our lottery fundraiser for the month of May. Debbie , Nila and Jane met and separated all 1000 tickets into bundles of 100. We are asking each marine to take a bundle and at least try and sell 50 tickets. Norm and Jane re-bundled some into 25 each to give out to the group.Let Jane know how many tickets you would like and if you should need any additional. Jane has all the numbers



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written down so she knows just what tickets were given out and what were sold, this is showing each one's accountability. We look to profit \$2700.00 if all tickets are sold.

**GUEST/VISITOR :** No report.

**NEW BUSINESS:** As per the commandant we would like to present our sponsored Boy Scout Troop #216 with their annual donation from us. Jim Galvin shared that their Christmas party this year was very small and laid back. The scouts received socks and hats and treats from the parents. Jim shared he has added a new scout 29 year old and a bit autistic and has torrens syndrome he is very smart and user friendly. Jim will provide the troop with their schedule for 2026 when available. Ray Sturm brought up a suggestion to maybe meet once a month the Thursday of the week when we hold our meeting and plan a night at the pistol range. Motion was made to have the first event January 22, 2026 at Cyndi's hot shots in Glen Burnie. Ray suggested wearing our red MCL shirts this could bring in potential new members. We as a whole can choose to go to different ranges in the area and maybe even do like a competition among us. If someone does not have a firearm there is enough we can share.

**GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:** We are looking at possibly doing the Glen Burnie Spring Festival to possibly gain new members and get the word out. Burt is also looking into a date for our Bass Pro Shop membership drive and awareness event, there is a new store manager at the store.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** The next meeting is scheduled for January 20, 2026

**CLOSING CEREMONIES:** Commandant Helmka in absence of Sgt at Arms closed the meeting IAWCL rituals.

Respectfully submitted,  
Debbie Deene, Adjutant  
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