



Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049

Marine Corps League
August 28, 2023

OPENING BY RITUAL:

Meeting called to order by Commandant Burt Helmka at 1900 hours.
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by prayer by Chaplain Jim Sanchez.
Members in attendance: 11

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:

Commandant	Burt Helmka	P
Sr. Vice Commandant	Ben Wells	A
Jr. Vice Commandant	Woody Bowman	P
Judge Advocate	Ray Sturm	p
Jr. Past Commandant	Ben Wells	A
Adjutant	Debbie Deene	P
By-Laws Committee Chairman	Danny Fischio	A
Chaplain	James Sanchez	P
Color Guard Commander	Woody Bowman	P
Historian	Joe Wright	A
Newsletter Editor	Ray Sturm	P
Paymaster	Vacant	
Public Information Officer	Vacant	
Quartermaster	Vacant	
Rifle Pistol Team Captain	Ray Sturm	P
Sgt-at-Arms	James Galvin	P
Web Sergeant	Joe Wright	A
Young Marine Commander	Ray Sturm	P

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: None

ADJUTANT'S REPORT. Minutes for July meeting were distributed by Detachment web site and copies on table.

PAYMASTER: Financial report for minutes:

Checking	\$10,744.03
Savings	\$2268.23
Total	\$13,012.26

CHAPLAIN REPORT: Bill Collins is progressing and doing physical therapy. Bill is now walking with a walker.

COMMANDANT: Commandant Burton Helmka announced and presented Ray Strum with the 2023 commandants award. Congratulations Ray!
Several attended the National Convention in Oklahoma City, OK.
The initiations were all fulfilled, all that attended from Pound 204. It was a great time for all that attended. The Devil Dogs were in crazy attire but however the MODD will be toning down costume attire going



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forward. Ray Sturm will post some photos to the newsletter/website. Next year's National Convention 2024 will be held in Palm Springs, CA; at the Rancho Mirage this information is on the website.

Burt Helmka reported on by-laws, proposed updates. Copies of bylaws and proposed changes were distributed. Next meeting, we will discuss / vote on the changes. If anyone needs a hardcopy, let Burt know and he will send it via email. We will vote on this in October or November 2023.

The National by-law changes were presented and will be available online.

SENIOR VICE COMMANDANT: Nothing to report as Ben Wells and Erin Wells were in France.

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDANT: Vacant No Report

JUDGE ADVOCATE: Ray Sturm will review the bylaws sent by Danny Fischio. You will find these on our website in the documents tab at the bottom.

JR. PAST COMMANDANT: No report

HISTORIAN / WEBMASTER: Make sure Joe Wright has your e-mail address. That is how you receive information from the Detachment.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Please get your reports to Ray Sturm as soon as possible as he has been very busy with the young marines.

QUARTERMASTER: Vacant

BY LAWS: No Report

COLOR GUARD: Woody Bowman announced that the Color Guard will join in the Food Harvest Parade in Pasadena, at Tick Neck Park on the first Sunday in November. (Nov. 5, 2023). They will be at Crownsville Veterans Cemetery on Veterans Day (Friday November 10, 2023), and then also at the Food Lion on Mountain Road in Pasadena in December usually around Pearl Harbor Day, that date to be announced.

YOUNG MARINES: YM Commandant Ray Sturm- The young marines were given a physical fitness endurance test and afterwards were awarded a pool party by Ray. They also took their second rifle class on gun safety. They have live fired over 100 rounds at the Pistol and Archery Club. They met their requirements for their marksmanship ribbon. Competition is their next step.

They will meet on September 9th to assist in a food pantry they do quarterly.

On September 16th they will help with a Poker Ride fundraiser at the American Legion Post 276.

The weekend of September 22-24 they will be an encampment at Sany Point State Park.

On September 30th they will help with the fundraiser at Fisher House. As you see our young marines are super busy congratulations to them and we thank Ray Sturm for their guidance.

TROOP 216: Jim Galvin reported the Scouts have been busy. Thanks to Jim Galvin for his leadership with this troop. The Fishing event at Bill Collins home on August 12th was a success everyone caught fish. There is a trip planned for the troop who will attend Bowie Baysox ballgame on September 10th, they have great



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seats on the 3rd base line. There is also a trip planned to attend the Goddard Space Center is a trip planned on November 12th along with the Patuxent Wildlife Refuge, on the same day.

UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS: We are planning the live “Auction” for November 26, 2023. We have numbers from 1-100 @\$20 each. Mrs. Jane has posted numbers on Facebook. We will have at least 30 prizes available. We need a new revised donation letter it has been requested. The Auction will be held via Facebook LIVE for all to participate and view. Location to be determined, once a location is secure. Currently we are looking at the Community Park center in Pasadena. Debbie and Jane will coordinate times to gather all our donations and prepare for this event. Debbie and Jane have been reaching out to the community; if anyone has any donations or things to donate to this fundraiser, please let us know.

NEW BUSINESS: Bull & Oyster Roast to be held in March 2024 a date to be determined.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE: Debbie Deene was appointed Adjutant, relieving Norman Huffman as of the August 2023 meeting.

Our detachment Fellowship dinner for all and family will be held on September 22, 2023, at the Stoney Creek Inn Restaurant at 6pm. Hope to see everyone there.

CLOSING CEREMONIES: Sgt. at Arms James Galvin closed the meeting with IAW MCL rituals. The next meeting will be held on September 25, 2023. The closing prayer was given by Chaplain Jim Sanchez.

Respectfully submitted,
Adjutant -Debbie Deene
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