



Detachment Meeting Minutes  
**Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049**  
Marine Corps League  
September 22, 2019 Meeting

**OPENING BY RITUAL:**

Meeting called to order by Commandant David “Ben” Wells at 1900 hours.  
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by prayer by Chaplain Bill Collins.  
Members in Attendance: 20

Commandant Wells announced guests in attendance:

Past Detachment Commandants: Ray Sturm (2015-2019) , Ed Dahling ( 2013-2015), Wayne McNeir (2010-2011)  
Past Marine of the Year: Bill Collins (2019), Ben Wells (2018), Ray Sturm (2017), Ed Dahling (2016), Woody Bowman (2014), Wayne McNeir (2013)  
Department of Maryland District 2 Vice Commandant: Don Benson  
Maryland Pack Leader – Ray Sturm (2019)

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:**

Commandant	David “Ben” Wells	P
Sr. Vice Commandant	Lou Gewirtz	P
Jr. Vice Commandant	Burt Helmka	P
Judge Advocate	Ray Sturm	P
Jr. Past Commandant	Ray Sturm	P
Adjutant	Norm Huffman	P
By-Laws Committee Chairman	Danny Fischio	A
Chaplain	Bill Collins	P
Color Guard Commander	Woody Bowman	P
Historian	Joe Wright	A
Newsletter Editor	Ed Dahling	P
Paymaster	Ed Dahling	P
Public Information Officer	Guy Hall	A
Quartermaster	Bill Collins	P
Rifle Pistol Team Captain	Ray Sturm	P
Sgt-at-Arms	James Galvin	A
Toys for Tots Coordinator	Chris Stevens	A
Web Sergeant	Joe Wright	A

**APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:** Applications received for five new members; with four being active duty and one retired. All paperwork has been checked and in order. Motion made and second to accept all new members. Four of the members were sworn in: Willie Merriweather Jr., Chase L. Smith, David A. Gallerizzo and Benjamin L. Allrer. Courtney Derritt (?) will be sworn in at a later date. Associate member Jane Huffman was also sworn in at this time.

Commandant Wells explained the COVER is the only required part of the uniform of the Marine Corps League. We have a host of other shirts available for purchase. See Quartermaster Bill Collins.

**ADJUTANTS REPORT:** Minutes of the August meeting were distributed via e-mail, detachment website, and newsletter.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** A thank you was received from Marine Corps Heritage Foundation, signed by James A. Kessler, Major General U.S.M.C. (Ret) thanking Detachment 1049 for the donation of \$100.

**PAYMASTER:** Paymaster Ed Dahling gave a hardcopy report:

Checking	\$12,827.16
<u>Savings / CDs</u>	<u>\$ 7,334.03</u>
Total Detachment Assets	\$20,161.19

**CHAPLAIN REPORT:** Chaplain Collins reported member Charlie Young (87 years) has been having some problems lately. Woody Bowman reported Charlie fell and had been in rehab. He is recuperating, but please continue to keep Charlie in your thoughts and prayers.

**COMMANDANT:** Commandant Wells reported on the 5K Run at Arundel Mills. There were not as many runners as in the past, but it was still a successful 5K Run. There were 134 people signup, with 115 Runners. If anyone would like to get involved in any events, you are welcome to help.

The Detachment has many plaques and trophies in the office. Photographs of these have been taken and uploaded to the website. If you would like any of these, please see Commandant Wells as they are going to be destroyed. Would like to give them to those who received them. There is not enough space in the office to store them.

**SENIOR VICE:** No report.

**JUNIOR VICE:** Burt also reported there are 10 members who have not renewed their dues. He reported the 5 new members were acquired over the 5K weekend. A great recruitment drive.

**JUDGE ADVOCATE:** No report.

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

**NEWSLETTER EDITOR:** If you have anything for the newsletter, contact Ed Dahling. Make sure Ed has your email address.

**QUARTERMASTER:** Bill Collins reported there are all kinds of items available through him. Challenge coins, shirts, etc.

**HISTORIAN/ WEB SERGEANT:** Absent

**COLOR GUARD:** CG Commander Woody Bowman reported the Color Guard participated in the Riviera Beach Memorial parade on September 14<sup>th</sup>, along with the NEHS Marine Jr ROTC, Coast Guard Color Guard, and Lake Shore VFC Color Guard.

**TOYS FOR TOTS:** Absent

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None



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**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mac McNeir reported on a project being performed on the WBA trail. It will be a memorial (expandable) to the four young Severna Park men who died while serving their Country. A site has been established, but operating funds are now being collected. There is a goal of \$55K. Mac reached out to the Detachment for a donation. Also, any private donations may be sent to the American Legion Post 175 with explanation as to the exact cause.

A motion was made and second to donate \$200 to the memorial fund. Burt Helmka asked to amend the motion to \$250. Amendment was accepted and carried to donate \$250.

**GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:**

Sr. Vice Commandant Lou Gewirtz reported the AA County Fire Department and Police Departments will be holding a Military Appreciation Day on Saturday October 5<sup>th</sup> from 10-4 pm at Headquarters Millersville. There will be many vendors on site.

Ray Sturm reported on the 5K. It was very successful as everyone was very pleased. Many positive comments. On behalf of the entire committee, thank you to all of you who assisted with the event. Ray stated the new members are the lifeblood of the organization. Please participate wherever you can. You will be welcomed wherever you go.

Our competition that day was the 911 RUN in Annapolis with 1700 runners.

Willie Merryweather remarked he was sorry he didn't run in last year's 5K, but he was in training for a marathon. Running the race this year allowed him to see all the work that went into preparing the 5K and he thanked those involved. His wife was a runner who won her age group.

Burt Helmka reported he has the December lottery tickets which will be divided between the Detachment and the Devil Dog Pound. Based on Maryland evening Lottery STRAIGHT. He is requesting everyone take 25 tickets. Commandant Wells explained the Devil Dog activities.

Burt stated there will be a CASH BASH in the near future.

Ray Sturm welcomed back Buddy (?) who had been away for 5 years.

Jane Huffman reported on the Detachment's Quarter Auction which will be held on October 9<sup>th</sup>.

Nila reported if you eat with your COVER on, you owe her a \$1.00, which will go to the Children's Hospital.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- October 4, 2019 – Spaghetti & Meatballs, Salad Dinner by Ed Dahling - \$6.00
- November 3, 2019 – Pasadena Caring & Sharing Parade
- November 16, 2019 - Department Meeting and Pack Growl in Cumberland - Outdoor Club, 31 Thomas St., 21502. Hosted by Mountainside Marine Detachment 1071

- December 15, 2019 - Pound 204 Growl @ 0800 Breakfast 0900 Growl (Ray Sturm) at VFW Post 160 2597 Dorsey Road, Glen Burnie, MD 21060

**CLOSING CEREMONIES:** Commandant Wells closed the meeting IAW MCL rituals. The next detachment meeting will take place on Oct 28, 2019. Closing prayer was given by Chaplain Bill Collins.

Respectfully submitted,  
Norm Huffman, Adjutant  
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