



Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049

Marine Corps League
September 25, 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: 13

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:

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

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: None

ADJUTANT’S REPORT. Minutes for August meeting was distributed by Detachment web site and copies on table.

PAYMASTER: Financial report for minutes:

Checking	\$10,599.29
<u>Savings</u>	<u>\$2268.62</u>
Total	\$12,867.91

CHAPLAIN REPORT: Donald Elsroad passed away and a card was mailed to his family. Bill Collins is doing a lot better PT is really helping. Tommy Maiorana is down with covid, please keep both Bill and Tommy in your prayers.

COMMANDANT: A letter was sent from the MCL Heritage foundation asking for a donation, this organization helps with our annual golf tournament. We submitted a donation to the Semper-Fi Foundation Fund at the Marathon Bluegrass Jam which was held at the American Legion Post 276. I received more literature from another lawyer about the camp Lejeune lawsuits if anyone is interested in reading let me know. Copies of bylaws and proposed changes were distributed. Next meeting, we will



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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.

SENIOR VICE COMMANDANT: No report

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDANT: No report

JUDGE ADVOCATE: No report

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 and if anyone has any articles or information that is pertinent let Ray know he will add it to the newsletter.

QUARTERMASTER: We have a bin of items in the closet if anyone needs items such as covers, pins, etc. not sure what is in there, however anyone is welcome to look

BY LAWS: No report. To be voted on in October

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. The week before Thanksgiving a Xmas train will be set up in Marley Station Mall(upstairs), this will run until January and is a nice event.

YOUNG MARINES: YM Commandant Ray Sturm- The camping trip at Sandy Point State Park on September 22-24 was cancelled due to inclement weather. The young marines will open be presenting colors at the opening ceremony at Post 276 on September 30, the Fisher House event. The troop will attend a friends and family CPR event. The troop will attend a DDR (Drug Demand Reduction) Dash 3 mile run at Quantico and then on to the museum. As you see our young marines are super busy congratulations to them for what they do, and we thank Ray for their guidance.

TROOP 216: The troop will have a Christmas event on December 6th, 2023, at the Columbian center in Severna Park. We are all invited to attend this there will be a meal served. This is a nice event to go to. Jim Galvin will also play his guitar and sing. If you have never been to this, its worth attending these scouts are remarkable. More information to follow.

UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS: We are planning the live Facebook "Auction" on Sunday, November 26, 2023. This will be a live event at the VFW Post 160 and will start between 12-12:30 We have numbers from 1-100 @\$20 each. Mrs. Jane We will have at least 30 prizes available.



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The Auction will be held via Facebook LIVE for all to participate and view. Jane, Nila, and Debbie 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. Please reach out to Jane to see what numbers we have left for this raffle event.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: We would like to have the league moved along with the young marines at Post 276. We have not met with the Commander to discuss storage arrangements and availability for meetings. There is ample parking at this location. American Legion Post 40 also wants us to move to their location we have been invited to visit them too. I was informed there is plenty of parking available on our Monday night meetings as they closed their lounge at 5:00 pm, they will provide an open lounge upstairs should we decide to relocate there, where we would hold our meetings. The worst-case scenario is we continue to stay at Post 160. This is all pending additional meetings and what each facility can offer our specific needs.

We are looking to have our Annual Bull and Oyster roast in March 2024. The dates are as follows. March, 2,9,16,23,30. Please look at your calendars so we can decide on a date and discuss at next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: We have been invited to have our Marine Corp birthday cake cutting ceremony on November 10th, 2023, at the American Legion Post 276; as there are scheduled events at The VFW Post 160 where we always have this event. It happens to be on a Friday night this year that's why the change. We will be meeting with Post 276 to confirm.

I received an email from Captain Taylor to attend the Marine Corp Birthday Ball and Banquet. This will be on November 3, 2023, at Martins west Banquet Hall. Happy hour will be at 17:30 and dinner at 18:30. Uniform is formal dress. RSVP on or by October 20, 2023, and prices are as follows:

Officers and civilians -\$90.00.

E6-E9- \$75.00

E5 and below \$50.00

Cash and Venmo are accepted. Email me for any additional information if you wish to attend.

We are looking to have a recruitment drive on April 27, 2023, at the Bass Pro at Arundel Mills. We will be providing hot dogs, chips and sodas will be provided. The young marines will assist in this event also. We have a few hot dog rollers that can be used for this event. We are planning on setting up at 10:00 am. We will put out the yellow roses and place a donation bucket for anyone wanting one. These details will be discussed at our next meeting details and tentative information to be determined.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:

Please welcome Joe Peacy, who has agreed to take on the position of Junior Vice. Please welcome him in this roll.

Our detachment Fellowship dinner for all and family will be held on Friday, October 20, 2023, at Two Rivers Restaurant in Pasadena at 6pm. Hope to see everyone there. I will not be able to attend as I must be at another MCL event that day and the following day.

Please mark your calendars our December meeting will be a week early on December 18th, 2023 due Christmas



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CLOSING CEREMONIES: Commandant Burt Helmka closed the meeting IAW MCL rituals. The next meeting will be held on October 23, 2023. The closing prayer was given by Chaplain Jim Sanchez.

Respectfully submitted,
Adjutant -Debbie Deene
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