



Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049

Marine Corps League
September 15, 2025

OPENING BY RITUAL:

Meeting called to order by Commandant Burt Helmka at 1900 hour.

Pledge of allegiance and Chaplin's prayer before meeting.

Members in attendance: 14

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: The minutes from August's meeting s meeting were presented and accepted. They will be posted on the detachment website and copies available to anyone who would like a copy.

CORRESPONDENCE: No report

PAYMASTER: No report. Could not access the computer to share, however we do have money and will report our balances at our next meeting in October

CHAPLAIN REPORT: No report

COMMANDANT: We will be holding a MCL recruitment drive at the Glen Burnie carnival grounds on Saturday, October 4, 2025. Set up will be at 10:00am and will run from 12-4. Glen Burnie Improvement Association sponsors this vendor affair annually.

We will be sponsoring the Department meeting on November 1, 2025. This will be held at the American Legion Post 40 in Glen Burnie, Md. There will be a continental breakfast served at 8:00am and meeting

to begin at 9:00am. We then will then have lunch after the after the meeting for a minimal cost and following lunch there will be a growl.

We have been given two tables for the Marine Corp Ball to be held at the museum in Quantico, Va., on Friday November 14, 2025 if anyone is interested please see Ray Sturm.

SENIOR VICE: I was at the Post 175, American Legion general meeting and we are looking to combine our MCL with the legion for the annual Marine Corp birthday cake cutting ceremony on November 10, 2025. We will have more details on times and such at our next meeting in October. Looks like the young marines have agreed to present colors that evening. I have been talking with Brian Wasson the adjutant for the legion and a member of our MCL, he was unable to attend the meeting tonight due to a prior commitment. More to follow at our next meeting.

JUNIOR VICE: No report

JUDGE ADVOCATE: No report.

JR. PAST COMMANDANT: No report.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: No report.

QUARTERMASTER: We have new uniforms and hats available if anyone needs a new shirt or hat. Our covers are not available yet as they are still being embroidered.

BY LAWS- No report.

HISTORIAN/ WEB SERGEANT: No report.

MARINE FOR LIFE: No report

COLOR GUARD: No report

YOUNG MARINES: Ray Sturm reported that the youngsters are busy as usual. The group attended an encampment at Sandy Point state Park, which went very well. Several of the kids caught fish for their first time and liked it very well. We got a lot of mosquito bites but luckily no rain for the first time in a while. We will be presenting colors at the cake cutting ceremony in November here at Post 175, on November 10, 2025

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS: There was a discussion about combining the paymaster and the junior vice position into one, this was voted on and accepted at our last meeting. John Dunker and Ben Wells have been looking into getting a coin made for the 250th MC birthday and out detachment on the reverse side. A motion was made not to exceed a total of \$700.00 for these coins. We are still looking at the best supplier and best cost for these.

We ae looking into having our annual bull and oyster roast possibly in March or April , we need to secure a date and location for this. When looking at dates for April we have to consider we have Easter weekend April 5th and we also have the Mid-East conference April 17, 18, 19, in Rehoboth Beach,



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Delaware. The only dates available in April if the post has it available would be the 11th or the 25th. We may have to go with the month of March this will be in discussion at our October meeting.

It was also presented that we do another fundraiser in the form of a lottery raffle. We decided to get the tickets printed and run the raffle for the month of May 2026, so that we can have them to sell at our bull and oyster roast as well. Jane Huffman has shared us with a payout scale that would greatly benefit us. This will also be in discussion and tickets will get printed once we have a payout scale additional discussion needed. The cost of the tickets for 1000 typically run about \$114.00, the cost has been voted on just determining the payout and get them ordered.

Jane has also shared about the Veterans luncheon on Saturday, November 8, 2025 at Lake Shore Fire Department at 2:00 pm. This is free and we just need to inform Jane or Norm how many will be attending.

GUEST/VISITOR- No report

NEW BUSINESS: Don reported we have a Marine who is on active duty who has been awarded as the national MCL Marine of the year. He is a highly commissioned officer and will be attending as our guest at our next meeting as a guest and speak a little bit. A motion was made to present him with a one year membership, a cover, a baseball cap and a shirt from our detachment; motion was accepted and second. He is a highly decorated marine, he has been on mission taking out Isis.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE: James Sanchez has offered to prepare baked ziti and salad for our November 1, 2025 Department meeting and if needed do breakfast also. We will had our live drawing for our last end of summer raffle after our meeting and the winner was Norm Huffman.

James Sanchez shared that the VFW Post 160 will hold a luncheon to all Veterans and their families on November 11, 2025 at 11:00 am until about 2:00-3:00pm, all are invited no ticket needed.

Jim Galvin shared that the Scout troop recently went to the Bowie Bay Sox game 16 attended and they had a great time. He also shared the troop is getting a new member who has cerebral palsy and are looking into a vehicle for transportation for him. They also will be having chair yoga on Wednesday at their meeting with donuts to follow if anyone is interested in attending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: We will hold our monthly dinner on September 26, 2025 at Cass a Dela Nona in Severn, we usually meet starting at like 6:00-6:30

CLOSING CEREMONIES: Sgt. at Arms Jim Galvin closed the meeting IAW MCL rituals. The next meeting to be held on October 20, 2025

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Deene, Adjutant
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