

April / May / June 2024



The Cutting



Edge

The official newsletter of the Anne Arundel Co Detachment



Thank you, Bass Pro Shops

On April 27, 2024, the detachment held a recruiting and fundraiser at Bass Pro Shops in Hanover, MD. This very successful event was coordinated by Commandant Burt Helmka.

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Bass Pro Shops

Golf Tournament

Fundraising

Bull & Oyster

From The Editor

ALL THE NEWS THAT'S FIT TO PRINT.. AND SOME THAT ISN'T...

I apologize for such a late newsletter. Sometimes life gets in the way of things. I'll do my best to be more timely.

As you can imagine, there is a lot to cover in a multi-month edition. I will attempt to keep it relevant.

Due to our Commandant's relationship with **Bass Pro Shops**, the detachment had a very successful public event in April. Additionally, he was able to secure Bass Pro's sponsorship for our annual golf tournament. Bravo Zulu, Burt.

The golf tournament was a huge success again this year. Many thanks to Christine **Stevens**, **Ben Wells**, **Burt Helmka**, and **Theo Prioria**. The final numbers are not quite in, but we expect them to be close to \$15,000.

As our Commandant mentioned, we expended about \$3,400 when we purchased a storage shed at the American Legion. Naturally, that deplet-

ed the coffers a bit and we need to replenish those funds. We need your support. The detachment's Bull & Oyster Roast will be on 26 October. Please support the detachment by buying and selling tickets.

If you have any fundraising ideas, please let us know.

Semper Fi

Ray Sturm



Commandant's Corner

Marines,

By the time you read this the department convention and Grand Growl will be over. Our newly elected officers for Department and Pack were installed. By-law changes were approved and passed with one amendment.

Our Bass Pro recruitment drive was a success. First, we got to meet potential members and distributed our trifold brochures. We also raised enough money through donations to cover the giveaways and food and drink at the event, with a little extra leftover.

Fundraising needs to move forward as we spent some money purchasing our new storage shed at the American Legion. We need to replenish our funds.

The Marines Helping Heroes golf tournament was on 7th of June. Once again, it was a huge success. Funds will be sent to our beneficiaries, the Semper Fi & America's Fund, TreatNOW, and the Caring Cupboard food bank.

I would like to thank the detachment and staff for the support given to me during my term so far. I received an award that I didn't expect to get let alone be nominated for. Once again, many thanks to all of you.

Semper Fi,
Burt



Detachment Colors

DETACHMENT STAFF

Commandant	Burt Helmka
Sr Vice Cmdt	John Dunker
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Judge Advocate	Ray Sturm
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Color Guard Cdr	Woody Bowman
Newsletter Editor	Ray Sturm
Paymaster	Ben Wells
Quartermaster	vacant
Public Affairs	Vacant
Marksmanship	Ray Sturm
Web Sergeant	Joe Wright
Young Marines	Ray Sturm

WEBSITE

<http://mclaaudet1049.org>

FACEBOOK

Anne Arundel County Detachment
1049, MCL

MEETINGS

The detachment meets the 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00 PM at American Legion Post 175 at 832 Manhattan Beach Rd, Severna Park, MD

SOCIAL HOUR

Social hour commences immediately after the meeting. Come join us for a beverage and the telling of sea stories.

SUBMISSIONS

Submit articles, photos, or suggestions to Ray Sturm at Bandit6A@gmail.com by the Saturday following the detachment meeting.

July Social Dinner

Casa Della Nonna

8141 Telegraph Rd

Severna, MD



Senior Vice Commandant

I am working on the Bull & Oyster Roast.

Please stand-by for details.

S/F
John

Junior Vice Commandant

Membership renewal is coming up in August.

I will be reaching out to our annual members shortly.

Semper Fi

Joe Peacy

A red, rounded rectangular stamp with a double-line border. The word "MEMBERSHIP" is written in bold, red, capital letters inside the stamp, slanted slightly upwards from left to right.

MEMBERSHIP

Chaplain

Let's continue to build community. All of our MCL Det 1049 gatherings, whether they be meetings, charity events and fundraisers, or detachment dinners have several things in common. You can find us serving together, praying together, sharing together, and even relaxing together.

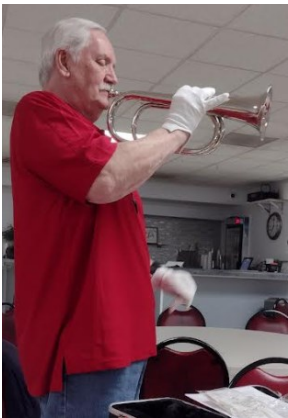
There are needs all around us, we can ask God what can we do for each other and strangers. We can share a meal, our time, or even share a gift. We can bring our needs to God. Being honest and not being afraid to open up ourselves can help us to build closer relationships, and allows us to trust Him to work in our lives.

Our meetings are good in that the atmosphere allows us to share what we think, without ridicule or censorship, and maybe helps us to challenge each other, and to help each other grow. Meeting regularly for dinner fosters fellowship and camaraderie, conversation and connection. We can be thankful for the ability to meet, greet, and enjoy each other, as well as bringing new people in to our family. Summer is almost here. Let's enjoy the His warmth, and share it.

Jim Sanchez
Chaplain



Color Guard



Our Color Guard Commander led the Severna Park 4th of July Parade with the Color Guard from MCSB, Fort Meade.



BSA Liaison and Eagle Scout Coordinator

Sadly, the **BSA Troop 216** will be losing their long-time meeting space. The Columbian Center was sold and the troop needs to relocate. Scout Master **Jim Galvin** is seeking help in finding a suitable location. If anyone has an idea, please reach out to any member of the detachment staff or to Jim directly.



From Around the Corps

Wary of China, American military plans return to Peleliu in Western Pacific

By SETH ROBSON STARS AND STRIPES • May 22, 2024

The Pentagon is proposing a new U.S. military site on a Micronesian island where a bloody battle raged during World War II. Department of Defense representatives met Republic of Palau leaders and residents May 13-15 to discuss the proposed facility on the island of Peleliu, according to a May 17 statement from Joint Region Marianas.

Engineers from the Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps shared details of the proposal with the Palauans, including plans to repair and expand the Peleliu Airstrip and South Dock, the statement said.

Efforts by Beijing to gain influence in the region, including a pact with the Solomon Islands that's seen as a precursor to forward basing by the Chinese navy, has the attention of U.S. officials. President Joe Biden signed legislation March 9 that provides \$7.1 billion over two decades and renews compacts with Micronesia, the Marshall Islands and Palau.

The compacts grant the U.S. military exclusive access to the nations' land, airspace and waters, while their citizens are allowed to work and attend school in America, enlist in the U.S. armed services and access veterans' health care.

Palau was the scene of fierce battles during World War II. About 1,800 Marines and soldiers were killed in the three-month Battle of Peleliu in fall 1944. Another 8,000 were wounded.

The U.S. Army began training again in Palau in 2019, after a 37-year hiatus. The following year, a Patriot missile battery deployed there and shot down a target drone during an exercise. In October 2020, then-Palau President Tommy Remengesau Jr. offered to host new military facilities, including ports and air bases.

“Palau's request to the U.S. military remains simple — build joint-use facilities, then come and use them regularly,” Remengesau wrote to then-Secretary of Defense Mark Esper, according to a Wall Street Journal report the following month. The Pentagon in December 2022 awarded a \$118 million contract to Gilbane Building Co., a Rhode Island firm, to build reinforced concrete pads and foundations for mobile, over-the-horizon radar in Palau by June 2026.

The site is meant to promote the quality of life for the people in Palau and to enhance the military's capabilities throughout the region to include humanitarian assistance, disaster relief efforts, and power projection, he said.

The project is about partnership, Peleliu State Gov. Emais Roberts said in the statement. “The Republic of Palau and State of Peleliu asked the U.S. government, asked the Department of Defense to help fix the airfield for our benefit, and also for the benefit of the military if they had the use for it,” he said.

Air Force raises maximum amount for retention bonuses to \$180,000

The Air Force is hoping that even greater financial incentives can help it retain personnel.

BY [NICHOLAS SLAYTON](#) | PUBLISHED MAY 26, 2024 1:42 PM EDT

This fall the U.S. Air Force is raising the maximum payout available for airmen in certain fields. This past week the service announced it was increasing the amount of money service members in certain specialized careers can get in reenlistment bonuses, up to \$180,000 from a previous high of \$100,000.

The new bonuses, which go into effect on Oct. 1, are meant to help the Air Force keep “critical career fields” staffed, with the focus being on areas with low retention rates, the service said. The new rules set a higher career cap for bonuses at \$360,000.

May is PTSD Awareness Month

Get active with us during [PTSD Awareness Month](#)! Join us for our fourth annual [Step Up for PTSD Awareness Virtual Walk](#). Complete 30 minutes of exercise during June in recognition of PTSD Awareness Month.

Help us raise PTSD awareness:

- [Make the pledge](#)
- [Register for the virtual walk](#)
- [Follow the 2024 PTSD Awareness Month Calendar](#)

There are currently around 12 million people in the United States with PTSD. Even though treatments work, most people don't get the help they need. Become an advocate for PTSD awareness and share this message.



[Dial 988, then Press 1](#)

Every month is PTSD Awareness Month

Please don't wait until May to reach out to a fellow Marine, a fellow member, or anyone you think is in distress.

Your call may save a life.

~ Editor

VA Adds Option for Commemorative Plaque or Urn

May 19, 2024 National Cemetery Administration

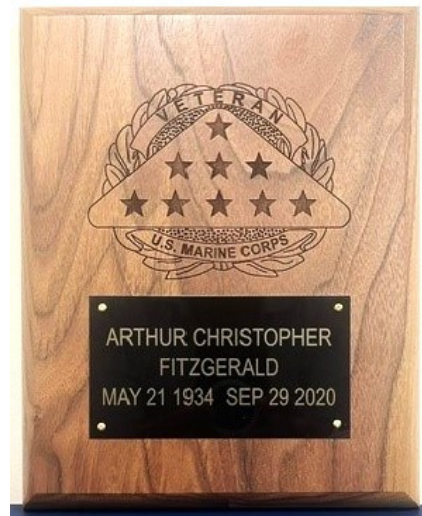
Beginning on June 10, 2024, the families of certain cremated veterans may apply to receive a commemorative plaque or urn from VA. Family members are eligible to apply only if they have chosen not to inter a loved one in a VA National Cemetery or receive a government-furnished headstone, marker, or medallion for placement in any cemetery.

Commemorative urns (seen at right) are used to hold the remains of a deceased, cremated Veteran, and commemorative plaques (below, right) are designed to hang on a wall. Both the urns and the plaques honor a Veteran's service and serves as a lasting tribute to the individual's status as a Veteran. Eligible family members can request one or the other, but not both.

It's important to note that, if a family chooses a plaque or an urn to commemorate a Veteran, VA is prohibited by law from interring that Veteran's remains in a VA national cemetery or from providing a headstone, marker or medallion for placement in any cemetery. Families should be certain of their choice. If the family chooses to receive a plaque or an urn to commemorate their Veteran, their decision cannot be undone. The law does not provide a method to restore these benefits.

To be eligible, the Veteran (or service member who died on active duty) must have served in the Armed Forces on or after April 6, 1917; the Veteran must be eligible for a headstone or marker under 38 U.S.C. § 2306(d), and the Veteran's remains must have been cremated—with no portion of the remains interred at any location.

More information about NCA memorial options can be found on the VA website. More details, including an application for commemorative plaques and urns, will be available on June 10. Information about VA burial and memorial benefits is available online, at VA national cemeteries, or by calling toll-free at 1-800-827-1000. To make burial arrangements at any VA national cemetery at the time of need, call the National Cemetery Scheduling Office at 1-800-535-1117. VA also encourages Veterans to apply for Pre-Need Eligibility to establish eligibility for VA burial and memorial benefits in advance of need.



~ Our History ~ Customs ~ and Traditions ~

5 May 1983

In Beirut, Lebanon, a UH-1N helicopter carrying the commander of the American peace-keeping force, **Colonel James Mead**, was hit by machine gun fire. The six Marines aboard escaped injury. Colonel Mead and his crew had taken off in the helicopter to investigate artillery and rocket duels between rival Syrian-backed Druze Moslem militiamen and Christian Phalangists that endangered French members of the multi-national force. [Side note: a fellow MCL member **Frank DiGregorio**, and personal friend of the editor, was one of the six Marines aboard the helicopter. When recently asked about the incident he stated, "They said to me, 'Lieutenant, you're an AO (Aerial Observer). Go up there with Col Mead and shoot the bastards.'"

22 May 1912

First Lieutenant Alfred A. Cunningham, the first Marine officer to be assigned to "duty in connection with aviation" by Major General Commandant William P. Biddle, reported for aviation training at the Naval Aviation Camp at Annapolis, Maryland, and Marine aviation had its official beginning.

25 June 1950

Shortly before dawn, eight divisions of the North Korean People's Army crossed the 38th Parallel and invaded the Republic of Korea. Within three days, the South Korean capital city of Seoul had been captured. On 30 June, President Harry S. Truman ordered a naval blockade of the Korean coast and authorized the sending of U.S. ground troops to Korea. Two days later, General Douglas MacArthur, the Commander in Chief Far East, formally requested that a Marine regimental combat team be deployed to the Far East.

26 June 1918

BGen James G. Harbord, the Commanding General of the 4th Marine Brigade, notified American Expeditionary Force Headquarters that **Belleau Wood** was "now U.S. Marine Corps entirely." After 20 days of combat, and at a cost of over 4,000 casualties, the 4th Brigade of Marines had proven its fighting heart. The grateful Commander of the French Sixth Army would soon decree that in all official correspondence, Belleau Wood would henceforth bear the name, "Bois de la Brigade de Marine."

MODD

Hound Dog Pound 204



Hound Dog Pound 204

Mer-lin Pack

Officers

Pound Keeper	Pat Sharkey
Sr Vice PK	Howard Koontz
Jr Vice PK	Bobby Lee
Smart Dog	Ray Sturm
Dog Trainer	Leonard Steipler
Mad Dog	Woody Bowman
Police Dog	Norm Huffman
Watch Dog	Burt Helmka
Barking Dog	Stuart Blair
Dog Robber	Burt Helmka

Next Growl

15 September

Dog House

Harry L. Cooper VFW Post 160



Supreme Growl

14 Aug

Palm Springs, CA

Pound 204 Growl

15 Sept

VFW Post 160

From the Growl on 2 June, the Dog Robber reported \$2,475 in the bank.

New Pound 204 shirts are available for purchase.





Young Marines

Upcoming Events

4 July	Parade	Severna Park
7 July	Drill	Fitness at Gold's Gym, Glen Burnie
13 July	Food Pantry	Glen Burnie
21 July	Drill—recruit graduation	
26 July	Color Guard	Joe Cannon Stadium
3 Aug	PFT	TBD
4 Aug	Drill - Color Gurad	Bowie BaySox Stadium
18 Aug	Drill	
31 Aug	Rifle Range	

On **October 14th**, we will celebrate the **Young Marines Birthday** at the **American Legion Post 276**. This is a Regimental (statewide) event. MCL members are invited to participate.

Drill is conducted at the American Legion Post 276 on Quarterfield Rd, Severn MD.
All MCL members are invited to attend and observe.

Joint Event with the Marine Corps League

Bass Pro Shops

27 April 2024



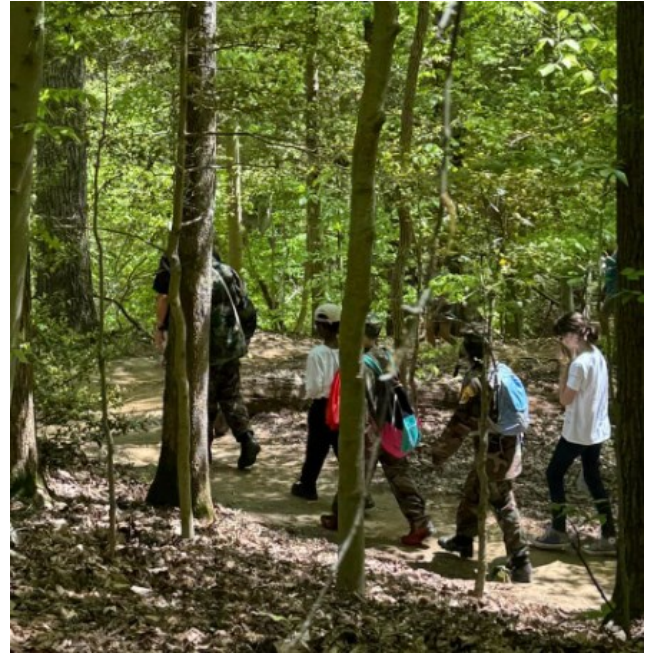
Asst Div 2 Commander, Mike Behringer stops by



Unit Hike 28 April 2024 at Bacon Ridge Natural Area



Hike prep and safety briefing



Off we go..



Impromptu class on snakes



Explaining terrain features



Post hike relaxation

Memorial Day Weekend

Annapolis National Cemetery

Crownsville Veterans Cemetery



YM SSgt Clingenpeel, also an Eagle Scout, posted the Colors at Annapolis National Cemetery.



Presenting the Colors at Crownsville Veterans Cemetery are (L to R), YM LCpl Charlie Knott, YM SSgt Bladen Wheatley, YM SSgt Timothy Clingenpeel, and YM PFC Michael Southward.



So, what do the Young Marines do at drill?



Close Order Drill lead by YM SSgt Clingenpeel



Physical Training lead by YM Cpl (then LCpl) Skylar Hiatt

26 May 2024



A Drug Demand Reduction class on marijuana presented by YM LCpl Knott



Adult Volunteers brainstorming



The retirement of YM SSgt Bladen Wheatley and farewell presentation to Unit XO Joan Taylor-Wheatley.



Promotion of YM Cpl Skylar Hiatt

UPCOMING EVENTS

CALENDAR

14 July	Social Dinner	Casa Della Nonna
17 June	Detachment meeting	American Legion Post 175
28– 30 June	Mideast Division Conf	Martinsburg, WV
15 July	Detachment meeting	American Legion Post 175

Please send calendar additions to Ray Sturm at Bandit6A@gmail.com NLT the Saturday following the detachment's monthly meeting.

HELP Needed

If you are aware of a community event, and would like to see the Detachment set up a table or tent, please let us know. We are looking for recruiting events. We need new members.

Examples:

Festivals	Family Days
Street Fairs	Art Shows
Gun Shows	Church Events
Food Festival	Home Shows

March Minutes



Detachment Meeting Minutes
Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049
Marine Corps League
March 18, 2024

OPENING BY RITUAL:

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

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	Ray Sturm	P
Adjutant	Debbie Deene	P
By-Laws Committee Chairman	Danny Fischio	E
Chaplain	James Sanchez	P
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Historian	Joe Wright	P
Newsletter Editor	Ray Sturm	P
Paymaster	Ben Wells	P
Public Information Officer	Vacant	
Quartermaster	Vacant	
Rifle Pistol Team Captain	Ray Sturm	P
Sgt-at-Arms	James Galvin	P
Web Sergeant	Joe Wright	P
Young Marine Commander	Ray Sturm	P

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: No report

ADJUTANT'S REPORT: Minutes from March were read aloud, and meeting minutes will be posted on the Detachment website and in the newsletter. Copies available on table.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

PAYMASTER: The financial report was given by Ben Wells. This amount is as follows:

Checking:	\$ 7612.90
Savings:	\$ 2269.18
CD	\$ 5178.40
Total assets:	\$15060.48

Motion made and accepted a few months ago to move the CD to another account with Morgan Stanley to give us a higher interest rate on our money.

CHAPLAIN REPORT: No Report.

COMMANDANT:

Commandant did roll call of all current board members and acknowledged all past board members. Commandant Helmka made a motion to accept the revised minutes from last month's meeting, minutes were then voted and accepted.

Commandant Helmka shared information for a law firm representing Camp Lejune and only taking 25% fee if awarded compared to other law firms, literature and information is available to anyone interested.

Commandant Helmka shared that all MCL members have been issued an accidental life insurance policy from American Income Life, a no cost \$3000.00 policy. There are additional policies available on the website and the password is SG2C.

National Headquarters has asked all detachments to submit any of their photos for the Convention in August 2024. They have also requested that everyone download the MCL APP on their cell phones.

Commandant Helmka shared that two detachments have recently closed or are due to close soon; they are Choptank and Mountainside

Commandant Helmka announced members in the state and local MCL that are ill as follows. Department Senior Vice, Department Paymaster, Chaplin Extraordinaire and Quartermaster. Please keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

Lance Corporal Dean detachment gun raffle tickets are still available for anyone interested. April 30 thru May 2, 2024 is Bottom Day in Washington, DC

The Department is also selling a raffle for an AR10, and tickets are available at \$20.00 each, for 1st prize. We will also have a 2nd and 3rd prize cash award if we sell three hundred tickets in total.

Lastly Commandant made a discussion to start thinking about Marine of the year and Associate of the year.

SENIOR VICE: No report.

JUNIOR VICE: No report.

JUDGE ADVOCATE: No report.

JR. PAST COMMANDANT: No report.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Ray Sturm reported he would like to process the monthly newsletter the early part of the month and would like all reports sent to him as soon as possible. If anyone has any interesting articles, please forward them to Ray to add to the newsletter.

QUARTERMASTER: As Commandant Helmka reported in lieu of no current Quartermaster position. There are items available for sale in the footlocker if anyone is interested.

BY LAWS- No report.

HISTORIAN/ WEB SERGEANT: No report.

MARINE FOR LIFE: No report

COLOR GUARD: No report nothing until May 2024. However, we were able to purchase the new bugle and it was less than the \$600.00 budget requested. This is an all-electronic one, and it was tested at Bens's office, and it works well and is loud. Anyone may sign it out for use, and you must wear white gloves when using them. Has a simple ON /OFF switch to play it.

YOUNG MARINES: Commandant Ray Sturm, reported that last week we had one recruit graduate and is now an official "Young Marine."

We will have a field meet in mid-April in Cheltenham, there will be young marines from Maryland, Delaware, North Carolina, West Virginia, and Kentucky.

On May 18th there will also be a poker run, everyone interested are able to attend. Overall, the program is moving along very well.

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Commandant Helmka We presented nominations for officers as follows:

Junior Vice: Joe Peacy

Judge Advocate: Ray Sturm

All the candidates were nominated by the league, accepted, and seconded.

Commandant: Burt Helmka

Senior Vice: John Dunker

Junior Vice: Joe Peacy

Judge Advocate: Ray Sturm

We were to do a second-round vote on these at the April 15th meeting. However, Ray Sturm presented a motion to bypass the second vote to March 18th and proceed with installments as of today, the votes were second by Nila Caulder and all accepted and approved.

Proceeded with installations of newly elected officers.

GUEST/VISITOR- Department of Maryland Past Commandant Howard Koontz was our guest and performed the installation of all the officer's ceremony. We had the pleasure of him as our guest and appreciate him taking time to do so. Pictures are on our website.

NEW BUSINESS: Commandant Helmka

As a detachment we will vote for Marine of the Year and Associate member of the year at our next meeting. Commandant Helmka distributed nomination slips to everyone to vote; these should be turned in on March 18, 2024, with their votes. The votes are to be tallied and announced at our next meeting,

Our convention will be coming up May 9-11th in Ocean City at the Grand Hotel & Conference Center. All must register and register their guests; everyone must have their name badge to participate and to attend the banquet. You may register online. We have three delegates and I, as commandant, will take care of registering these delegates. All events and itinerary are available on our website.

Ray Sturm put in a motion to purchase a tabletop podium not to exceed \$150.00, motion seconded by Nila Caulder and vote on and accepted by all.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE: Commandant Burt Helmka suggested continuing holding fellowship dinners at local restaurants, hoping to draw more attendance, this was a unanimous decision, and we all enjoyed the past dinners. Our next fellowship dinner will be April 19th at Casa Del Nona.

Sergeant at Arms Jim Galvin suggested another location called Old Stein in Edgewater, Maryland for another dinner location.

Ray Sturm shared that the golf tournament is on June 7, 2024. Registration and donation letters are online at HelpingHeros.org.

Commandant Helmka and John Dunker announced to hopefully have our Bull & Oyster Roast in September, A date to follow once they can secure it with the legion.

Commandant Helmka also shared that the MOU between the American Legion and the league has been signed and is available on our website.

Ben Wells wanted to share the proper way to exit and enter any MCL meeting and /or convention in progress in the event you must leave the room.

When leaving the room, you stand up salute the American Flag you salute the Sgt, At Arms, then salute the Sgt. At Arms upon entering and then the American Falg

Also, per Ben Wells shared that Sgt At Arms may leave his cover on when presenting and retiring the colors

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Recruitment drive April 27, 2024 at 10:00am Bass Pro Hanover. Md

Department Convention Ocean City, Md. May 9-11,2024

Golf Tournament – June 7, 2024 -Golf tournament meetings to be held at Bens office dates will be announced.

Mid-East Conference Martinsburg, West Va. June 27-29.

CLOSING CEREMONIES: Sgt. at Arms Jim Galvin closed the meeting IAW MCL rituals. The next meeting to be held on April 15, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Deene, Adjutant

Marine Corps League - A. A. County Detachment 1049

April Minutes



Detachment Meeting Minutes
Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049
Marine Corps League
April 15, 2024

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The Pledge of Allegiance recited, followed by prayer by our Chaplain James Sanchez
Members in attendance: 9

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:

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Young Marine Commander	Ray Sturm	E

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: No report. However, an amendment from March 19, 2024, meeting. We have a new member Daniel Ryan

ADJUTANT'S REPORT: Minutes from April 15, 2024, meeting minutes have been recorded and will be posted on the Detachment website. Copies available on table.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

PAYMASTER: The financial report was given by Ben Wells. This amount is as follows:

Checking:	\$ 15350.50
Savings:	<u>\$ 2268.52</u>
Total assets:	\$ 17619.02
Current CD	\$ 5178.40

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Ray Sturm reported he would like to process the monthly newsletter the early part of the month and would like all reports sent to him as soon as possible. If anyone has any interesting articles, please forward them to Ray to add to the newsletter.

QUARTERMASTER: No report

BY LAWS- No report. However, Burt Helmka saw Danny Fischio at Post 160 and he would like us to change the address to our detachment since we have relocated. The new address will be Ben wells address. The address will be updated and noted,

HISTORIAN/ WEB SERGEANT: No report

MARINE FOR LIFE: No report

COLOR GUARD: We will be placing flags in May at the Veterans Cemetery on May 27, 2024. We have a meeting on April 25, 2024, Woody will find out if available for the June 7, 2024, golf tournament.

YOUNG MARINES: No report

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS: We will be moving the rest of our detachment items to our new home on Sunday April 28, 2024.

GUEST/VISITOR- No report

NEW BUSINESS: A discussion was made to invest into Morgan Stanley and rolling over funds into two separate CD's, discussion to be addressed aa later date.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE: Discussion made to create a mailing list of all our members and to create a letter to be sent out to all about our new location and information possibly to gain more attention to our meetings. Debbie has agreed to compose a letter for Ben to review and do the mailings.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Our fellowship dinner will be April 19, 2024, at Casa Dela Nona Golf Tournament – June 7, 2024 -Golf tournament at Walden.
Mid-East Conference Martinsburg, West Va. June 27-29.

CLOSING CEREMONIES: Sgt. at Arms Jim Galvin closed the meeting IAW MCL rituals. The next meeting to be held on May 20, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Deene, Adjutant
Marine Corps League - A. A. County Detachment 1049

Motion made a few months ago to move the CD to another account with Morgan Stanley to give us a higher interest rate on our money. This account information reflects what we had in our Marchs minutes. No paymaster report for April everything looks good.

CHAPLAIN REPORT: No Report.

COMMANDANT:

Commandant did roll call of all current board members and acknowledged all past board members. A motion to accept the revised minutes from last month's meeting, minutes were then voted and accepted. Commandant presented names of delegates for the convention in May 9-11, 2024, as follows: John Dunker, Ray Sturm, Pat Sharkey, Ed Dahling, Ben Wells, Joe Peacy, Debbie Deene, Burt Helmka.

Commandant Helmka shared he and additional board members are now asked to attend the American Legion Post 175, executive board meeting and general membership meetings monthly. If anyone would like to join this legion or transfer their membership, please see him to direct you to the point of contact. You will simply need to pay \$2.00 to receive a key card if you should transfer your AL membership. This post has many activities going on such as they will be hosting the legion league baseball world series at Joe Cannon stadium in July, volunteers are encouraged to help. There will be a fundraiser in April, for the Veterans and Childrens Fund; more information as I receive it. They will be doing a Veterans Suicide Awareness event in September 2024. There will be a fundraiser at California Pizza in Annapolis Mall on April 16, 2024. There will be a blood drive date to be determined. The SAL will sponsor a crab feast date to be announced. This post had a profit last month of over 46000.00 they really do an extreme amount for the community and veterans. The legion has also added us to their website and calendar for those that are interested in attending a meeting.

There will be a leadership class on April 20, 2024, to be held at American Legion Post 276 enrollments are still open for those interested. Have our fellowship dinner April 19, 2024, at Casa Dela Nona. There will be no fellowship dinner in May due to our convention and busy month. We will resume our fellowship dinner on June 14, 2024, at either Casa Dela Nona or the German restaurant in Edgewater location to be determined at next meeting.

The Golf tournament Marines Helping Heros will be on June 7, 2024, at Walden in Crofton again, please let myself or Ben or Ray know if you can volunteer or get any donations for this fundraiser. Lastly our next meeting will be held on May 20, 2024

SENIOR VICE: Our recruitment drive is scheduled for April 27, 2024, at Bass Pro at Arundel Mills. Set up will begin at 8:30 and event will run until about 3:30-4:00 pm, hot dogs and chips and water will be served free of charge a donation bucket will be out for donations. We will also have red roses to hand out to all females.

JUNIOR VICE: No report.

JUDGE ADVOCATE: No report.

JR. PAST COMMANDANT: No report.

May Minutes



Detachment Meeting Minutes
Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049
Marine Corps League
May 20, 2024

OPENING BY RITUAL:

Meeting called to order by Commandant Burt Helmka at 1900 hours.
The Pledge of Allegiance recited, followed by prayer by our Chaplain James Sanchez
Members in attendance: 14

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:

Commandant	Burt Helmka	P
Sr. Vice Commandant	John Dunker	E
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	E
Historian	Joe Wright	E
Newsletter Editor	Ray Sturm	P
Paymaster	Ben Wells	P
Public Information Officer	Vacant	
Quartermaster	Vacant	
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 April were noted, and meeting minutes will be posted on the detachment website along with the newsletter. Copies available on table.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

PAYMASTER: The financial report was given by Ben Wells. This amount is as follows:

Checking:	\$ 7236.34
Savings:	\$ 2269.37
CD	\$ 2340.23
CD	<u>\$ 3144.17</u>
Total assets:	\$ 14186.17

QUARTERMASTER: As Commandant Helmka reported in leu of no current Quartermaster position. There are items available for sale in the footlocker if anyone is interested. There were several shirts ordered in different sizes and a baseball cap for new member Dan. This was announced by Ben wells

BY LAWS- No report.

HISTORIAN/ WEB SERGEANT: No report.

MARINE FOR LIFE: No report

COLOR GUARD: No report

YOUNG MARINES: Commandant Ray Sturm shared that the boys have been very busy with community service hours. They have assisted with the recruitment drive at Arundel Mills. On Memorial weekend they placed flags at the cemetery in Annapolis, then presented colors at the Crownsville cemetery. We had two young marines promoted, one to Lance corporal. We will be at Downs Park on June 1, 2024. On June 9th, 2024, we will be meeting with the Baltimore County Police to learn about the dangers and discuss drugs and stuff that is harmful and addictive. The poker run was cancelled until June 15th, 2024 due to the weather.

Sadly, I must announce my assistant Joan will be leaving as well as her son. It is so hard to retain the young boys once they start driving and growing older.

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS: A motion was proposed by Ben Wells to take our two current CD's, our savings and approximately \$2500.00 from our checking account to make a total of \$10,000.00. The Marine Corp League is under this umbrella with Morgan Stanley group at a rate of 12%. We will be given a letter of content from the broker Tom. There is a very minimal penalty of less than a dollar to withdraw the current CD's. Asking for approval to vote to consolidate and invest.

Motion was made by Nila Caulder to accept this proposal to consolidate and invest and a second motion made by James Sanchez. Commandant Helmka requested a vote as a whole and was accepted by the detachment.

Nila Caulder shared that the Fisher House fundraiser will not be in October this year and will be moved to February 2025. She will not be asking for a donation until then if she is still involved in this event as she has stepped away from so many things as she has an extreme amount on her plate lately. Nila requested that Ray Sturm check with Mac at Post 276 pertaining to this event for additional details.

GUEST/VISITOR- We had guest in attendance, Sgt.t Jones from Washington, DC, who attended our meeting to get some ideas to fundraise for the next marine Corp birthday celebration in November. He was given several ideas as to what we do for fundraising and quick easy ways to do so. We decided to talk in detail after our meeting to assist him with additional ideas.

NEW BUSINESS: Commandant Helmka announced two detachment awards that were voted on using a secret ballot. The Detachment of the Year award for 2024 was presented to our Chaplin James Sanchez.

The motion was made a few months ago to move the CD to another account with Morgan Stanley to give us a higher interest rate on our money and was still out for discussion under old business at this meeting. Our current CD's have made our detachment no money over the past several years.

CHAPLAIN REPORT: No Report.

COMMANDANT:

Commandant did roll call of all current board members and acknowledged all past board members. Commandant Helmka made a motion to accept the revised minutes from last month's meeting, minutes were then voted and accepted.

Thanks to all that attended the convention in Ocean City, we had a great speaker, One Star General Glen. We brought in a few 'Dogs as 'Pups', and a couple advanced to 'Devil Dogs' in May, at the convention.

Thanks to all the staff that support me here and the award I received at the convention Burt did not feel he deserved it. The question was raised by Ben Wells as to what award I had received, and Burt had to share with everyone. He was given the Commandant of the Year for the State of Maryland for 2024. It was noted that that award came from higher up in the Maryland League and was recognized above our detachment. Congratulations were given to Burt from our detachment.

The recruitment drive seemed to be a success at Arundel Mills and the Young marines really attracted the ladies carrying out Victoria secret bags. I want to thank everyone who participated. We raised \$397.00 and made a profit of \$100.00, unless receipts are not submitted therefore, we stand to profit all \$397.00.

National Headquarters has asked all detachments to submit any of their photos for the Convention in August 2024. They have also requested that everyone download the MCL APP on their cell phones.

The Department is also selling a raffle for an AR10-308 caliber and tickets are available at \$20.00 each, for 1st prize. We will also have a 2nd and 3rd prize cash award if we sell three hundred tickets total. This will be drawn at the Mid-East convention in June in Martinsburg, West Virginia.

SENIOR VICE: No report.

JUNIOR VICE: No report.

JUDGE ADVOCATE: No report.

JR. PAST COMMANDANT: No report.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Ray Sturm reported he has been extremely busy and will have April and May's newsletter together on the website before our June detachment meeting. If anyone has any interesting articles, please forward them to Ray to add to the newsletter.

There was also an Associate award for 2024 given to our adjutant Debbie Deene. Extra Ribbons and medallions will be given when they arrive, and we should have them by our next meeting.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE: Commandant Burt Helmka suggested continuing holding our social dinners at local restaurants, hoping to draw more attendance, this was a unanimous decision, and we all enjoyed the past dinners. Our next social dinner will be June 14th at Casa Del Nona.

Sergeant at Arms Jim Galvin suggested another location called Old Stein in Edgewater, Maryland for another dinner location. This will be a possibility in July.

Ray Sturm shared that the golf tournament is on June 7th 2024. Registration and donation letters are online at HelpingHeros.org.

John Dunker and Commandant Helmka announced to hopefully have our Bull & Oyster Roast in October as the September dates were not available. A date to follow once they can secure it with the legion looking for possibly the 3rd weekend in October. This will not be an outside event as originally planned due to moving the date to October. The facility will hold approximately 150-160 people max. We will have confirmation and details at our next meeting. We will need to start planning and requesting donations from the community.

Ben Wells wanted to share the proper way to exit and enter any MCL meeting and /or convention in progress in the event you must leave the room.

When leaving the room, you stand up salute the American Flag you salute the Sgt, At Arms, then salute the Sgt. At Arms upon entering and then the American Falg

Also, per Ben Wells shared that Sgt at Arms may leave his cover on when presenting and retiring the colors

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Golf Tournament meetings to be held at Bens office dates will be announced. Ray Sturm shared that the golf tournament is on June 7th 2024. Registration and donation letters are online at HelpingHeros.org.

Mid-East Conference Martinsburg, West Va. June 27-29.

Jim Galvin announced that scout Glen Feldman received his Eagle badge by planting several trees and bushes around the Columbian center, about 20 of them total.

There is a possibility of the Columbian Center being sold and they have about 6 months to relocate Troop 216. The troop has been meeting there for 30 years. The troop meets twice a month on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday. If they relocate and find a sponsor home, they are open to changing their meeting days. The church is not willing to sponsor the troop. We are searching for a new home and sponsor and would like to stay in the area since we are an Anne Arundel County based troop. Any ideas or suggestions and help would be appreciated. This is the second time this has happened with the center and the last sale failed so it's all up in air at this point.

CLOSING CEREMONIES: Sgt. at Arms Jim Galvin closed the meeting IAW MCL rituals. The next meeting to be held on June 17, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Deene, Adjutant
Marine Corps League - A. A. County Detachment 1049

PAYMASTER'S REPORT



May-June

Checking	\$7,612.90
Savings	\$2,269.18
CD Accts	\$5,178.40
TOTAL	\$15,060.48

Note: The detachment recently purchased an 8'x12' "Amish" storage shed for our new home at American Legion Post 175. The cost was approximately \$3,400 delivered.

The above numbers are for reference only.

The detachment cashed in its CD accounts with the Bank of Glen Burnie and moved those funds temporarily to the checking account.

The CD funds were combined with funds from our savings account and transferred to a Morgan Stanley investment account.

A detailed report will be submitted at the detachment meeting on 15 July.



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