



Detachment Meeting Minutes
Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049
Marine Corps League
June 16, 2025

OPENING BY RITUAL:

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

The Pledge of Allegiance recited, followed by prayer by the commandant in our Chaplain's absence

Members in attendance: 15

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	E
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	E
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

Motion was made as soon as the sergeant of arms declared the meeting open to suspend the meeting temporarily go right into the installation of our officers and board for the upcoming year. Installations were performed by our guests past, department President Joe Faye and assisted by sergeant of arms Omar Jabar, also from department. All officers were sworn in and retain the same positions as they currently are above. All officers are current in their dues and have been duly appointed.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: No report

ADJUTANT'S REPORT: Debbie Deene, reported the minutes for May's meeting are posted on the detachment website and copies available to anyone who would like a copy. Motion made and the minutes were voted and accepted.

CORRESPONDENCE: No report

PAYMASTER: No report

CHAPLAIN REPORT: James Sanchez, We received notice to mention that one of our MCL members from Cpl. Dean Detachment has passed away the late husband of Evelyn Graham. Also prayers for Nila Caulder, her granddaughter had to have an emergency biopsy today and could not attend our meeting this evening.

COMMANDANT: Burt Helmka, Welcomed and thanked our guests for attending tonight's meeting. He also welcomed our newest auxiliary member Stephanie Glover to our detachment. Commandant shared the deadline for any lawsuits anyone may want information on the Camp Lejeune water situation or wish to file a claim is August 10, 2025.

Commandant is working on his 4th year and is looking forward to working with the senior and junior vice to possibly forward to chairs in the future

Commandant presented the Marine of the year award to John Dunker for the 2025 year. Congratulations to John in his achievement/

SENIOR VICE: No report

JUNIOR VICE: No report

JUDGE ADVOCATE: No report.

JR. PAST COMMANDANT: No report

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Ray Sturm, Finally the newsletter was posted and I will try to keep up with the newsletter within a week of our meeting. So please get any articles to me as soon as possible. Basically we are all so busy our newsletter will be considered our "summer version"

QUARTERMASTER: No report

BY LAWS- No report.

HISTORIAN/ WEB SERGEANT: No report.

MARINE FOR LIFE: No report

COLOR GUARD: Woody Bowman shared that they will be at the Severna Park 4th of July parade. The Toys for Tots location is at Cromwell Business Park and will be there the next 3 years. This will be his last year after 20 years involvement. We are down to 10 stops now.

YOUNG MARINES: Ray Sturm, shared young marines attend two Baltimore Orioles games and presented colors, they will also be at a Bowie Bay Sox game and presenting colors. They will also be attending the 4th of July parade in Severna Park. They also have a PFT coming up they are preparing for. As usual they are busy.

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS: No report



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GUEST/VISITOR- Joe Faye and his wife Mary Faye, Omar Jabar, and Stephanie Glover, our newest associate member.

NEW BUSINESS: James Sanchez, shared that the VFW where we used to home our MCL is doing a fundraiser in partnership with the Wounded Warrior on the Bay project. This fundraiser is for school supplies and items for children of wounded warriors. This is the second year and donations can be dropped off to the VFW on Dorsey road Post 160 on or before July 19, 2025. You may donate money payable to the project and or gift cards which help buy shoes for these children. Everyone is invited to a breakfast the morning of July 19, 2025 when they pick up all the donations.

A motion was made by Ray Sturm and was seconded by Joe Peacy, voted on and accepted, to donate \$200.00 to this organization from our detachment. This will go directly to the Wounded Warriors on The Bay project. James shared the contact person is a retired Army 1st sergeant Rich Linden.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE: James Sanchez, offered to help anyone who may need in writing their articles for the newsletter. Jim Galvin, has made a suggestion/discussion to alternate our social dinners to the first or second week of each month so it doesn't conflict in the same week as our MCL meetings. Jim has offered to continue to schedule these dinners where we decide providing he gets an accurate head count in a timely manner in order to have the proposed dinners. Debbie Deene will try and get emails and notifications out in advance and forward a head count to Jim. Reminder these dinners are open to anyone wanting to attend such as family members and friends of the league or organizations we may partner with.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Our next fellowship dinner will be July 11, 2025 at Casa Dela Nona on route 170 in Severn at 6:30 pm.

CLOSING CEREMONIES: Sgt. at Arms Jim Galvin closed the meeting IAW MCL rituals. The next meeting to be held on August 19, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Deene, Adjutant
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