



Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049

Marine Corps League
November 17, 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: 13

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	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 October's meeting were presented and accepted and voted on and will be posted on the detachment website, copies available to anyone who would like one.

CORRESPONDENCE: No report

PAYMASTER: Checking account \$6888.77 and the Morgan Stanley account is \$10448.19 to date.

CHAPLAIN REPORT: No report. Only noted it was good to see so many fellowship and attendees at the Marine Birthday cake cutting ceremony and those who attend the VFW Post 160, Veteran's Day luncheon.

COMMANDANT: Commandant shared about the MC 250th birthday and cake cutting ceremony on November 10th was a great success. We have T-shirts from this event still available for \$15.00. Also we now have our 250th birthday/ detachment challenge coins and are available for \$10.00 each.

There is a MCL and Veterans Trust fund set up for any that have been affected financially by the government shutdown, see me with any questions or who to reach out to.

We have several events coming up as follows.

February 21, 2026 Department meeting hosted by the Ocean City American Legion Post 166.

Mid-Winter convention February 27-28, 2026 at Pentagon city rooms are available for those staying overnight.

Mid-East convention April 17-19, 2026 in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware

Maryland MCL Convention May 8-10 Ocean City, Md. At the Grand Hotel. There will be discussion on relocated the Department of Md. convention at that time please make sure you attend and vote on a possible new location .

SENIOR VICE: No report.

JUNIOR VICE: No report.

JUDGE ADVOCATE: No report.

JR. PAST COMMANDANT: No report.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Please get your articles to me as soon as you can. Anyone has any pictures please send them to me also .

QUARTERMASTER: No report.

BY LAWS- No report.

HISTORIAN/ WEB SERGEANT: No report.

MARINE FOR LIFE: No report.

COLOR GUARD: No report

YOUNG MARINES: The group will assist with wreaths across America. The troop stays so busy all the time.

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS: We still do not have a date for the Bull & Oyster roast fundraiser. The only dates available for April will be the 11th or the 25th. Waiting on John to return and a discussion with Corey and Brian about the cost to us.

Mrs. Jane Huffman shared our fundraiser for May which is the lottery calendar for the evening lottery number for the month of May. We stand to gain \$2730.00 profit if we sell all 1000 tickets, we have 5 months to sell these. We need to sell 454 tickets just to break even on our costs. Jane would like to have everyone turn in to her monthly any tickets sold and the money directly to her, she will keep an accurate account and submit monies to the paymaster. Jane keeps a real good account of all tickets sold and has everything written out clearly. If we do not sell all of these before our bull and oyster roast we will sell them there also. All Marines and Associates are urged to participate in selling these. Keep in mind they



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make great stocking stuffers and small gifts with Christmas coming up. These will be available to distribute at our next meeting for all Marines and Associates to sell.

GUEST/VISITOR- No report.

NEW BUSINESS: James Sanchez will be serving breakfast again for the Growl on December 7th, 2025 at Post 160. The kielbasa and eggs went well at the last breakfast.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: We have collectively voted to not have our social dinner in October and November due to all the events and holidays taking place, we will postpone our social dinners until after the New Year. We decided to have our annual Christmas social pot luck dinner at our next meeting on December 15th, 2025, everyone will be bringing a dish. There was a list established as to who was bringing what dish so we do not duplicate and have a good variety.

Joe Peacy, shared he will be holding a dinner at the American Legion Post 175 on Friday, January 30th, 2026. The cost of the meal will be \$15.00 consisting of roasted and smoked beef sides, salad and deserts we will have enough for 30 meals. We will need volunteers from the MCL to assist with this event. There will be more discussion at our next meeting for those willing to assist.

CLOSING CEREMONIES: Sgt. at Arms Jim Galvin closed the meeting IAW MCL rituals. The next meeting to be held on December 15, 2025

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Deene, Adjutant
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