

Marine Corps League Department of Maryland

Department of Maryland Convention
Ocean City, MD
09 – 10 May 2025
Convention Minutes

Opening Session - 09 May 2025

Meeting convened at 0900

This meeting of the Marine Corps League Department of Maryland was convened at 09:01 by Department Commandant Tony Rust. The ceremony opened with posting the colors, the Pledge of Allegiance, the singing of the National Anthem by Young Marine Kyer Briner, Jarrettsville Young Marines, and followed by t2he singing of the Marines' Hymn. Chaplin Leonard Stielper provided the opening prayer and Senior Vice Commandant Heilig read the Department preamble.

Young Marine Kyer Briner was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation by Commandant Rust.

Guest Speaker – Mr. Robert (Bob) Finn, Senior Advisor – Department of Veterans and Military Families.

National Officers present were recognized including David Porter (National Jr. Vice Commandant), Alison Noger (National and Mideast Division Photographer/Uniform Committee). Rick Andisik (National Assistant Sgt at Arms/Honor Guard) and Leonard Stielper (Assist National chaplain). All other National and Department Officers were recognized.

National Marine of the Year: Jack Severn and Jeff Jones.

Mideast Division Marine of the Year: Evie Graham and Jeff Jones.

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Mideast Division Associate of the Year Marine of the Year: Alison Noger and Mario Meaux.

Past Department Commandants, Department Marine of the Year, Department Associate of the Year were recognized.

National Kennel Officers present were recognized including, CDD Jeff Jones (61st Chief Devil Dog), PDD Joe DeAngelo (Sr. Vice Chief Devil Dog), PCDD Don Garland (51st Chief Devil Dog), HCDD Jack Severn (4th Honorary Chief Devil Dog), PDD Ben Wells (Executive Kennel Director), PDD Omar Jabr (Vice Chief Devil Dog, Mideast Division). All other National Kennel Officers were recognized.

Howard Koontz was introduced and no report.

Department Commandant Tony Rust rearranged seating assignments for members to meet and greet with members outside their Detachment.

More Announcements

- ◆ Devil Dogs' Growl: Dogs advancing report as follows:
 - ✓ Pups meeting with MAD Dog at 1245.
 - ✓ Initiation at the pool at 1300.
 - ✓ Growl starts at 1400.

Meeting adjourned at 1008 until 0900 10 May 2025

Business Meeting – 10 May 2025

Meeting reconvened at 0900

Roll Call of Officers

- ◆ Commandant Tony Rust
- ◆ Senior Vice Commandant Rob Heilig
- ◆ Junior Vice Commandant Pat Sharkey
- ◆ Judge Advocate Crist Burns
- ◆ Junior Past Commandant Joe Fay
- Adjutant Omar Jabr
- Paymaster Anna Laurie Blair
- ◆ Sergeant at Arms Rick Andisik
- ◆ Chaplain Leonard Stielper
- ◆ Public Relations Officer Jeff Robinette
- Photographer Mario Meaux
- ◆ Weg Sgt Mike Hadley Excused
- ◆ Compliance Officer Rose Mary Beall Excused

Roll Call of Detachments

• A quorum was present.

Adjutant Report: Omar Jabr moved to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as published/posted and available on the Department website. Motion to Accept Tim Hoering, seconded by Paul Gunther. Discussion: Commandant Tony Rust recommended that all reports be sent to the Adjutant a week or so prior to the Department meeting and if a paper copy as a backup. No more discussion. Motion passed.

Correspondence: None

<u>Speaker:</u> Mary Kay Herrick, Veteran Outreach Program Specialist (VA), addressed the crowd, see attachments. For more information, please visit https://www.vetcenter.va.gov/

<u>Paymaster's Report:</u> Paymaster Laurie Blair present and reporting. Motion to accept (Jeff Robinette/Paul Taylor), motion passed.

Honors to those who reported to the Supreme Commandant since the last meeting.

- Mart Kresel Cpl Pete Arnold Detachment 1198.
- Steve Haley Patuxent River Detachment 1305.

Reports of Marines Sick or In Distress:

- ◆ Craig Reeling, Cpl Pete Arnold Still recovering from liver surgery.
- Jack Colleran, Baltimore Fell and in the hospital for possible heart problems.
- ◆ Marian James, Baltimore Blood clot in her lungs.
- ◆ Harold Feigley, Antietam Stage 5 kidney failure.
- Brandon Scott, Pax River Pancreatic cancer.
- ◆ Leonard Kohl, Pax River Back issues.
- ◆ Pete Zingarelli, Pax River Hip surgery.

Officers' Reports:

Commandant Tony Rust: Present and reported (verbal).

- Talked about the Joint Veteran Committee and what it presents and provides.
- Gary Roundtree is the new delegate to the JVC.
- Peacekeeping issues/concerns are settled. They meet monthly at the American Legion Post 160.
- ◆ Talked about the league and emphasized on friendship.

Senior Vice Commandant Rob Heilig: Present and reported. Report attached.

- ◆ 100 registered for the convention.
- ◆ 80+ registered for the banquet.

Junior Vice Commandant Pat Sharkey: Present and reported (verbal).

- Emphasized on recruitment.
- Membership strength is down by 6 from the last quarter.
- 69 unpaid memberships. Reach out and find out why?

Judge Advocate Crist Burns: Present and reported. Report attached.

- National has 30 requests for changes to bylaws administrative procedures. If interested in reading them go to the national website https://www.mcleaguelibrary.org/
- If you have concerns about these changes, then go to National and vote. Voting cannot be proxy.

Junior Past Commandant Joe Fay: Present and reported. Report attached.

Adjutant Omar Jabr: Present and reported (verbal).

• Send all Department and Detachments reports, flyers, other documents to jabroi@yahoo.com at least a week prior to the meeting.

Paymaster Anna Laurie Blair: Present and reported (verbal).

• Membership reports and stop light chart for each Detachment were distributed.

Sergeant at Arms Rick Andisik: Present and reported (verbal).

◆ 58 league members in attendance and 1 guest.

Chaplain Leonard Stielper: Present and reported (verbal).

- Submit notice of death.
- Go through your detachment roster and check for deceased members.
- Send him an email once each detachment has cleared their roster.

Public Information Jeff Robinette: Present and reported. Report attached.

Bourbon raffle tickets to support prior to start of convention at the banquet.

Photographer Doc. Gunther: Present, no report.

Web Sergeant Mike Hadley: Excused, no report.

Compliance Officer Rose Mary Beall: Present and reported. Report attached.

Committee Reports:

Legislative – Judge Devlin: Present and reported (verbal).

Perry Point – Kevin Obrian: No report.

Loch Raven - Marian James: Excused, no report.

Toys for Tots – Marian James: Excused, no report.

Charlotte Hall – Greg Ashley: Present and reported (verbal).

Young Marines Liaison – Ray Sturm: Present, and reported (verbal)

- ◆ Rob Willis is the new National School Chairman/Commander.
- Colby Areford, Hamilton Young Marines, is the new Maryland Regiment Commander.

VAVS/VSO – Gary Roundtree: Present and reported (verbal). Reports will be attached upon receipt.

- ◆ VA has begun a recognized 2025 Regional Veterans Day Observance.
- ◆ VA to improve veteran experience via the contact call center.
- Developing song writing for blind and low vison veterans.
- ◆ VA Pact Act.
- Overview of VA Maryland Health Care system Women Veterans Program was presented Dr. Kirksey.
- Every 3rd Wednesday, there is a Congressional stakeholder meeting with VA directors.

Eagle Scout – PDC Stuart Blair: Present and reported. Report attached.

- Recognition helps Scouts see that their community values them and their efforts.
- ◆ Any Detachment can charter a Scout Troop.

MD Veterans Commission – PDC Stuart Blair: Present and reported. Report attached.

License Plates – PDC Craig Reeling: Excused, no report.

Leadership School – PDC Craig Reeling: Excused, no report.

National Uniform Committee – PDC Craig Reeling: Excused, no report.

Chapel of Four Chaplains – PDC Howard Koontz: Present and reported (verbal)

- ◆ No application submitted lately. Submit applications. https://fourchaplains.org/
- League members have free insurance policy (Julie Giblin) for accidental dismemberment and death.

Social Media Chair – Crist Burns: Present and reported. Report attached.

- If a Detachment is hosting an event, invite the Department to be a cohost to expand your reach.
- If you post pictures on Facebook, ensure everything is ok. All violations will be seen by National.

Marine For Life (M4L) Chair – Ray Sturm: Present, no report.

Fallen Marine Program Marine – George Hammerbacher III: Present and reported (verbal).

- If a Detachment wants to start a Fallen Marine Program, please see George.
- If interested in helping/assisting, please see Geroge.

Patuxent River Detachment Liaison – Pat Wyman: Present, no report.

Ft Meade – Gary Roundtree: Present, no report.

Joint Veterans Committee: No report.

Recruiting Station Baltimore Liaison: Position is vacant.

CBRNE Indian Head Liaison: Position is vacant.

Bravo Co. 4th LAR Fort Detrick: Position is vacant.

4th CEB Baltimore Liaison – Athony Jackson: Present and reported (verbal)

◆ Change of Command (May 17, 2025).

Military Order of the Devil Dogs – Pack Leader PDD Omar Jabr: Preset and reported (verbal).

- ◆ Two Pups advance to DD.
- \$846 bone collected for the Children's Hospital.

Marine of the Year Chair – Omar Jabr: 2025 Department Marine of the Year was selected at the February 2025 Department meeting and will be presented at the banquet.

Associate of the Year Chair – Anna Laurie Blair: 2025 Department Associate of the Year was selected at the February 2025 Department meeting and will be presented at the banquet.

Legislative – Judge Devlin: Present and reported (verbal).

- MCL Foundation asked for at least \$100 from each Detachment to support the foundation funds.
- Marines needing assistance or more information should email gerarddevlin@aol.com

Detachment Reports:

Ann Arundel Detachment 1049: Commandant Burt Helmka, present and reported. Report attached.

Antietam Detachment 113: Sr. Vice Commandant Tom Wibberley, present and reported. Report attached.

Baltimore Detachment 565: Commandant Earl Ruff, present and reported. Report attached.

- Trip to Parris Island.
- 4 members composed a rifle team and participated in Department of Pennsylvania rifle match in York, PA on April 25.
- Will be attending the 4th CEB Baltimore Change of Command.

Free State Detachment 544: Commandant Jerry Devlin, present and reported (verbal). Discuss turn in charter.

Garrett County Detachment 1234: Commandant Rob Heilig, present and reported. Report attached.

Cpl Pete Arnold Detachment 1198: Commandant Crist Burns, present and reported. Report attached.

LCpl Gregory S. Copenhaver Detachment 1098: Not present, no report.

LCpl Robert W. Deane Detachment 770: Commandant Bobby Lee, present and reported. Report attached.

Maryland Marines M-A-L Detachment 1371: Not present, no report.

Mountainside Marines Detachment 1071: Present, no report.

Patuxent River (1305: Commandant Greg Ashley, present and sent and reported (verbal).

- Gold Star Memorial in Leonardtown, MD.
- ◆ 1st Golf tournament to support the Gold Star.

Peacekeepers Detachment 1492: Commandant Rick Pounsberry, present and reported (verbal).

Sgt Jack Hettchen Detachment 1428: Commandant Wayne Miller, present and reported. Report attached.

Shangri-La Detachment 118: Not present, no report

SSgt Walter "Trae" Cohee III Detachment 115: Commandant Roger Martinson, present and reported. Report attached.

SSgt Karl G. Taylor Detachment 1084: Mike Betts, present and reported. Report attached.

District Vice Commandants:

District 1 – Vice Commandant Larry Jackson: Excused, no report.

District 2 – Vice Commandant Earl Ruff: Present, nothing new to report. Report attached.

District 3 – Vice Commandant Omar Jabr: Present and reported. Report attached.

District 4 – Vice Commandant Paul Gunther: Present and reported. Report attached.

District 5 – Vice Commandant Jeff Robinette: Present and reported. Report attached.

 Mountainside Les Matthews completed the transfer of members to Maryland Marines at Large Detachment 1371

Streamers were presented to North Carolina, New Jersey, and Massachusetts Departments.

Recess for 10 minutes

Special Committees: N/A

Unfinished Business: N/A

New Business: N/A

Good of the League:

John W. Hierstetter talked about the successful trip to Parris Island, SC. This trip is becoming a yearly thing. Next trip is April 2025 (Need to deconflict with Mideast Division Conference at Delaware).

Joe DeAngelo announced that the Kennel is having 50/50 raffle, 1 for \$10 and 3 for \$25. If interested go to https://militaryorderofthedevildogs.org/

2025-2026 Department of Maryland Elected Officers Nominations:

- ◆ For Commandant: Tony Rust
- ◆ For Sr. Vice Commandant: Crist Burns
- ◆ For Jr. Vice Commandant: Burt Helmka
- ◆ For Judge Advocate: Pat Sharkey
- ◆ For Junior Past Commandant: Joe Fay

2025-2026 Department of Maryland Appointed Officers Nominations:

- ◆ For Adjutant: Omar Jabr
- ◆ For Paymaster: Anna Laurie Blair
- ◆ For Chaplain: Leonard Stielper
- ◆ For Sgt-at-Arms: Richard Andisik

There were no other nominations form the floor.

The Adjutant casted one unanimous vote for the elected and appointed officers.

There is a motion on the floor for the Maryland Delegates to vote back into office the existing Board of Officers at National. Motioned by Jerry Devlin and seconded by Paul Gunther. Discussion: What if there is a new submission on the floor? What will Maryland Delegates do? The original motion is amended to state if a nomination floor vote nomination comes on the floor, then the Maryland Delegates on site can vote accordingly after caucusing. Amendment was passed and the original vote as amended was passed.

Announcements:

Dr. Tiffany Daniels, Chaplain, Department of Maryland, Veterans of Foreign Wars, was named the Joint Veterans Committee Veteran of the Year.

Luau will start at 1800 with social hour and followed by dinner at 1900. Raffles, silent auctions, etc. will be pulled at social hour.

Next Department Meeting is on 23 August 2025. Hosted by LCpl Robert W. Deane Detachment 770, location TBD.

David Porter (National Jr. Vice Commandant) conducted Department of Maryland Installation of Officers. He was assisted by CDD Jeff Jones (Chief Devil Dog) and PDD Joe DeAngelo (Sr. Vice Chief Devil Dog).

Commandant Tony Rust and his staff were sworn in for their Second term of 2025.

Meeting Adjourned at 1120 until the banquet

Banquet

Meeting reconvened at 1900

Rob Heilig is the banquet host and emcee.

Dignitaries, guests, officers, and staff were recognized.

Anna Laurie Blair and Tim Sheppard performed the POW/MIA memorial ceremony.

Taps was played and Chaplain Leonard Stielper offered the Invocation.

Dinner was served at 1912

Meeting reconvened at 2002

Guest of Honor Col Javier Garcia, USMC retired, was introduced by Commandant Tony Rust. Commandant Tony Rust presented Col Garcia with a special gift.

Pack Dog of the Year: PDD Crist Burns, Dog Patch Pound 333, Jarrettsville, MD.

(Pack Dog of the Year Committee Chairman PDD Leonard Stielper)

Associate of the Year: Mario Meaux, Cpl Pete Arnold Detachment 1198, Forest Hill, MD.

(Associate of the Year Society Chair Anna Laurie Blair)

Marine of the Year: Burt Helmka, Ann Arundel Detachment 1049, Glen Burnie, MD.

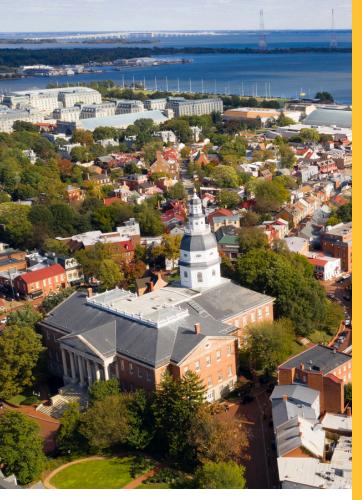
(Marine of the Year Society Chair Omar Jabr).

Raffle drawings, auctions and silent auctions held.

The Convention adjourned at 2105

Respectfully Submitted,

Omar Jabr Department Adjutant Department of Maryland Marine Corps League



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Core Programs

Service and Benefits Program
Charlotte Hall Veterans Home
Cemetery and Memorial Program
Maryland Veterans Trust Fund
Communications, Outreach, and
Advocacy Program



Service Program Offices*

Baltimore Regional Office

31 Hopkins Plaza, Rm 3020 800-446-4926, ext 6450

Bel Air/MVA Service Center

501 W. Macphail Road 410-638-6501/6507

Camp Springs

6420 Allentown Road 301-248-0463

Carroll County Veteran Services

125 Stoner Avenue 410-386-3800

Charlotte Hall

29431 Charlotte Hall Road 240-249-0474

Cumberland//MVA Service Center

13300 Winchester Road, SW 301-729-4676

Glen Burnie/MVA Service Center

6601 Ritchie Highway, Rm 30 410-424-3039

Easton

11 South Harrison Street 410-690-7181

Elkton/MVA Service Center

105 Chesapeake Blvd., Suite A 667-225-6870

Frederick

100 West Patrick Street, Rm 2120 240-651-8896

Gaithersburg/MVA Service Center

15 Metropolitan Grove Road 301-987-8412/8413

Hagerstown/MVA Service Center

18306 Col. Henry K Douglas Drive 240-527-6894

Laurel

9900 Washington Blvd, Suite I 410-313-0229

Salisbury/MVA Service Center

251 Tilghman Road 410-219-7256

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Cemeteries and Memorials

Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery

Cheltenham, MD 301-372-6398

Crownsville Veterans Cemetery

Crownsville, MD 410-987-6320

Eastern Shore Veterans Cemetery

Hurlock, MD 410-943-3420

Garrison Forest Veterans Cemetery

Owings Mills, MD 410-363-6090

Rocky Gap Veterans Cemetery

Flintstone, MD 301-777-2185

World War II Memorial, Annapolis Korean War Memorial, Baltimore Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Baltimore Gold Star Families Monument, Annapolis War Memorial Building, Baltimore

Charlotte Hall Veterans Home 301-884-8181, ext 5111

Veterans Trust Fund

410-260-3836

Communications and Outreach

410-260-3842/3840

Women Veterans Inclusion Program 410-260-3971



Contact Us

phone: 410-260-3838

email: mdveteransinfo@maryland.gov

Important Hotlines

Veterans Crisis Line: 988 press 1 or text 838255 My VA411 Information Line: 800-698-2411 VA National Center for Homeless Veterans: 877-4AID-VET

VA Women Veterans Call Center: 855-VA-WOMEN (829-6636)

Arlington National Cemetery: 877-907-8585



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Scan QR codes, visit popular links to trusted VA websites, or call the MyVA411 hotline at (800) 698-2411 to learn more about VA resources.



VA.gov is the gateway to access and manage your VA benefits and health care.

www.va.gov



The VA Welcome Kit provides an overview of benefits and services. www.va.gov/welcome-kit/



With the official VA: Health & Benefits app, you can manage your VA health care, benefits, and payments from your mobile phone or tablet.

www.mobile.va.gov/app/vahealth-and-benefits



My HealtheVet is a free online tool to manage your health care. Refill and track prescriptions, access your medical records, and communicate with your health care team.

www.myhealth.va.gov

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- Hold your device so that the single QR code appears on your smartphone's screen.
- Once the QR code is centered on your smartphone's screen, your device will recognize the QR code and show a notification.
- Tap the notification to open the link associated with the QR code.
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Veterans Crisis Line



Contact the Veterans Crisis Line. Available 24/7 via phone, text, and online chat.



Receive crisis support

The Veterans Crisis Line provides confidential crisis support for Veterans and their loved ones. You don't have to be enrolled in VA benefits or health care to connect.

Crisis Hotline: Dial 988 (then press 1)

Text Hotline: Text at 838255

www.veteranscrisisline.net/get-help-now/chat/

For phone numbers listed in this resource, dial 711 if TTY-based Telecommunications Relay Services are needed.

Health Care





Apply for VA health care, find out how to access services, and manage your health and benefits online.

Apply for VA health care

Apply for health care benefits for Veterans and transitioning service members.

Health Care Hotline: (877) 222-8387

www.va.gov/health-care/how-to-apply/

Manage your appointments online

Schedule, cancel, and manage health appointments online.

<u>www.va.gov/health-care/schedule-view-va-appointments/</u>

Pay copays and use multiple insurances

Check your balance for medical services and prescription copays, request help, or dispute charges.

Pay by Phone: (888) 827-4817

www.va.gov/health-care/pay-copay-bill/

Apply for travel pay

Request reimbursement for travel expenses to and from approved health care appointments.

Travel Pay Call Center: (855) 574-7292

www.va.gov/health-care/get-reimbursed-for-travel-pay/

Explore long-term care

Learn about assisted living, residential, and home health care.

Health Care Hotline: (877) 222-8387

<u>www.va.gov/health-care/about-va-health-benefits/long-term-care/</u>

Learn about qualifying for VA dental care

Find out if you qualify for dental care benefits.

MyVA411: (800) 698-2411

www.va.gov/health-care/about-va-health-benefits/dental-care/

Learn about your VA primary care team

VA takes a team approach to health care with you at the center. Research shows this kind of approach leads to better quality care, more satisfied patients, and fewer hospital visits.

Health Care Hotline: (877) 222-8387

<u>www.va.gov/health-care/about-va-health-benefits/your-care-team/</u>

VA Health Connect Clinical Contact Centers

VA Health Connect provides Veterans with access to health care via virtual clinical contact centers that are available 24/7/365. Veterans can access VA Health Connect by calling their local medical center to schedule primary care appointments, speak to a nurse, meet with a clinical contact center medical provider, and check on their medications.

Fill in your VA Contact Center phone number:

Find urgent and emergency care

If you are having a medical emergency, dial 911. Have a plan of where to go for urgent and emergent care.

<u>www.va.gov/initiatives/emergency-room-911-or-urgent-care/</u>

Explore Community Care/MISSION Act

Access other providers when VA cannot provide the care needed.

Community Care National Contact Center (877) 881-7618

www.va.gov/communitycare/

Find VA Locations





Find a VA location or in-network community care provider.
www.va.gov/find-locations/

Disability





File a claim for disability compensation for conditions related to your military service and manage your benefits over time.

Learn about the PACT Act

Learn how the PACT Act expands VA health care and benefits for Veterans exposed to burn pits, Agent Orange, and toxic substances.

MyVA411: (800) 698-2411

<u>www.va.gov/resources/the-pact-act-and-your-va-benefits/</u>

Apply for an initial disability rating or increase

Learn how to file a claim for a disability related to military service.

VA Benefits Line: (800) 827-1000

www.va.gov/disability/how-to-file-claim/

Find local Veteran Service Organizations (VSO)

Get help from an accredited representative.

MyVA411: (800) 698-2411

www.va.gov/get-help-from-accredited-representative/

Education and Training





Apply for and manage your GI Bill and other education benefits to help pay for college and training programs.

Continue education with the GI Bill

Explore how VA can help pay for education.

Education Contact Center

From the U.S.: (888) 442-4551

From Overseas: 001-918-781-5678

www.va.gov/education/about-gi-bill-benefits

Housing Assistance





Find out if you're eligible for a VA-backed home loan. If you have a service-connected disability, see if you qualify for a housing grant to help you live more independently.

Apply for housing assistance

Learn more about home loans and other benefits that can help you improve, build, or keep your current home.

Regional Loan Center: (877) 827-3702 www.va.gov/housing-assistance/

Receive help for homelessness and housing instability

Get connected with housing solutions and community services.

Call Center: (877) 424-3838 www.va.gov/homeless/

Careers and Employment





Apply for Veteran Readiness and Employment (VR&E), get support for your Veteranowned small business, and access other career resources.

Prepare for careers and employment

Receive support for education, training, and credentialing needed for employment.

MyVA411: (800) 698-2411

www.va.gov/careers-employment

Veteran Readiness and Employment (VR&E)

Service members and Veterans with service-connected disabilities may qualify for VR&E, also known as Chapter 31.

<u>www.va.gov/careers-employment/vocational-rehabilitation/</u>

Pension





Apply for monthly payments for wartime Veterans and survivors with limited or no income who meet certain age and disability requirements.

Apply for supplemental income

Learn how pensions provide supplemental income for some wartime Veterans and their survivors.

VA Benefits Line: (800) 827-1000

www.va.gov/pension/

Fiduciary Program

The fiduciary program provides oversight for VA's most vulnerable beneficiaries who are unable to manage their own VA benefits.

Fiduciary Line: (888) 407-0144 www.benefits.va.gov/fiduciary/

Family Member Benefits





Learn about the benefits you may qualify for as a spouse, dependent, or survivor. Find out what else you may be eligible for as a family member caring for a Veteran with disabilities.

Caregiver support program

The VA Caregiver Support Program offers services to caregivers of eligible and covered Veterans enrolled in VA Health Care.

(855) 260-3274

www.caregiver.va.gov

Benefits for Spouses, Dependents, Survivors

Learn about life insurance, money for school, survivors pension, and other benefits you may qualify for.

www.va.gov/family-and-caregiver-benefits/

VA Benefits Hotline: (800) 827-1000

Find and use counseling services

Access counseling, outreach, and referral services for eligible active duty service members, Veterans, and their families.

Vet Center Line: (877) 927-8387

www.vetcenter.va.gov

Connect with social workers

VA social workers assist with resource navigation, crisis intervention, advocacy, case management, benefit assistance, mental health related interventions, treatment for substance use dependence, food insecurity, and support for those facing housing instability and homelessness.

Health Care Hotline: (877) 222-8387 (press 0)

www.socialwork.va.gov

Fisher House™ Program

Located within walking distance of the treatment facility, a VA Fisher House[™] provides temporary accommodations at no cost for Veterans, service members, their families, and caregivers while the Veteran or service member receives treatment at major military and VA medical facilities.

Current Fisher House locations. www.socialwork.va.gov/fisher.asp

VA Fisher House[™] phone numbers available at <u>www.</u> <u>socialwork.va.gov/Fisher House Locations.asp</u>

Burials and Memorials





Get help planning a burial in a VA national cemetery, order a headstone or other memorial item to honor a Veteran's service, and apply for survivor and dependent benefits.

Schedule a burial for a Veteran or family member

Get step-by-step guidance on how to request and apply for a burial in a VA national cemetery or in a state or tribal government Veterans cemetery.

National Cemetery Scheduling Office

(000) F3F 1117

(800) 535-1117

www.va.gov/burials-memorials/schedule-a-burial/

Honor a Veteran or Reservist with memorial items

Find out how to apply for markers, medallions, headstones, Presidential Memorial Certificates, and other memorial items to honor a Veteran's service. Headstones and Markers: (800) 697-6947 www.va.gov/burials-memorials/memorial-

www.vlm.cem.va.gov

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Department of Maryland Marine Corps League



From: Rob Heilig, Sr Vice Commandant Thru: Adjutant, Department of Maryland,

Marine Corps League

To: Commandant, Department of Maryland,

Marine Corps League

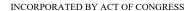
Subj: Quarterly Report 10 May 2025

We have a total of 98 registered for the Department Convention. The banquet has a total of 78 registered. We have one more year at the Grand Hotel. Seems the prices are going up and up. It appears the days of doing things on the cheap is over. We will begin looking for a new venue to hopefully find something as good or better. Anyone with ideas or suggestions please let Tony or myself know.

Also I need to report that the ad's for the convention booklet was not good. With prices going higher and higher the Department needs the support of all Detachments, not just a few. Hopefully next year will be better.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Rob Heilig Sr Vice Commandant Dept of Maryland Marine Corps League





10 May 2025

From: Judge Advocate, Department of Maryland

To: Commandant, Department of Maryland, Marine Corps League Cc: Adjutant, Department of Maryland, Marine Corps League

Subj: Department Meeting Report - Department Judge Advocate

Past Results:

- Supported the Cpl Pete Arnold Detachment 1198 with their past events.
- Ensured the updated MCL Department Bylaws and Administrative Procedures get the necessary approvals.
- Refamiliarized myself with the updated MCL National Bylaws Administrative Procedures, and other SOPs.

Future Plans:

- Continue to support the Cpl Pete Arnold Detachment 1198 with their future events.
- Continue to refamiliarize myself with the updated MCL National Bylaws, Administrative Procedures, and other SOPs.
- Monitor Change Proposals (30 of them) to the National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures.
- Pending nominations and elections, continue to serve as the Department Judge Advocate for the next year.

Semper Fidelis,

Crist Burns Jr.

Judge Advocate Department of Maryland

Crist Burns Jr.

Marine Corps League



Department of Maryland Dept. Convention May 09/10, 2025 Jr. Past Commandant – Joe Fay



I have attended/supported the following events since our Department Meeting on February 8, 2025.

Past events:

- Feb 15 th	Pax River Dawgs Pound 344 Growl
- Feb. 19 th	Joint Veterans Committee of Maryland Meeting
- Feb 27 th	Mid-Winter Conference, Arlington, VA
- Mar. 4 th	Patuxent River Detachment Monthly Meeting
- Mar. 19 th	Joint Veterans Committee of Maryland Meeting
- Apr. 1 st	Patuxent River Detachment Monthly Meeting
- Apr. 5 th	Pax River Dawgs Pound 344 Growl
- May 2 nd	Supported Gold Star Memorial Fundraiser Golf Tournament
- May 3 rd	Supported Gold Star Memorial Fundraiser 50/50 at Elks Lodge.
- May 4 th	Supported Springfest at Leonardtown Fairgrounds
- May 6 th	Patuxent River Detachment Monthly Meeting
 Feb 10th t 	thru April 14 th Weekly JVC of Maryland Legislative Zoom Meeting

<u>Joint Veterans Committee of Maryland:</u> The JVC has been very busy. We reviewed all Maryland House and Senate bills for any impact on veterans. We then met to determine which bills we would support, favorable or unfavorable. JVC members then provided in person, zoom, and written testimony on those bills. If anyone is interested on participating or attending a JVC meeting see the Department Commadnant.

MCL Scuttlebutt: A Zoom meeting is held every month at 1900 with the exception of February (Mid-Winter) and August (National Convention). This is an open Zoom meeting that anyone can attend. There is allot of good information passed. If you have an idea for a topic feel free to email or message the National Public Relations Committee.

*** If you or your Detachment does not like the way something is done in the Department, it will not change unless you attend meetings and seek change. ***

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe Fay

Jr. Past Commandant Department of Maryland Marine Corps League bigjoe64@yahoo.com (301) 247-3830

INVITE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS TO YOUR EVENTS



Marine Corps League Department of Maryland



JEFF ROBINETTE
District 5 Vice Commandant
Public Affairs Officer
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(301) 697-8314

TO: Commandant Department of Maryland

FROM: JEFF ROBINETTE

District 5 Vice Commandant Public Affairs Officer Department of Maryland

SUBJECT: Department of Maryland Convention report 10 May 2025

PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER

We must report great news! Our Woodford Reserve Bourbon Raffle is Going very well. I am pleased to pass along that 2 detachments have bought \$345 worth of tickets for this charity. Additionally, we have received an additional \$170 in cash donations.

One detachment has sponsored a dog for training in this program. They have the honor of naming the breed and naming the Dog. The process of sponsoring a dog for America's Vet Dogs is moderately expensive and lengthy.

Just a quick story, My Veterinarian has a dog that sadly was determined to be untrainable for this program. Surreptitiously I found out about his Dog, Oscar. When I took my dog in for a checkup, I asked him if Oscar still had nightmares about being locked up in prison! To say that he was shocked is an understatement, he was floored. He ended up buying several tickets.

Recently I did observe something unexpected; CPD was conducting their annual firearm Qualification on our range. I never considered shooting from any other stance than Strong Hand Supported. It makes a difference in my training.

District 5

Both Antietam and Garrett County are working very well as they are cohesive well lead Detachments. They are active and motivated to serve their communities.

Mountainside's membership did recently loose one of their own, Marine Bill Swarner passed away on 7 April.

Sincerely,

Jeff Robinette

Jeff Robinette

Compliance Officer Report – Convention May 2025

Rose Mary (Rosie) Beall

The stop light report is attached.

Most Detachments need to do the MD Form 1 and 990-N for this year depending on when your filing period is.

My report is update as of 5/4/2025. I am waiting on a report from the Army about the Rifle Trennial Audit.

If you could please email a copy of your confirmation from the IRS that your filing status was accepted, that would be appreciated.

Please send you ROI report into the Department Paymaster.

If you need any help with filing any of these reports, please feel free to contact me.

The following links are where you go to file the necessary forms:

MD Form 1
RegisterYourBusinessOnline/Maryland.gov

IRS

Irs.gov/charities-and-nonprofits
Annual filing & forms
Finding filing forms
Annual electronic notice(ePostcard) for small business
Submit Form 990-N (ePostcard)
Then sign in or create a new account.

COR92

https://onestop.md.gov

Must be filled out online.

Rifle Trennial Audit

If you did not receive an email with a code or link to file the audit, You can call 571-588-4299.

Rosie Beall 301-253-6096 Rosie12757@verizon.net

Detachment		Last 990N	MD Farms 1	Registered MD Non	DOI.	PLM Audit			Rifle Trennial
Detachment	#	Filed	MD Form 1	Profit Charity	ROI	Audit	Bank	955 & 501c4	Audit
Department of Maryland		2023	6/22/2024		5/11/2024				
Anne Arundel County	1049	2023	4/15/2025	Pending	3/18/2024	1	1	1	
Antietam	1113	2023	2/3/2025		3/4/2025	1	1	1	3/24/2025
Baltimore	565	2023	4/9/2025		4/25/2025	1	1	1	Turning In
Cpl Pete Arnold	1198	2023	3/9/2024	Pending	4/23/2024	1	1	1	10/23/2017
Free State Marines	544	2023	3/30/2023		?	1	1	1	
Garrett County	1234	2023	Forfeited		10/5/2023	1	1	1	
LCpl Gregory S. Copenhaver	1098	2022	Forfeited	3/8/2024		0	0	1	
LCpl Robert W. Deane	770	2024	1/31/2025		4/16/2024	1	1	1	4/29/2024
Maryland Marines	1371	2024	2/9/2025			0	1	1	
Patuxent River	1305	2023	4/11/2025		3/5/2024	1	1	1	1/11/2023
Peacekeepers	1492	2023	2/1/2023		4/11/2024	0	0	1	
Sgt Jack Hettchen	1428	2023	4/11/2024	Pending	5/7/2024	1	1	1	
Shangri-La	118	2024	4/15/2025		4/8/2024	1	0	1	
SSgt Karl G. Taylor	1084	2022	2/26/2024			0	0	1	
SSgt Walter F. "Trae" Cohee III	115	2023	2/6/2025		?	1	1	1	
Last Verified		5/4/2025	5/4/2025	5/4/2025	5/4/2025	4/20/2024	4/20/2024	4/20/2024	5/1/2025

Charter Turned in/Closing

Carroll County	896	2020	2020		0	1	1	
Choptank	439	2020	2019		0	1	1	
Mountainside Marines	1071	2022	2021		0	1	0	
Sgt Jason D. Mileo	1147	2021	2023		0	1	1	



FROM: Stuart Blair, PDC

Chairman

Eagle Scout Awards Program

Department of Maryland Marine Corps League

THRU: Adjutant, Department of Maryland,

Marine Corps League

TO: Commandant, Department of Maryland,

Marine Corps League

SUBJ: Report – Eagle Scout Awards Program

Marine Corps League Department of Maryland

Convention 2025

Recognition in Scouting

Recognition helps Scouts see that their community values them and their contributions to the success of their team and their troop overall. This is particularly key when Scouting America teaching life's growth in character. It helps the Scouts build a sense of value to the community, motivating them to continue future challenges. The Marine Corps League is an important part of this, recognizing the Eagle Scout for their achievements with the "Good Citizenship Award."

Can a MCL Detachment charter a Scout Troop?

Yes, Marine Corps League (MCL) detachments can and often do charter Scout troops. They are a chartered organization, meaning the MCL is the official sponsor of the Boy Scout troop. The MCL supports scouting through various means, including funding, providing leadership, and offering resources.

Here's how it works:

Chartering:

MCL detachments can be a sponsoring organization for a Boy Scout troop, meaning they provide the necessary oversight and support for the troop's operations.

Support:

Detachments can help with fundraising, recruitment, and providing resources for Scout activities like camporees and service projects.

Good Citizenship Awards presented July 2023 - 30 April 2024

In the past fiscal year, July 2024 to date, there have been (71) seventy-one presentations of the GCA by 10 detachments.

Remember the "Square Knot Award"

This Award is presented annually to a MCL member directly associated as leader / counselor with a BSA Troop. Criteria/Registration form - online mcInational.org/youthdevelopmentprograms

Reminder

- Please make contact with ESGCA requester within a reasonable time for scheduling presentation
- Advise Scouting AmericaDept. Chairman of contact
- Utilize the "Eagle Scout Awards Report Form."
 Contact me: thistleman@verizon.net for ESGCA Presentation Report Form
 The report will allow the Department
 to track your progress throughout the year.
- The next report May June 2024 * Completion of fiscal year
 2024-2025 report is due one week before MCL National Convention

Thank you for all that you do !

REPORT DULY SUBMITTED: 10 May 2025

Stuart P. Blair, PDC

Stuart P. Black

Chairman * Eagle Scout Awards Program

Department of Maryland

Marine Corps League



FROM: Stuart Blair, PDC

MCL Commissioner

Maryland Veterans Commission

THRU: Adjutant, Department of Maryland,

Marine Corps League

TO: Commandant, Department of Maryland,

Marine Corps League

SUBJ: Report - Maryland Veterans Commission

Marine Corps League Department of Maryland,

2025 Convention

MVC Quarterly Meeting

On Tuesday 15 April 2025 the Maryland Veterans Commission held their quarterly meeting @ Reveille Grounds, Baltimore, MD 21230 with 21 Commissioners representing VSOs and congressional districts, representing the Marine Corps League was Commissioner Stuart Blair, PDC.

Deputy Secretary, Ross Cohen, Maryland Department of Veterans & Military Families (DVMF) REPORT:

Update: Legislation

2025 DVMF Session Recap

As you know, the Maryland General Assembly has adjourned for the 2025 session. You can receive a legislative update request by contacting me thistleman@verizon.net.

Maryland Veterans Trust Fund

\$300,000 available * Grants awarded this year \$15, 000

Veterans Homes

Charlotte Hall _Less than capacity * Owings Mills construction begins * Perry Point- Property acquired

Cemetery / Memorials

The DVMF Cemetery Program is the largest of its kind in the nation. In addition the Maryland Department of Veterans and Military Families manage three veteran Memorials. The Maryland World War II Memorial is in Annapolis, and the Vietnam War and Korean War Memorials are in Baltimore.

2431 interred fiscal year * Memorial Day ceremonies in place

Benefits / Claims

- Unlocking Veteran Tax Exemptions
 - Most U.S. states and territories provide tax benefits for Veterans, their families and survivors. Check out this state-by-state guide detailing tax benefits and exemptions available to Veterans.
- The Maryland Department of Veterans & Military Families Service and Benefits Program provides assistance to the men and women who served in the Uniformed Services of the United States, their dependents, and survivors in obtaining benefits from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Department of Defense, State of Maryland and other programs for veterans and their families. In FY24, DVMF had a 95% approval rating for claims presented to the VA on behalf of veterans and family members. All of our veteran benefits specialists are accredited by the VA.
- There are eight VA locations in Maryland offering a variety of health, support, and facility services for Veterans. This includes medical centers, clinics, and other support facilities. Check online MDVMF for VA Service Center near you.

Presentations:

Jessica Lafave, Community Engagement & Partnership Coordinator VA Deflection Committee

Michael Baker U.S. Vet Center

Subcommittee Reports

Homeless Subcommittee

All topics presented here are available in detail Contact Stuart Blair: thistleman@verizon.net

Next MVC meeting will be Tuesday 15 July, 2025 100 Community Place, Crownsville, MD

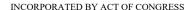
REPORT DULY SUBMITTED: 10 May 2025

Stuart P. Blair, PDC

Commissioner, Marine Corps League

Maryland Veterans Commission

Stuart P. Blow





10 May 2025

From: Social Media Chairman, Department of Maryland

To: Commandant, Department of Maryland, Marine Corps League Adjutant, Department of Maryland, Marine Corps League Cc:

Subj: Department Meeting Report - Social Media Chairman

Past:

- Continued to monitor "The Marine Corps League" Facebook page to add any content to Department page.
- Continued to monitor Detachment Facebook pages to add any content to Department page.
- Continued to share Detachment posts to Department page to increase overall exposure and engagement.

Future:

- Continue to monitor the National, Department, and Detachment pages for content, continued compliance, and increased digital engagement.
- Assist with seeking a replacement for Social Media Chairman.

Semper Fidelis,

Crist Burns Jr. Social Media Chairman

Crist Burns Jr.

Department of Maryland

Marine Corps League

Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049

419 N. Carolina Ave.

Pasadena, Maryland 21122-5426

www.mclaacdet1049.org Facebook: Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049, MCL

Period covered:8 February 2025 to 10 May 2025

The Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049 meets the third Monday of every month. The meetings are held at the American Legion Post# 175, 832 Manhattan Beach Rd. Severna Park, Md.21146

Installation of Officers

Installation of officers was 18 March, 2024

Burton Helmka was elected for the Commandant position.

Installation was done by Dept. of Md.Past Commandant Howard Koontz.

Membership

	Life	<u>Annual</u>	Unpaid
Regular	62	6	4
Associate	10	3	2
Multiple	4		
TOTAL	85 m	embers	

The detachment continues its attempts to contact and recover every delinquent

Community

On 19th of April 2025, the detachment held its recruitment drive at Bass Pro Shops. We as a detachment feel it was a success. The drive was done in conjunction with the Young Marines.

Color Guard

The Color Guard has no events till May.

Marines Helping Heroes Foundation

This year's golf tournament is cancelled but a fundraiser will be held for this great charity.

Eagle Scouts

Detachment #1049 presented 5 Eagle Scout awards since 8th of February 2025. Our Eagle Scout coordinator has stepped away due to family. Commandant will coordinate for now.

Good of the League

The detachment's fellowship dinners are a hit. The next one is to be held on 23 rd. of May at Casa Della Nonna restaurant at 1830. Address is 8141 Telegraph Rd. Severn, Md. Recruitment drive at Bass Pro was a huge success. A lot of brochures were handed out and donations collected. Our Detachment Bull & Oyster Roast was back and in full swing. A good time was had by all. We raised \$3,442.00 dollars, to be used on other charities. I had the privilege to be at and help with Task Force Ripper Reunion. a true honor and humbling experience to celebrate with these warriors.

Membership

Looking at different ways to bring in new members

Young Marines

Our Young Marines are very busy at this time. Their recruitment drive and fundraiser was an overall success.

Semper Fidelis
Burton L Helmka
Commandant A.A. County Detachment # 1049



<u> Antietam Detachment, Inc.</u>

Marine Corps League, # 113

P.O. Box 4674 Hagerstown, Maryland 21742-4674





DATE: 04 MAY 2025

FROM: Commandant, Antietam Detachment, #113, TO: Commandant, Department of Maryland,

SUBJ: Quarterly Department of Maryland Report – 04 May 2025

MEMBERSHIP

Strength - 53 Paid Life Members - 26 Unpaid - 0

SICK, DISTRESSED & DECEASED

None

EVENTS

Provided Color Guard for four events.

Antietam Detachment has multiple events scheduled for Memorial Day observations.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

None

CHILDREN & YOUTH

No Eagle Scout awards this quarter.

VETERANS SERVICES

Honor guard performed 16 funerals.

Detachment Membership voted to sponsor a K9 Service Dog for a veteran through the "America's Vet Dogs" program.

TOYS FOR TOTS PROGRAM STATUS

None.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

Antietam Detachment Color Guard presented colors for Baltimore Orioles and Hagerstown Flying Boxcars home games. Color Guard invited back to Camden Yards for the Orioles game on June 29.

Report duly submitted: **Chuck Martin** Commandant Antietam Detachment, #113 **Department Of Maryland MARINE CORPS LEAGUE**



Marine Corps League

Department of Maryland Baltimore Detachment 565

1426 East Fort Avenue Baltimore Maryland 21230-5247 Commandant565@gmail.com 410-547-7699



10 May 2025

- 1. Detachment Commandant was in attendance at the National Mid Winter Conference held in Arlington Va.
- 2. Five members of the Detachment participated in the trip to Parris Island which was organized by Marine Harry Hierstetter of the Cpl Pete Arnold Detachment.
- 3. Four Detachment members who represent the Detachment Rifle Team participated in The Department of Pa. Rifle Match in York Pa.
- 4. The Detachment retuned 10 Ceremonial Rifles to The Civilian Marksmanship Program on 11 April 2025.
- 5. Detachment held Officers election in April and installation was performed by Past Honorary Department Commandant Paul Taylor.
- 6. Detachment Commandant and Sr. Vice Commandant were in attendance at the Commandant of the Marine Corps Reception and Sunset Parade, guest of Honor for this event was the Vice President J.D. Vance.
- 7. Upcoming event members of the Detachment will be attending a Change of Command Ceremony at the 4th Combat Engineer Battalion Reserve Center on 17 May 2025.

Earl Ruff Jr Commandant



Garrett County Marine Corps League Detachment 1234



From: Rob Heilig, Commandant

Garrett County Detachment 1234
Thru: Adjutant, Department of Maryland,

Marine Corps League

To: Commandant, Department of Maryland,

Marine Corps League

Subj: Quarterly Report 10 May 2025

Membership: Total membership 46 with 33 life members, 13 regular

members.

Sickness & Distress: John Williams home after a stroke.

Current Events: Upcoming is the 11th annual golf tournament. At this

time we have 31 teams and looking for more. Hole sponsors are also needed. \$100.00 and you can

sponsor a hole. We also gave our Francis Pepe awards

out to the best JROTC cadet at the Northern and

Southern High Schools.

Upcoming: Preparing for Memorial Day Parade. We also do a

program at the Oakland Cemetery and Veterans Park.

Summary: The detachment is in great shape. We have a great

core group. Don't know what I would do without them.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Rob Heilig Commandant Garrett County Det 1234 Dept of Md Marine Corps League

INCORPORATED BY ACT OF CONGRESS

10 May 2025

From: Commandant, Corporal Pete Arnold Detachment 1198

To: Commandant, Department of Maryland, Marine Corps League Cc: Adjutant, Department of Maryland, Marine Corps League

Subj: Department Meeting Report - Corporal Pete Arnold Detachment 1198

Membership

See National Roster

Past Events

- 14-16 February Jarrettsville Fire Dept. Gun Show in Jarrettsville, MD
- 27 February 1 March Midwinter Conference in Arlington, VA
- 12 April Chesty's Chow in Aberdeen, MD
- 19 April VFW Auxiliary Craft Show at Jarrettsville VFW
- 22 April Detachment Officer Installations
 - Commandant: Crist Burns
 Sr. Vice Cmdt: John Arrao
 Jr. Vice Cmdt: Rick Andisik
 Judge Advocate: Clint Davis
- 26-27 April Timonium Gun Show in Timonium, MD
- 28 April Color Guard for Baltimore Orioles Game
- 9-11 May Department Convention in Ocean City, MD

Upcoming Events

- May-November First Fridays in Bel Air & Havre de Grace, MD
- 26 May Memorial Day Events
- 27-29 June Mideast Division Conference in Fredericksburg, VA
- 4-5 July 4th of July Parades in Bel Air & Havre de Grace, MD
- 19 July Detachment Picnic at Jarrettsville VFW
- 11-15 August National Convention in Grapevine, TX
- 6 September Detachment Purse Bingo at Jarrettsville VFW

Semper Fidelis,

Crist Burns Jr.

Crist Burns Jr.
Commandant
Cpl Pete Arnold Det. 1198
Marine Corps League



LCpl Robert W. Deane Detachment 770 Marine Corps League



Email: info@mcldeane.org

Marine Corp League Department of Maryland Convention Meeting May 2025 Robert E. Lee - Commandant, LCpl Robert W. Deane Detachment #770

Subject: Report Department of Maryland Period: February 2025 – May 2025

Membership: Strength – 92 Total Members, 54 Life Members, 10 paid Regular Members, 4 Associate

Members and 19 unpaid members.

Working on updating the membership list, dues, addresses, emails, and phone numbers.

We have applications for new membership at all our events and Fundraisers.

Sick/Distressed: All are well.

Fundraisers: Crab Feast Raffle has started.

Golf Tournament is September 9, 2025

Hot Dog Sales at Southern States start in May.

We will be participating at the 4 County Lions Carnival in June.

Events: Members participated in a firing party for member Bob Newman at his funeral.

We attended the Veterans Celebration of Carroll County Day Had our election of officers in March and Installation in April.

Marine Corps League LCpl Deane Detachment #770, Ltd.





PO Box 711 Mt. Airy, MD 21771 www.mcIdeane.org info@mcIdeane.org





Dear Patrons:

The LCpl Robert W. Deane Detachment #770 Marine Corps League will hold their 14th Annual Golf Tournament on Monday September 8, 2025, at The Links at Challedon, Mt. Airy Maryland.

We are grateful for your support and anticipating your generous participation as we head into our campaign for this year. We would appreciate a monetary donation, sponsor a hole for \$100.00 (which would include a sign with your logo on it), a donation for a door prize for our golfers and/or a foursome for the golf tournament (single golfers are also welcome). If you could donate something for our goodie bags, we will need around 125 items. Without your participation, we could not carry out our mission of supporting veterans, our scholarship program to worthy members of the local community and Marine Corps League sponsored youth programs such as "Young Marines."

You have been so kind in the past to support us and without it we could not fund the above programs. Your support is vital and appreciated.

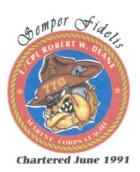
This is to confirm an often-asked question when we seek your sponsorship. The Marine Corps League, LCpl Robert W. Deane Detachment #770 is a certified 501 (c) (4) charitable entity, and all donations are tax exempt to the extent of the tax code.

Enclosed please find a flyer with information regarding the Golf Tournament. Please fill out and return flyer and check to LCpl Robert W. Deane Detachment #770, PO Box 711, Mt. Airy MD 21771, Attn: Golf Tournament Committee. You may also pay by credit card if desired. Just call the number below and Rosie will take your information for the credit card payment.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the information listed below.

We hope to partner with you for many years to come. Thank you for your faithful support and dedication to our golf tournament.

Sincerely,
LCpl Robert W. Deane Detachment #770
Golf Tournament Committee
Rosie12757@verizon.net
301-253-6096
Federal Tax ID 52-1931036
Exempt 501 (c) (4) status



LCpl Robert W. Deane Detachment 770 Annual Golf Tournament

Sponsorship Opportunities Available Monday September 8, 2025

\$1000.00.	1 foursome, Name or Logo on Banner, 1 Hole sign
\$500.00	Lunch Sponsor - Sponsor Sign
\$450.00	Putting Green Sponsor – Sponsor Sign
\$400.00	Driving Range Sponsor – Sponsor Sign
\$350.00	Beverage Cart Sponsor – Sponsor Sign on Cart
\$200.00	Continental Breakfast Sponsor – Sponsor Sign
\$100.00	Hole Sponsor – Sponsor Sign

All sponsorships will be put on our Facebook page.

For additional information please contact Rosie Beall 301-253-6096



Marine Corps League L/CPL Robert W. Deane Detachment #770 Mt. Airy, MD

14TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Links at Challedon 6166 Challedon Circle Mt. Airy, MD 21771-8056

Monday, September 8, 2025

7:30 to 8:00 a.m. Check-In Great Golf followed by a Great Lunch!

Proceeds to Benefit
Detachment Scholarship Fund, Veterans and Community Activities

- Putting Contest Captain's Choice
- Prizes on all Par 3's & other great prizes, longest drive and 1st, 5th, and 10th place team!
- Cost: \$120.00 per Golfer (Includes golf cart, prizes and lunch)
- 8:30 a.m. Shotgun Start



- Payment can be made by Cash, Check or Credit Card. Make checks payable to: MCL Detachment #770
- Hole in one on hole #14 wins a 2yr lease Ford Escape
- Mail payment to: L/Cpl Robert W. Deane MCL PO Box 711 Mt. Airy, MD 21771-0711

RESERVATIONS CALL

Billy Wagner @ 410-707-3056, Clark Beall @ 301-253-6096 or email info@mcldeane.org

Course limited to 144 players. Field limited to the first 36 foursomes. Sign up now through September 1, 2025.

Please submit below application with payment. Individual players and walk ons are welcome and will be paired up, if room is available

\$100 Hole Sponsorships with Signs Available.

NAME ON SIGN TO READ:	
Please include Name, Phone No., & Email Address for All Players.	
Player #1:	
Player #2:	
Player #3:	
Player #4:	

Get ready for a great day of golf and fun!!

Marine Corps League

Sgt. Jack Hettchen, Jr. Detachment 1428

To: Commandant Tony Rust

Department of Maryland

CC: Adjutant, Officers and Members

Date: May 2025

From: Wayne Miller, Commandant

Subject: Hettchen Detachment Report May 2025

Report covers main activities February 8 thru May 1, 2025

- We have regular meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at 1930 at the American Legion Post on Veirs Mill Road in Rockville, Maryland. We conduct regular meetings in the American Legion Post 86.
- **Membership**: The detachment membership increased by (3)
- Activities:

Eagle Scout Program is back to full activity. Chairman marine Kevin McDermott is busy with the Honor Court presentations. There has been (4) during this reporting period

Working on teaming up to present at a Marine Recruiters Poole meet. Montgomery County Presentation - Newbies to Montgomery County- A presentation for new veterans entering Montgomery County.

Hosting Gun Range Social- June 7th 12pm Saturday- Gilbert indoor gun range - 14690 Rothgeb Dr. #5311 Rockville.

Continue to contribute supplies to Ukraine Humanitarian relief- medical supplies

.The Detachment: https://sites.google.com/view/sgtjackhettchen/home

May- Memorial Day Detachment will once again participated in wreath laying ceremony during scheduled Memorial Day parade in Rockville. Wrath is laid at the Eternal Flame honoring fallen service men and women and first responders from Montgomery County. The Detachment will have a booth at the Kensington Labor Day Festival Installation of Officers May 7, 2024

Mike Jadoo presented an overview of our new website

Check our WEBSITE for information on National and State events.

https://sites.google.com/view/sgtjackhettchen/home

Through the effort of our Paymaster, Kim Potter, the Detachment has an Amazon account in the name of Sgt Jack Hettchen to order and have medical supplies for Ukraine. Have orders sent to Marine Mike Jadoo for delivery to the Ukrainian Church.

Submitted by Commandant Wayne Miller



SSGT. COHEE DETACHMENT MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

14 April 2025

To: Commandant, Department of Maryland

Membership remains at 29 plus 4 dual members plus 1 new member gives us 34 total.

Sick/Distressed: Carol Brown is still recovering from surgery. Me and a few others attending the funeral of Jeanne Marie Cohee who passed on March 1st. She was the mom of SSgt Walter "Trae" Cohee III, whom our detachment was named for.

Community Outreach: We will be setting up at the July 3rd event at the Shorebirds Stadium. Some of us will be attending the Operation We Care packing party May 18th.

New Business: We did the Friends Helping Friends fundraiser at Boscov's for Toys for Tots. We have raised about \$1,843. The funds we raised went to Chesapeake Housing Mission to benefit veterans in need. Donation made to the Delmar Kiwanis Club.

Announcements: MCL Scholarship was given at WorWic Community College.

At your service,

Roger D. Martinson, Commandant

SSGT COHEE DETACHMENT #115 MARINE CORPS LEAGUE



Marine Corps League SSgt Karl G. Taylor, Sr. (Howard County) Detachment 1084

Quarterly Maryland Department Report - 1st and 2nd QTR 2025 - Combined

15 July 2025

From: William Swain, Commandant, SSGT Karl G. Taylor To: Tony Rust, Commandant, MD Department, MCL

Cc: Omar Jabr, Adjutant,

Paul Gunther, District 4 Vice Commandant

- 1 This report is the 1st and 2nd quarter report 2025 for activities within the SSGT Karl G. Taylor from 1 Jan 2025 through 30 Junet 2025.
- 2. Overall sadness to report that our detachment Plank Holder, Michael Betts has reported to the Supreme Commandant. The Celebration of Life will take place on 19 July 2025 at Gamber Firehouse, 3838 Niner Rd, Finksburg, MD 21048 (2pm to 4pm with MCL/Veteran's ceremony at 3pm)
- 3. Reporting significant medical challenges amongst the detachment overall and has limited some activities. Still fighting though!! S/F.
- 4. Participated in local Toys for Tots just prior to Christmas 2024.
- 5. Planned and participated in the Howard County, MD Memorial Day weekend ceremonies (Sat, Sun and Mon) across the Howard County area.
- 3. Conducted a two flag retirement ceremonies..
- 4. Awarded three (3) Eagle Scouts Good Citizenship awards during the reporting period.
- 5. Selected for award two scholarships for two outstanding students. Award in July 2025.
- 6. Attending the 4th of July parade.
- 7. Scheduled to attend the Howard County Fair VSO booth.

Good of The League

Took a bus ride supported trip to the Quantico Marine Museum for a day outing. Sang all three versus of the Marine Corps Hymn in upper balcony (Tun's Tavern) in toast to Mike Betts. Oorah.

William Swain Commandant

SSGT Karl G. Taylor, Det 1084



District 2 Vice Commandant Report 10 May 2025

Nothing to report at this time. There have been no reports of problems from the Detachments in District Two at this time. Will be following up to check on Detachments Officers nomination and installation.

Earl Ruff Jr
Vice Commandant
District 2

District 3 Vice Commandant Report Department of Maryland Marine Corps League Department Convention – Ocean City, MD 10 May 2024

Greetings All...

<u>Patuxent River Detachment 1305</u> membership still holding strong with 80 members (70 Regular, 9 Associates and 1 Honorary). The count includes 40 Life Regular Members and 3 Life Associate Members.

Detachment 1305 hosted their first Golf Tournament to support Gold Star Memorial, 2 May 2025.

<u>Free State Detachment 544</u> membership is holding steady with current strength of 87 members (72 Regular, 10 Associates and 3 Multiple).

<u>Charlotte Hall Veterans Home (CHVH)</u> currently has 19 Marines (19 Males, 0 Females). CHVH is continuing operations. During the transition period, CHVH will not receive new admissions until they feel sufficient progress has been made in improving performance.

District 3 Vice Commandant Events Participation

Attended Patuxent River Detachment 1305 Meetings.

Attended Pax River Dawgs Pound 344 Growls.

Attended Free State Detachment 544 Meetings.

Attended Pound 204 Growl, 16 February 2025.

Attended JVC Meeting, 19 February 2025.

Attended Midwinter Conference and Growl, 28 February – 01 March 2025.

Attended Pound 404 Growl, 09 March 2025.

Attended Sr. Vice Chief Devil Dog Meeting via zoom, 12 March 2025.

Attended and Advanced DD Mark Kresel to PDD, 22 March 2025.

Attended Pound 333 Growl, 29 March 2025.

Attended NC Pack Grand Growl, 04 April 2025.

Assisted Department Commandant with Sgt Jack Hettchen Detachment 1428 installation of Officers, 08 April 2025.

Attended Responsibilities of the MODD Sr. Vice via zoom. 23 April 2025.

Supported Detachment 1305 first Golf Tournament to support Gold Star Memorial, 2 May 2025.

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Upcoming Events

June 14 2025 – Crabfest, St. Mary's County Fairgrounds. June 14-15 2025 – Paralyzed Veterans of America (VA) Weekend.

Semper Fidelis,

Omar I. Jabr District 3 Vice Commandant Department of Maryland Marine Corps League

9 MAY 2025

To: Dept of Maryland Commandant From 4th DISTRICT VICE COMOH, Paul R. Gunther Subj. Activities this Past Quarter Since My last Report My Activities have been cimited. I've attended Meetings of my Detachment the 2nd tuesday - every month. In Appril of Installed the LCPL Deane Detachment, shangri la Detachment - Except for an apnounce ment about thein Binthday ball SSGT Taylor is Doing well. I am appointment I am Re-signing my appointment as 4th DISTRICT Mce cm DT. Respect Fully Foul R. Ken Fly



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TO: Commandant Department of Maryland

FROM: JEFF ROBINETTE

District 5 Vice Commandant Public Affairs Officer Department of Maryland

SUBJECT: Department of Maryland Convention report 10 May 2025

PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER

We must report great news! Our Woodford Reserve Bourbon Raffle is Going very well. I am pleased to pass along that 2 detachments have bought \$345 worth of tickets for this charity. Additionally, we have received an additional \$170 in cash donations.

One detachment has sponsored a dog for training in this program. They have the honor of naming the breed and naming the Dog. The process of sponsoring a dog for America's Vet Dogs is moderately expensive and lengthy.

Just a quick story, My Veterinarian has a dog that sadly was determined to be untrainable for this program. Surreptitiously I found out about his Dog, Oscar. When I took my dog in for a checkup, I asked him if Oscar still had nightmares about being locked up in prison! To say that he was shocked is an understatement, he was floored. He ended up buying several tickets.

Recently I did observe something unexpected; CPD was conducting their annual firearm Qualification on our range. I never considered shooting from any other stance than Strong Hand Supported. It makes a difference in my training.

District 5

Both Antietam and Garrett County are working very well as they are cohesive well lead Detachments. They are active and motivated to serve their communities.

Mountainside's membership did recently loose one of their own, Marine Bill Swarner passed away on 7 April.

Sincerely,

Jeff Robinette

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