



Marine Corps League Department of Maryland

Department of Maryland Meeting
Baltimore Detachment 565
Baltimore, MD
23 November 2024
Department Minutes

Meeting convened at 09:04 AM

This combined meeting of the Marine Corps League Department of Maryland and Auxiliary convened at 0904 by **Commandant Earl Ruff**, Baltimore Detachment 565.

Baltimore **Commandant Earl Ruff** opened the meeting with general remarks/announcements. The opening ceremony started with posting the colors and the Pledge of Allegiance (**Sergeant at Arms Rick Andisik**), followed by the opening prayer (**Chaplain Leonard Stielper**), then the reading of the Department preamble (**Judge Advocate Christ Burns**).

Detachment 115 **Commandant Earl Ruff** then introduced Department **Commandant Tony Rust** who assumed the gavel at 09:10 AM.

Commandant Tony Rust opened the meeting thanking Baltimore Detachment for their hospitality and encouraged the Department members to check the historical society on the second floor of the Detachment Firehouse. Then he declared the joint meeting between the Marine Corps League and Marine Corps League Auxiliary is open for official business.

No guests were present.

He encouraged members to pass the word to get more participation and invite guest speakers to open their eyes and let them see what we do and pass the word to the outside.

National Officers present were recognized including, **Gerald Devlin** (Honorary Past National Commandant and MCL Foundation Vice President) and **Ray Sturm** (National Marine for Life Committee). All other National Officers were recognized.

National Marine of the Year 2012 **Jack Severn** was recognized.

National Associate of the Year 2023 **Alison Noger** was recognized.

Assistant National Chaplain **Leonard Stielper** was recognized.

National Color Guard **Rick Andisik** was recognized.

National Photographers **Alison Noger** and **Mario Meaux** were recognized.

Past Department Commandants present were recognized including, **Jack Severn, Stuart Blair, Earl Ruff and Joe Fay**.

Department Marine of the Year were introduced and recognized.

Department Associate of the Year were introduced and recognized.

Kennel Officers present were recognized including, **HCDD Jack Severn** (4th Honorary Chief Devil Dog), **PDD Ray Sturm**, (Deputy Executive Director), **PDD Leonard Stielper** (Deputy Dog Trainer), **PDD Tony Rust** (Deputy Mad Dog), **PDD Paul Gunther** (Deputy Veterinarian), **PDD Rober Lee III** (Deputy Lucky Dog), **PDD Glenn Tabler** (Deputy Lucky Dog) and **PDD Omar Jabr** (Vice Chief Devil Dog – Mideast Division).

Past Department Auxiliary President Bernadine Blair was recognized.

No business to discuss between the Marine Corps League and the Marine Corps League Auxiliary.

Commandant **Tony Rust** adjourned the joint meeting and called for a 5-10 minutes recess.

Meeting reconvened at 09:28 AM

The Commandant started the Department meeting by thanking all first-time attendees. He outlined his uniform plan for each meeting:

- ◆ August meeting: Det Shirt and Cover.
- ◆ November meeting (MCL Birthday and Holidays): Blazers and cover
- ◆ February meeting: Short Sleeve and cover
- ◆ Convention meeting: Varies.

The MCL Cover is the official uniform and he wanted to see more members present regardless of the uniform. Marine **George Hammerbacher** shirt was the highlight of the uniform discussion.

Roll Call of Officers:

- ◆ **Commandant Tony Rust**
- ◆ **Senior Vice Commandant Rob Heilig** – Excused
- ◆ **Junior Vice Commandant Pat Sharkey** – Excused
- ◆ **Judge Advocate Crist Burns**
- ◆ **Junior Past Commandant Joe Fay**
- ◆ **Adjutant Omar Jabr**
- ◆ **Paymaster Anna Laurie Blair**
- ◆ **Sergeant at Arms Rick Andisik**
- ◆ **Chaplain Leonard Stielper**
- ◆ **Chief of Staff and Historian Jack Severn**
- ◆ **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 Burt Helmka, 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.

Notes from Commandant **Tony Rust**...

Commandant Tony Rust receives many emails from National, Division, and Division Adjutant and does not want to send repeated emails to our members. All correspondences will come from Department Adjutant via Constant Contact.

To maintain a Veteran Organization and claim a Tax-Free status the Detachment needs to have 90% or better veterans. It's recommended to keep the associate members to 10% of the overall roster. However, some Detachments are small and they could have 50/50 mix. To comply with the request "Are we or are we not a veteran organization, each Detachment **shall** provide a respond to the constant contact email "IRS Tax Exempt and Tax Deductibility Information". The email was sent on 04 November 2024 and was resent on 11 January 2025. The response shall contain member's name, regular or associate and veteran or not. Rest assured that no PII information will be shared with National.

Paymaster's Report: **Anna Laurie Blair** present and reported. Motion to accept Rick Andisik, seconded by Crist Burns. Motion passed.

Chaplain: Honors for those who reported to the Supreme Commandant since the last meeting:

- ◆ Andrew Heffner, Patuxent River Detachment 1305
- ◆ Gloria P. Howard, SSgt Cohee Detachment 115
- ◆ Richard J. Koel, Baltimore Detachment 565

Leonard Stielper draped the charter in their honor and provided prayers.

Reports of Marines Sick or In Distress:

- ◆ Mike Betts, SSgt Taylor Detachment 1084, suffered a stroke.
- ◆ Craig Reeling, Cpl Pete Arnold Detachment 1198, had double hernia. He is home resting.
- ◆ Howard Koontz, Baltimore Detachment 565, had a collapsed muscle.
- ◆ John Durbin, Sgt Jack Hettchen Detachment 1428, wife's passed away on 28 September 2024.
- ◆ Mark Bresel, Antietam Detachment 113, is in hospice care.
- ◆ Steve Haley, Patuxent River Detachment 1305, has pancreatic cancer.

Officers' Reports:

Commandant Tony Rust: Present and reported, no report.

- ◆ Enjoyed the past three months.
- ◆ Attended Detachments and Toys for Tots Meetings.
- ◆ Attended required meetings.
- ◆ Will utilize district vice commandants as needed/required.
- ◆ Available for all calls and will lend an ear and work with you.

Senior Vice Commandant Rob Heilig: Excused, no report.

Junior Vice Commandant Pat Sharkey: Excused, no report.

Judge Advocate Crist Burns: Present and reported, report attached.

- ◆ Department bylaws sent to National and were approved with provision. Will be posted once approved and signed. Commandant **Tony Rust** added by saying if you see something wrong with the bylaws, please report it "It will not change itself".

Junior Past Commandant Joe Fay: Present, no report.

Adjutant Omar Jabr: Present, reported verbally. Please send Detachment reports to the adjutant a week prior to the meeting.

Paymaster Anna Laurie Blair: Present, reported verbally.

- ◆ New membership list sent on 14 November 2024. If the Detachment did not receive it, it is because paymaster does not have the proper email address.
- ◆ PLM needs to be submitted. If you have not sent them, please contact paymaster. If you did not submit your PLM, your Detachment will not get a kickback.

Sergeant at Arms Rick Andisik: Present, 44 Members on deck.

Chaplain Leonard Stielper: Present. Do not forget to send death notice.

Chief of Staff and Historian Jack Severn: Present. He would like to hand over a lot of historical information and artifacts. Check with your Detachment and see would be interested in becoming the Department Historian. **Bobby Lee** and **Glenn Tabler** to get with **Jack Severn** to survey the number of artifacts and coordinate with Baltimore Detachment if they can accommodate.

Public Information Jeff Robinette: Present and reported verbally. Possible pistol shoot for fun and use it as a recruiting event.

Photographer Mario Meaux: Excused, reported verbally. Supported Young Marines with photography and DDR event at the Marine Corps Museum.

Web Sergeant Mike Hadley: Excused, no report.

Compliance Officer Rose Mary Beall: Excused, no report.

Committee Reports:

Legislative: Garry Roundtree, excused, no report.

Perry Point: Kevin Obrian, present and reported verbally. If you are not vaccinated against COVID, you will not be allowed to volunteer. He will keep members informed and keep posting stuff in the newsletter.

Loch Raven: Marian James, excused, no report.

Charlotte Hall: Greg Ashley, excused. Detachment 1305 had a Halloween Bingo and burger burn. Noteworthy...Do not bring Vegetable Pizza to Charlotte Hall.

Young Marines: Ray Sturm, present and reported verbally.

- ◆ National Young Marines reorganizing their Divisions to align with MCL Divisions. Maryland Regiment moved from division 2 to division 1.
- ◆ Rob Willis will turn over Maryland Regiment Commander to Colby Areford, Hamilton Young Marines.
- ◆ Rob Willis will be attached to HQYM and will serve as Director, National Leadership Academy.
- ◆ 2024 Sr. YMOY: YM White (Jarrettsville Young Marines)
- ◆ 2024 Jr. YMOY: YM Carter (Oxon Hill Young Marines)

VAVS: Gary Roundtree, excused, no report.

VSO: Gary Roundtree, excused, no report.

Newsletter: Vacant.

License Plate: Craig Reeling, excused, no report.

Commandant **Tony Rust** addressed the license plate program to the first-timers.

Toys For Tots: Marian James, excused, no report.

Chapel of Four Chaplains: Howard Koontz, excused, no report.

Eagle Scout: Stuart Blair, present and reported, report attached.

NOTE: The video of Commandant Tony Rust riding a horse will not be part of the minutes. However, Adjutant Omar Jabr showed the video to our members.

Leadership College: Craig Reeling, excused, no report.

Uniform: Jack Severn/Craig Reeling, excused, no report.

Social Media: Crist Burns, present and reported verbally. Social media is still running.

Marines For Life: Ray Sturm/Jerry George, present, no report.

Fallen Marines Program: George Hammerbacher III, present and reported.

- ◆ Submitted a federal grant for the program. It is tentatively approved. Once formally approved, the program will receive \$3,500.
- ◆ The program is recognized nationally.
- ◆ If a Detachment wants to start a Fallen Marine Program, please see George.
- ◆ If interested in helping/assisting, please see George.
- ◆ George's butt was glowing green...Why the Commandant is looking at his butt "Mystery???"

Marine Aviation Det., NAS Pax River: Pat Wyman, present, no report.

- ◆ Commandant added that we support the Marines, but we do not work for them.
- ◆ 2025 Marine Corps Ball will be a joint Ball. Both Detachments will work closely throughout the year.

Marine Corps Det., Ft. Meade: Gary Roundtree, excused, no report.

Recruiting Station Baltimore: Vacant.

CBRNE Indian Head Liaison: Vacant.

Bravo Co. 4th LAR Fort Detrick: Vacant.

4th CEB Baltimore: Tony Jackson, present, reported verbally. Attended Marine Corps Birthday Ball and will speak with SNCO's about recruitment.

MODD Maryland Pack Leader: Pat Sharkey, excused. Standing Pack Leader PDD Omar Jabr stated:

- ◆ Growl starts after Department meeting at 1330.
- ◆ Pups to meet with Mad Dog PDD Joe Fay 15 minutes prior to start of the Growl.

Marine of the Year Society (MOY): Omar Jabr, present and reported.

- ◆ Will update MOY information on Department website and send a reminder Constant Contact email.
- ◆ Submit a nomination for the MOY. Last year's nomination submission was poor. There are 16 detachments and there should be 16 packages. Please submit a package!!!
- ◆ You no longer need to submit the package via email. The package can be hand delivered at the spring meeting.

- ◆ Department Commandant reiterates that the writeup could go up to Division but the Division writeup is a nightmare. Submit something there are deserving members.

Associate of the Year Society (AOY): Anna Laurie Blair, present and reported.

- ◆ Submit a nomination for the AOY. The committee would like to choose a nominee from at least 16 packages and not one or two.
- ◆ Nomination packages can be hand delivered at the spring meeting.

Maryland Veterans Commission: Stuart Blair, present and reported, report attached.

MCL Foundation: Jerry Devlin, present and reported.

- ◆ Each detachment should contribute \$100.00 to the foundation. Take this message to your detachment.
- ◆ The foundation does wonderful things to the Marines and their families.
- ◆ Donations should be addressed to MCL foundation and checks can be sent to Jerry Devlin and he will send the donation to the foundation.

Joint Veterans Commission (JVC): Tony Rust

- ◆ Attended all JVC meetings.
- ◆ 2nd Annual Operation Annapolis Veterans Take Action is scheduled for Tuesday 04 February 2025. At the Maryland Inn of the Historic Inns of Annapolis, 16 Church Circle, Annapolis, MD from 0730-1730. Free for Veterans.
- ◆ Earl Ruff was nominated for JVC Sr. Vice.
- ◆ JVC meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Bowie DAV – Omaha Beach, Chapter 7 at 1830.

Department Convention: Rob Heilig, excused, no report.

Detachment Reports:

Ann Arundel (1049): Commandant Burt Helmka present and reported, report attached. Need to verify Incorporated status and 990 filing.

Antietam (113): Commandant Chuck Martin present and reported, report attached. Need to verify Incorporated status and 990 filing.

Baltimore (565): PDC Earl Ruff present and reported, report attached. Need to verify Incorporated status and 990 filing.

CPL Pete Arnold (1198): Judge Advocate Crist Burns present and reported, report attached. Need to verify Incorporated status and 990 filing.

Jason D. Mileo (1147): Not present, no report.

Free State (544): Commandant Gerald Devlin present, no report. Need to verify Incorporated status and 990 filing.

Garrett County (1234): Not present, no report.

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

LCpl Robert W. Deane (770): Commandant Bobby Lee present and reported, report attached. Need to verify Incorporated status and 990 filing.

Maryland Marines (1371): Not present, no report. Need to verify Incorporated status and 990 filing.

Patuxent River (1305): Department Adjutant Omar Jabr present and reported verbally. Need to verify Incorporated status and 990 filing.

- ◆ **Charlotte Hall Cookout for our Veterans.**
- ◆ **Hosted Bingo night at Charlotte Hall on Halloween night.**
- ◆ **Supported Marine Aviation Detachment at Oyster Festival.**
- ◆ **Detachment Color Guard Led the Veterans Day Parade in Leonardtown.**

Peacekeepers (1492): Not present, no report. Report was sent to Commandant **Tony Rust**. Need to verify Incorporated status and 990 filing.

- ◆ Had a joint Marine Corps Birthday Ball with SSgt Cohee Detachment, MD and First State Detachment, DE.
- ◆ They are playing by the rules set forth by MCL National.

Commandant **Tony Rust** reiterated to read the rules before crossing Stateline. Talk to the folks across the Stateline first and read the rules. There is always an amicable way for resolution of grievances. Chapter 9 is not the way to go forth and keep the relationships going.

Sgt Jack Hettchen (1428): Commandant Wayne Miller present and reported, report attached. Need to verify Incorporated status and 990 filing.

Jason D. Mileo (1147): Not present, no report.

SSgt Walter 'Trae' Cohee III (115): Not present, no report. Need to verify Incorporated status and 990 filing.

SSgt Karl G. Taylor (1084): Not present, no report. Need to verify Incorporated status and 990 filing.

Carroll County (896): No representatives.

Choptank (439): No representatives.

Mountainside Marines (1071): No representatives.

Shangri-La (118): No representatives.

District Vice Commandants:

District 1: Vice Commandant Larry Jackson not present, no report.

District 2: Vice Commandant Earl Ruff present and reported, report attached.

District 3: Vice Commandant Omar Jabr present and reported verbally.

- ◆ Attended MCL Scuttlebutts.
- ◆ Attended Pound 204, 333 and 344 Growls.
- ◆ Attended Department of Virginia Meeting and Growl
- ◆ Attended Young Marines Back Azimuth Camp.

District 4: Vice Commandant Paul Gunther present and reported verbally.

- ◆ Celebrated Veterans Day as part of the Fleet Reserve Association 100th birthday at Arlington National Cemetery. They were the highlighted VSO representing Navy. Marine Corps and Coast Guard Personnel.
- ◆ Attended weekly breakfasts with LCpl Deane and Sgt Hettchen Detachments.
- ◆ Good of the league: My youngest daughter and her husband are expecting baby #2 in Jun/Jul. #6 grandchild for Mary and I.

District 5: Vice Commandant Jeff Robinette, present and reported, report attached.

Special Committees: None.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: None.

Good of the League:

- ◆ **Stuart Blair** (1. Antietam Detachment mentioned that they will help couple Marines financially. There is a Maryland Veterans trust fund, over \$500,000, that will provide a grant that does not need to be paid back and they will pay directly to the financial establishment. 2. There will be a Pearl Day Remembrance ceremony on 07 December 2024 at Pier 5 in Baltimore).
- ◆ **Wayne “Harry” Hierstetter** (Parris Island trip is scheduled for 31 March – 04 April 2025. If interested, please call Wayne at (443) 226-1358).
- ◆ **Crist Burns** (1. Keep in mind all the big to dos when planning the 250th Marine Corps Birthday. 2. Has his own coin “one side is Detachment and the other is Pound” for sale for \$10.00. All proceeds will go to the MODD Children Hospital fund).
- ◆ **Omar Jabr** (Attended North Carolina Department Meeting and presented the Attendance Streamer to the Department Commandant).
- ◆ **Commandant Tony Rust** (Presented the MCL National Junior Vice Commandant’s Citation for exceeding the previous year’s membership during the period of 1 July 2023 – 30 June 2024 to Peacekeeper Detachment 1492 (123.68%), SSgt Cohee Detachment 115 (112.50%) and Harford County Detachment 1198 (11.93%)).
- ◆ **Jeff Robinette** (Wanted to start a Bourbon raffle next year and he is looking for a charity).
- ◆ **Ray Sturm** (Ray Sturm and Ben Wells will be featured on a Marine Heritage Foundation commercial in support of the Marine Corps 250th birthday).
- ◆ **George Hammerbacher** (presented 150-200 thank you cards to service members).
- ◆ **Commandant Tony Rust** (Check out and support the MCX merchandise table. 50% of the proceeds go to Toys for Tots).

Announcements:

- ◆ February 08, 2025: Department Meeting – Hosted by Cpl Pete Arnold Detachment 1198.
- ◆ February 27 – March 01, 2025: National Midwinter Conference – Arlington, VA (Sheraton Pentagon City).
- ◆ May 09 – 11, 2025: Department Convention – Ocean City, MD.
- ◆ Meals at the National Midwinter Conference 2023 were horrible. Hope they do not screw it up at the next conference.

Next Department meeting is 08 February 2025, hosted by Corporal Pete Arnold Detachment 1198.
Location: Jarrettsville Manor Memorial VFW Post 8672, 1714 Morse Rd, Jarrettsville, MD.

The Meeting adjourned at 11:40 AM

Respectfully Submitted,

Omar Jabr
Department Adjutant

Department of Maryland
Marine Corps League



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

Department of Maryland

INCORPORATED BY ACT OF CONGRESS

23 November 2024

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.
- Submitted previous version of Department Bylaws and Administrative Procedures to National for their archives.
- Refamiliarized myself with the updated MCL National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures.

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 and Administrative Procedures.
- Work with Department Board of Trustees to complete National Judge Advocate's recommended adjustments to our updated Bylaws and Administrative Procedures.
- Track any proposals for changes to Bylaws and Administrative Procedures.

Semper Fidelis,

Crist Burns Jr.

Crist Burns Jr.
Judge Advocate
Department of Maryland
Marine Corps League



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
* Fall Meeting 2024

The Scouting America Oath and Law and the GSA Promise and Law instills in youth is a strong foundation for future success. The Marine Corps League is excited about formalizing and strengthening our relationships with Scouting and the future opportunities for us to work together to support America's youth!

The MCL recognizes Scouts of America who earn the Eagle Scout Award with a certificate, warrant, and personal letter from the Department Commandant. The MCL also presents the Good Citizenship Award Certificate to recognize these future leaders.

The MCL recognizes members who help advance Scouting with the Square Knot Award. To qualify for the Square Knot Award, a member must meet certain requirements, such as serving in a Scouting leadership position for three years or more.

The MCL supports Scouting programs by participating in community projects, merit badge programs and also helps with units, districts, and councils. The MCL and Scouting America have a resolution to establish, strengthen, and expand their relationship and support mutually beneficial programs.

MCL Good Citizenship Award Presentations

MCL Dept. of MD Eagle Scout "Good Citizenship Award" presentations

Reported for September thru 16 October 2024 : (13) Thirteen.

Reported for June 2024 thru August 2024 : (25) Twenty Five.

Reminder

- Please make contact with ESGCA requester within a reasonable time for scheduling presentation
- Advise ESGCA Dept. 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 QUARTERLY REPORT (September – NOVEMBER 2023)
IS DUE ONE WEEK BEFORE DEPT. OF MARYLAND MEETING DATE.**

Thank you for all that you do !

REPORT DULY SUBMITTED: 23 NOVEMBER 2024



Stuart P. Blair, PDC
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,
2024 Fall Staff Meeting

MVC Quarterly Meeting

On Tuesday 15 October 2024 the Maryland Veterans Commission held the Fall quarterly meeting at 100 Community Place, Crownsville, MD in person and by phone with 24 Commissioners representing VSOs and congressional districts, representing the Marine Corps League was Commissioner Stuart Blair, PDC. And Bernadine Blair PP MCLA Auxiliary.

*MDVMF Deputy Secretary Ross Cohen:
Update on the Department:*

- **Service and Benefits Program:**
95% claims settled last quarter

Survivor Benefits and Reporting a Veteran Death

Losing a loved one is a challenging time — we are here to help. As the survivor of a Veteran or Service member, check to see if you qualify for survivor benefits, including help with burial costs and survivor compensation.

Please contact VA to report the Veteran's death and avoid an overpayment of the Veteran's benefits. You can report the death in person at a VA Regional Office, by mail, or by phone. When you do this, VA will stop any benefit payments the Veteran received as required by law. Reporting the death timely will help ensure survivors or executors of the Veteran's estate do not experience additional financial stress

VA Home Loan Guaranty

As part of our mission to serve you, we provide a home loan guaranty benefit and other housing-related programs to help you buy, build, repair, retain, or adapt a home for your own personal occupancy. Learn more about the VA Home Loan Guaranty Program.

File a Supplemental Claim

If VA denied your disability claim in the past, but now considers your condition presumptive, you are encouraged to file a Supplemental Claim. This will allow VA to re-adjudicate your claim when presented with new evidence or policy.

Protect your GI Bill from Scams

Some educational institutions and programs use misleading practices and overpromise their degrees' value. Know the warning signs to protect yourself and your benefits from scams.

- **Maryland Veterans Trust Fund**

\$500,000 available

If you are a veteran in need of assistance, the following resources may be able to assist:

[Housing Search, Eviction Prevention, Homeless Services, and Utility Assistance](#)

[Serving Together](#)

[Maryland 211](#)

- **Charlotte Hall Veterans Home**

Awarded Veterans Homes national recognition.

Second Home-Owings Mills Completion of plans

* Construction begins 2025

- **Cemetery & Memorials Program**

Veterans Day Ceremonies scheduled

MVC Commissioners speakers

Presentations:

Dr. Vishal Vaghela, Deputy Chief
Staff Health Care & Business Ops, VAMHCS

Laurie Calhoun, Founder
The Fox G Foundation
Retired throbbed horses Farm * veterans therapy,

Subcommittee Reports

- Homeless Subcommittee – Commissioner Reuter
- Combating Substance Misuse – Commissioner Macri

* Complete report available by contacting Commissioner Stuart Blair:
thistleman@verizon.net

Next MVC meeting will be Tuesday 21 January 2025
100 Community Place, Crownsville, MD

REPORT DULY SUBMITTED: 23 November 2024



Stuart P. Blair, PDC
Commissioner, Marine Corps League
Maryland Veterans Commission

Marine Corps League

Notice of Death

Andrew Heffner

Patuxent River

(Member Name)

of the

(Detachment Name)

Detachment # 1305, Department MD Marine Corps League, did answer his/her Final

Earthly Roll Call on 07 August 2024

(Date of Death)

The deceased is survived by Charlene Reddington, Daughter

(Relation's Name)

(Relationship)

who resides at 22555 Old Rolling Rd, California

(Address)

(City)

MD

20619

(State)

(Zip)

Membership Number 091519 PLM Number 8650 (If Applicable)

Remarks:

Profile ID# 14510

Charter Member of Patuxent River Detachment. PLM since 04/13/92.

Send a sympathy card on 9/13/24

Send form to National Chaplain on 9/13/24

Send form to National on 9/13/24

A sympathy card will be sent if this notice is received within sixty (60) days from the date of death, unless otherwise requested.

Date 09/09/2024

Submitted by Timothy L. Hoernig

(Detachment Chaplain)

Email Address mgysgt2020@gmail.com

Instructions:

- 1) Detachment Chaplain fills out the form then sends a copy to the Department Chaplain retaining a copy for detachment records.
- 2) Department Chaplain sends a copy to the Marine Corps League National Headquarters and National Chaplain retaining a copy for department records.
- 3) Detachment Paymaster must attach this form when submitting a Notice of Death via Transmittal.

Marine Corps League

Notice of Death

Gloria P Howard

(Member Name)

of the

SSgt. Cohee

(Detachment Name)

Detachment # 115, Department MD. Marine Corps League, did answer his/her Final

Earthly Roll Call on October 12, 2022

(Date of Death)

The deceased is survived by _____

(Relation's Name)

(Relationship)

who resides at _____

(Address)

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

Membership Number

X313014

PLM Number

13016

(If Applicable)

Remarks:

Do not know of any family members.

Sent form to National on 9/13/24

Sent form to National Chaplain on 9/13/24

A sympathy card will be sent if this notice is received within sixty (60) days from the date of death, unless otherwise requested.

Date September 3, 2024

Submitted by Andrew Bouma Jr.

(Detachment Chaplain)

Email Address aboumajr@gmail.com

Instructions:

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Notice of Death

Richard J. Koel of the Baltimore

(Member Name)

(Detachment Name)

Detachment # 565, Department MD Marine Corps League, did answer his/her Final

Earthly Roll Call on 30 May 2024

(Date of Death)

The deceased is survived by Valerie Koel & Melissa Smith Daughters

(Relation's Name)

(Relationship)

who resides at n/a

(Address)

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

Membership Number 219371 PLM Number (If Applicable)

Remarks:

Profile No. 13793

Sent to National on 10/29/24

Sent to National Chaplain on 10/29/24

A sympathy card will be sent if this notice is received within sixty (60) days from the date of death, unless otherwise requested.

Date 20 Sept 2024

Submitted by Ernest G. Disney

(Detachment Chaplain)

Email Address Paymastermcl@gmail.com

Instructions:

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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: 31 August 2024 to 23 November 2024

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 March 18, 2024

Burton Helmka was elected for the Commandant position.

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

Membership

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

The detachment continues its attempts to contact and recover every delinquent member.

Fallen Marines

None

Community

A few detachment Marines helped out with Post# 40 American Legion with planting of flags at Glen Haven Cemetery. Our social dinners are going well these are held on the 3rd Friday of the month.

Marines Helping Heroes Foundation

This year's golf tournament was a success once again. Roughly \$17,000 was raised.

Eagle Scouts

Detachment 1049 hasn't been handed out any Eagle Scout Awards .

Good of the League

Our Detachment had to cancel it's Bull & Oyster Roast do to short notice and ticket sale. We have rescheduled , the new date is March 8th 2025.

Membership: We added a new member and another turning in paperwork.

Color Guard

They were very busy. Parade on 3 November, colors at American Legion on VeteransDay then proceed to Crownsville Cemetery for colors there.

Young Marines

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

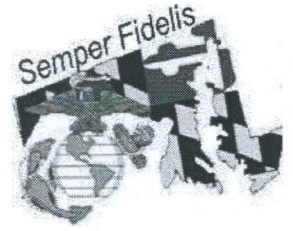
Semper fidelis

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Commandant A.A. County Detachment #1049



Antietam Detachment, Inc.



Marine Corps League, # 113
P.O. Box 4674
Hagerstown, Maryland 21742-4674

DATE: 20 Nov 2024

FROM: Commandant, Antietam Detachment, #113,

TO: Commandant, Department of Maryland,

SUBJ: **Quarterly Department of Maryland Report – 20 November 2024**

MEMBERSHIP

Strength – 52

Paid Life Members – 26

Unpaid – 0

SICK, DISTRESSED & DECEASED

None.

EVENTS

Provided Color Guard for seven local events.

Antietam Detachment has multiple MCX events scheduled in December.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

None

CHILDREN & YOUTH

No Eagle Scout awards this quarter.

VETERANS SERVICES

Honor guard performed 10 funerals.

Provided financial assistance to two veterans for the amounts of \$636.00 and \$368.01 to pay various bills.

TOYS FOR TOTS PROGRAM STATUS

None.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

Hosted Marine Corps Birthday ball with 70 attendees and awarded Marine of the year and Associate of the year.

Report duly submitted:

Chuck Martin

Commandant

Antietam Detachment, #113

Department Of Maryland

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE



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23 November, 2024

The Baltimore Detachment Roster is 98 members

There were no deaths to report during the last quarter

The Detachment had four Members and one Auxiliary member to attend the Mideast Division Conference in Martinsburg West Virginia.

The Detachment had three Members to attend the department Quarterly meeting in August.

The Detachment Commandant and Adjutant attended the 4th Combat Engineer Marine Corps Birthday Ball. This was a very enjoyable affair.

The Detachment held a Marine Corps Birthday Ball on Nov. 9th, as we had Approximately 100 guest in attendance. The affair was enjoyed by all.

The Detachment held its Veterans Day Ritual at the Latrobe Park Memorial located here on Fort Ave honoring all military Veterans.

**Earl Ruff Jr
Commandant
Baltimore Detachment 565**



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

Corporal Pete Arnold Detachment 1198

INCORPORATED BY ACT OF CONGRESS

23 November 2024

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

- May – October – First Fridays in Bel Air & Havre de Grace, MD
- 28 September – Harford County Wine Festival in Bel Air, MD
- 1 October – 31 December – Toys for Tots Harford County
- 5 October – Darlington Apple Festival in Darlington, MD
- 11-12 October – MD BBQ Bash in Bel Air, MD
- 19 October – VFW Auxiliary Craft Fair in Jarrettsville VFW
- 2 November – Chesty's Chow in Aberdeen, MD
- 9 November – First Capital Detachment 521 Marine Corps Birthday Ball in York, PA
- 10 November – 249th Marine Corps Birthday

Upcoming Events

- 1 October – 31 December – Toys for Tots Harford County
- 28 December – Jarrettsville VFW Joint Holiday Party at Jarrettsville VFW
- 11 January 2025 – Chesty's Chow in Street, MD
- 28 January & 25 February 2025 – Detachment Officer Nominations

Semper Fidelis,

Taras Gamma

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Commandant
Cpl Pete Arnold Det. 1198
Marine Corps League

Once a Marine, Always a Marine



LCpl Robert W. Deane Detachment 770 Marine Corps League



Email: info@mcldene.org

Marine Corp League Department of Maryland Meeting November 2024
Robert E. Lee - Commandant, LCpl Robert W. Deane Detachment #770

Subject: Report Department of Maryland
Period: August 2024 – November 2024

Membership: Strength – 92 Total Members, 54 Life Members, 10 paid Regular Members, 4 Associate Members and 24 unpaid members.
Working on updating the membership list, dues, addresses, emails, and phone numbers.
Renewal letters sent out dues for the year starting in September.
We have applications for new membership at all our events and Fundraisers.

Sick/Distressed: Rosie Beall is recovering from total knee replacement surgery.

Events: We set up at Mt. Airy Oktoberfest doing recruitment.
We did our street cleanup on October 19th.
Members attended the Mt. Airy VFW Veterans Day Program
Our Honor Guard presented colors at the Flood Zone Brewery for the USMC Birthday
Our Firing Party participated in the 9/11 Ceremony at Pine Grove Chapel and Cemetery

Fundraisers: We will be doing hot dogs sales at Southern States along with Toys for Tots.

Events: Toys for Tots is in full gear.
The Detachment will be participating in Wreaths Across America.
Looking forward to working with everyone and having a great end of the year.



Marine Corps League

Sgt. Jack Hettchen, Jr. Detachment 1428

To: Commandant Joseph Fay
Department of Maryland
CC: Adjutant, Officers and Members
Date: August 2024
From: Wayne Miller, Commandant
Subject: Hettchen Detachment Report August 2024

Report covers main activities May 2024-August 2024

- 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 (2)
- **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

Through the effort of the Sgt. Jack Hettchen Detachment, the LCpl Robert Deane Detachment, the Town of Kensington and several other donors our Chairman Marine Mike Jadoo and Marine Jim Renza continue to deliver needed supplies to the Ukrainian Church.

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

May- Memorial Day Detachment 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

Committee Reports: Mike Jadoo reported on tragedy in Ukraine (bombing near Kiev) that caused more than 100+ casualties. The Ukrainian volunteers at the church notified Mike that the donations of "Emergency Blankets" donated by Jim Renza and the good people of Kensington and delivered by the Detachment,

arrived just in time and were just enough to save the casualties. Picture and story are on the Detachment website.

Check our WEBSITE for information on National and State events.

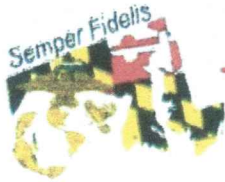
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Jr. Vice contacted local Marine recruiter and together they arranged for members of the Detachment to meet with prospective Marines and police recruits. The interaction during the July 13th meeting was very successful.

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.

Marine Kevin McDermott had the honor of laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown while representing "Operation Second Chance".

Submitted by Commandant *Wayne Moller*



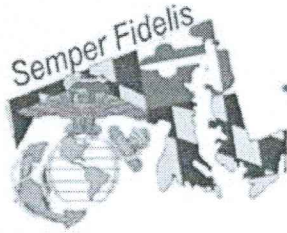
Marine Corps League
Department of Maryland



District 2 Vice Commandant
Department of Md. Quarterly Report
23 November 2024

Reporting that during the first part of this quarter I had no contact with Detachments in my District. At this time I have not received any correspondence from these Detachment indicating that they were having any problems.

Earl Ruff Jr
District 2 Vice Commandant



Marine Corps League

Department of Maryland



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FROM: JEFF ROBINETTE
District 5 Vice Commandant
Public Affairs Officer
Department of Maryland

SUBJECT: Quarterly Report 23 November 2024

PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER

We Have gotten good response from both Antietam and Garrett County on the proposed Pistol Match. After conversations with a few members there is a possibility that a Bullseye match may be included here. We do intend to have a local hotel reserve rooms for our members that wish to participate. I will have more information soon.

I did get the opportunity shoot the proposed match. Even though I shot well I was not too impressed with the Shoot/No Shoot leg. I may rework that leg. I do intend to maintain contact with the local colleges in the area.

I was honored to be the main Speaker at the Gulf War Memorial in Cumberland, MD. I spoke of the Brotherhood that we Veterans share one with another.

I did receive a significant shock in preparing for my address. Sunday Afternoon I was walking in front of the Memorial. The Memorial is comprised of 4 open books. On the leaves of those books are a listing of the fallen from 1992 to Today. For whatever reason, my attention was drawn to the book to the far Left of the Memorial. I saw a name, STEVEN R. ROBINETTE! He served in Operation Desert Storm.

District 5

I do have Mountainside's Charter and an M.O.D.D. Charter, as well Mountainside's Guidon. I do thank Lauri Blair and Jeff Mangum for their good and Rob Heilig for his assistance.

Mountainside's closure is an ongoing issue. The issue here is that far too many of their members are in their mid to late 80's. They are either living with family elsewhere or in nursing homes. All methods of communication have been used to date. So the question is, how do we resolve this issue?

Sincerely,

Jeff Robinette

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