



# Marine Corps League Department of Maryland

Department of Maryland Meeting  
Cpl Pete Arnold Detachment 1198  
Jarrettsville, MD  
08 February 2025  
Department Minutes

## Meeting convened at 09:01 AM

This combined meeting of the Marine Corps League Department of Maryland and Auxiliary convened at 0901 by **Commandant Taras Gamma**, Cpl Pete Arnold Detachment 119.

Cpl Pete Arnold **Commandant Taras Gamma** 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 (**Senior Vice Commandant Rob Heilig**).

Detachment 1198 **Commandant Taras Gamma** then introduced Department **Commandant Tony Rust** who assumed the gavel at 09:04 AM.

**Commandant Tony Rust** opened the meeting thanking **Commandant Gamma** and the Cpl Pete Arnold Detachment for their hospitality, stellar job and great facility. Due to impending weather, he recommended the presenters to be brief and to have the Meeting concluded, including the Growl, by 1200-1230 to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all members. He also recommended submitting all briefs to the Department **Adjutant Omar Jabr** to save some trees and printers and avoid reading wingding font. 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, **Craig Reeling**, (Assistant Nationale Vice Commandant, Mideast Division, National Uniform Committee and National Training & Leadership 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.

National Auxiliary Officers – None Present

Past Department Commandants present were recognized including **Jack Severn, Craig Reeling, Evelyn Graham, Stuart Blair, Earl Ruff, Howard Koontz and Joe Fay.**

Department Marines of the Year were introduced and recognized.

Department Associates of the Year were introduced and recognized.

Kennel Officers present were recognized including **HCDD Jack Severn** (4<sup>th</sup> Honorary Chief Devil Dog), **PDD Ben Wells** (Kennel Executive Director), **PDD Howard Koontz** (Kennel Veterinarian), **PDD Leonard Stielper** (Deputy Kennel Dog Trainer), **PDD Tony Rust** (Deputy Kennel Mad Dog), **PDD Rober Lee III** (Deputy Kennel Lucky Dog), **PDD Glen Tabler** (Deputy Kennel Lucky Dog) and **PDD Omar Jabr** (Vice Chief Devil Dog – Mideast Division).

Past Department Auxiliary **President May Fay** was recognized.

Acting Department Auxiliary President **Jeannie Lee** – No Report

**Commandant Tony Rust** requested support and ideas from the Department Auxiliary during the Department Convention and to get with **Senior Vice Commandant Rob Heilig** for ideas.

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-minute recess, 09:11 AM

Meeting reconvened at 09:16 AM

Department **Commandant Tony Rust** opened the meeting with “We will dispense with the standard roll call to expedite the meeting. Officers will be marked present when they give their verbal report.”

Roll Call of Detachments:

- ♦ A quorum was present.

Adjutant Report: **Adjutant 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 Jeff Robinette. No discussion. Motion passed.

Correspondence: None.

Paymaster’s Report: **Paymaster Anna Laurie Blair** present and reported. Motion to accept Jeff Robinette, seconded by Bobby Lee. No discussion. Motion passed.

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

- ♦ Harry Carroll, Baltimore Detachment 565
- ♦ James W. Sandoz, Baltimore Detachment 565
- ♦ Evert Sarapik, Baltimore Detachment 565
- ♦ Phillip T. Schwarzenberg, Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049
- ♦ Eugene Francis Punte, Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049
- ♦ Christopher Kalwa, Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049
- ♦ Rachel Draper, Antietam Detachment 113
- ♦ Robert Newman, LCpl Robert W. Deane Detachment 770
- ♦ Halsey W. Smith, Jr., Sgt Jack Hettchen Detachment 1428
- ♦ Stanley R. Browsey, SSgt Karl G. Taylor Detachment 1084

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

#### Reports of Marines Sick or In Distress:

- ♦ **Craig Reeling**, Cpl Pete Arnold Detachment 1198, sick and distress.
- ♦ **Mark Kresel**, Cpl Pete Arnold Detachment 1198, moved to York, PA for rehab facility.

#### Officers' Reports:

**Commandant Tony Rust:** Present and reported. Report attached.

- ♦ Starting meeting for the convention via Zoom.
- ♦ Zoom information will be passed down to Department Officers and District Vices to host meetings.
- ♦ Issues with closing Detachments because we can't find individuals. Based on Bob Borka, COO/HQMCL, the Department Commandant can sign for them.
- ♦ Based on this information, two detachments are moving over to Marines at Large
- ♦ The third one will be moving to Marines at Large shortly.

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

- ♦ Getting things squared away with the hotel for the upcoming convention.
- ♦ For the Devil Dogs, the pool will be available 1300-1400 on Friday 9 May.
- ♦ There is a minimum of \$500 for the bar to be set up. The bar is set up for Saturday night only unless the members want the bar to be set up for Friday night as well. If we don't purchase \$500 worth of drinks, the Department will pay the difference plus gratuity.
- ♦ The Department Commandant recommended setting Karaoke in the hospitality room and avoid the big room.
- ♦ A drink can't be taken to a public area.
- ♦ Banquet is informal and it is a Luau style and it's \$60 per person. Hawaiian shirt, no shorts or casual.
- ♦ Room Prices – Deadline date for hotel reservations is 8 April 2025.
  - City View – Thursday \$84 and Friday/Saturday \$173
  - Partial View – Thursday \$94 and Friday/Saturday \$183
  - Full View – Thursday \$115 and Friday/Saturday \$225
- ♦ Detachments do get their raffle tickets after giving their reports.

**Junior Vice Commandant Pat Sharkey:** Present and reported. Report attached.

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

- ♦ Department bylaws sent to National for approval.
- ♦ Once approved and signed by National, they will be posted to Department website.
- ♦ If you see something you don't agree with, then submit a bylaw change.

**Junior Past Commandant Joe Fay:** Present and reported. Thanked the members for the cards and best wishes to his wife Mary Fay for the passing of her mother. Report attached.

**Adjutant Omar Jabr:** Present and reported verbally.

- ♦ Requested Department Commandants to send a list of Associates showing who served in the military and who didn't.
- ♦ All Detachments Reports to be submitted a week prior to the Department meeting and convention.

**Paymaster Anna Laurie Blair:** Present and reported. No report.

- ♦ If you submit a transmittal for a new member, please send the paymaster a copy of the transmittal as well.

**Sergeant at Arms Rick Andisik:** Present and reported 47 members on deck.

**Chaplain Leonard Stielper:** Present and reported. No report.

- ♦ Do not forget to send Notice of Death (NoD) to the Department Chaplain.
- ♦ Detachment Chaplain sends the NoD to Detachment Paymaster who sends it to the Department Chaplain.
- ♦ Only 4 detachments have corrected their roster.

**Chief of Staff and Historian:** Jack Severn stepped down as the Department Chief of Staff and Historian. **Commandant Tony Rust** is looking for a replacement. If interested, please see him.

**Public Information Jeff Robinette:** Present and reported. No report.

- ♦ Pistol match is postponed. Hope to have one by next Fall or Spring.
- ♦ Woodford Reserve Bourbon 700 ml raffle to support Americas Vet Dogs. They train dogs for disabled Veterans. If a Veteran gets a dog, he/she gets it for the life of the dog.
- ♦ The tickets are \$5.00 a ticket and the raffle is for a great cause.
- ♦ Woodford Reserve is a sponsor of the Kentucky Derby.

**Photographer Mario Meaux:** Present and reported. The Pictures will be uploaded to the website. No report.

**Web Sergeant Mike Hadley:** Excused, no report. The Commandant reported that the website is behind and needs some work. Any updates to the websites need to go through the Commandant and the Adjutant.

**Compliance Officer Rose Mary Beall:** Present via Zoom and reported. Report is attached.

#### Committee Reports:

**Legislative: Garry Roundtree,** present and reported verbally. Usual business.

**Perry Point: Kevin Obrian,** excused, no report.

**Loch Raven: Marian James,** excused, no report.

**Charlotte Hall: Greg Ashley,** excused, no report.

**Young Marines: Ray Sturm,** excused, no report.

**VAVS: Gary Roundtree,** present and reported verbally. Regular meetings occur on the third Tuesday or Wednesday of the month. Susan Currens (spelling?) is no longer the manager for the volunteer services. Ms. Kaitledge (spelling?) is taking over this position.

**VSO: Gary Roundtree,** present and reported verbally. Meeting with new veterans to file claims and perform high level review (Monthly occurrence).

**Newsletter: Vacant**

**License Plate: Craig Reeling,** present and reported verbally.

- ♦ The price went up from \$25.00 to \$30.00
- ♦ The DMV changed the form. Craig will up the form.

**Toys For Tots: Marian James,** excused. Report attached.

**Chapel of Four Chaplains: Howard Koontz,** present, no report.

**Eagle Scout: Stuart Blair,** present and reported. Report attached.

**Leadership College: Craig Reeling**, present and reported verbally. He would like to start another course.

**Uniform: Craig Reeling**, present, no report.

**Social Media: Crist Burns**, present and reported. Report attached. Social media is still running.

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

**Fallen Marines Program: George Hammerbacher III**, present, reported verbally.

- ♦ Cpl Pete Arnold Detachment presented the flag and tabs for a fallen Marine from Free State Detachment.
- ♦ If a Detachment wants to start a Fallen Marine Program, please see George.
- ♦ If interested in helping/assisting, please see George.
- ♦ Uniform changes are coming. Not official yet but if you are part of the detail, then the uniform is the undressed uniform and if you are the speaker, then the uniform is a red blazer.

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

**Marine Corps Det., Ft. Meade: Gary Roundtree**, present, reported verbally. Nothing to report currently until the appreciate day around October timeframe. Working with Veterans around Ft. Meade area.

**Recruiting Station Baltimore: Vacant**

**CBRNE Indian Head Liaison: Vacant**

**Bravo Co. 4th LAR Fort Detrick: Vacant**

**4<sup>th</sup> CEB Baltimore: Tony Jackson**, excused, no report.

**MODD Maryland Pack Leader: Pat Sharkey**, present, reported verbally.

- ♦ Growl starts after Department meeting around.
- ♦ Pups to meet with Mad Dog PDD Joe Fay 15 minutes prior to start of the Growl.
- ♦ Meet after the meeting to go over the Dog of the Year nominations.

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

- ♦ Meet after the meeting to go over the MOY nomination submissions.

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

- ♦ Meet after the meeting to go over the AOY nomination submissions.

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

**MCL Foundation: Jerry Devlin**, excused, no report.

**Joint Veterans Commission (JVC): Tony Rust**, present, reported verbally.

- ♦ **Earl Ruff** is the Committee Lead for the Banquet in April at the Baltimore Firehouse.

**Department Convention: Rob Heilig**, present, reported verbally. No additional information.

#### Detachment Reports:

**Anne Arundel (1049): Commandant Burt Helmka**, present and reported. Report attached.

**Antietam (113): Commandant Chuck Martin**, present and reported. Report attached.

**Baltimore (565): PDC Earl Ruff**, present and reported. Report attached.

**CPL Pete Arnold (1198): Judge Advocate Crist Burns**, present and reported. Report attached.

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

**Free State (544):** Not present, no report.

**Garrett County (1234): Senior Vice Commandant Rob Heilig**, present and reported. Report attached. Additional note, I am in charge of the Honor Guard at the American Legion and they are mustering at 1100 today to bury a 100 year-old door gunner veteran.

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

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

**Maryland Marines (1371):** Craig Reeling, present, no report.

**Patuxent River (1305): Department Adjutant Omar Jabr**, present and reported. Report attached.

**Peacekeepers (1492): Commandant Richard Pounsberry**, present. Report Attached.

**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): Commandant Roger Martinson**, present and reported. Report attached.

**SSgt Karl G. Taylor (1084): Commandant Bill Swain**, present and reported. No report.

**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**, present. Report attached.

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

**District 3: Vice Commandant Omar Jabr**, present and reported. Report attached.

**District 4: Vice Commandant Paul Gunther**, not present. Provided the following via email.

- ♦ Been having breakfast with Deane and Hettchen members.
- ♦ Hettchen Det and Meatball pound lost Halsey Smith, Celebration of life 22 March 2025 at the Sandy Spring volunteer fire house in Sandy Spring, MD 11 to 2pm.

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

Special Committees: None

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: Around April timeframe, members from the Department travel to Parris Island, SC and sponsor soon to be Marines during Family Day and Graduations. The members usually pay for their lunches. A motion was brought to the floor by **George Hammerbacher III** and seconded by **Jeff Robinette** asking the Department to pay up to \$200 towards lunches for the soon to become Marines.

Discussion: **Ben Wells**, recommended to pass the hat in this situation and reject the motion. The original motion was not carried, and the hat was passed. Bible is closed at this moment. Bible is open.

NOTE: Unlike a Detachment who raises money, the Department does not. So, any money the Department has is what they got from the Detachments. If you request money from the Department and they give it to you, now you have to figure out how to replace that money back into the Department. The Department is not a money maker like the Detachment.

**Gary Roundtree** thanked the Commandant for pointing him to the Maryland Joint Veterans Committee.

Good of the League:

- ♦ The VA is switching the login to either LOGIN.GOV or ID.me.
- ♦ **Bill Swain** SSgt Taylor is hiring a bus to visit the Marine Corps Museum on 17 or 18 March and want to extend the visit to all Detachments.
- ♦ **Craig Reeling** asked if the Department invited all the proper parties to the Department such as VA, Charlotte Hall, National Officers, etc.

Announcements:

- ♦ **Harry Hierstetter**, \$373 was collected for Parris Island, SC lunches for soon to be Marines. 10 Members will be travelling to Parris Island, SC in April. It's a rewarding experience.
- ♦ **John Knopp**, VFW Post 8672 commander, announced that VFW state has directed us that they are getting away with Veteran Service Office (VSO) position for each post. There is a law suit involved. Therefore, the state has directed us that they will officially be changing that position and recommended that all individuals seeking benefits go to their certified VSO at either the MVA or K Street.
- ♦ **George Hammerbacher III**, selling lapel pins that he designed for celebrating the 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the Marine Corps. It's \$10 and all proceeds go to his Detachment.
- ♦ February 27 – March 01, 2025: National Midwinter Conference – Arlington, VA (Sheraton Pentagon City).
- ♦ May 09 – 11, 2025: Department Convention – Ocean City, MD.
- ♦ Less formality at the banquet. Hawaiian shirt or casual and no shorts.
- ♦ Convention Guest speaker is Col Javier Garcia.

Next Department meeting is 09 May 2025, Department Convention, Ocean City, MD.

The Meeting adjourned at 10:49 AM

Respectfully Submitted,

Omar Jabr  
Department Adjutant  
Department of Maryland  
Marine Corps League





# MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

Department of Maryland

INCORPORATED BY ACT OF CONGRESS

Date 07 February 2025  
To: Department of Maryland  
Subject: Commandant Report for 08 Feb 2025

Greetings and welcome to the dark ages (the period between the Christmas Holidays and Spring Break)! Since the last Department meeting, I have attended 2 JVC meetings via ZOOM and Detachment meetings. I have also transitioned the reigns of putting the Convention together to our stellar Senior Vice Commandant, Reb Heilig. We need to continue our focus of efforts on Membership, Compliancy, and getting a solid plan for our convention in May. There is a lot of work ahead of us, and it takes all Detachments to put this on. Good communications are a must, and with a little bit of luck, we will bet even more members at the convention this year.

Over the next 12 months, our Department will go through many changes. The Board of Directors has started a monthly Zoom meeting. I am directing the Paymaster to create a Department ZOOM account that can be used by all Department Officers and Detachments (as long as a Department Officer is available to host the meeting). Please plan to utilize this service to better support your bright ideas!

## FUNDRAISING IS KEY!!!

Once again, we have a contract with the Grand Hotel for the next two years. Everything stays the same as what happened this year, but our room rates are locked into a 5% or less rate hike each year. So, our Department Convention will be held at the Grand Hotel on 21st Street in Ocean City, MD on Mother's Day weekend for May 2025, and May 2026! The convention committee will update rates as the year progresses.

This is a volunteer sport and I want you to focus on family first; then the League. With any luck, compliance issues will take care of itself. However, in the absence of luck, I will be asking the District Vice Commandants to engage more with Detachment leadership to ensure we have open lines of communication. If I don't hear from the Detachments, how can I help them? I will continue to put forth my best effort to ensure that the Department of Maryland stay fiscally sound and, more importantly, a fun place to be!

Semper Fidelis,

Tony Rust  
Dept. of MD Commandant  
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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 8 February 2025

I have been in contact with the Grand Hotel in Ocean City. Several things we need to discuss today. Hospitality room. Banquet. Buffet style, Luau. \$60.00 per person plus taxes and gratuity. Cash bar for banquet. \$500.00 minium to set up. No bar on Friday. We're working on all this. Rooms and rates.

City view rooms \$84.00 on Thursday \$173.00 on Fri and Sat nights  
Partial Ocean View rooms \$94.00 on Thursday, 183.00 on Fri and Sat nights  
Direct Ocean Front Rooms \$115.00 on Thursday, \$225.00 on Fri and Sat nights. Plus Taxes.

We need ad's for booklet. Send in ASAP

Respectfully Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rob Heilig".

Rob Heilig  
Sr Vice Commandant  
Dept of Maryland

As of: 01/28/2025

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|           | PLM | Paid | Total Paid | Unpaid |
|-----------|-----|------|------------|--------|
| Regular   | 581 | 137  | 718        | 67     |
| Associate | 62  | 49   | 111        | 19     |
| Multiple  | 37  | 1    | 38         | 2      |
| Total     | 680 | 187  | 867        | 88     |
| Voting    | 718 |      |            |        |

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# MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

Department of Maryland

INCORPORATED BY ACT OF CONGRESS

8 February 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.
- Submitted previous version of Department Bylaws and Administrative Procedures to National for their archives.
- Worked with Department Board of Trustees to complete National Judge Advocate's recommended adjustments to our updated Bylaws and Administrative Procedures.
- 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.
- Track any proposals for changes to Bylaws and Administrative Procedures.

Semper Fidelis,

*Crist Burns Jr.*

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Judge Advocate  
Department of Maryland  
Marine Corps League



**Department of Maryland**  
**February 8, 2025**  
**Jr. Past Commandant – Joe Fay**



I have attended/supported the following events since our Department Meeting on November 23, 2025.

**Past events:**

- Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> Patuxent River Detachment Monthly Meeting
- Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> Joint Veterans Committee of Maryland Legislative Zoom Meeting
- Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> MCL Scuttlebutt Zoom (Organizational Tips)
- Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> Joint Veterans Committee of Maryland Legislative Zoom Meeting
- Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> Joint Veterans Committee of Maryland Legislative Meeting
- Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> Joint Veterans Committee of Maryland Legislative Zoom Meeting
- Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> Patuxent River Detachment Monthly Meeting
- Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> Joint Veterans Committee of Maryland Legislative Zoom Meeting

**Joint Veterans Committee of Maryland:** The JVC attended Operation Annapolis February 4<sup>th</sup>. Attendance was up from 25 to 39 this year. We need to see some more MCL members at this event next year.

**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 a lot 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. \*\*\***

*Joseph P. Fay*

Respectfully Submitted,  
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Jr. Past Commandant  
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**\*\*\* INVITE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS TO YOUR EVENTS \*\*\***

## Compliance Officer Report

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 2/3/2025. I am waiting on a report from the Army about the Rifle Trenial Audit.

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](https://registeryourbusinessonline.maryland.gov)

IRS

[irs.gov/charities-and-nonprofits](https://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 Trenial 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](mailto:Rosie12757@verizon.net)



| Detachment                      | #    | Last 990N<br>Filed | MD Form 1  | Registered MD Non<br>Profit Charity | ROI       | PLM Audit |           |             | Rifle Tren<br>Audit |
|---------------------------------|------|--------------------|------------|-------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|---------------------|
|                                 |      |                    |            |                                     |           | Audit     | Bank      | 955 & 501c4 |                     |
| Department of Maryland          |      | 2023               | 11/13/2023 |                                     | 5/11/2024 |           |           |             |                     |
| Anne Arundel County             | 1049 | 2023               | 2/10/2023  | Pending                             | 3/18/2024 | 1         | 1         | 1           |                     |
| Antietam                        | 1113 | 2023               | 11/13/2023 |                                     | 3/5/2024  | 1         | 1         | 1           | 4/4/202             |
| Baltimore                       | 565  | 2023               | 3/13/2024  |                                     | 4/26/2024 | 1         | 1         | 1           | Turning             |
| Cpl Pete Arnold                 | 1198 | 2023               | 3/9/2024   | Pending                             | 4/23/2024 | 1         | 1         | 1           | 10/23/20            |
| Free State Marines              | 544  | 2023               | 3/30/2023  |                                     | ?         | 1         | 1         | 1           |                     |
| Garrett County                  | 1234 | 2023               | 7/12/2022  |                                     | 10/5/2023 | 1         | 1         | 1           |                     |
| LCpl Gregory S. Copenhaver      | 1098 | 2022               | Forfeited  |                                     |           | 0         | 0         | 1           |                     |
| LCpl Robert W. Deane            | 770  | 2024               | 1/31/2025  |                                     | 4/16/2024 | 1         | 1         | 1           | 4/29/20             |
| Maryland Marines                | 1371 | 2023               | 1/29/2024  |                                     |           | 0         | 1         | 1           |                     |
| Patuxent River                  | 1305 | 2023               | 3/29/2024  |                                     | 3/5/2024  | 1         | 1         | 1           | 1/11/20             |
| Peacekeepers                    | 1492 | 2022               | 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  | 2023               | 4/12/2024  |                                     | 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               | 2/12/2024  |                                     | ?         | 1         | 1         | 1           |                     |
| Last Verified                   |      | 2/3/2025           | 2/3/2025   | 2/3/2025                            | 6/1/2024  | 4/20/2024 | 4/20/2024 | 4/20/2024   | 5/1/202             |

#### 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 |  |





## *Marine Corps League State Meeting, Saturday, February 8, 2025*

Greetings,

Unfortunately, I am unable to be with you today because I am caring for my mother who is currently not at her best. Please keep us in your prayers.

**Toys for Tots 2024** – This year the Detachment received direct donations from two (2) American Legion Post. We were incredibly happy to receive donations for the Baltimore Detachment 565 Toys for Tots Program from Federal Post #19 and Towson Post #22. A special “Thank you” to Stuart Blair for getting Towson Post 22 to participate with us this year, to Federal Post #19 (chair unknown) and to our friend Lisa Scott for obtaining so many unique toys to give to children. This year our Detachment donated \$1,200.00 and three hundred sixty-four (364) toys. Usually, we attend a sponsored function by Rockin’ Robin, LLC, but this year we were unable to contact the organizers, and we hope that he and his wife are okay. It has been difficult to contact the Detachments for information about Toys for Tots, so Detachment Chairs are requested to forward the information to my attention.

The **VA Medical Center** at Loch Raven: Construction has been halted on the new Hospice area. However, the employees working on the construction committee will be meeting within the next two weeks and work on the facility will resume shortly thereafter.

The freeze on VAVS Volunteers and VA Employees is currently in effect and I have attached a detailed copy of the regulations to this report. A copy of the report is attached for your review.

On Wednesday, February 12, 2025, the Gold Star Mothers, Mrs. Charles LaHatte representing her church group, and the Baltimore Detachment 565 Marine Corps League will visit and salute all the patients at Loch Raven. A gift the with a handwritten “Thank You,” an Afghan or Prayer Shawl along with personal use items will be given to each patient. The total number of Afghans and Prayer Shawls will be included in my report at the next meeting. Last year the Gold Star Mothers of Maryland donated \$500.00 worth of yarn for me to make Afghans. All of that yarn was not used last year, and this year additional Afghans were made by me for the Gold Star Mothes of Maryland. The official count of items will be made in the next report.





# MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

Department of Maryland

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8 February 2025

From: Social Media Chairman, Department of Maryland  
To: Commandant, Department of Maryland, Marine Corps League  
Cc: Adjutant, Department of Maryland, Marine Corps League  
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 Dept 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.*

Crist Burns Jr.  
Social Media Chairman  
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  
\* Winter Staff Meeting 2025

**Feb. 8, 2025**

That's when Boy Scouts of America will simply become **Scouting America** on Feb. 8, 2025, its 115th anniversary, making the group more inclusive and welcoming to all children and teens. "This is huge for my pack, because the girls don't have to live under the shadow of hearing boy scouts.

Scouting is about getting out, doing some things outdoors, in nature, learning life skills. This is where the kids get 90 percent of their merit badges to get to Eagle Scout, which is the ultimate goal in scouting.

***Good Citizenship Awards Presented***

The Dept. of Maryland has presented 20 Good Citizenship Awards since November 2024. In the past two quarters there have been (58) fifty eight presentations.

**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*  
[mclnational.org/youthdevelopmentprograms](http://mclnational.org/youthdevelopmentprograms)

## Reminder

- Please make contact with ESGCA requester within a reasonable time for scheduling presentation
- Advise BS Dept. Chairman of contact
- Utilize the "Eagle Scout Awards Report Form."  
*Contact me: [thistleman@verizon.net](mailto: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: FEBRUARY 2024 – MAY 2024**  
**IS DUE ONE WEEK BEFORE DEPT. OF MARYLAND MEETING DATE.**

*Thank you for all that you do !*

For God and Country

REPORT DULY SUBMITTED: 8 FEBRUARY 2025



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,  
2025 Winter Staff Meeting

**MVC Quarterly Meeting**

*On Tuesday 21 January 2025 the Maryland Veterans Commission held their quarterly meeting virtual (zoom) 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  
DVMF Programs

**VA Benefits 2025 Raise**

In 2025, VA benefits will increase by 2.5% due to a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA):

**Effective date:** 2.5% increase took effect on Dec. 1, 2024.

**Impact:** This increase applies to VA disability compensation, clothing allowance, and dependency indemnity compensation payments for survivors.

## **VA Disability 2025**

The VA is making several changes to its disability system in 2025, including:

**Compensation increase:** Disability benefit payments will increase by an estimated 2.63% in January 2025. This increase is based on the Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) and is intended to keep benefits up with inflation.

**Rating system updates:** The VA will update its rating system for mental health, sleep apnea, and tinnitus.

### **Faster claim processing:**

The VA will work to process claims more quickly.

The VA is also requesting \$235.3 billion in mandatory funding for 2025, which is a 21.6% increase from 2024. This funding will support disability compensation benefits for nearly 6.9 million veterans and their survivors.

## **Veterans Supplement Income through SSA**

The Social Security Administration is hoping to make applying for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) a whole lot easier, announcing it will start offering online, streamlined applications for some applicants.

The SSA is looking to simplify the process by introducing the iClaim expansion, which aims to establish a fully online application.

The "iClaim Expansion for SSI" release is the first step to address longstanding requests from the public and the advocate community to make the SSI application easier and more accessible. This release will:

- Add SSI specific questions to determine basic eligibility.
- Prepopulate answers based on information already in our records and provided by the applicant.
- Remove the non-U.S. citizen online filing exclusion.
- Clarify the application process by incorporating new screens focused on Income and Resources information.

The much-needed improvements mentioned are just for the first phase of SSI simplification.

### ***Presentations:***

Cori Carfagno, Director  
Jason Marshall, Regional Manager  
Serving Together

Eric Johnson, Director  
Lei Ellingson, Deputy Director  
VAMSA

### ***Subcommittee Reports***

- Homeless Subcommittee
- Combating Substance Misuse

*All topics presented here are available in detail  
Contact Stuart Blair: [thistleman@verizon.net](mailto:thistleman@verizon.net)*

**NOTE:**

**Tax Season Reminders for Veterans**

Are you preparing to file taxes? VA is here to help with some helpful reminders for Veterans and beneficiaries.

- VA benefits are tax free.
- There is no federal income tax on VA insurance proceeds
- Veterans with a service-connected disability rating may benefit from local property tax exemptions.

You may qualify for free assistance with filing from MilTax or IRS Free File.

**Coming Event:**

**GILCHRIST WELCOME HOME VIETNAM VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION**

**March 30 @ 11:30 am - 3:00 pm**

on Sunday, March 30, at the Gilchrist will host the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day Celebration.

The event will occur from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Martin's West (6817 Dogwood Rd, Baltimore, MD). It will feature a resource fair, lunch, and a program.

Our partners, Pets for Patriots, provided this opportunity for BHS as we continue to help fulfill their mission, "TO GIVE THE GIFTS OF FIDELITY, JOY, AND LOVE TO VETERANS AND PETS THROUGH COMPANION ANIMAL ADOPTION."

This event is NO COST

We look forward to seeing you there!

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

REPORT DULY SUBMITTED: 8 FEBRUARY 2025



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



# Marine Corps League

## Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049

419 N. Carolina Ave.

Pasadena, Maryland 21122-5426

[www.mclaacdet1049.org](http://www.mclaacdet1049.org)

Facebook: Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049, MCL

**Period covered:** 23 November 2024 to 8 February 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 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                 |               |               |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>85 members</b> |               |               |

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

### Fallen Marines

None

### Community

Our social dinners are going well these are held on the 3rd Friday of the month. We celebrated Christmas with Boy Scout Troop #216, a good time was had by all.

### Marines Helping Heroes Foundation

This year's golf tournament will be held 2nd Friday of June.

### Eagle Scouts

Detachment 1049 has handed out 8 Eagle Scout Awards .

### Good of the League

Our Detachments Bull & Oyster Roast is March 8th 2025. Tickets are on sale, price is \$60. Time is 1300/1:00pm till 1700/5:00 pm. Place is American Legion Post#175 located at 832 Manhattan Beach Rd., Severna Park.



**Membership:** No new members.

**Color Guard**

Nothing to report at this time. Nothing scheduled till May 2025.

**Young Marines**

Our Young Marines are very busy at this time. They also helped place wreaths at cemetery with Wreaths Across America.

*Semper fidelis*

Burton L Helmka

Commandant A.A. County Detachment #1049



# Antietam Detachment, Inc.

Marine Corps League, # 113

P.O. Box 4674

Hagerstown, Maryland 21742-4674



DATE: 05 Feb 2025

FROM: Commandant, Antietam Detachment, #113,

TO: Commandant, Department of Maryland,

SUBJ: **Quarterly Department of Maryland Report – 05 February 2025**

## MEMBERSHIP

Strength – 53

Paid Life Members – 26

Unpaid – 0

## SICK, DISTRESSED & DECEASED

James Arthur (Art) Brown, Jr. - Passed on 02 February 2025

## EVENTS

Antietam Detachment's MCX opened four days in December 2024.

Detachment Installation of officers scheduled for March 4th, (March monthly meeting).

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

None

## CHILDREN & YOUTH

No Eagle Scout awards this quarter.

## VETERANS SERVICES

Honor guard performed 14 funerals.

## TOYS FOR TOTS PROGRAM STATUS

None.

## GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

Antietam Detachment Colorguard invited to present Colors at Baltimore Orioles home game for the 2025 season, date to be determined.

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



**07 February 2025**

- 1. Baltimore Detachment roll list 98 members**
- 2. The Detachment had one death this quarter, LM Harry Carroll**
- 3. Detachment finished a successful Toys4Tots campaign, collecting over 400 toys.**
- 4. Detachment held a Pot Luck Holiday dinner, all who attended had a very enjoyable time.**
- 5. Detachment Commandant is preparing to attend the National Mid Winter Conference in Arlington Va.**
- 6. Detachment will be preparing for nomination of Officers for the next year.**

Earl Ruff Jr  
Commandant  
Baltimore Detachment 565



# MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

Corporal Pete Arnold Detachment 1198

INCORPORATED BY ACT OF CONGRESS

8 February 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

- 1 October – 31 December 2024 – Toys for Tots Harford County
- 28 December 2024 – Jarrettsville VFW Joint Holiday Party at Jarrettsville VFW
- 11 January – Chesty's Chow in Street, MD
- 11-12 January – Timonium Gun Show in Timonium, MD
- 28 January – Detachment Officer Nominations

## Upcoming Events

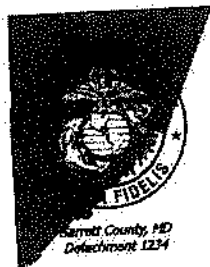
- 14-16 February – Jarrettsville Fire Dept. Gun Show in Jarrettsville, MD
- 25 February – Detachment Officer Nominations
- 27 February – 1 March – Midwinter Conference in Arlington, VA
- 25 March – Detachment Officer Nominations & Elections
- April-October – First Fridays in Bel Air, MD
- 19 April – VFW Auxiliary Craft Show at Jarrettsville VFW
- 22 April – Detachment Officer Installations
- 26-27 April – Timonium Gun Show in Timonium, MD
- 9-11 May – Department Convention in Ocean City, MD

Semper Fidelis,

*Taras Gamma*

Taras Gamma  
Commandant  
Cpl Pete Arnold Det. 1198  
Marine Corps League

*Once a Marine, Always a Marine*



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 8 February 2025

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

Sickness & Distress: John Williams, Denver Welch are home sick.

Current Events: Toys for Tots AAR sent in. Certificates of Appreciation being delivered to businesses that had Collection boxes out.

Upcoming: Golf Tournament planning is underway. This year June 7<sup>th</sup> is the big day.

Summary: We gave donations to Cindy's Fund, Toys for Tots, Meals on Wheels, Marine Raiders, Hospice of Garrett County. We gave each organization \$2,000.00 each.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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





# LCpl Robert W. Deane Detachment 770 Marine Corps League



Email: [info@mcldeane.org](mailto:info@mcldeane.org)

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

Subject: Report Department of Maryland  
Period: November 2024 – February 2025

**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:** Robert Newman passed away on Jan. 16, 2025. He was 96 years old.  
There will be a Celebration of Life in late April.

**Fundraisers:** At this time we have no fundraisers scheduled, but will be gearing up at our February meeting.

**Events:** Toys for Tots was a great success last year.  
We had hot dog sales at Southern States along with Toys for Tots and a visit from Santa, Mrs. Claus and the Grinch.  
The Detachment participated in Wreaths Across America.  
Some members of the Detachment went to the funeral for Morris Semiatin, a Iwo Jima veteran and a Purple Heart recipient. He was at our convention in Ocean City last year.  
Looking forward to working with everyone and having a great year in 2025.



# Patuxent River Detachment 1305

## Department Report –February 6, 2025



### Detachment Officers

|                       |                  |
|-----------------------|------------------|
| Commandant:           | Henry Kunzig     |
| Senior Vice:          | Greg Ashley      |
| Junior Vice:          | Tom McKean       |
| Judge Advocate:       | Jared Singleton  |
| Sgt-at-Arms:          | Peter Zingarelli |
| Chaplain:             | Tim Hoernig      |
| Adjutant:             | Laura Braunbeck  |
| Paymaster:            | Howie Wescott    |
| Quartermaster:        | Greg Ashley      |
| Jr. Past Cmdt:        | Pat Wyman        |
| Public Relations Sgt: | Josh Ostrow      |
| Web Sgt:              | Tom Rocheleau    |
| Service Officer:      | Kat Lambourne    |

### Members Status:

|            |    |                   |
|------------|----|-------------------|
| Regular:   | 58 | (40 Life Members) |
| Associate: | 7  | (3 Life Members)  |
| Honorary:  | 1  |                   |

**Total: 66**

### NOTE:

Unpaid 14 Regular 2 Associate

### Past Events

1. St Mary's County Oyster Fest 10/24
2. Charlotte Hall Veterans Home Halloween Bingo 10/31/2024
3. Marine Corps Birthday Celebration 11/10/2024
4. Leonardtown Veterans Day Parade 11/11/2024
5. Annual Toys For Tots Campaign 11/24-12/24
6. Officer nominations and elections 2/4/2025

### Upcoming Events

1. Installation Of Officers 3/4/2025
2. Charlotte Hall Veterans Home Winter cookout, 3/25





## **PEACEKEEPERS DETACHMENT # 1492**

### **QUARTERLY REPORT**

During this past Quarter the Peacekeepers Detachment continues to meet on the second Thursday of the month at 1100 at the Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire House, Ocean Pines, Maryland.

During this past Quarter the Peacekeepers Detachment was successful in recruiting three new members, two veterans and an associate. The Peacekeepers Detachment currently has 31 active members.

Annual charity donations were on behalf of the Peacekeepers Detachment to Dia Kenia, Marine Corps League Foundation, Community Church and to the Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Company.

The Peacekeepers Detachment hosted a Marine Corps Ball in November and invited members of the First State Detachment and Cohee Detachment to attend. There were 84 people in attendance.

The Peacekeepers Detachment visited the Delaware Veterans Home in Milford and the Seniors Nursing Home in Berlin specifically with veterans residing there; bringing small gifts and cake to the visit.

The Peacekeepers Detachment has committed to attend the St Patrick's Day Parade in Ocean City Maryland in March.



**Marine Corps League**

**Sgt. Jack Hettchen, Jr. Detachment 1428**

To: Commandant Tony Rust  
Department of Maryland  
CC: Adjutant, Officers and Members  
Date: February 2025  
From: Wayne Miller, Commandant  
Subject: Hettchen Detachment Report February 8 2025

Report covers main activities December 2024-January 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 did not increase during December-January
- **Activities:**  
Eagle Scout Program is back to full activity. Chairman marine Kevin McDermott reported (2) Honor Courts in Rockville.  
Detachment voted to donate \$100.00 to Dept. of NC to support hurricane effort.  
Committee Reports: Mike Jadoo reported continuing effort on behalf of Ukraine.  
Voted also to send \$100.00 to California Detachment to support Fire relief.

Check our WEBSITE for information on National and State events.

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

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

Toys for Tots effort was very successful. Report has been submitted. 89,868 Toys collected and distributed among 44,000 children.

**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.

**Community Outreach:** We will be setting up at the July 3<sup>rd</sup> 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**

## **Department of Maryland District 1**

**From: Larry C. Jackson District 1 Vice Commandant**

**Thru: Adjutant Department of Maryland Marine Corps League**

**To: Commandant, Department of Maryland Marine Corps  
League**

**Sub: Report, February 7, 2025**

**No meeting was held for the months of December and January  
because of the holiday and bad weather in January our next  
meeting will be held 12<sup>th</sup> February.**

**Respectfully submitted.**

**Larry C. Jackson District 1 Vice Command**



## **Marine Corps League**

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### **Department of Maryland**



#### **District 2 Vice Commandant Report**

**08 February 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  
Host: Cpl Pete Arnold Detachment 1198, Jarrettsville, MD  
Date: 08 February 2025

Greetings All...

**Patuxent River Detachment 1305** membership are dwelling with 66 members (58 Regular, 7 Associates and 1 Honorary). The count includes 40 Life Regular Members and 3 Life Associate Members.

Detachment 1305 held Toys for Tots Annual Campaign November-December 2024.

Detachment 1305 held officers' nominations and elections on 04 February 2025.

Detachment 1305 held their Installation of Officers on 04 March 2025.

**Free State Detachment 544** Did not hold any meetings. Discussing the future of the Detachment with Commandant Tony Rust.

**Charlotte Hall Veterans Home (CHVH)** currently has 19 Marines (19 Males, 0 Females).

CHVH is continuing operations.

**District 3 Vice Commandant Events Participation**

Attended Patuxent River Detachment 1305 Meetings.

Attended Pounds 204, 333, 344 and 40 Growls.

Participated in Detachment 1305 Toys for Tots Annual Campaign November-December 2024.

Participated in Pax River Detachment 1305 Veterans Day Parade Color Guard and Wreath Laying Ceremony on 11 November 2023.

Attended MODD Jr. Vice Chief Devil Dog Meeting.

Attended Joint Veterans Committee Meetings.

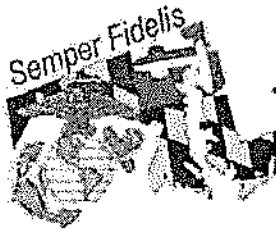
**Upcoming Events**

04 March 2025 – Patuxent River Detachment 1305 Installation of Officers.

March 205 – Charlotte Hall Veterans Home Winter Cookout.

Semper Fidelis,

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



# Marine Corps League

## Department of Maryland



JEFF ROBINETTE  
District 5 Vice Commandant  
Public Affairs Officer  
[jeffdrob556@gmail.com](mailto:jeffdrob556@gmail.com)  
(301) 697-8314

TO: Commandant Department of Maryland

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

SUBJECT: Quarterly Report 8 Feb 2025

### PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER

Sadly, I have to report that the proposed Pistol Match I spoke of in August and November will have to be postponed until either later this year or even next year. This postponement is due to the economic pressures of the past year. While we did see an uptick in sales immediately after the November election. That uptick was short lived. It did not flow into this past January.

In as much as this event was designed as a possible intro for younger veterans at these institution to the Marine Corps League; the absolute worst outcome would be to have 50 or more recently discharged veterans ready to shoot and cancel this event 2 days prior to the shoot.

Now for some good news, I have a 750 ML bottle of Woodford Reserve Straight Kentucky Bourbon Whiskey for a raffle. The tickets are \$5 each and there are 300 tickets.

America's Vet Dogs is a program that trains and provides service dogs for veterans in need of that service. But this program also helps another group of people. These dogs, Labs and Poodles, are trained by inmates at the Maryland Correctional Training Center. To the best of my knowledge there are only 3 members that have been on the inside of a high Medium to Maximum Security Prison. Most of these inmates have some sort of job inside the jail. Those jobs are menial and there is little, if any, compensation. The inmates assigned to this program have something to give them a sense of purpose in this program.

Veterans that have these dogs assigned to them have that dog for LIFE. Any dog that is too old to keep up with the demands of this program is replaced with a younger trained dog.

### District 5

Mountainside is still a work in progress. Since November they have had 2 members pass away. another member is in the process of transferring.

Sincerely,

*Jeff Robinette*

Jeff Robinette



# Marine Corps League

## Notice of Death

Harry Carroll of the Baltimore  
(Member Name) (Detachment Name)

Detachment # 565, Department MD Marine Corps League, did answer his/her Final  
Earthly Roll Call on 2 January 2025  
(Date of Death)

The deceased is survived by Gloria M. Carroll wife  
(Relation's Name) (Relationship)

who resides at 455 Community Drive, Severna Park,  
(Address) (City)

MD, 21146  
(State) (Zip)

Membership Number 121122 PLM Number 47772 (If Applicable)

### Remarks:

Profile # 13738

*Sent to National on 2/1/25*

*Sent to National Chaplain on 2/1/25*

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

Date 18 Jan 2025

Submitted by James Scott  
(Detachment Chaplain)

Email Address mclbaltimore@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

James W. Sandoz

(Member Name)

of the

Baltimore

(Detachment Name)

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

Earthly Roll Call on 27 November 2024

(Date of Death)

The deceased is survived by Emily Sandoz daughter

(Relation's Name)

(Relationship)

who resides at 102 Hawthorne Ave. Pikesville

(Address)

(City)

MD

21208

(State)

(Zip)

Membership Number 1953554 PLM Number 49426 (If Applicable)

Remarks:

profile # 13840

*Sent to National on 2/1/24*

*Sent to National Chaplain on 2/1/25*

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

Date 18 Jan 2025

Submitted by James scott

(Detachment Chaplain)

Email Address mclbaltimore@gmail.com

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# Marine Corps League

## Notice of Death

Evart Sarapik

of the

Baltimore

(Member Name)

(Detachment Name)

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

Earthly Roll Call on 23 August 2024

(Date of Death)

The deceased is survived by Sylvia Kelly, daughter

(Relation's Name)

(Relationship)

who resides at 3541 Churchville Road, Aberdeen

(Address)

(City)

MD

21001

(State)

(Zip)

Membership Number 164745 PLM Number 41730 (If Applicable)

### Remarks:

Profile # 41730

*Sent to National on 2/1/25*

*Sent to National Chaplain on 2/1/25*

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

Date 18 Jan. 2025

Submitted by James Scott

(Detachment Chaplain)

Email Address mclbaltimore@gmail.com

### Instructions:

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## Notice of Death

Phillip T Schwarzenberg of the Anne Arundel County

(Member Name)

(Detachment Name)

Detachment # 1049, Department MD Marine Corps League, did answer his/her Final

Earthly Roll Call on December 14, 2024

(Date of Death)

The deceased is survived by Beverly Schwarzenberg, Wife

(Relation's Name)

(Relationship)

who resides at 117 Archwood Avenue, Glen Burnie

(Address)

(City)

MD

21061

(State)

(Zip)

Membership Number 193674, PLM Number 41023 (If Applicable)

### Remarks:

Send to National on 2/1/25

Send to National Chaplain on 2/1/25

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

Date 13 January 2025

Submitted by James F Sanchez

(Detachment Chaplain)

Email Address sancharooo@verizon.net

### Instructions:

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## Notice of Death

Eugene Francis Punte of the Anne Arundel County  
(Member Name) (Detachment Name)

Detachment # 1049, Department MD Marine Corps League, did answer his/her Final  
Earthly Roll Call on June 9, 2024  
(Date of Death)

The deceased is survived by Joanne Punte Turgeon Daughter  
(Relation's Name) (Relationship)

who resides at 6714 Autumn View Ct Sykesville  
(Address) (City)

MD 21784  
(State) (Zip)

Membership Number 181905 PLM Number 36836 (If Applicable)

Remarks:

*was sent to National Chaplain on 1/17/25  
was sent to National on 1/17/25*

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

Date January 9, 2025

Submitted by James F Sanchez  
(Detachment Chaplain)

Email Address sancharooo@verizon.net

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## Notice of Death

Christopher Kalwa

(Member Name)

of the

Anne Arundel County

(Detachment Name)

Detachment # 1049

Department MD

Marine Corps League, did answer his/her Final

Earthly Roll Call on September 12, 2024

(Date of Death)

The deceased is survived by

Erica Kalwa

Wife

(Relation's Name)

(Relationship)

who resides at

(Address)

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

Membership Number

200098

PLM Number

47781

(If Applicable)

Remarks:

Sent in on to National on 2/3/25

Sent info to National Chaplain on 2/3/25

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

Date 28 January 2025

Submitted by

James F Sanchez

(Detachment Chaplain)

Email Address

sancharooo@verizon.net

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## Notice of Death

Rachel Draper of the Antietam Detachment

(Member Name)

(Detachment Name)

Detachment # 113, Department of MD Marine Corps League, did answer his/her Final Earthly Roll Call on 12-11-2023.

(Date of Death)

The deceased is survived by Barbara Sigler, Daughter

(Relation's Name)

(Relationship)

who resides at Unknown, \_\_\_\_\_,

(Address)

(City)

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

(State)

(Zip)

Membership Number X313503, PLM Number 3997 (If Applicable)

### Remarks:

We just found out while reviewing for the PLM Audit.

*was sent to National Chaplain on 1/17/25*  
*was sent to National on 1/17/25*

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

Date 12-8-2024

Submitted by A. Laurie Blair, Paymaster

(Detachment Chaplain)

Email Address paymasterantietam@gmail.com

### Instructions:

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## Notice of Death

**ROBERT NEWMAN** of the **LCPL ROBERT W. DEANE**

(Member Name)

(Detachment Name)

Detachment # **770**, Department **MD** Marine Corps League, did answer his/her Final

Earthly Roll Call on **JANUARY 16, 2025**

(Date of Death)

The deceased is survived by **TERRY NEWMAN** **SON**

(Relation's Name)

(Relationship)

who resides at **1614 GABLEHAMMER RD** **WESTMINSTER**

(Address)

(City)

**MD** **21158**

(State)

(Zip)

Membership Number **143860** PLM Number \_\_\_\_\_ (If Applicable)

### Remarks:

THERE WILL BE A CELEBRATION OF LIFE IN LATE APRIL 2025. ROBERT WAS 96 YEARS OLD AT THE TIME OF HIS PASSING

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

Date **02/03/2025**

Submitted by **ROSE MARY BEALL**

(Detachment Chaplain)

Email Address **ROSIE12757@VERIZON.NET**

### Instructions:

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Paul Gunther  
248-338-0929

## **The Marine Corps League**

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**SGT Jack Hettchen Jr. Detachment #1428**

**&**

**Meatball Pound 404**

**Rockville, MD**

## **Halsey W. Smith, Jr.**

**Charter Member & Friend 10 Years**

**Silver Star and Purple Heart**

**Korea 1952**

**Sgt. Major United States Marine Corps**

**CELEBRATION OF LIFE**

**3/22/2025 at 11:30 am – 2pm(1400)**

**Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Department**

**17921 Brooke Rd. Sandy Spring**

**Obituary at: Halsey W. Smith, Jr. -2025-**

**Roy W. Barber Funeral Home TRIBUTE**

— NOTICE OF DEATH —  
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE



STANLEY R. BROWSKY of the 1084

(Leaguer's Name)

Detachment, Marine Corps League did answer his/her final Earthly Roll Call on

01/12/2025

(Date)

The deceased is survived by

WIFE

(Relation's Name)

VERA

(Relationship)

who resides at:

Street 2886 ST. JONES LN

City ELLCOTT CITY State MD Zip

Membership No. 219817 PLM No. Detachment No. 1,084

Comments:

May he rest in peace!

Semper Fidelis...

E. A. Hall

Paymaster

DET 1084

Submitted By: E.A. HALL, PAYMASTER

Date: 02/12/2025

Title:

Street: 13124 FOX PATH

City: WEST FRIENDSHIP State MD Zip

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

(2) A replacement form will be sent to the individual submitting this form.

Detach and retain bottom copy. Forward balance to Department Chaplain.

Department Chaplain retain bottom copy and forward balance to National

Headquarters. National Headquarters will forward form to National Chaplain.

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Sent to National on 3/24/25

Sent to National Chaplain on 3/24/25