



Marine Corps League Department of Maryland

**Department of Maryland Meeting
LCpl Robert W. Deane Detachment 770
Westminster, MD
23 August 2025
Department Minutes**

Meeting convened at 0900

The Marine Corps League Department of Maryland convened at 0900 by Commandant Robert "Bobby" Lee, LCpl Robert W. Deane Detachment 770.

LCpl Robert W. Deane Commandant Robert "Bobby" Lee 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 Crist Burns).

Detachment 770 Commandant Robert "Bobby" Lee then introduced Department Commandant Tony Rust who assumed the gavel at 09:04 AM.

Commandant Tony Rust opened the meeting thanking Commandant Robert "Bobby" Lee and the LCpl Robert W. Deane Detachment for their hospitality, and Mark Fisher and the American Legion Post 31 for hosting the meeting. Then he declared the Marine Corps League meeting is open for official business.

Guests: None.

Recognition of Dignitaries

Honorary Past National Commandant, former National Parliamentarian and MCL Foundation Advisor HPNC Jerry Devlin.

National Marine of the Year 2012 Jack Severn was recognized.

National Associates of the Year 2023 Alison Noger and 2025 Mario Meaux were 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, Jerry Devlin, 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 (4th Honorary Chief Devil Dog), PDD Ray Sterm (Kennel Liaison to the MCL), PDD Howard Koontz (Kennel Veterinarian), PDD Omar Jabr (Vice Chief Devil Dog – Mideast Division), PDD Leonard Stielper (Deputy Kennel Dog Trainer), PDD Crist Burns (Deputy Kennel Police Dog), PDD Crist Burns (Deputy Kennel Deputy Veterinarian) Paul Gunther, PDD Rober Lee III (Deputy Kennel Lucky Dog), PDD Glen Tabler (Deputy Kennel Lucky Dog), and PDD Tony Rust (Deputy Kennel Mad Dog).

Roll Call of Officers

Department Commandant: 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: Omar Jabr moved to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as published / posted and available on the Department website. Motion to Accept HNPC Jerry Devlin, seconded by Jeff Robinette. No discussions or corrections to the minutes. Motion passed.

Correspondence: None.

The Commandant mentioned that the group that provides \$3,000.00 insurance for death, etc. is updating their roster and they will call to see if you want the insurance (it's not a sale trick). You can say Yes or No. He provided the list of returned addresses to the perspective Detachments for action.

Paymaster's Report: Paymaster Laurie Blair present and reported. If you have any questions, please contact Paymaster. Motion to accept (Mike Jadoo / Paul Taylor), motion passed.

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

- ♦ Thomas Petty – Baltimore Detachment 565
- ♦ Howard Gurley – Baltimore Detachment 565
- ♦ Bronson Sweeney – Baltimore Detachment 565
- ♦ Donald Downer – Baltimore Detachment 565
- ♦ Roger Weeden – Baltimore Detachment 565
- ♦ Mike Betts – SSgt Karl G. Taylor Detachment 1084
- ♦ Bob Everly – Antietam Detachment 113

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

Reports of Marines Sick or In Distress:

- ♦ Craig Reeling, Cpl Pete Arnold – Still recovering. Keep him in your prayers.

Officers' Reports:

Commandant Tony Rust: Present and reported. Report attached.

- ♦ Anything you do to support the League, Dogs, Toys for Tots, Honor Guard, etc. as part of 501C4 is considered volunteers' time. Now we need to track volunteers' hours on monthly basis. More information to follow...
- ♦ Find ways to find new members. We need to keep growing...

- ♦ Baltimore Detachment got 1st place for growth (130% growth).
- ♦ 2025 National Associate of the Year – Mario Meaux
- ♦ 2025 Kennel Dog of the Year – PDD Ben Wells.
- ♦ 2025 Kennel Dog Robber of the Year – PDD Burt Helmka
- ♦ Encouraged submitting members for awards.

Senior Vice Commandant Crist Burns: Present and reported. Report attached.

- ♦ 106 registered for the 2025 convention.
- ♦ 77 registered for the 2025 convention banquet.
- ♦ The convention was a success.
- ♦ Room rates at the Grant will stay the same. 2026 is our last year at the Grant.
- ♦ Commandant Tory Rust discussed the Department budget and how to defray the cost of the banquet tickets.

Junior Vice Commandant Burt Helmka: Present and reported. Report attached.

- ♦ Member strength is 882 as of 23 June 2025.
- ♦ 49 delinquent members as of 23 June 2025. Do your best to bring them back.
- ♦ Lost 400 members since 2022 when we start coming out of Covid.
- ♦ Emphasized on recruitment.

Judge Advocate Pat Sharkey: Excused, no report.

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

- ♦ We had 24 members and associates at the Department Convention in Grapevine, TX.
- ♦ It's always good to see new faces.
- ♦ We would like to see more members at 2026 National Convention in Indianapolis, IN

Adjutant Omar Jabr: Present and reported (verbal).

- ♦ Somehow there is a glitch in Constant Contacts. As a work around, I created a Detachment Commandants test group to pass the word.
- ♦ Detachment Commandants, please send the latest ROI to Department Adjutant jabroi@yahoo.com

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

- ♦ PLM Audit brings funds to Detachments and Department.
- ♦ PLM Audit review is due to Paymaster by 15 November 2025. The Audit is due to National by 30 November 2025.

Sergeant at Arms Rick Andisik: Excused, no report.

- ♦ 47 members in attendance.

Chaplain Leonard Stielper: Present, no report.

NOTE: Department Commandant recognized Leonard Stielper generosity to the League and Marine Corps League Foundation. Well Done, Leonard!

Chief of Staff: Department Commandant talked about the position, requirements and asked for volunteers.

Historian Bob Snyder: Present and reported (verbal).

- ♦ Create a list of Past Department Commandants, Marines of the Year and Associates of the Year.

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

- ♦ Bourbon raffle tickets at the Convention raised \$935.00 to support Americas Vet Dogs.
- ♦ Be vigilant and be aware of your surroundings.

- ♦ Requested Commandant's presence at Antietam's Marine Corps Birthday.

NOTE: Department Commandants to work with Department Adjutant and Web Sergeant to update the Department website.

Photographer Doc. Gunther: Present, no report.

Web Sergeant Mike Hadley: Excused, no report.

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

- ♦ Email ROIs to Compliance Officer (rosie12757@verizon.net), Adjutant (jabroi@yahoo.com), and Paymaster (paymasterantietam@gmail.com)
- ♦ Most Detachments still need to do the Registered MD Non-Profit Charity form (COR-92).
- ♦ Email Compliance Officer a copy of your confirmation from the IRS that your filing status was accepted.

NOTE: The Department Commandant talked about Veteran Service Officer (VSO) and how we can help each other and support young members within the Detachments to navigate VA and benefits. If you want to become a VSO, must have at least a year in the Leagues, send a request through your Detachment Commandants to the Department Adjutant to be elevated to the Department Commandant. It looks like National will pay for the training.

[Recess for 15 minutes](#)

Committee Reports:

Legislative – Gary Roundtree: Excused, no report.

Perry Point – Kevin Obrian: Present, verbal report.

- ♦ Harvard County Marines Birthday Party on 10 November 2025 at Bush River Yacht Club.
- ♦ Pete Arnold's Detachment is getting recertified to participate with Volunteer Services at Perry Point.
- ♦ Perry Point Babist recertification needs to go through National. A copy of the paperwork to be submitted to the Department Commandant.
- ♦ First activity to support is the Veterans Suicide Awareness Walk on 10 September 2025.
- ♦ Purification Day can happen at any time on request.

Loch Raven – Marian James: Excused, no report.

Charlotte Hall – Greg Ashley: Excused, no report.

Young Marines Liaison – Ray Sturm: Present, verbal report.

- ♦ No report from Maryland Regiment Commander Colby Areford.
- ♦ If you have Young Marines in the area, please support him if you can.

VAVS – Gary Roundtree: Excused, no report.

VSO – Gary Roundtree: Excused, no report.

Newsletter: Vacant.

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

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

Chapel of Four Chaplains – PDC Howard Koontz: Present, no report.

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

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

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

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

- ♦ Still running and operational.
- ♦ Assist with seeking a replacement for Social Media Chairman.

Marine For Life – Ray Sturm: Present, no report.

Fallen Marine Program – George Hammerbacher III: Excused, no report.

Marine Aviation Det., NAS Patuxent River Liaison – Pat Wyman: Present, no report.

Marine Corps Det., Fort Meade Liaison – Gary Roundtree: Excused, no report.

- ♦ Discuss Company B Cyber Command with Gary.

Recruiting Station Baltimore Liaison: Vacant.

CBRNE Indian Head Liaison: Vacant.

Bravo Co. 4th LAR Fort Detrick: Vacant.

NOTE: Active-duty liaison positions for active-duty groups are going by the wayside. We need to step it up and it's a good recruiting tool.

4th CEB Baltimore Liaison – Athony Jackson: Present, no report.

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

- ♦ All Pups to meet with the Mad Dog at 1230-1245.
- ♦ Growl starts at 1300.

Marine of the Year Society – Burt Helmka: Get your packages in by February/March 2026 Department meeting. We encourage every Detachment to submit package.

Associate of the Year Society – Mario Meaux: Excused, no report.

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

MCL Foundation Liaison – HNPC Jerry Devlin

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

Joint Veterans Committee: No report.

Department Convention – Crist Burns: Present and reported. Report attached.

Detachment Reports:

NOTE: Streamers were presented to Attachments who attended the 2025 National Convention at Grapevine, TX.

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

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

- ♦ It costs \$60,000.00 to train America's VetDogs Service Dog.

- ♦ The Detachment voted to name the Dog they are sponsoring “Stretch.” in memory of and to honor deceased member John Crist, a USMC Veteran and local First Responder (Firefighter and Deputy Fire Marshal).

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

- ♦ Attending conventions and conferences.

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

Free State Detachment 544: Commandant Jerry Devlin, present, no report.

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

- ♦ Donated \$5,000.00 each to the following organizations: Cindy’s Fund, Toys for Tots, Meals on Wheels, Marine Raiders, and Garrett Mentors.

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

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

Maryland Marines Detachment 1371: Not present, no report.

Mountainside Marines Detachment 1071: Not present, no report.

Patuxent River 1305: Present, no report.

Peacekeepers Detachment 1492: Commandant Rick Pounsberry, present (via zoom) and reported. Report attached.

- ♦ Next Department meeting is 21 February 2025 at American Legion Post 166, Ocean City, MD.

Sgt Jack Hettchen Detachment 1428: Commandant Mike Jadoo, present and reported. Report attached.

- ♦ Ukraine donations now include medical supplies, toothbrushes, toothpaste and sweatpants.
- ♦ Funeral for Marine Halsey Smith was on August 20th at Arlington, VA (1230).

Shangri-La Detachment 118: Not present, no report

SSgt Walter “Trae” Cohee III Detachment 115: Commandant Roger Martinson, present (via zoom) and reported. Report attached.

- ♦ Start social media page/campaign to recruit.

SSgt Karl G. Taylor Detachment 1084: Commandant Bill Swain, present (via zoom) and reported. Report attached.

- ♦ Keynoted the groundbreaking ceremony for the Howard County Veteran Memorial being built in Columbia MD Town Center.

District Vice Commandants:

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

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: Present and reported. Report attached.

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

Special Committees: None.

Unfinished Business:

- ♦ Discussion to create a committee for the Department 50th Anniversary Ribbon. Motioned by Doc AJ Arreo and seconded by Joe Fay. Motion passed.

New Business: None.

Good of the League:

2025 Department Marine of the Year plaque was presented to Burt Helmka.

2025 Department Associate of the Year Plaque to be presented to Mario Meaux at the 01 November Department meeting.

If a Detachment wants to send information to the Department and other Detachments, please send an email to Department Adjutant jabroi@yahoo.com

Tim Hoering recommended the use of signup genius (<https://www.signupgenius.com/>) for volunteers signup. The basis is free. Check it out.

The Vietnam Travelling Memorial Wall, October 9th – 13th, 2025. See attached flyer.

Locust Point Festival on 13 September 2025, from 1100-1800 at Latrobe Park, MD. Stop by and say hello to Baltimore Detachment 565.

Harry Hierstetter expressed his concerns with moving the Department Convention outside of Ocean City and how it will affect turnouts/attendance.

Department Commandant recommended to put our emotions aside, listen with open mind, do what is better for the department, and as a group we move forward.

Several discussions took place, and everyone recognized that this is a very sensitive topic.

Department Sr. Vice Commandant is actively exploring locations and options to present to the members.

Announcements:

Next Department meeting is hosted by Ann Arundel Detachment 1049 on 01 November 2025 at American Legion Post 40, Glenn Burnie, MD.

Department Sr. Vice Commandant is looking to reserve a block of rooms in Ocean City, MD for the Department meeting on 21 February 2025.

[The Meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM](#)

Respectfully Submitted,

Omar Jabr
Department Adjutant
Department of Maryland
Marine Corps League



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

Department of Maryland

INCORPORATED BY ACT OF CONGRESS

Date 21 August 2025

To: Department of Maryland

Subject: Commandant Report for 23 August 2025

What a great time to be the Commandant of the Department of Maryland. Since the convention, I have been quite busy with supporting the Department however I can. We had a good showing at the Mideast Division Conference and we had another good showing at the National Convention in Dallas last week.

In short, the MCL National Staff was re-elected for their second term and I am proud to announce that Maryland took home two out of three National Awards. Congratulations to Mario Meaux for taking home the National Associate of the Year award and to Ben Wells for being selected as the Kennel Dog of the Year!!

With our convention our Department Staff changed. Crist Burns is now the Department Senior Vice Commandant, Burt Helmka is now the Department Junior Vice Commandant, and Pat Sharkey is now the Department Judge Advocate. These positions are not easy, and I wish them much success in their new roles.

Crist has already taken the convention chair position by the horns and is already looking ahead to 2027.

Please remember, you have a Department ZOOM account that is available to all Department Officers and Detachments (as long as a Department Officer is available to host the meeting). District Vice Commandants can use this account to attend Detachment meetings!!!

FUNDRAISING IS KEY!!!

This is a volunteer sport and I want you to focus on family first; then the League. I am 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
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MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

Department of Maryland

INCORPORATED BY ACT OF CONGRESS

23 August 2025

From: Sr. Vice Commandant, Department of Maryland
To: Commandant, Department of Maryland, Marine Corps League
Cc: Adjutant, Department of Maryland, Marine Corps League

Subj: **Department Meeting Report – Department Sr. Vice Commandant**

Past Results:

- Supported the Cpl Pete Arnold Detachment 1198 with their past events.
- Attended the MCL National Convention at DFW Airport in Texas
- Started to familiarize myself with the planning of the 2026 Department Convention at the Grand Hotel in Ocean City.
- Started researching potential locations for the Department Convention for 2027 and beyond.

Future Plans:

- Continue to support the Cpl Pete Arnold Detachment 1198 with their future events.
- Plan to support the other Detachments in the Department with their future events.
- Continue to work on the logistics for the 2026 Department Convention.
- Continue to work on securing a contract for the 2027 Department Convention and beyond.

Semper Fidelis,

Crist Burns Jr.

Crist Burns Jr.
Sr. Vice Commandant
Department of Maryland
Marine Corps League



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Department of Maryland

INCORPORATED BY ACT OF CONGRESS

Date 22 August 2025

To: Commandant Omar Jabr & Department Membership

Subject: **STRENGTH REPORT**

The total membership is **882** as of 23 June 2025. We have 49 delinquent members. All numbers are based off the National roster dated 23 June 2025. This is my first report please bear with me. I have no last report to compare too. Please review your numbers from your detailed list which Detachment Commandants and Paymasters can access through the **MCL Library Member Portal** tab.

Detachment	Total 23 JUN 2025	Past Due	Total Paid Members	Total 23 JUN 2025	Change + / -
Anne Arundel County	72	0	82	72	0
Antietam	50	2	5	50	0
Baltimore	121	4	121	121	0
Carroll County	14	0	14	14	0
Choptank/ DISBANDED	6	0	6	6	0
Jason D. Mileo	24	1	24	24	0
Free State Marine/ DISBANDED	65	1	65	65	0
Garrett County	47	2	47	47	0
Cpl Pete Arnold	112	10	112	112	0
LCpl Gregory S. Copenhagen/ DISBANDED	9	0	9	9	0
LCpl Robert W. Deane	71	16	71	7	0
Maryland Marines M-A-L	24	0	24	24	0
Mountainside Marines/ DISBANDED	42	0	42	42	0
Patuxent River	62	8	62	62	0
Sgt Jack Hettchen	35	0	35	35	0
Shangri-La	34	3	34	34	0
SSgt Walter Cohee III	31	1	31	31	0
SSgt Karl G. Taylor	27	1	27	27	0
Peace Keepers	39	15	29	39	0
Department Total	881	49	843	882	0

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Department Jr. Vice Burton Helmka

When I was reviewing the roster in July, I saw that y'all are trying to fix your rosters. That is great! I am sorry that I could not be at the National Convention, due to other commitments. Moving forward, You cannot sit back and expect National to fix your rosters on there own. National does not know your people and they won't touch a roster without the approval of a Det Commandant or Det Paymaster. If you still have questions; ask me and I will get the answer for you. I have attended the following events:

- Multiple Anne Arundel County Det Meetings
- National Mid-Winter Conference
Department Annual Convention

Things Detachments can do to help bring in and keep new members:

- Be active in the community.
- Promote your Detachment and the Marine Corps League.
- Use social media. (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram)
- Keep them active in the Detachment by using them on committees and appointed positions.
- Keep membership records up to date.
- Communicate.

I only ask one thing from the Detachments; please review the Department Roster which only your Commandant and Paymaster have access to.

RECRUIT!

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Semper Fidelis,

Burt Helmka
Dept. of MD Jr. Vice Commandant
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**Department of Maryland
Dept. Convention
August 23, 2025
Jr. Past Commandant – Joe Fay**



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

Past events:

- Jun 6th Patuxent River Detachment Monthly Meeting
- Jun 27-28th Mideast Division Conference
- Jul 5th Pax River Dawgs #304 Growl
- Aug 11-15th National Convention

Detachments:

- Communicate with your members!!!
- Clean up your rosters. Check emails, addresses and phone numbers.
- Submit death notifications.
- Don't forget your IRS 990n and Maryland Form 1's.
- Submit ROI's to the Department Adjutant and Paymaster
- Nominate Members for Department, Mideast, and National awards.
- Have representation at Department functions.

***** 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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*****INVITE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS TO YOUR EVENTS*****



Marine Corps League

Department of Maryland



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TO: Commandant Department of Maryland

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

SUBJECT: Department of Maryland Quarterly report 23 August 2025

PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER

We must report great news! Our Woodford Reserve Bourbon Raffle went very well. I am pleased to pass along that We raised \$935 for American's Vet Dogs.

As much as I hate to mention this I am compelled to do so; no one, other than Law enforcement may bring a firearm into an American Legion post. This fact is found in their Department By-Laws. But here is the problem. There is no mechanism to prevent a weapon from being brought into the post. Given that on 28 July a man was videoed walking down the New York City Streets was a loaded non-NY compliant AR-15 rifle. This man later murdered 4 people and then himself. A week later 3 soldiers were shot by a fellow soldier at Ft Stewart Ga. We need to keep our heads on a swivel and observe our surroundings. If it doesn't look right it ain't. A word of caution, even in Cumberland, Md the response time for an active shooter is at a minimum 3:00 minutes.

This is a bit of a milestone for me, 15 November will mark the 8th time that I have proudly served as the Master of Ceremonies for a Marine Corps Birthday Party. This year's party will be the largest that I have served in this capacity. Our guest speaker is a NATIONAL Officer.

District 5

During the past quarter I have met with both Antietam #113 and Garrett County #1234. Both Detachments are very active and well lead. Both detachments are actively recruiting new members. But more importantly, they keep their members actively involved.

From my own experience, I am certain that that both Marines and Associates join a detachment for two primary reasons. The first reason is fellowship with other like-minded individuals. The second is to be part of an organization that actually works for the benefit of our communities and veterans.

Sincerely,

Jeff Robinette

Jeff Robinette

Compliance Officer Report – Quarterly Meeting 08/23/2025

Rose Mary (Rosie) Beall

The stop light report is attached.

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

All Detachments that have rifles are up to date except Patuxent River. They still need to submit the Conditional Deed of Gift.

Most Detachments still need to do the Registered MD Non Profit Charity Form(COR92).

My report is update as of 8/21/2025.

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

Please send you ROI report into the Department Paymaster.

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

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

MD Form 1

RegisterYourBusinessOnline/Maryland.gov

IRS

[Irs.gov/charities-and-nonprofits](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 Trennial Audit

If you did not receive an email with a code or link to file the audit,

You can call 571-588-4299.

Rosie Beall

301-253-6096

Rosie12757@verizon.net

Detachment	#	Last 990N Filed	MD Form 1	Registered MD Non Profit Charity	ROI	PLM Audit			Rifle Trennial Audit
						Audit	Bank	955 & 501c4	
Department of Maryland		2023	6/22/2024						
Anne Arundel County	1049	2024	4/15/2025	Pending		1	1	1	
Antietam	1113	2023	2/3/2025		3/5/2025	1	1	1	4/4/2022
Baltimore	565	2023	4/9/2025			1	1	1	Turning In
Cpl Pete Arnold	1198	2023	5/9/2025	Pending	4/22/2025	1	1	1	10/23/2017
Free State Marines	544	2023	3/30/2025			1	1	1	
Garrett County	1234	2024	Forfeited			1	1	1	
LCpl Gregory S. Copenhagen	1098	2022	Forfeited			0	0	1	
LCpl Robert W. Deane	770	2024	1/31/2025		4/21/2025	1	1	1	4/29/2024
Maryland Marines	1371	2024	2/9/2025			0	1	1	
Patuxent River	1305	2023	4/11/2025		3/4/2025	1	1	1	1/11/2023
Peacekeepers	1492	2023			6/12/2025	0	0	1	
Sgt Jack Hettchen	1428	2023	4/11/2024	Pending	5/7/2024	1	1	1	
Shangri-La	118	2024	4/15/2025			1	0	1	
SSgt Karl G. Taylor	1084	2022	2/26/2024			0	0	1	
SSgt Walter F. "Trae" Cohoe III	115	2023	2/6/2025		8/18/2025	1	1	1	
Last Verified		8/21/2025	8/21/2025	8/21/2025	8/21/2025	4/20/2024	4/20/2024	4/20/2024	8/21/2025

Charter Turned in/Closing

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



FROM: Stuart Blair, PDC
Chairman
Eagle Scout Awards Program
Department of Maryland
Marine Corps League

THRU: Adjutant, Department of Maryland,
Marine Corps League

TO: Commandant, Department of Maryland,
Marine Corps League

SUBJ: Report – Eagle Scout Awards Program
Marine Corps League
Department of Maryland
* Summer Meeting 2025

The Marine Corps League (MCL) has a long-standing relationship with Scouting America, formerly known as the Boy Scouts of America. The MCL actively supports Scouting, particularly the Eagle Scout program, viewing it as a positive influence on youth and a strong foundation for future success. They recognize Eagle Scouts with a "Good Citizenship Award" and participate in various Scouting activities.

Here's a more detailed look at their relationship:
Support for Scouting America:

The MCL presents Eagle Scouts with a "Good Citizenship Award" certificate, often at their Court of Honor ceremonies.

The MCL encourages its detachments to support Scouting units, districts, and councils, participating in community projects, merit badge programs, and other activities.

The MCL believes that Scouting's principles, particularly the Scout Oath and Law, align with their own values of patriotism, leadership, and service. The MCL sees Scouting as a valuable program for developing future leaders and contributing to a better America.

Detachment Involvement:

MCL detachments can tailor their involvement in Scouting activities based on their resources and priorities. In essence, the Marine Corps League sees a strong synergy between its mission and the goals of Scouting America, making it a natural partner in developing responsible, patriotic citizens.

Honoring a Scout's Achievements

The Court of Honor is an important tradition in scouting organizations, as it provides an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the hard work and dedication of Scouts who have demonstrated their commitment to the values and ideals of Scouting. It is also a way to motivate and inspire other Scouts to strive for excellence and achieve their own goals in Scouting. The MCL provides Eagle Scouts with a certificate and sometimes additional gifts like K-BARs or coins.

NOTE: National Scout Committee Newsletter available ONLINE

MCL Good Citizenship Award Presentations

Reported at the 2025 National Convention that our primary focus continues to be presenting 1,566 Good Citizenship certificates to deserving youth. The Mid East Division has reported 2235 presentations of certificates.

Congratulations to the Department of Maryland for 83 ESGCA presentations for 2024-2025; an increase of 22 than fiscal year 2024-2025.

1st Qtr 2025-2026 Report

MCL Dept. of MD Eagle Scout "Good Citizenship Award" presentations reported for June 2025 thru August 2025 : (14) Fourteen.

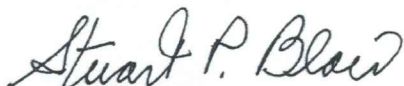
Reminder

- Please make contact with ESGCA requester within a reasonable time for scheduling presentation
- Advise MCL 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 2025**
DUE ONE WEEK BEFORE DEPT. OF MARYLAND MEETING DATE.

Thank you for all that you do !

REPORT DULY SUBMITTED: 23 AUGUST 2024



Stuart P. Blair, PDC
Chairman * Eagle Scout Awards Program
Department of Maryland
Marine Corps League



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
National Scout Committee
Department Count by Division

2025



Attachment A

NATIONAL COUNT

1566

Central Division

David Masunas

Illinois	243
Indiana	
Kentucky	
Michigan	86
Ohio	9
Wisconsin	86
Division Total	424

Mideast Division

Charles Minton

Delaware	3
District of Columbia	0
Maryland	83
North Carolina	107
Virginia	13
West Virginia	29
Division Total	235

Midwest Division

Janice Hartley

Iowa	27
Kansas	30
Minnesota	3
Missouri	229
Nebraska	0
North Dakota	2
South Dakota	0
Division Total	291

New England Division

Chris Cekovsky

Connecticut	5
Maine	0
Massachusetts	6
New Hampshire	4
Rhode Island	2
Vermont	51
Division Total	68

Northeast Division

Adam Tegge

New Jersey	7
New York	94
Pennsylvania	99
Division Total	200

Northwest Division

Bonnie Holden

Alaska	
Idaho	9
Montana	0
Oregon	36
Washington	13
Division Total	61

Rocky Mountain Division

John Everhart

Colorado	14
New Mexico	1
Utah	0
Wyoming	
Division Total	16

Southeast

Claude Davis

Alabama	0
Florida	54
Georgia	76
Louisiana	58
Mississippi	
South Carolina	20
Tennessee	
Division Total	208

Southern Division

Jim Howington

Arkansas	9
Oklahoma	12
Texas	31
Division Total	52

Southwest Division

Steve Bosshard

Arizona	2
California	56
Hawaii	0
Nevada	2
Okinawa	0
Puerto Rico	1
Division Total	61



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

Department of Maryland

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23 August 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 Department page.
- Continued to share Detachment posts to Department page to increase overall exposure and engagement.

Future:

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

Semper Fidelis,

Crist Burns Jr.

Crist Burns Jr.
Social Media Chairman
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 Summer Staff Meeting

MVC Quarterly Meeting

On Tuesday 15 July 2025 the Maryland Veterans Commission held the Summer 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 MCLA PP.

Introduction of Mike Bowers, Chairman, Maryland Veterans Commission

Acting Secretary Ross Cohen for his presentation:
Deputy Secretary Cohen –

- update on the Department and then call on Rory Nolan, who serves as Chief of Staff to Delegate Heather Bagnall for an update on the Maryland Military Women's Memorial and next Heather Gerald, Executive Director of the Trust for an update on the Maryland Veterans Trust Fund.

Service Benefits Program

- In FY 2025 DVMF filed 5,667 claims for Veterans, Dependents & Survivors
- Monetary benefits awarded to Maryland Veterans & family members = \$54,445,746
- These are record breaking numbers in both categories
- The approval rate of claims filed in FY 2025 = 94%

- We have plans to open two new benefits offices at MVA's in Annapolis and Waldorf. No exact date on the openings yet, but we will let you know.

Cemetery & Memorials Program

- Pre-applications have increased for 2025
- Interments for Veterans and Dependents also increased slightly for 2025
- Maryland is home to 1.5% of Veterans in the United States, but we interred 7% of Veterans and family members, when compared to state cemeteries across the nation making Maryland the most active state cemetery program in the US.
 - The increased activity has led to some brief delays in scheduling interments -
 - Up to 21 days at Cheltenham, Garrison Forest & Crownsville
 - Two weeks at Rocky Gap and Eastern Shore
- Unaccompanied Veterans Ceremonies will be held on July 25th at three of the Cemetery locations:
 - Crownsville
 - Garrison Forest
 - Rocky Gap
- The information on the ceremonies and the names of the Veterans were included in last Friday's edition of the newsletter. Denise can send the information to you, if you missed it.
- The Eastern Shore cemetery will observe the 50th anniversary of being established in 2026.

Charlotte Hall Veterans Home

- Census has been increasing gradually since the Pandemic.
- 2024 Average Occupancy was 57%.
- Average daily census is 272, and currently we have 276 residents.
- 43% of the population is between the ages of 70-79 - the largest age bracket for residents.
- Population includes 13 female Veterans & 30 female spouses.
- 96% of the veteran population served during wartime.
- HVAC system has been replaced in all common areas of the home.
- A new Chair has been elected by the Maryland Home Commission, Ken Streicher.

Communications, Outreach & Advocacy

- During the month of June, Roslyn Jones, Women Veteran/Inclusion Program Manager organized two successful events to recognize Women Veterans and celebrate Women Veterans Recognition Day.
 - The first was held at American Legion Post 136 in Greenbelt. Special thanks to Commission Vice Chairman Mike Moore for his support of the event.

- Dignitaries attending included Maryland National Guard Adjutant General Janee Birckhead and Jacquelyn Hayes-Byrd Executive Director of the USVA Center for Women Veterans.
- The second event held for Women Veteran Entrepreneurs at Morgan State University, also included staff from the Governor's Office on Small, Minority and Women Business Affairs.
- Maryland Joins Forces, has grown to over 30 partner organizations and in September will host service projects as part of a Building Community Through Service campaign. If the VSO you belong to would like to partner on these service projects, please contact Lindsay Livingston or Deputy Secretary Dana Burl.
- On August 8th, DVMF will co-host a Mission Strong Summit in partnership with Joint Base Andrews. The first summit of this kind was held at Ft. Meade. These summits bring together community organizations and military service providers to discuss ways to strengthen partnership and problem solve challenges facing our military connected community.
- We have been updating you on plans to redesign and update the DVMF website. That work has been going on behind the scenes for nearly two years. The design phase is finished and we are now checking content. We will soon be ready to launch the new website.

Acting Secretary Cohen called on Rory Nolan from Delegate Bagnall's office for a report on the Women's Memorial:

- The Commission made three recommendations for location
 - Place it at the museum/Patriot Place in Charles County
 - Place it in Sykesville at the new Veterans Home location
 - Place it in Havre de Grace
- There is not a formal process in state government to make a decision on the location options
- Funding options are needed for three phases
 - Design process
 - Build process
 - Maintenance process – Note the Maryland Historical Trust does maintain some monuments in the state
- Patriot Point would be difficult for the state to maintain because it is on private property. A non-profit would have to be established to handle the design process. Capital funding could then be requested from the state
- Sykesville location would provide state accountability throughout the process. DVMF would have to agree to that location, and the grading of the property may be an issue.
- Patriot Point is a more straight-forward path, not as dependent on state funding. Who would be responsible for establishing a 501c3?
- There is no formal process defined by the state, so we could make one up

The Acting Secretary called on Heather Geraldles for her presentation on the current status of the Trust Fund.

Presentation:

Grace Caulfield to present on Easterseals/the Steven A. Cohen Clinic
Grace discussed the programs serving Active duty Service members and military connected families.

Commissioners round robin "Responsibilities of Commissioners".

Chairman Bowers called for a Motion to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 1:32 pm.

** Details on these benefits by contacting Commissioner Stuart Blair:
thistleman@verizon.net*

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

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stuart P. Blair".

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



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

Department of Maryland

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23 August 2025

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

Subj: **Department Meeting Report – Department Convention Chairman**

2025 Convention at the Grand Hotel:

- Members/Associates/Guests Registered: 106
- Banquet Tickets Sold: 77
- 2025 Convention Income: \$12,241.00
- 2025 Convention Expenses: \$10,181.44
- 2025 Convention Profit: **\$2,059.56 +/-**

2026 Convention at the Grand Hotel:

- Dates: 7-10 May 2026
- Room Rates: No Price Increase
- Hospitality Room: **BYOB**
- Banquet Meals & Prices: TBD

2027 Convention and Beyond:

- Looking for potential Hotels/Meeting Spaces conducive to the Department's needs.
- Looking for dates and prices conducive to the best interest of the Department members.

Semper Fidelis,

Crist Burns Jr.

Crist Burns Jr.
Convention Chairman
Department of Maryland
Marine Corps League



Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049

419 N. Carolina Ave.

Pasadena, Maryland 21122-5426

www.mclaacdet1049.org

Facebook: Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049, MCL

Period covered: 9 May 2025 to 23 August 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 21 April, 2025

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 Unpaid</u>	
Regular	58	7	0
Associate	10	3	0
Multiple	4		
TOTAL	72 members		

The detachment continues its attempts to contact and recover every delinquent

Community

On 27th of April 2025, the detachment held its recruitment drive at Bass Pro Shops. We as a detachment feel it was a success. The drive was done in conjunction with the Young Marines.

Color Guard

The Color Guard has events.

Eagle Scouts



Detachment #1049 presented 0 Eagle Scout awards since 9th of May 2025. Our Eagle Scout coordinator has stepped away due to family. Commandant will coordinate for now.

Good of the League

The detachment's fellowship dinners are a hit. The next one is to be held on in September at Casa Della Nonna restaurant at 1830. Address is 8141 Telegraph Rd. Severn, Md. Recruitment drive at Bass Pro was a huge success. A lot of brochures were handed out and donations collected.

Membership

Looking at different ways to bring in new members

Young Marines

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

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

	Life	Annual	Unpaid
Regular	28	7	0
Associate	10	3	0
Multiple	4		
TOTAL	42		



Antietam Detachment, Inc.

Marine Corps League, # 113

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



DATE: 23 AUGUST 2025

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

SUBJ: **Quarterly Department of Maryland Report – 23 August 2025**

MEMBERSHIP

Strength – 55

Paid Life Members – 26

Unpaid – 0

SICK, DISTRESSED & DECEASED

None

EVENTS

Provided Color Guard for 12 events.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Color Guard performed 6 ceremonies.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

No Eagle Scout awards this quarter.

VETERANS SERVICES

The Honor Guard performed 10 funerals.

TOYS FOR TOTS PROGRAM STATUS

Detachment members are supporting monthly Toys for Tots fundraisers at our local Red Robin Restaurant. Local Toys for Tots lost much of its inventory due to water damage at their storage facility.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

Antietam Detachment Color Guard presented colors for the Baltimore Orioles at Camden Yards for their game on June 29. Color Guard scheduled to present colors at the Hagerstown Boxcars game on Sept. 14th. Our membership voted to name the America's VetDogs Service Dog that we are sponsoring "Stretch." To In memory of and to honor deceased member John Crist. USMC Veteran and local First Responder (Firefighter and Deputy Fire Marshal).

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



223 August 2025

- 1. The Detachment had six members in attendance at the Department of Maryland Convention in May.**
- 2. Five members of the Detachment were in attendance at the Mid East Division Conference in Fredericksburg Va. in June.**
- 3. Marine Stewart Blair sponsored a successful and enjoyable trip to The Evening Sunset Parade at The Marine Barracks 8th & I.**
- 4. Detachment Commandant Earl Ruff Jr and Detachment Judge Advocate Howard Koontz attended the Marine Corps League National Convention in Grape Vine Texas.**

**Earl Ruff Jr
Commandant**



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

Corporal Pete Arnold Detachment 1198

INCORPORATED BY ACT OF CONGRESS

23 August 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

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

Upcoming Events

- May-November – First Fridays in Bel Air & Havre de Grace, MD
- 6 September – Detachment Purse Bingo at Jarrettsville VFW
- 27 September – Harford County Wine Festival in Bel Air, MD
- 1 October – 24 December – Toys for Tots Harford County
- 4 October – Darlington Apple Festival in Darlington, MD
- 10-11 October – MD BBQ Bash in Bel Air, MD
- 18 October – VFW Auxiliary Craft Show at Jarrettsville VFW
- November 2025 – USMC 250th Birthday Festivities
 - 7 November – First Capitol Det #521 Birthday Ball in York, PA
 - 10 November – Bush River Yacht Club – Cake Cutting in Abingdon, MD

Semper Fidelis,

Crist Burns Jr.

Crist Burns Jr.
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 23 August 2025

Membership: Total membership 49 with 33 life members, 12 regular members and eight Associate members, some are life members.

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

Current Events: A hog was donated to our Detachment. We are currently selling tickets for it. The drawing will be on 10 Nov. when we celebrate the Marine Corps Birthday.

Upcoming: Planning the Marine Corps Birthday Celebration, also getting ready for Toys for Tots Collection box distribution.

Summary: We gave donations to Cindy's Fund, Toys for Tots, Meals on Wheels, Marine Raiders, Garrett Mentors. We gave each organization \$5,000.00 each. Did I forget to say our golf tournament was another huge success. We netted \$30,000.00.

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@mcldene.org

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

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

Membership: Strength – 92 Total Members, 54 Life Members, 10 paid Regular Members, 4 Associate Members and 7 unpaid members.
Working on updating the membership list, dues, addresses, emails, and phone numbers.
We have applications for new membership at all our events and Fundraisers.

Sick/Distressed: All are well.

Fundraisers: Crab Feast Raffle drawing was held on Aug. 18.
Golf Tournament is September 8, 2025
Hot Dog Sales at Southern States in October.

Events: Had members attend Mideast Conference and the National Convention in Texas.
Did trash pick up on Park Avenue in Mt. Airy in July.

PEACEKEEPERS DETACHMENT # 1492

QUARTERLY REPORT

During this past Quarter the Peacekeepers Detachment was able to recruit one new Associate Member. Current active member Detachment roster is now 39 members.

Our Detachment, through the efforts of Associate Member Ruben DaSilva, now has a designated Webmaster. Webmaster DaSilva has created Social Media platforms that he contributes to and monitors on behalf of the Detachment.

Our Detachment completed the required Board of Trustees election for the year 2026. All officers were sworn in by Past Department Commandant Howard Koontz.

The Detachment during these past few months has been involved in the annual Friends Helping Friends Boscov fundraiser.

Planning for the 2025, 250th anniversary Marine Corps Ball, have been underway. The Detachment Marine Corps Ball this year will be held in the Ball Room, Ocean City Elks, on Sunday November 9, 2025 from 1400 to 1800. The catered buffet dinner will include roast beef, basil grilled chicken and flounder stuffed with crab imperial. The Cohee Detachment will once again this year join us for our Marine Corps Ball.



Marine Corps League

Sgt. Jack Hettchen, Jr. Detachment 1428

To: Commandant Tony Rust
Department of Maryland
CC: Adjutant, Officers and Members
Date: August 2025
From: Mike Jadoo, Commandant
Subject: Hettchen Detachment Report August 2025

Report covers main activities May2025-August 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 this period
- **Activities:** Our WEBSITE for information on National and State events.
<https://sites.google.com/view/sgtjackhettchen/home>

_____ Marine Justine Wise 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. Scheduled Poolee contact is On June 14th, August 9th, September 14th.

Participated in the Wreath laying at the Eternal Flame in Rockville and the parade and the Wreath laying in Kensington.

Ukraine donations are ongoing and now include medical supplies, toothbrushes, toothpaste and sweatpants.

Presentation for information of new veterans to Montgomery County.

Labor Day festival and parade in Kensington will be attended by the Detachment.

The next presentation on the Safety Awards for Public Safety Personnel will be in Gaithersburg. We present certificates of Appreciation.

Plans for collecting and packaging Care Packages for the homeless in co-operation with Montgomery Homeless Coalition are under way.

Marine Dan Durnell has been contacted by the Potomac Young Marines.

Plans for Toys for Tots are under way, looking for space.

Funeral for Marine Halsey Smith on August 20th at Arlington time 1230

Submitted by **Commandant** *Mike Jadoo*



SSGT. COHEE DETACHMENT
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

17 August 2025

To: Commandant, Department of Maryland

Membership remains at 30 plus 4 dual members for a total of 34. Will update roster for next quarter.

Sick/Distressed: None

Community Outreach: We setup at the Shorebirds Stadium during the July 3rd game to celebrate Veterans. We got a few prospects from the event. So far none have joined.

New Business: We are back at Boscov's for Friends Helping Friends. We started July 24th and go each Thursday. We have hit our goal of at least \$100 each time. We usually raise about \$2,000 for the season. That money goes to help a veteran or veterans in need.

Announcements: None for this quarter.

At your service,

Roger D. Martinson, Commandant

SSGT COHEE DETACHMENT #115 MARINE CORPS LEAGUE



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

Quarterly Maryland Department Report – 3rd QTR, 2025

23 August 2025

From: William Swain, Commandant, SSGT Karl G. Taylor
To: Tony Rust, Commandant, MD Department, MCL
Cc: Omar Jabr, Adjutant,
Paul Gunther, District 4 Vice Commandant

- 1 This report is the 3rd quarter report 2025 for activities within the SSGT Karl G. Taylor from June/July/Aug 2025.
2. Want to thank everyone that attended Michael Betts Celebration of Life took place on 19 July 2025 at Gamber Firehouse, 3838 Niner Rd, Finksburg, MD 21048
3. Awarded two scholarships in July.
4. Supported two flag retirement ceremonies.
5. Awarded two (2) Eagle Scouts Good Citizenship awards during the reporting period.
6. Attending the 4th of July parade.
7. Keynoted the ground breaking ceremony for the Howard County Veteran Memorial being built in Columbia Md Town Center. This event was recorded for the evening news slot and posted to the Howard County government website.

William Swain
Commandant
SSGT Karl G. Taylor



Marine Corps League

Department of Maryland



District 2 Vice Commandant Report

23 August 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 so that I can update my contact list.

Earl Ruff Jr

Vice Commandant

District 2

District 3 Vice Commandant Report
Department of Maryland
Marine Corps League
Department Meeting – Westminster, MD
23 August 2025

Greetings All...

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

Free State Detachment 544 discuss closure of Detachment with Department Commandant.

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

District 3 Vice Commandant Events Participation

Attended Patuxent River Detachment 1305 Meetings.

Attended Pax River Dawgs Pound 344 Growls.

Attended Department of Virginia Growl, 16 May 2025.

Attended Kennel Staff Growl via zoom, 16 June 2025.

Attended Pound 333 Growl, 21 June 2025.

Attended Mideast Divion Conference and Growl, 27-28 June 2025.

Attended Pound 344 Growl, 05 July 2025.

Attended MODD Staff and BOT zoom, 13 July 2025.

Attended Pound 333 Growl and Cpl Pete Arnold Picnic, 19 July 2025.

Attended National Convention and Supreme Growl, Grapevine, TX, 10-15 August 2025.

Awarded Eagle Scout Distinguish Citizenship, 17 August 2025.

Attended CHVH Trivia Night, 22 August 2025.

Upcoming Events

None.

Semper Fidelis,

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



PDD PAUL R. GUNTHER aka Doc G
*4th District Vice Commandant
Department of Maryland
Marine Corps League*

23 August 2025

To:: Department of Maryland Quarterly Meeting of 23 August 2025
Subj: Report of Activities since Department Convention of 10 May 2025

Since the Department Convention in May, I have attended the meetings of Sgt Jack Hettchen/Installation/breakfasts, LCPL Deane Breakfasts/Installation and the meeting /Installation of SSgt Taylor in Ellicott City Maryland. I've not heard from the Shangri La Detachment. During this period, I have attended two funerals, a Celebration of Life for Marine Sgt Michael Betts on 19 Jul 2025 and one for Sgt Maj Halsey Smith Jr. a Charter member of Sgt Jack Hettchen Detachment just this past week on 20 August 2025. Also, I attended the Marine Corps League National Convention in Dallas Texas during which I witnessed the advancements to PDD, Devil Dogs Danny Baker of Meatball Pound 404 of Rockville MD and John Arrao of Pete Arnold Detachment in Forest Hill, MD.

Upcoming on I will be attending the Kensington Maryland fall festival with Sgt Hettchen Detachment, explaining to the citizens about the Marine Corps League and trying to recruit new members for the detachment. I've also attended the Meatball Pound Growl of 8 Jun 2025.

This concludes my report.

Doc G

PDD Paul 'Doc G' Gunther



Marine Corps League

Department of Maryland



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

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

SUBJECT: Department of Maryland Quarterly report 23 August 2025

PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER

We must report great news! Our Woodford Reserve Bourbon Raffle went very well. I am pleased to pass along that We raised \$935 for American's Vet Dogs.

As much as I hate to mention this I am compelled to do so; no one, other than Law enforcement may bring a firearm into an American Legion post. This fact is found in their Department By-Laws. But here is the problem. There is no mechanism to prevent a weapon from being brought into the post. Given that on 28 July a man was videoed walking down the New York City Streets was a loaded non-NY compliant AR-15 rifle. This man later murdered 4 people and then himself. A week later 3 soldiers were shot by a fellow soldier at Ft Stewart Ga. We need to keep our heads on a swivel and observe our surroundings. If it doesn't look right it ain't. A word of caution, even in Cumberland, Md the response time for an active shooter is at a minimum 3:00 minutes.

This is a bit of a milestone for me, 15 November will mark the 8th time that I have proudly served as the Master of Ceremonies for a Marine Corps Birthday Party. This year's party will be the largest that I have served in this capacity. Our guest speaker is a NATIONAL Officer.

District 5

During the past quarter I have met with both Antietam #113 and Garrett County #1234. Both Detachments are very active and well lead. Both detachments are actively recruiting new members. But more importantly, they keep their members actively involved.

From my own experience, I am certain that that both Marines and Associates join a detachment for two primary reasons. The first reason is fellowship with other like-minded individuals. The second is to be part of an organization that actually works for the benefit of our communities and veterans.

Sincerely,

Jeff Robinette

Jeff Robinette



THE VIETNAM TRAVELING MEMORIAL WALL®

October 9th – 13th, 2025

Location

New Windsor Fire Department Carnival Grounds
101 High Street, New Windsor, MD 21776

★ Free Admission ★ Open to the Public ★ Handicap Accessible ★ Free Parking

The Wall will remain open 24 hours/day starting at 6:00pm, Thursday, October 9th with the Wall closing Monday, October 13th at 11:00am

Wednesday, October 8th

10:30am – Arrival on location with the Wall under an escort followed by the Wall/event set up

Thursday, October 9th

Event set up

5:00pm – Voice of Veterans Live Concert

6:00pm – The Wall officially opens to the public. Opening Ceremony with special guest speaker

- Lt. Colonel Oliver North, USMC (Ret.)

Friday, October 10th

6:00pm – **Agent Orange Awareness Night** with special guest speakers

- Colonel John C. Astle, USM (Ret.)
- Lt. Colonel George G. Forrest, US Army (Ret.)
- Clark Beall, USMC (Ret.) Agent Orange Survivor

Saturday, October 11th

10:00am – **Huey Fly In & Landing** ***Rain Date Sunday, October 12th***

The Huey flew in Vietnam and is combat wounded. Huey & crew will be on ground until 2:00pm

6:00pm – **POW/MIA Remembrance Night** with special guest speakers

- Commander Everett Alvarez Jr., US Navy (Ret.) Vietnam POW
- Col. John Fer, US Air Force (Ret.) Vietnam POW

Sunday, October 12th

6:00pm – Closing Ceremony with special guest speakers

- Major General Janeen Birckhead, The Adjutant General for the State of Maryland
- Michelle Holcomb, WAC, Vietnam Army Nurse Corps, Combat Nurse
- Nikki Hayhurst, WAC, Clerical Clerk, Aviation Office

Monday, October 13th

11:00am – Official closing of The Wall

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