



# **MARINE CORPS LEAGUE**

## **Department of Maryland**

INCORPORATED BY ACT OF CONGRESS

Department Meeting  
9/09/2023  
Minutes

This joint meeting of the Department of Maryland, Marine Corps League and Auxiliary was convened at 09:00 by **Jack Severn**, representing the Maryland Marines Detachment. Opening ceremonies including the Pledge of Allegiance (**Sgt at Arms Rich La Porta**), the opening prayer (**Chaplin Stielper**), and a reading of the Department preamble (**Senior Vice Commandant Rust**).

**Commandant Joe Fay** then assumed the gavel.

Special Guests were introduced Department of North Carolina Kennel Lucky Dog Reggie Sawyer, Department of North Carolina Kevin Ashton, Jackie Giblin from American Income Life Insurance.

National Officers, Marines of the Year, Department Marines of the Year, Kennel Officers, and National Auxiliary Officers were recognized.

Department Auxiliary President Mary Fay was recognized.

Department Judge Advocate Pat Sharkey read a statement for the record (attached) regarding a grievance stemming from an incident at the Convention and yielded the floor to Marine Stuart Blair, who issued an apology to the Department referencing said incident. Commandant Joe Fay pronounced the grievance closed.

The Joint meeting was adjourned and the Department recessed for five minutes while Auxiliary withdrew.

The meeting was reopened for business.

Roll Call of Officers was dispensed with, with attendance taken as the reports were made.

Roll Call of Detachments was made with the following Detachments present: Ann Arundel (1049), Antietam (113), Baltimore (565), CPL Pete Arnold (1198), Free State (544), Garrett County (1234), L/Cpl Robert W. Deane (770), Maryland Marines (1371), Patuxent River (1305), Peacekeepers (1492), Sgt Jack Hettchen (1428), SSgt Walter "Trae" Cohee III (115),

A quorum was present.

Minutes and reports from the Convention were posted and are available on the Department website. An error was noted in the previous meeting in that John Crist received the Jimmie Lee Howard Award not Crist Burns.

Correspondence: None

Paymaster's Report: **Paymaster Laurie Blair** present and reporting (attached). Motion to accept, Wayne Miller, second George Hammerbacher III, passed.

Honors for those who reported to the Supreme Commandant since the last meeting. **Chaplain Stielper** present and reporting three deceased since the Department convention May 2023.

Reports of Marines Sick or In Distress:

Alesa Miller (Wayne Miller's Spouse) had surgery and recovering.

PDP Cindy Wolfe fell, broke hip and is recovering.

Rose Mary Koontz had surgery, doing well, and in attendance.

Tim Shepherd had a heart attack, surgery, doing well, and in attendance.

Don Benson had surgery, doing well, and in attendance.

Pat Sharkey had surgery, doing well, and in attendance.

Mary Retort-George (Jerry George's Spouse) has COVID and is recovering.

Officers' Reports

**Commandant Fay:** present and reporting, attached. Reiterated email scam warning. Stressed the importance of keeping the Detachments up to date with IRS 990N, MD Form 1, ROI's, as well as submitting the proper paperwork to show that the Detachment is a non-profit charitable organization in Maryland. Looking for a Department Compliance Officer.

**Senior Vice Commandant Rust:** present and reporting, attached. Fund Raising: Pens (\$10) and Thumb Drive (\$5) Question from the floor re: coins. There are 2.. the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary coin from National and the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary coin the Oklahoma Sooner Detachment designed. Robert Lee is raffling a OKC Sooner 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary coin during the business meeting.

Has thumb drives from the Convention perhaps to be used as a Welcome aboard for new members. Has extra pens from the Convention to sell for fundraising at \$10 ea.

Kevin Ashton from Dept of NC: donated 3 table covers with Department logo.

**Junior Vice Commandant Heilig:** present and reporting, attached. Membership is on the rise but Detachments need to recruit.

**Judge Advocate Sharkey:** present, and reporting. Bylaw and Admin Procedures updates underway. Need recommendations by next quarterly meeting (deadline for submissions is 11 January 2024).

**Junior Past Commandant Koontz:** present, no report.

**Adjutant George:** present on Zoom and reporting. Commandant Fay requested that reports from this meeting be sent to [adjutant-paymaster@mcl544.org](mailto:adjutant-paymaster@mcl544.org).

Need:

- Jr. Vice (Heilig)
- Charlotte Hall (Jabr)
- Young Marines (Jabr)
- MD Veterans Commission (Blair)

- Eagle Scouts (Blair)
- Detachments
  - Baltimore
  - Garret County
  - Dean
  - Hetchen

**Paymaster Blair:** present and reporting. Remember: detachments should cut only one check for both Department and National funds and submit a single transmittal.

**Sergeant at Arms LaPorta** present and reporting 54 members in attendance. (Adjutant's note: 2 members present on Zoom)

**Chaplain Stielper:** Present and reporting: needs Detachments to scrub and update roster. Once complete, email the chaplain that you have performed this function. Send / re—send NODs.

Commandant Fay: Clean up rosters.

**Chief of Staff and Historian Jack Severn:** present, no report.

**Public Information Jeff Robinette:** present and no report.

**Photographer Doc. Gunther:** present, no report.

**Web Sergeant Hadley** excused, no report.

#### Committee Reports

**Legislative: Judge Devlin** present and reporting. The General Assembly adjourned in April and will resume in January. Should have pre-filed bills by next meeting.

**Perry Point,** no report. Excused, no report.

**Loch Raven / Toys for Tots: Marine James** excused, no report.

**Charlotte Hall: Marine Jabr** reporting for Marine Greg Ashley. Attached.

**Young Marines: Marine Jabr** present and reporting for Regimental Commander Rob Willis. Department YM liaison Marine Sturm nothing to add. Attached.

**Newsletter: vacant,** no report.

**License Plates: PDC Craig Reeling,** not present, no report

**Chapel of Four Chaplains: PDC Koontz** present and requesting applications.

**MD Veterans Commission and Eagle Scouts: PDC Blair** present and reporting. Both reports attached.

**Uniform Committee: No report.**

**Social Media** Marine Burns present and reporting. Attached

**M4L: Marine Sturm** not present, no report. Presentation at National.

**Fallen Marine Program and Color Guard/Honor Guard Committee :** Marine Hammerbacher present and reporting. Revamped Fallen Marine Program. Department Commandant will send out template for Detachments.

**Pax River Liaison:** present, Commandant Fay reporting a NAS Patuxent River Marine Aviation Detachment Birthday Ball will be on 2 November at the Hollywood VFD, Hollywood, MD 20636.

**VAVS / VSO / Ft Meade: Marine Roundtree,** not present no report.

**RSS Baltimore, Indian Head, 4th LAR BN: (vacant).**

**4th Combat Engineers Liaison:** Harry Hierstetter reporting that Baltimore Detachment is working with 4<sup>th</sup> Combat Engineers and recently went to a family day.

**Merlyn Pack:** Pack Leader Rust reporting that there will be a growl after the meeting today. <Woof woof>. 74,000 big bones donated this year at National. (Again: <woof, woof>.)

**Marine of the Year:** Sr. Vice Rust reporting that nominations will be accepted in accordance with the bylaws.

**Convention:** Sr. Vice Rust reporting dates May 9-11, 2024 and room prices. Same rates as this year. Email coming with all the details.

**Associate of the Year Society:** Associate Beale present, no report. Commandant Fay called upon Detachments to forward nominations.

**MCL Foundation: Judge Devlin** reporting, Foundation needs money. They have issued a call for each detachment to donate \$100. Info: gerarddevlin@aol.com

**Joint Veterans Commission:** Commandant Fay reporting that meetings start this month, 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed at 19:00.

#### Detachment Reports (\*Recruiting Award)

**Ann Arundel (1049):** Commandant Helmka present and reporting, attached.\*

**Antietam (113):** Commandant Mangum present and reporting, attached.\*

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

**Carroll County (896):** charter turned in 6 September 2023.

**CPL Pete Arnold (1198):** Commandant Stielper present and reporting (attached).

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

**Free State (544):** Commandant Devlin present and reporting verbally.

**Garrett County (1234):** Commandant Heilig present and reporting, attached.\*

**L/Cpl Gregory S. Copenhaver (1098):** not present, no report.

**L/Cpl Robert W. Deane (770):** Commandant present and reporting, attached.\*

**Maryland Marines (1371):** Marine Stuart Blair present, no report.

**Mountainside Marines (1071):** not present, no report.

**Patuxent River (1305):** District 3 Vice Commandant **Omar Jabr** present and reporting, no report submitted.

**Peacekeepers (1492):** Jr. Vice Pat Sharkey present, report attached.

**Sgt Jack Hettchen (1428):** present and reporting\*

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

**Shangri-La (118):** not present, no report

**SSgt Walter "Trae" Cohee III (115):** Commandant Larry Jackson present on Zoom and reporting, attached.

**SSgt Karl G. Taylor (1084):** not present, no report.

#### District Vice Commandants

**District 1: Vice Commandant Jackson** present on Zoom, attached.

**District 2: Vice Commandant Ruff** present and reporting, attached .

**District 3: Vice Commandant Jabr** present and reporting verbally.

**District 4: Vice Commandant Gunther** present and reporting, attached.

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

Reported additionally on the details of the escort through Maryland of the remains of Marine Sean Wiley. (Adjutant's note: <https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/fallen-us-marine-sean-wiley-to-be-escorted-home-by-a-motorcade-plans-to-stop-in-binghamton-several-states/ar-AA1elveu>)

Special Committees: none

Unfinished Business:

New Business: None.

#### Good of the League and Announcements.

- Oldest Montford Point Marine laid to rest this past week in North Carolina.
- Marine Blair plugged the Irreverent Veterans' Silkie Hike on 11/4.
- Marine Wells talked about his recent tour of the WWI battlefields in Europe through MCL partner Military Historical Tours.
- 10/7 CPL Pete Arnold Bull and Shrimp Roast at Jarrettsville VFW.
- Patuxent River Detachment will host a Marine Corps Birthday Celebration at the VFW Post 2632 in California, MD November 10th
- Marine Hierstetter and Blair going to PISC in October and trying to set up an April visit.
- Lunch at 1130 with the Growl at 12:30.

- Commandant Fay awarded Associate Member Jeff Robinette with the Distinguished Service Award (Silver) for his work on Marine Sean Wiley's escort home
- Vice Commandant Rust re: Gold Star Memorial has been approved and will be built in Leonardtown, Maryland. It will be a three-to-five-year project with other renovations going on.
- Marine Rick Andisik from the Cpl Pete Arnold Detachment assisted the National Color Guard at the National Convention and will be working with them in the future.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- November 4 Department meeting hosted by the Antietam Detachment. More information coming.
- February / March, hosted by Sgt Jack Hettchen detachment. More information coming.
- National Mid-Winter Conference February 22-24 at the Sheraton Pentagon City, 900 South Orme St. Arlington, VA 22204.
- Department of Maryland Convention May 9-11, 2024 at the Grand Hotel & Spa, Ocean City, Maryland.
- Mideast—WV, more info to follow.
- National Convention August 12-16, 2024 at the Westin Rancho Mirage Golf Resort & Spa, Rancho Mirage, CA.

**Closing Ceremonies** held and the meeting adjourned at 10:15AM. The next meeting is hosted by the Antietam Detachment 4 November 2023 at the Morris Frock American Legion Post 42, Hagerstown, MD.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Gerald George, Adjutant

## **STATEMENT FOR THE RECORD**

My name is Patrick Sharkey and I am the Department of Maryland Judge Advocate.

Today is September 9, 2023. This statement is being read into the record at the joint opening session of the fall meeting of the Department of Maryland and the Department of Maryland Auxiliary.

The Department of Maryland held its annual convention from 11 to 13 May of this year. The lobby of the Grand Hotel and Spa was exceptionally busy as Marines and their guests checked in.

Marine Stuart Blair was having a conversation with another Marine when Stuart's wife and Associate Member, Bernadine Blair, approached him and said the reception desk was available. Without provocation, he began yelling at the top of his lungs, "I'm talking to someone. I'll talk to you later" or words to that effect.

The incident was witnessed by members of the public and numerous Marines, three of whom wrote written statements describing what they saw and the embarrassment it caused the Marine Corps League.

A formal grievance was filed against Marine Blair in accordance with our National Administrative Procedures alleging three violations of his Oath of Membership.

In consultation with the National Judge Advocate, the Department Commandant held the disciplinary board in abeyance as a negotiated settlement between Marine Blair and the aggrieved parties was conducted.

A settlement was reached where Marine Blair would send a letter of apology to the staff of the Grand Hotel and publicly apologize to the members of the Department of Maryland for his actions.

The disciplinary board remains in abeyance until those conditions are met.

At this time, Sir Commandant, I would like to yield the floor to Marine Stuart Blair.

9 September 2023

Marine Corps League  
Department of Maryland

To all Marine Corps League Members and Colleagues,

I apologize for my inappropriate conduct 11 May 2023 in the lobby of the Grand Hotel while checking in for our annual Department convention. I know it was disruptive and insensitive, and I caused embarrassment to the League members present. I should point out that these members have been friends for years and I know this decision was not easy. I hope this incident does not mar that friendship.

I realize that my words and actions were wrong and I regret that I let my anger get out of hand and I take full responsibility for my actions. I know that I embarrassed everyone present.

I am truly sorry I took such an offensive tone of voice in speaking at that moment. It was not my intention to humiliate anyone. My own annoyance at another matter clouded my judgment. Please forgive me. I hope this unfortunate misstep will not jeopardize our relationship, for I remain loyal and dedicated to the Marine Corps League.

Sincerely,

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

Stuart P. Blair, PDC, PPL





# Marine Corps League Department of Maryland Paymaster's Report

## Financial Report

From May 11, 2023 to September 7, 2023

Balance Forward Regular Checking		\$	8,147.53
Income: See Attached for Details	TOTAL	\$	17,874.50
Sub Total.....		\$	26,022.03
Expenses: See Attached for Details	TOTAL	\$	14,391.78
Total (Balance Forward)		\$	<u>11,630.25</u>

*A Laurie Blair*

Paymaster  
Department of Maryland  
Marine Corps League

*Once a Marine, Always a Marine*  
16800 Blake Rd, Hagerstown, MD 21740

**Department of MD MCL**  
**Profit & Loss**  
 May 11 through September 7, 2023

	May 11 - Sep 7, 23
<b>Income</b>	
<b>2023 Convention Income</b>	
Advertising	120.00
Banquet	550.00
Registration	140.00
Raffle Tickets	1,081.00
Donations	700.00
	2,591.00
<b>2023 Mid Atlantic Conf. Income</b>	
Pen Sales	80.00
Lunch Payments	780.00
Raffle Items	1,437.00
Donations	600.00
Banquet Income	1,990.00
Registration Income	510.00
	5,397.00
General Fund Donations	1,647.50
Membership Dues	294.00
National Dues Collected	7,385.00
Rifle Raffle For General Fund	560.00
	17,874.50
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>17,874.50</b>
<b>Cost of Goods Sold</b>	
2024 Convention Expenses	102.84
2023 MidAtlantic Conference	
Mid East Conference Expenses	95.47
Registration	355.00
	450.47
<b>Total 2023 MidAtlantic Conference</b>	<b>450.47</b>
<b>2023 State Conference Costs</b>	
Booklet	672.13
Gifts	624.43
Hospitality Room	360.80
Hotel Rooms	1,649.46
Banquet Costs	482.71
Raffle Tickets Costs	
Prize	900.00
	900.00
<b>Total Raffle Tickets Costs</b>	<b>900.00</b>
<b>Total 2023 State Conference Costs</b>	<b>4,689.53</b>
<b>Total COGS</b>	<b>5,242.84</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>12,631.66</b>
<b>Expense</b>	
Advertising Expense	170.00
Chaplian Supplies	
Postage	15.30
	15.30
<b>Total Chaplian Supplies</b>	<b>15.30</b>
Deposit Fees	4.25
Detachment Communications	76.00
Donation Expense	1,320.00
Internet Expenses	179.40
National Dues Paid	7,095.00
Plaques, Awards & Certificates	288.99
	9,148.94
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>9,148.94</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>3,482.72</b>

**Department of MD MCL**  
**Check Detail**  
 May 11 through September 7, 2023

Type	Num	Date	Name	Item	Account	Paid Amount	Original Amount
Check	a/w	05/11/2023	Shamrock Awards		PNC Checking Acco...		-180.00
				Plaques, Awards & Ce...		-180.00	180.00
TOTAL						-180.00	180.00
Check	a/w	05/12/2023	Grand Hotel Ocean ...		PNC Checking Acco...		-589.41
				Hotel Rooms		-589.41	589.41
TOTAL						-589.41	589.41
Check	a/w	05/12/2023	Grand Hotel Ocean ...		PNC Checking Acco...		-589.41
				Hotel Rooms		-589.41	589.41
TOTAL						-589.41	589.41
Check	a/w	05/12/2023	Grand Catering, Inc.		PNC Checking Acco...		-482.71
				Banquet Costs		-482.71	482.71
TOTAL						-482.71	482.71
Check	a/w	05/12/2023	Dunkin Donuts		PNC Checking Acco...		-86.24
				Hospitality Room		-86.24	86.24
TOTAL						-86.24	86.24
Check	a/w	05/13/2023	Dunkin Donuts		PNC Checking Acco...		-86.24
				Hospitality Room		-86.24	86.24
TOTAL						-86.24	86.24
Check	a/w	05/14/2023	Grand Hotel Ocean ...		PNC Checking Acco...		-470.64
				Hotel Rooms		-470.64	470.64
TOTAL						-470.64	470.64
Check	a/w	05/14/2023	Lenny's Freedom Fest		PNC Checking Acco...		-520.00
				Donation Expense		-520.00	520.00
TOTAL						-520.00	520.00
Check	a/w	05/18/2023	National Headquarters		PNC Checking Acco...		-375.25
				National Dues Paid		-375.00	375.00
				Deposit Fees		-0.25	0.25
TOTAL						-375.25	375.25
Check	a/w	05/22/2023	Constant Contact		PNC Checking Acco...		-19.00
				Detachment Communi...		-19.00	19.00
TOTAL						-19.00	19.00
Check	a/w	05/22/2023	National Headquarters		PNC Checking Acco...		-400.25
				National Dues Paid		-400.00	400.00
				Deposit Fees		-0.25	0.25
TOTAL						-400.25	400.25

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Type	Num	Date	Name	Item	Account	Paid Amount	Original Amount
Check	a/w	05/22/2023	National Headquarters		PNC Checking Acco...		-900.25
				National Dues Paid		-900.00	900.00
				Deposit Fees		-0.25	0.25
TOTAL						-900.25	900.25
Check	a/w	06/05/2023	National Headquarters		PNC Checking Acco...		-400.25
				National Dues Paid		-400.00	400.00
				Deposit Fees		-0.25	0.25
TOTAL						-400.25	400.25
Check	a/w	06/05/2023	National Headquarters		PNC Checking Acco...		-600.25
				National Dues Paid		-600.00	600.00
				Deposit Fees		-0.25	0.25
TOTAL						-600.25	600.25
Check	a/w	06/05/2023	Ribbons Galore		PNC Checking Acco...		-58.50
				Mid East Conference ...		-58.50	58.50
TOTAL						-58.50	58.50
Check	a/w	06/14/2023	Amazon Market Place		PNC Checking Acco...		-36.97
				Mid East Conference ...		-36.97	36.97
TOTAL						-36.97	36.97
Check	a/w	06/14/2023	National Headquarters		PNC Checking Acco...		-720.25
				National Dues Paid		-720.00	720.00
				Deposit Fees		-0.25	0.25
TOTAL						-720.25	720.25
Check	a/w	06/20/2023	National Headquarters		PNC Checking Acco...		-400.25
				National Dues Paid		-400.00	400.00
				Deposit Fees		-0.25	0.25
TOTAL						-400.25	400.25
Check	a/w	06/22/2023	Constant Contact		PNC Checking Acco...		-19.00
				Detachment Communi...		-19.00	19.00
TOTAL						-19.00	19.00
Check	a/w	06/28/2023	National Headquarters		PNC Checking Acco...		-325.25
				National Dues Paid		-325.00	325.00
				Deposit Fees		-0.25	0.25
TOTAL						-325.25	325.25
Check	a/w	06/28/2023	National Headquarters		PNC Checking Acco...		-200.25
				National Dues Paid		-200.00	200.00
				Deposit Fees		-0.25	0.25
TOTAL						-200.25	200.25

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Type	Num	Date	Name	Item	Account	Paid Amount	Original Amount
Check	a/w	06/28/2023	National Headquarters		PNC Checking Acco...		-600.25
				National Dues Paid		-600.00	600.00
				Deposit Fees		-0.25	0.25
TOTAL						-600.25	600.25
Check	a/w	06/28/2023	National Headquarters		PNC Checking Acco...		-200.25
				National Dues Paid		-200.00	200.00
				Deposit Fees		-0.25	0.25
TOTAL						-200.25	200.25
Check	a/w	07/04/2023	National Headquarters		PNC Checking Acco...		-300.25
				National Dues Paid		-300.00	300.00
				Deposit Fees		-0.25	0.25
TOTAL						-300.25	300.25
Check	a/w	07/04/2023	National Headquarters		PNC Checking Acco...		-1,325.25
				National Dues Paid		-1,325.00	1,325.00
				Deposit Fees		-0.25	0.25
TOTAL						-1,325.25	1,325.25
Check	a/w	07/06/2023	National Headquarters		PNC Checking Acco...		-300.25
				National Dues Paid		-300.00	300.00
				Deposit Fees		-0.25	0.25
TOTAL						-300.25	300.25
Check	a/w	07/18/2023	Hostway		PNC Checking Acco...		-179.40
				Internet Expenses		-179.40	179.40
TOTAL						-179.40	179.40
Check	a/w	07/22/2023	Constant Contact		PNC Checking Acco...		-19.00
				Detachment Communi...		-19.00	19.00
TOTAL						-19.00	19.00
Check	a/w	07/25/2023	National Headquarters		PNC Checking Acco...		-25.25
				National Dues Paid		-25.00	25.00
				Deposit Fees		-0.25	0.25
TOTAL						-25.25	25.25
Check	a/w	08/04/2023	National Headquarters		PNC Checking Acco...		-630.25
				National Dues Collected		-630.00	630.00
				Deposit Fees		-0.25	0.25
TOTAL						-630.25	630.25
Check	a/w	08/15/2023	Shamrock Awards		PNC Checking Acco...		-75.00
				Plaques, Awards & Ce...		-75.00	75.00
TOTAL						-75.00	75.00

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Type	Num	Date	Name	Item	Account	Paid Amount	Original Amount
Check	a/w	08/15/2023	Print Place		PNC Checking Acco...		-102.84
					2024 Convention Exp...	-102.84	102.84
TOTAL						-102.84	102.84
Check	a/w	08/15/2023	National Headquarters		PNC Checking Acco...		-25.25
					National Dues Paid	-25.00	25.00
					Deposit Fees	-0.25	0.25
TOTAL						-25.25	25.25
Check	a/w	08/22/2023	Constant Contact		PNC Checking Acco...		-19.00
					Detachment Communi...	-19.00	19.00
TOTAL						-19.00	19.00
Check	10	05/14/2023	Anne Arundel County		PNC Checking Acco...		-500.00
					Prize	-500.00	500.00
TOTAL						-500.00	500.00
Check	11	05/14/2023	Harford County Deta...		PNC Checking Acco...		-300.00
					Prize	-300.00	300.00
TOTAL						-300.00	300.00
Check	12	05/18/2023	Marine Corp Founda...		PNC Checking Acco...		-100.00
					Donation Expense	-100.00	100.00
TOTAL						-100.00	100.00
Check	1180	05/12/2023	Leonard Stielper		PNC Checking Acco...		-15.30
					Postage	-15.30	15.30
TOTAL						-15.30	15.30
Check	1183	05/23/2023	Patuxent River MCL ...		PNC Checking Acco...		-200.00
					Donations	-200.00	200.00
TOTAL						-200.00	200.00
Check	1184	05/13/2023	Hammerbacher, Geo...		PNC Checking Acco...		-500.00
					Donation Expense	-500.00	500.00
TOTAL						-500.00	500.00
Check	1185	05/22/2023	Rust, Charles		PNC Checking Acco...		-1,364.88
					Hospitality Room	-188.32	188.32
					Gifts	-624.43	624.43
					Booklet	-672.13	672.13
					Banquet Income	60.00	-60.00
					Banquet Income	60.00	-60.00
TOTAL						-1,364.88	1,364.88
Check	1186	05/22/2023	Garrett County Detac...		PNC Checking Acco...		-100.00
					Prize	-100.00	100.00
TOTAL						-100.00	100.00

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Type	Num	Date	Name	Item	Account	Paid Amount	Original Amount
Check	1190	05/26/2023	LCPL Deane MCL # 7...		PNC Checking Acco...		-200.00
				Donations		-200.00	200.00
TOTAL						-200.00	200.00
Check	1191	06/07/2023	Marine Corp League ...		PNC Checking Acco...		-200.00
				Donation Expense		-200.00	200.00
TOTAL						-200.00	200.00
Check	1192	06/14/2023	The Semper Fi Store		PNC Checking Acco...		-33.99
				Plaques, Awards & Ce...		-33.99	33.99
TOTAL						-33.99	33.99
Check	1192	06/27/2023	Anderson, David		PNC Checking Acco...		-140.00
				Registration Income		-20.00	20.00
				Banquet Income		-120.00	120.00
TOTAL						-140.00	140.00
Check	1193	06/27/2023	Marine Corp League ...		PNC Checking Acco...		-355.00
				Registration		-355.00	355.00
TOTAL						-355.00	355.00
Check	1194	07/18/2023	National Headquarters		PNC Checking Acco...		-170.00
				Advertising Expense		-170.00	170.00
TOTAL						-170.00	170.00

**Department of MD MCL**  
**Deposit Detail**  
**May 11 through September 7, 2023**

Type	Num	Date	Name	Account	Amount
Deposit		05/14/2023		PNC Checking Acc...	800.00
			Anne Arundel Count...	General Fund Donat...	-500.00
			Harford County Deta...	General Fund Donat...	-300.00
TOTAL					-800.00
Deposit		05/18/2023		PNC Checking Acc...	140.00
			Registration at Event	Registration	-10.00
			Registration at Event	Registration	-130.00
TOTAL					-140.00
Deposit		05/18/2023		PNC Checking Acc...	550.00
			Banquet at Event	Banquet	-150.00
			Banquet at Event	Banquet	-50.00
			Banquet at Event	Banquet	-50.00
			Banquet at Event	Banquet	-100.00
			Banquet at Event	Banquet	-200.00
TOTAL					-550.00
Deposit		05/18/2023		PNC Checking Acc...	1,147.50
			SGT Jack Hettchen ...	Advertising	-120.00
			MODD Maryland Pack	Donations	-590.00
			Blatimore MCL Aux	Donations	-100.00
			The Antietam Detac...	General Fund Donat...	-327.50
			Donation at Event	Donations	-10.00
TOTAL					-1,147.50
Deposit		05/18/2023		PNC Checking Acc...	520.00
			Lenny's Freedom Fest	General Fund Donat...	-520.00
TOTAL					-520.00
Deposit		05/18/2023		PNC Checking Acc...	1,641.00
			Peacekeepers	Rifle Raffle For Gen...	-160.00
			Wells, David Ben	Raffle Tickets	-100.00
			Anne Arundel Count...	Raffle Tickets	-100.00
			Helmka, Burt	Raffle Tickets	-100.00
			SGT Jack Hettchen ...	Raffle Tickets	-150.00
			Raffel Ticket Sales	Raffle Tickets	-631.00
			Raffel Ticket Sales	Rifle Raffle For Gen...	-400.00
TOTAL					-1,641.00



**Department of MD MCL**  
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**May 11 through September 7, 2023**

Type	Num	Date	Name	Account	Amount
Deposit		05/19/2023		PNC Checking Acc...	769.00
			LCPL Robert W. De...	Membership Dues	-76.00
			LCPL Robert W. De...	National Dues Colle...	-375.00
			Anne Arundel Count...	Membership Dues	-8.00
			Bujanowski, Doris	Registration Income	-10.00
			Bujanowski, Jerome	Registration Income	-10.00
			Bujanowski, Doris	Banquet Income	-60.00
			Bujanowski, Jerome	Banquet Income	-60.00
			Jabr, Omar	Registration Income	-10.00
			Rust, Charles	Registration Income	-10.00
			Rust, Susan	Registration Income	-10.00
			Shank, Rick	Registration Income	-10.00
			Shank, Rick	Banquet Income	-60.00
			Campbell, John	Registration Income	-10.00
			Campbell, John	Banquet Income	-60.00
TOTAL					-769.00
Deposit		05/22/2023		PNC Checking Acc...	1,400.00
			Hierstetter, John	Registration Income	-10.00
			Hoffman, Judith	Registration Income	-10.00
			Wise, Frederick	Registration Income	-10.00
			White, Lynda	Registration Income	-10.00
			Wise, Frederick	Banquet Income	-60.00
			White, Lynda	Banquet Income	-60.00
			Stollery Jr, John	Registration Income	-10.00
			Stollery Jr, John	Banquet Income	-60.00
			Flood Jr, John (Jack)	Registration Income	-10.00
			Flood Jr, John (Jack)	Banquet Income	-60.00
			Chick, Linda	Banquet Income	-60.00
			Corbit III, Richard	Banquet Income	-60.00
			Beall, Clark	Registration Income	-10.00
			Beall, Rose Mary	Registration Income	-10.00
			LCPL Robert W. De...	Donations	-500.00
			Hamilton, Laura	Banquet Income	-60.00
			Hamilton, Laura	Registration Income	-10.00
			Kirby, Scott	Registration Income	-10.00
			Kirby, Scott	Banquet Income	-60.00
			Marshall PNP, Cynthia	Registration Income	-10.00
			Sawyer, Reggie	Registration Income	-10.00
			Sawyer, Reggie	Banquet Income	-60.00
			Severn, Jack	Registration Income	-10.00
			Severn, Jack	Banquet Income	-60.00
			Ruff, Earl	Registration Income	-10.00
			James, Marian	Registration Income	-10.00
			Koontz, Howard	Registration Income	-10.00
			Koontz, Rosemary	Registration Income	-10.00
			Ruff, Earl	Banquet Income	-60.00
			Landon, Chuck	Registration Income	-10.00
			Landon, Chuck	Banquet Income	-60.00
TOTAL					-1,400.00
Deposit		05/22/2023		PNC Checking Acc...	1,300.00
			Garrett County Deta...	National Dues Colle...	-900.00
			LCPL Robert W. De...	National Dues Colle...	-400.00
TOTAL					-1,300.00

**Department of MD MCL**  
**Deposit Detail**  
**May 11 through September 7, 2023**

Type	Num	Date	Name	Account	Amount
Deposit		05/22/2023		PNC Checking Acc...	430.00
			Finchman, Theresa	Registration Income	-10.00
			Jones, Kimberly	Registration Income	-10.00
			Smith, Patricia	Registration Income	-10.00
			Patuxent River MCL ...	Donations	-400.00
TOTAL					-430.00
Deposit		05/26/2023		PNC Checking Acc...	314.00
			Baltimore Detachme...	Membership Dues	-4.00
			Minton, Charles	Banquet Income	-60.00
			Minton, Charles	Registration Income	-10.00
			Gill, George	Banquet Income	-60.00
			Gill, George	Registration Income	-10.00
			LCPL Deane MCL # ...	Donations	-100.00
			Gill, Sande	Banquet Income	-60.00
			Gill, Sande	Registration Income	-10.00
TOTAL					-314.00
Deposit		06/05/2023		PNC Checking Acc...	1,090.00
			Putnam, Samuel (Gr...	Banquet Income	-60.00
			Putnam, Samuel (Gr...	Registration Income	-10.00
			SGT Jack Hettchen ...	National Dues Colle...	-600.00
			CPL Pete Arnold De...	National Dues Colle...	-400.00
			CPL Pete Arnold De...	Membership Dues	-20.00
TOTAL					-1,090.00
Deposit		06/14/2023		PNC Checking Acc...	884.00
			Anne Arundel Count...	Membership Dues	-4.00
			Porter, David	Banquet Income	-60.00
			Anderson, Elizabeth	Banquet Income	-60.00
			Porter, David	Registration Income	-10.00
			Anderson, Elizabeth	Registration Income	-10.00
			SSGT Karl G Taylor ...	Membership Dues	-20.00
			SSGT Karl G Taylor ...	National Dues Colle...	-720.00
TOTAL					-884.00
Deposit		06/20/2023		PNC Checking Acc...	453.00
			LCPL Robert W. De...	Membership Dues	-8.00
			LCPL Robert W. De...	National Dues Colle...	-45.00
			SGT Jack Hettchen ...	National Dues Colle...	-400.00
TOTAL					-453.00
Deposit		06/22/2023		PNC Checking Acc...	852.00
			Reeling, Craig	Registration Income	-10.00
			Reeling, Craig	Banquet Income	-60.00
			Patuxent River MCL ...	National Dues Colle...	-325.00
			Patuxent River MCL ...	Membership Dues	-4.00
			SGT Jack Hettchen ...	National Dues Colle...	-400.00
			LCPL Robert W. De...	National Dues Colle...	-45.00
			LCPL Robert W. De...	Membership Dues	-8.00
TOTAL					-852.00

**Department of MD MCL**  
**Deposit Detail**  
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Type	Num	Date	Name	Account	Amount
Deposit		06/22/2023		PNC Checking Acc...	120.00
			Smith, Patricia	Banquet Income	-60.00
			Jones, Kimberly	Banquet Income	-60.00
TOTAL					-120.00
Deposit		06/27/2023		PNC Checking Acc...	1,437.00
			Raffle Items	Raffle Items	-1,437.00
TOTAL					-1,437.00
Deposit		06/27/2023		PNC Checking Acc...	780.00
			Lunch Purchased	Lunch Payments	-780.00
TOTAL					-780.00
Deposit		06/27/2023		PNC Checking Acc...	180.00
			Devlin, Gerald	Registration Income	-10.00
			Arrao, John	Registration Income	-10.00
			Benson Sr, Don	Registration Income	-10.00
			Caulder, Nila	Registration Income	-10.00
			Corbit III, Richard	Registration Income	-10.00
			Tabler, Glenn	Registration Income	-10.00
			Clark, Mike	Registration Income	-10.00
			Andisik, Richard	Registration Income	-10.00
			Strum, Ray	Registration Income	-10.00
			Miller, Wayne	Registration Income	-10.00
			Ashton, Kevin	Registration Income	-10.00
			Davis, Clint	Registration Income	-10.00
			Deene, Deborah	Registration Income	-10.00
			Helmka, Burt	Registration Income	-10.00
			Ledford, Ric	Registration Income	-10.00
			Lee, Jeannie	Registration Income	-10.00
			Lee III, Robert E,	Registration Income	-10.00
			Robinette, Jeff	Registration Income	-10.00
TOTAL					-180.00
Deposit		06/27/2023		PNC Checking Acc...	570.00
			Pen Sales	Pen Sales	-80.00
			Deene, Deborah	Banquet Income	-170.00
			Banquet at Event	Banquet Income	-320.00
TOTAL					-570.00
Deposit		06/28/2023		PNC Checking Acc...	800.00
			Anne Arundel County	National Dues Colle...	-600.00
			SGT Jack Hettchen ...	National Dues Colle...	-200.00
TOTAL					-800.00
Deposit		06/30/2023		PNC Checking Acc...	300.00
			Garrett County Deta...	National Dues Colle...	-300.00
TOTAL					-300.00

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**Department of MD MCL**  
**Deposit Detail**  
**May 11 through September 7, 2023**

Type	Num	Date	Name	Account	Amount
Deposit		07/05/2023		PNC Checking Acc...	1,631.00
			Patuxent River MCL ...	National Dues Colle...	-300.00
			CPL Pete Arnold De...	National Dues Colle...	-500.00
			CPL Pete Arnold De...	National Dues Colle...	-825.00
			CPL Pete Arnold De...	Membership Dues	-6.00
TOTAL					-1,631.00
Deposit		07/25/2023		PNC Checking Acc...	41.00
			CPL Jason David Mi...	Membership Dues	-12.00
			SGT Jack Hettchen ...	Membership Dues	-4.00
			SGT Jack Hettchen ...	National Dues Colle...	-25.00
TOTAL					-41.00
Deposit		08/04/2023		PNC Checking Acc...	734.00
			Shangri La Detachm...	Membership Dues	-4.00
			Peacekeepers	Membership Dues	-100.00
			Peacekeepers	National Dues Colle...	-49.00
			Peacekeepers	National Dues Colle...	-581.00
TOTAL					-734.00
Deposit		08/15/2023		PNC Checking Acc...	41.00
			Anne Arundel Count...	Membership Dues	-8.00
			Free State Marine D...	Membership Dues	-4.00
			Peacekeepers	Membership Dues	-4.00
			Peacekeepers	National Dues Colle...	-25.00
TOTAL					-41.00



**Department of Maryland**  
**September 9, 2023**  
**Commandant – Joe Fay**



I have attended the following events since our last Department business meeting in May.

**Past events:**

- May 16<sup>th</sup> Commandant's Corner.
- May 18<sup>th</sup> Marine Lou Schott Silver Star Presentation Ceremony
- June 6<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting between Peacekeepers & First State Detachments
- June 6<sup>th</sup> Patuxent River Detachment Meeting
- June 10<sup>th</sup> Crab Fest
- June 13<sup>th</sup> Commandant's Corner (Historian and Americanism)
- June 20<sup>th</sup> Commandant's Corner (Newsletter)
- June 23-24 Mideast Division Conference
- June 26<sup>th</sup> Marine Veteran Sean Wiley Escort Zoom Meeting
- July 3<sup>rd</sup> Marine Veteran Sean Wiley Escort Zoom Meeting
- July 10<sup>th</sup> Marine Veteran Sean Wiley Escort Zoom Meeting
- July 13<sup>th</sup> Peacekeepers Detachment Meeting
- July 18<sup>th</sup> Maryland Veterans Commission Meeting w/ Marine Stuart Blair
- July 27<sup>th</sup> Commandant's Corner (Unplugged-National Convention 1<sup>st</sup> Timers)
- Aug 1<sup>st</sup> Patuxent River Detachment Meeting
- Aug 13-18 National Convention Oklahoma City

**Email Scams:** I have not contacted anyone by email requesting you to buy gift cards or any other items for COVID relief for members or anyone else. It is an email scam. It is not coming from my computer or email account.

**Department Bylaw and Administrative Procedures:** It was requested that the Department Bylaws and Administrative Procedures be reviewed and proposed revisions, amendments and repeals be submitted for review to the Department Board of Trustees. The Administrative Procedures state that all proposed revisions, amendments and repeals be submitted 120 days prior to the the Department Convention at which said proposals are to be considered. **Deadline 10 Jan 2024.**

**Detachments:**

- Communicate with your members!!!
- Clean up your rosters. Check emails, addresses and phone numbers.
- Submit death notifications with transmittals.
- 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. \*\*\***

**National Convention:** The Department of Maryland had a total of forty members, MCL and MCLA, in attendance. Visit the Marine Corps League You Tube page for all the Convention Daily Briefings. [The Marine Corps League - YouTube](#)

There were several National Bylaws and Administrative procedures changes submitted. Approximately 20 were approved, 20 rejected and 8 pulled by initiator. See the National Library for changes.

The 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary ribbon was approved for Auxiliary wear. All members in good standing are authorized to wear the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary ribbon with 100 device but without the gold frame. If you attended the convention you are authorized to wear the ribbon with 100 device and the gold frame.

When wearing the gold frame, ensure the wheat print goes upward.

(Note: The 100 device is optional wear for all)

A job well done by our own Dolly Parton and Kenny Rogers, aka Doris and Jerome Bujanowski, and NSYNC, aka Tony Rust, Charlie Minton and Jay Hauck, on their performances at the “No Talent Talent Show”. They did a great job and allot of money was raised for the children.

**National Officers:** National Officers were installed in Oklahoma City.

Commandant – Warren Griffin

Sr. Vice Commandant – TJ Morgan

Jr. Vice Commandant – Russ Miller

Judge Advocate – David Porter Jr.

Jr. Past Commandant – Johnny Baker

Mideast Division NVC – Rick Thomason

Mideast Division ANVC – Craig Reeling

**Congratulations To:** The following Department Members received awards at the Mideast Conference.

Evelyn Remines – Mideast Division Marine of the Year

Alison Noger – Mideast Division Associate of the Year

The following Department Members received awards at the National Convention.

Alison Noger – National Associate Member of the Year

Gerard Devlin – Distinguished Citizen Award (Gold)

Leonard Stielper - Distinguished Citizen Award (Gold)

**Upcoming Events:**

- Sept. 12 @ 1900 – MCL Scuttlebutt – Topic 2023 National Convention After Action
- Oct. 5-8 Gathering of the Dogs hosted by Midwest Division at the Sheraton Westport Chalet Hotel, 191 Westport Plaza, Maryland Heights, MO.
- November 2023 Department Business Meeting TBD hosted by the Antietam Detachment
- Feb. 22-24, 2024 National Mid-Winter Conference at the Sheraton Pentagon City, 900 South Orme St. Arlington, VA 22204
- February 2024 Department Business Meeting TBD
- May 2024 Department Convention at The Grand Hotel & Spa Ocean City, MD
- August 12-16, 2024 National Convention at the Westin Rancho Mirage Golf Resort & Spa, 7133 Dianh Shore Dr. Rancho Mirage, CA 92270

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe Fay

Commandant

Department of Maryland

Marine Corps League

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



# MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

Department of Maryland

INCORPORATED BY ACT OF CONGRESS

Date 9 September 2023

To: Commandant Joe Fay & Department Membership

Subject: Senior Vice Commandant Report

Since the Department Convention, I have been across the country and also been out of our glorious country (on vacation). We had a successful Convention; big thanks to all who helped set up and fundraised!!! We followed up with hosting the MidEast Division staff in Pikesville. Again, a lot of hard work and good communications made for another successful event. Since that time, I have attended many Detachment Meetings as well as attended the 100<sup>th</sup> National Convention in Oklahoma City.

A reminder continued reminder that last year, we ended up holding our own with funds due to a few amazing folks who have dedicated time to creating items for raffles. This year, I propose that we continue to have two big raffle contests: one for each half of the fiscal year. losing a good deal of money on the Department Convention. This year, we have a donated Rifle to raffle off.

Good news, I have secured a contract with the Grand Hotel for the next three years. Pretty much everything 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 2024, May 2025, and May 2026! I will update rates as the year progresses.

Finally, I would like to say thank you to all who have shown faith in me to elect me for another term as your Senior Vice Commandant. 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 Sr. Vice Commandant  
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# MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

Department of Maryland

Date: 9 Sept 2023

To: Commandant Joe Fay & Department Membership

Subject: STRENGTH REPORT

Total membership is 1070 with 10 new members since May. Det Commandants and Paymasters can access through the **MCL Library Member Portal** tab.

Detachment	Total Paid Members	Past Due	Total 7-05-2023	Prev Total 4-17-2023	Change
Anne Arundel County	96	2	98	99	-1
Antietam	51	0	51	51	0
Baltimore	107	32	139	137	+2
Carroll County	17	1	18	18	0
Choptank (Closed in 2020)	14	0	14	14	0
Jason D. Mileo	27	0	27	27	0
Free State Marine	84	2	86	86	0
Garrett County	48	0	48	48	0
Cpl Pete Arnold	108	12	120	117	+3
LCpl Gregory S. Copenhaver	9	0	9	9	0
Lcpl Robert W. Deane	95	4	99	98	+1
Maryland Marine M-A-L	29	8	37	37	0
Mountainside Marines	59	2	61	61	0
Patuxent River	75	15	90	86	+4
Peace Keepers Det. 1492	38	3	41	40	+1
Sgt Jack Hettchen	31	0	31	31	0
Shangri-La	38	1	39	38	+1
SSgt Walter Cohee III	32	2	34	35	-1
SSgt Karl G. Taylor	24	4	28	27	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>982</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>1070</b>	<b>1060</b>	<b>+10</b>



Department Jr. Vice Rob Heilig

This is a good report. The Dept added 10 new members. The unpaid members went down 32. Keep up the good work!!

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

Be active in your community.

Promote your Detachment and the Marine Corps League

Use social media

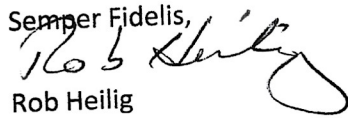
Keep members active in the Detachment

Communicate

Ask-if you don't then who will? It's easy. Also the more you do it the easier it gets.

If you don't you're guaranteed a loss of a new member.

Semper Fidelis,



Rob Heilig

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*Once a Marine, Always a Marine*



## Current NBR of Marines Veterans residing at Charlotte Hall as of Sept 2023

22 Male and 0 Female Marines (22) Total Marines

### **What is new for Charlotte Hall Veterans Home?**

The Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs is proud to partner with PruittHealth to provide our veterans with the comfort and high-quality care they deserve.

### ***Who is the new contractor taking over the management contract at Charlotte Hall?***

On May 10, the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs signed a new contract with PruittHealth, an organization with more than 50 years of experience providing quality health care. PruittHealth is a family-owned organization that provides a seamless network of post-acute care services and resources, offering skilled nursing and senior living care, veteran services, home health care, hospice and palliative care, therapy services, pharmacy and infusion services, and more across the Southeast. The organization's 13,000 employed partners serve approximately 24,000 patients daily in more than 180 locations in Florida, Georgia, Maryland, North Carolina, and South Carolina.

Ten of their locations were recently recognized as a Best Nursing Home for 2022-23 by U.S. News & World Report. All the veterans' homes under PruittHealth management are recipients of The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval for meeting the highest safety and quality health care standards. The department is continuing to work in partnership with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Maryland Department of Health, and St. Mary's County Health Department to ensure a smooth transition.

PruittHealth is committed to retaining as much staff as possible during this transition, ensuring that nursing staff are able to maintain relationships with their residents and patients. PruittHealth took over management of Charlotte Hall on June 6, 2023.

### ***Is Charlotte Hall open to new admissions?***

Charlotte Hall is continuing operations. During this transition period, however, Charlotte Hall is not receiving new admissions. When we feel sufficient progress has been made in improving performance, we will reopen admissions.

### **Charlotte Hall Veterans Admission Requirements**

We serve all qualified Maryland veterans and eligible spouses. To be eligible, veterans must:

- Be discharged under honorable conditions, having served on full-time active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces, other than active duty for training, and provide a DD214 or WD AGO Form 53-55.
- Be deemed disabled by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs with a service connection of 70% or higher if they are under the age of 62.

- Own, rent, or lease a primary place of residence in Maryland; have filed state taxes as a Maryland resident; have been a resident of Maryland for three months for skilled nursing care or two years for assisted living; or have Maryland listed as their DD214 Home of Record.

All patients are admitted, assigned a room, and treated without regard to race, color, creed, age, handicap, national origin, or payment classification. We will attempt to meet any special cultural or psychosocial requirements. Upon admission, please bring the following with you:

- Identification card(s)
- Insurance cards and policies
- Military discharge form DD214 or equivalent
- Medicare or Medicaid cards
- Living will, power of attorney, or durable power of attorney
- Health surrogate appointment
- Copy of an organ donation request card

#### **Charlotte Hall Veterans Lifestyle**

168-bed assisted living program and 318-bed skilled nursing program  
 Activities rooms to keep veterans active and social  
 Walking trail  
 Computer/Internet, HD cable, and telephone access  
 Barber/beauty salon  
 Outside covered pavilion  
 Lounges  
 Game room

#### **Charlotte Hall Veterans Home Services**

24-hour skilled nursing care  
 Assisted living  
 Memory care  
 Mental health counseling  
 Activity programming  
 Dietetic programming  
 Pharmacy  
 Volunteer services  
 On-site religious services  
 On-site dental, optometry, and podiatry services  
 Housekeeping and laundry  
 Physical, occupational, and speech therapies  
 Transportation to and from appointments and scheduled outings  
 Hospice care

**Detachment 1305:**

Working closely with CHVH, Detachment 1305 is the primary MCL Detachment that provides active support along with our Southern Maryland Young Marines.

**Marine Corps League Detachment 1305 Sponsored Events for 2023:**

- Memorial Day the detachment will provide a color guard and honor guard with bugler
- Marine Corps Birthday support as required
- Christmas donation drive
- Cookout & Games
  - A Pizza night with games TBD
  - A Bingo night TBD
  - Halloween Bingo
    - Our well anticipated Halloween bingo is conducted on Halloween night. Those Detachment Members supporting the event were in costumes

Respectfully Submitted

Charlotte Hall Veterans Home

MCL Rep Gregory Ashley

MCL Detachment 1305

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**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,  
2023 Summer Staff Meeting

### **MVC Quarterly Meeting**

*On Tuesday 18 July 2023 the Maryland Veterans Commission held the Summer quarterly meeting at Steven A. Cohen Military Family Clinic, Silver Spring, MD. in person and by phone with 24 Commissioners representing VSOs and congressional districts, representing the Marine Corps League was Commissioner Stuart Blair, PDC, MCLA PP Bernadine Blair and guest Joe Fay, MCL Commandant, Dept. of MD..*

*MDVA Secretary Anthony Woods:  
Update on the Department:*

### ***Maryland Veterans Trust Fund***

- The Trust Fund has a very solid and dedicated Review Committee which is fully staffed with 6 members. Commissioner Joe Smith is one of the members of the Review Committee.*
- The Trust Fund's Board of Trustees recently had vacancies filled with new members who are very excited about the opportunity to serve. There is one vacancy remaining at this time which should be filled very soon.*

- *Another staff member to assist the Grant Administrator has been approved. The new hire is contractual and scheduled to start on July 19, 2023.*
- *During the calendar year 2022, the Trust Fund awarded \$246,044 to Veterans in need. However, with the great demand for financial assistance along with additional staff to help, we foresee surpassing last year's numbers.*
- *During the months of April and May of 2023, the Trust Fund approved and paid grant applications totaling approx. \$90,000.*
- *The Trust Fund currently has a balance of \$704,917.*
- *The bill was passed for the checkoff box for State taxes which may cause a substantial increase to the Trust Fund's balance. This change will probably happen during the 2025/2026 fiscal years.*

### ***Charlotte Hall Veterans Home***

- *The contractor at Charlotte Hall Veterans home is now PruittHealth Veterans Services of Maryland.*
  - *The transition was a smooth one for the residents.*
  - *We are continuing to recruit additional staff at Charlotte Hall.*
  - *We hope to accept new incoming residents soon.*
- *Second Home Update*
  - *As you know, we are planning for a second State home in Carroll County on the grounds of Springfield State Hospital.*
  - *The Architect and Engineering contract was considered at the Board of Public Works on June 7<sup>th</sup> and we are hopeful this project will stay on track.*
  - *The tentative timeframe to begin construction is Spring 2025 and lasting approximately two years.*
  - *Additional home locations:*

## *Service and Benefits Program*

- *All MDVA Service offices are open for in-person appointments, but on an appointment only basis.*
  - *If you hear from veterans who need assistance, please refer them to the MDVA website which is updated with any changes in office staffing and will give them the contact information to make an appointment at the Benefits offices*
  - *MDVA partnered with the United States VA in 2022 to hold 4 very successful claims clinics/resource fairs, and there are more coming in 2023.*
    - *The next VA/MDVA Claims Clinic will be held on July 26, at Anne Arundel Community College, near Annapolis.*
- *In FY 2023:*
  - *The Service & Benefits program had 153,309 public contacts.*
  - *4,423 claims were filed.*
  - *\$6,636,364 in recurring claims were awarded.*
  - *\$31,147,069 in retroactive benefits were obtained for Veterans & dependents in Maryland*
- *New hires have been added in the Benefits offices:*
  - *An Office Secretary Position for the Charlotte Hall Service office – Yvette Carey.*
  - *An Office Secretary position for the Glen Burnie Service office – Jynell Proctor.*
  - *An Administrative Specialist position for the Baltimore Service Office – Sharron Hall.*
  - *A Veteran Benefits Specialist for Salisbury – Jodi Satterfield to replace Michelle Licata, who recently retired.*

### **Cemetery and Memorials Program**

- *Cemetery staff work in all weather conditions to ensure the proper burial of our veterans and I appreciate their efforts to honor our Veterans and family members.*
- *As we closed out the Fiscal Year on June 30th, the total burials for the year: 3,38*
  - *25 of those were Guardsmen, Reservists or one of their dependents.*
- *We have not received any cremains from the Maryland Anatomy Board during the last quarter,*
  - *So, no unaccompanied burials will be held on Friday, July 28, 2023.*
  - *The next date for unaccompanied burials, if needed will be October 27, 2023.*
- *Starting October 1<sup>st</sup>, no fee will be charged for the burial of dependents of eligible Veterans.*

### **Presentations:**

Mallary Lass, Steven A. Cohen Clinic \* *Info attached*

Dr. Crum from the Maryland Department of Health for his presentation on the current status of COVID-19 in Maryland.

### **Subcommittee Reports**

- Substance Misuse.
- Homeless Subcommittee VA reports 148 homeless Veterans in Maryland. More housing is being built at Perry Point VA Medical Center.



\*Update on the Commission to Establish a Women Veteran's Memorial from Commissioner Karen Calvert, who is Chair of that Commission:

- Commissioner Calvert reports the Commission is looking at locations and have visited the site chosen for the second Veteran Home, a location in Havre de Grace and the Maryland Veterans Museum in Southern Maryland. The Commission meets again on August 14<sup>th</sup> and anyone is welcome to join.

\* *Details on these benefits by contacting Commissioner Stuart Blair:*  
[thistleman@verizon.net](mailto:thistleman@verizon.net)

Next MVC meeting will be Tuesday 17 October 2023  
Still Standing Community Corporation  
1520 S. Caton Ave., Baltimore, MD 21227

REPORT DULY SUBMITTED: 9 September 2023



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



The Steven A. Cohen  
Military Family Clinic  
at Easterseals

OUR CARE AT A GLANCE

WHAT WE PROVIDE

- Individualized & confidential **Evidence-Based Mental Health** services offered to **Active Military Members, Guard & Reserve, Veterans, and their families.**
- Goal Focused **Individual, Child / Adolescent 4+, Couples, and Family Counseling**
- Services do NOT have to be related to Military experience or Service Member
- **Psychiatry** services available in conjunction with counseling services
- Welcoming and inclusive environment with culturally competent staff
- Case manager on staff to assist with incoming and outgoing referrals
- Goal to remove barriers to care, which includes cost, availability, access and more.
- Phones answered 24/7 by a LIVE person – (240) 847-7500
- Referrals only needed when Active Duty Service Members seeking individual care
- **Video Telehealth** care to Maryland, DC, Virginia, and West Virginia
- **Offering Therapeutic Groups and Wellness Programs.**

WHO WE SERVE

**Active Duty, Guard, Reserve, & Veterans:** Our clinic will serve any person who is or has served in the United States Armed Services, including the National Guard and Reserves. This is **regardless of their role while in uniform, combat experience, or discharge status.** Referrals **ONLY** needed for Active-Duty Members.

**Family: Family is defined by the service member or veteran.** This can include Active duty, National Guard, Reserves, and Veteran’s current or divorced spouses, dating partners, children (of any age), parents, caregivers, survivors, and more. **NO referral is needed for care.**

HOW WE WORK

We treat a wide variety of mental health issues including depression, anxiety, post-traumatic stress, adjustment issues, anger, grief, and loss, confidence, self-esteem, family issues, relationship stress, transition challenges, children’s therapy services, and more!

NO BARRIERS TO CARE

- Telehealth options (DC,MD,VA,WV)
- Personalized treatment
- Resource referrals
- Free Parking
- Confidential
- Access to Resources
- Metro Accessible
- Free Child Care during Appointments at Clinic

CLINIC HOURS

Monday 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM  
 Tuesday 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM  
 Wednesday 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM  
 Thursday 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM  
 Friday 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM



Contact US or Schedule an appointment

Call: 240-847-7500

Email: [info.mfc@eseal.org](mailto:info.mfc@eseal.org)

Website: [mfc.eseal.org](http://mfc.eseal.org)

Address: 1420 Spring St. Silver Spring, MD, 20910

Let’s Collaborate: Outreach – [mlass@eseal.org](mailto:mlass@eseal.org)

## Reoccurring Wellness Workshops and Events

- **Wellness Programs** *These workshops are made available to offer self-care and wellness opportunities to the community. They are open to both clients and non-clients and virtual events are open to the community world-wide.*



Learn more about  
our events or  
register now with  
this QR Code!

- Virtual Comedy Writing Group with Community Building Art Works
  - Monthly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays at 12 pm EST
  - Open to Military, Veterans, and Civilian Community.
- Virtual Creative Writing Group with Community Building Art Works
  - Monthly on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays at 12 pm EST
  - Open to Military, Veterans, and Civilian Community.
- Military and Veteran Toastmasters Club
  - Monthly on the 2nd Tues at 7pm & 4th Sat at 1130am EST
  - Open to Military, Veterans, and Civilian Community.

\*Rotating special events include art activities, opportunities with Warrior Canine Connection, Legal clinics, and more!

- **Therapy Workshops** (must complete initial evaluation prior to starting class and open to eligible military, veterans and their families in MD, DC, VA, and WV)
  - Stress Resiliency Workshop
  - Teen Stress Resiliency Workshop
  - Sleep Enhancement Workshop
  - Problem Solving Workshop



**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 2023

### ***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.

**Kudos** to all the Detachments for the great job you have done with presenting the Good Citizenship Award for Eagle Scouts. The report from the National Scout BSA Committee Chairman shows the Nation 992 GCA presentations with the Mideast Division reporting 323 Good Citizenship Awards presented ranked number two in the Nation for recognizing our Eagle Scouts.

Congratulations to the Department of Maryland for being the number 4 Department in the Nation for 101 ESGCA presentations.

MCL Dept. of MD Eagle Scout "Good Citizenship Award" presentations June 2023 thru August are (33) thirty-three.

The Scout BSA mission is reflected by the work our adult leaders, parents and Scouts put in every day to live the Scout Oath and Scout Law. Scouts BSA and the MCL are a team working together to initiate a plan of mutual support to foster the ideals of Americanism and patriotic volunteerism among America's youth.

### 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 (September – NOVEMBER 2023)  
IS DUE ONE WEEK BEFORE DEPT. OF MARYLAND MEETING DATE.**

*Thank you for all that you do !*

For God and Country

REPORT DULY SUBMITTED: 9 SEPTEMBER 2023



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



# MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

Department of Maryland

INCORPORATED BY ACT OF CONGRESS

9 September 2023

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:

- Gained access to Department of Maryland Facebook page.
- Monitored “The Marine Corps League” Facebook page to add any content to Department page.
- Monitored Detachment Facebook pages to add any content to dept page.
- Shared 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.

Semper Fidelis,

*Crist Burns Jr.*

Crist Burns Jr.  
Social Media Chairman  
Department of Maryland  
Marine Corps League

## **Young Marines Report:**

Current YMs: 103 (8 units)

CY 2023 Community Service Hrs: 1182

Current Young Marine of the Year: Sr - YM GySgt London Williams, Jr - YM SSgt Bladen Wheatley

Next YMOY Boards: 14 Oct

CY 2023 Leadership School Graduates: JLS - 4, SLS - 3, ALS - 2

2024 Planning:

- Back Azimuth Land Navigation Encampment (Feb)
- Field Meet (June)
- JLS (June)
- SLS/ALS (July)
- Drill and Ceremonies Academy (Aug)

Submitted by,

Rob Willis

## Military Order of the Devil Dogs Maryland Pack Growl, 12 May 2023

Worthy Pack Leader PDD Charles "Tony" Rust opened the Growl with MODD rituals and recognized all dignitaries present.

Roll Call of Officers take with the following results:

Worthy Pack Leader	PDD Tony Rust	Present
Worthy Sr Vice Pack Leader	PDD Pat Sharkey	Present
Worthy Jr Vice Pack Leader	PDD Omar Jabr	Present
Worthy Smart Dog	PDD Crist Burns	Present
Worthy Dog Trainer	PDD Leonard Stielper	Present
Worthy Police Dog	PDD Tim Hoernig	Present
Worthy Watch Dog	PDD Harry Hierstetter	Present
Worthy Mad Dog	PDD Woody Bowman	Present
Worthy Barking Dog	PDD Stuart Blair	Present
Worthy Dog Robber	PDD Burton Helmka	Present
Worthy Mascot Handler	DD Kevin McDemott	Present
Worthy Jr Past Pack Leader	PDD Craig Reeling	Present

**Guests:** Joe DeAngelo Honorable Jr. Vice Chief, Honorary Chief Devil Dog Jack Severn, Ben Wells Honorable Kennel Executive Director, Deputy Kennel Executive Director Honorable Ray Strum

### **Pounds Present:**

Pound 204  
Pound 333  
Pound 344

With the roll call being complete, we have a quorum and business can be undertaken.

The Dog Robber's financial report is in audit as a new Dog Robber, DD Burt Helmka, has assumed the duties as Maryland Pack Worthy Dog Robber.

**Sick/In Distress:** All Dogs have mange and parvo.

**Deaths since last growl:** None

Fines were levied for improper reporting, for sitting cross legged, for interrupting the Worthy Pack Leader, and for failure to have accurate aim when shooting at the Worthy Pack Leader. Watch dog asleep on the porch, Devil Dog 20-143 left guideon in growl and other insignificant B.S.

### **Finance:**

February 2023: Passport fees-\$28, Passport fines-\$193, Growl fines-\$150

March 2023: Passport fees-\$13, Passport fines-\$65, Growl fines-\$101

May 2023: Passport fees-\$39, Passport fines-\$168, Growl fines-\$131, Fire Hydrant-\$181, Raffle-\$350



Checking account-\$8,476.02

**Old Business:** Jack Severn

Officer Report: none, Worthy Smart Dog did stuff.

**New Business:** PDD Jack Severn must go back to rifle range with Young Marines and qualify at 3 meter line and pay restitution to Worthy Jr. Vice Pack Leader.

1) Motion made \$200 donation for Joey Brocato fund, seconded then amended to \$500. Amendment passed with motion. Funds went through PDD George Hammerbacher.

2) Pack of Oklahoma doesn't have funds for Supreme to Growl. Motion made to donate \$301 by Craig Reeling that's a dollar more than New Jersey. Jersey bumped theirs \$306. Original motion rescinded. New motion is now \$400 big bones. Seconded and passed.

3) Pax River Dawgs motioned for all bones fined on all dogs to go to children's fund. SHOT DOWN PDD Don Benson lost passport and everything else, found and fined \$25 big bones. Jack Severn given Purple Hurt award by Worthy Jadi Dog for diving on nerf grenade to save his fellow dogs. Kaiser Wilhelm appeared from grave ranting and raving. Once again shot down.

4) Motion made for all fines collected to get children's fund, seconded and passed

**Good of the Order:**

Elections held. Motion made to keep present slate of officers. Seconded, then amended with PDD Robert Lee as Worthy Police Dog and PDD Joe Fay Worthy Mad Dog, amendment seconded. Motion and amendment passed. PDD Joe DeAngelo Worthy Jr. Vice Chief swore everyone in.

**Announcements:**

PDD Jack Powers first convention missed since 1970 due to family issues. Next SAFE VIOLATION SHOOTING OF NON AUTHORIZED AMMO. Raffles for sale were announced. Also Fire hydrant passed around for children's fund.

**Closing Ceremony** was performed and the growl was concluded in record time.

Worthy Dog Robber

Burton L. Helmka



Marine Corps League

## Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049

P.O. Box 804

Severn, MD 21144-0804

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

Facebook: Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049, MCL

**Period covered:** 25 May 2023 to 9 September 2023

The Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049 meets the fourth Monday of every month. The meetings are held at the Harry L Cooper VFW Post 160, 2597 Dorsey Road, Glen Burnie, MD at 1900.

### Installation of Officers

Installation of officers was April 24, 2023

Burton Helmka was elected for the Commandant position.

Installation was done by Dept. of Md. Senior Vice Commandant Charles Rust. Assisting was District # 3 Vice Commandant Omar Jabr and Crist Burns.

### Membership

	<u>Life</u>	<u>Annual</u>	<u>Unpaid</u>
Regular	65	11	2
Associate	10	5	0
Multiple	5		
<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>80 members</i>		

The detachment continues its attempts to contact and recover every delinquent

### Community

Regular meetings held 4th Monday of every month at 1900. Looking at a possible move of detachment to a new location.

### Color Guard

The Color Guard has events on the following dates: 1st. Sunday of November at Tick Neck Park.

Food Loin in December, Pearl Harbor Day on Mountain Road in Pasadena, Md.

### Marines Helping Heroes Foundation

The annual golf tournament was a success with over \$17,000 dollars raised. This will be disbursed according to their correct organization.

### Eagle Scouts

Detachment #1049 presented 1 Eagle Scout award since 12th of May. Our Eagle Scout coordinator has stepped away due to family. Commandant will coordinate for now.

### **Good of the League**

Our By-laws and Administration Procedures have been updated . They have been published and waiting to be voted on. The detachments 3rd fellowship dinner is taking place at Stoney Creek Inn on 22nd of September at 1800/6:00pm Pasadena Md. Our fund raising is in the works:

1)Bus trip/shopping, Green Dragon Market,Pa. \$50 dollars few seats left.

2)Holiday Raffle, Flyers on the table

### **Membership**

Looking at different ways to bring in new members

### **Young Marines**

Our Young Marines are very busy at this time.

1)9th of September food pantry

2)22nd-24th of September encampment at state park.

3)30th of September Fisher House

Also marksmanship training went well with ribbons awarded.

***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: 8 September 2023

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

SUBJ: **Quarterly Department of Maryland Report – 11 February 2023**

### MEMBERSHIP

Strength – 51

Paid Life Members – 26

Unpaid – 0

### SICK, DISTRESSED & DECEASED

None

### EVENTS

Set up Hat and Shirt booth for Leitersberg Ruritan Peach Festival.

Today setting up Hat and Shirt booth for airshow at airport. Antietam Detachment was invited to participate after organizers saw Antietam Detachment color guard at another community event.

### COMMUNITY SERVICE

Presented colors at Hagerstown Community College for five military concerts.  
Presented colors for Leitersberg Ruritan Peach Festival.

### CHILDREN & YOUTH

No Eagle Scout awards this quarter.

### VETERANS SERVICES

Honor guard performed twelve funerals.  
Honor guard performed one ceremony.  
Hosted stop for Sean Wiley escort as his remains were returned home.

### TOYS FOR TOTS PROGRAM STATUS

Made donation to T4Ts to support fundraiser.

### GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

Will be holding a picnic for Marines and detachment members next weekend.

Report duly submitted:

Jeffery S. Mangum

*Commandant*

**Antietam Detachment, #113**

**Department Of Maryland**

**MARINE CORPS LEAGUE**



**Marine Corps League**  
Department of Maryland  
Baltimore Detachment 565  
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Baltimore Maryland 21230-5247  
Commandant565@gmail.com  
410-547-7699



## **Baltimore Detachment 565 Department Quarterly Report 09 September 2023**

- 1. Detachment had ten detachment members in attendance at the Department Convention May 2023.**
- 2. Detachment had six Detachment members in attendance at the Division Conference in May 2023.**
- 3. Detachment awarded six Eagle Scout Good Citizen for this quarter**
- 4. Detachment Commandant and three members attended the Marine Corps League National Convention in Oklahoma City, Ok. In Aug 2023.**
- 5. The Detachment is now preparing for the Toys for Tots Campaign 2023.**
- 6. The Detachment Commandant I have attended two receptions given by the Commandant of The Marine Corps at The Marine Barracks Washington D.C.**
- 7. Detachment member Milton Hazzard attended the Convention of The Montford Point Marines held in Montford Point, Camp Lejeune North Carolina.**

**Earl Ruff Jr  
Commandant  
Baltimore Detachment 565**



# LCpl Robert W. Deane Detachment 770 Marine Corps League



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

Marine Corp League Department of Maryland Meeting September 9, 2023,  
Sam Weinberg - Commandant, LCpl Robert W. Deane Detachment #770

Subject: Report Department of Maryland  
Period: August 2023 – September 2023

**Membership:** Strength – 98 Total Members, 49 Life Members, 41 Regular Members, 8 Associate Members  
Working on updating the membership list, dues, addresses, emails, and phone numbers.  
Working on getting renewal dues for the current year.  
We have applications for new membership at all our events and Fundraisers.

**Sick/Distressed:** None

**Events**

- Held our Crab Feast Raffle
- Doing hot dog sales at Mt. Airy Southern States
- Having our 9/11 Ceremony at Pine Grove Chapel on Monday Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>
- Gearing up for our Annual Golf Tournament on Tuesday Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>
- Will be having a flag retirement and picnic on Saturday Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>
- Sitting up at the Mt. Airy Octoberfest on Saturday Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>
- During Honor Guard at Flood Zone Brewery for the Marine Corps Birthday
- We did one Eagle Scout Presentation
- Supported a young man for his Eagle Scout project.

**Fundraisers:** Golf Tournament

**Summary:** Looking forward to starting Toys for Tots  
Starting to think about the Marine Corps Birthday in November  
Looking forward to working with everyone and having a successful end of the year.



# MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

Corporal Pete Arnold Detachment 1198

INCORPORATED BY ACT OF CONGRESS

9 September 2023

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

- 20 May: Armed Forces Day Event at Mission BBQ
- 29 May: Memorial Day Events
- June, August, September: First Fridays in Bel Air & Havre de Grace
- 23-25 June: Mideast Division Conference in Pikesville, MD
- 2 July: 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade in Havre de Grace
- 4 July: 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade in Bel Air
- 5 August: Detachment Picnic @ Jarrettsville VFW
- 14-18 August: MCL National Convention in Oklahoma City, OK
- 2 September: Baltimore County Fish & Game Gun Show in Carney

## Upcoming Events

- 10 September: Color Guard for Aberdeen IronBirds game in Aberdeen
- 23 September: Harford County Wine Festival in Bel Air
- 6 October: First Fridays in Bel Air & Havre de Grace
- 7 October: Bull & Oyster Roast at Jarrettsville VFW
- 7-8 October: Timonium Gun Show
- 13-14 October: MD BBQ Bash in Bel Air
- 13-15 October: Bel Air American Legion Gun Show
- 10 November: First Capital Detachment #521 248<sup>th</sup> USMC Birthday Ball in York, PA
- October, November, December: Toys for Tots

Semper Fidelis,

*Leonard F. Stielper Jr.*

Leonard F. Stielper Jr.  
Commandant

*Once a Marine, Always a Marine*



# Patuxent River Detachment 1305

## Department Report –Sept 7, 2023



### 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:	Kat Lambourne
Web Sgt:	Kat Lambourne
Service Officer:	Kat Lambourne

### Members Status:

Regular:	79	(40 Life Members)
Associate:	10	(3 Life Members)
Honorary:	1	

**Total: 90**

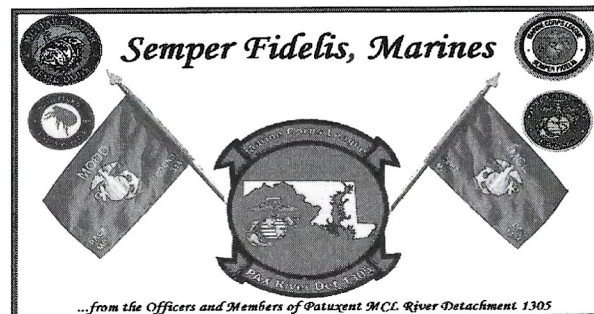
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### Past Events

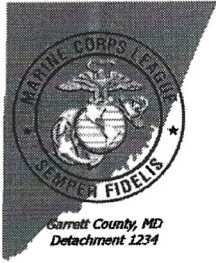
1. JROTC Awards Presentations for 10 schools various dates
2. Eagle Scout Awards presentations

### Upcoming Events

1. Bill Plath memorial 3 gun match fundraiser Oct 13-14
2. Halloween bingo at Charlotte Hall Veterans home Oct 31
3. Marine Corps Birthday celebration Nov 10







**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 9 Sept 2023

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

Sickness & Distress: We just lost 2 members in the last month. Notice of Death were sent in. Paul Shogren is home bound.

Current Events: Distributed funds from the golf tournament. We raised over \$33,000.00 this year.

Upcoming: Detachment picnic is Sept 10<sup>th</sup> I will be leading the POW-MIA day program Sept 15<sup>th</sup>. Toys for Tots starts October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Summary: We continue to recruit new members.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Rob Heilig  
Commandant Garrett County Det 1234  
Marine Corps League



*Peacekeepers Detachment 1492*  
*P.O. Box 1942 –Ocean Pines, MD 21811*

Commandants Quarterly Report  
September 2023

**Membership**

Paid Members: 29  
Paid Life Members: 11  
Total Paid: 37  
Total Membership: 40  
Members Delinquent: 15  
Deceased Members in 2023: 0  
Membership Goals: Membership recruitment and enhance detachment activities

**Detachment Programs:**

- **Toys for Tots** –The Peacekeepers Detachment will be working with community members of Ocean Pines this year. We hope the get our own program going in the 2024 season.
- **Eagle Scout Program** – Our Eagle Scout Good Citizenship recognition program is just getting started. Nothing to report at this time.
- **Community and Veterans Organization Service** – A number of our detachment members continue to serve in various volunteer capacities in the community and with other Veteran service organizations.
- **Junior ROTC Scholarships** –Nothing to report at this time

**Marine Corps League Activities**

- Color Guard – No ceremonies since last report
- Funerals – See community Service
- Parades - None
- Awards – Eagle Scout Good Citizenship - None



- Veterans Programs – Marine for Life program and the POW / MIA flag is prominently displayed at each detachment meeting.

### **Detachment Activities**

- The Peacekeepers Detachment has been getting out into our community, doing Public Relations & Recruiting. Our area now is the Ocean Pines Farmers Market, and can be viewed on our Facebook Page.  
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100093184459764>
- The Peacekeepers Detachment was at the Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce Car & Jeep Show on Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Detachment Sr.Vice. Marine Daddezio & Jr. Vice. John Whitehead recruited 6 new members at the event. This event can also be viewed on the Detachment's Facebook Page.
- The Peacekeepers Detachment, on 29 August 2023, started an unofficial morning meeting that we call the "Morning Coffee Meeting" or MCM. These impromptu meetings are held at 0900 hrs. on the 4<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month at Abi's Diner in Ocean Pines. This event is open to all members. Discussions allow members to discuss any subject or issue that came up at a Monthly meeting as well as upcoming events, in an open setting and with no time restraints.
- This is also a great way for our new members to get to know and interact with standing members. All MCL members are welcome to join us.

### **Detachment Goals –**

Our primary goal is to serve our Marines, Veterans and our Community. As always, continue to maintain retention and recruitment of new members.

All of our detachment filings are in order and up to date.

Respectfully submitted on this date, 5th day of September 2023

John Daddezio.  
Commandant  
Diamond State, Detachment 704



**SSGT. COHEE DETACHMENT  
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE**

9 September 2023

To: Commandant, Department of Maryland

Membership remains 34, we have a special committee on membership to bring in more members.

**Sick /Distressed:** Tom Kellar has been placed in a assisted living home.

**Community Outreach:** We support Genesis Nursing Home with their Carnival/ Fun Day for the residence that live there.

**We support the Kids back school with the backpack give away.**

**Support American Legion Post 64 every third Saturday with selling BBQ patters.**

**Every Thursday we are out at Boscov's for Friends helping Friends.**

**July 4<sup>th</sup> at Shorebird's Salute to the Veterans.**

**New Business:** Motion made to donate \$1,000 to Operation We Care. Motion passed.

**Announcements:**

**Respectfully Submitted**

Larry C. Jackson Commandant

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SSGT COHEE DETACHMENT #115 MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

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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, Department of Maryland 9 September 2023

Commandant George Sigler along with is Sr Vice, Paymaster and Chaplin attended a ceremony that was held in Chestertown to Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans; speakers were individuals who served in Vietnam.

A brick was purchased from the Marine Corps Museum in Alvin Athey's name. Alvin was the first Commandant MCL. His brick will read the same.

Judge Advocate Pat Sharkey Has PeaceKeepers Detachment # 1492 report

Respectfully submitted



Larry C. Jackson District 1 Vice Commandant



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## Department of Maryland



District 2 Vice Commandant Report

09 Sept. 2023

At This time I have been advised of one Detachment in the 2<sup>nd</sup> District that needs to be worked with to bring them in to compliance with Marine Corps League requirements. I will need to make an extra effort to contact and work with this detachment. The remaining detachments in District 2 are operating with in the Marine Corps League requirements. Nothing more to report at this time.

Earl Ruff Jr

Dept. of Md. MCL

District 2 Vice Commandant

District 3 Vice Commandant Report  
Department of Maryland  
Marine Corps League  
Host: Maryland Marines Detachment 1371, Jarrettsville, MD  
Date: 09 September 2023

Greetings All...

**Patuxent River Detachment 1305** membership still holding strong with 90 members (79 Regular, 10 Associates and 1 Honorary). The count includes 40 Life Regular Members and 3 Life Associate Members.

Detachment 1305 participated in 10 JROTC Awards Presentations.

Detachment 1305 awarded Good Citizenship Award to several Eagle Scouts Court of Honors.

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

Installation of officers took place on 12 July 2023.

**Charlotte Hall Veterans Home (CHVH)** currently has 22 Marines (22 Males, 0 Females).

PruittHealth took over management of CHVH on 06 June.

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 meetings and Pax River Dawgs Growls.

Attended Free State Detachment meetings.

Installed Free State Detachment 544 Officers.

Attending 2023 Mideast Division Conference and Growl at Pikesville, MD (23-24 June).

Attending 2023 MCL National Convention and Growl at Oklahoma City, OK (12-18 August).

Presented Good Citizenship Awards at several Eagle Scout Court of Honors.

Attended Southern Maryland Young Marines DEA museum field trip at Arlington, VA on 10 August.

Assisting with Southern Maryland Young Marines current recruitment class.

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**Upcoming Events**

13-14 October – Bill Plath Memorial 3 gun match fundraiser (Detachment 1305)  
31 October – Halloween bingo at Charlotte Hall Veteran Home (Detachment 1305)  
10 November – Marine Corps Birthday Celebration (Detachment 1305)

Semper Fidelis,

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





**Department Meeting 9/9/2023  
Jarrettsville, MD  
4<sup>th</sup> District Vice Commandant  
Paul 'DOC' Gunther**

Since our last meeting I have been trying to contact the Carroll County Detachment with no avail. Finally Commandant Fay was able to contact one of their members and instructed them to comply with orders of having Officer Installation etc or risk being suspended, rather on the evening of the 6<sup>th</sup> Sept 2023 I drove up to their meeting at the American Legion Hall in Westminster where they were having their meeting (already in progress) when I went in at 7pm, they were rapping up and getting ready to leave. They voted to surrender their Charter versus being suspended, I took possession of said charter, several transmittals for members to go to MAL list and sum of monies. I have turned all the above over to Dept Commandant Fay.

On Labor Day 04 Sept 2023 the Sgt Hettchen Detachment had a booth at the Kensington Labor Day Parade and talked with several people about the Detachment and what we do and received donations for various items, challenge coins and key chains made by Associate Member Kim Potter.

Attended the National Convention in Oklahoma City, OK last month and observed PDD Wayne Miller receive his PDD along with PDD's Lee and Tabler from LCPL Deane Detachment.

This concludes my report.

Semper Fidelis

PDD Paul Doc Gunther



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TO: COMMANDANT  
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MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

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Department of Maryland

SUBJECT: September Quarterly Report

9 September 2023

### Recent Activities

Memorial Day Observance at the Rocky Gap Veteran's Cemetery 29 May 2023  
Mid-East Conference Baltimore MD 23-24 2023  
LCPL Sean Wiley Escort 29 July 2023

- 1) Worked extensively with the Mountainside Marines Detachment #1071 to assist them in keeping their Detachment viable and in good standing. This is an ongoing and difficult process. Progress in this activity is challenging to quantify. Mountainside has held at least one Meeting since their Straw Vote to close the Detachment of 10 August 2022. The Mountainside Commandant has been contacted by me on several occasions ( MFRs were written). He has also contacted the Department Paymaster for guidance on completing their IRS 990, MD Form 1, MD COR 92, and their current Report of Installation. I have advised them that that I would assist them in this process.
- 2) Worked the LCPL Sean Wiley and coordinated support for this solemn event. This support included working with the Department of GA Judge Advocate Alton Coleman, the Clay County Sherrif's Department, the Maryland State Police, the Hagerstown Herald Mail, and the Department Commandants for NC, VA, MD, PA and NY. The Antietam Detachment was instrumental in the success of this operation. LCPL Wiley was hiking home from Camp Lejune NC, following his Discharge from the Marine Corps, on the Appalachian Trail. In April of 2022 e went missing along the trail. His remains were found by a Deer Hunter 1 mile off of the trail in November 2022. He was not positively Identified until February 2023. Following a criminal investigation, it was determined that his death was due to natural causes. His remains were transported home by an Escorted Motorcade. Our mission was to set up a much-needed brief Pit Stop for the Motorcade. LCPL Wiley was escorted by 68 riders for the Combat Veterans Association. The Antietam Detachment provided logistical support for the escort party. We would be remiss if we did not thank the Hagerstown Barracks of the Maryland State for their professionalism in providing a Police Escort for this somber event.

- 3) LCPL Wiley wrote his own Eulogy for his funeral. He did not speak of his accomplishments but rather a personal failure. He knew that one of his brother Marines suffered from significant PTSD. While he did try to keep in touch with him, he did not contact him at that most difficult of times. His friend, his brother Marine ended his pain by suicide. He spoke of the need for all of us to keep in contact with our brother veterans.
- 4) At the Department of Maryland Convention and the Mideast Conference I raffled off two bottles of Bourbon; a bottle of Four Roses Small Batch Select at the Convention and a Bottle of Jefferson's Ocean for Mid-East. We were able to raise \$520 for Lenny's FreedomFest at the Convention and \$600 for the Department at Mideast.

Future Events:

Sharpsburg MD Veteran's Parade 11 November  
Veteran's Day Observance Rocky Gap Veteran's Cemetery  
USMC Birthday Party Antietam Detachment 18 November

Sincerely

*Jeff Robinette*

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