



Newsletter

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Commandants Message



Fellow Marines,

We now find ourselves in cooler weather and one month closer to the end of the year. September was a busy month with several color guards and some funerals. Thanks to everyone that helped. Also, to the VFW who filled in when we didn't have a full crew.

We could sure use more bodies in the help pool if anyone that hasn't been participating would like to. We have called on some other names other than the usual ones, but haven't had much luck. Please consider pitching in. It means a lot to the families to have marines do the honors. Keith has spent many hours even during his work time to contact our members. If you get a message from him, please respond to him so he knows if he can count on you or not. Either way is important in contacting enough to do a complete detail.

The October meeting on the 8th at the VFW in the heights will be run by Tom Jones because I need to be out of town again. I'm sorry I can't make it. The main thing to discuss, is the up coming Toys for Tots. Ssgt. McColley will be at the mtg to discuss the program. I met with the 1st Sgt last week and the Captain and they are looking forward to our assistance.

If anyone has any ideas of businesses that would be interested in sponsoring part of the convention, Please ask them about it. We need to have most or all of the sponsorship money in by the first of the year so the costs can be decided and the registration form can be put on the web page. Time is moving fast and it will be on us.

Celebrating the 40th Anniversary of the Eugene Sara Marine Corps League Detachment #418

Don't forget there is another gun show in November and we will need people to man the booth. We took in \$1090 at the last one. It's a 12 gauge Shotgun this time. We will draw for it in early December in time for Christmas. Then we will need another rifle in January to start next years drawing. I'm always open for ideas.

Tom Lowry, Commandant
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Senior Vice Commandant Report:



One of my duties as Sr Vice Commandant is membership, so you will be hearing something about that each month. On Sept 1st all annual memberships expired, If you have not already done so please send in your dues now, The Department fall conference will be at the MCL

Hooch In Butte, 7 October 2018 at 1200. There will be a short MODD Growl after the meeting. All paid up members are welcome to attend. I am going, if you want to car pool give me a call.

Tom Jones, Sr. Vice
(406)670-4364

Paymasters Report:



Hello all,

I continue to receive renewals in the mail. I will complete the next set of transmittals on Monday. If you have been waiting for your check to clear this will happen in short order.

To my Military Order of Devil Dog brothers I say WOOF! I remind you your annual dues are due and are to be sent to the Dog Robber Gary Sheldon. I will call or text you all his address on my first day off (Monday).

That is all. I hope this finds everyone well.

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Jr. Vice Commandants Report:



Marines,

Hey gang, we are in the final weeks before the Birthday Ball and the membership voted to supplement \$30 towards the cost of the ball tickets. The full cost tickets are \$60 and we need reservations ASAP, as we are past the end of September. Things are heating up on the 2019 convention front and we will need a lot of help to pull this together. If you can help, please let us know! If anyone is in need of uniform pieces see the Unit exchange page as there are items available.

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Judge Advocates Report:



League Members,
 Another month is gone, National Convention is one month closer, things will be busier, more participation and new members are needed. Help if you can and recruit new members! Nothing else to report.

Thank You and Semper Fi.
 Don Huffman, Judge Advocate

Chaplains Report:

As you all should know by now , Jim has stepped down as the Chaplain, so his post is open at this time. Ryan Parsons filled the position for the last meeting. If you would like to step up to help with the position, let us know.



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Sergeant at Arms Report:

Marines,
 The Following details are coming up and we need help with:
 Sat (6 October) Huntley Veterans Park (by the river) Color Guard. Veterans celebration.
 Veterans Day Sun(11 November) Veterans Day Observance at the courthouse Lawn.

Keith Thompson, Detail Commander



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**Marine Corps League
Eugene Sara Detachment #418
Meeting Minutes
September 10th, 2018**

Called to order at 1900

Ritual Followed

Roll Call — Tom Lowry, Scott Dunlap (excused), Tom Jones, Tim Bender, Don Huffman, Keith Thompson, Chaplain (open). Guest 1st Sgt. Ziegler of the I&I staff in attendance.

New member applications — Darren Reed of Billings, DD214 verified and \$35 paid. Motion was made to accept, 2nd and voted in. Welcome aboard Darren!

Minutes of the last meeting were not read as they were not available. To Be read later.

Correspondence — John Miller, past State Dept. Commandant is ill, and in a nursing home. Received a request to donate assistance for bills. Motion was made to turn down the request for assistance at this time. Vote affirmed by membership present to not donate.

Paymaster — Report given, 31 paid members, 55 life members, 9 not current.

Members sick or in distressed — Bugler Dave Ron is ill with diabetes. Bill Van Wieren had been in the hospital for unknown reasons. Jim Borner has been having various health issues, doing OK. Tiny had knee surgery. Laurel (Tom Jones) is having eye surgery. Tom Jones son in Denver passed away, condolences to Tom and family. Member Robert Buyan is ill.

Officer reports —

Sr. Vice — The last convention in New York was well presented, though they did have a lack of communication and their signage needed improvement. Also found out that campgrounds like KOA, etc. will not take reservations until the first of the year. Jr. Vice — Transport for our convention is coming along, no word on a patio party for this year. Chaplain — Not Posted

Detail Cmdr. — West High school is hosting a Veterans night on Sept. 18th and we may be doing a color guard on Nov. 11 at MSU-B.

Committee Reports:

Riverside Cemetery — None FOC — None Young Marines — None

Birthday Ball — The detachment will supplement \$30 each towards tickets for the Marine Corps Birthday Ball, The Ball will be November 17th at the Doubletree (downtown), happy hour at 1730, ceremony at 1800. Ball gifts to those reserve tickets early guaranteed. Contact Tom Lowry or the 1st Sgt at the reserve center for tickets.

TFT — More info coming in October, Sgt. Mc Harley will be in charge of the program again, distribution center will be at the fairgrounds again.

Old Business — The newsletter is still not covering expenses.

New Business — Beaver Creek Rendezvous of Ekalaka is inviting wounded warriors for a hunt and seeking a \$500 donation. A motion was made & 2nd and voted to give them \$500. VFW Heights is needing to replace their roof. Since they host us a motion was made to donate \$500 towards their expenses. Discussion was held as we already gave them \$500 for coffee fund. Vote was taken, but tabled payment until later as to where funds will come out of.

Good of the League — We are still working on how to handle credit card payments and still working on trying to get the USMC 8th & I drill team out here to perform for the convention.

Next meeting will be October 8th at 1900

Miles City Squad B Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 1900hrs by Squad Leader Dee Murray.

Roll Call — All Officers present

Minutes of the last meeting read and accepted.

No new member applications and no members sick or under the weather.

Old business — John Reed reported on the Boy Scouts 50 mile bike ride. Four of the Scouts completed the ride in seven hours to earn their badges. The Cowboy Action shoot was held with nine Boy Scouts and six adults attending. The Scouts shot .22cal rifles and pistols, as well as 12 ga. shotguns. A total of 1500 rounds of .22 and 150 of 12 ga. Ammo were fired. After the shoot, the instructors brought out personal black powder, .45 cal. and 9mm pistols and the scouts enjoyed shooting them.

It's sad to see Jim Borner go as we all enjoyed working with Jim! Take care Jim and Thank you for all your help!

Next Meeting is on 10/02/2018 at the Spur

Respectfully submitted by
Thomas Ketchum, Adj.



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The Detachment Exchange

Buy, Sell or Trade any of your unused uniform items in this column of the newsletter. Just send the item description to me and I will list them for you. — Tim

Tom Lowry has two pairs of shoes. One leather and one patent leather, both size 10.5. Also a cover without the EGA. size 7 ¼.

Tom Jones has one red blazer in excellent shape, size 46 You can have it for a \$50.00 donation to Toys for Tots.

Jim Borner has items available to any member that needs them, at NO cost. There are as follows: One Red Cover—size 6 ¾, black pants- size 38-30, dress blue blouse, tan short sleeve military shirt-16-16 ½ neck, 3- belts with buckles, 2-buckles, 1-tie clasp, 1-life member patch, 1-black tie. These items were given to him by Carol Jones.

I have one 2XL all weather Red Jacket, one pair black shoes size 10, 1 2XL uniform shirt, donated by Diane Schaefer.

Semper Fi.



Guy Chilson, Tom Lowry and Pete Siegel at the September gun Show



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