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Commandants Message



Marines,

It has been a busy month. Mostly with the convention. Seems we have ran into a problem with using the EGA on the belt buckle. It is patented, which doesn't surprise me, but it included the League. Even the league is having

trouble with its use. Any manufacture of any product with the EGA, the word Marine, USMC, and many others must be licensed for the right of the use. I was hoping by the time of this letter, the problem would be resolved. It isn't.... More discussion will be at the meeting if you want. Thank you to Capt. Leishman and First Sgt. Zeigler for the extra cake cutting they are hosting for those of us who can't attend the Ball. At this point, we have 7 members signed up for the Ball or 14 tickets. I know of at least one more interested. We also need to discuss a replacement for the Chaplin. If anyone has any other items that should be discussed, let me know.

Have a good veterans day and happy Marine birthday!

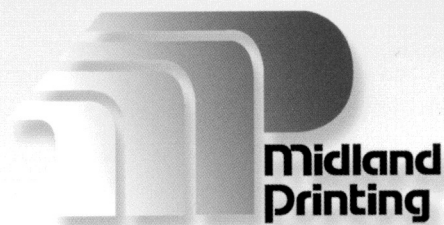
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Chaplains Report:

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Jr. Vice Commandants Report:



Marines,

Happy Birthday! As most of you know the Marine Birthday is coming soon. The Reserves ball is on November 17th at the Doubletree downtown Billings, like last year. November 9th at the reserve center I&I will be hosting a cake cutting and open house as part of the celebration activities, including honoring the oldest and youngest Marines.

November 11th, besides Veterans celebrations, there will be a hosted program at the Skyview of the Doubletree Hotel. The program honors vets and also the USS Billings, the first Navy ship to carry the name of our city. Hours run from 1700 to 1900. This IS an RSVP event. If you wish to attend, please RSVP to ron@ussbillingslcs15.org

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Senior Vice Commandant Report:




Devil Dogs

We have a lot about to happen in the next month here in Billings. The Birthday Ball will be celebrated on Nov. 17. Those members that have sent in checks for Ball tickets, I have compiled a list and to give the Commandant, and I await instructions to forward the money to the 1st Sgt over at the Reserve Center. This event will happen at the same time the Toys 4 Tots campaign will be in full swing. I know SSgt McCarley (this years Toys 4 Tots coordinator), is already busy this year. If you have some time here and there to help with box placement and/or toy collection, I know he would be appreciative.


Congratulations Guy Chilson! Our newest LIFE MEMBER!!! There are a few renewals out there yet. Please get them in. Consider Life Membership as Guy has done. While I'm beating the drum, it is still a great time to recruit. Should the opportunity arise you will find it helpful to have a membership application on hand. There are several places to secure an application, Semper Fi Magazine, MCL National website, or Me. I can make you as many as you will need. National Convention is right around the corner, we will need as many hands on deck as we can muster. Carry an application and recruit.

Semper Fidelis Marines,

Scott Dunlap, Sr. Vice 281-1271



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Paymasters Report:



Marines,
My wife Laurel had eye surgery last month and came through it very well. She does not remember seeing this well in the past. Being flat on her back for five days after surgery was worth it.

This month is very busy starting out with the open house at the reserve center which will include cake cutting at 1100 on the 9th, Then comes Veterans Day services at MSUB. Then on Saturday November 17th will be the Marine Corps Ball at the Doubletree. I hope to see a lot of you at these events.

Semper Fi

Tom Jones, Sr. Vice

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The Detachment Exchange

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

Tom Lowry has 2 pair of Dress shoes size 10.5 & a cover size 7 1/4.

Tom Jones has one red blazer size 46, yours for a \$50 donation to TFT.

I have numerous items from Jim Borner and Diana Schaefer for use, just contact Tim at 697-5968.



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**Marine Corps League
Eugene Sara Detachment #418
Meeting Minutes
October 8th, 2018**

Meeting called to order @ 1900

Ritual followed

Officers present: Tom Lowry (excused), Tom Jones (acting Cmdt), Tim Bender, Scott Dunlap (excused), Keith Thompson, Pete Siegel acting as chaplain.

Captain Leishman & SSgt McCarley on hand to talk to members

New Applications for membership: No new Applicants

Last Meeting Minutes: Read and approved

Miles City Squad minutes: See Miles City Page

Correspondence: None **Captain Leishman :** Discussed the Marine Corps Ball at the Double tree Hotel again. \$60 a plate per person, includes gifts. 35 tickets left with guaranteed gifts. The Marine will be hosting a Cake cutting Ceremony at the reserve center on November 9th(Friday) at 1100 hrs. followed by an open house. **Paymasters Report:** Not available

Senior Vice: Report on the 2019 convention— running into problems with the Marines regarding the use of the EGA on belt buckles, even though we are Marines they do not want us to use the EGA unless they OK its use and get a cut of proceeds. All committee members need to get together to discuss this and options available. The National MCL is NOT supporting our efforts too well. We are still working on getting the 8th & I drill team here for the convention.

Junior Vice:

None **Jr. Past Commandant:** None **Adjutant:** None

Judge Advocate: De-

tail Commander: Huntley Veterans celebration on Oct. 6th, November 11th Veterans Day observance at the Yellowstone County Courthouse. (Now changed to MSU-B for Color Guard Detail and lunch afterwards. November 23rd—Holiday Parade.

Report of any member or family member's family sick or in distress: Tinys daughter fell and suffered injury which required stitches, Laurel Hansen (Tom Jones) had eye surgery, Tim Bender is suffering from herniated disks in the lower back and his wife Pat fell and hit her head. No broken bones, thankfully, just bumps & bruises.

Standing Committees:

Riverside Cemetery Detail — Friends of the Cemetery — Meeting was last Thursday, there will be two observances for veterans day this year, at the courthouse and at MSU-B, we don't know for sure which we will be working. **Toys for Tots —** Ssgt McCarley will be in charge of the TFT again this year, please use him as the point of contact for TFT. New TFT phone number is 425-537-7890. Metrapark will be the distribution center again. Ssgt McCarley needs volunteers for a work detail to set up shelving again on 11/15 and tear down on 1/9/19. Boxes will go out on 11/1. October 20th there will be a TFT picture day at Riverfront park. Toy Drop off on November 3rd at Valley Federal Credit Union at 30th and King Ave West. Toy Drop off on 12/1/ at Moss Mansion and free tour. 12/11/to 12/15 is distribution week at Metrapark. A motion was made and 2nd to donate \$2000 to TFT for needed items from general funds, members voted aye (Passed). **Finance Committee —**

Young Marines — None **Birthday Ball — see above** **Old Business —** On the convention front, we have received a \$1000 donation from the Great Falls detachment and they advised they may have a volunteer with CDL to help with transportation. AT the fall conference a call was put out for door prizes, etc. for the convention. **New Business—** Spring conference will be May 17th –19th, \$25 registration, **Good of the League —** Dennis Sitzler will try to acquire another firearm for raffle. Funds were discussed for giving a \$500 donation to the VFW for roof repairs, 2nd and members voted aye (approved).

Meeting closed at 1954 hrs.

Next meeting will be @ 1900 on November 12th, 2018

Judge Advocates Report:

. League Members,
November is here, Veterans Day, check with Keith if there are details to help with, last I heard, he had things covered. Acknowledge a veteran, which we should be doing all the time. Had the opportunity to see the Marine Corps Band when they were in town, Wonderful Concert with good turnout. NOVEMBER 10 Happy Birthday Marine Corps-242 Years Old-HAPPY BIRTHDAY MARINES to a time to never be never forgotten. Hope to see you at our meeting November 12 at the VFW. Remember Toys For Tots.
Happy Birthday Marines-Semper Fi
Don Huffman, Judge Advocate



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Sergeant at Arms Report:

Marines,

11/11/18 MSU-B Color Guard for Veterans day observance, need color guard.
11/23/18 Holiday Parade— still tentative
November—December, various toys for tots details
Keith Thompson, Detail Commander

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Miles City Squad B Meeting Minutes

October 2nd, 2018

Meeting called to order by Squad Leader Dee Murray

Roll Call— All officers present

Minutes of the last meeting read and accepted.

No new applications and no one sick or under the weather.

Current Business — Discussion on Veterans day events. Little flags go out on 11/7 at the Veterans cemetery and at 1430 at the Custer County Cemetery. Those flags will be picked up on 11/14.

The big flags go up on 11/11/18 at 0800 and come down at 1630.

The next meeting will be on 11/10 at the Black iron, usual time.

Respectfully submitted by
Thomas Ketchum

Pic on page 3 and here from the Boy Scouts
Cowboy Shoot with the Miles City Squad.



BOY SCOUT COWBOY RANGE DAY

Nine Boy Scouts of Troop 222 and Scout Leader Dave Swagger met at the Custer Rod and Gun Club Range at Sunday Creek. The boys were schooled in Range safety rules and safe handling of firearms. Also, different types of handguns were demonstrated.

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