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Commandants Message



Marines,

January has come and gone. We did get the convention web page up after some difficulty. It is now live and we are getting registrations. So far, the folks I have talked to, seem very excited about coming to Montana and spending more time than just the week of convention. The Devil Dogs are selling money raffle tickets for \$20.00. First prize is \$1000.00. I hope everyone helps in this drawing. The money pays for our share of the reception. We pay for half and National Devil Dogs pay for the other half. This reception is free to the members. These rules are set by National. Check with Scott Dunlap, Tom Jones, or me to get your tickets. I'm still trying to get an answer from Montana Silversmith as to if they are applying for the copyright license for the belt buckle. I have had several inquiries from members all over the country. It is a big disappointment to everyone that they aren't available now. If you are intending to attend the meetings at convention, you need to let Scott know so you can get registered. The events you want to take part in, need to register through me.

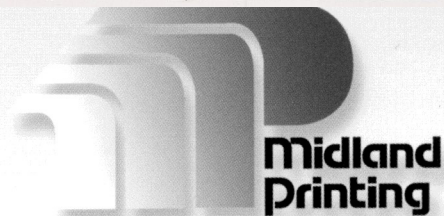
Details have slowed down, but with the weather the way it has been, I don't think anyone is too unhappy. Jim Borner has returned to our aid. Thanks for coming back and helping with the Chaplin duties. Our election committee (Keith Thompson) was set up last meeting. Anyone that would be willing to take any office, let your wishes be known to Keith.



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Jim Borner, Dennis Sitzler, and Ralph McKinney are the awards committee. Let them know if you have a recommendation for any awards. Everyone that has helped with any of the details or events are important but some folks go above and beyond and need that extra recognition. I do thank all of you for giving your devotion to the fallen Marines in your, not always, spare time. Many of you have changed your private schedule to help the league. Our next meeting is February 11th. I hope to see you then.

Tom Lowry, Commandant
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Chaplains Report:

Fellow Marines & families,
I Got back on board just in time, I guess. Had a marine funeral a few days ago. The brother needed assistance on a few things, happy to be able to do so. Have another one coming up in the near future. Dennis Sitzler is giving Joe Aguilar rides to his therapist. Thanks to him for doing so. Good example of taking care of our own. Got a color guard coming up on Saturday for wrestling at Lockwood gym Jan. 26th. Tallied up the after-action reports, and getting ready for next step. Not much other to report, except if members receiving the newsletter would contact the league on how things are going would really help out. May many Blessings be to all members and their families. **I am looking for the plastic box that has the Chaplains items in it. If someone has it please let me know.**

Semper Fi,
James Borner, Chaplain
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Jr. Vice Commandants Report:



Happy Valentines Day to all Marines and their Spouses!
The Sweethearts dinner is set for February 10th at the Feedlot Restaurant which is about 3-4 miles north of Shepherd, MT. at 1830 hrs. They have very good dinners and are reasonably priced. Please RSVP by Feb 6th, so I can give them a headcount. The next big event will be the installation dinner, so keep that in mind too.

We are looking to cut expenditures with the newsletter. If you have an email address, please let me or any other officer know so we can send you a digital copy, instead of the paper edition. I don't charge for the electronic version like the Gazette, either. I can add more pics, etc. in the electronic version.

Tim Bender, Jr. Vice
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Paymasters Report:



Hello all,
I would like to report that winter has arrived. That is all.

Just kidding!
A couple of things happening this month:

Mid-winter Conference	02-09
Monthly meeting	02-11
Valentine's Day	02-14

The reservations for the National Convention have begun rolling in, I will get to try to decipher the credit card payments here in short order. I hope it will not be a nightmare.
Other than that ladies and gents I haven't very much to report (thankfully).
I look forward to seeing you all at the monthly meeting this month. My schedule has finally turned and I will be able to attend the next few.
Stay warm my friends,

Semper Fidelis Marines,
Scott Dunlap, Sr. Vice 281-1271

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Senior Vice Commandant Report:



Marine Corps Leaguers,
We need new members. If someone says "Semper Fi" to you when he/she sees your cover, T shirt, License plate, etc., talk to them about the league and have a membership form handy. Valentines day is approaching, I hope to see a lot of you at the Feed Lot Steak House

Semper Fi
Tom Jones, Sr. Vice
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If someone knows where the Chaplains Box is that Jim Borner had, Please let him or one of the officers know so we can get it back to him as soon as possible.
Thanks for your assistance.

Tim

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.

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
January 14th, 2019**

Meeting called to order @ 1900

Ritual followed

Officers present: Tom Lowry, Tom Jones, Tim Bender, Scott Dunlap (excused), Keith Thompson, Don Huffman.

New Applications for membership: No new applications for membership.

Last Meeting Minutes: Read and approved with change to convention webpage
mclnationalconvention2019.com

Miles City Squad minutes: See Miles City Page

Correspondence: Received a letter from Pepsi Cola including a picture of Pepsi employees picking up Toys for tots during the 2018 campaign, Thanks for the help to Pepsi-Billings & employees. Jerry Ketchum of Miles city Squad B sent a flyer on the new submarine USS Montana, that included information on his brother Tom Ketchum.

Captain Leishman : None

Paymasters Report: Not available at the time of the meeting. Convention pledges are currently at \$60000. **Chaplain:** Good to be healthy and back at the Chaplains duties.

Senior Vice: The Henry rifle for the convention will be here very shortly. February Gun Show on 8th-10th. **Junior Vice:** Sweethearts dinner is set for February 10th at the Feedlot, which is about 3-4 miles north of Shepherd MT on Shepherd Rd. Time is 1830, please RSVP. **Jr. Past Commandant:** None **Adjutant:** None **Judge Advocate:** None **Detail Commander:** Memorial service for Mike Smith on Friday the 18th at Laurel, need help with detail.

Report of any member or family member's family sick or in distress: Joe Aguilar has had rotator cuff surgery.

Standing Committees:

Riverside Cemetery Detail / Friends of the Cemetery — Tom Lowry is getting frustrated with the FOC board because of the way the assignments for details are handled. Several details have been switched on us at the last minute. Discussion of the members agreed. Their next meeting is January 30th. **Toys for Tots —** 2018 campaign went very well. Thanks to all who were able to help! 9000 kids got presents. **Finance Committee —** Exploring the idea of a "Go Fund Me" page, which takes 3.5% off the top. Discussion was held, motion made & 2nd, research approved to set it up.

Young Marines — None **Birthday Ball —** The Marines want us to be involved in planning for the ball. Per Marine Corps HQ we cannot be involved in the ceremonies, though. **Old Business —** None

Good of the League — On the convention front, things are moving along well. Funding is at \$50,000 in pledges so far and the webpage will be active on January 1st. Check out the webpage at : mclnationalconvention2019.com. Tom Has worked with the webmaster and the webpage is live and almost complete. We are still not able to accept payments through the page. A number of marines want belt buckles, but we have not heard from MT silversmiths in regards to licensing through the Marine legal offices. It is OK to sell to members until we run "out of stock". A motion was made for the detachment to purchase belt buckles for Ron Spence & John Ostlund for all their support. 2nd and approved by members. Motion made to sell to members only, discussion held and motion rescinded. **New Business —** **The Semper Fi magazine has an ad for the convention in the center which is messed up. We still can fix it in the summer edition.**

Awards committee: Jim Borner, Dennis Sitzler and Scott Dunlap. Election Committee of one is Keith Thompson. It was put out to the members that we may explore finding a different printshop to do the newsletters.

Meeting closed at 2008hrs.

Next meeting will be @ 1900 on March 11th, 2019

Judge Advocates Report:



League Members,

Didn't hear of much last month, and was out of town for a couple of weeks. Did participate in one detail. Remember the more the merrier, seems like details are barely filled most of the time. Everyone counts so please participate if you can.

Thank You And Semper Fi.
Don Huffman, Judge Advocate.



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Sergeant at Arms Report:

Marines,
The only event on the schedule at this point is the February gun show the 8th-10th.

Keith Thompson, Detail Commander

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Miles City Squad B Meeting Minutes

January 8th, 2019

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.

No old business, new business — Is the convention. Leonard is going to check on it the next time he is in Billings. If convention committee members have ideas on how to utilize Miles City members, let Leonard know or contact Dee Murray.

The next meeting will be at the Black iron, usual time.

Respectfully submitted by Thomas Ketchum



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