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Commandants Message



Marines,

Well folks, 2019 is here.

The year we have been working for is here and its crunch time. Most of the plans are made but still a lot of details to get through for the convention. Still haven't heard anything from National. I guess we just keep going forward. We still

have some work to be done on the web page. Our web master has taken another job and communication has been slow. I still have hopes and promises that it will be live this month. More leg work needs to be done with local businesses. As of this time we haven't gotten any sponsorships from the state outside of Billings area. We did get coffee break money from the Bozeman and Great Falls League Detachments. Thank You to them. I still have a couple of the banks here to talk to. Most of the others have been eager to help.

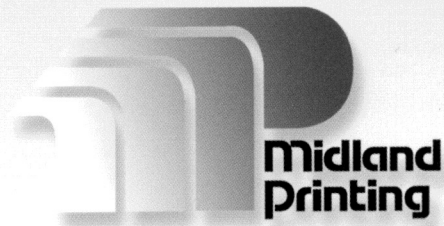
Energy companies have been the other major contributors. Lists will be posted at the convention of all sponsors. If you haven't checked out the web page, please do so. If you are planning on coming to the convention, it will be necessary to register on our web page for activities, and with national if you want to attend the meetings. That will be done through your detachment. I hope several are making plans. National convention will never be any closer.



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We had a very successful Toys for Tots. Thanks for all of the help on that. Over 4000 kids had a wonderful Christmas thanks for the people of this community and the businesses that supported it. What a wonderful program. Semper Fi,
Tom Lowry, Commandant
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Chaplains Report:

Fellow Marines & families,
I am planning on resuming my job as chaplain. However, everyone will have to take things in stride. I Will have to see what the CT scan turns up. Cold weather is also a factor. So, I ask for your patience & prayers in the coming days as right now it's touch and go. Hope to be of service to the league and to families who have lost loved ones and illness. I pray the good Lord will grant me this time and health for the next year. **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 New Year Marines,
We had a great turn out at the League Christmas party at the golden corral. Everyone enjoyed the meal and comradeship. The convention will be coming in eight short months so we need to step up participation to pull it together. I am working on the sweethearts dinner and do not have anything locked down yet, hope to have it by the regular meeting on January 14th. I want to welcome back our Chaplain Jim Borner to his position. He is doing better health wise, but cannot take on as much as he used to. Best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year to all!

Semper Fi
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Paymasters Report:



Devil Dogs,

A new year, and a new month. Speaking for myself I can feel the excitement building for this years National Convention. There are a lot of spots that will need to be filled in support of this campaign of ours this summer. As much as we would like to

recruit from within the league I am sure we will need support from family and friends as well. Take a minute to put the bug in the ears of those you know who may have the time to help out. The MODD is still in its infancy here in Billings, however, I am going to move forward with chartering a pound here in town. If you have a years membership in the league and you are interested I would like to chat.

A new year brings new adventures and new opportunities. I hope 2019 keeps you in good health and I hope to see you soon.

Semper Fidelis Marines,

Scott Dunlap, Sr. Vice 281-1271

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Senior Vice Commandant Report:



Marines,

Hope you had a merry Christmas and a happy new year. The Toys For Tots program was very successful serving more than 1000 families and over 3000 children. Eugene Sara members volunteered 320.5 hours that was

reported. Thanks to all that helped. Monday 1/7/2019 will be the next National Convention Committee meeting. All are welcome to attend. Bring your helpful ideas.

Semper Fi

Tom Jones, Sr. Vice

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
December 10th, 2018**

Meeting called to order @ 1900

Ritual followed

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

New Applications for membership: No new applications for membership.

Last Meeting Minutes: Read and approved with change of Spring conference to Department Spring Convention in May.

Miles City Squad minutes: See Miles City Page

Correspondence: A thank you from Dee William Gowen. Beaver Creek Rendezvous Thank you letter and newsletter sponsorship. Also received Raffle tickets from MT Dept. Devil Dogs for the spring convention. Tickets are \$20 each or \$100 a book. **Captain Leishman : None**

Paymasters Report: Membership— 81 paid members, 50 life members, 15 unpaid, 3 associate.

Senior Vice: WWI vet had military rites take place and we had a good turn out for the table at the gun show. Thanks to those that helped. Name Drawn for Rifle raffle. Shotgun was won by Al McLees. February Gun Show on 8th-10th. **Junior Vice:** Christmas party will be held on December 16th at the Golden Corral, please RSVP. **Jr. Past Commandant:** None **Adjutant:** None

Judge Advocate: None **Detail Commander:** Wreaths across America on Dec. 15 **Report of any member or family member's family sick or in distress:** Mike Tolstedt's wife had cataract surgery.

Standing Committees:

Riverside Cemetery Detail / Friends of the Cemetery — Wreaths across America on 12/15 and unattended burials on Wednesday January 2nd at the National Cemetery. **Toys for Tots —** Is going well , help is needed on Saturday for distribution. Ssgt McCarley also needs a work detail for TFT tear down on 1/9/19. **Finance Committee —** None **Young Marines —** Pat Weber, Dawn Roberts and Tyler Harris reported getting new YM recruits and expecting to add 30 more in 2019, they have new adult staff members and welcome League members to get involved at the Scottish Rites Bldg. at 14th & Custer **Birthday Ball —** League had a good showing at the Ball, World War II vets were recognized at the Ball

Old Business — The Young Marines Parade fees for the Holiday Parade was not paid by the Marines. A motion was made to reimburse the Fees for the parade to the young Marines. Motion was 2nd and approved. **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 : 2019nationalmclconvention.com

It has come to light that military enlistees are now required to get their VA paperwork where they enlisted when going the VA clinics for benefits. **New Business —** We are looking for a rifle to raffle \$400-\$500 range. A motion was made to cover up to \$550 for a rifle purchase, 2nd and voted approved.

Meeting closed at 2006 hrs.

Next meeting will be @ 1900 on January 14th, 2019

Bill Van Wieren & company at the League Christmas party.



Judge Advocates Report:



League Members,

As you are reading this we are starting a new year and are a month closer to the National Convention. Several members participated in another successful Toys For Tots campaign. It was nice to see many members at the League Christmas Party. Try to participate in the events you can in the coming year, all participation is needed and appreciated.

Thank You And Semper Fi.

Don Huffman, Judge Advocate.



Pictures in this letter are from the League Christmas Party on Dec. 16th. We had many members and their spouses or families there. Fun was had by all who came, (Klara Jensen & Carol Jones)



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Sergeant at Arms Report:

Marines,

The only things on agenda at this time are the Burials for the unattended on January 2nd at the National Cemetery and The February gun show the 8th-10th.

Keith Thompson, Detail Commander

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Miles City Squad B Meeting Minutes

The Squad B minutes were not available at the time of building the newsletter and will be published later.



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