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Commandants Message



Happy Birthday Marines!

I hope everyone is able to celebrate in a way that they choose. May the MC Ball in your area be a great success. Then remember on the 11th, the next day, there are plenty of ceremonies for all veterans. Ours will start at 1000 hrs. in Petro Hall at MSU Billings.

There will be music of patriotic songs, and a keynote speech by Mark Wandel, a veteran from here in Billings. Once again our own WWII veteran Bill VanWeiren and Max Long, also a local WWII veteran, will ring the bell. The Heights VFW will give the honors and we will provide the color guard. Lunch will be available at the college as well as at the VFW on Anchor Street after the program. Tell all of the vets you know and bring them with you.

Toys for Tots is in progress! Boxes are out. If you can help, let us know. The distribution point will again be the Expo center at Metra Park. We will be setting up the shelves around the 19th of Nov. More information will be available at the Nov. meeting. We need one of our guys to be the point man for the project. Seems like things go fast this time of year. December will bring the Pearl Harbor ceremony at the National Cemetery. Then the Christmas party and the year is over. Come to the meeting to keep on top of the activities. In the mean time, Semper Fi. Tom

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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.

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

Chaplains Report:



Members & families,
Thanksgiving & Toys for Tots just around the corner. As one gets older, seems like the time flies by. Color guards, firing details, and prayers seem to be the norm. active member, Mike Tolstedt's daughter had a baby and is doing well. Gordon Blake, another active member

was in the hospital with infection and is now home. He has to start dialysis three times a week. Waiting for a kidney, so let's keep him in our prayers and head some his way. Let us keep his wife in our thoughts and prayers also. If anyone finds the time, try and reach out to them. One manages, but I am sure they would welcome your attention. Again, will close to leave room for other letters. God Bless and keep a song in your heart.

Semper Fi,
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Jr. Vice Commandants Report:



To all League Members,
Well, it is good to be back on a more even keel. Since my back surgery, I have been getting better every day. Still not 100%, but getting there! It's a long road.

The year is winding down and we are looking at the busy time with Toys for Tots, the Holiday Parade and the November Gun Show coming up. Help if you can, just let one of the officers know. Prayers for Gordon Blake would be appreciated. We need to wish him good health. I am working setting up a Christmas party in the first couple weeks of December. Details to come. For those who volunteered at the convention, there will be a celebration on November 9th at the Heights VFW. More details to come on that.

Semper Fi,
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Paymasters Report:



Hello all,

We are getting close to closing out this year and it will soon be time to tally up the after action reports. The after action reports help the awards committee put together the annual awards for the detachment. If you would, police up any after action reports you may have laying around and submit them to the detachment.

Furthermore, the Toys 4 Tots campaign will soon kick off. Please keep track of your volunteer time or if you are part of a detail collect the times for the group. RAH? Look forward to seeing you all at the meeting.

Semper Fidelis Marines,
Scott Dunlap, Paymaster (406) 281-1271

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Senior Vice Commandant Report:



Marine Corps Leaguers,
Hello Marines, Doug Wood and I attended the Department of Montana Fall Conference that was held at the East Helena VFW. All league members are invited to these conferences. One of the problems in the past has been the short notice of the conference. Now for the Mid-winter Conference, it will be held on **22 February, 2020 at The Hooch in Butte**, lunch at 1200 meeting starts at 1300. These conferences are a good place to meet League members from around the state and find out what is happening in the other detachments. This conference had a lot of information about recruiting new members and officer training. Commandant Anderson said that he was going to attend as many Birthday Balls that he can. We will probable see him on 2 November.

Now is the start of the Toys for Tots campaign. I will be making calls for help when I get more information. Semper Fi

Semper Fi.

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**Marine Corps League
Eugene Sara Detachment #418
Meeting Minutes
October 14th, 2019**

Meeting called to order @ 1900 Ritual followed

Officers present: Tom Lowry, Tom Jones (excused), Tim Bender, Scott Dunlap, Keith Thompson, Jim Borner, Mike Tolstedt.

New Applications for membership: None

Last Meeting Minutes: Read and approved. **Miles City Squad minutes:** See Miles City Page

Correspondence: Thank you letter from Cyndy West of National MCL Women's Auxiliary & Certificate of appreciation from the National Marine Corps League Auxiliary was presented by Cmdt. Lowry. A Thank you letter from National Cmdt. Dennis Toeven. A thank you card from Big Sky Senior Services and a Thank you card from Barb Reynolds and her Family for services.

Paymasters Report: 89 current members, 33 annual, 52 Life members, 4 associate members and **past due** (dropped from rolls). Funds left after convention are in good shape, almost all bills have been cleared from books. Report accepted subject to audit. **Chaplain:** None

Senior Vice: None **Junior Vice:** Brought up Christmas party and possible locations. Members do want a party and 3 North was suggested as a venue. **Jr. Past Commandant:** None

Adjutant: None **Judge Advocate:** None **Detail Commander:** November

events— Nov.2— Marine Corps Birthday Ball 1800 at the Northern Hotel in Billings.

Nov. 11th 09300hrs. Veterans day detail at MSU Billings Petro Hall **Nov. 29– Dec. 1. Gun Show** at Metrapark

Report of any member or family member's family sick or in distress:
Gordon Blake has been in the hospital for complications of diabetes and is starting Kidney dialysis as well as waiting for a kidney donation. Prayers and best wishes to Gordon!! Dennis Sitzler recently had eye surgery and Mike Tolstedt's daughter just had a baby. Congrats Mike!

Guest Fred Gregory, USN was introduced. The Navy I&I was hosting the Navy birthday and asked if we could provide a color guard for the ceremonies. Volunteers were Tim Bender, Mike Tolstedt, Jim Borner, Doug Wood and Keith Thompson & Bill Van Weiren.

Standing Committees:

Riverside Cemetery Detail / Friends of the Cemetery — The Riverside detail is Complete. November 11th/Veterans Day commemoration@MSU Billings, Bill Van Weiren to ring Bell.

Toys for Tots — New leadership, Ssgt Garcia & McCarley, Distro Center of the Pavilion still not confirmed with Metrapark. Event on 10/19 Portraits in the Park at Riverfront Pk. Holiday Parade and Black Friday. **Finance Committee —** None **Young Marines —** None

Birthday Ball — Menu is Baseball sirloin or Chicken Dinner, gifts will be available at the Ball. Ceremonies start at 1800. **Old Business —** Honor Flights are not moving forward. A motion was made to move remaining funds into the general funds. Motion 2nd and voted Aye. **Over 900 people**

attended the convention (detachment funds are in good shape). **Good of the League—** Discussed Sponsor/volunteer celebration on November 9th at Heights VFW at 1830. Motion was made to pay for this party out of the general funds, motion 2nd and voted aye. Invitations sent. Discussed possible purchase of red earbags for Color Guards /Firing Details if we can get a decent discount. Tabled until further researched. We have 12 sets of the red headbands on hand. Discussion was held on if we wanted a Christmas/ Ornament exchange party, members voted aye. Discussion on possible locations for the party, 3 North and Laurel golf course were brought up. A motion was made to reimburse meal expenditures from the double service shooting details the end of September, motioned 2nd and voted aye.

New Business — A motion was made to donate \$500 to Beaver Creek Rendezvous in Ekalaka (newsletter sponsor) as they support Wounded Warrior hunts every year. Motioned 2nd and voted aye.

Meeting closed at 2022hrs.

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

Judge Advocates Report:



No Report

Semper Fi!

A JOB WELL DONE!
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Color Guard at Huntley Veterans/1st Responder Celebration. L-R: Tom Smith, Tom Lowry, Ralph McKinney, Keith Thompson.



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Sergeant at Arms Report:

Marines,

November events—

November 2nd — Marine Corps Ball
@Northern Hotel 1800hrs.

**November 9th — Convention volunteer/
sponsor celebration at Heights VFW @1800**

**November 10th — Leathernecks MC Club-
house Marine Corps birthday bash @ 1117**
1st Ave North 1800 hrs.

November 11th— Veterans Day MSU-Billings
Petro hall Firing detail @0930

November 28 Thanksgiving Enjoy!!

November 29th – December 1st November
Gun Show at Metrapark Pavillion Fri-1300-1700
Sat-0900-1700 Sun-0900-1500

Keith Thompson, Detail Commander

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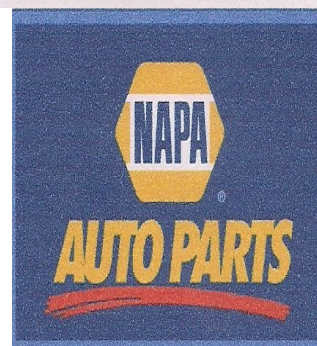
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**Thank you for
your service**

Miles City Squad B Meeting Minutes

October 1st, 2019

Meeting called to order by Squad Leader Dee Murray

Ritual Followed

Roll Call: All Officers present

Last meeting minutes read & Approved

No new Members & No one sick

Old Business - The birthday dinner will be held on November 10th at the Blackiron. Jim Will get everything finalized & then we will call everyone.

New Business - There will be an award presentation on October 3rd, 2019 for Alfred Olson at the VFW. Ed Heinle will be commanding the Color Guard, everyone is welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted by Thomas Ketchum

Left- Firing detail from the last unattended remains interment at the Yellowstone National Cemetery. Tom Lowry, Ralph McKinney, Doug Wood, Alex Ward, Mike Tolstedt, Bill Bishop, Keith Thompson, Tim Bender and Jim Borner (not pictured).



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OUR MARINES

This is a new addition to our newsletter where we will be honoring active duty and honorably discharged Montana Marines. **Herb Livingston was a charter member of the Eugene Sara Detachment #418, here in Billings. Who along with his good friend Bill Van Weiren & other Marines got the detachment up and running.**

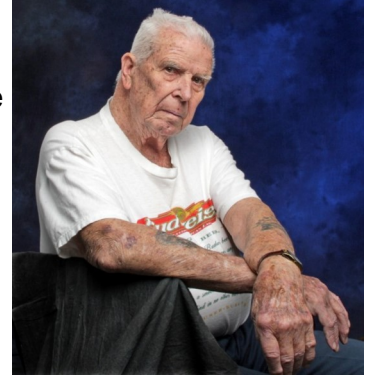
Herbert Livingston, Born in 1922 , grew up in Boston, Massachusetts, joined the Marines in January 1942, not long after the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. "I always wanted to be a Marine," he said. He saw fierce action as a machine gunner on the front lines at Tulagi, Guadalcanal and Peleliu. When wounded in his leg on Guadalcanal, a Navy corpsman patched him up and sent him back to combat. But during a four-month siege on Guadalcanal, malaria and skin diseases so weakened him that he was sent to Australia to recuperate.

After the war was over, Livingston left the Marines, married a Bostonian and had two children. His wife, Christina, sensing that Livingston didn't like civilian life, encouraged him to re-enlist in 1949. This time he went into Marine aviation. He served two years as an air controller on airbases in Korea during the Korean War.

Later, in Vietnam, he assigned pilots to planes. Because he liked flying, he volunteered as a gunner on medevac flights picking up wounded soldiers. After serving in Billings as a Marine Reserve Instructor/Inspector, he retired as a first sergeant and went to work for Hines Motor Supply, retiring for the second time in the 1980s.

The couple would be married for 56 years before Christina died in 2004. Livingston, 97, has two children, Robert Livingston, of Missoula, and Donna Tauscher, of Colstrip, and two grandchildren. He is currently at the Memory care unit of the VA clinic in Billings

Excerpted from a Billings Gazette article By MARY PICKETT Feb 24, 2013



BOB ZELLAR/Gazette Staff

Marine Corps History in November source - marineparents.com

November 1, 1983 300 U.S. Marines from the 22nd (MAU) land on the island of Carriacou, in preparation for the Grenada, searching for Cuban military installations or personnel.

November 8, 1990 Operation Desert Shield build up is announced by Pres. Bush, adding 200,000 troops, including eleven East Coast MEF units and the 5th MEB from California.

November 10, 1921 Marks the date of the first formal celebration of the Marine Corps' birthday.

November 13, 1983 The Vietnam Veterans Memorial, containing the names of more than 13,000 Marines who lost their lives in Vietnam, is dedicated during a ceremony in Washington, D.C.

November 17, 1918 The 4th Marine Brigade, as part of the 2nd Division American Expeditionary Force, began its march toward the Rhine River in support of American forces occupying Germany. On their march toward occupied Germany.

November 20, 1943 The 2nd Marine Division, commanded by Major General Julian C. Smith, landed on Betio Island, Tarawa Atoll, in the Gilbert Islands. After three days of fighting more than 1,000 Marines lost their lives and 2,100 were wounded. Major General Smith declared the island secure.

November 24, 1992 Subic Bay Closes. Marines lowered the flag at the Subic Bay U.S. Naval Facility in the Philippines for the last time.

November 27, 1950 Eight Chinese Communist divisions in Korea launched a massive attack intended to destroy the 1st Marine Division. This is one of the most well-known chapters in Marine Corps history as the Marines successfully fought their way southward out of Chosin Reservoir to the coastal port of Hungnam.

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It is the 1st of October and the 7th Marines attack northward toward the town of Uijongbu and two days later capture it. Along with the South Korean Army cross the 38th parallel into North Korea in pursuit of the communist. Meanwhile the letter the President wrote about the Marines is sold for \$2500 and the money is donated to the Marine Corps League. On the Korean front the 1st Marine Division moved back to Inchon to prepare for further action. During the battle for Seoul the division had 411 KIA and 2029 wounded. Despite the warning from China that it will intervene in the war if any non-Korean forces enter North Korea the President and the UN authorize US forces to cross the 38th parallel. On 9 October units move into North Korea. It is the middle of October and the 1st Marine Division embarks for the city of Wonsan on the east coast of North Korea. What was going to be an amphibious assault changed when ROK forces took the city by land. General MacArthur overstates his position and boldly announces that the end of the war is near. It would be the 26th of October when the first units of the division start to land at Wonsan. The mission now is to assist ROK forces in clearing northeast Korea while the 8th Army does the same in the Northwest Korea. The 5th Marines take responsibility for the 50 miles of territory between Wonsan and the port of Hungnam. The 7th Marines move north to relieve ROK forces at Sudong, 30 miles northwest of Hungnam. That night North Korean's attack 1/1 near Kojo, 25 miles south of Wonsan. Then 3/1 moves 30 miles west of Wonsan to take the town of Majon-ni. Rok forces battle the communist Chinese at Sudong. By November Marines were being engaged by the communist forces, and a Marine patrol near Majon-ni is ambushed along with a convoy bringing supplies. There were 25 Marines KIA and 41 wounded. For the moment 3/1 is isolated and the 7th Marines relieve ROK forces near Sudong and began advancing up the narrow mountain road to the Chosin Reservoir. That night Chinese Communist forces launch strong attacks against the 7th Marines but are repulsed.

Keith Thompson does his best Lewis & Clark impression as Tim Bender, Bill Van Weiren and Mike Tolstedt standby as we wait to perform the Color Guard for the Birthday party for our Navy Brothers on October 19th. Doug Wood and Jim Borner also assisted with the Color Guard.

