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Commandants Message



Good Day Marines

As you imagine the COVID virus has slowed things down a bit. That being said it seems that our activity level changes at a moments notice. My special thanks to your Sgt. At Arms/ Detail commander Doug Wood who has done a great job putting details together and helping

keep us all squared away at our various ceremonies. Since January your Detachment has participated in eleven funerals honoring deceased Marines, performed five color guards and continued our participation in the Mayors Challenge for the prevention of veteran suicides. In addition we have had two meetings with the Marine Corps I & I staff in preparation for the upcoming Toys 4 Tots campaign. The Detachment has donated the equivalent of over 329 hours of service for Corps & community. My thanks to Judge Advocate Ralph McKinney who made a excellent presentation to the County Commissioners regarding the work that the Detachment has accomplished at the Riverside cemetery and in requesting that the Commission continue to fund our efforts to complete the headstone project. When the weather permits the commissioners agreed to visit the cemetery to see what has been accomplished and what remains to be done. At the end of the day we were encouraged that we may be able to see this project through to the finish. On October 23rd I participated in a conference call with the Friends Of The Cemetery. As of now National Cemetery activities continue to be limited to funerals only.

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The Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day will not be held this year. The Veterans Day Ceremony will go forward at Veterans Park at 11 a.m. with our Detachment performing color guard duties. Please take care of yourselves. **This damn virus isn't going away soon. Note that RiverStone Health does free drive through testing from 8:40 a.m. to 12:30, south of Costco at 2173 Overland Avenue.**

Be safe and take care of yourselves.

Semper Fi!

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November 9th is being cancelled.

Chaplains Report:



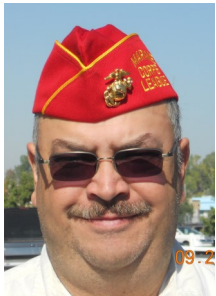
Marines & families,

It's time for fall programs to get involved in programs like Toys for Tots, MATE show, and things that otherwise come up. One of our members, Rick Baldwin is in the Hospital with covid. Haven't been able to reach him, but will keep trying. Lord willing I'll be gone sometime the first

week of November for a couple weeks. Want to give the league a heads up. The holidays will probably be a bit different this year, but let us remember with the Lords blessings things will be fine. There are bad things in the air, but we must not let it stop us from living our lives. "GOD BLESS ALL." Had to add this to newsletter. This is a testament, that one has a tendency to feel down and the world has lost its way. Saturday, October 24th at 9:00 p.m. I opened my garage door to see all the snow. I also saw was my sidewalks & driveway cleared of snow. I am a firm believer that the Lord always looks out for you. The camera showed four caring gentleman shoveling. They wrote some nice things on my pickup.

Semper Fi,
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Jr. Vice Commandants Report:



Happy Birthday Marines!,

As things ebb and flow with this damn coronavirus we have had some members come down with it. As a result our regular meeting scheduled for November 9th is being cancelled. Chaplain Borner will also be out of town, so we will not have a quorum of officers.

As to looking into a Marine Corps Birthday get together that was turned down due to new restrictions placed on the VFW as to crowds, etc. Sad to say but we will have to celebrate it our own ways. Have not heard anything on the I&I cake cutting. Christmas party is on hold at this time also, dependent on what happens over this next month. **Now it looks like I may have the covid also, waiting for test results to come back. Get Better Tom & Mike!**

Semper Fi,
Tim Bender, Jr Vice
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Paymasters Report:



HAPPY BIRTHDAY DEVIL DOGS! As I complete the reports for October meeting. I'm glad to report we have just a few stragglers remaining getting their annual dues in. I have spoken to a few. I am sure Tom Jones will follow up with the rest. I would like to extend my thanks to Senior Vice Jones for getting the renewals notices to our

brothers and sisters who pay up annually. His efforts make renewals much easier.

As we all celebrate the Marine Corps 245 years of excellence and reflect our participation in the Corps accomplishments, I would encourage you to keep an eye open for that Marine that is ready to look back, and may be looking for that group of like-minded individuals to share his or her experiences with. I look forward to and enjoy the time shared with you all, I know this would also be of interest to other Marines out there.

Semper Fidelis,
Scott Dunlap, Paymaster
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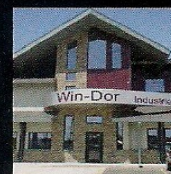
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Senior Vice Commandant Report:



Happy 245th Birthday Marines!
Too bad we can't celebrate as normal.

My wife Laurel and myself went to the Billings Clinic ER and were both diagnosed positive for COVID-19. Laurel got the last room available and I spent 20 hrs. in ER before the next room became available. They sent us

home after three days to recuperate so we are home relaxing under strict quarantine.

I watched the opening ceremonies for the World Series. WHAT A CLASS ACT! A Male Quartet did a excellent job singing the National anthem. The camera scanned the players of both teams and all the players including in the bull pen, paid their respects by standing holding their hat over there heart. NFL, NBA, you should lower your heads in shame!

Semper Fi

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Color Guard from the Huntley Veterans Celebration October 3rd. Detail members L to R— Jim Borner, Ralph McKinney, Joe Aguilar and Bill Bishop.



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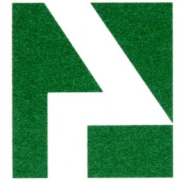
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**Marine Corps League
Eugene Sara Detachment #418
Meeting Minutes for October 12th, 2020**

Meeting opened at 1900

Ritual followed

1905—Meeting suspended for presentation by Karen & Mitch from the Adaptive Performance Center at 14th & Broadwater. This is a Veterans Fitness Center offering fitness training, camaraderie and mental health counseling for those in need. Meeting resumed at 1920 hrs.

Officers present: Mike Tolstedt, Tom Jones, Tim Bender, Scott Dunlap, Doug Wood, Jim Borner, Ralph McKinney and Past Commandant Tom Lowry (excused).

Last meeting minutes: September minutes read and approved . **No New applications**

Correspondence: None **Paymaster**— Membership— Life—51, Annual— 29, Associate— 0 and 9 unpaid members at this time. **Chaplain** — No report. **Sr. Vice** — Henry .22 cal. Golden Boy rifle has been ordered and is on the way. A motion for reimbursement was made and voted on and approved in the amount of \$431. Tom Advised that everyone should get flu shots. Also advised the Mid winter conference in Butte was coming up the next weekend. Kevin Kuhlman was planning on going.

Jr. Vice - No report **Detail Commander** — Located automated bugles for sale and requested funds to purchase one at \$565, as to ensure we do not do an Honors detail without a bugle/bugler. This almost happened a few times this past year. Motion was made and voted aye, passed.

Committee Reports

Riverside Cemetery — County Commissioner John Ostlund was going to talk to the rest of the commissioners about the remaining headstone project (approximately 100 stones) and reinstating our contract.

FOC/ Vets Council— No word due to the continuing COVID-19 issues. **Finance committee**— None

Young Marines — Were to have a Birthday Ball this coming weekend (October) which was cancelled due to covid. **Advertising**— No new **Toys for tots** — (I&I Staff)Sgt Hancock gave the league a list of TFT events and box locations. **There are no events planned for October.** Events for **November** include :

Walmart Black Friday, Valley Fed Credit Union on 11/28. **December** events include: KULR 8 TV Day of Caring on 12/4, Montana Highway Patrol—Pack the Patrol Car 12/4 or 12/5 and the Metra pickup day on 12/5. **Distribution will again be at the Metra Park Pavilion, with set up on November 17th. Public distribution runs 12/14 to the 19th.** A motion was made to donate \$2000 to the purchase of Bicycles and accessories for TFT, vote taken aye, passed. **Billings Birthday Ball— Cancelled for the year, I&I may have a cake cutting ceremony and coffee event at the reserve center.** I&I 1st Sgt is leaving in November.

Bozeman Birthday Ball—will held on November 9th, 2020, location to be determined. A motion was made to check with the VFW (This was turned down on account of reinstated restrictions on building crowding caps due to the covid. **Good of the League**— Mike contacted Devil Dog Baker with “Dog Tag Buddies” about doing a presentation to the league on the suicide issue. Presentation is on hour + long.

It was decided that the display stand currently at Jim Borners house will be used for events. Inventory of the League stuff at the reserve center was done. Lots of old newsletters, web belts and other items were located. I&I said it was OK to leave them there for now. **Old Business** — We are getting low on the blank ammunition. No one is sure where we have to go through to appropriate more. It was decided to reach out to Joe Aguilar and Tiny Metcalf to see if they have the information. Short discussion on the LEO stand down. Both Sheriff Linder and Chief St. Johns said it would not be possible to be fair to all officers with what we were planning. Discussion tabled. Discussion held on certificates for Eagle Scout achievement which are \$2 each. Motion made to purchase certificates made and 2nd, voted aye, passed.

New Business— Don Huffmans wife, Beverly, does quilting with other Grace Methodist church members and they want to send quilts to the new Veterans home outside Butte (MT). Quilts run \$50 to make ,so a motion was made to purchase two quilts to send. Motion 2nd and passed. Mike Tolstedt mentioned building a protective case for the Memorial Dog Tag display, if someone has the ability and tools. Mike also wants to try and get people together for a discussion on recruiting so we can get our numbers up. Chaplain Borner we should have a few days of training on folding the flags properly. Ralph brought up that MCL patches for the blazers are \$29 through the National MCL Ship store. With the impending winter, a suggestion was made if you have a snow blower and the ability to haul it, that we should try and help elderly Veterans in clearing driveways.

Meeting closed at 2005

Next meeting will be held December 14th, 2020 at the Heights VFW

Judge Advocates Report:



Marines,

I have nothing new to report this month. Hope to see you all at December 14th meeting.

Semper Fi

Ralph McKinney



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Sergeant at Arms Report:

October Events:

Color Guard — **November 11th, Veterans Day** at Veterans Park 15th & Poly Dr. 1030 hrs.

Regular business meeting for

November 9th at the Heights VFW 609 Anchor St. @1900hrs. **The meeting is cancelled due to covid illnesses and other officers being unavailable.** Hopefully Decembers meeting will happen.

Regular business meeting for

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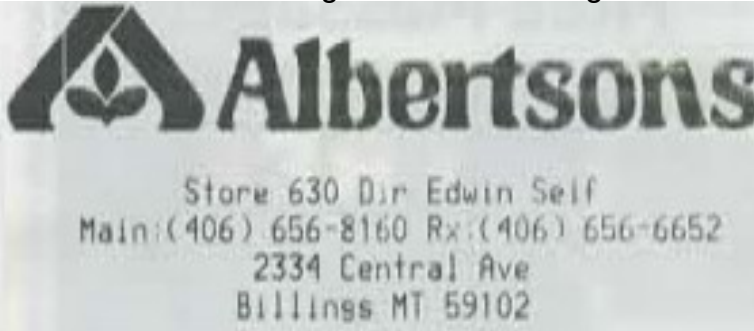


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I have numerous items from Jim Borner and Di-ana Schaefer for use, just contact Tim at 697-5968.

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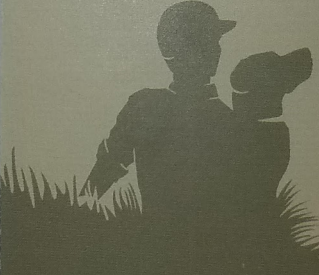
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