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Commandants Message



Good Day Marines,

At our last meeting Dee De Baker of Dog Tag Buddies provided an hour long training session on the QPR method of recognizing and responding to someone who may be contemplating suicide. QPR stands for "Question, Persuade, Refer" and is a method developed specifically to detect and respond to anyone emitting suicide warning signs. We learned that a "gatekeeper" is anyone in a position to recognize a crisis and warning signs that someone may be contemplating suicide. As Veteran Marines we are in a unique position to be able to assist our fellow Marines, their families, and other veterans who are in crisis. Montana has a tragically high rate of veteran suicides and we are all "Gatekeepers." Some WARNING SIGNS of suicide are ; Suicide threats; previous suicide attempts, Alcohol and drug abuse, statements revealing a desire to die, sudden changes in behavior, Prolonged depression, Making final arrangements, giving away prized possessions, and Purchasing a gun or stockpiling pills. There may be other causes for concern but if you note any of these warning signs (Q) question the person about suicide. Do they have thoughts? Feelings? Plans? Don't be afraid to ask! (P) persuade the person to get help. Listen carefully then say " Let me help" Or "Come with me to find help" ® refer for help. Help them make an appointment with a mental health provider or other appropriate professional. If you believe someone is in the process of making a suicide attempt call 911.

Some Veteran resources are Crisis Assistance: 1-877-WAR -VETS, **(continued at right)**



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I just want to encourage those of you who are still undecided about attending the State convention to give it serious consideration. We are the largest Detachment in the State and a good showing means a lot. Again we have agreed to cover the associated expenses. Let me know if you need a registration form. Semper Fi; Mike

Chaplains Report:



Marines & families,
To all, moving right along.
Got a busy day coming up.
Memorial day, three cemeterys. I
am Filling in for Doug Wood, so
hope everyone involved is ready to
go. Had an unusual detail today
the 24th, Dahl funeral Chapel
called to see if we could do a fu-
neral for an Army Veteran. They
couldn't get anyone else. I checked with commandant and he said OK. I didn't leave anyone out on purpose. There were four of us one vehicle I thought was necessary. Well, the end of the month summer will be here. Everyone enjoy and take care. God Bless.

Semper Fi,
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Jr. Vice Commandants Report:



Marines,
As we look at the start of Summer we are beginning to look at having Patio parties, if someone would like to have one please let me know. Also, this summer the I&I and MCL are going to try and organize a Marine Get together at a local park or maybe MetraPark for a BBQ and the camaraderie. Details to come as well move forward.

Semper Fi,
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Paymasters Report:



Welcome to all the latest Marines. The following will be the link to the National website. Here you will find a lot of things to include the Semper Fi Store. You will be able to purchase you League Cover and EGA device. Be sure to order the correct size cover.

<https://www.mclnational.org/httpsthe-semper-fi->

storemyshopify.com.html

Any questions or need help. Please call or text.
Semper Fidelis,
Scott Dunlap, Paymaster
(406) 281-1271

You may wish to consider Life Membership, rates are as follows:

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Senior Vice Commandant Report:



Semper Fi Marines!

At the last meeting it was voted on and approved that the chapter will pay expenses to go to the Department Convention in Butte. Just get your receipts to the Adj /Paymaster Scott Dunlap. If you are going you need to get your registration and reservations in soon.

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**Marine Corps League
Eugene Sara Detachment #418
Meeting Minutes for mAY10th, 2021**

1900 Meeting Called to order- ritual followed.

Roll call of officers— Jim Borner, Tim Bender, Tom Jones, Ralph McKinney, Mike Tolstedt, Scott Dunlap and Doug Wood, past cmdt. Lowry excused.

The meeting was pushed back at this time for a presentation by DeeDee Baker with Dog Tag Buddies on Veterans suicide and the QPR (Question, Persuade, and Refer) program on learning to recognize the signs of some one who may be considering suicide. Presentation was an hour and had good information. For more info. Contact Mike Tolstedt .

Last Minutes— Read and accepted as read.

Membership — New applicants Mathew & Samantha Jee and Steve Gonzales and Travis Tate were Presented, motion was made to accept all applicants and they were sworn in. Applicants Corey Lengkeek, Travis Hannon, Dan Bates, Justin Burdick and Josh Hansen, DD214s verifies and dues paid. Motion was made to accept all. Second and voted aye to accept all new members.

Correspondence— A thank you card and \$50 check from the Heights Crematory & Funeral Gallery and Miles City minutes were received,.

Paymasters report— 52

Life members, 42 current annual, 2 associates and 1 Associate past due. Motion made and passed to accept paymasters report.

Chaplains report— None **Sr. Vice —** We had a successful gun show with recruiting new members and the rifle raffle. The raffle winner was Terrance Tupker of Harlowtown. Tom Jones and Mike are looking for more members to attend the state convention **June 18th-20th at the new VFW in Butte.**

Jr. Vice — We had a good turn out for the awards dinner which was held at 4Bs Restaurant. **Past Commandant —** No report **Detail Commander—** Need people for the Memorial Day events. Funeral on May 14th at the National Cemetery.

Adjutant — None

Judge Advocate — None.

Committee Reports **Riverside Cemetery - No new news on the cemetery.**

Friends of the National Cemetery — Jim Borner attended the last meeting and the memorial benches are installed, but no word on dedication services for Herb And Ben Steele which are currently being held up by the VA, DoD and Federal Government. Meeting scheduled for May 12th.

Toys for Tots—

Received a \$50 donation. **Birthday ball -** Will be held November 13th tickets are \$65 and will be at the Billings Hotel and Convention Center **Young Marines—** No Report

Good of the League — The installation of Detachment officers was commenced at 1938 hours and officers were duly sworn at 1945 hours and presented to membership. The MT Dept. convention will be held June 18-20, at the new American Legion in Butte, USA . Long sleeve MCL uniform shirts are now available at the National Ships Store (MCL national) website.

Old Business — Plaques for Law enforcement Officers were shown to members. We will be trying to coordinate at time & place to present them.

New Business — A motion was made to cover expenses for the members going to the State convention in Butte. Motion second & approved. A motion was made to place a half page ad in the convention program, second & approved. Ad was created & forwarded on 5/10. **Good of the League — None**

Meeting Closed at 2042 hrs.

Next meeting will be held at the Heights VFW on June 14th, 2021 at 1900hrs.

Miles City Squad B Meeting Minutes

No Report Received

Pics of the Memorial day services Honor Guard for the city Cemetery in Laurel as the National is still closed to the public. Members include Mike Tolstedt, Joe Aguilar, Bill Bishop, Don Huffman, Keith Thompson, Alex Ward, Ralph McKinney, Tom Smith and Jim Borner (not pictured).



Judge Advocates Report:



Marines,

Welcome aboard to the new members of the detachment. It is great to see new faces. Memorial Day will be a busy time for us but a very worthy cause. We must never forget.

Semper Fi

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Sergeant at Arms Report:

June Events :

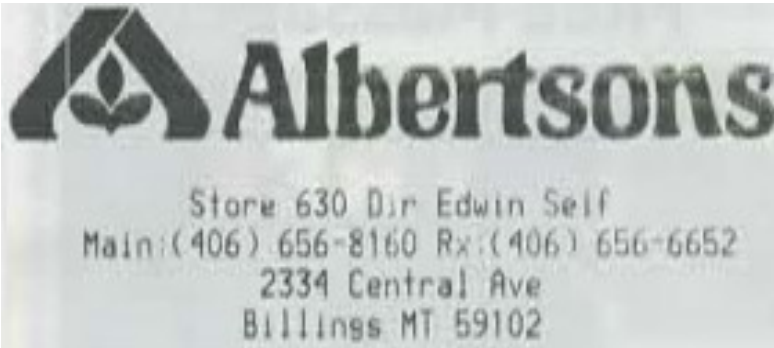
June 14th : MCL Regular business meeting at the Heights VFW 609 Anchor St. @1900hrs.

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I want to thank all you Marines that answer the call for our Honor Guards and Color Guards! Semper Fi



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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.

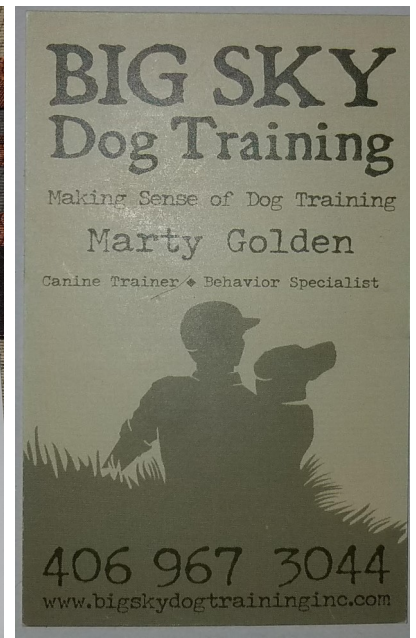


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Pete Siegel receives his 3rd place award at the Semper Fi Steel Challenge in Boulder, MT. Way to go Pete!



At right— The participants in the Semper Fi Fund Steel Challenge hosted by Detachment #620.

Below— More pictures from Memorial day at Mountview and Riverside Cemetery.



Thanks again, to all of our members and sponsors for all of your continuing support throughout the past and current year. You are all important to our continuing programs and events.



More pictures from the Memorial Day services in Billings and Laurel/

