

September, 2022 Newsletter

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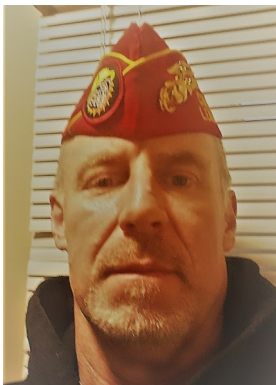


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Commandants Message

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Hello Marines!

Hope everyone survived the heat of August. September is upon us, and with it a few events I want to remind everyone about. The weekend of 9-11 is the gun show & rifle raffle. If you can give a little time to sit at our table at some point through the weekend it would be greatly appreciated. I myself will be doing the same.

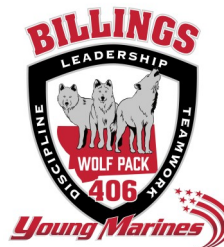
The 17th has a couple of events. One is the Fall Meetings in Butte and the other is the patio party at MSgt Molinas. If you have not paid your dues please bring them to the meeting or get them to Scott ASAP.

The Devil Dogs fees are also due and that needs to get to Jim Benner. If you have yet to pay the ticket for your Ball date please get that to Scott soon. Remember the Young Marines banquet is scheduled for the 24th. Pat, as I understood from the August meeting will be giving me the 10 tickets for the table we are sponsoring. 2 tickets are already accounted for but you can come to me and I will give tickets if you want. I hope all is good with everyone, and I will see you at the next meeting. Be safe! Semper Fi!

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Salutes the Marine Corps League



Young Marines Mission Update

This month the Billings Young Marines welcomed our latest recruit class of 12 to the ranks of Young Marines, including a female who easily scored a perfect 500 PFT, an unprecedented event in our history. Our class PFT scores overall were the highest ever for a recruit class, & the biggest jump ever from initial watermark PFTs to the final test. Training is working, these recruits were motivated! With these new numbers, the Billings Young Marines becomes one of the largest units in the entire nation. Our Young Marines also completed multiple community service outreaches, from a combined unit encampment/outreach project in Big Timber with the North Mountain Regional Shootout (cowboy mounted shooting) to the Soaked Run, the final St Johns Concert Series events, to the Food Truck Battle on the Yellowstone. Our unit is getting a lot of exposure & helping many groups and citizens in the area. YM 1stSgt Wierenga by Patrick Weber

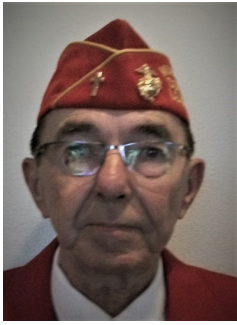


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Chaplains Report:



To all greetings,

Things have been going fine, and summer going except for the heat. I am getting to a point where the league should be looking for a new chaplain. Thirteen years at the helm, along with upcoming health issues, I am running out of gusto. Getting tired of saying "what" and I'm sure people get tired of repeating things. I understand their frustrations. Also my memory seems to be worse. I don't seem to be able to distinguish honoring a person's word or lying to them. I will continue doing funerals for as long as possible. As far as the league, it is the past that got us to this point. The answer "before my time" don't cut it with me. A lot was before my time too. This is not a letter of reprimand, just common sense. This will be the last that I will say, because of hearing loss a text with name and funeral home will be the only way I will receive notice, best for all concerned. From this ten minute marine I will close. God Bless. Semper Fi,

James Borner, Chaplain
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Jr. Vice Commandants Report:



Marines,

Well, Summers about over, winter is coming too soon. Not much new from me this time. Pay your membership and Devil Dog dues, they are both due end of August. Try to help out with the Gun Show Sept. 9-11th, let Tom Jones know if you can help. MsSgt Molinas is hosting the summer patio party at his home on Cherokee Trail on September 17th, same day as the MT Dept of MCL meeting at the Hooch in Butte, America. Also, don't forget the Young Marines Banquet at Billings Hotel on the 24th. Finally, The graveside services for our own Bill Van Wieren will be on Thursday 09/01/2022 at the National Cemetery. Pay our respects to Bill. He is on duty with the CIC of heaven. Semper Fi Bill, Semper Fi to all!!!

Tim Bender, Jr Vice
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Paymasters Report:



Hello to everyone,

Knee deep in renewals this evening. Still have 1 memberships outstanding. If you haven't already paid your dues, get them to the PO Box. Reminder to all the MODD members. Your annual dues are due as well. If you haven't heard, the payout to the children's hospital this year was \$83,000. A pretty awesome donation raised solely on passport dues raised at the MODD Growls. Our pound is still gaining traction, if you are interested don't be afraid to ask. We are looking for some new pups!!! It is a good time. Congrats to Ostermiller and Barnhart. They have put in for life membership.

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



Hello Marines.

I have received the Henry .30-.30 for the next Rifle Raffle. The next Gun Show is September 9, 10 & 11. I'm in need of volunteers, please call me if you can help. The Department of MT Fall Conference is September 17, 2022, at the Hooch in Butte. All are invited, the meeting starts at 1000. there will be a complementary lunch. I am going and would welcome company for that ride. National has reported that they had a good 2022 convention in Florida. The MCL 100th Anniversary Convention in 2023 will be in Oklahoma CITY and the 2024 convention will be in Denver. Hope to see you at the meeting on September 12th.

Semper Fi !

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**Marine Corps League
Eugene Sara Detachment #418
Meeting Minutes for August 8th, 2022**

1900 Meeting called to order by Commandant Ben Ostermiller

Ritual followed

Roll call of officers Ben O., Jim B., Tim B., Ralph M., Doug W., Scott D. (excused), Tom J.(excused arrived later), Past CMDts Tolstedt on hand.

No new Applicants or Correspondence.

Minutes read and accepted Scott Dunlap un available, no paymasters report for July. Membership includes 53 life, 29 annual members and 1 associate , total of 83, report read and accepted.

Chaplain reported that Doug Schlepp had a pacemaker installed, he is doing well. We Lost member Don Smart this month Last month a motion was made for an admin by law change concerning a Chaplains fund for expenses. There had already been an administrative change some time ago allowing for a discretionary fund for purchases for Chaplain needs (with receipts). **Sr Vice** — Henry Firearms has sent a new rifle to raffle for the Gun Show on September 9-11. Annual membership dues are coming due in Sept. Dues chits have been sent out.

Jr Vice — **Patio Party set for September 17th at MstSgt Molinas house on Cherokee Trail on Indian Cliffs Subdivision.** Also ran into Dennis Sitzler at Walmart. He seems to be doing well and mentioned he was moving back to his residence and was going to try and make some meetings.

Committee reports— Riverside Cemetery — None **Young Marines** — Ryan Parsons reported the Campout in Big Timber July 20-22nd went well as did the mounted Cowboy shooting match. New recruit class started on July 30th Aug 27th -Young Marine graduation. September 24th YM Banquet at Billings Hotel & Convention Center (tickets available). YM recruit class graduation on Sept. 27th at 2044 1/2 Anna Dr@1000hrs. Ryan also asked about a table sponsorship for the Banquet of \$1500 for a table with ten tickets for the event. Motion was made and 2nd, all voted aye to support them. **Toys for Tots — None** **Marine Corps Birthday Ball— please have \$45 spouse ticket payment in to Scott by end of August, active involved members no cost.**

Good of the League— Bill Van Wieren graveside ceremony on 09/01/2022 at 1300 at the National Cemetery (meet at 1230). We will have a detail for that event. **Sgt Gonzales recruiting cmd. Will be taking over MstSgt Molinas posting when he leaves us.**

Old Business — The VFW flag pole toppers were in bad shape. Funds were voted on to replace ours flags topper, toppers were found inexpensive and toppers were replaced for all service flags at the VFW. **Dave & Susan Hayes** agreed to help in rounding up the advertisers for the newsletter for renewal **New Business** — Detachment had a flag donated to it by a family of a recently departed. Discussion held on what to do with it. As it appeared tp be a casket cover flag, which are not to flown it was decided to donate it to the VFW for possible burning.

Meeting closed at 1958.

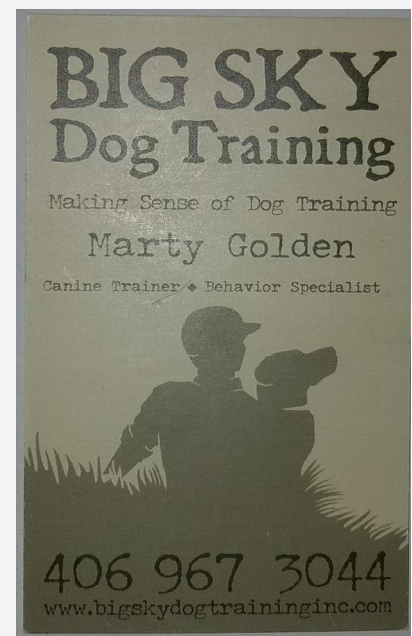
Next meeting September 12th @1900hrs at Heights VFW

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.



Judge Advocates Report:



Marines,

No Report This Month

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Sergeant at Arms Report:

September 2022 Events :

September 1st Bill Van Wieren service at Laurel National Cemetery, 1300

September 9th-11th : Sept Gun Show at Metra-Park , contact Tom Jones if you can help

September 12th : Regular MCL Meeting 1900 @ Heights VFW on Anchor St.

September 17th : MT Dept MCL Fall meeting at the Hooch in Butte MT

September 17th :Patio Party at MstSgt Molinas residence on Cherokee Trail (bring a side dish)

September 24th : Young Marines Banquet at Billings Hotel & Convention center

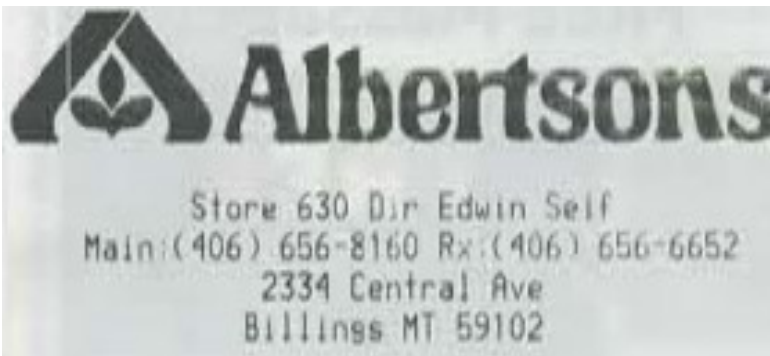
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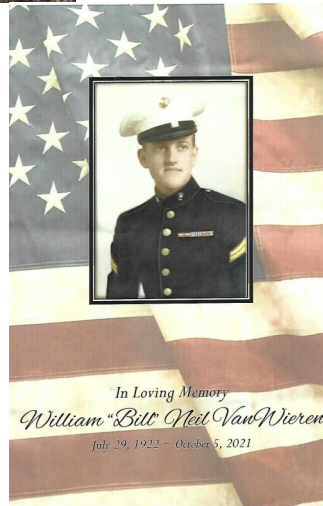
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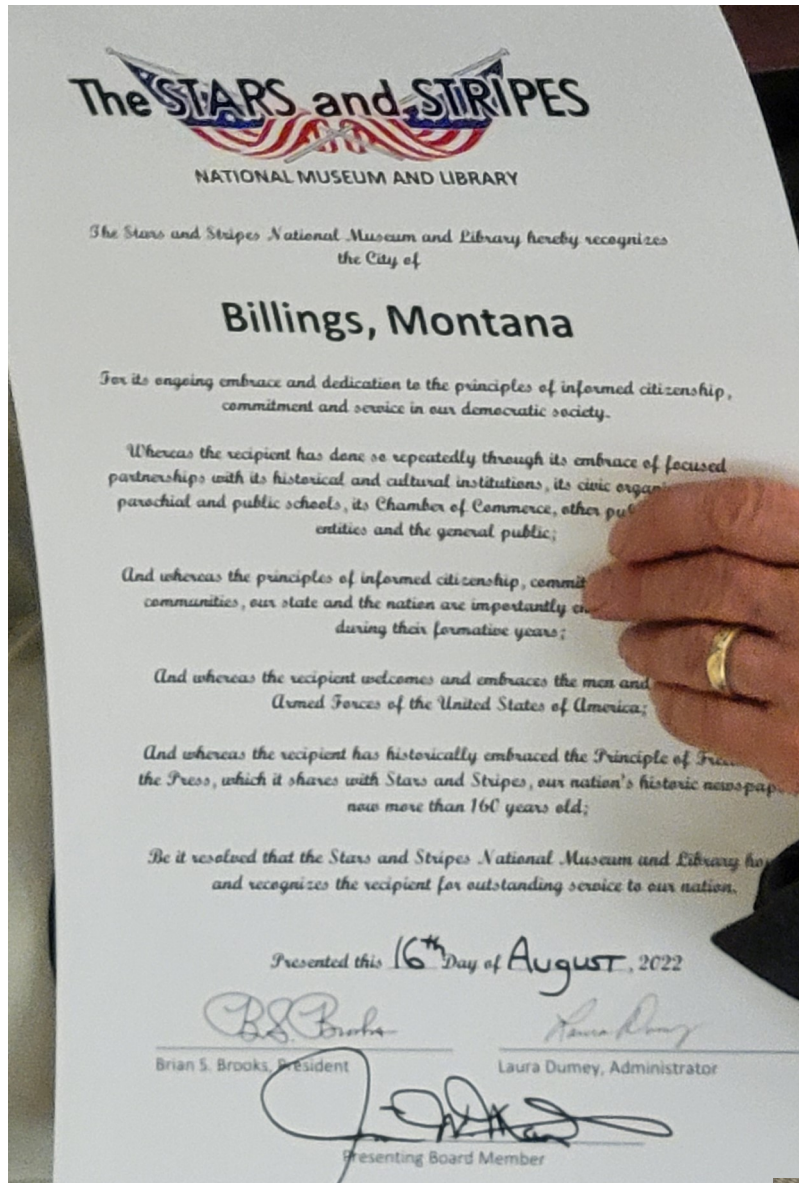
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Scenes from the services for Bill Van Wieren at Yellowstone National Cemetery September 1, 2022



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The Stars and Stripes Magazine that provides military news world wide chose Billings, MT as its stars and stripes city of the year for its support of our military, veterans and veterans organizations. A declaration was presented to Mayor Cole at city hall. League Members Tim Bender, Ralph McKinney, Tom Lowry and Doug Wood were on hand.



This looks like a great opportunity to support another Detachment in their Fundraising and memorializing one of their members. The brochure came MT Dept. Janet Wagner so it must be the real thing. Great chance for a great prize. —Tim