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Commandants Message



Hello Marines!
Staying busy at APC. So just a short note to say.....
Happy New Year Marines! Hope you all had a joyous and a Merry Christmas. Come join us at the monthly meetings. Nuff said!

Semper Fi!

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Young Marines Mission Update

The Billings Young Marines had a busy December. Eight Young Marines and four Adult Volunteers had the honor of traveling to Hawaii to take part in the Pearl Harbor Day memorial events from December 1-8. They did community service by cleaning up beaches, placed a wreath at the Punchbowl, stayed overnight on the USS Missouri and marched in the parade. The unit also participated in a number of community service events at home including Grateful Giving, Toys for Tots at the west end and Laurel Walmart's, Valley Federal, Pack the Patrol car, and helped take down the toy store at the Metra. We also helped with the Festival of Trees and placed wreaths at the National Cemetery for Wreaths Across America. We even had time for a little fun at our Unit Christmas Party! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Billings Young Marines.



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Unit Commander Billings Young Marines

Chaplains Report:



Greetings to all,
As usual Tim had to remind me of this. I Pray everyone had a Joyous Christmas. I Won't be in touch again until after the New Year, so wishing all a great New Year. We lost a past member a short time ago, and it troubles me losing contact as things change so often. So again I ask members to stay in touch, for it is impossible to know of address changes etc. If the member isn't able to, maybe a family member or friend might do it for you. We like to think we take care of our own. I Will be having another surgery this coming month, don't think it will affect my tasks. May the Lord's blessings be with all.

God bless.
Semper Fi,
James Borner, Chaplain
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Paymasters Report:



Listen up Marines,
There is not too much to report from me this month. I am wishing each of you a happy new year and look forward to seeing you at the meeting. If you have creditable hours for any details or public service events, Please! shoot me an after action report (s) to submit for recognition & ribbons at the next installation dinner. Semper Fidelis,
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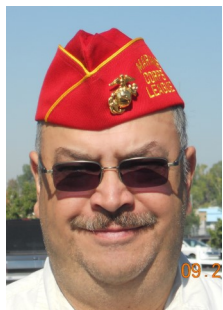
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Jr. Vice Commandants Report:



Marines,
We made to the new year, here's hoping things get better for Pat, my wife and others having difficulties in their lives. The beginning of the new year brings us to the Sweethearts dinner in February. I am thinking about using Gusicks for the dinner as they have been good to us for Valentines Day. Gun Show and MATE soon to be upon us in February and looking for help Then its time to think about elections for the year. If you're interested in seeking an office let some one know.

Semper Fi to all!!
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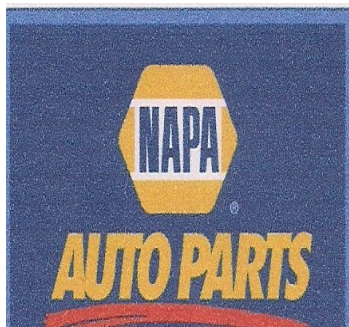


Hello Marines.

This will be short and sweet. The 2022 year is now done and 2023 is ahead. The gun show and MATE are in February. Help if your time allows. Happy New Year everyone. As always keep recruiting efforts going.

Semper Fi
Tom Jones

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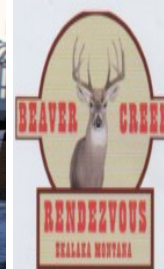
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**Marine Corps League
Eugene Sara Detachment #418
Meeting Minutes for December 12th, 2022**

1900 Meeting called to order by Commandant Ben Ostermiller

Ritual followed

Roll call of officers — Ben O., Tom J, Tim B., Ralph M., Doug W., Scott D., Jim B., Past Cmdt. Lowry, on hand.

New Applications — Randy Stiles, Danny Aines, and Joe Blatter a motion was made to accept all but Stiles pending DD214 review. Two of them have supposedly paid dues already. Blatters membership tabled to the January MCL meeting.

Minutes read and accepted as read with a name change for a new member. **Adjutant** — All those members who have been active in any events, etc. be sure to do after action reports so you and the detachment can receive credit for your actions from Dept of Montana and National MCL **Chaplain** -- Pat Bender in the Hospital with dementia. **Sr Vice** — Tom was not at the meeting due to illness. But he was in Butte for the State Dept. MCL convention **Jr Vice** — Pat Bender in Hospital, now currently at home under hospice care with St. Johns united and family. **Correspondence** — Received some thank you cards for services and a letter from APC.

Committee reports

Riverside Cemetery — Eighteen Wreaths were purchased for veterans graves at Riverside and have already been placed. **National Cemetery** — Wreaths across America is scheduled for December 17th, Young Marines will be assisting with placement of wreaths. **Friends of the Cemetery** — None

Young Marines — The Young Marines sent a group of eight and Adult Advisors to Pearl Harbor for Dec. 1 to the 7th, all expenses paid. The Young Marines were berthed overnights onboard USS Missouri, assisted with veterans tours on the USS Arizona Memorial. Their Christmas Party was December 20th at 1800hrs. **Toys for Tots**— Ralph McKinney sends along many thanks to all those that assisted

with the pick up distribution and tear down of the distribution center **Detail Commander** — Passing on Good work to those who have come out to assist with details. **Good of the League**— The rifle raffle has been awarded and we need to purchase a new one. As next Gun Show is February 10th to 12th we need to get the next one ordered. A motion was made to allocate up to \$800 usd for the purchase, which 2nd and vote Aye. A discussion on caliber followed with decision on a 6.5 Creedmore, which was 2nd and voted aye. **Old Business** — Three APC memberships were given to Marines in need. More discussion was held on putting the 3 inch MCL patch on the Cold Weather coats. Patches are currently out of stock, Motion made and 2nd ,voted aye, pending ability to purchase more as available.

New Business — None

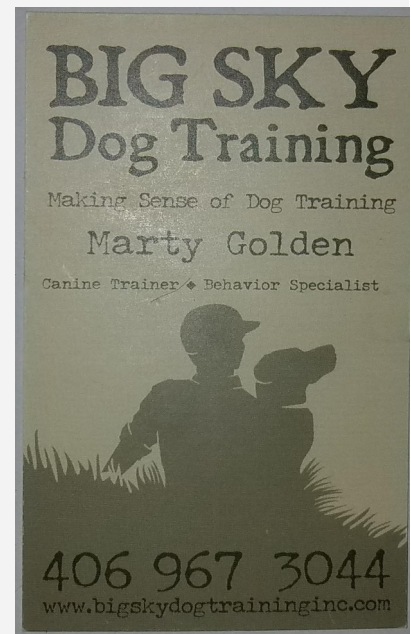
**Meeting closed at 1949
Next meeting January 9th @1900hrs at Heights VFW**

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,

I want to thank all the members who helped with toys for tots this year. League members volunteered 79 hours at events and 278 hours for the toy distribution.

The last count I received was 1560 families and 4100 kids received toys.

Again thank you.

I hope everyone will have a good holiday season. Looking forward to good 2023.

Semper Fi
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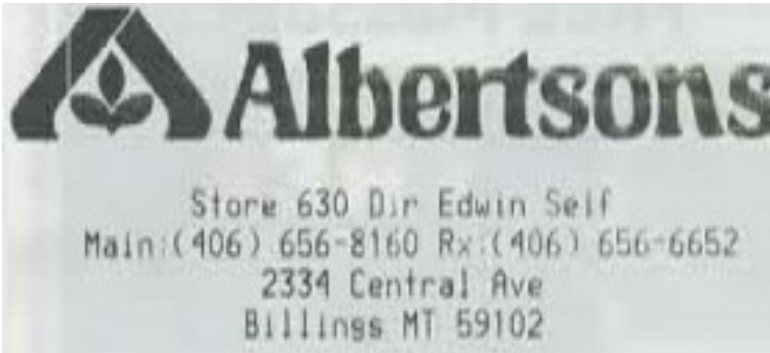
January 2023 events:

January 1 — HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!!!!

**January 9th MCL Regular Business Meeting
1900hrs. at the Heights VFW on Anchor St.**

As detail Commander I want to say thank you to all the members who Participated in the many events over the past year and helped make them successful.

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(Left & Above) Marines Tim Bender, Mike Tolstedt, Kevin Kuhlman, Dave Malkuch, Joe Aguilar, Tom Lowry and Doug Wood (Detail Cmdr) Salute those lost on Pearl Harbor Day at the Yellowstone National Cemetery. (Below) Shell casings fly During the Salute

(Below) VFW Color Guard at exit march after the completion of the Pearl Harbor Observances



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.



Look who Don and Ralph ran into



(Above) Bill Bishop, Kevin Kuhlman and others join the KULR8 tv crew for the day of giving at the KULR 8 studios. (Right & Below) Doug Wood, Ralph McKinney, Tom Lowry, Alex Ward and Don Huffman join with the Young Marines and Montana Highway Patrol officers at "Pack the Patrol Car" at Stockman Bank.



The young girl in the center of the picture (below) put up her own money and time to help other children by giving to Toys for Tots. She joined MCL members and other volunteers for this picture which authorized by KULR tv





Wreaths across America 2023 at Yellowstone National Cemetery





(Above) CINCPAC Chester Nimitz, Led the Pacific Fleet for nearly all of the Pacific Campaign in World War II. The USS Missouri, which was not yet finished, on Dec 7th, 1941. But finished the war with the Signing of the Japanese surrender in 1945. (Below) Young Marine presenting colors on the Missouri quarter-deck. Followed by formation and the tour of the Missouri. (Next page) Group photo of Young Marines from across the US. Followed by the Arizona tour and a shot of the punchbowl or crows nest observation point when the ship was active and vital. Frigate USS Daniel Inouye passes in tribute to USS Nevada & Arizona







The Huffmans, McKinneys and Kuhlmanns joined me for our final event of the year. Due to last minute changes and nasty weather the turnout was low, but we enjoyed dinner and the exchange and conversation. Salute to 2022 and may the next year be better to everyone!!!

