

April 2023 Newsletter

Eugene Sara Detachment #418 Marine Corps League

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Commandants Message

Happy Easter Marines!

I'd like to remind everyone about the awards dinner on March 31st at the 4B's. Business casual dress please. If you have the red blazer, here is the time to show it off. Room is available to us at 1700 hrs. We are hoping to be sitting for dinner no later than 1800pm. We are a few short

weeks away from State meetings in Bozeman, May 19-21. If you are interested in going, get your reservation in asap. I can provide you the information. I'd like to thank Scott for his service to our Detachment. He has done a great job in the Adjutant/Paymaster position. I have no doubt he will get the MODD to boom. As of April Rebecca will assume duties of Adjutant, while Amy will take on the role of Paymaster. We are growing as a Detachment, let's keep bringing them in. See you all at the awards dinner or the next meeting on the 10th. Semper Fi!

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Young Marines Mission Update

The Billings Young Marines started March with a class of 14 motivated recruits. Recruit training is held every Sunday with graduation in April. The unit had a knot tying course for eight different specialty knots during drill. There was also a class on board preparation for those Young Marines going for promotions at the end of the month. The unit had an hour DDR and practiced parade drill each week in preparation for marching in the St. Patrick's Day parade in Billings on March 18. The recruit class also marched behind the unit. I have the honor of traveling to Hawaii to teach at a local Junior Leadership School at the Marine Corps Base of Hawaii. The unit is getting ready for a busy spring.

Submitted by YM/MSGT Reuben Rydgren
Patrick G. Weber
Unit Commander Billings Young Marines

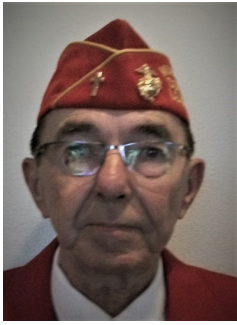


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Chaplains Report:



Greetings members and families,
Not much to report this month, but there is a couple things. I would like to see members send prayers to Burt Gigoux for he is going through some trying times. Many probably don't know him, but take it from me. his dedication to The Eugene Sara Det. is more than remarkable. He transferred to Nevada a few years ago, but as far as I'm concerned his loyalty is here. Of course Pat Bender continues her fight with dementia. Other than that, seems like April will be busy. In my 14 years, I'm really thankful for all the new members this year. Age is not on a lot of our sides. It would be nice to see more suit up for details. Lets put Semper Fidelis to work.

Thank you and God Bless.

Semper Fi,

James Borner, Chaplain

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Jr. Vice Commandants Report:



Marines,

We have seen our numbers grow in the last few months and it is good to see some fresh faces out there. Including two new members that I brought on board. The installation dinner set for March 31st is going to be big with a number of outside guests being recognized by the detachment. The 4Bs were gracious enough to hold our large party in their big room

Semper Fi Marines!!

Tim Bender, Jr Vice

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Paymasters Report:



Listen up Marines,

Hello to you all. I am currently in the process of completing the annual awards and completing the Adjutant and Paymaster hand off to our new appointees Rebecca and Amy. As I have stated in the chat and at the meeting, it is my intent to use my available time to see our local Pound

"Gales Growlers" become more established. It was a vision back in 2018 and has yet to really gain some momentum. I feel with a little attention in supporting our pound of the Military Order of Devil Dogs we will have some success and have yet another avenue to celebrate and be supportive of one another. To that end our next Growl (meeting) will be April 19. If you are an eligible member (regular member in good standing with 1+ years of membership), I would like to talk to you about the honor society, what it is about and what my vision is for the Pound. I hope we talk soon. Until then, lean forward and change your socks. I will see you at the next meeting.

Semper Fidelis,

Scott Dunlap, Paymaster

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

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| | 51-64 | \$300 |
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Senior Vice Commandant Report:



Hello Marines.
Well, we may see spring sometime this year. Don't know when Though. Reminders of upcoming events April 14 – 16 Gunshow at Metrapark again. May has the Convention in Bozeman and the airshow later this Summer.

Semper Fi

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**Marine Corps League
Eugene Sara Detachment #418
Meeting Minutes for March 13th, 2023**

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. Tolstedt, on hand.

New Applications — Richard Anderson, David Rose, Karen Rose (associate), DD214s verified. Vote was taken, all voted aye. Motion was made to suspend the meeting for introductions, 2nd and voted aye. Meeting suspended from 1908 –1915. Correspondence —Letter from Ricard Anderson, \$75 check for services from Don Haugen **Paymaster** — **Life members 3 Life Assoc. 3 Regular Annual 40 Associate 6 Past Due 12** **\$780 rifle raffle rifle purchase has been made and received for the next Gun show.** **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 at home with dementia. Bert Gigoux is having severe health problems Cancer & a Stroke, Jim Hefferman of the Helena Detachment has passed way **Sr Vice** — Gun Show on February 14-16 at Metrapark. Also. we need help for both manning the table. **Jr Vice** — Sweethearts Dinner on February 14th Restaurant was attended by twenty people, good food and good times. **Adjutant** — To all new members ,the signal apps a new instant messaging app but for invited members. Also requesting that after action reports be forwarded the them after completed.

Committee reports

Riverside Cemetery — nothing new **Friends of the Cemetery** — None **National Cemetery** — None **Detail Commander**— Last two Honor Guard events went very well. Unaccompanied remains service March 29th at Laurel Young Marines— 14 recruits ready to graduate 4 will be going to Junior Leadership school in Tennessee, 4 will attend Senior Leadership school and one will retire out of the young Marines when he hits his ship date to Marine Corps boot camp. **Old Business** A motion was brought up to transfer funds (\$40k) into a savings account to earn interest, instead of no gains on the money. Motion was tabled after discussion this was tabled as interest rates are very low and would not show sufficient gains. A motion was made to not accept quoted rates of **2.25 to 2.5% apr.** **Good of the League** — **New member Amy Hunt presented ideas for e a new logo and letterhead for correspondence, Motion made to adopt them, 2nd and voted aye.** Klara Jensen donated a number of uniform pieces and glassware and mugs to the league for use

Election Results All regular Officers chose to stay in their same positions, with the exception of Scott.

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| Chaplain | Jim Borner | Sgt@Arms | Doug Wood | Paymaster | Amy Hunt |
| Adjutant | Rebecca Ostermiller | | | | |

Put to vote All hands unanimously voted aye

New Business — Devil Dogs—Gales Growlers Pound growl set for Apr 16th (Wed) at Pat Weber's home on 2044 1/2 Anna Dr. The Bozeman MCL Dept. Convention is raffling of a M16 a2 rifle at \$20 a ticket. Limited tickets available.

Meeting Concluded at 2030hrs

NEXT MEETING APRIL 10 the @ 1900

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

Judge Advocates Report:



Marines,

It was great to see the number of members at our last detachment meeting. Welcome to all the new members. I hope to see you all get involved in league activities. The St Paddy's parade went well with a lot of people in attendance.

Semper Fi
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Sergeant at Arms Report:

March 31st — Annual Awards dinner & Officer Installation At 4Bs Restaurant on Southgate Dr Seating begins at 1700hrs.

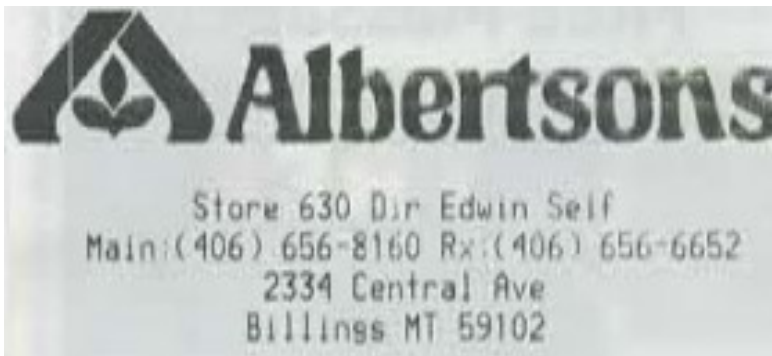
April 2023 events:

April 10th — MCL Regular Business Meeting 1900hrs. at the Heights VFW on Anchor St.

As detail Commander I want to say thank you to all who can help.

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A view of the Membership and spouses at the dinner at 4B's Restaurant. Among those seen here are the McKInneys, Low-rys, Jim Benner (Dept. Rep) and Glen Hand and spouse (ft Table) Tim & Pat Bender, Tom& Laurel Jones Jim Borner and the Huffmans

Doug Wood, Ralph McKinney, Tom Lowry and Alex Ward Hanging out with Ziggy Flansburg and the Billings Young Marines While waiting to kick off the St.Pattys day Parade 2023



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