



May 2023 Newsletter

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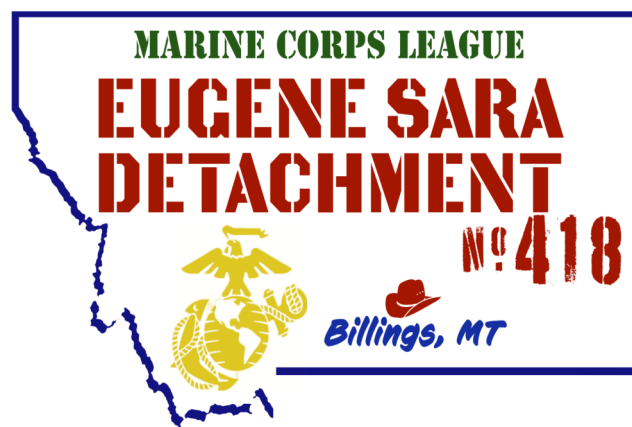
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Commandants Message



Greetings Eugene Sara!
Life Membership fees are going up. If you have been considering becoming a life member get it done now before the new rates begin. If you have questions concerning the new fees ask myself, Rebecca, or Amy. The Department convention is May 19-21 in Bozeman. If you are considering going, get your reservations in asap. See you on May 8th. Semper Fi!

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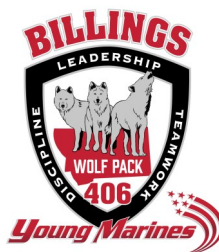
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Young Marines Mission Update

The month of April was filled with celebration for the Billings Young Marines. On April 11, 2023 our very own YM/MGySgt Colton Rogers retired from the Young Marines program, graduated from high school and was inducted into the United

States Marine Corps. We couldn't be more proud of him. Then on April 16 we had 14 new Young Marines graduate from recruit training after five weeks of training and an overnighter. We wished our most senior Young Marine the best of luck in his future and welcomed a group of motivated Young Marines to the unit all in one month. The unit also participated in the Veterans Meat Locker community service event at the horse palace in Laurel.

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



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Chaplains Report:



Thank you and God Bless.
Greetings all, things are moving forward. All officers are in place and moving foreword into the coming year. Great to see all the new members on board. Not much to report, pretty much status quo. Nice weather coming so enjoy. God bless all.

Semper Fi,
James Borner, Chaplain
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Effective 1 July 2023, the Life Membership Fees will increase as per the following chart:

- \$1000.00 – 35 years of age and lower
- \$ 800.00 – 36-50 years of age
- \$ 600.00 – 51-64 years of age
- \$ 400.00 – 65-84 years of age
- \$ 100.00 – 85 years of age and higher

Jr. Vice Commandants Report:



Marines,
Well, we suspected that this was in the works. Now the word is out, The price of Life membership is going up, with quite a jump. The old price has been under Scotts Banner for some time. The new one will be in the letter for comparison. We will be looking at Summer Patio Parties coming soon. If you are interested

in Hosting one, Contact Tim. Remember the unit covers costs of the meats, Semper Fi Marines!!

Tim Bender, Jr Vice
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Paymasters Report:



Listen up Marines,
Final duties as an officer, namely the Financial audit, are done and in the books which have been transferred to Amy. I now take my place with the regular Joes out there.

Semper Fidelis,
Scott Dunlap, Paymaster
(406) 281-1271 spdunl01@gmail.com
You may wish to consider Life Membership, rates are as follows: **These are expiring very soon!**

AGES	65+	\$200
	51-64	\$300
	36-50	\$400
	35 & under	\$500

Simply send your check to the detachment at:
PO Box 2051 Billings, MT 59103.

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Senior Vice Commandant Report:



Hello Marines.

Marines, we had a successful Rifle Raffle adding to our treasury and best of all we got some interest in the chapter. The winner of the Savage 6.5 Creedmoor is Steve McCollum. The next gun show will be 8-9-10 September 2023. National has just come out with new life membership fees. They have been doubled! If you want to

beat the rate hike get your check into the treasurer in time for her to have it mailed into national before 1 July 2023, be sure that Amy has your date of birth.

Semper Fi
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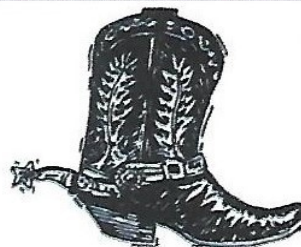
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**Marine Corps League
Eugene Sara Detachment #418
Meeting Minutes for April 10th, 2023**

1900 Meeting called to order by Commandant Ben Ostermiller

Ritual followed

Roll call of officers — Ben O., Tom J(absent), Tim B., Ralph M., Doug W., Scott D., Jim B., No Past Commandants on hand.

New Applications — Herb Tate (DD214 verified) and Randy Stiles (DD214 verified) and Camille Fritzler (verified). A motion made and 2nd to accept all new applicants as members. All voted aye. A motion was made to suspend the meeting for swearing in of new members, motion 2nd and voted aye. Meeting suspended at 1905, welcome aboard!!
Meeting resumed at 1908hrs.

Minutes read and accepted

Paymaster — **Life members 55 Life Assoc. 3 Regular Annual 45 Associate 6 Past Due 4**

Adjutant — None **Chaplain** -- Pat Bender at home with dementia, seems to be getting worse. Keith Thompson just lost his wife. **Sr Vice** — No Report

Jr Vice — Pat Bender in Hospice care now at home. Doing OK . Awards Dinner on March 30th @ 1700 hrs. at 4Bs Restaurant on Southgate Dr. was very well attended, even though we did not have all the outside guests we planned for. Also, looking for members that are new or want to upgrade to Electronic newsletter, please let me know. **Correspondence** — None

Committee reports

Riverside Cemetery — Nothing new to report **National Cemetery** — None **Friends of the Cemetery** — None **Young Marines** — **Recruit Graduation** — **Sunday April 16th At 2044 1/2**

Anna Dr. Off Hesper and 48th W. **Toys for Tots**— None **Marine Corps Ball** — None

Detail Commander — **None Good of the League**— Anastasia (did not get last name) discussed IRR Transition assistance program which is now available to veterans transitioning back to civilian life. They are there to help with lifes challenges and to help reduce veteran suicides Scott Dunlap did an introduction to membership as to what the Devil Dogs unit is (the Honor & fun part of the league. To raise awareness of that program too. Growl to be held April 19th at Pat Webers shop at 2044 1/2 Anna Dr.

Old Business — . Mid winter Dept of Montana State Convention will be May 20-21 in Bozeman.

New Business — Discussion hel on possibly obtaining digital photo frames to gisplay archived past event pictures at new events to assist in raising membership, tabled until later. Also, discussed combining all archived photos and photo albums so there are not lost in the future, Glen Hand will be taking lead on that. Discussion held on purchasing new business cards with the new unit designs by Amy Hunt. Motion 2nd & voted aye to purchase 1000 cards for the unit. Amy also designed Bumper stickers and letterhead

**Meeting closed at 1949
Next meeting May 8th @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,

We recently completed an audit of the detachment books. Thanks to Ben and Rebecca Ostermiller, Dave and Karen Rose, Doug Wood, Amy Hunt, Pat Webber for his help plus use of his shop to meet. Scot Dunlap for help with transition to new paymaster and all his efforts as past

paymaster. The audit went well.

Memorial Day is coming up soon. The detachment will participate in three ceremonies.

Welcome all new members. Hope to see you at meetings and events.

Semper Fi

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Sergeant at Arms Report:

May 2023 events:

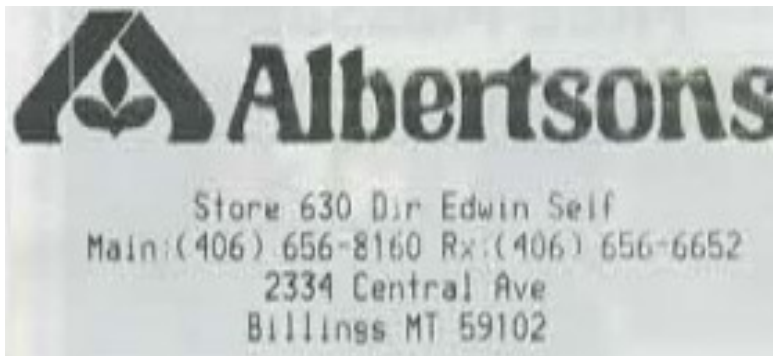
May 8th — MCL Regular Business Meeting
1900hrs. at the Heights VFW on Anchor St.

May 29th — Memorial Day events as follows:

0800 - Riverside cemetery Arrive early
Yellowstone River Rd

1000 - Mountview Cemetery on Central ave

Noon - Laurel National Cemetery



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

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Adjutants Report

Greetings Eugene Sara Detachment!

Being new to this position I am trying to learn all this position entails. I am thankful for the opportunity and am committed to helping the detachment to the best of my ability. We are headed to the State Convention May 19th-21st where I hope to learn a lot more from the Department Adjutant.

Notes from the Department ZOOM meeting...Life membership fees going up July 1st. Unpaid members should be dropped from the roster if unpaid for over a year. All are current.

Rebecca Ostermiller



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New Paymasters Report:



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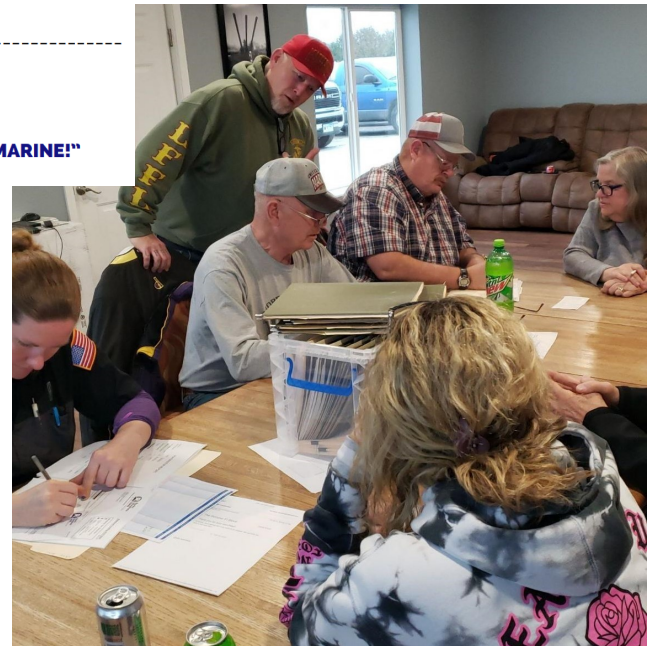
We had a successful audit of the paymaster paperwork and the turn over has gone smoothly. We have lots of items in the works, including new business cards for the detachment. We have also established a direct email for the detachment, which you can use to reach me with any questions or

suggestions . That email is

MCLEugenesara418@gmail.com

Also, MCL National has issued updated life membership rates. As of July 1 2023, the new rates will be in effect. So if you want to catch a deal, the time is now to become a life member! See you at the next meeting!

Amy Hunt



Above and above left—Scenes from the Paymasters audit including Scott Dunlap, Doug wood, Amy Hunt, Pat weber, as well as several others out of frame. Thanks for the hard work and time to finish things up!

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