



August 2023 Newsletter

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Commandants Message



Good day Marines!

August is here! The Air Show is the 11-13th. The first annual Yellow Footprints BBQ on the 26th. We may need to discuss a different venue for the BBQ. I should know more by the August meeting. Anaconda can not support the hotel needs for the Department Convention in May. That

means the convention location for 2024 falls to us. May 17-19 2024 will be the convention. We will need to host the Friday night BBQ, a meeting place for Saturdays league meetings and Sundays Growl. A banquet will be done on Saturday night. Preparations for this event will begin soon. I would like to get the Hotel and Convention center to make it simple and easy. Stay cool in this heat Marines

Semper Fi!

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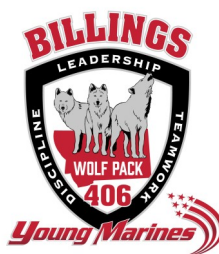
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Young Marines Mission Update

The Billings Young Marines marched in the Laurel 4th of July parade again this year. The unit had two community service events as well. We helped at the Soaked Run for the Big Sky state games and some of our Young Marines were part of the opening ceremony. We also volunteered at Homesteader Days in Huntley. We started doing PT in the park on Sundays to help Young Marines keep their physical fitness up this summer. This year we were able to send 13 Young Marines and 3 Adult Volunteers to the Division 6 Encampment at Camp Wooten in Pomeroy, Washington.

R/S YM/MSgt Rydgren

Patrick G. Weber
Unit Commander Billings Young Marines



Chaplains Report:



Fellow members, first thing be careful of the heat and smoke. Got a card off to Larue Bopp, for he had an unfortunate accident. also to Doug schlepp, for his wife passed away on July 7th. Like I mentioned before, do to personal things and not much happning with the det. things have

been rather quiet. Should have a new hearing aide by next meeting. Guess it is worse then I thought. left ear gone completely, right year 53 per-cent. So for the benefit of the league, you marines might want to look for someone that might like to share the chaplain position in case something might cause me to take a step back. don't get me wrong, we'll see how the hearing aids work. don't

Color Guard at the Sym-phony in the Park includ-ing Joe Aguillar, Ralph McKinney, Bill Bishop Jim Borner



Jr. Vice Commandants Report:

Marines,

This column is about the air Show. If you wish to go on Friday , this a practice day for the acts and is a veterans day. If members and family members want to go, I need a list of names and thenumber of Tickets needed ASAP. Also , we will have a booth (in uniform) for recruit-ing. IF YOU WISH TO WORK THE

BOOTH , NAMES PLEASE. If you want to go other wise on Saturday or Sunday regular admissions prices are the order of the day. Semper Fi Marines!!

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Paymasters Report:



Hello Team!
Now is not the time to be slacking!
Get your annual dues in before the end of August!
You're welcome to mail them in, come to the August meeting, or swing by my job to drop them off (Bob Smith Lincoln).
\$35 please and thank you!

Amy Hunt
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Simply send your check to the detachment at:
PO Box 2051 Billings, MT 59103.
If you are in need of uniform parts, pieces, etc. Use this link
<https://www.mclnational.org/httpsthe-semper-fi-storemyshopifycom.html>

Life Membership Fees have 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
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Senior Vice Commandant Report:



Hello Marines.

It is good to see the recent new members at the meeting. Don't stop recruiting, we can always use more members. On the weekend of August 11, 12 & 13 is the Air Show, a good time to meet marines wearing their colors on their cap and or shirt. Give him or her a Semper Fi and see if they would like to know more about the

MCL. The Eugene Sara Color Guard is presenting the Colors and we will have a table in the shade. I need volunteers to man the information table for all 3 days. Please contact me with your availability. I need your e-mail address by the 1st, Your epass will be e-mailed to you, Friday is free admission for all Vets.

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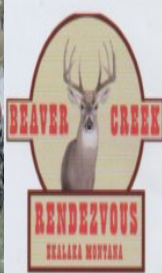
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**Marine Corps League
Eugene Sara Detachment #418
Meeting Minutes for July 10th, 2023**

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., Rebecca O., Amy H., Jim B.(excused)

New applications-Robert Colsten-voted on and all voted Aye. Meeting suspended 1904-1906 for welcome and introduction.

Minutes read and accepted Paymaster-Life members 66 Life Assoc 3 Regular Annual 63

Associate 3 Past Due 3 Total members 108

Adjutant-There will be training available for paymaster/adjutant officers in upcoming months during the Department Zoom meetings. **Chaplain**-Laroue Bop at home recovering and doing well after amputation surgery. Tom's wife diagnosed with skin cancer, Pat Bender still doing the same with her dementia, Doug Schlepp's wife has passed, funeral details to follow. **Sr Vice**-None **Jr Vice**-None **Correspondance**-None

Committee Reports-

Riverside Cemetary-None **National Cemetary**-None **Friends of the Cemetary**-None **Young Marines**-4 Young Marines attended JLS/SLS last week. 13 kids and 4 adults attending Division in WA. Homesteader Days and Balloon Fest events will be attended by Young Marines. Fundraiser Banquet is September 23rd, encouraging all Detachments to participate to help out the Young Marines. **Toys for Tots**-None **Marine Corp Ball**-New First Sgt Justin Cote. Ball is scheduled for November 18th at the Double Tree Inn. Cost will be \$65 per person. **Detail Commander**-Big Sky State Games will have 8 people for color guard this weekend. One funeral detail scheduled for September, members needed for color guard for upcoming air show mid-August. **Good of the League**-Yellow Footprints BBQ scheduled for Aug. 26th @ 1400. All voted Aye. **Old Business**-Polos discussed for use at gun shows and casual events was discussed. Tabled until pricing can be researched. **New Business**-None

Meeting closed @ 1950

Next Meeting August 14th @ 1900 hrs at Heights VFW

Scene from the Unaccompanied remains Service at the National Cemetery
Bugler Randy Grow, Ralph McKinney, Kevin Kuhlman, Dave Malkuck, Doug Wood, Jim Borner, Bill Bshop and Joe Aguilar



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.
Full League uniform from Wilbur Jensen's Wife.
I have numerous items from Jim Borner and Diana Schaefer for use, just contact Tim

Judge Advocates Report:



Marines,

The Big Sky Games detail went well. Thanks to all that participated. We will have the Air Show in August. I hope you are all having a good summer. Stay cool

Semper Fi
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Sergeant at Arms Report:

August 2023 events:

August 11th, 12th 13th — Big Sky Air Show at the Airport. We are doing opening Color Guards all three days. Friday is a Veterans Day and Practice for the acts and their families
August 14th— Regular Business meeting of th MCL at the Height VFW on Anchor St.

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

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Adjutants Report



Greetings Eugene Sara Detachment- Summer is flying by quickly. Hope everybody is enjoying the warm weather and many activities out and about. We have several upcoming events in August including the Air Show and The Yellow Footprints BBQ. Hope to

see everybody there!

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Woof Woof

All Dogs. Just a reminder that the yearly dues are due in Aug. The amount will still be \$25.00 dollars. Please send a check made out to me for that amount since we still do not have a checking account for the pound. Enjoy your summer and stay cool....Jim

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Big Sky State Games Color Guard at
Daylis Stadium
Bill Bishop, Ralph Mc Kinney, Don
Huffman, Doug Wood, Mike Tol-
stedt, Bill Bishop and Tom Lowry

