



# September 2023 Newsletter

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## Commandants Message



Good day Marines!  
As we shift from the days of summer to the early days of fall I want to remind everyone of what is coming up around the corner. The 16th is the Yellow Footprints BBQ, it will either be at Redox or Pat's shop (TBD). The Riverside Cemetery mission is one step closer to fruition and we are hoping to begin that in October. Around the corner is the Birthday Ball and Toys for Tots. On a personal note I want say how proud I am of those that participated in the Air Show! Good job Marines! On another personal note, with a grateful heart, thank you to those that have reached out to me and Rebecca in a very trying time in our lives.

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## Young Marines Mission Update

The Billings Young Marines are getting ready for the end of summer and getting ready for the school year. Young Marines participated in a seven man color guard for the Optimist Club of Billings annual convention and also presented colors for the first annual Roundup MT Mayor's prayer breakfast. MCL Commandant Ben Ostermiller gave instruction to the unit on physical fitness test preparations. The unit has two community services left this month, the Food Truck Battle and helping with the Cowboy Mounted Shooting in Red Lodge.

R/S YM/MSgt Rydgren

Patrick G. Weber  
Unit Commander Billings Young Marines



## Chaplains Report:



Greetings to all. This will be about our editor for he has some serious medical issues. Tim Bender has been in the hospital for several days. He will be going in for open heart surgery on the 28th of August. You won't get this before but lets keep him and his wife Pat in our prayers. This has to be a very trying time for him. He wanted me

to get this in so he can work on the newsletter while in hospital before surgery. You won't find anyone more dedicated than Tim. Let us reach out to him and give him as much support as possible. May GOD bless us all.

### Life Membership Fees have increase as per the following chart:

\$1000.00 – 35 years of age and lower

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\$ 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,

This column is going to short. I come to you this time from a hospital bed at St.Vincents. I am going to undergo a stent inplant at some future point right now. They are treating things through meds and maintenance right now. Zi appreciate winning the newsletter competition and what may come with

it . I may be moving slow of r a few weeks. So forgive me if things fall behind. I may also reach out oto a few of you for help if you are free. Semper Fi Marines!!

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## Paymasters Report:



Hello Team!

It is now critical to get your dues in if you have not done so already, annual dues need to be in ASAP so we don't have to drop people from the rolls.

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>

The vote to purchase CDs from detachment funds passed during the meeting on August 14th. The CD purchase is on hold for now while we gather the needed information and paperwork together, Ben & Rebecca Ostermiller and I, Amy Hunt will be on the papers as the responsible for the term of these CDs.



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**Senior Vice Commandant Report:**



Hello Marines.  
It is good to see the recent new members at the meeting.

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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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Meeting Minutes for August 14th, 2023**

**1901 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., Mike T., Tom L.

**Minutes read and accepted. Correspondence**-Donation from funeral of Barry Vaugh Angell of \$260.00 received. **Paymaster**-Motion to open accounts at Black Hills Federal Credit Union and Altana Federal Credit Union to purchase 1 CD at both in the amount of \$25,000 to increase interest income. Ben O and Amy H are to be the signers on those accounts. Motion voted on and all voted AYE. **Adjutant**-Life member cards and pins have arrived. **Chaplain**-none **Sr. Vice**-Gun show 9/8-9/10/2023. Need volunteers. **Jr. Vice**-none

**Committee Reports**

**Riverside Cemetery**-Met with John Ostland, received prototype for grave markers. Will attend City Council meeting. Motion to approve grave markers voted on and all voted AYE. **National Cemetery**-none **Friends of the Cemetery**-none **Young Marines**-Volunteer hours YTD 1239. Took part in Big Sky State Games torch carry and 5K run, Homesteader Days parade, Balloon Fest and upcoming Food Truck Battle. Banquet fundraiser 9/23/2023- Happy hour at 1700, dinner starts at 1800 with auction to follow. Table for 8 people-\$1500, individual tickets available \$45 each. **Toys For Tots**-Gearing up for October start. **Marine Corp Ball**-November 18th @ Doubletree. **Detail Commander**-Air show went well, and the league was well received. Two funerals coming up Friday and one on September 1st. **Good of the League**-Last Tuesday of every month on the Department ZOOM meeting there will be 10 minutes devoted to Paymaster training. Air show coordinators were very accommodating. Motion made to issue a Certificate of Appreciation to Matt M and the board, voted on and all voted AYE. Motion made for League to create an inventory to replace any uniform items lost at functions(lapel pins, buttons etc). Voted on and all voted AYE. Black jackets need to be delivered to David Hayes for flag patches to be sewn on. **Old Business**-Yellow Footprints BBQ date changed to 9/16/2023 @ 1400, location TBD. Polos for events discussed. Pat Weber to get pricing/color by September meeting. Tabled until next meeting. Reminder that full uniform must be worn for Color Guards. **New Business**-Fall Conference is in Butte October 21st. They will be holding a fundraiser bowling tournament after and all are welcome to participate. State convention will be hosted by Billings in 2024 May 17th-19th. We will start getting bids on venues, hotels and meals and start looking at costs to print/create programs.

**Meeting closed @ 2024**

**Next Meeting September 11th @ 1900 hrs 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.  
Full League uniform from Wilbur Jensen's Wife.  
I have numerous items from Jim Borner and Diana Schaefer for use, just contact Tim



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### Adjutants Report

Greetings Eugene Sara Detachment-



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The Color Guard at the Big Sky International Air show Mike Tolstedt (reserve), Dave Malkuch, Doug Wood, Don Huffman and Tom Lowry for all three days of the show.



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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

There is a growl set for September 9th at Pat Webers on Anna dr

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Thanks again, to all of our members and spon-



Billings Rod & Gun Club hosting shoot; Present were the US Marine Corps International Shooting Team: Left to Right; SSgt Arellano (Billings native); Sgt Shaw; 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Bodzioch; Sgt Treat; SSgt Corson; SSgt Nelson; PFC Bishop (Billings native); SSgt Steele; SSgt Doelle III; Sgt Garcia

