



February 2024 Newsletter

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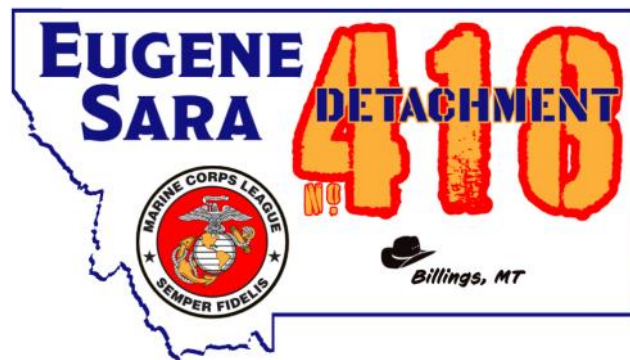


Hello Marines!

February is upon us. Join us on February the 10th for the Valentines Dinner. We have a couple of gun shows this month and will be finalizing the arrangements for the Department Spring Convention.

Semper Fi!

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Young Marines Mission Update



The Billings young marines have had a slow month for the month of January. These young marines have focused on uniform preparation. The Billings young Marines have had a uniform inspection to ensure proper hygiene and proper uniform care, to ensure they keep up with proper hygiene standards and self respect. Young Marine drill instructors are busy motivating and training newly joined recruits to spread the motto of strengthening the lives of America's youth. Thank you, Ym 1stSgt Confer of Billings Young Marines of the Marine Corps League

R/S YM/MSgt Rydgren
Patrick G. Weber
Unit Commander
Billings Young Marines



Senior Vice Commandant's Report:



February is going to be a busy month for Chapter 418. First is the table at the Gun Show on Feb 9, 10 & 11 where we sell Rifle Raffle tickets, next is our meeting on Feb 12th and then the MATE Show Feb 15, 16 & 17 where our Color Guard presents the Flag each day and we will have a booth for our Rifle Raffle. Volunteers are needed for the rifle raffles, call

Tom at 406-670-4364 if you are able to help. For the Color Guard call Doug Wood at 406-366-2209.

Semper Fi
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Jr. Vice Commandant's Report:



February is starting off the right way weather wise. I hope we are done with the severe weather. I was hospital most of January with health issues again. I am doing good but still not getting out too much. I can't drive for a bit so I don't know if I will be at the meeting or Sweetheart dinner at the Moose Lodge.

Help if you can at the MATE or Gun Shows.

Semper Fidelis
Tim Bender, Jr Vice
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The 2024 Department Convention is planned for May 17-19, 2024 in Billings MT at the Northern Hotel.

Further details pending as our Committee finalizes the arrangements.



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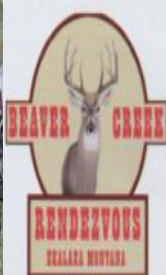
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Chaplain's Report:



Hello Everyone

We have a couple members going in for procedures this next month so keep them in your thoughts and prayers. Jim Borner will be stepping away for a bit until he feels up to the job again. I will stay in this position for as long as I am needed. If anyone else would like to step up let Ben or myself know.

Jim will be assisting me with learning the job for now and will be available if needed. Hope this finds everyone happy and well Thank You.

Kevin Kuhlman, Chaplain
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James Borner, Chaplain
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Paymaster's Report:



Marines!

Nothing new to report with the finances. Will be working on setting up a date for an audit of the 2023 records.

Elections will also be coming up soon. So now is the time to consider voicing your interest in becoming

more involved in the Detachment!

See ya'll at the next meeting.

Rah

Amy Hunt, Paymaster
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Life Membership Fees have increased 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

Sergeant at Arms' Report:



These are the events we have scheduled to date:
Feb 15,16,17
Color Guard for the MATE Color
March 16
Guard for the Saint Pat parade 1100
Semper Fi!

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Adjutant's Report



Greetings Marines!

Planning for the Spring Convention is under way. We are looking for sponsors and donations for our silent auction. If you have contacts please get in touch with them or give the Committee the information so we can reach out!

We are looking forward to the Sweetheart Dinner in Feb, hope to

see many of you there!

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Judge Advocate's Report:



Marines,

The Detachment will have a busy February. There is a gun show, Mate Show, and Sweetheart Dinner.

Elections are coming up so we need to think about that.

We need people involved!

Semper Fi
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**Marine Corps League
Eugene Sara Detachment #418
Meeting Minutes for January 8th, 2024**

1900 Meeting called to order by Commandant Ben Ostermiller

Ritual followed

Roll Call of Officers-Ben O., Tom J., Ralph M., Doug W., Rebecca O., Kevin K., Tom L
Minutes read and accepted. Correspondence-Thank you card from Young Marines for donation for annual fundraiser.

Paymaster-Report read and motion and second made to accept, all voted AYE. **Adjutant**-None

Sr. Vice-Mate show tickets available for any who wish to attend. Gun shows February 9th -11th and February 15th-17th, volunteers needed for the table. Offer of AR Shotgun to raffle off at purchase price of \$529. Motion made and second, all voted AYE. **Jr. Vice**-none

Committee Reports- Riverside Cemetery-None **National Cemetery**-none **Friends of the Cemetery**-none

Young Marines-Jan and Feb have 6 Color Guards scheduled. Pearl Harbor trip to be made again this year with 10 recruits attending. Largest class of recruits just started up. Broadus set to start up their YM program. **Detail Commander**-Unattended ceremony was on the 3rd.

Nothing else scheduled at this time. **Good of the League**-Discussed recruiting. Motion was made and second to donate \$50 to VFW for use of space for meetings, all voted AYE.

Discussed purchase of bumper stickers or window stickers and possibly hats to get word out about the league. **T4T**-Discussed a committee to head up T4T, Andrea, Tom and Ralph volunteered.

SCC-Bids for conference rooms discussed. Motion was made and second to utilize The Northern Hotel, all voted AYE. **Old Business**-None **New Business**-none

Meeting closed @ 1958

Next meeting February 12th @ 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 at 697-5968.

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No updates at the moment.

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