

May 2024 Newsletter

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Commandants Message



Hello Marines.

We are still grinding this convention out. Still could use some help with getting things done. We only have a certain number of hours in a week ourselves as do you all. But, help is needed. Thank you . Bert's service and Memorial Day are coming up in Mid-May.
Semper Fi!

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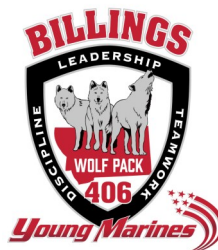
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Young Marines Mission Update

The Billings Young Marines have had an interesting month. The young marines participated in a swim qualification for newly promoted young marines. With the mystery road trip coming up over 7 young Marines were promoted to

Private First Class and one promoted to Sergeant so they could join along more fun adventures with the Billings unit. We are hard at work with promotions and serving our community we have completed 3 color guards and helped with Veterans Meat locker. Have a good month sincerely the Billings Young Marines

Respectfully Submitted
1st Sgt Confer

Patrick G. Weber
Unit Commander Billings Young Marines

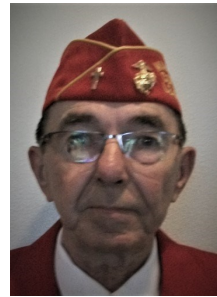
Senior Vice Commandant Report:

Hello Marines,

As I am new in the position of Sr. Vice Commandant I do not have much to put out at this time. We did the gun show, which was fairly slow, but we did get a few prospective applicants and raffled the rifle. The winner was Nick Kurth of Hardin, MT. We have been doing good with recruiting, but we are always looking for new members, so keep recruiting. See you at the next meeting on May 13th.

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Assistant Chaplains note



This won't be long, but for those who aren't aware Kevin Kuhlman is now my partner in crime. I thought it best, to have someone take over for me. Not quitting, just wanting things to be up front. May 17th is at the top of my list, for Burt Gigoux's memorial. Besides being a Marine, he was relentless in getting things done not only for our detachment, but all veterans. I hope to see many Marines from all over to be here to show the re-



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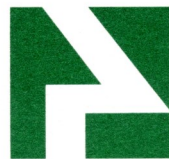
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Judge Advocates Report:

Hello, Marines!

I want to thank everyone for their support in my new role as Judge Advocate, I know I have some big shoes to fill and I will do my best! I am looking forward to the MCL State Convention in May. I hope to get to know everyone better in the coming months!

Semper Fi

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Sergeant at Arms Report:

May 2024 events:

May 3rd Veterans Connect BBQ at Basecamp Billings 5179 Midland Rd. Billings 1030-1400.

May 13th Regular Business Meeting Marine Corps League @ Heights VFW 1900hrs.

May 17th Burt Gigoux's Service at National Cemetery and the MT

Dept of the Marine Corps League convention opens at Northern Hotel @1600

May 17th Carry the Load Community event for 1st Responders, Veterans, etc. 1245 @ Laurel National Cemetery.


May 18th Marine Memorial service TBA service at the National Cemetery (details as we get them).

May 27th 4 Honor Guards on Memorial Day! Riverside Cemetery in the Heights 0800, Mountview on Central Ave. 1000 National Cemetery Laurel 1200

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

1900 Meeting pushed back until after installation dinner

1945 Meeting called to order by Commandant Ben Ostermiller

Ritual Followed

Roll call of Officers- Ben O., Tim B., Ralph M., Doug W., Rebecca O., Jim B., Mike T., Tom L., Amy H. & Tom J. No Minutes read tonight. Correspondence-none New members-none

Paymaster-Deferred until next meeting Adjutant-none Chaplain- Jim B resumed his duties as Chaplain. Tiny home and doing OK. Pat, Tim, Tom and Ben all on the mend. Sr. Vice-none

Jr. Vice-None Committee reports: Riverside Cemetery-none Friends of the Cemetery-none

Young Marines- Colors to be presented by Young Marines for State Convention. T4T-none

Detail Commander- None Good of the League-none Spring Convention Committee-Still needing sponsors for program and silent auction items. The deadline is April 17th for ads to be sent in and paid.

Registration for the convention and banquet are due by the 17th as well. Motion was made and second to purchase a full page ad for the Detachment @\$100. The full page will have a memorial to Bert Gigoux. Old business- Discussion held on the convention and billing and payments. There are still hotel room reservations not filled we may have to pay for.

New business-2024 Officer Staff **Ben Ostermiller-Commandant, Sr. Vice-Dean Roller, Jr. Vice-Tim Bender, Judge Advocate-Keri Reese, Dave Rose was appointed as Assistant Sergeant at Arms and Kevin Kuhlman was appointed Assistant Chaplain. Amy and Rebecca will retain their present positions as Paymaster & Adjutant.**

Meeting closed at 2005

Next meeting May 13th @1900hrs at the heights VFW on 637 Anchor St.



Ralph McKinney receives the Marine of the Year award from Commandant Ben Ostermiller. Congratulations Ralph, well deserved!

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



Kevin Kuhlman & Jim Borner Deliver the Marines Prayer at the Sutton Service at the National Cemetery

Chaplains Report:



Elections have come and gone, thank you to the new officers for stepping up, and thank you to the retiring officers for all you have done over your years in office. Pat Bender is about the same, Pat Weber is up and about and will be able to go back to being his normal busy self. We sent a card to Scotts wife wishing

her a speedy recovery. Spring is here, so stay safe in all your outdoor endeavors. God Bless.

Semper Fi,

Kevin Kuhlman, Chaplain

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Life Membership Fees were 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

Jr. Vice Commandants Report:



Spring is finally here,

Things will be picking up for the next few months as summer approaches. Be prepared rot help if you can. The Installation dinner went well lots of food to go around, very decent attendance. Going to be a busy May with the State convention, Bert's Memorial service and other special

events listed under the detail Commanders report and then Memorial day and its details.

Semper Fi to all!!

Tim Bender, Jr Vice

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Paymasters Report:



Hello Marines.

At the next meeting we will discuss reinvesting the CD that expires this month at Mountain America. And I'll be working on setting a date for a small group of Members to Audit my financial paperwork from the past year. Good to see more members taking initiative to become involved in our Detachment. The more the better!

Hope to see some of y'all at the next meeting and the Spring convention in town.

Amy Hunt, Paymaster

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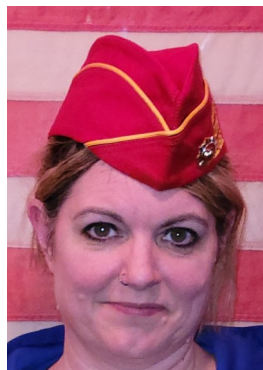
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Adjutants Report



Greetings Marines-

Convention is coming up quickly and we have not had many from our Detachment sign up for even the banquet. Let's get signed up by the 2nd and show support for the Convention and have some fun! We still need silent auction items and I would appreciate any and all help in that area.

Happy May everybody!

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Above— Scene from a service at Holy Cross Cemetery.

Left & below— Randy Grow plays Taps & scenes from The Sutton service at the National Cemetery



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- 12:15 PM Meet at Laurel Fire EMS 215 W.1st Street, Laurel, MT 59044
- 12:30 PM Begin the 1.8-mile walk to Yellowstone National Cemetery 55 Buffalo Trail Rd., Laurel, MT 59044
- 12:45 PM Gather at Yellowstone National Cemetery for a Community Event
- 2:30 PM See the Relay Team off

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Visit carrytheload.org/memorial-may



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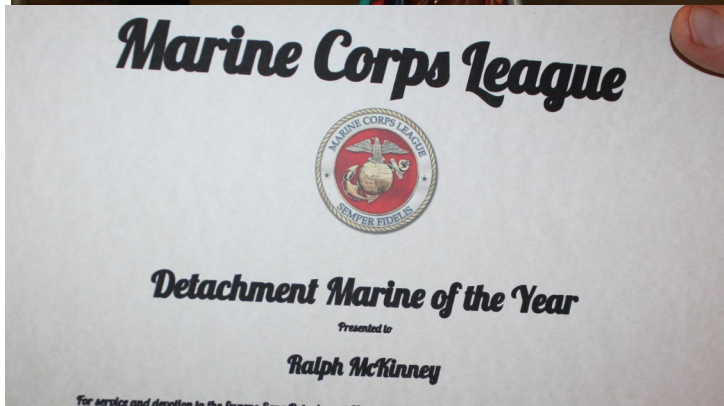


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Firing detail at the Sutton Service: Left to Right— Doug Wood, Dave Malkuch, Dean Roller Bill Bishop, Dave Rose, Ralph McKinney, Don Huffman, Mike Tolstedt





Tom Jones sets up the booth at the April Gun Show. Nick Molinas Jeep in Foreground. Thanks Nick!



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Tom Jones and his assistant pick the winning ticket at the gunshow rifle raffle (at right).

Doug Wood salutes the fallen at the Sutton Service in Laurel (Below).

