

Eugene Sara Detachment #418 Marine Corps League



January 2025

Mailing Address PO Box 2051
Billings, MT 59103
Web - www.eugenesara.com

Your Detachment Officers —



Benjamin Ostermiller
Commandant
(406)579-6246
saintsfan.bo@gmail.com



Keri Reese
Adjutant
406-425-1282
keri.r.reese@gmail.com



Doug Wood
Sgt at Arms, Detail Commander
(406)366-2209
douglwood64@gmail.com



Distribution— Bill Bishop
Photos— Tim Bender, Jackie and Kevin Kuhlman

Dean Roller
Senior Vice Commandant
(406)850-1280
deanroller@hotmail.com

League Contact Phone# (406) 579-6246



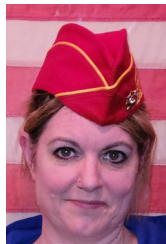
Tim Bender
Junior Vice Commandant, Newsletter editor, Advertising
(406)697-5968
tim.mtlonegunman@gmail.com

Kevin Kuhlman
Chaplain
(406) 690-1947
caveman31mau2@gmail.com



Amy Hunt Paymaster,
Asst. newsletter editor
(406)901-7219
MCLeugenesara418@gmail.com

Rebecca Ostermiller
Adjutant
(406) 579- 6246
LlamaGirl26@protonmail.com



pepsi.

Salutes the Marine Corps League
and our US Marine's & their families



FULL SERVICE COMMERCIAL PRINTER & DIGITAL COPY CENTER
P 259.0438 • F 259.1105 • E midlandprinting@qwest.net
www.midlandprinting.com



LAUREL
Eric Harkins
General Manager

LAUREL FORD
500 S.E. 4th St.
Laurel, MT 59044
www.laurelford.com

Bus: 406-238-4000
Cell: 615-613-2249
Fax: 406-238-4040
Toll Free: 800-488-3673
E-Mail: erich@laurelford.net

**David's
Designs
& Alterations**

Specializing in
Military Uniforms
(All branches)

Men's Suit
Alterations

Embroidery

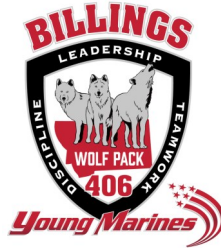
David Hayes
(Owner and proud USMC veteran)
406-694-4245
1329 Lockview Lane
Billings, MT
marinedecon0357@yahoo.com

Commandants Message



Hello Marines.
I hope everyone has a safe and Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!

Semper Fi!
Ben Ostermiller, Commandant,
Eugene Sara Detachment.
(406)579-6246
saintsfan.bo@gmail.com



Young Marines Mission Update

The Young Marines have been busy as always. They helped with the Wreaths Across America Sales and wreath placement at the Yellowstone National Cemetery. They were heavily involved in many Toys

for Tots events to starting after Thanksgiving. We also had the group of Young Marines that headed to Pearl Harbor Dec. 1st. More on that later in the newsletter. Billings Young Marines Wolf Pack
Respectfully Submitted.

Patrick G. Weber
Unit Commander Billings Young Marines

TEAM HANEL
BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY HomeServices
Fleberg Real Estate
Tom & Robin Hanel

FOR YOUR REAL ESTATE NEEDS WE'RE ALWAYS ON ACTIVE DUTY

860-6181 690-4448

Billings Vet Center
2795 Enterprise Avenue
Suite 1
Billings, MT 59102

Senior Vice Commandant Report:

Hello Marines,

Not much for January. We have the next gun show on February 14 -16th. MATE Show on the 20-22nd. Have a Happy New Year!

Dean Roller
(406)850-1280
deanroller@hotmail.com

January 2025 events

January 8th Unaccompanied Remains Service at the National Cemetery at Noon

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

January 15th Devil Dog Growl 1830 at Pat Weber's house on Anna Dr.

SCOTT HANSER

HANSER'S

430 S. BILLINGS BLVD
BILLINGS, MT 59101

PHONE 406.248.7795 EXT. 200
FAX 406.534.7585
EMAIL scotth@hansers.com

Chaplains Report:

Thanks to everyone who came to the Christmas party, we all had a great time. Jim Borner is about the same, as with Pat Bender. Ben's father is still a handful, keeping them busy. My wife and I would like to wish you all a joyous and safe Christmas and a very wonderful New Year. Semper Fi!

Kevin Kuhlman, Chaplain
(406) 690-1947
caveman31mau2@gmail.com

Spreading smiles since 1949.



406.651.AFCU (2328) altanafcu.org

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 for use, just contact Tim at 697-5968.

Jr. Vice Commandants Report:

Happy New Year Marines!

I am starting off the new year with a new look to the newsletter. The front page this issue is an introduction page which will return after the elections are held. If changes are made with staff it will reflect then. Updates and upcoming events next, as well as, other reports as needed. Then minutes and pictures as usual. Upcoming topics at the next meeting are the MATE annual show, the Gun Show and Sweetheart's dinner. Most newsletters will not be as long as this edition. Lots of good pics for the electronic email copy!!

Semper Fi to all!!

Tim Bender, Jr Vice

(406)697-5968

tim.mtlonegunman@gmail.com



At left—Chaplain Kevin Kuhlman visits with one of the Marines at Toys for Tots distribution



824 Central Avenue
Billings, MT 59102

406-259-9690

www.fireplacectr.com

“Warming Montana for over 40 years”

Paymasters Report

A big thanks to everyone who were able to work the Toys for Tots events, we were glad to see a decent turnout for the Christmas party, it was fun. Looking forward to starting another year with our detachment. See you in 2025! — Amy

Membership

Yearly membership dues are still \$35 for a year. 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

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>



WIN-DOR INDUSTRIES

TOBY C. KLINE
President/Owner

406-248-2051
tobyc@windor.biz
Cell 406-860-9262
Fax 406-248-3892

1305 4th Ave North Billings, MT 59101 www.windorindustries.com

Andersen AW TimberTech THERMA TRU
WINDOWS • DOORS Less Work. More Life. DOORS

Rifle Raffle
winner
from
12/01/2024

Ron Teig
with Dean
Roller and
Andrew
Laukner
from the
Gun Show



Marine Corps League Eugene Sara
Detachment #418
Meeting Minutes for December 9th, 2024

There was no meeting held for December 2024 in lieu of the
detachment Christmas Party



As we view the ocean, we can reminisce about the great adventure our Young Marines had. Pearl Harbor provided many historic and personal memories for each of them. The trip began with the ocean view from the hotel room and hot feet stepping into the ocean. The kids went down to snorkel, swim, view the ships, and watch other interesting water sports. On their way down to the shore there were many shops; clothing, food, ice cream etc. for each to view and visit. The Army Museum was one of the stopping points on our first days of arrival. Many things to see and learn from. Much was learned from this location. More education was learned when meeting other Young Marines at the first adventure, hiking near the Kansas Tower. The hike was long and steep but lots of joy when they all reached the top. The next day had many learning curves. Full of questions and hands-on learning. The Marine base allowed Young Marines to learn hands on with use of equipment. Flyovers were also viewed. This was watched with much finger pointing and awes and awes. Great experience and interest.

The beach cleaning event was a day of volunteering to help where needed. Young Marines find that providing a small helping hand leads to a large benefit for themselves and others. The Parade Day was a memory in the making. They assisted with the set up of the early event and meeting Pearl Harbor Veterans, wow, that memory is life changing. Much gratitude was provided to those who served in Pearl Harbor and their families. Exploring and staying on the Missouri will not be forgotten. Many areas of history will now be reopened and reviewed at a different angle due to this adventure. Reality was brought out of this and touched many hearts of the Young Marines. Young Marines then traveled to remember those on the Arizona. Seeing the ship, the names of those lost, and knowing they were floating on a cemetery redirected the hearts and minds of all. We must remember and respect all that we've lost. The parade was full of respect and excitement for the current military, Vets, and Young Marines. They held their banners high and marched proudly. Thanks to all who helped us on this trip. We must never forget about our Vets and/or their service.

MICHAEL AYERS
OWNER

GOLDEN NUGGET
BODY & PAINT

(406) 256-8085

billingsautobody.com

michael@billingsautobody.com

1916 4th Ave. N. Billings, MT

AL'S BOOTERY
& REPAIR

Serving the West since 1946

1820 1st Ave. North
Billings, MT 59101

(406) 245-4827 (Phone)
(406) 245-4831 (Fax)

www.AlsBootery.com
abnrinc@gmail.com

10% Discount
for all veterans and
active duty service members



Young Marines and AV's from across the country in formation at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific on Oahu



Bikes and Helmets set to be raffled at Toys for Tots Distribution on December 13,2024. Below - Doug Wood, Ben Ostermiller, Jim Glover, Ralph McKinney, Tom Lowry, Jim Borner, Alex Ward





Wide shots of the Marine contingent, Leaguers and volunteers at distribution. Right— Ralph McKinney, Ben Ostermiller, Kevin Kuhlman and Don Huffman conduct a raid on the Atlanta Credit Union ice cream van, That's cool, Guys!!



Thanks again, to all of our members and sponsors for all of your continuing support through the year



Wreaths across America Honor Guard at port arms, including Ralph McKinney, Dave Malkuch, Bill Bishop, Mike Tolstedt, Kevin Kuhlman, Doug Wood, Dave Rose and Don Huffman. Below — A Young Marine, VFW and Boy Scout render hand salutes and the Young Marines contingent stand by for action.





LAUREL

Eric Harkins
General Manager

LAUREL FORD
500 S.E. 4th St.
Laurel, MT 59044
www.laurelford.com

Bus: 406-238-4000
Cell: 615-613-2249
Fax: 406-238-4040
Toll Free: 800-488-3673
E-Mail: erich@laurelford.net

More pictures from the Harlon Owens Sr. service at the National Cemetery Honor Guard Members included: Dave Rose, Dave Malkuch, Bill Bishop, Don Huffman, Doug Wood and Ralph McKinney.



Billings Army Navy Surplus Store

10 N. 29th Street
Billings, Montana 59101

(406) 259-8528
1 (800) 653-8528
FAX (406) 259-8647

Eddie Schmidt

Email: eddie@go-armynavy.com
www.go-armynavy.com

Community members honor Montanans who perished during attack on Pearl Harbor



Photo by: Mack Carmack/MTN News



The Marines, Young Marines, Marine Corps Leaguers, Highway Patrol and Yellowstone County Deputies united at Stockman on King Ave West for Pack the Patrol Car. Tim Bender and Kevin Kuhlman are shown at the Valley Credit Union on King Ave West. Both locations did quite well with donations. The Spirit of Giving on the Friday before Pack the Patrol Car did quite well also Tim Bender, Ralph McKinney, Kevin Kuhlman and others, did times with the Marines and did quite well at the mall also.





Dean Roller And Tim Bender at the Gun Show Right—
The Holiday Parade Color Guard leads the way with
Tom Lowry, Doug Wood, Ben Ostermiller & Jim Glover.
Scenes from Turkey Tuesday at KTVQ studios lot.

