

# March 2025 Newsletter



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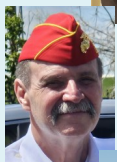
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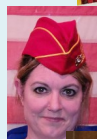
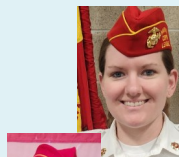
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## Young Marines Mission Update

The Young Marines have had a quiet February. The best community service event so far this year happened for 7 Young Marines. What they thought was just being a part of an information table turned into a lesson in networking. They visited with other vendor booths, handed out business cards and spoke about the program and what it means to them as well as what they can do within the community to help boost their community involvement.

While some stumbled with talking at first you could see their confidence rise as each adult stopped and talked with them and by the end, they could recite their speeches with confidence and grace. The Young Marines didn't have much this month for volunteer work, but they did get a lesson on finance and the importance of money management. They are stiving to meet goals being set forth and adjusting to the new rolls that they have been assigned. We have new recruits starting on March and we are looking forward to growing the unit.

*Respectfully Submitted by Katie Bellamy*

*Patrick G. Weber*

*Unit Commander Billings Young Marines*



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## Upcoming Events

April 11th-13th

Gun Show

Gun Raffle fundraiser—Volunteers needed



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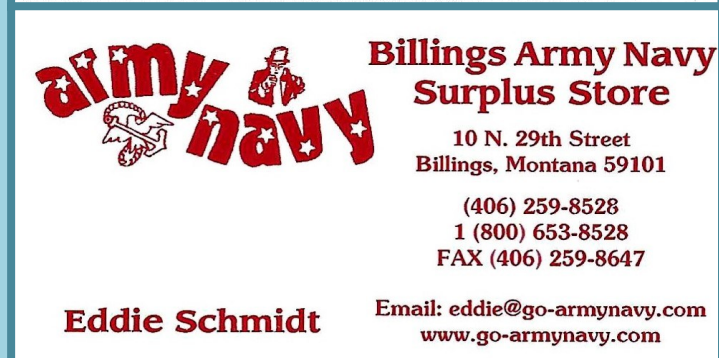
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## **The Detachment Exchange**

Buy, Sell or trade you unused uniform parts or pieces in this column of the newsletter.

Tom Lowry has 2 pair of Dress shoes size 10.I have numerous items for use, just contact Tim at 697-5968.

*If you are in need of uniform parts, pieces, etc.*  
<https://www.mclnational.org/httpsthe-semper-fi-storemyshopify.com.html>

## **Commandant's Message**

With elections upon us I want to point out that by-laws say anyone can have their names put in for election to any of the elected officer seats. You do not need to wait and see if current officer is stepping down. If existing person in that seat is intending to keep it and another nominee is brought up we do an election. That being said I have no intention of staying in the seat of Commandant. I was in the seat two years longer than I wanted. I may continue as a Department officer if asked.

- Ben

## **Senior Vice Commandant Report**

I would like to thank the volunteers for the gun show and the MATE. We did very well on ticket sales. See you all at the March meeting.

- Dean

## **Junior Vice Commandant Report**

Hey all, I am about to embark on a big adventure to Augusta, ME. I am picking up the remains of my wife's son, who was a past member of our detachment. I should be back before the meeting if things go well. I appreciate the assistance of the league with funds for the trip and some other ideas. See you soon and thanks for well wishes on the drive back home (2300)+miles.

- Tim

## **Chaplain Report**

First up this month, Jim Borner is looking into hospice care, he has lung cancer now. Pat Benders son died last Month of cancer from the sand box. Tim will be heading east to take care of his estate. Pat Bender is still on the decline health wise. Tom Jones will be going in for vein surgery on both legs in the coming week or so. Tiny is home and recovering from a broken hip suffered in a fall. Gordon Blake is on the transplant list for kidney failure. Ben has his hands full taking care of his dad. If you all would say a prayer or two for our sick lost and injured, it couldn't hurt. Hope the rest of you are doing well. God Bless

- Kevin

## **Adjutant**

I will be stepping away from the role of Adjutant. I enjoyed the role for the last number of years and am grateful I had the opportunity to serve in the Detachment as an Associate member. My last duty will be getting awards together for the April meeting.

- Rebecca

## **Sgt at Arms Report**

Saint Patrick's Parade—March 15th!

- Doug



## Membership Dues

Yearly membership dues are \$35 for a year.

### **Life Membership Fees as follows:**

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\$800.00 - 36-50 years of age  
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\$400.00 - 65-84 years of age  
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Simply send your check to the detachment at:  
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### **Paymaster Report**

Marines! Elections are upon us. Several positions will be opening up and we're looking for volunteers to assist with the roles of Adjutant and Judge Advocate. Please reach out if you would be interested in volunteering as an Officer for the Detachment

- Amy

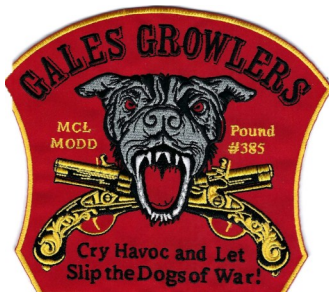
### **Judge Advocate Report**

I will be stepping down as the Judge Advocate. It has been my privilege and honor to have served with you all this past year.

Please consider serving as an officer, it is a great learning experience. The Judge Advocate answers any questions about the by-laws which I will pass along to the next Judge Advocate

Semper Fidelis

- Keri



No Updates from MODD  
at this time  
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## Marine Corps History for March

Mister Vice: approaches the head table with a steward pushing a serving cart; on it is a punch bowl and sufficient glasses. He serves the guest of honor first, then the others seated at the head table, and finally the President of the Mess. The punch served this time is "1775 Rum Punch."

One part dark Jamaican Rum  
Four parts lime juice  
Maple sugar and grenadine to taste  
Pour over cracked ice in a glass punch bowl.

This traditional beverage was supposedly served to potential Marine Corps recruits at Tun Tavern, Philadelphia, during the American Revolution.

Source: <https://www.usmcu.edu/Research/Marine-Corps-History-Division/Brief-Histories/>

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# Marine Corps League Eugene Sara Detachment #418

## Meeting Minutes

February 10th, 2025

- ◆ 1900 Meeting called to order by Past Commandant Tom Lowry.
- ◆ Roll call  
Officers- Ben O (excused), Dean R., Tim B., Doug W., Rebecca O. (excused), Amy H., Kevin K., Kerri Reese.  
Even with missing officers, we had a quorum with Past Commandant Lowry.  
Marine guests at the meeting were 1st Sgt Gates and Gunny Walsh.  
New members-None
- ◆ January Minutes were read and motion was made to accept (Weber) and 2nd (Kuhlman) all voted AYE.
- ◆ **Correspondence-** None
- ◆ **Officer Reports**
  - Paymaster report was read (November and December). Motion was made to accept (Weber) and 2nd(Bender) all voted AYE.
  - Chaplain-Same as previous months plus Tom Jones had heart surgery and is doing good. Patricia Bender is still declining and now back in hospice home care. Jim Borner's health is getting worse, send prayers his way
  - Sr. Vice- Gun show Feb 14th-16th, MATE show Feb 20-22nd. Need volunteers for raffle table.
  - Jr. Vice-Valentines sweetheart dinner discussed. Tim set the dinner for the Western Empire Emporium on the 18th. Only two couples and Tim RSVP'd, the Dinner was canceled.
  - Chaplain— Tiny Metcalfe recently fell and broke a hip, he is back home and doing as well as possible. Patricia Bender is in Hospice care again. Pat Benders son Frank, who was a detachment member about ten years ago, passed away in Augusta, ME. Jim Borner is declining even more
  - Adjutant-none
- ◆ **Committee Reports**
  - Riverside-none
  - Honor Guard Detail- We have three days of the MATE Show Color Guard openings on February 20, 21 and 22. In March we have the St. Patrick's Day Parade on the 15th.
  - Young Marines- New class of YM recruits starting March 2nd. They are not requesting funds at this time, as they are conducting a firearm raffle for fundraising this year. Tickets are available for \$20 each from The Young Marine AVs.
  - Toys 4 Tots-None
- ◆ **Old Business-** Kevin Kuhlman has been trying to locate a League document regarding uniform changes. Primarily regarding the wearing of the Chaplains Cross. To submit to National HQ. He has checked local manuals and the MCL archives with no luck
- ◆ **New Business** —MODD 1830 on March 19th at Pat Weber's.
- ◆ **Elections** — *Floor was opened for choosing nominating committee. Kevin Kuhlman and Pat Weber were chosen for the committee. No nominations were made tonight. According to By Laws if the Commandant position is not filled the Sr. Vice assumes the position and Jr. Vice becomes Sr. Vice. The elections should be held in March with Installations and Awards dinner in April.*
- ◆ **Additional Motions**
  - Tim Bender and Kevin Kuhlman brought a request to the League for funds for an emergency trip to Maine. Motion was made to donate \$500 to Tim Bender for emergency trip to Maine to close deceased Marine family (Pats son) estate and bring cremains back to Montana for Placement in our National Cemetery (Kuhlman) and 2nd (Weber), all voted AYE.
  - Amy requires \$179.52 for a new pack of checks for the Detachment checking account. Motion made by (Weber) and 2nd by (Kuhlman) to appropriate the \$179.52 to Amy for checks.

**If you know any Vets in emotional trouble, be sure to get them in touch with the VA or resources we can offer to them, Lets not lose anymore.**

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# February Gun Show and Mate Show



One of the ways in which our Detachment raises Funds is through Gun Raffles.

These funds help to sustain the Detachment and provide financial support to other organizations.

