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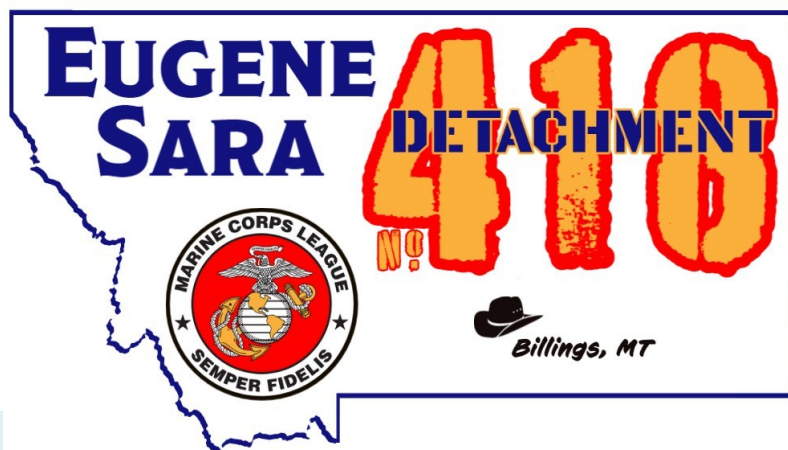
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Young Marines Mission Update

The Young Marines have a very busy month. The color guard presented the colors for the Big Sky Alcohol and Drug symposium. The unit paid honors to those resting in the Yellowstone National cemetery, Park City Cemetery, Mount View Cemetery and Terrace Garden by placing flags at each head stone. The color guard also presented colors on Memorial Day for ceremonies at Terrace Gardens followed by Mount View ceremony. The unit is also changed the Tuesday night instruction and started new learning adventures, doing land navigation, etc. With the last adventure being the Indian Cliffs hike. They are looking forward to many more Tuesday night adventures where they can learn new things, explore and have fun at the same time. As always, the Young Marines are pushing forward to learn new things and honor those that have served. **Katie Bellamy**
 Billings Young Marines Wolf Pack
 Patrick G. Weber
 Unit Commander Billings Young Marines

Services from Chaplain Borner at 1400 at Yellowstone National Cemetery and Celebration of Life to follow at 1500hrs at Dan Walt Gardens at 740 Washington St. Billings

June 2025 upcoming events
June 9th Regular Business Meeting @ Heights VFW on Anchor Street
June 20-22 Gun Show at MetraPark
June 29th Symphony in the Park ? Tentative
No other details scheduled for June at print time .

A big Shout out of Thanks to the members who participated in all events this year
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Senior Vice Commandant Report:

Hello Marines,
 .Not much today, I am looking for help manning our table at the June Gun Show. If you can help please let me know.
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Young Marines, Parents and Avs take a group picture after the working party put flags out at MountView and Park City Cemeteries, Good Job and OOHRAH !!! Young Marines !!!

At Left, The Young Marines lead the Color Guard and the New Caledonian Bagpipes & Drum Corps at the Memorial day Services At MountView Cemetery.

Jr. Vice Commandants Report:

Marines!

May 30th is the day bid fond farewell to our last Chaplain and good, no, Great friend Jim Borner. As he will be laid to rest with honors at the National cemetery in Laurel at 2pm. Followed by a Celebration of his life at Dan Walt Gardens at 720 Washington Street in Billings. Most will know where this is, but if you need directions just contact an officer.

We are still trying to get members over on the electronic copy of the newsletter. If you are getting the hard copy and want to upgrade, let me know. Semper Fi to all!!

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P.S. Its been brought to my attention that some members have not received membership cards or life membership cards, or are not getting Newsletters or the Semper Fi Magazine. If you know of any member not getting what they are due, Please let us know so we can fix the problem. With the new officers, the membership

Membership

Yearly membership dues are still \$35 for a year. Life Membership Fees were increased as per the following chart:

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Chaplains Report:

I Hope this finds everyone doing well. Tiny is about to go home from rehab, Dennis Sitzler will be there for a while yet. Pat Bender is about the same. Ben and Rebecca still have a lot of family medical problems. Enjoyed going to State, learned a few things while there. Jim Borner's service is the thirtieth of this month. 1400 hrs. National Cemetery in Laurel . Hope to see you all there as well at his celebration of life at Danwalt Gardens at 1500 hrs. If not, have a great month.

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Marine Corps League Eugene Sara Detachment #418 Meeting Minutes for May 9th, 2025

1900 – Meeting called to Order by Commandant Jim Glover
ritual followed.

Roll Call — Jim G., Dean R., Tim B., Kevin K., Amy H., Al W., Doug W., No past Commandants

New Applications - Carol Jones, Wife of Jerry Jones, one of the detachments founding members, application for associate membership. Carol Jones was known to a number of elder members. Motion made for accepting Carol Jones (Tim), 2nd (Darold Theissen), all members voted aye. Carol had a prior appointment and was not sworn at this time. She will be sworn in at the next attended meeting. March & April meeting Minutes read, motion made to accept both months with no changes (1st Kevin), (2nd Doug) and accepted.

Paymaster — Amy reported a \$60 savings on new detachment check purchase made through COSTCO instead of the detachments bank, which was suggested by Pat Weber. Motion made to accept this report and record of funds as presented (1st Kevin), (2nd Tim), all voted aye.

Chaplain — Pat Bender, no changes in health, The Ostermiller family, three family members battling cancer, Bens Dad no changes. Tiny Metcalfe is still at Laurel Health And Rehab hoping to get home soon after breaking a hip. Tiny advised he had company in Laurel with Dennis Sitzler there also with a broken shoulder. Don't forget Jim Borner's Service 1400 and celebration of Life 1500 on May 30th. **Sr. Vice** — Looking for help at the June Gun Show at MetraPark. **Jr. Vice** — The installation dinner was well attended by about 20 members and spouses. The Pulled Pork and Brisket appeared to go well.

Committees **Riverside** — Ralph reported that the county is preparing to start working in a new section, we will be helping them with marking, setup, etc. and later placing more stones. More to come.

Detail Commander — May 14th & 17th Services at the National Cemetery. Doug stated he did not have a bugler for the 14th. 1st Sgt said he would have one from I&I. May 24th Dehler Park, opening of the memorial at the Park, firing Detail. **05/26/2025 Memorial Day 0745 Riverside, 0945 Mountview and 1145 Laurel National Cemetery.**

Young Marines — Will be setting flags at Terrace Gardens and Mountview for Memorial day and Color Guards at Terrace Gardens and possibly Park City. Some Young Marines are getting ready for Junior Leadership School. **Toys for Tots**—Nothing yet. **250th Marine Birthday Ball — 1st Sgt reported that it WILL be held on 11/15/2025 at Double Tree again.**

Good of the League — Discussion was held on members going to the State Dept. Conference in Fairmont Hot Springs. Motion was made 1st(Doug Wood) to reimburse those members attending to be reimbursed for Mileage, Room and Food costs 2nd(Doug Schlepp), all members voted aye, passed.

New Business — Sr.Vice Dean Roller asked about the next rifle raffle. It was decided to try and procure a lever action 30-30 Winchester, Dean will check with or FFL dealer.

Meeting closed at 1940hrs.

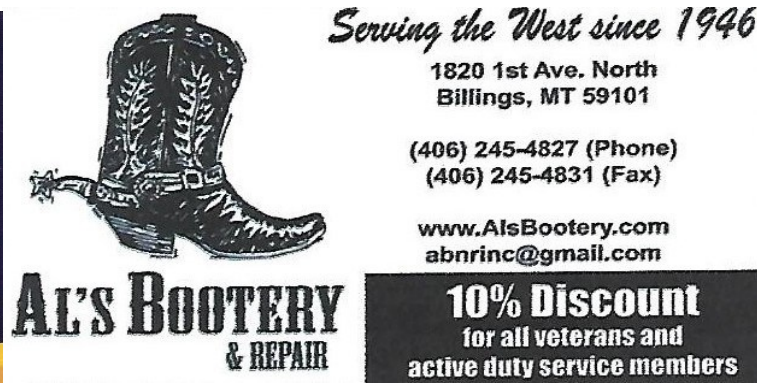
Next meeting will be June 9th, 2025 at 1900hrs at the VFW on Anchor St.



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Kevin Kuhlman assists Scott Dunlap, while Scott tries to put three balls in three different range cups with a tape which is further than three feet away, as the dogs watch. Devil Dog scratchins from Dept. Scott Dunlap is now Sr. Pack Leader. Kevin Kuhlman is the Devil Dog Smart Dog and Pup Ziggy is a full Devil dog. Pack Leader Dunlap advised that PDD (regional) Mike Flynn was worthy of a "Pain in the Ass Award".



Jim Benner Tries his hand dropping balls in the cups. But Scott Dunlap gets to celebrate winning the drop with the shortest time of 21 seconds for three in three cups.





Wet, soggy weather for the Jack Bennett service detail members Jim Glover, Ralph McKinney, Doug Wood, Don Huffman, Mike Tolstedt, Bill Bishop, Dave Malkuch and Dave Rose. Chaplain Kevin Kuhlman presides.

Larry Schlosser on bugle as our regular Bugler was unavailable for this service.



Miss Montana, Kaylee Wolfensberger, joined the firing detail for pictures at the opening of the memorial at Dehler park after the First Billings Memorial weekend parade.



Thanks again, to all of our members and sponsors for all of your continuing support throughout the past and current year. You are all important to our continuing programs and events.



The Dehler Park Firing Detail on Memorial day weekend including Doug Wood, Kevin Kuhlman, Bill Bishop, Jim Glover, Miss Montana Kaylee Wolfensberger, Dave Rose, Ralph McKinney, Dave Malkuch and Al Werk at the Modern War Memorial opening. Below—Long time member Tom Jones braves the day to watch the services led by Ed MacIntosh and Billings Councilman Bill Kennedy



Below- Memorial Day at Yellowstone National Cemetery. Colors led by the Laurel American Legion. Rifle Detail members were Doug Wood, Jim Glover, Dave Malkuch, Kevin Kuhlman, Bill Bishop, Al Werk, Dave Rose and Ralph McKinney





More photos from Memorial Day at the National Cemetery. Senator Steve Daines addresses the crowd, Sue Davidson (VFW Chaplain) and other dignitaries look on. The Rifle detail prepares to fire the salute. Below- Devil Dogs Tom Jones at the Commemorative.





The Billings Young Marines were Color Guard at MountView Cemetery followed by the New Caledonian Pipe and Drum Corps. Mayor Cole And City Councilman Bill Kennedy address the crowd and the Firing Detail at the ready.

Outgoing Commandant Ostermiller of Billings was voted in and Installed as the new State Dept Commandant at the Mid Winter conference. And wished all Montana Marine Corps League members have a great Memorial weekend and a great Summer!

Grandpa's funeral will be held on Friday, May 30th at the Yellowstone National Cemetery in Laurel Montana at 2:00 PM.



Have a Great Summer!

