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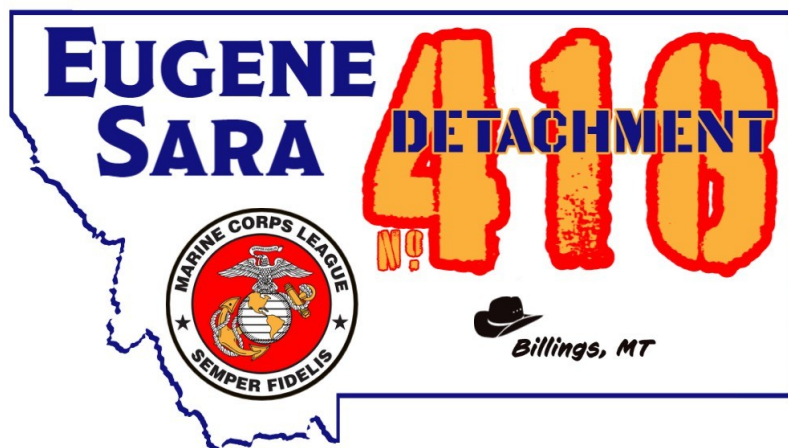
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August 2025 upcoming events

July 30th MODD meeting at Pat Weber's shop at 1830 2210 Anna Dr. Billings

August 11th MCL Regular Business Meeting @1900 at VFW 6774 on Anchor St.

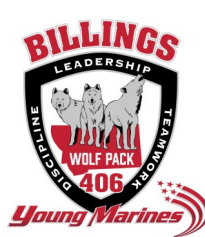
No other details at time newsletter closed out. We are had a busy July with 7 Honor Guards and 1 Color Guard! Thank you so much for those members that are stepping up to make these happen! Great job! Semper Fi

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Senior Vice Commandant Report:

Hello Marines,
 Gun show Coming up in September 5-7. We will need volunteers to man the table as usual. Please let me know if you can help.

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Young Marines Mission Update

July has been a great time for the Young Marines. They did five great days of community service, Presenting color guards for four days and then spent hot days helping keep the fields clean for the State Shoot Tournament. It was a great time for all who were there and participated. On July 13th YMCPL Foreman and YMCPL Schuster accompanied by Mr. Flansburg to Rhode Island to participate in Drill and Ceremony school. Both of these Young Marines worked hard and passed the course and are now certified in Drill and Ceremony for the Young Marines. On July 25th the unit sent four other young marines to Ravenna, Ohio to complete Junior Leadership school. They will return in August, best of luck to them. The unit got to enjoy a fun physical drill night at D1 fitness, really putting themselves through the paces to see where they're at physically. Some struggled, some did great, but it was a great night of fun none the less. The newest round of Poolee's have started their journey in becoming Young Marines they will complete their training in August so best of luck. We are excited to make them part of the unit. August is shaping up to be another great time for the Young Marines.

Tyler Harris
 Unit Commander
 Billings Young Marines Wolf Pack



YOUNG MARINES

YMCPL Foreman and YMCPL Schuster show off their certificates for Drill and Ceremony school.

2025 NATIONAL CONVENTION

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Paymasters Report

Marines,

It's a new membership year! Please submit your annual dues before you become delinquent. **\$35** which can be handed in at the meeting or mailed to our PO Box.

Also, if you are a League member and have a smart phone. Be sure to download the 'Signal' app and contact one of the officers to get you added to our private group chat. We tend to share time sensitive information among the group to include volunteering needs and upcoming events. Stay in the know!

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Chaplains Report:

Hope everyone is having a great summer. Lots of funerals this month, thank you to all the guys stepping up for the honor guards. Take care and stay safe.

Kevin Kuhlman, Chaplain
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**Marine Corps League Eugene Sara
Detachment #418
Meeting Minutes for July 14th, 2025**

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

Roll Call — Jim G., Dean R., Tim B., Kevin K. (excused), Amy H., Al W., Doug W., Pat Weber filling Chaplain Kuhlman's position, past Commandant Tom Lowry on board **New Applications** - Jennifer Arroyo (new I&I Captain), Matt Baro, Both I&I active duty, ID's verified, Dues paid. Motion made to accept Arroyo and Baro as new members (1 Pat W) (2 Tim B) All voted aye. New members accepted and sworn immediately. Carol Jones was sworn in separately. Welcome aboard Jennifer, Matt, and Carol!!

Correspondence — None **Minutes** — **Motion made to accept the May** meeting Minutes as published with the following corrections Jennifer Arroyo is the new I&I Captain and 14 cents per mile is the normal volunteer mileage rate, 70 cents is required business travel rate (1st Pat W.), (2nd Doug W.), all members voted aye and accepted.

Paymaster — Audit was completed without complications. A few minor labeling corrections were noted in minutes. Detachment finances are good. Motion was made to accept Paymasters report(1st Pat W.) and (2nd Dave M.), all voted aye. passed. Al Werk is taking the helm on contacting the webmasters for the units webpage, as they have gotten behind on keeping it current.

Chaplain — Pat Bender, passed away June 8th and interred on July 9th The Ostermiller family, three family members battling cancer, Tiny Metcalfe is now home and getting better, Dennis Sitzler is still in Laurel Health and rehab with a broken shoulder. Alex Ward is having health issues. **Sr. Vice** — None

Jr. Vice — Thank you for the condolences for Pat.

Committee Reports

Riverside — Ralph reported that the county is very happy with the headstone work that is completed and is sending a \$920 check. **Detail Commander** — Unaccompanied remains in July, **Big Sky State Games** July 18th Opening Color Guard on site at 1830.

Young Marines — Pat Weber reports six Young Marines are with Robert Colston in Rhode Island for Junior leadership Training and two other Young Marines are in D.C. with Ziggy Flansburg. **Toys for Tots**—Nothing yet. **250th Marine Birthday Ball** —

Will be at the Double Tree again. **Good of the League** — July 26th at 1600 The detachment will be having a BBQ in honor of Amy Hunts birthday. The BBQ will be at Pat Weber's shop 2550 ANNA DR. Meat products will be provided by Pat Weber and Nick Molina. SO bring a side dish and something to drink.

Old Business — Reauthorization of bookkeeping expenses was brought up by Tom Lowry. No changes were discussed, just getting a vote on maintaining the current allowance for office supplies for the Paymaster. Motion made to reauthorize made (1 Pat W.) (2 Tim B.), all voted aye, passed. Some certificates of appreciation under previous Commandant, for Buglers were taken by Doug Wood so they can be delivered.

Discussion held on donated motorhome disposition and funds realized to league were discussed. The funds will be turned back to community groups such as VNN, VFW, Vets Home to aid Vets, not just Marines. **New Business** — **Amy has been checking into bringing the traveling Viet Nam Memorial back to Billings.** A committee of Amy Hunt, Nick Molina, Dean Roller were chosen to put things together to bid for the wall visit. If you want to help let Amy know. A \$12000 deposit fee is due by end of July. Motion made by (1Tom L.)(2 Pat Weber) to put up \$5000 league funds toward deposit. All voted aye, passed. Tom Lowry and Pat Weber also doated \$5000 personal funds towards the wall deposit. Funds over 12k will go to other required items for the event Yellowstone County Commissioners are supporting the effort. We need to submit 3 Dates, 3 secure locations with parking available and electrical or Generators available and ample room for the wall. Places mentioned: Amed Park, Laurel National Cemetery and Blaine's Flying Service or the Fairgrounds. **Mileage reimbursement** The amount of \$0.70 per mile paid for official league out of town functions, such as conventions, Honor Guards, etc. and \$0.14 per mile on regular travel. Motion made to set this in writing and minutes (1 Pat Weber) and (2 Robert C.) all voted aye, passed. Car pooling will be encouraged as no single person vehicles will be compensated. Other expenses will be addressed as needed. Motion made (1 Tom L)(2 Pat W.) to reimburse three convention goers for mileage and other expenses for May convention. All members voted aye, passed.

—Meeting closed at 1954 hrs.

Next meeting will be August 11th, 2025 at 1900hrs at the VFW on Anchor St.

From: Scott Dunlap
Dept. of Montana/Eugene Sara Detachment
Awards Chair

National Americanism Award

Did you know that the Marine Corps League awards a National Americanism Award? Essentially this annual award is given to both detachments and departments who turn in an Americanism Report in the form of a Bound book, Scrapbook, or Album recording that year's events and participation. The Americanism Report time frame is from National Convention to National Convention. It should contain six (6) and show the following

DETACHMENT- Members, events held, Installations and ceremonies, MC Ball, Memorial Day, Holiday parties, etc.

PROMOTIONS- Marine for life Program, Marines Helping Marines Program, Honor Guard, Firing Squad Bugler, and Color Guard.

ATTENDANCE- League functions, Department conventions /National Conventions your detachment attended, Division Conferences your detachment has attended, hosted, or if any of your detachment members are on the staff of such.

PROGRAMS- Recruiting, membership events, BBQ's, Picnics, assisting with the reserve unit, Welcome home event, activities with other veterans' groups, and support of you Devil Dog Pound.

COMMUNITY EVENTS OR SUPPORT- Toys for Tots, Parades, ceremonies or other civic events.

YOUTH- Youth programs, Eagle Scout Honor Courts, Scholarship Programs, Student Awards, Young Marines, JROTC, respect for the flag classes, etc.

The overall top award for this Americanism Report is the Gil Gray Award. The Gil Gray Award is the most distinguished award to the winning detachment that shows their hard work and Esprit De Corps. As the "Marine of the Year" is the most prestigious award for an individual member, so is an Americanism Award for the Detachment. The newsletter is submitted yearly to the Newsletter competition. The Americanism project would be easy to enter as we have old photo albums and plenty of digital photographs for source materials.



Left—Scenes from the MCL BBQ at Pat Weber's. Scott, Amy, Pat and the Werk's and Herb Tate, Kevin and Dave. Honor Guard at the July Unaccompanied Remains Service at The National Cemetery.

Jr. Vice Commandants Report:

Marines!

The League held a BBQ / Birthday party for Amy, on the 26th, which was fairly well attended by League members. We try to schedule these so we can get together outside the formal meetings and enjoy the company and comradeship. It would be nice to see more membership to out and support the functions

Semper Fi to all!!

Tim Bender, Jr Vice

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P.S. Its been brought to my attention members not getting what they are due, Please let us know so we can fix the problem.



Marine Corps League members L-R: Doug Wood (off picture), Jim Glover, Dave Malkuch, Al Werk, Ralph Mc Kinney, Mike Tolstedt, Don Huffman and David Rose do the volleys at the Unaccompanied Remains Honor Guard at Yellowstone Valley National Cemetery.



**Memorandum of the MODD meeting
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