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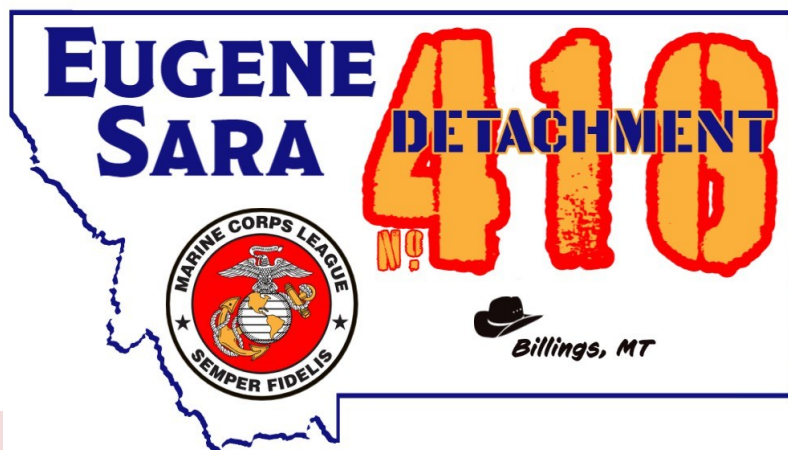
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Young Marines Mission Update

The Young Marines have been busy in June. They started the month with the Queen Bee marathon run passing out water. Also with the Heart and soul run passing food and drinks to those that finished the race. This month the Young Marines had a couple guests to come in and teach them. The first was Crissy from Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks to talk about outdoor safety and bear safety when out in nature. The following week we meet Mr. Sherwood at Riverfront Park to learn some basic land navigation. Both of these lessons will help the Young Marines for their camping trip to Woodbine that will take them on an 8 mile hike. One lucky Young Marine got the privilege of going to the outdoor Odessey camp. We look forward to knowing how that trip goes. Next month will bring great things for the Young Marines.

Katie Bellamy Billings Young Marines Wolf Pack
Patrick G. Weber
Unit Commander Billings Young Marines

July 2025 upcoming events

July 4th Independence Day enjoy the fireworks

July 14th Regular Business Meeting @ Heights VFW on Anchor Street @ 1900hrs.

July 16th Unaccompanied Remains Service Noon at the Laurel National Cemetery

July 18th Big Sky State Games opening Ceremonies Color Guard at Lockwood School.

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

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Senior Vice Commandant Report:

Hello Marines,

The June Gun Show went good as we made \$670 on the raffle and recruited two new members (fingers crossed). Thanks to those who helped out with manning the table, Scott Dunlap, Tim Bender, Ralph McKinney and Herb Tate.

Dean Roller
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Rest in Peace John Ostlund



County Commissioner John Ostlund passed away recently due to a private plane crash near his home. John was well known to many members of Detachment #418 personally and through the league. John was a huge supporter of the league and worked with us on Riverside Cemetery and the National Cemetery in Laurel, MT. Our condolences to Kristie and family. Service at Metrapark, July 12th @1000hrs. Open to the public

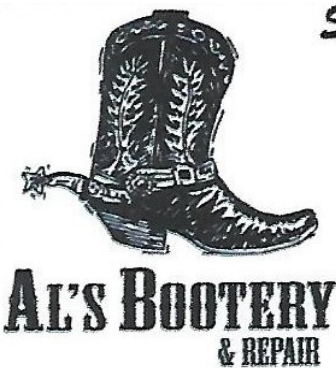
Commandants Message

From the Commandant:

I am not real good when it comes to writing for the newsletter, so I haven't really had much to write about since being elected Commandant. However, I look forward to doing the best job I can for the Detachment and everyone involved. If you have any concerns or comments that you would like me to address, please don't hesitate to let me know and we will find the best course of action to follow in order to make sure everything runs smoothly and is taken care of.

Semper Fi, and we will all work together to accomplish the mission. Semper Fi!

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Join us for a laid-back evening filled with good food, good vibes, and great company. Life moves fast — time to slow down and appreciate the moments that matter most.

Come hungry, Leave happy!

July 26th 2025
4pm til Last Man Standing

Top Hand Trucking Shop
2044 1/2 Anna Drive,
Billings, MT 59102



Numerous Marines from the I&I and Reserves in Billings hold the Flags for the Borner family members in attendance. Thank You The Marines for the Honors for James Borner.



Jr. Vice Commandants Report:

Marines!

As most already know, I lost my wife Patricia the eight of June. Seems like sometimes these things just pile on. Had to take care of Pats Son, Franks estate in February and March. Then losing our good friend , Jim Borner and now Patricia. This year really sucks! I'm just feeling blessed for the rest of my Family, Ashley and Bobby Snow and my fellow League members to help make it through. Beside the well wishes, Ashley & Bobby and Al Werk and his wife have brought food over, which is greatly appreciated. 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.

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

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Paymasters Report

Marines,

June 28th, we completed the required financial audit of the Paymaster reports for the past year by our Financial committee. These selected members had reviewed the bank statements, reports, etc., and ensured there are no discrepancies with my paperwork.

Please keep up on your recruitment efforts to maintain our membership!

Feel free to reach out to me with any membership questions, mailing address updates, and membership card inquiries.

- Amy



Chaplains Report:

Tim Bender lost his wife Pat this month, sorry for your loss Tim. We also lost a great friend of the League in John Ostlund in a plane crash near Billings. David Rose had a fall and screwed up the fusion he just done. Congrats on the grandkids though David. Stay safe and have a great summer. Kevin Kuhlman, Chaplain
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**Marine Corps League Eugene Sara
Detachment #418
Meeting Minutes for June 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. It was decided she did not have to be sworn in. Welcome aboard Carol!!

Minutes — **Motion made to accept the May** meeting Minutes as published in the June newsletter with no changes (1st Pat W.), (2nd Al W.), all members voted aye and accepted.

Paymaster — Maintenance balances are being maintained in the CDs to keep them available if we decide to reopen them. Motion was made to continue this at this time and to accept this report and record of funds as presented (1st Kevin K.) and (2nd Pat W.), all voted aye. passed.

Chaplain — Pat Bender, passed away June 8th. The Ostermiller family, three family members battling cancer, Bens Dad no changes. Tiny Metcalfe is now home and getting better, after breaking a hip. Dennis Sitzler is still in Laurel Health and rehab with a broken shoulder. **Sr. Vice** — Looking for help at the June Gun Show at MetraPark. Members stepped up to take slots for the gun show. **Jr.Vice** — Create turnout for Jim Borners Celebration of Life. Thank you for the condolences for Pat.

Committee Reports

Riverside — Ralph reported that the county is preparing to start working in a new section, Headstones will be ready in the next few weeks and he will be looking for help placing and setting stones.

Detail Commander — May ended up as a busy detail month. June had a Color Guard so far at a traveling memorial for fallen EMS workers nationwide. Symphony in the Park is coming June 29th, we will providing the usual Colors for the Concert. **Young Marines** — Apt Weber has stepped back from the YM Commander role for the time being. He encourages League members with availability to become adult advisors with the Young Marines program. **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** — MT. Dept. of the Marine Corps League awarded the Eugene Sara Detachment with a Unit Meritorious Commendation at the convention. Keith Thompson was given a certification of appreciation. **Old Business** — None.

New Business — Sr.Vice Dean Roller procured a lever action 30-30 Winchester, within budget for the Gun Show June 20-22nd. Ashley & Bobby Snow are donating the metal handicap ramp at their house to the league for any marine that may need it. Just need a working party to pick it up. Relatives of a member are looking to donate a Motorhome to the league. Older motorhome in good shape. Motion to accept the donation and discussion held on what to do with it. Motion was made to accept this donation (1st Doug W.) and (2 Pat W.) all voted aye, passed. Paymaster Amy Hunt wanted to set standards for reimbursement for members attending Dept. or National MCL functions. Mileage, room fees and food expenses were discussed. The amount of \$0.70 per mile paid for official league out of town functions, such as conventions, Honor Guards, etc. and \$0.17 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. Amy is also working on trying to bring the Viet Nam traveling Wall back to Billings. Motion was made to have The Detachment as the host for the event if it becomes scheduled (1 Doug W.) and (2 Pat Weber & Robert C.) all voted aye, passed. **Other new business.** Kevin Kuhlman made a motion to purchase an arrangement for Pat Bender (2 Scott) all voted aye, passed. VFW Post # 6774, is looking for anyone willing to collect door cover charges on band nights at the post. Discussion held on that or donating \$500 to the post. Motion made to donate \$ 500 to the post (1 Doug W.) and (2 Kevin K.) all voted aye, passed. I&I staff introduced their new unit command, Major Jennifer Arroyo, taking over at the end of the month. Welcome to Billings!

Meeting closed at 1944 hrs.

Next meeting will be July 14th, 2025 at 1900hrs at the VFW on Anchor St.



Marine Corps League members L-R: Doug Wood, Ralph Mc Kinney and Dave Malkuch provide a Color Guard honoring local First Responders at the National EMS Memorial tour



Pictured here are Scott Dunlap, Dean roller Ralph McKinney and Tim Bender. First pic includes Herb Tate also. The gun Show went well and may have got us a few new good men!!



Memorandum of the MODD meeting
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