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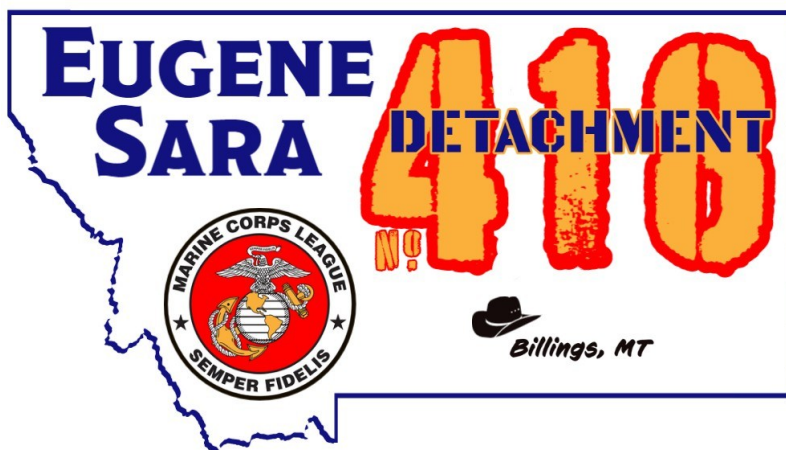
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September 2025 upcoming events

September 9th MCL Regular Business Meeting @1900 at VFW 6774 on Anchor St.

September 18th Organizational Toys for Tots Meeting

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:

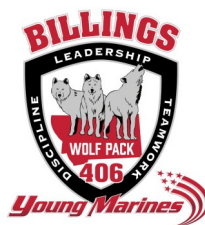
Hello Marines,

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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The Honor Guard team at present arms at the National Cemetery on August 15th.



Young Marines Mission Update

August was a proud month; the unit had 4 Young Marines come back from Junior Leadership school. Young Marine Corporal Lahm received the Honor Grad award. We had a new class of recruits complete their training and graduated into the program that added 12 new Young Marines to the program. There wasn't much in the form of community service but that just meant more time to focus on sign offs and getting closer to the next round of promotions. As always, they are working to improve and move forward.

Tyler Harris Wolf Pack Billings Young Marines
Nick Molina Unit Commander



Young Marines working on Marine Corps knowledge and enjoying chow outside at Pat Webers place.



Commandants Message

A huge Thank you to those members who have been active in the events of the first half of the year. Remember the busiest part is upcoming soon with Toys for Tots and the Birthday Ball. Plus one more GunShow in November.

From the Commandant:

Semper Fi!

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Paymasters Report

Marines,

Please send in your dues if you're an annual member, \$35. Mail the funds to our PO Box or be sure to make the next meeting (second Monday each Month). Also, be on the lookout for Ticket reservations in the coming months. We're expecting to have pricing soon for the Ball Tickets and will reach out for reservations. The ball is scheduled Nov 15th at the Double Tree.

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Chaplains Report:

Hope everyone had a good safe summer. We have a couple of members with health issues, but I can only name one. Mike Wyrwas is currently in home hospice. He could use some prayers and would love to hear from or have some of us come to visit, so do not hesitate to reach out to him. Hope to see you all soon.

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Marine Corps League Eugene Sara Detachment #418 Meeting Minutes for August 11th, 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., (excused), Doug W., past Commandant Tom Lowry on board **New Applications** - None **Correspondence** — Received a Thank You card from American Medical Response for the Color Guard st their First Responder event. Also a thank You card from Smiths Funeral Chapel and \$200 check. We also received a check from the county for payment for setting of the headstones at Riverside Cemetery **Minutes** — Motion made to accept July meeting Minutes with the **following corrections** Total amount from Riverside was changed to show amount true after the expenses. The Young Marines that went to Junior Leadership School & Drill and Ceremonies. Five went to Ohio and two went to Rhode Island. (1st Pat W.), (2nd Doug W.), all members voted aye and accepted. **Paymaster** — Motion was made to accept Paymasters report as read (1st Pat W.) and (2nd Dave M.), all voted aye. passed. The webmaster was contacted about the League page being out of date. Those issues have been addressed and fixed. **Senior Vice** — No report **Junior Vice 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** — Gun Show on Sept. 5,6 and 7 and needing help. **Jr. Vice** — Thank You to the members who were there for support after Pat passed. Thank you for the condolences for Pat. The BBQ that Nick Molina and Pat Weber put was successful, quite a few members and truck drivers participated.

Committee Reports

Riverside — Ralph wanted to thank those that helped complete the detail and the County sent a \$920 check. **Detail Commander** — **August 15th at the National Cemetery –Observance of the cessation of hostilities with Japan at 1400hrs. Young Marines** —

Toys for Tots—Organizational meeting to be held on **September 18th time TBA.** **250th Marine Birthday Ball** — Will be at the Double Tree again on November 18th, no price on tickets yet. Prices will be put out when we have them. The Den will be hosting the Marine Corps Birthday on November 10th (not the Ball) **Good of the League** — July 26th at 1600 The detachment held a BBQ in honor of Amy Hunts birthday. Old Business — Rifle for the Gun Show raffle rifle. Pat weber will work with Dean on acquiring another .308 rifle. Blake Furhiman with VNN addressed the members about how to dispose of the Motorhome which was donated or best uses and practices with the funds **New Business** — **Amy is working on bringing the traveling Viet Nam Memorial back to Billings.** A committee of Amy Hunt , Nick Molina, Dean Roller, Tim Bender and Tom Lowry starting to put things together to bid for the wall visit. If you want to help let Amy know. Possible sights at the Reserve Center or Centennial Park. **Former member Randy Minkoff, who sat in on the meeting tonight, made it known he wanted to rejoin the League, he was given a membership form to fill out updated information, then re-sworn with Commandant Jim Glover.**
—Meeting closed at 1953 hrs.

Next meeting will be September 8th, 2025 at 1900hrs at the VFW on Anchor St.



This Veterans Meat Locker Give away and Veterans Pasta Meal are the same day, place & time (11-1500) Semptember 6th at Faith E- Church 3146 Sweetwater Dr. (West End). The Vet connect BBQ is at Veterans Park on September 23rd





The Illustrious Pound Keeper of Pound 385 (Billings, MT.) Gales Growlers at the National convention in Dallas, Texas. Pound Puppies from all over the Country gather for the Grand Growl. Wonder who won the Best in Breed?? As shown below they actual had a fire hydrant the size of Texas. Scott spent most of his time on gaining his pedigree while in Texas.



A Message From Scott Dunlap, Awards Chair

Hello all, I hope this finds you in good spirits and health. I would like to recommend to the detachment that we form a couple of Standing Committees. These committees exist at a national level, and I believe they would be of use to us at the detachment level. These committees are the **Marine of the Year Society & the Associate of the Year Society**. They would mostly be an inactive body until the beginning of the year and through the awards season. Each society would consist of three (3) prior awardees of the respective award and must be members in good standing of the detachment. The directions for these committees can be found in two places of the National Policies and Procedures. Enclosure (4) and Section 3105. I feel there are a few benefits to seating these committees. We have an active detachment within our community; we have since I can remember. At the end of the year there is a stack of After-Action Reports that are to be sorted for member participation, time involved and the nature of the activity. It is a lot. From these awards are decided, two of them being the Marine of the Year and the Associate of the Year. These committees would receive nominations for these two awards and make the decisions for the year. They then would then push a nomination for each award up to Department Level for the year. In doing so I believe there is a bit of camaraderie to build upon in recognizing each other's involvement and commitment. In turn, by pushing awards up, it also helps to be recognized by our peers across our Department, our Division and ultimately our Nation. Semper Fidelis, Scott



Jr. Vice Commandants Report:

Marines!

Not much to report this month. We have Toys for Tots getting ready to start soon and in November the Marine Birthday party at the Den on the 10th as well as the Marine Corps Ball on the 18th. We should have info on the Ball prices soon. Our Christmas party will be in early December. Discussion will be held as to the location and/or catering.

Semper Fi to all!!

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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.



Above — Marine Corps League members L-R: Ralph Mc Kinney, Doug Wood, Don Huffman and Jim Glover with Marine and Young Marine members followed by the Flags of the Montana Indian Nations at the opening Ceremonies of the Big Sky State Games.



Above— Doug Wood (behind Ralph), Jim Glover, Don Huffman, Bill Bishop, Tom Lowry and Dave Malkuch standby for Volleys at the Cessation of Hostilities with Japan anniversary ceremony.

**Memorandum of the MODD meeting
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More pictures of the Honors Rifle Team at the National Cemetery.

I would like to formally invite you all to the 1st annual MCL Department of MT Yellow Footprints BBQ in Bozeman on Saturday November the 8th. The purpose of this BBQ is camaraderie and recruiting. The future of our Detachments and Department is out there and they don't know we exist. Attached is a flyer that all Detachments can distribute around their communities. Detachment Commandants, please get this information to all of your members. Contact myself or Leslie with any questions. More information will be given as we get closer to the event. Thank you, Semper Fi.

Ben Ostermiller
Commandant
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