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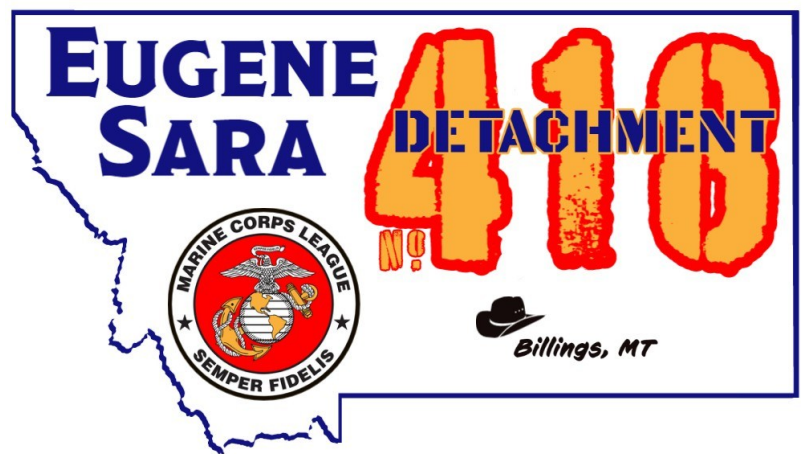
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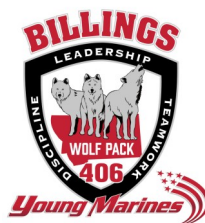
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Young Marines Mission Update

The Young Marines had a good time this September. They did a small amount of community service. First, helping runners at the "Quityerbitchin" run at Phipps Park. Then the Young Marine got the honor of presenting the colors for the B.A.S.T.A.R.D.S. MC 911 remembrance ride. They have rounded out the month by completing their own PFT this month. They tested their physical abilities and saw how much they have improved through the summer. The Young Marines are finishing this month by helping at the Rely for Life celebration on life event. They are also pressing forward with collecting donations and finding event sponsors for their upcoming Dinner and auction to raise money for the next year. Their also excited to be receiving their new digital uniforms next month and showing their new look at the fund raiser.

October 2025 upcoming events

October 1st Unaccompanied Remains Service at National Cemetery at Noon.
October 10th Burial at National
October 13th MCL Regular Business Meeting @1900 at VFW 6774 on Anchor St.

Thank you to those members that are always available for our detail Requirements. Great job! Semper Fi

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Senior Vice Commandant Report:

Hello Marines,

Toys for Tots will be starting up soon, waiting to hear from the Marines, Gun show Coming up in November, Black Friday Weekend. We will need volunteers to man the table as usual. Please let me know if you can help.

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Right & below -Young Marines working on Marine Corps PFT and Presenting Colors downtown. Color Guard Sergeant YMCPL Foreman, Unit Colors YMPFC Budell, Left Rifle YMPFC Thomas, Right Rifle YMPVT Mraz



Commandants Message

Remember the busiest part is upcoming soon with Toys for Tots and the Birthday Ball. Plus one more Gun Show in November.

From the Commandant:

Semper Fi!

Jim Glover Commandant,

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Paymasters Report

Marines,

As the temperatures drop and fall settles in, don't hide indoors just yet!

The Young Marines are hosting a 5K this October. This is a perfect chance to get outside, get moving, and support a great cause. I'll be there, will you? Sign up today at link below and let's show up strong for our youth!

PS. Pay your Dues! 14 Regular members and 4 Associate members need to get caught up!!

— Amy (406)901-7219

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Chaplains Report:

All,

Hope every one is doing well, not much to say this month. I hope some of you have paid Mike Wyrwas a visit. and maybe said a prayer or two for him.

Kevin Kuhlman, Chaplain

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Marine Corps League Eugene Sara Detachment #418 Meeting Minutes for September 8th, 2025

1900 – Meeting called to Order by Commandant Jim Glover

ritual followed.

Roll Call — Jim G., Dean R., Tim B., Kevin K., Amy H. (arriving late), Al W, Doug W., past Commandants Tom Lowry & Mike Tolstedt on board **New Applications** - Saige Falff, Known to Amy, DD214 verified, Kathy Werk, Same. (Al Werk). Saige was sworn at this time, Kathy was unavailable and will be sworn later. Meeting suspended for introductions. Restarted at 1908. **Correspondence** — None

Minutes — Motion made to accept July meeting Minutes with the following corrections Marine Corps 250th Birthday Ball was mis-typed and should read the 15th (**Saturday**). (1st Pat W.), (2nd Doug W.), all members voted aye and accepted. **Paymaster** — Motion was made to move Paymasters report until her arrival, Amy arrived approximately 1930. Motion was made to accept Paymasters report as read (1st Tim B.) and (Pat W.) 2nd), all voted aye. Passed. **Senior Vice** — The Gun Show went well, Rifle was drawn to JD Miller. **Junior Vice** — Request put out for place to hold Christmas party, or do it at the VFW and cater (with the popular white elephant). Overwhelming choice was for the VFW and White elephant! Jackie said she & Kevin Kuhlman would research catering choices & venues. **Chaplain** — Darrell Theissen and Mike Wyrwas are in poor health currently(Mike would like visitors). 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.

Committee Reports

Riverside — No report, project is done for the season. Vets Council - None

Detail Commander — Service for Marine, Lind in Lavina September 12th. Service at Mountview Cemetery Sept. 20th. **Young Marines** — Nick Molina has taken the reigns as the unit Commander for the Young Marines. They are looking for support with the program by raising funds through a dinner and auction at the Billings Hotel & convention center on November 1st. (\$500 per table of 8) Motion made to fund them \$2000 through ticket purchase (16 seats) for active members. Motion made by Doug W.

(Tom Jones & Dean Roller) to purchase the tickets.

Toys for Tots — No representatives on hand, awaiting information. **250th Marine Birthday Ball** — Will be at the Double Tree again on November 15th, price is \$60 per person.

Member Randy Minkoff will be hosting the Marine Corps Birthday on November 10th (not the Ball) at The Den.

Good of the League — The National Convention voted on Chaplain Kuhlman's request to allow the wearing of the Cross device on the covers, it was voted down. **Old Business** — On the RV donation, the unit in current shape books (KBB) at \$87000. Young Marine Commander Molina would use his group to support us as needed to sell or raffle the Motorhome. Motion to sell 2500 raffle tickets until that number is exhausted. Motion was made and passed by all members present to conduct the raffle. We need to get pictures which are available to post. **New Business** —

Commandant Jim Glover presented a plaque from the National Convention to Tim Bender for a 2nd place showing in the National Newsletter competition, Yay!!! Chaplain Kuhlman brought up that Ashley Borner has a handicap ramp and wants to donate it. They need a working party to remove it from the residence. Dean Roller brought up that we need to procure another firearm for the upcoming Gunshows, He mentioned that the .308 is a popular platform and asked Pat W. if he could work on acquiring a working class .308

Meeting closed at 2002 hrs.

Next meeting will be October 13th, 2025 at 1900hrs at the VFW on Anchor St.



Sr. Vice Dean Roller with DJ Miller, the winner of the September Rifle Raffle



The Pound Keeper freshly back from his trip to Grapevine, TX.(between Dallas & Fort Worth) For the convention. Pound Keeper Scott Dunlap Presents Tim Bender with the Pound Dog of the Year plaque for 2025.

Thanks, Scott!!



Jr. Vice Commandants Report:

Marines!

Wow, multiple surprises this month! Starting with a 2nd Place plaque from the National Newsletter competition for 2025. Then our Pack Leader for the Military order of Devil Dogs Presents me with the Devil Dog of the Year certificate & plaque. Devil dogs are the fun & Honor society. You should try it !! 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.

Memorandum of the MODD meeting
November 19th at Pat Weber's shop
at 1830 hrs. 2210 Anna Dr. Billings,
MT. If interested, you need to have
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 Jim Glover,
 Dave Malkuch,
 Bill Bishop,
 Doug Wood,
 Ralph McKinney,
 Dave Rose,
 Don Huffman,
 Kevin Kuhlman
 & Randy Grow
 (Bugler)



**Happy Birthday to Tim
 10/13 and Columbus Day!!**

Happy Halloween!



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
Department of Montana, MCL

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE YELLOW FOOTPRINTS TAILGATE PARTY



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8th AT 10 AM



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