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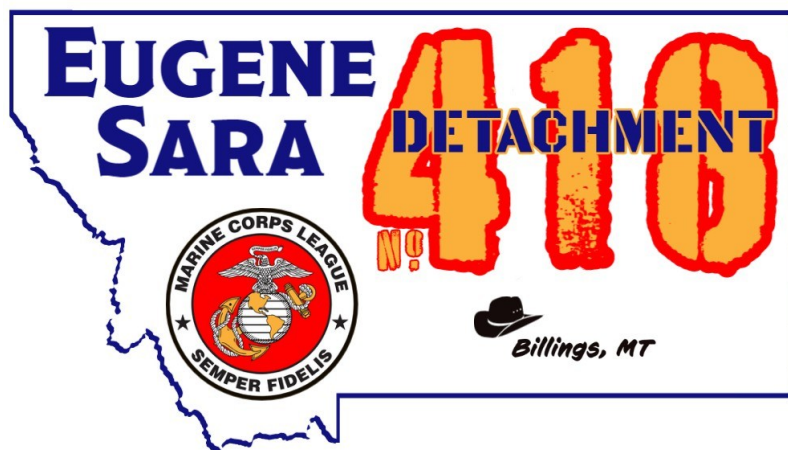
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November MCL Meeting will be held Nov. 3 at 1900, due to Marine birthday on the 10th.
Marine Corps Birthday Ball is Canceled, Further information in articles

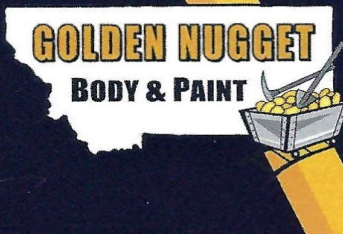
Commandants Message

The Birthday Ball was canceled by the Government shutdown. However Bozeman is hosting a ball on November 8th at 1700hrs. Tickets are \$65.87 per person (Formal). There is also a Tailgate party in Bozeman on the 8th. Tailgate is free, football game, don't know. November 10th Randy Minkoff is hosting a Marine Corps Birthday Party at the Den on the 10th. Remember Toys for Tots and the Plus one more Gun Show in November.

From the Commandant:

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Paymasters Report

Marines,

The Marine Corps Ball has Officially been canceled, this is per I&I 1st Sgt Cates. Due to the government shutdown. I will be reimbursing all tickets paid for already. In lieu of the ball, they are combining efforts with the den. Official cake cutting ceremony, etc., So be sure to attend the celebration at the Den on the 10th. 14 Regular members and 4 Associate members need to get dues caught up!! We are doing paperwork for receiving the "Wall that Heals" traveling exhibit. Planning meeting on November 5th at VNN offices at 7 North 31st @ 1700hrs.

Amy

Chaplains Report:

All,

It has been a busy year for funerals, I would like to say thank you to all of you who spend your time doing the firing details. Tom Jones just had cataract surgery and is home, doing well. Darryl Thiessen is at St. Johns rehab, may be going home today. During covid, it appears we lost another member. Lou Harwood passed on June 17th, 2020, he was a life member of our League, he served in WWII & Korea. Also, pray for Mike Wyrwas. As always stay safe and have a great month. Happy Halloween.

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November 2025 upcoming events

November 1st Young Marines Fundraiser 1800 Billings Hotel on Mullowney In.

November 3rd MCL Regular Business Meeting @1900 at VFW 6774 on Anchor St.

November 5th Wall that Heals planning meeting VNN office on 7 North 31st all welcome.

November 8th Bozeman events— MSU football n Tailgate party 10am Brick Breeden Fieldhouse Parking lot. Look for Marine Flags and Canopies.

November 10th Marine Corps Birthday Party at the Den on Grand Ave 1800. Marine Corps Ball Canceled due to government shutdown.

November 27th Happy Thanksgiving!!

November 28th Black Friday Toys for Tots events at Walmart's, Etc.

November 28th—30th Gun show at Metrapark

Thanks again to those members that make our details and services happen! Semper Fi!

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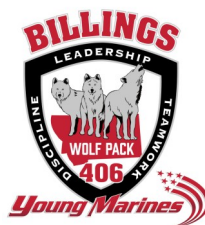
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Senior Vice Commandant Report:

Hello Marines,

Toys for Tots is up, events list coming soon, Black Friday and Gun show Coming up November 28-30. 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

The month of October has been a great month for the Young Marines. They started the month by pushing hard to raise donations and baskets for the upcoming 9th annual dinner and auction fundraiser. They presented color guard at the Optimist Club conference, that same day they kicked off red ribbon week with the Great Masked Pumpkin Race to support their DDR efforts. Race 406 was a big help in getting that event set up and going. All the kids ran the 3k and successfully crossed the finish line. They also got to have some fun by being zombies at the Haunted Hillner scare maze. They ended the month with an awards ceremony where they got to acknowledge all their accomplishments over the last quarter. With November just around the corner, the Young Marines are looking to be busier than ever. Don't forget to follow our public Facebook page to keep up with all things going on with the Young Marines.

Wolf Pack
 Billings Young Marines Nick Molina Unit Commander



**Marine Corps League Eugene Sara
Detachment #418
Meeting Minutes for October 13th, 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., past Commandant Tom Lowry

New Applications - Kathy Werk, (Al Werk– spouse) and Brandy Hand, (Glen-spouse) application approved by all members. Motion to suspend meeting for introductions (Tim), (Pat). Voted aye, suspended 1903, Restarted at 1906. **Correspondence** — None **Minutes** — Motion made to accept September meeting minutes as presented, (1st Pat W.), (2nd Al W.), all members voted aye and accepted.

Paymaster — Motion was made to accept Paymasters report as read (1st Tim B.) and (Dean R.) 2nd), all voted aye. Passed. **Senior Vice** — No report until new business on the Gun Show.

Junior Vice— Membership decided to hold the Christmas party at the VFW (which was OK'd by the VFW) with the popular white elephant. Jackie presented findings on catering possibilities and Kathy Werk advised she was a great cook and enjoyed it and would be happy to do the **Christmas party dinner (December 8th) meeting** for the League at less cost than was being looked at. **Chaplain** — Darrell Theissen is at St. John's Rehab 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. Dave Rose having back surgery, will be down for up to three months, Dave also lost his mother recently.

Committee Reports

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

Detail Commander — There were 3 Services held at National along with unaccompanied remains service. Doug has been in communication with the Main Armory in charge of the ceremonial weapons. Our count was inaccurate as was corrected by Doug, he also sent a damaged rifle back to them. There is also a Service on the 16th. **Young Marines** — Nick Molina, unit Commander Young Marines has a roster going around to sign people up for the Young Marine Dinner & auction. Sign up if you are going. At Billings Hotel & convention center on November 1st. 16 seats for active members. In regards to the RV— small leaks have been found in the roof around the wiring that will need to be repaired, due to mold. Nick is looking into repairs and costs. **Toys for Tots**—The boxes are being put out by the I&I and reservists, more info upcoming. The **250th Marine Birthday Ball** — *At the Doubletree November 18th \$60 per person. Motion to pay member ticket costs to the ball, plus ones or others full price. Discussion held on why league is using unit funds to purchase member tickets. Motion was amended to members paying \$30 & Plus pay \$60. Motion was amended back to pay \$60 for members & associate members. One dissenting vote, all others voted aye, passed.* A motion (Kevin) (Pat) was made to hold \$3500 in a separate account for the Marine Corps Ball as needed for I&I donation for next year. All voted aye, passed. **Good of the League** — **October 25th at 1700 hrs. Halloween Party at Pat Weber's Shop.** A Motion made to move the regular business meeting to **November 3rd** in lieu of the Birthday party at the Den (Randy) (Pat). All voted aye!! **As mentioned previous Kathy Werk has volunteered to cook the Christmas party dinner for the detachment on 12/8.** A motion was made (Pat) (Scott) to use league funds to pay up to \$20 per dinner, all voted aye, passed. An average of 30 members, totals \$600, if needed. Menu of Ham, Turkey and Garlic mashed potatoes. The Christmas party will be a White Elephant with Booze, Ammo or Ornaments as choices— Old Business — The rifle for the November Gun Show will be a Henry .223 lever action. **New Business** — none

Meeting closed at 2004 hrs.

****Next meeting will be on November 3rd, 2025 at 1900hrs at the VFW on Anchor St. ****

Late Announcement!!— Marine Corps Ball Canceled due to Government shutdown League will reimburse the member tickets already paid for. The Allerd Detachment in Bozeman is having a ball on the 5th at \$65.87 per person and Cody hosts a ball every year, but I have no details on that one. **Member Randy Minkoff will be hosting the Marine Corps Birthday on November 10th (not the Ball) at The Den on Grand Ave.**

**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
1 year MCL membership and \$20**

Jr. Vice Commandants Report:

Marines!

Busy month ahead, **November 1st is the Young Marines Banquet and auction, the 3rd will be the Regular league meeting** due to the **Marine Corps Birthday party on the 10th at the Den on Grand.** The 8th is the **MSU Veterans Appreciation game and tailgate party in Bozeman** and the **Robert Allerd Detachment Ball** the same night. Limited tickets left. If you want to go to their ball, may want to call for reservations. **Then Happy Thanksgiving!** Next items are Black Friday Toys for tots in the usual locations and the Gun Show, both November 28-30th. Help will be needed at those events. We should have a list of more Toys for Tots happenings on the next meeting (3rd).

On a separate front, the League has received tentative approval to host the Viet Nam Memorial "Wall that Heals" traveling exhibit in Billings. Amy is spearheading the project and is looking for help in planning and execution. There is a planning meeting set for November 5th at the VNN office at 7 N.31st. Watch for more information on this as the project progresses in the coming months. Things will start moving fast and help will be needed.

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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

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Above & Right—Other Pictures from the Hartnett Service at National. Steve Mc Cullom, Director of the Cemetery, presents a Citation to the spouse. Below—Firing detail for Tyler Wengler service. Left to right: Randy Grow (Bugler), Jim Glover, Tom Lowry, Ralph McKinney, Bill Bishop, Don Huffman, Dave Malkuck and Al Werk. Detail Commander Doug Wood.



A young Marine in costume as a monster chicken or Yeti is on hand at Sr. Vice Dean Rollers Haunted House for Toys for Tots , which he put on at his residence in Billings.

