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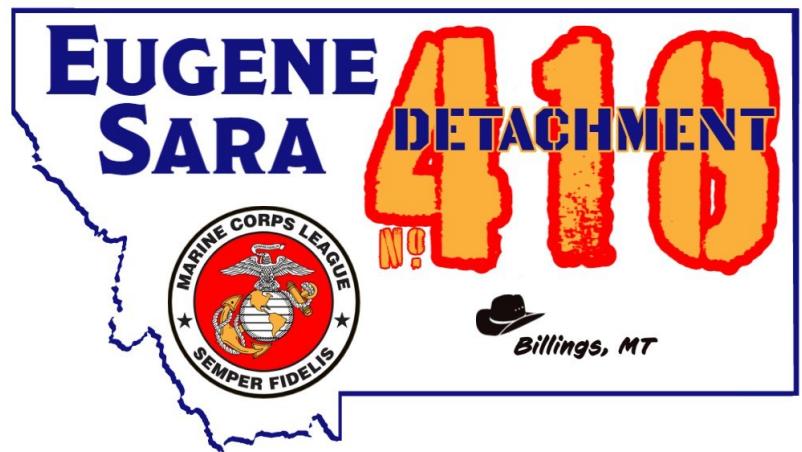
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Dept. of Montana BBQ & Tailgate Party In Bozeman November 8th at 1000hrs.



## January 2026 upcoming events

**January 7th Unaccompanied Remains Service at National Cemetery at Noon.**

**January 12th 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,

I hope everyone had a great Christmas and thanks to all that helped with the Toys for Tots campaign. We got a lot of toys in and quite a bit that went out to the families in need. Its all quiet for a couple weeks, then we start up again. Hope everyone stays safe and healthy. See you next year.

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Adult advisors and parents watch as Young Marines receive promotions in December. Great work Marines keep it up!!



## Young Marines Mission Update



As the Young Marines year comes to an end, they have completed their final community service events for the year. They helped with the Wreaths Across America, making sure every head stone has a wreath. Sadly, due to the weather, they did not get to help place the wreaths when the time came. They assisted the Marines with the Toys for Tots collecting toys and money to help families in need. We closed out the month with a final family great together dinner with a special promotion ceremony. We had three Young Marines work hard all year long to make their next promotion. Congratulations to Young Marines Foreman, Lahm & Schuster for make the promotion to Young Marine Sergeant. We look forward to the next year and seeing what these three will accomplish in the next year to come. A big thank you to all the adult volunteers who worked hard throughout the year to support the Young Marines and make all the events possible and to the parents for making sure their Young Marine came to drill and all the events. We are excited to start again next year and to bring more kids into this great unit. Merry Christmas to everyone and Happy New Year.

Katie Bellamy Wolf Pack Billings Young Marines  
Nick Molina Unit Commander

## Commandants Message

From the Commandant,

I hope everyone had a great Christmas and has a Happy New Year. Lets all stay safe & healthy as well.

Semper Fi!

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## Paymasters Report

Marines,

I would like to share that I will be stepping down from my volunteer role as Paymaster/Adjutant. Serving in this position has been a valuable experience. As part of good ethical practice, it is healthy for financial roles such as Paymaster to rotate periodically. Bringing in a new volunteer helps ensure transparency, fresh perspective, and strong accountability. This will also allow me the time needed to pursue other obligations.

With that in mind, please make it known if you'd be interested in this position so we can accommodate a smooth transition in time for elections. If you are interested in volunteering for this role or would like more information, please reach out to myself or any of the officers.

See you all at the next meeting!

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## Chaplains Report:

All,

I hope everyone had a great holiday season. No reports of sick or injured. Let us hope that this year will not be as busy as last year. Happy New Year to All!

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

## 1848 – Meeting called to Order by Commandant Jim Glover.

ritual followed.

Roll call not taken as this was a short business, a quorum of officers was present. The minutes were not read, also no treasurer report as Paymaster Amy Hunt was not available (excused). The Reports were available online. Upcoming December events included the “Wreaths across America” and the service for Mike Wyrwas at Faith e-Church. Information was passed that Tom Jones is not able to drive due to health conditions and would need a ride to attend functions. A big thanks was put out by membership to Al and Kathy Werk for putting on the Christmas party dinner for the detachment. Young Marines have been doing well with their assigned missions. They are looking for a new Commandant. The toys for tots have wrapped the events and are preparing for distribution at Metrapark and Ralph McKinney and the I&I pass along many thanks for the help provided at events. Distribution begins on 12/15 through the 17th. A motion was made to donate \$1000 USD funds to bicycle helmets for the Toys For Tots (as has been done in the past) (Kevin) (Nick) Discussion was held on any left over funds from the helmet purchase going to toys/games for teenagers. All voted aye. Passed.

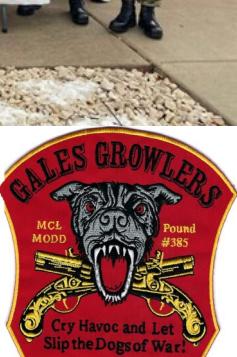
Two new ribbons were presented to Jim Glover that came from the National Convention For the Detachment flag.      No old business      No new Business to close the year.    Christmas party Commences.

**Meeting closed at 1900 hrs.**

**Next meeting will be January 12th, 2025 at 1900hrs at the VFW on Anchor St.**



Ralph McKinney, our local Marines and a squad of Young Marines at Valley Credit Union and another group of YM and Marines with Doug Wood at Dillards collecting Toys For Tots.



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Even our Favorite associate member Carol Jones Put time in for Toys For Tots at Laurel for collections and pictured here at distribution at Metrapark. Getting hugs from everyone including Don H.

#### Jr. Vice Commandants Report:

Marines!

Well we made it to the end of another year. Some of us lost friends and family over the last twelve months and it has not been fun. Always remember them in your hearts. The Wall is coming in 2026 and we will need plenty of help with the project, don't be afraid to get involved. Thanks again to Al and Kathy for the great Christmas party dinner and to Jackie for the white elephant fun afterwards. We will be coming up on elections soon, keep that in mind.

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.**

Pictured below— The Toys for Tots distribution crew on break at Metrapark. Ralph McKinney and Tim Bender present Alex Ward with two long overdue certificates from the League. Ralph, Tim, Dan, Don, Doug, Joe Aguilar and 1stSgt and I&I Marines look on.

**Memorandum of the MODD meeting**  
**January 14th at Pat Weber's shop at**  
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Pearl Harbor Day 2025 at Laurel National Cemetery. If you look closely near the flag in both pictures, some of the rounds can be seen flying after being fired. Detail members include Tom Lowry, Al Werk, Don Huffman, Dave Rose, Ralph McKinney, Dave Malkuch, Doug Wood and Mike Tolstedt. Steve McCollum addresses the small Pearl Harbor crowd. Randy Stiles stands by.



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**Happy New Year to all!**



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