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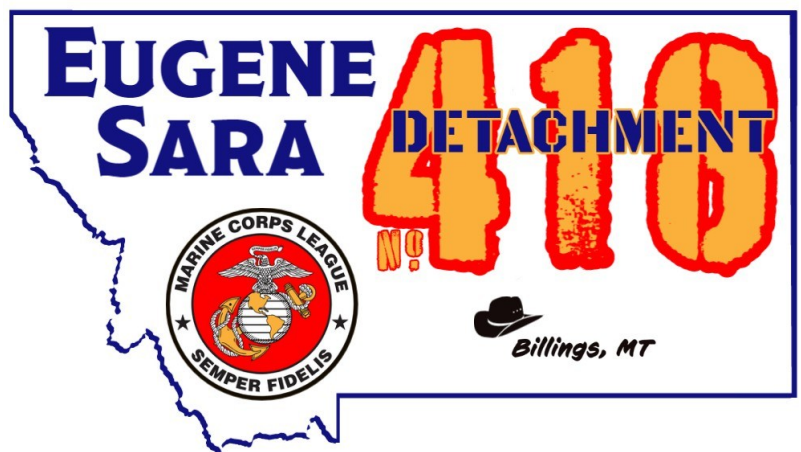
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Veterans Meat Locker and Sweetheart Breakfast 0800 February 7th at Faith eChurch and Veterans Navigation Network Resource event at Billings Hotel & Convention center (see pg4).

Commandants Message

Members of the League,

Some idiots have hacked into our email addresses and are again sending email requests in my name and Ostermillers to send money/Gift cards that are supposed gifts for members. **THIS IS A SCAM!!!!. DO NOT SEND OR SPEND MONEY UNLESS YOU CHECK with the email owner by phone.** In most email, if you click on the sender name it will show you who its from. If you don't recognize it delete it as SPAM! Beware and Aware Marines!

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Paymasters Report

Hello Marines,

Just a reminder that I'll be stepping down from my current position, at the upcoming election. If you are interested in the Paymaster/Adjutant position please reach out to Jim Glover. If we had two people interested, we could split the position like before. So let us know!

Otherwise, we are making good progress with planning for The Wall That Heals visit in July. Be sure to check our website or facebook for updates. See you at the next meeting from July 2nd to July 5th. Details pending.
<https://www.vvmf.org/The-Wall-That-Heals>

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Chaplains Report:

All,

Hello everyone. Hope this finds everyone doing well. We had a busy start to the new year. We ended up with three funerals since the last newsletter. Martin Baker on the 29th of December at National, Richard John Propp, 62 years old, in Ballantine on the 17th of January and Gary Schneider, 78 years old, at National on the twenty third of January. Lloyd Metcalf lost his wife, Jaynee on January 8th. Our sincere condolences for the family's loss. Services have been held. **P.S.** Elections are coming up, most of our officers are staying in their positions, with the exception of our paymaster. We have a volunteer for that position, but we still do not have an adjutant. So if you are looking for a way to be more involved and support this wonderful Detachment, please feel free to reach out. The election committee is headed by Doug Schlepp and myself. Hope to see you all at the next meeting. Stay safe and have a great month.
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Senior Vice Commandant Report:

Hello Marines,

Please step up and help at the **Veterans Navigation Network expo on Feb. 7th** and the **MATE Show on Feb. 12-14th** and the **Gun Show February 20th-22nd**. Don't forget Let me know Where you can help, since these are over consecutive week-ends.

Dean Roller
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February 2026 upcoming events

February 7th —Veterans Meat locker and Sweethearts Breakfast at 0830. Faith e Church 3145 Sweetwater Dr. in Billings.

February 7th — Veterans Navigation Network Resource Expo at 0930. Billings Hotel& Convention ctr

February 9th – MCL Regular Business Meeting
 @1900 at VFW 6774 on Anchor St.
 Thanks again to those members that make our details and services happen Throughout the year!
 Semper Fi!

We have had two very cold Honor Guards the last couple of weeks and as usual the guys answered the call and did a great job! One Color Guard scheduled for January in support of the Convention of Counties 10 January!

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Kevin Kuhlman stands by as The I&I Marine detail finish folding the US Flag for presentation to the family. Below the Honors firing detail begins the volleys. Detail members include Randy Grow on Bugle, Dave Rose, Don Huffman. Doug Wood, Bill Bishop, Ralph McKinney, Dave Malkuch, Mike Tolstedt and Al Werk



No report for the Young Marines for January 2026.

Nick Molina Unit Commander

Marine Corps League Eugene Sara Detachment #418 Meeting Minutes for January 8th, 2026

1858 – Meeting called to Order by Commandant Jim Glover

Roll Call — Jim G., Dean R., Tim B., Kevin K., Amy H. , Al W, Doug W., past-past Cmdt Tom Lowry

Correspondence — Two returned letters from Doyle Jackson in Arizona. (Researching issue). Membership dues payment from L.Moffett, Thank you. New Applications—None **Minutes** — Minutes were read and no corrections noted. Motion made to approve (Kevin) (Don), all members voted aye, Passed.

Paymaster — Reports from November & December read with no corrections. Paymaster advised that the Miles City “ Squad B” was officially closing down as their members have been passing. They advised they were going to use part of their remaining funds to close out the squads expenses and remaining funds will be returned to Detachment #418 paymaster. Amy also advised that 15 (fifteen) members are not paid in the new membership cycle yet. Motion to accept paymasters report (Tim) (Don), All members voted Aye, Accepted. **Senior Vice** — No report **Junior Vice**— No Report **Chaplain** — Tom Jones is

no longer able to drive after dark. Pete Siegel also needs rides by someone with a pickup for his wheel-chair. Please if you can give either of them a lift to attend meetings, reach out to them. Darrel Theissen has been sick, but on the mend. Tiny Metcalfe lost his wife Jaynee, just before year end, Condolences to Tiny and his Family. **Committee Reports** **Riverside** — No report, done for the season.

Vets Council - None. **Detail Commander** — Nothing scheduled until February **Finance Committee** — None **Young Marines** — Young Marines are staying busy with multiple details. **Toys**

for Tots— The last events and distribution went very well. Ralph wanted to thank all those that helped make it successful. Old Business — none. **Good of the League** — Scott discussed upcoming awards, there will be a submissions period to turn in award nominations, Al Werk and past Marine and Associate of the year will be on the committee. Kevin and Doug Schlepp will be on the elections committee. **New Business** -- New Assoc. member Randy Grow approached the League about a donation for \$150 to replace the Soldiers Cross rifle at the National Cemetery which was destroyed by high winds. This was tabled to the next meeting in February for research. Young Marines correction to minutes from September 2025. minutes should have read \$4000 donation to the YM fundraising, motion by (Tom) (Kevin), all voted aye. Recently deceased include Lou Harwood and Milton Wyrwas. We need to procure more dog tags from the Navy for our Remembrance board. **Meeting closed at 1929 hrs.**

The next meeting will be held on February 9th



These event are on the same Day. The Meat locker Giveaway and Breakfast is at Faith e Church on Sweetwater Dr. (off 32nd St West). Beginning at 0800-1100.

The Veterans Navigation starts at 0930 the same day so you can take in both events if you like. The VNN event will be in the Convention center at the Billings Hotel on Mullowney Ln. south of the 446 (West Billings exit).

A blue and red poster for the "VETERAN AND COMMUNITY EXPO". At the top, it says "VETERANS NAVIGATION NETWORK". Below that, "VETERAN AND COMMUNITY EXPO" in large red letters. Then, "SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2026" with a star icon. Below that, "DOORS OPEN AT 9:30AM • EVENT ENDS AT 2:00PM". A section titled "Open to the Community" lists "Billings Hotel and Convention Center 1223 Mullowney Lane • Billings MT 59101". It also says "Prompt Start of Opening Ceremony at 10:00am". A photo of Kelly Rael is shown with the text "Guest Speaker: Kelly Rael Army Veteran and Special Advisor to the Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs." Below that, a list of features: "We expect 60+ Service Providers", "More than 30 Employers", "Food and Refreshments", "Door Prizes and More", "Activities for Kids". At the bottom, it says "THIS FREE EVENT WILL FEATURE" and "Breakout sessions throughout". A small note at the very bottom says "If your organization would like to attend, please contact TJ 406-696-3425 or TJ@veteransnavigation.org".

Memorandum of the MODD Growl

March 11th at Pat Weber's shop at 1830hrs. 2210 Anna Dr. Billings, MT. If interested, you need to have 1 year MCL membership and \$20

Devil Dogs

The corrected dates for the Department Convention in Great Falls is May 22-24, 2026

I apologize for giving out the wrong information.....Jim

Jr. Vice Commandants Report:

Marines!

The League moving forward with the fund-raising for "The Wall that Heals" traveling exhibit coming to Billings. Amy is the project leader and doing great so far. We have a ways to go with plenty of time. Watch for more information on this as the project progresses, Things will start moving fast and help will be needed. I only had one person inquire about a Sweethearts Dinner. I didn't bring it up because only myself and two others expressed interest last year. I may bring it up again... This is what happened to the SOS breakfasts we used to do, not enough interest. We can always bring them back.

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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.



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The Devil Dog crew has a swinging good time at the last meeting wearing nylons with tennis balls on their head and seeing who could navigate the course the fastest knocking down bottles. Scott Dunlap and Nick Molina (in the campaign cover) did the best of the heats.

In the bottom pictures, Nick Molina takes cover as Dean Rollers nerf dueling pistol misfires. No clear winners in this game, so everybody won. Yay!

