

Magic City Marine

March 2026 Newsletter

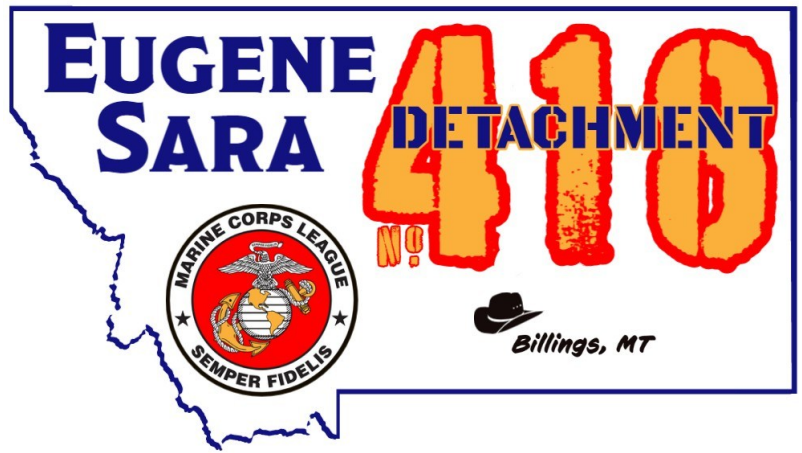
A publication of Billings, MT. and Northwest Regional Marine Corps League events & happenings.

Distribution— Bill Bishop

Photos— Tim Bender, Jackie & Kevin Kuhlman

Editors — Tim Bender and Amy Hunt

League Contact Phone# (928)208-8504



Detachment Officers —

James Glover, Commandant
(928)208-8504
jim_glover1993@yahoo.com

Dean Roller, Sr. Vice Cmdt.
(406)850-1280
deanroller@hotmail.com

Tim Bender, Jr. Vice Cmdt.
(406)697-5968
tim.mtlonegunman@gmail.com

Kevin Kuhlman, Chaplain
(406) 690-1947
thatfigures_2000@gmail.com

Amy Hunt, Paymaster
(406)901-7219
MCLeugenesara418@gmail.com

John "Al" Werk, Adjutant
(406)855-5869
aldo5150@yahoo.com

Doug Wood
Sgt at Arms, Detail Commander
(406)366-2209 douglwood64@gmail.com



Scan the QR and Follow us
on Facebook

PO Box 2051
Billings, MT 59103

www.eugenesara.com
info@eugenesara.com



pepsi.

Salutes the Marine Corps League
and our US Marine's & their families



David's
Designs
& Alterations

Specializing in
Military Uniforms
(All branches)

Men's Suit
Alterations

Embroidery

David Hayes
(Owner and proud USMC veteran)
406-694-4245
1329 Lockview Lane
Billings, MT

marinedecon0357@yahoo.com



Dusty Young, Owner

406.259.9649
dusty@copyrightmt.com
www.copyrightmt.com

1925 Building
19 North 25th Street, Ste D
Billings, Montana 59101

copyRight

COPY • PRINT • DESIGN



LAUREL
Eric Harkins
General Manager

LAUREL FORD
500 S.E. 4th St.
Laurel, MT 59044
www.laurelford.com

Bus: 406-238-4000
Cell: 615-613-2249
Fax: 406-238-4040
Toll Free: 800-488-3673
E-Mail: erich@laurelford.net

Proud Organizer of "the Wall that Heals" Tour stop in Billings, MT
coming July 1-5 at Centennial Park

Commandants Message

Members of the League,

The amount of scamming calls. Texts and emails is seriously increasing. Make sure to watch out for strange requests, supposed calls from Social security or Law enforcement and publishers clearing house. **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!

Semper Fi!

Jim Glover Commandant,
Eugene Sara Detachment. (928)208-8504
jim.glover1993@yahoo.com



Serving the West since 1946

1820 1st Ave. North
Billings, MT 59101

(406) 245-4827 (Phone)
(406) 245-4831 (Fax)

www.AlsBootery.com
abnrinc@gmail.com

AL'S BOOTERY
& REPAIR

10% Discount
for all veterans and
active duty service members

Membership

Yearly membership dues are still \$35 for a year. Life Membership Fees were increased as per the following chart:

\$1000.00 - 35 years of age and lower
\$ 800.00 - 36-50 years of age
\$ 600.00 - 51-64 years of age
\$ 400.00 - 65-84 years of age
\$ 100.00 - 85 years of age and higher

Simply send your check to the detachment at:

PO Box 2051 Billings, MT 59103.

If you are in need of uniform parts, pieces, etc. Use this link

<https://www.mclnational.org>

SCOTT HANSER



430 S. BILLINGS BLVD
BILLINGS, MT 59101

PHONE 406.248.7795 EXT. 200
FAX 406.534.7585
EMAIL scotth@hansers.com

hansers.com



MICHAEL AYERS
OWNER

(406) 256-8085

billingsautobody.com

michael@billingsautobody.com

1916 4th Ave. N. Billings, MT

Paymasters Report

Hello Marines,

Elections take place at next meeting.

Just a reminder; but I will be stepping down from my position. If you're interested in taking a more active role in the Detachment, this could be an opportunity for you!

This is technically two roles and can be split to two people. Paymaster and Adjutant.

Come by the next meeting and let us know if you'd be interested in taking on some responsibilities! See you then.

<https://www.vvmf.org/The-Wall-That-Heals>

Amy Hunt
(406)901-7219
MCLeugenesara418@gmail.com

Chaplains Report:

All,

Mike Tolstedt had surgery and is home recovering. We have elections at the next meeting so show up and vote for your favorite officers. Hope everyone else is doing well.

Kevin Kuhlman, Chaplain
(406) 690-1947
thatfigures_2000@gmail.com

Amy Hunt Presents the Quilt from the raffle to J.J. Anderson of Billings. The winner of the rifle raffle Brad McKnight was out of town and will be pictured in the April Newsletter.



TEAM HANEL
 BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY
 Home Services
 Floberg Real Estate
 Tom & Robin Hanel




FOR YOUR REAL ESTATE NEEDS
 WE'RE ALWAYS ON ACTIVE DUTY

860-6181 690-4448



SUNSET CONSTRUCTION

PAT WEBER
 CONTRACTOR

2210 ANNA DR.
 BILLINGS • MT
 59106

406•861•0485
 sunset406@gmail.com

March 2026 upcoming events

March 9th – MCL Regular Business Meeting
 @1900 at VFW 6774 on Anchor St. Officer elections tonight!

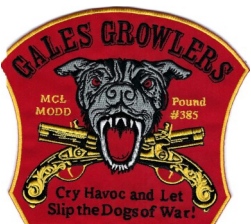
March 17th — St. Patrick's Day Parade 1100 downtown.

No other details at this time.

We had seven Color Guards and one Honor Guard in February The Mate Show and the Convention of Counties.

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

Doug Wood Sgt at Arms, Detail Commander
 (406)366-2209
 douglwood64@gmail.com



Dean has a girl scout do the drawings for the rifle and quilt.

Senior Vice Commandant Report:

Hello Marines,

Mate and Gun Show went very good both rifle and quilt raffles did well and winners were drawn. The rifle winner was Brad McKnight and the Quilt was won by JJ Anderson of Billings,

Dean Roller
 (406)850-1280
 deanoroller@hotmail.com



Dave Malkuch, Doug Wood, Al Werk and Ralph McKinney conducted Color Guards each day and Dean Roller manned the League table at MATE show.



No report for the Young Marines for February 2026.

Nick Molina

Marine Corps League Eugene Sara Detachment #418 Meeting Minutes for February 9th, 2026

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-past Cmdt Tom Lowry

Correspondence — None **New Applications**—None **Minutes** — Minutes were read and no corrections noted. Motion made to approve (Tim) (Pat), all members voted aye, Passed. **Paymaster** —

Report read with no corrections. Motion to accept paymasters report (Tom) (Pat), All members voted Aye, Accepted. **Senior Vice** — Mate Show February 12th-14th need Color Guards each day and Gun Show, February 20th-22nd.

Junior Vice— Brought up that the sweethearts dinner last year was canceled for no interest. Asked if one was wanted this year with very little interest shown by members.

Chaplain — Mike Tolstedt having surgery February 10th.

Committee Reports

Riverside — No report, done for the season.

Vets Council - None.

Detail Commander — Mate Show Color Guards and Color Guard for the convention of counties 1300 on February 16th.

Finance Committee — None **The Wall That Heals Update** — Meetings 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of the month at VNN Offices at 7 N. 31st St. City of Billings is on board. Doing good with project and donations starting to come in.

Young Marines — Nick Molina advised he is looking for a few good men or women to be Adult Advisers for 30 kids and a recruit class coming in. He also said the RV is still at Pats shop. And still moldy. It is scheduled to be taken to a shop to get it looked at 1800 next Tuesday.

Toys for Tots— The First Sgt said Thank you for making the 2026 Toys for Tots a success. **Marine Corps**

Ball — None

Old Business — none.

Good of the League — Scott handed out nomination forms for Marine and Associate of the year upcoming awards, the need to be turned in at the meeting on the 9th. Past Marine and Associate of the year will be on the committee. **Election committee**— Kevin advised that all but Amy are willing to retain current offices. Amy needs to step down. Kathy Werk was said to possibly be interested in the position and the Adjutant position is still open.

New Business -- Scott needed \$77.50 for MOY plaques. Motion made by (Pat) (Al) for funds for Scott, all voted aye, Approved.

Meeting closed at 1940 hrs.

The next meeting will be held on March 9th



A girl scout was corralled to assist Dean in picking the winners from the bin at the Gun Show. Scott and Dean at the MATE Show



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!

Well, this time last year I was on my way to Maine to retrieve the remains of Pats son Frank. Current weather back that way makes me glad I'm not there now. The elections will happen this coming meeting and should be pretty simple. Next thing is deciding where to hold the installation and awards banquet. If you have ideas let me know.

Tim Bender, Jr Vice

(406)697-5968

tim.mtlonegunman@gmail.com

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.

Billings Vet Center
2795 Enterprise Avenue
Suite 1
Billings, MT 59102



Spreading smiles since 1949.



406.651.AFCU (2328) altanafcu.org



824 Central Avenue
Billings, MT 59102

406-259-9690

www.fireplacectr.com

"Warming Montana for over 40 years"



Dean, Ralph and Tim work the table on the last day of the Gun Show.



Billings Army Navy Surplus Store

10 N. 29th Street
Billings, Montana 59101

(406) 259-8528

1 (800) 653-8528

FAX (406) 259-8647

Eddie Schmidt

Email: eddie@go-armynavy.com
www.go-armynavy.com

Montana MCL Mid Winter Convention will be May 22-24 in Great Falls



A behind the scenes look at the table at the MATE show. Both MATE and the Gun show had marines stop by, now if they would come to a meeting and sign up.

Marine Corps History for March

Japanese Launch Final Counterattack on Iwo Jima

March 25, 1945, the assault on the island of Iwo Jima appeared to have ended after 35 days of heavy fighting. However, later that day, 300 Japanese troops launched a final-ditch counterattack near Airfield Number 2. Army pilots, Seabees, and Marines from the 5th Pioneer Battalion and 28th Marines fought Japanese forces until morning suffering heavy casualties. More than 100 Americans were killed and 200 were wounded. Almost all Japanese troops were killed in the battle.

Assault on Outpost Vegas

March 27, 1953, the 5th Marines, supported by the 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines, counter-attacked enemy-held positions in the first full day of fighting after Chinese forces launched an assault on *Outpost Vegas* the previous evening. Companies E and F of the 2/7 managed to regain partial control of the outpost that day, despite being down to just three platoons between them. It is considered to be one of the bloodiest battles of the Korean war, as the Koreans worked to improve their position during the Panmunjom peace talks and to gain more territory for North Korea. The involvement of Sergeant Reckless, a horse in a USMC recoilless rifle platoon, is also notable for its contribution in defense of Outpost Vegas.

8th & I

March 31, 1801, the 2nd Commandant of the Marine Corps, Lt. Colonel William W. Burrows, rode with then-President Thomas Jefferson in search of, "a proper place to fix the Marine Barracks on." They chose a square in Southeast Washington, at 8th and I streets, for its proximity to the Navy Yard, as well as being within marching distance of the Capitol.

We want to thank our members and sponsors for support throughout the year.