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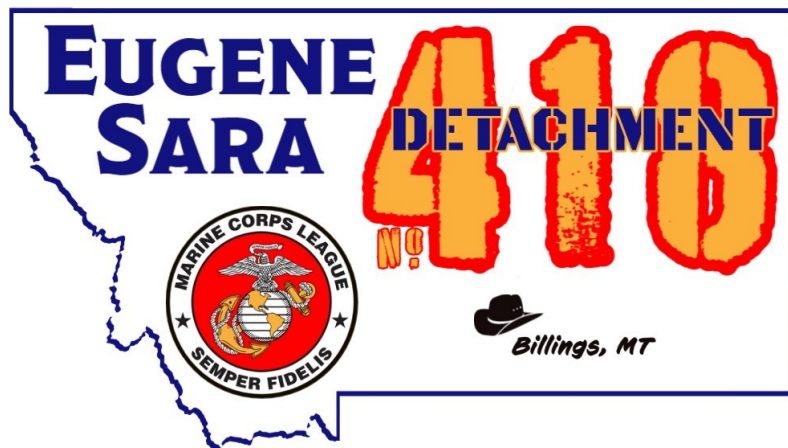
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August is the beginning of the 2027 cycle for the annual memberships.

Commandants Message

Members of the League,

I want to say congratulations and job well done to the league members that were part of the Committee on the Wall That Heals project. It was very well executed and well received by the community. A special Thanks to Amy Hunt for her leadership on the project. The National convention is coming up August 10-15 in Indianapolis, IN. If you plan to Attend, please let us know. Don't forget, annual renewals are due.

Semper Fi!

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Paymasters Report

Hello Marines,

August is the beginning of a new cycle for the annual memberships. I am putting this out as we need these members to renew for \$35 or consider the Lifetime Membership mentioned in the box. If you are in arrears for two years you will be dropped from the rolls and will not receive the newsletter anymore. ~Kathy

Chaplains Report:

All,

Hope everyone is having a great summer. Dean Roller broke his foot, he claims it was an accident at home. Carol Jones is among the more mobile this month. Thanks for the pizza Carol. Dennis Sitzler is still in Laurel rehab/nursing home. He would like visitors. Ziggy and I stopped by for a visit with him the other day when it was 115 degrees outside. Next meeting we will choose a date for a summer BBQ to be held at Pat Weber's shop. Nick has volunteered to supply the meat and will be voluntold to be the cook probably. Stay safe, stay cool and stay hydrated.

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Senior Vice Commandant Report:

Hello Marines,

If you have not heard, I am suffering from a broken foot. The consensus is I had a dance partner stomp on it. Well, not quite! I am not sure how long I will be off my feet .but will probably need some help with upcoming gun shows. I heard that Tom Jones donated a Creedmore for the next raffle rifle. Thanks Tom!

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March 2026 upcoming events

August 7th — Service for a Marine at National TBA

August 10th — **MCL Regular Business Meeting**
 @1900 at VFW 6774 on Anchor St.

No other upcoming services.

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

Semper Fi!

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Billings Young Marines Report

Submitted by Nicolas Molina, Unit Cmdr.

Hi everyone,

Our wonderful Young Marines have been hard at work, most recently having a blast at the Big Sky State Games-Soaked Run! We are now gearing up for our upcoming Young

Marine Benefit Auction and would love your support. Please mark your calendars for Saturday, September 26, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. at the Swift River Ranch ([4313 Duck Creek Road](#)).

We are still gratefully accepting donations for auction items, so please let us know if you can help. Thank you so much for everything you do for our youth!

Warmly,
 Nick Molina



Pictures from the Young Marines at the Big Sky State Games "Soaked Run" Looks like the Kids and Participants all had fun on a warm day.



Giant Squirt guns and bubble guns with PT uniforms were the battle order of the day for the troops at the Soaked Run.

**Marine Corps League Eugene Sara
Detachment #418
Meeting Minutes for July 13th, 2026**

1900 – Meeting called to Order by Commandant Jim Glover

Ritual Followed

Roll Call — Jim G., Dean R. (excused), Tim B., Kevin K., Kathy W., Al W., Doug W. and Past Cmdt. Tom Lowry. **Correspondence** — None **New Applications** — None **Minutes** — Motion

made to accept as published with deletions as specified, (Kevin) (Don). All members voted aye, Passed.

Paymaster — Kathys position as paymaster now rectified. All funds are good. The Miles City account is still open with funds, waiting to be closed. Motion made to accept as presented (Tim) (Kevin). **Senior Vice**

— Dean Roller is out with an injury to his foot. Tim brought in a 5.6 Creedmore rifle with scope that was donated by Tom Jones for the next raffle. Tim also handed off funds from the last raffle to the Paymaster for deposit. It won't be known if Dean will be able to work the September 11-13 gun show at this time, We may need someone to step up and cover his spot. **Junior Vice** — Wall update given. Fundraising goals were met. The week is over and we had at least 7000 community members visited and still awaiting word from VVMF on more finalized numbers, but they said we out performed the last two wall visits together.

Adjutant — None **Chaplain** — Carol Jones is back and brought pizza for members. She is doing good Life member Dennis Sitzler is at Laurel & Rehab, doing OK, but his health is waning and he is wanting visitors. Tiny is doing OK. Guy Chilson bumped his head and is having some issues and Dean is out with a broken foot. **Detail Commander** — We have two color guards on Wednesday 7/15 and at the Big Sky State Games Opening Ceremonies on Friday the 17th. On another note Alex Ward is doing better and available for details again.

Committees — Riverside Cemetery, the cement has been poured for forty five internments and the headstones being placed. The bill is being readied to send to the county for payment. Congratulations to Ralph and his crew for a great, fast job well done! **The Wall That Heals** — Is now done, there will be a close out meeting at the end of the month.

Young Marines — The RV that has been out for bid has sold, Nick Molina presented a check to the Paymaster. There are currently 35 kids in the unit, mostly younger. They still meet at Pat Webers Shop on Anna Dr. Nick is still looking for more AV mentors and wants to involve the kids in watching Color Guards as they arise. Nick asked for an unspecified donation for the Young Marines Dinner and Auction that is coming the end of September (26th?) and will be held at Swift Water Ranch 4313 Duck Creek Rd. He also wants members to attend again. **Ma-**

rine Corps Ball — Will be at the DoubleTree again on November 7th, costs will be similar. **Toys for Tots** is starting to get set up. No official word yet. **Old Business** — Doug Wood received a Meritorious Personal Commendation and the unit received a Unit Meritorious Commendation from The Montana Dept. Of the Marine Corps League from the Convention.

New Business — Carol gave everyone a huge Thank You for the Flowers from when she was hospitalized. Kathy Werk asked about the CD's at Altana, if we want to close them or leave them and pay a surcharge monthly. Motion made by (Kevin)(Nick) to close the CDs and put the small balances into the general fund, all voted Aye, Passed. Amy brought up that VNN was going to hold a 9/11 concert at the Red Oxx event lawn at 13th & 4th Avenue North in Billings. The VNN was requesting a \$1000 donation. No motion was made. **Good of the League** — **Nick suggested holding an End of Summer (End of August) "Thank You" BBQ** for The Wall That Heals success, for the League, Devil Dogs, Young Marines and for all his Truck Drivers. Nick said he would foot the meats bill.

Meeting closed at 1950 hrs.

**The next meeting will be held
on August 10th, 2026**



Memorandum of next MODD Growl

July 29th at Pat Weber's shop at 1830hrs. 2210 Anna Dr. Billings, MT. If interested, you need to have 1 year MCL membership and \$20

If your DD member cards are inaccurate, please let myself Scott or Jim Benner know.

Jr. Vice Commandants Report:

Marines!

We had a booth at the Billings Symphony in the Park. We appreciated the booth space to help get the word out for the wall. Great concert too. Now, The Wall That Heals has come and gone. It was well received by the community and we DID NOT have terrorist attempts. As we know so far attendance was over 7000. I know everyone did good work heard no complaints except about the heat, I know I was had heat exhaustion on the fourth so I went home early. Doing fine now.

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P.S. Its been brought to my attention members not getting what they are due, Please let us know

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Above—The committee that brought you The Wall That Heals over the last nine months. Seen here are Amy Hunt, MCL, TJ Rogers, VNN, Doug Wood, MCL. Al Werk, MCL and Dean Roller, MCL. Russell Hills, USAir Force recruiting, Off camera — Former Mayor Bill Cole, Ken Callahan, Hoodies for Heros. David Walters, Trevor Barnhart, Gil Floyd, The latter members are from the VFW and Legion Posts and Freedom Riders, who were responsible for the escort into town. Thanks for all the hard work everyone. Final word from Tim Tetz was that we hosted over 11,000 people for the wall and 10% did the guided Wall tours.

National Convention in Indianapolis, IN. August 10-15th If you intend to go to National let someone know so rooms can be checked on.

From Department of Montana

Montana Dept of the MCL is looking at hosting another Yellow Footprints BBQ this fall probably at the MSUB/ UM game at Bozeman. They are trying to get League numbers back up in the western half of Montana as we are losing members and detachments. It was brought up that we DO NOT always have to hold Business meetings monthly, per the By-Laws they can be replaced with other activities (some more Family oriented). They also suggested holding rifle/pistol shoots for fun recruitment ideas. If anyone has other ideas please bring them forward and share by all means.. Ben

Ziggy Flansburg Takes on Kevin Kuhlman in the mind blowing cup blowing game to see who can knock all the cups off the table first. Kevin won with a little Divine help cause Ziggy cheated a bit.



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Football Players from the High Schools provide much of the grunt work for setting the panels. They were efficient enough that they construction on the wall was completed before the temperatures became too hot.

Young Marines and parents and others relax in the shade after the Soaked Run was completed.



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



The Symphony in the Park allowed us space for a booth to give out brochures for the Wall visit. Thank you Anne Harrigan. The League Members Parading the Colors of the Military services are Joe Aguilar, Mike Tolstedt, Doug Wood and Tom Lowry. Ralph McKinney on rifle Detail below also.



Anne Harrigan has been a friend for some time and has had the League present Colors and the Military Salutes for several years. Anne is retiring after this event, Good Luck! Also thank you Sandy Cantesano.



Billings Police lead the Motorcade for The Wall That Heals into Will James Middle School on June 30th.





There were Approximately 80–100 motorcycles in the Motorcade including some of our League Members, like Kevin Kuhlman and Ziggy Flansberg. We had a 60 x 30ft Flag to mark the Entry and Sue Davidson delivers the Invocation



A sign Acknowledging just part of The Wall That Heals sponsors especially Town Pump Foundation.



The after ride photo of tall the First responders and Motorcycle riders that were the escort for the Wall as it made the drive in form the New Loves Truck stop In West Laurel.



Darold Thiessen rises for the Color Guard opening and above the Wall at dark with illumination.