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Commandants Message

Marines,
As you may have heard. An idiotic moron attacked the Iwo Jima Memorial in DC. The costs are over $100,000 for repairs. There is a message from Bob Borka later in this letter. On better news, The Young Marines auction did great in total donations, Thanks for coming out and supporting the Young Marines. The Birthday Ball is November 7th at the DoubleTree. Bar at 1700. The Marine Corps Birthday Party at The Den on the 10TH @1800.Then Prepare for Toys for Tots and Black Friday and the Gun Show Nov. 27-29 we will be busy.

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Young Marines Mission Report

The Young Marines were involved with the Haunted House on Hillner *in Lockwood.*

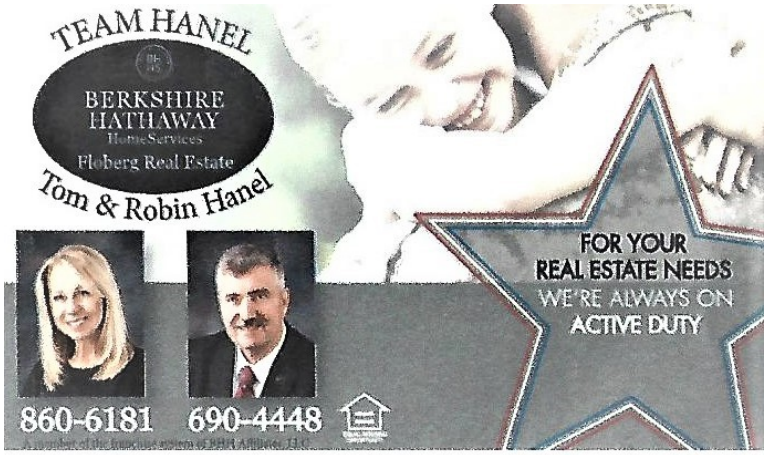
Otherwise, its been quiet this month. We are preparing for the holiday Busy times.

Below- Some of the Young Monsters, I mean, Marines, run loose at ***The Haunting on Hillner***



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Senior Vice Cmdt Report

Happy Birthday Marines!! We have another Gun Show starting Black Friday the 27th – 29th. Last one of the Year. Help if you can. Enjoy the 250 th Birthday celebrations and stay safe and healthy this winter. Semper Fi!

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Upcoming Events for November 2026

November 3rd – Election Day, Go Vote!
November 7th-- Formal Marine Corps 250th Birthday Ball at the DoubleTree Downtown Billings.
November 9th-- Regular business meeting at the VFW 637 Anchor Street.
November 10th – Marine Corps Birthday & informal Birthday Party At the Den @1800.
November 11th – Veterans Day- Service will be held. No Further information. To Be Determined.
November27-29th – Billings Gun Show at Metra Park, will need help!
November 27th – Black Friday! Will need help at Walmarts, etc. With Young Marines.
November 28th – The Billings Holiday Parade, Downtown Billings.
Detail Commander Doug Wood will be out of town and unavailable for the November events. Doug once again wants to thank the members that have supported the years events and details and to do a great job while hes out. Happy Thanksgiving and Happy Birthday Marines!! Semper Fi!

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Our bugler for the Yellow Robe service.



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Chaplain Kuhlman and I&I Marines folding the flag for presentation at the Yellow Robe service at the National Cemetery.



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Marine Corps League Detachment #418
Meeting Minutes for October 12th, 2026

1900 hrs. Meeting called to order by Cmdt Jim Glover.
Ritual followed,
Roll call of officers – Jim G., Dean Roller., Tim B., Kevin K., Al W., Kathy W., and Doug W.
New applications for membership- Brad Graham (regular) and Angel Agone (associate) DD214 verfied, dues paid, Motion to accept the new member (Kevin)(Pat}, all voted Aye, Passed. sworn right away by Cmdt. Glover at 1905. Meeting recessed for two minutes for introductions.
Paymasters report-- All Miles City accounts have closed and those were placed Det. #418 general funds. Motion to accept Paymasters report as read (Scott)(Kevin), all voted aye, Accepted. Chaplain – No sick or injured. Senior Vice-- Gun Show November 27- 29th. Junior vice-- It was decided we will hold our annual Christmas party at the VFW again, white elephant gift exchange (alcohol, ammo, ornaments, etc,). If you want to participate bring a gift! Kathy And Al said they would do food again. Adjutant – no report. Judge Advocate –None.

Committees Reports

Riverside Cemetery – None National Cemetery-- Leo Yellow robe Honor Guard on Friday 10/16. Doug Wood will be out of town. Vets Council –none. Young Marines – No totals yet for the auction, But the turnout was great. Thank you all. Toys for Tots-- Most boxes are in place including Walmart and Valley Credit Union locations. A list of events will be out soon. Black Friday we will need help as the Gun Show is same weekend. TFT distribution will be 12/14-18. Marine Corps Ball – Cut off for Tickets was 10/16. You can try to contact the Marines at the Reserve to see if any are available. A mption was made (Pat)(Kevin) made a motion that the League pay active member tickets from funds of $60 each, spouses/guests will be covered by members. The numbers given to Kathy was 17 members & spouses- Totaling 34 on 10/12. Funds for spouses were collected 10/12 by Kathy.
Good of the League-- Al Werk brought up that Bo Swayze on KGHL radio wanted to do a remote program At the VFW where we meet to interview Veterans about their service and what the Marine Birthday and Veterans Day mean to them. He wants to interview as many as possible. Al will set it up

Don't forget The Birthday Ball 11/07/2026 or the Party at the DEN on 11/10/2026.

Old Business -- none

New business -- There will be a Veterans Day Program at Broadwater School for Veterans, all are welcome and they need volunteers to speak to the kids.

Meeting Closed at 1942

Next Meeting is November 9th at 1900hrs.
VFW 637 Anchor Street

Below-- The Yellow Robe detail including Joe Aguilar,Doug Wood, Dave Malkuck,Ralph McKinney,Rich McFadden, Dave Rose, Al Werk and Mike Tolstedt.



Marines,

Please pass the word. This is no longer scuttlebutt. Someone did vandalize the flag raising statue at the entrance of MCB Quantico near the National Museum of the Marine Corps. Fortunately, law enforcement apprehended the suspect before Marines did. Marine Heritage Foundation (below message) is fundraising to fix the damage. It could be in the hundreds of thousands to repair. This is a no-brainer call to action to help. I have already personally donated to help.

https://www.marineheritage.org/restore-iwo-jima
Please pass widely.
Respectfully,
"Just Bob" Bob Borka

Subject: Iwo Jima Monument MCBQ - Fund raising efforts

Good afternoon.

You may have seen the news yesterday and today regarding the vandalism of the historic Iwo Jima Memorial near Marine Corps Base Quantico. On October 21, 2026 at 2230 an individual took a sledgehammer to the monument right outside of the main gate. Local law enforcement did catch him in the act and arrested him immediately. Unfortunately, the damage was done - Cpl Harlon Block USMC was decapitated, a bayonet from one of the rifles was destroyed and heavy chipping/gouging occurred to Cpl Harold Keller's face. In cooperation with the Base Commander and Marine Corps Headquarters, the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation has launched a fundraising campaign to support the restoration of the monument. Our goal is to start restoration efforts as soon as possible. Gen. Lukeman asked that we share our efforts with you in hopes you can help spread the word. Please let us know if you need any social graphics or marketing images. You can also share our posts with your audiences.

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Federal sources confirmed Miguel Alonso Maldonado Soriano is a Mexican national whose DACA status expired.

Another example of how letting illegal

Aliens flood across the borders without

Vetting them. These acts of destruction and

Terrorism need to stop.

Tim



Chaplain Kevin Kuhlman delivers the Marines prayer at the Yellow Robe service.



Junior Vice Cmdt Report

,Greetings and felicitations! Happy Birthday to all our Marine Brothers followed by the recognition of Veterans Day. This year things are kind of confusing for scheduling. **The Marine Birthday Ball is on November 7th at the DoubleTree downtown Billings. The tickets were limited, but you can always try to contact the Marine Reserve center to see about availability. The 10th is the Birthday and the Birthday Party (LOCAL) is at the Den on Grand Avenue starting at 1800. There will be a Veterans day service on the 11th, but there is currently NO other information as to where or when.** The end of the month, after Thanksgiving , we have good old Black Friday and The November Gun Show on the 27th with the Gun Show running through the 29th. There is also the Holiday Parade downtown on the 28th, For the December Meeting Al & Kathy Werk will prepare a dinner for us. It has not been decided what it will be yet. We will have our usual White Elephant for Alcohol, ammo and ornaments. If you want to participate in the fun, bring a gift and get a gift. If you don't know what white elephant is it can be fun and hilarious. Lets all stay healthy and safe this winter, we want to keep our Chappy happy!!

Semper Fi Brothers and Sisters!!

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Chaplains Report

Not much to say this month. It has been nice and slow on the funeral details. Our paymaster went in for surgery on her shoulder the 26th I Hope it all went well. The Ball is coming up fast, Nov. 7th. Then of course the Birthday Party at the Den on the tenth. Try to celebrate safely. We Do not want any extra funeral details following the Birthday. Stay safe and see you down the road. Happy Birthday and Semper Fidelis Marines!!

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