

**Department of Washington
Marine Corps League**
Department Muster 0900, 7 April 2018
Oxford Suites 1701 E Yakima Ave, Yakima, WA 98901
<http://www.mcldeptwa.org/>

Joint Opening ceremony:

- Officiated by Department Commandant Jim Renton
 - **Commandant:** “Sergeant-at-Arms, secure quarters and satisfy yourself that all present are qualified to be present during the deliberations of this Department Session.”
 - **Sergeant-at-Arms:** “Aye, Aye, Sir.” “The quarters are secured and all present are qualified to remain.”
 - **Commandant:** “Post the Colors.”
 - **Sergeant-at-Arms:** “Aye, Aye, Sir.” (Hand Salute) (Pledge of Allegiance said)
 - **Commandant:** “The Chaplain will lead us in prayer”
 - **Chaplain:** (Opens Bible & leads in prayer)
 - **Commandant:** “Sergeant-at-Arms, declare this meeting open for the transaction of official business.”
 - **Sergeant-at-Arms:** “By authority of the Department of Washington Commandant, Marine Corps League, I declare this meeting open for the transaction of official business.”

Welcome remarks by host Detachment:

- Host Detachment Yakima-Kittitas #1055. Remarks provided by Adjutant Ed Falter welcoming all.

Introduction of National Officers:

- The Honorable PCDD Phil Ruhmshottel, Past Chief Devil Dog – Absent
- Honorable Kennel Barking Dog PDD Randy Ott – Present
- National VAVS Deputy Representative – Rex Hopper – Present

Introduction National Standing Committee Representatives:

- None

Introduction NW Division Representatives:

- NW Div National Vice Commandant TJ Morgan – Present
- Jr Past NW Div National Vice Commandant John Moysiuk – Present
- NW Division Vice Chief Devil Dog PDD Bonnie Holden – Present
- NW Div Judge Advocate Dennis Dressler – Present
- NW Div Chaplain Ronald Black – Absent
- NW Div Paymaster Doug Shurtleff – Absent

Recognition of Past Department Commandants:

- Phil Ruhmshottel – Absent
- Dennis Dressler – Present
- Bill McCutchin – Absent
- John Stofiel – Present
- John Witham – Absent

- Ed Falter – Present
- Dan Abbott – Present
- Rex Hopper – Present

Introduction of MCLA and Officers present: Department Commandant calls up MCLA President to allow her to present her staff (Sue Douglas)

- Distinguished Guests
 - PNP Caroline Ruhmshottel – Absent
 - Div Vic President NW Sue Douglas – Present
 - Past Div Vice President NW/PNP/PND Big Flea Karen Washabaugh (Wheeler) – Absent
 - Past Div Vice President NW/PNJA Sam Dressler – Present
 - Asst Div Vice President NW Vickie Brown – Present
- President Susan Douglas – Present
- Sr Vice Rebecca Corpuz – Present
- Jr Vice Vickie Brown – Present
- Judge Advocate Sena Moreland – Absent
- Jr Past President Linda Shurtleff – Absent
- Secretary/Treasurer Jaci Kruse – Absent
- Chaplain Sam Dressler – Present
- Captain of the Guard Paulie Stofiel – Present
- Historian Vickie Brown – Present
- Past Department Presidents
 - Linda Shurtleff – Absent
 - Sam Dressler – Absent
 - Karen Washabaugh (Wheeler) – Absent
 - Marie McCutchin – Absent
 - Caroline Ruhmshottel – Absent
 - Paulette ‘Paulie’ Stofiel – Present
 - Jane Montgomery – Present
 - Sandy Falter – Present

Department Commandant excuses MCLA at this time

Recognition of Recipients of NW Division Marine of the Year:

- Dan Abbott – Present
- TJ Morgan – Present
- John Moysiuk – Present

Recognition of Recipients of Department Marine of the Year:

- Phil Ruhmshottel – Absent
- Dennis Dressler – Present
- John Stofiel – Present
- Rex Hopper – Present
- Dan Abbott – Present
- Bill Town – Present

- Randy Ott – Present
- Doug Shurtleff – Absent
- John Witham – Absent
- Dick Jamison – Absent
- Ronald Black Sr – Absent
- Bonnie Holden – Present
- John Moysiuk – Present
- Mark Schildknecht – Present
- Jim Renton – Present

Recognition of “First Timers” to Department meeting:

- 1 First Timers included Marines George ? on-hand for the opening ceremony.

Roll Call of Officers:

- Commandant Jim Renton – Present
- Sr Vice Commandant Bonnie Holden – Present
- Jr Vice Commandant TJ Morgan – Present
- Judge Advocate George Hilbish – Present
- Jr Past Commandant Rex Hopper – Present

Minutes of previous meeting:

- **Commandant:** I will entertain a motion to accept the minutes as previously published.
- Marine Ed Falter submitted motion, Marine Rex Hopper seconded and Membership voted in acceptance of minutes as published.

Correspondence:

- National Membership and Budget Report from National Commandant.
- National Notification of New Transmittal Form to be used.
- National Roster Updates and Status.
- NW Div notification for National Uniform Code.

Adjutants Report: John Moysiuk – Hard Copy submitted on the back table and electronic copy has been submitted for the department website.

- Report of Officer Installations (ROI). Note: When filling out your ROI for your detachment ensure that all information is completed. An electronic copy has been forwarded to all Detachment Commandants and Adjutants to make it easier to type in the information which ultimately makes it easier to read for all. Most current dated ROI’s on hand for all detachments include: Puget Sound Det #336 (11/08/2017), Tri-Cities Det #337 (05-20-2104), Twin Harbors Det #442 (06/29/2017), Olympia Det #482 (06/06/2015), Pierce County Det #504 (01/09/2018), Olympic Peninsula Det #531 (02/18/2018), Melvin M Smith Det #586 (06/12/2017), Columbia River Det #826 (05/21/2017), Mt St Helens Det #889 (05/06/2017), Mt Olympus Det #897 (06-27-2017), Skagit Valley Det #1043 (11/15/2016), Yakima-Kittitas Det #1055 (04/10/2017), and Cpl Joseph P Bier Det #1119 (02/12/2018), Major Megan M McClung Det #1210 (06/07/2017), Capt. Daniel B. Bartle #1335 (06/21/2017), and the newest detachment of Col. Richard “Buck” Francisco #1451 (06/14/2017). It should be noted that a copy of the completed ROI is to be sent to the Department Adjutant once Detachment Officers have been elected and sworn into their officers. **An ROI filled out in its entirety is REQUIRED whenever any officer of a detachment is replaced whether they are**

elected or appointed. The Department Adjutant will forward the original to National, a copy to NW Div, and retain a copy for the Department records. The ROI is used at National to enter up-to-date detachment information in the membership database and is also used to update information on the National Locator's page for each detachment and department.

- **Washington Secretary of State:** (Status of each Detachment)

- Secretary of State Corporations Division 801 Capitol Way South PO Box 40234 Olympia WA 98504-0234 360-725-0377
- Washington Secretary of State filing. Department and 16 Detachments are current. **Captain Daniel B. Bartle Det #1335 formerly Whatcom County Det #1335 is still reflecting their original name on the state UBI records and needs to submit a name change with SOS to address this for tax purpose safeguards.** There are currently no Secretary of State filing currently expired! Web search on UBI #s: <http://www.sos.wa.gov/corps/search.aspx>

DETACHMENT	UBI #	INCORP	EXPDATE	DISSOLUTION
Dept. of WA	601587317	051047	053118	
Puget Sound #336	602917923	042309	043018	
Tri-Cities #337	602119092	032601	033118	Delinquent
Twin Harbors #442	601830219	102583	103118	
Olympia #482	602148515	082701	083118	
Pierce County #594	601804132	070797	073102	Files w/Alt Status
Olympic Peninsula #531	602992577	022810	022819	
Melvin M Smith #586	601309349	032791	033119	
Columbia River #826	601492208	090393	093018	
Mt. St. Helen's #889	601589728	112194	113017	Delinquent
MT. Olympus #897	601974685	081799	083118	
Skagit Valley Det. #1043	602005244	011000	013119	
Yakima Kittitas Valley #1055	602072701	092500	093017	ADMINISTRATIVELY DISSOLVED
Cpl Joseph P Bier #1119	602240331	100702	103118	
Maj. Megan McClung #1210	602617910	060910	053118	
Capt Daniel B. Bartle Det #1335	602952869	090909	093018	
Col. Richard "Buck" Francisco #1451	604 143 319	062717	063018	

- **Internal Revenue Service:** The IRS e-Postcard 990 filing. To check your status go to: <https://apps.irs.gov/app/eos/ePostSearch.do?dispatchMethod=navigateSearch&pathName=forwardToEpostSearch&searchChoice=ePostcard>

Enter your Detachment EIN: 91-XXXXXXX then click on next,

On the next page a box will open up, and show:

Login ID Type: Exempt Organization

Login ID 91053336404 [This number could vary, but go with what they give you]

Organization Name MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

In the box enter:

Password

Verify Password

Enter your name, email and daytime phone #

Click on next and follow the instructions provided.

- **IMPORTANT: This report is to be completed yearly.** No Detachments have provided any updates for this filing since dates indicated. Send a copy of the email you receive confirming your

registration, print out a copy for your Adjutant/ Paymaster file and forward the email to Department Adjutant John Moysiuk at moysiukjl@hotmail.com for the Department Admin files.

DETACHMENT	EIN	TAX YR	STAT	FILED	CONFIRM
Dept. of WA, MCL	91-0533364	010111-123111	Filed	050415	050415
Puget Sound #336	91-1435694	070107-063008	Filed	082015	082015
Tri-Cities #337	91-6087173	123107	Filed	101410	101415
Twin Harbors #442	91-2053273	070108-063009	Filed	030414	030416
Olympia #482	91-2143220	070108-063009	Filed	102814	102815
Pierce County #504	91-1824633	070107-063008	Filed	080515	080516
Olympic Peninsula #531	91-1285018	070108-063009	Filed	061715	061715
Melvin M Smith #586	91-1890134	070108-063009	Filed	092715	092715
Columbia River #826	91-1647649	070108-063009	Filed	081814	081816
Mt. St. Helen's #889	91-1650015	070107-063008	Filed	101310	101316
MT. Olympus #897	91-2058115	070108-063009	Filed	072409	072416
Skagit Valley Det. #1043	91-2016335	Above 25,000 990-EZ		061111	061112
Yakima Kittitas Valley #1055	91-2049201	070108-063009	Filed	081912	081914
Cpl Joseph P Bier #1119	47-0890445	070108-063009	Filed	080415	080416
Maj. Megan McClung #1210	35-2253724	010109-123109	Filed	062715	062716
Capt Daniel B. Bartle Det #1335	80-0463568	072209	Filed	072209	072216
Col. Richard "Buck" Francisco #1451					

Paymasters Report: Bill Hauser – Verbally given and electronic copy sent as well as a hard copy provided.

- Treasury report:
 - Current balance as of 04/05/2018 is \$ **SEE PAYMASTER FOR TOTALS**
 - Checking Savings:
- When emailing the Department Paymaster please use bhauser1952@msn.com. The old Gmail account is not working. Be sure to use the new transmittal form dated @2016 Marine Corps League Inc. for all transactions with National. DD214s are not needed at the National or Department levels (don't send copies). When sending your transmittals to the Department Paymaster you need to send the **original plus two copies**. The Department keeps one copy and the original and the other copy goes to National. Dues for new applications are \$25.00 to National and \$5.00 to the Department. Note the reduced fees for new members, associate members and dual members between March 1st and August 30th of \$15.00. Dues for Renewals are \$20.00 to National and \$5.00 to the Department. National is no longer sending renewal notices to members. The Detachment Paymaster has to stay on top of this now. If you're not receiving membership cards or Life Member cards, notify the Department Paymaster so I can follow-up with National.
- **Commandant:** I will entertain a motion to accept the Paymasters Report as published.
- Marine Dennis Dressler submitted motion, Marine Randy Ott seconded and Membership voted in acceptance of minutes as published.
- **Chaplains Report:** Provided by Dennis Dressler: Since the Fall Staff meeting in October 2017 there have been 19 "Notices of Death" received from Detachments and forwarded to National Headquarters. The list below is based upon date of passing as opposed to when received from the Detachment Chaplin (or Adjutant or Commandant).
 - Robert Vanvleck December 19, 2016 Olympia Det #482
 - William Ashley January, 2017 Mount Olympus Det #897
 - Robert B. O'Neil May 17, 2017 Pierce County Det #504

- Theodore L. Davis May 25, 2017 Columbia River Det #826
- Max W. Diamond June 3, 2017 Puget Sound Det #336
- Jack T. Coleman June 7, 2017 Puget Sound Det #336
- Harold J. Thomas July 5, 2017 Cpl. Joseph P. Biers Det #1119
- Samuel P. Grooms August 13, 2017 Columbia River Det #826
- Freddie Ceniceros August 26, 2017 Pierce County Det #504
- Charles D. Bohr August 21, 2017 Olympia Det #482
- Gregg Elwood August 22, 2017 Mount Olympus Det #897
- David F. Grundl September 1, 2017 Olympia Det #482
- Harvey Chappell September 7, 2017 Cpl. Joseph P. Biers Det #1119
- Dewey Jones 2017 Twin Harbors Det #442
- Walter S. Waren Oct 27, 2017 Capt. Daniel B. Bartle #1335
- Ernie Elmore November 5, 2017 Olympia Det #482
- James R. Studebaker February 22, 2018 Melvin M. Smith Det #586
- Marvin B. Meyers March 3, 2018 Cpl. Joseph P. Bier Det #1119
- William A. Cundiff March 21, 2018 Olympic Peninsula Det #531
- Dan Ryals -Informed that he has passed but "Death Notice" has not been sent to National yet.

Sick and in Distress:

- Andy Anderson – 1st Stages of Alzheimer’s, Stroke Det #504
- Terry Reams – Bone & Blood Cancer Det #889
- Bob O’Neil – Lung Cancer Det #504
- Jim Nelson – Cancer Det #1451
- Henry Lee – Bladder Cancer Det #504
- Richard Haroldson – Kidney Cancer Det #504

Report of Officers:

- Commandant: Jim Renton – No Report
- Sr Vice Commandant: Bonnie Holden – No report.
- Jr Vice Commandant: TJ Morgan – Electronic and hard copies provided and verbally presented. Marines, Here is my report on membership from October 2017 to Now. While at Midwinter, the National Jr Vice has reported that we are moving forward on being a part of the TAPS program on base. We will have MCL members at Camp Pendleton as well as Camp Lejeune and talk with Marines that are about to EAS from the Marine Corps Active duty. We can then pass that info down to the Department and on down to the Detachment of the hometown this Marine is coming home to. With that being said, it will now be in the hands of the detachment to make contact, MENTOR and provide the support they need to be lifelong MCL members. Next is my report on the Department of Washington membership. Since July 1 to the end of the 2nd quarter, we have an increase 2.9%. We are also in talks with some Marines in Moses Lake that want to start a detachment. There are 20-30 Firefighters and LEO that are interested. I have been in contact and since they are close to my town, will help in the process along with the Commandant and the Paymaster and hopefully add a new detachment to the Department of Washington. Please continue to retain and seek new members. There is also a Membership Tri-fold pamphlet available on the National website for use when recruiting membership as handouts.
- Judge Advocate: George Hilbish – Electronic and hard copies provided. There are no pending Chapter Nines currently in the Department. I have reviewed the By-Laws for Detachments 1335 and

1451, 1451 was accepted and 1335 was rejected. If you are rewriting your Detachment By-Laws, they must be reviewed and approved by the Department Judge Advocate.

- Jr Past Commandant: Rex Hopper – No Report.

Report of Detachment Commandants:

- Puget Sound Det. #336: Mark Gorman – Electronic and hard copies provided. Detachment #336 has had a very busy and productive year. The following is a summary of our accomplishments during the year. It will also highlight some items we're continually working on. **Membership** – Detachment #336 was fortunate enough to attain an 28% growth rate YTD. Our Detachment continues to add approximately 2 members each month. In addition the Detachment was represented at a recent MMA event in Everett WA and an open house at our local VFW Post. Further efforts continue to promote and recruit new members. **Marine Rose Program** – Our Detachment accomplished collecting over \$12,000. This year we're kicking off the Rose program over Memorial Day, involving more volunteers than we've ever had. **Charitable Donations and Marine Support** – A donation of \$5500 was authorized by the members and sent to the Marines helping Marines so far this year. **Community Service Hours** – Our Honor Guard continues service at Tahoma National Cemetery. Our Honor Guard numbers have grown slightly and are looking forward to adding a continued growth with other detachments supporting. **Draped Charter** – None from our detachment. **Marine Corps Birthday Ball "2017"** – Last year's Marine Corps Ball was another huge success. It was held on November 11th and despite it being at Billy Baroo's, our numbers were slightly higher than last year. **Toys for Tots** – We are sending Antonio Hunter back east to get cert to be our Det T4T. **Young Marines** – We are proud to claim Seattle Young Marines as an organization we are now sponsoring. Seattle Young Marines participated in our Marine Corps Birthday Ball and further assisted at our Rose programs over the year. **Special Announcements** – Participated in the ROCK ceremony, assisting MCL Detachment 504, Pierce County in August. The ceremony is to honor these 32 Marines lost on December 10, 1946, when their plane crashed on Mt Rainer. Our Detachment will again have its annual Pistol Shoot competition on April. All Marines are invited and are welcome to challenge Detachment #336 for bragging rights. We will also hold our annual Rifle Shoot competition sometime in September. Again all Marines are invited to claim best shooting score. Members of our Detachment were responsible for placing a wreath in honor of our State's fallen honor of Vietnam Veteran's Welcome Home day. We continue to be involved in community activities.
- Tri-Cities Det. #337: Mike Ridgel – Not enough personnel to hold a quorum so no report.
- Twin Harbors Det. #442: Frank Perov – Absent, no report.
- Olympia Det. #482: Jim Sims – Electronic copy provided. Detachment 482 (Olympia) meets for breakfast and a Muster the first Saturday of each month at the Olympia VFW Hall on Martin Way in Olympia. The Detachment completed an superior Toys For Tots campaign this year. 1,795 Families in Thurston, Mason and Grays Harbor counties were served - more than 300 more than in 2016. Through the efforts of more than 150 volunteers, 5,400 children received gifts for a memorable Christmas. More than 11,000 gifts were donated and distributed, and \$10,000 was collected for purchases. Marine John Moysiuk led this outstanding effort on behalf of the Marines of Detachment 482. The Marine Corps League is very well represented in state government in Olympia. In addition to Larry Alcatara as MCL representative on the Governor's Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee (VAAC), Jim Sims is also a member of the VAAC representing the Military Order of the Purple Heart. Detachment 482 Marines are active and vocal members of the Veterans Legislative Coalition which advocates with the Legislature on measures of interest and benefit to veterans and their families; Dick Marcelynas, Mike Partridge, Ev Brown and Jim Sims.
- Pierce County Det. #504: Charles Ames – Electronic and hard copies provided. The Pierce County Detachment currently has 56 life members, 24 annual members 2 of them being in arrears, 5 members

have decided not to renew. We have recruited 3 new members since October. One Life Member recently reported to the Supreme Commandant. Marine Hilbish represented the Department at the Auburn Veterans Day Parade. Members attended the Puget Sound Detachment's Marine Corps Birthday Ball, while others of the detachment gathered at the AmVets Post for cake cutting and a toast with fellow Marines. After a slow start, due to moving our warehouse 13 days before the season start and the coordinator ending up in the hospital, we had another successful Toys for Tots season, where we collected 48,049 and delivered 56,564 toys, books and stocking stuffers to 15,721 children. We have 44,661 books, stocking stuffers and toys as carryover for next season. Election and installation of Detachment Officer was completed in January. The Detachment assisted a homeless Marine and her daughter with cash for food and living expenses. She had already secured living quarters but they would not be ready for another 2 weeks. The Detachment has awarded 5 Distinguished Service Medals, 2 to members for their long service to the Toys for Tots program. One was presented to a 13 year old for using her birthday party as a toy drive, where she turned in forty-seven toys for Toys for Tots. A member received his medal for his work as a FEMA 1st responder where he provided assistance to the victims of hurricanes Harvey and Irma. A 5th medal was presented to an active duty Air Force SSgt, stationed at JBLM, for his assistance to an 82 year old retired Marine LtCol who had become lost and confused on his way to a VA appointment in Hillsboro, OR. Marine Anderson suffered a stroke in October and Marine Hilbish was hospitalized and had a heart stent procedure done in October also.

- Olympic Peninsula Det. #531: Bob Schneider – Present, hard copy provided. November 2017-Toys for Tots underway for Kitsap County, Donated 200 dollars for Junior rank Marines to attend Marine Corps Birthday Ball. Marine Cake Cutting at Retsil Veterans Home in Port Orchard and Christmas Tree decorating by detachment members at veterans home. Toy collection at KC fair grounds Pavilion in support of Toys for Tots. December-Toy Collection by detachment members from local businesses for the Toys for Tots give away on the 16th of the month. Remove Christmas tree from Retsil Veterans Home on the 28th of the month. January-Detachment #531 Officer Election and officer installation report filed for the 2018 year. Work in support of Detachment #336 hosting the annual Department Convention to be held at the Best Western hotel in Silverdale Washington on June 7th through the 10th of June 2018. Monthly honor Guard support by members of Detachment #531 and #336 at Mount Tahoma National Cemetery on the third Tuesday of each month. February-Group meeting for the convention details with the Best Western Hotel in Silverdale. Planning and talking about responsibilities for the event rooms and fund raisers. March-Military Appreciation Day at the fair ground hosted by the Chamber of Commerce for Kitsap County. Put together Appreciation Certificate for those that participated in the Toys for Tots drive and the Supporting Detachment Members. April-Planned events for the month include Fund raising events, Yakima Conference, Honor Guard services at the Cemetery of Mount Tahoma, and a Stand-Down at the Sheridan Park Community Center in Bremerton WA.
- Melvin M Smith Det. #586: Randy Ott – Electronic and hard copies provided. Our Detachment's activities since the 2017 Department Fall Staff: The start of winter was very busy with Toys for Tots and our "P" Battery needing extra hands on deck because of OPCOM. We extended services and toys to over 6,500 families. Volunteers in Spokane came in all shapes, ages and sizes to make it work! We've continued our "Breakfast with the Marines" once a month at VFW Post 1435. This is a great event because our Spokane County Young Marines support us with their dedicated and youthful personalities. The food is okay. Our food service continues at the Mann-Grandstaff Regional VA Hospital with the monthly BBQ which we support as much as possible. Burgers and Dogs for everyone. We and the Auxiliary host Bingo in the care unit every second Wednesday of the Month. The Mid-Winter MCL Conference saw us well represented and everyone had a great time. I've included some pictures of the fun. Our Honor Guard continues to render honors for our Fallen

Marines/Corpsmen at the Eastern Washington Veterans Cemetery at Medical Lake and greater Spokane Region. We have supported “P” Battery with their details as their training limits their availability at times. We are planning the rest of the year for the Det/Aux. with plenty of events. We hope that if you are in the area, that you’ll consider dropping in on us and gracing us with your presence. Check our calendar first... www.mclspokane.org. For the past four years, we have held a gun raffle at the local gun shows with tremendous success. If you are interested, see one of us for tickets (1 for \$5 or 3 for \$10). Locally, the Veterans Court Forum has been successful because of our volunteers. We continue to be there for them. Col Tim Fitzgerald (USMC Ret) is our go-to leader on this event on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays. This concludes our report of activities.

- **Columbia River Det. #826:** Bill Hauser – Electronic and hard copies provided. The Columbia River Detachment meets monthly at the Vancouver Elks lodge on the second Thursday of the month at 1900. Our members are keeping busy in the community through several areas. We decided to make a change to our monthly meetings. Our normal business meetings will be every other month and the other months will be used for guest speakers, planning events or socializing. **Website** - Marine Pete Thornton has stepped up and agreed to take over the Detachment newsletter and website. Our new website address is www.MCLeaguecrd826.org. **Color Guard** - Our Color Guard has unfortunately had to temporarily suspend appearances due to not enough members. We continue to ask for volunteers from within the Detachment. Once we replenish our ranks we will start activities again. **Marine Corps Birthday** - We attended a Marine Corps Birthday Brunch and we hosted our annual Marine Corps Birthday celebration dinner on 10 November at the 40 et 8 Chateau in Vancouver. **MCL Training Program** - We continue to offer our Marine Corps League training program. It's a challenging task getting volunteers to take the time to cover the material. Our training Officer (John Stofiel) has copied the old MCI program and broke down the sections with each having an open book quiz at the end of each chapter. It is a good way to learn the material and I highly recommend other Detachments adopt it for their use. **Prestige Nursing Home** - Our Detachment continues our partnership with the Vancouver Elks to offer free lunch for the residents on the third Friday of each month. **Recruiting** - We continue to make appearances throughout the community with our members and a table top display, designed and built by our past Jr. Vice Commandant. We continue to make contacts with Marines throughout the area whenever the opportunity arises.
- **Mt. St. Helen’s Det. #889:** Donald Simmons – Present, no report provided. Said he would send electronically the following Monday. No report was received as of 04/19/2018.
- **MT. Olympus Det. #897:** Elvis “Guy” Iredale – Electronic and hard copies provided. This report illustrates some of the highlights of Detachment activities during the period of October 2017 thru March 2018. The third and final Stand Down for 2017 was held on October 5th at the Clallam County Fair Grounds. Detachment members assisted those veterans who were provided a hot meal, medical and dental screening, haircuts, social services and clothing. The Detachment celebrated the 242nd birthday of the Marine Corps at the Sequim Elks Lodge. The guest speaker was our own paymaster, retired GySgt Kathy Nicholls. She spoke of her career in the Marine Corps from boot camp to retirement. Past Commandant Sid Gerling was awarded Marine of The Year for his many contributions to the Detachment. The 2017 Toys For Tots campaign was once again a tremendous success due to the efforts of Coordinator Steve Deutermann and the many volunteers from the Detachment, the American Legion and Mount Pleasant Grange. The campaign collected 7500 toys which were distributed to 3000 children in Clallam County. The Detachment Christmas Social was held once again at Smugglers Landing Restaurant. The afternoon entertainment was provided by world renowned magician, illusionist and mind reader, Brian Ledbetter. His performance left all of us wondering “how did he do that”. Steve Deutermann, retired Navy Lt. Commander, was awarded the first ever Associate Member of The Year. It was a well deserved tribute for Steve’s contribution to the Detachment as Sgt at Arms and T4T’s coordinator. Captain Joseph House in Port Angeles hosted

the National Traveling Memorial Tribute Towers December 8th – 11th. The Tribute has been created by the organization “Remember Our Fallen”. The Tribute is a photographic war memorial that honors our country’s military Fallen from the War on Terror. Because 9/11 was such a defining moment, this memorial includes our country’s Fallen since that tragic day in our nation’s history. Unlike brick and mortar memorials, Remembering Our Fallen is designed to travel and includes both military and personal photos. Its legacy will be that those men and women will be remembered, while helping to lessen the grief of their families. The Detachment Honor Guard participated in the opening and closing ceremonies and stood watch as part of the security detail. The Detachment Honor Guard continues to provide final military honors to local veterans who have passed away. These honors include a three volley rifle salute and the playing of taps. The same honors are provided at the Bell Ringing Ceremony, held on the last Friday of each month, at Veterans Park. As each name of those Clallam County veterans who have passed away the previous month is read, a replica of the Liberty Bell is struck once. Past Commandant Mark Schildknecht, Detachment Adjutant Eric Miner and Detachment Sgt at Arms Steve Deutermann, were recently interviewed on two local radio stations. They talked about Toys For Tots, the Honor Guard, Stand Downs – and the Detachments involvement in community events.

- Skagit Valley Det. #1043: Dan Walker – Absent, no report.
- Yakima Kittitas Valley Det. #1055: – Nicholas Myers – Electronic and hard copies provided. Commented to highlight the assistance provided to the Yakima-Kittitas Veterans coalition for their recent Stand-Down in which Marine Moose provided three pallets of DoD Surplus equipment such as sleeping bag systems, boots, poncho liners, and packs to hand out to homeless veterans. Also provided a heartfelt Thank You! Current detachment strength is 17 regular members, 2 associate members, and 15 Life members. We have had 0 members join the Supreme Commandant since the Fall Staff meeting and have added no new members. Activities since the Fall Staff meeting include the GYVVC Stand down on October 21, 2017 at the Central Washington State Fairgrounds. Over 800 veterans and family members were served. The detachment marked the Marine Corps birthday on Nov. 13 with a potluck celebration open to all members and families along with members of Bravo Co. and the local recruiting staff. A good turnout and enjoyable evening rubbing elbows with our currently serving Marines. On Nov. 9 the detachment provided a color guard for Veterans Day assemblies at Adams Elementary and Washington Middle School. MCL 1055 was represented in the Veterans Day parade on Nov. 11 and provided the color guard detail at Sarg Hubbard Park that afternoon at the annual service conducted by the Vietnam Veterans Assn. The balance of November and early December was aimed at assisting Bravo Co. with the Toys-For-Tots program but we were excluded from any involvement per CMC directive. We did muster on December 11 for our annual Christmas gathering and dinner. We shared an evening of Esprit de Corps and Christmas cheer at Legends Casino. Military honors were provided for 3 funerals since the Fall Staff meeting. March 31st the detachment assisted in a Welcome Home Vietnam Vets program sponsored by the Yakama Warriors association. Respectfully submitted, Ed Falter, Adjutant.
- Cpl Joseph P Bier Det. #1119: Bob Brostrom – Verbally provided by Marine Bonnie Holden and sent in email. Not much to report having just started this term. Will say we received Roses so will have a Rose day later in the year. Also have got word that we have a takeover at Burger Claim in May and that there are members working towards a Young Marine group in our area. Other than that will see what the year will bring.
- Maj. Megan McClung Det. #1210: Ricardo Reyes – Electronic and hard copies provided. Major Megan M McClung Scholarship selection. Attended the staff meeting in Yakama, October 7th, 2017. Participate in sell of the Roses. Celebrate the 242th Marine Corps Birthday. There was a small contingent of our Detachment present. The décor was in good standing that one would expect at a Marine Corps Birthday celebration. To include the “fallen soldier” (Marine) table, reading of the

Commandant letter and cutting of the cake with a sword. Participated in one parade in November. Attended Veteran ceremony in Oak Harbor High School. October/November presented the Eagle Scout Recognition. Participate in collection of funds for the Toys for Tots program at local retail store. Attended the local High School for the Navy Band concert. Worked on Detachment by laws changes to be submitted to Department MCL for review and approval. Note: On December 15th, 2017, Charles “Chuck” Bond resigned as Detachment Commandant due to unforeseen events and personal reasons. Senior Vice Commandant Ricardo Reyes assumed the position as Detachment Commandant.

- Captain Daniel B. Bartle Det #1335: Bruce Barton – Absent, no report.
- Col. Richard “Buck” Francisco #1451: Robert Gabelein – Electronic and hard copies provided. “As with all Marines, our motto is Semper Fidelis. In addition, our detachment's motto is ‘Active, Professional and Effective Community Service’. Since the last staff meeting, we have accomplished the following: 11 and 12 November – Successful Rose promotion. 11 November – Presented the colors at the Little League Super Bowl in Mt. Vernon. 14 November – Participated in the Veterans Day Assembly at South Whidbey High School. 1 December – Joined our friends at the Fishing Club to kick off our joint Christmas program to benefit local community families. The club provides food for struggling families and Detachment 1451 provides the toys. 2 and 3 December – Raised \$18,425 soliciting contributions for Toys-For-Tots from people waiting in the ferry lines at Clinton and Mukilteo. By Christmas we had provided 1,433 toys for 445 children who might not otherwise received any. 10 February – Provided Honor Guard for fallen WW II Air Force Ace and replaced the flag at the Langley Cemetery. 18 February - Visited long-time MCL member and former Department Chaplain Dan Ryals who was dying of ALS. When we entered his room in the ICU Dan was unconscious. Ed Donery and Dan’s wife were unable to wake him. I pinned the MCL Distinguished Service Medal on his hospital gown. After a while we stepped outside with Dan’s wife to have coffee. Later we decided to try again. Ed pleaded with Dan to open his eyes. Slowly his eyes opened, and he was able to understand we were there. We came to attention and saluted Dan. He bravely raised his arm and returned the salute. As we left we told him, “Semper Fi brother”: he was able to mouth “Semper Fi” in return. Very moving experience to say the least. Dan’s wife and other family members were able to spend some time with him while he was awake. He fell asleep shortly thereafter and never woke again. He passed at 0230 the following morning. 30 March – Provided Honor Guard for Dan Ryals in Darrington. 30 March – Replaced the flag at the Langley Visitor’s Center.

Report of Standing Committees/Advisory Councils:

- Credentials Committee: Bill Hauser – (Convention) – N/A
- Budget and Finance Committee: Bill Hauser & Bonnie Holden – (Convention) – N/A
- Nominating Committee: Jr Past Dept Cmdt Rex Hopper – (Convention) – Opening nominations were held for the elected officer positions of the department. Currently for Department Commandant Marine Bonnie Holden has been nominated and has said she would accept nomination. For Department Sr Vice Commandant Marine TJ Morgan has been nominated and has said he would accept nomination. For Department Jr Vice Commandant Marine George Hilbish has been nominated and has said he would accept nomination. For Department Judge Advocate Marine Dan Nelson and John “Moose” Moysiuk have been nominated and both have said they would accept nomination. Nominations were closed with no other nominations and would be reopened on the convention floor at the Department Convention in June in Silverdale WA.
- Rules Committee: Dept Judge Advocate George Hilbish – (Convention) – N/A
- Bylaws Committee: Dept JA George Hilbish – (Convention) – N/A
- Audit Committee: George Hilbish, Bonnie Holden and Ed Falter – (Convention) – N/A

- Dept. Web Sergeant: TJ Morgan – Will be posting the Department Convention information to the website once electronically received. Further discussed posting the Department Staff and Convention Minutes once completed for all to view. A tab will be built for this purpose.
- Dept. Training Officer: Don Nilson – Absent, no report.
- Publications: Department Commandant Jim Renton – Absent, no report.
- Public Relations Officer: **Vacant** –
- Membership Committee: Jr Vice Dept Cmdt TJ Morgan – Present, No report.
- VAVS Committee: Rex Hopper – Deputy VAVS report – Still reporting numbers to National. Anyone interested in participating in the VAVS please contact Marine Rex Hopper for process and further information.
- Awards/Citations: Randy Ott – Has received some Unit Award recommendations.
- Americanism Committee: Bonnie Holden – Electronic copy provided. The National Headquarters Marine Corps League website does not have the 2018 criteria updated. The website link is https://www.mclnational.org/uploads/1/0/3/1/103183322/americanism_criteria_2017.pdf. Keep an eye out for when it updates for 2018. Again anyone not going to National Convention this year can give me the books at the Department Convention and I will transport them to National Convention in Buffalo New York in August. Out of 16 Detachments last year only 1 Detachment submitted an Americanism Book and took 2nd place. I would like to see more Detachments submit a book as it shows what you are doing in your detachments.
- Legislative Committee: Ev Brown – Absent, no report.
- Boy Scout Liaison: Jim Renton – Received report of nine Eagle Scout receiving recognition. Sends letter to all nine while six of those were from one detachment.
- Homeless Veterans: John Moysiuk – Verbally provided. National discussion is taking place on reduction and prevention of homelessness for veterans. Ensuring that as MCL members we have contacts within our communities so when we find a veteran going thru transitions within their lives that can provide the guidance thru mentorship and contact to community support services. This also will impact suicide prevention and awareness. Will review all reports and pull information from all detachments on any that are actively involved in helping homeless veterans thru their local areas such as participating in Stand-Downs. New website designed to help connect veterans to support services www.WAServes.org. User friendly! The Marine For Life Program (M4L) being raised from the ashes where each detachment, department and div will have a M4L member to help those separating our the Marine Corps for connection into their communities and the resources there. Finally, an email has been sent to each Detachment Commandant and Adjutant or Adjutant/Paymaster with links to resources on homeless veterans. Any questions please shoot me an email.
- VAAC Representative: Larry Alcantara – Electronic copy provided. **2017 Accomplishments**: Town Hall Meeting – Conducted 4 Town Hall Meetings & 1 Commander’s Call. 55 average attendees. 20% returned surveys. Target audience – Service Providers (touch more vets/families). Geographic Areas – Focus on rural areas. Network development between service providers attending town hall. Participants – specific community members – i.e.; local elected officials, local veterans service providers (behavioral health, employment, housing, veteran’s navigator from local colleges/universities, veterans assistance funds, US DVA). One on one connection between provider and veteran. **2018 VAAC Strategic Plan**: Schedule 2018 Town Halls and Commander’s Call, March 22, 2018 – Ephrata, WA. April 19, 2018 – Pullman, WA. July 12, 2018 – Omak, WA. September 20, 2018 – Commander’s Call. October 18, 2018 – Mount Vernon, WA. November 15, 2018 – Sequim, WA. Create structure to identify policy items and deploy Fire Team lead responsibility. Reconstitute merit-based VAAC board composition. Veterans community challenges and collective organization vision. Transition from military to civilian life continues to be a challenge. Continue

work on Military Transition Council. Support services for aging veterans. Connecting vets and eligible dependents to comp/pen. Continue work with VSO and providers. Incarcerated Veterans. Veteran Treatment Courts. Benefits Shutdown upon incarceration. Comp/Pen exam done at Purdy.

- Department Marine of the Year (MOY): Dan Abbott – Committee meeting to select nomination for 2018 MOY will be held at lunch. Four nominations were received. Marine Dan Abbott says he will be stepping down at the end of the convention in June.
- Toys 4 Tots Liaison: John Moysiuk – Please submit your detachment reports for the three events of the Spring Fall and Convention. I'll extrapolate that information in the reports that discusses your ToysForTots involvement. Please let me know if your detachment is either running or assisting in the ToysForTots in your area. Thank you to those detachments that have stepped forward to support the needy children in your communities by giving your time and efforts to provide toys to children on Christmas Day!
- Resolutions Committee: Dennis Dressler & TJ Morgan – Present, no report.
- Young Marines Coordinator: Ed Falter – Verbally provided. The Young Marines are doing great, please check out their website and Facebook.
- Department Convention "2018" update: Silverdale Beach Hotel (Best Western), June 7-9.
- Department Service Officer: Charles "Chuck" Bond – Absent, no report.

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- Registration Fee for convention. Must be voted on the floor by attendees and was not. Due to this the previous fee of \$10 is the most that can be charged for registration at the convention this June. Explanation of delegates was also discussed and made clear to those attending.
- Det #531 brought up for discussion of the 501 (c) 3 but this was tabled as there was previous discussion with further information being addressed thru chain to National for clarification. This will be a much larger issue this year at the National Convention as the National Commandant is pushing for all detachment, department, and divisions to be under the status of 501 (c) 4. Discussion also included that funding was being lost thru grants because the grants could only be received under the 501 (c) 3 status.
- Det #531 also brought up discussion of having others (other military services that have served with Marines) such as those already approved to be full members i.e. Navy Corpsmen, and Navy Chaplains that have served with Marines. Discussion was focused that if this is to be amended it requires a National Bylaws change and this must be done on the floor of the National Convention and all procedures that need to be done must have been submitted by April 1st of the year of the convention in order to be properly reviewed and recommended to move to the National Convention floor to be voted on by the body. It was too late for this year's convention but it could be submitted after the convention for the National Convention in Billings MT in 2019.
- Discussion of fees that are adjusted by National on the New Transmittals and recommendation that the department also do the same adjustment. All were in agreement that we should do this.
- Late fee for registration to our Department Convention is too steep at \$25. This late fee was primarily set up to cover name tags. This was sent back to Convention committee for review.
- Motion on the floor to make a line item for our department budget to cover the \$50 fee for the Department of Washington Veteran Legislative Counsel so there is no further fees being paid out of the pockets for those attending this counsel. Motion was approved.

Good of the League:

- Electronic copy and verbally given. Comments from our NW Div NVC TJ Morgan from Mid-Winter 2018. This report is a culmination of activities at Midwinter, from 28 February through 3 March, 2018. First off I can report that this was one of the most attended midwinter's on record. A well-attended conference with around 300 attendees. February 27th the budget committee met to finish preparing the midwinter budget. The process of the budget has changed. The budget will be used as a business budget with floor approval only at the National convention. This is one of the first years where the budget has been reconciled with quick books. A copy of the budget was sent to each Department Commandant and asked to be pushed out to you the membership. Please keep this to members only and if you didn't get a copy sent to you in an email, talk with your chain of command, it has been sent out by me. Tim Toumey was on hand to thank the NWDIV for all of their support with special thanks to John Stofiel how was his beacon of hope. Gunny was always there tracking him and calling him when in range. Great job Gunny! Warren Griffin our NJA reported he is here to help and working with Johnny Baker on the By-Laws rewrite. This will be ready for approval and posted on the National website. Get your by-Laws amendments in soon so they may be posted as well. Johnny Baker the National Jr. Vice is working with the USMC to get us into the TAPS program to help in recruiting. Make sure your ROIs are accurate with updated contact emails. COO Bob Borka talked about the Ceremonial Rifle program. Do your inventories on rifles from the program. They are property of the Army! HQs has 5 full time and 2 part time employees and they are working hard for you! If you are having membership issues contact JD Foster and he will help you! We have a new LED sign up at HQ that is very visible from the HYW. The website has a new link called the MCL library. Please go to get all of the forms, real time blogging and convention and Conference info. Bob and his wife have put a lot of time in this so go check it out at www.mclnational.org. Young Marines, Col Davis talked about the new CEO our very own Jeromy Jones is now at the helm. He will be greatly missed at the division level as well as at the Melvin M Smith detachment. JD Foster from membership reports a new Transmittal is available on the website. He has included the partial year dues in there so no more changing out on Jan 1. The ship store has requested more inventory to prevent running out and back order issues. New items are coming in as well as the ratchet belt will be coming back. Dave Ossian National Chief of Staff reported on the Fire Team concept. Great way to start a group of MCL Members without having 20 right off the bat. A local Detachment should support them. National Commandant Wendell Webb talked about the new data base and issues in the beta testing. Those issues are being fixed and beta testing will start in the Midwest division and then rolled out in the next 60 days division by division. Not sure where we will be in the rotation. The IRS 990 must be up to date. I will go over this at your department conventions. Dr. Betty Mosely Brown the president to the WMA is reporting great partnership with the MCL as they celebrate 100 years of the first Woman Marine! LtGen Osman reports great numbers for Toys for Tots and the uptick the MCL will have due to the USMCR having a "Ready to Fight" role. I presented my report as chairman for the National Funeral Honors committee and I will be talking with you about it at your department convention. General Grey was in attendance again talking about the great state the USMC is in. Also our bond and commitment has never been better between the league and the USMC than it is right now. LtGen McMillian was onboard to talk with us about funeral honors and is asking us for help. A force order was issued by him on Feb 12th that states all I&I staff to reach out the MCL for funeral help. We knew this was coming but now it was official. Please reach out to your I&I staff and let them know you are there to help. More on this at the department conventions. I will address more at each department convention so this is most of the highlights. See you all in the coming months. Please do hesitate to email me if you have questions!
- Marine Mark S provided discussion of colors being brought to the staff meetings and convention. In discussion points that National does not require colors being brought to the National Conventions

anymore but those in attendance can get the gold star for their banners. Why would this not also apply to the department? From discussion it was decided that detachments did not have to bring colors to department meetings or convention to receive stars for their banners as long as there was representation from their detachments present then stars could be awarded. For clarity purposes, those attending any Department Staff Meeting in April or October would be able to receive a white cloth star for their banner while those attending the Department Convention would receive a silver cloth star for their banners. This was voted on and passed.

Announcements:

- 2018 Department Convention – Silverdale Beach Hotel, Silverdale WA June 7-9.
- 2018 National Convention in August Buffalo NY August 13-17.
- 2018 NW Div Conference in Spokane, WA September 14-15 Quality Inn.
- 2018 Department Fall Staff Meeting in Yakima October 13.
- 2019 Department Spring Staff Meeting in Yakima April 6.
- 2019 National Convention Billings MT

Closing Ceremony: Closed by Department Commandant Jim Renton

- **Commandant:** “There being no further business, we will proceed to close.”
- **Commandant:** “Sergeant-at-Arms, Retire the Colors.”
- **Sergeant-at-Arms:** “Aye, Aye Sir.” (Hand Salute)
- **Commandant:** “The Chaplain will lead us in prayer.”
- **Chaplain:** (leads prayer and closes Bible)
- **Commandant:** “Senior Vice Commandant, perform the last duty of your post.”
- **Senior Vice Commandant:** “Marines, the Department of Washington thanks you for your attendance, and requests you to secure new members, and further, that you favor us at every future meeting with your presence so far as your circumstances will permit.”
- **Commandant:** “Sergeant-at-Arms, declare this meeting of the Department of Washington, Marine Corps League officially closed.”
- **Sergeant-at-Arms:** “By authority of the Department of Washington Commandant, Marine Corps League, I declare this meeting officially closed until the Department Convention in Silverdale June 7th – 9th at 0900 when it will be reopened for the transaction of official business.”

Detachment Representatives at Department Muster:

- Puget Sound Det. #336: *
- Tri-Cities Det. #337:
- Twin Harbors Det. #442:
- Olympia Det. #482: *
- Pierce County Det. #504: *
- Olympic Peninsula Det. #531: *
- Melvin M Smith Det. #586: *
- Columbia River Det. #826: *
- Mt. St. Helen’s Det. #889: *
- MT. Olympus Det. #897: *
- Skagit Valley Det. #1043:
- Yakima Kittitas Valley Det. #1055: *
- Cpl Joseph P Bier Det. #1119: *

- Maj. Megan McClung Det. #1210: *
- Captain Daniel B. Bartle Det #1335:
- Col. Richard “Buck” Francisco #1451: *

- 35 MCL Members in attendance.