



**Department of Washington  
Marine Corps League**  
Department Muster 1000, 13 October 2018  
Oxford Suites 1701 E. Yakima Ave., Yakima, WA 98901  
<http://www.mcldeptwa.org/>



**Joint Opening Ceremony:**

- Officiated by Department Commandant Bonnie Holden
  - **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, Ma’am.” “The quarters are secured and all present are qualified to remain.”
  - **Commandant:** “Post the Colors.”
  - **Sergeant-At-Arms:** “Aye, Aye, Ma’am.” (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 Commandant Nic Meyer welcoming all.

**Recognition of National Officers present:**

- NWD National Vice Commandant TJ Morgan
- Honorable NWD Vice Chief Devil Dog PDD Bonnie Holden
- Honorable Kennel Barking Dog PDD Randy Ott
- National Public Relations Officer Charles Ames

**Recognition NW Division Representatives present:**

- Jr Past NW Div National Vice Commandant John Moysiuk
- NW Div Chief of Staff Dennis Dressler

**Recognition of Past Department Commandants present:**

- Dennis Dressler
- John Stofiel
- Ed Falter

**Recognition of MCLA and Officers present:** Department Commandant calls MCLA President to allow her to present her staff (Sena Moreland)

- Distinguished Guests
  - Jr. Past Div Vice President NW Sue Douglas
  - Past Div Vice President NW Sam Dressler
  - Div Vice President NW Vickie Brown
- President Sena Moreland

- Sr Vice Rebecca Corpuz
- Jr Vice Vickie Brown
- Judge Advocate Sandy Falter
- Jr Past President Susan Douglas
- Secretary/Treasurer Jaci Kruse
- Chaplain Sam Dressler
- Captain of the Guard Carol Lucei
- Historian Vickie Brown
- Past Department Presidents present
  - Sam Dressler
  - Paulie Stofiel
  - Jane Montgomery
  - Sandy Falter

Department Commandant excuses MCLA at this time

**Recognition of Recipients of NW Division Marine of the Year present:**

- TJ Morgan
- John Moysiuk

**Recognition of Recipients of Department Marine of the Year present:**

- Dennis Dressler
- John Stofiel
- Randy Ott
- Bonnie Holden
- John Moysiuk
- Mark Schildknecht

**Recognition of “First Timers” to Department meeting:**

- 3 First Timers included: Tommy Watson 1043; Paul Burton, 336; Robert Longcrane, 531.

**Roll Call of Officers present:**

- Commandant Bonnie Holden
- Sr Vice Commandant TJ Morgan
- Jr Vice Commandant George Hilbish II
- Judge Advocate John Moysiuk
- Chaplain Dennis Dressler
- Sergeant-At-Arms Mark Schildknecht
- Paymaster Bill Hauser
- Adjutant Randy Ott
- Jr Past Commandant James Renton (Excused)

**Minutes of previous meeting:**

- **Commandant:** I will entertain a motion to accept the minutes as previously published.
- Marine John Stofiel submitted motion, Marine Don Nilson seconded and Membership voted in acceptance of minutes as published.

**Correspondence:**

- National Roster Updates for PLM and Status. Received six reports.

**Adjutants Report:** Randy Ott – 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. 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 NWD, 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 #504	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	Folding Charter
Capt Daniel B. Bartle Det #1335	602952869	090909	093018	
Col. Richard Francisco #1451	604143319	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.** 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 Randy Ott at [otterpops.ott.r@gmail.com](mailto:otterpops.ott.r@gmail.com) for the Department Admin files.

<u>DETACHMENT</u>	<u>EIN</u>	<u>TAX YR</u>	<u>STAT</u>	<u>FILED</u>	<u>CONFIRM</u>
Dept. of WA	91-0533364	01/01-12/31	Filed	2018	10/30/18
Puget Sound #336	91-1435694	07/01-06/30	Overdue	2016	10/30/18
Tri-Cities #337	91-6087173	09/01-08/31	Filed	2018	10/30/18
Twin Harbors #442	91-2053273	07/01-06/30	Filed	2018	10/30/18
Olympia #482	91-2143220	07/01-06/30	Filed	2018	10/30/18
Pierce County #504	91-1824633	07/01-06/30	Filed	2018	10/30/18
Olympic Peninsula #531	91-1285018	07/01-06/30	Overdue	2017	10/30/18
Melvin M Smith #586	91-1890134	07/01-06/30	Filed	2018	10/30/18
Columbia River #826	91-1647649	07/01-06/30	Filed	2018	10/30/18
Mt. St. Helen's #889	91-1650015	07/01-06/30	Filed	2018	10/30/18
Mt. Olympus #897	91-2058115	07/01-06/30	Filed	2018	10/30/18
Skagit Valley Det. #1043	91-2016335	07/01-06/30	Filed	2018	10/30/18
Yakima Kittitas Valley #1055	91-2049201	07/01-06/30	Filed	2018	10/30/18
Cpl Joseph P Bier #1119	47-0890445	07/01-06/30	Filed	2018	10/30/18
<b>Maj. Megan McClung #1210</b>	<b>35-2253724</b>	<b>01/01-12/31</b>	<b>Filed</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>10/30/18</b>
Capt Daniel B. Bartle Det #1335	80-0463568	07/01-06/30	Overdue	2017	10/30/18
Col. Richard Francisco #1451	82-2027836	07/01-06/30	Filed	2018	10/30/18

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

- Treasury report:  

- When emailing the Department Paymaster please use [bhauser1952@msn.com](mailto:bhauser1952@msn.com).
- **Commandant:** I will entertain a motion to accept the Paymasters Report as published. Marine Ed Falter submitted motion, Marine George Hilbish II seconded and Membership voted in acceptance of minutes as published.
- **Chaplain's Report:** Provided by Dennis Dressler: Since June's Convention, there have been 4 "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 Chaplain (or Adjutant or Commandant).
  - Theodore (Ted) Reynvaan May 13, 2018 Twin Harbors
  - Richard (Dick) Cease July 29, 2018 Melvin M. Smith

- Timothy E Savage
- Charles J Louviere

August 5, 2018  
August 11, 2018

Melvin M. Smith  
Columbia River

### **Sickness and in Distress:**

- Hank Melanson #586, Cancer.
- Bill Hilgartner, #826, Cancer and heart issues.
- Jim Nelson, #1451, Cancer.

### **Report of Officers:**

- Commandant: Bonnie Holden – Report submitted electronically.
- Sr Vice Commandant: TJ Morgan –Report on fund raising for sending the Dept. Commandant to National Conventions.
- Jr Vice Commandant: George Hilbish II – No report.
- Judge Advocate: John Moysiuk – Report submitted electronically.
- Jr Past Commandant: James Renton – No report.

### **Report of Detachment Commandants:**

- Puget Sound Det. #336: Mark Gorman – Present- Electronic and hard copies provided.
- Tri-Cities Det. #337: Mike Ridgel –Present- No report.
- Twin Harbors Det. #442: Frank Perov – Not present. No report.
- Olympia Det. #482: Jim Sims – Not present. No report sent.
- Pierce County Det. #504: Charles Ames – Present- Electronic and hard copies provided.
- Olympic Peninsula Det. #531: Bob Schneider – Present- Electronic and hard copies provided.
- Melvin M Smith Det. #586: Randy Ott – Present- Electronic and hard copies provided.
- Columbia River Det. #826: Bill Hauser – Present- Electronic and hard copies provided.
- Mt. St. Helen’s Det. #889: Donald Simmons – Not present, electronically submitted.
- MT. Olympus Det. #897: Elvis “Guy” Iredale/Mark Schildknecht – Present – Electronically submitted and hard copies provided.
- Skagit Valley Det. #1043: Lee Schuirman – Present- Electronic and hard copies provided.
- Yakima Kittitas Valley Det. #1055: Nicholas Myers – Present- Electronic and hard copies provided.
- Cpl Joseph P Bier Det. #1119: Bob Broostrom – Not present. No report sent.
- Maj. Megan McClung Det. #1210: Ricardo Reyes – Closing-Not present. No report sent.
- Captain Daniel B. Bartle Det #1335: Bruce Barton – Not present. No report sent.
- Col. Richard Francisco #1451: Robert Gabelein/Don Nilson – Present – Report given, will submit an electronic copy.

### **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 James Renton – (Convention) –
- Rules Committee: Dept Judge Advocate John Moysiuk – (Convention) – N/A
- Bylaws Committee: Dept JA John Moysiuk – (Convention) – N/A
- Audit Committee: George Hilbish, Bonnie Holden and Ed Falter – (Convention) – N/A
- Dept. Web Sergeant: TJ Morgan – Present - Researching into prices on the website. Up to date.
- Dept. Training Officer: Don Nilson – Present, no report.
- Publications: Department Commandant James Renton – Absent, no report.
- Public Relations Officer: Vacant –

- Membership Committee: Jr Vice Dept Cmdt George Hilbish II – Present, No report.
- VAVS Committee: Rex Hopper – Deputy VAVS report – Absent.
- Awards/Citations: Randy Ott – None to be given at this time.
- Americanism Committee: Bonnie Holden – Electronic copy provided. The website link is [https://www.mclnational.org/uploads/1/0/3/1/103183322/americanism\\_criteria\\_2017.pdf](https://www.mclnational.org/uploads/1/0/3/1/103183322/americanism_criteria_2017.pdf). I would like to see more Detachments submit a book as it shows what you are doing.
- Legislative Committee: Ev Brown – Absent, no report.
- Boy Scout Liaison: Jim Renton – Absent. Reported electronically that six awards have been presented. Needs to be sent in every 6 months.
- Homeless Veterans: John Moysiuk – Verbally provided. Busy time of the year with winter coming. Reach out as you can for them. All services need help. Any questions please shoot me an email.
- VAAC Representative: Larry Alcantara – Present, electronic copy provided.
- Department Marine of the Year (MOY): John Moysiuk – Present, please recognize your membership who do the work. Follow the instructions.
- Toys 4 Tots Liaison: John Moysiuk – Present – Reports aren't being sent, but the work is being done. This is here and the USMC is passing the responsibility to the MCL as much as possible.
- Resolutions Committee: Dennis Dressler & TJ Morgan – Present, no report.
- Young Marines Coordinator: Ed Falter – Present – No report, doing great, please check out their website and Facebook.
- Department Convention "2019" update: Yakima/Kittitas Valley #1055 has bid to host the Convention 6-9 June, 2019. Working on a contract with Red Lion.
- Department Service Officer: Charles Bond – Absent, no report.

**\*\*\* ALL REPORTS SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY ARE ATTACHED AT THE END OF THIS REPORT.\*\*\***

#### **Old Business:** (April 2018)

- 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 agreed 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.

### New Business:

- Don Nilson brought forth a new National History and Anniversary Committee about our MCL members to document their stories.

### Good of the League:

- NWD NVC TJ Morgan brought forth discounts for veterans in the MCL Library. Good deals.
  - Bylaws on the National level are now being published since the Convention rewrites. Possibly available within the next month. This means Detachments/Departments will have to update/create their Bylaws.
  - Trademark involving the EGA requesting permission to use the emblem when you are making money from the sales with the EGA.
  - Delta Dental working on grants for scholarships.
  - National is working on a convention app for schedules.
  - Glock is back supporting the MCL with raffles. Tickets will be in Semper Fi.
- Commandant Holden presented awards to Detachments for their work from National Jr. Vice
  - 336, 504, 586, 897, 1043, 1451, 1055 & Dept. of Washington.

### Announcements:

- 2019 MCL Mid-Winter – Fredericksburg, VA, Feb 28 – March 2, 2019.
- 2019 Department Spring Staff Meeting – Yakima, April 5-6, 2019.
- 2019 Department Convention – Yakima, June 6-9, 2019.
- 2019 MCL National Convention – Billings, MT, August 4-10, 2019.
- 2019 NWD Conference – Spokane, September 13-14, 2019, Fairfield Inn.
- 2019 Department Fall Staff Meeting – Yakima, October 4-5, 2019.

### Closing Ceremony: Closed by Department Commandant Bonnie Holden

- **Commandant:** “There being no further business, we will proceed to close.”
- **Commandant:** “Sergeant-At-Arms, Retire the Colors.”
- **Sergeant-At-Arms:** “Aye, Aye Ma’am.” (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 Spring Staff Meeting in Yakima on April 6th at 1000, when it will be reopened for the transaction of official business.”

**Detachment Representatives Present at this Department Muster:**

- Puget Sound Det. #336: YES
- Tri-Cities Det. #337: YES
- Twin Harbors Det. #442: NO
- Olympia Det. #482: YES
- Pierce County Det. #504: YES
- Olympic Peninsula Det. #531: YES
- Melvin M. Smith Det. #586: YES
- Columbia River Det. #826: YES
- Mt. St. Helen Det. #889: NO
- Mt. Olympus Det. #897: YES
- Skagit Valley Det. #1043: YES
- Yakima Kittitas Valley Det. #1055: YES
- Cpl Joseph P. Bier Det. #1119: YES
- Maj. Megan McClung Det. #1210: NO
- Capt. Daniel B. Bartle Det #1335: NO
- Col. Richard Francisco #1451: YES
  
- **30** MCL Members in attendance.



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE  
PIERCE COUNTY DETACHMENT #504

October 13, 2018

Since the meeting in Department Convention the following has occurred:

We currently have 85 members and associates, 54 are life members, 30 annual members 3 are in arears and 1 active duty honorary. We have recruited one new member and received a transfer from Idaho.

The Annual Department "Rock" Ceremony was held on August 25th, LtCol James Beal USMC, Commanding Office, I & I Staff 6th ANGLICO at JBLM, was the guest speaker. The Color Guard and the Rifle Detail was provided by the Security Battalion from Bangor. The Puget Sound and Pierce County Detachment members, along with the Seattle Young Marines unit participated in the ceremony. Next year's ceremony will be on the 31st of August.

We have awarded 2 Eagle Scouts their Good Citizenship certificate.

The Detachment was in attendance for CLB-23's Family Day held on the 9th of September. We talked to the Marines about the Marine Corps League and the benefits of joining.

We will hold a Marine Corps Birthday Ball on the 10th of November; we have invited the 336 & 531 Detachments.

Gearing up for this year's Toys for Tots campaign.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charles Ames  
Commandant

Col. Richard “Buck” Francisco Detachment #1451  
Report at 13 October Business Meeting of the Department of Washington

- Strength as of 12 October is 33 (31 Regular and 2 Associates) of which 16 are either PLMs or have paid. Transmittals have been submitted to Dept Paymaster Hauser.
- Activities:
  - Commandant Gabelein and Adjutant/Paymaster Nilson attended the Dept Convention in June.
  - Early June 2018 presented a \$1,000 scholarship to an outstanding graduate of South Whidbey High School.
  - 30 June and 1 July: raised \$7,100 for 2019 scholarships.
  - 3 July: Presented the colors at the Celebrate America event preceding the fireworks display at Freeland beach.
  - 4 July: Lead the Maxwellton 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade.
  - 21 July: Lead Whidbey Island Fair parade
  - 8 September: Presented colors for the final Major Megan McClung Race in Oak Harbor
  - 7 October: Nine members rendered honors for deceased Army vet Al Bowers
  - Toys-for-Tots program underway with awareness raising activities.
- Detachment VAVS Officer active several days each week with the Whidbey Veterans Resource Council.

Respectfully submitted,  
Don Nilson  
Adjutant/Paymaster  
Detachment 1451

## **October 9, 2018**

**From:** Commandant, Olympic Peninsula Detachment 531

**To:** Commandant, Department of Washington

**Cc:** Adjutant, Department of Washington

**Subj:** Commandant's Report, Olympic Peninsula Detachment 531, October 2018

**Period Covered:** June 7, 2018 to October 13, 2018

### **June 2018**

- 06/07/18 - 06/09/18: Olympic Peninsula Detachment 531 co-hosted the Department of Washington 2018 Annual Convention in Silverdale, WA along with Puget Sound Detachment 336.

### **July 2018**

- 07/12/18: Detachment 531 Marines attended the commemoration of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Swearing-In Ceremony of the Evergreen State Platoon at the Capitol Rotunda in Olympia, WA. Vietnam Veteran Mike Parker of Detachment 531 was a member of the Evergreen State Platoon, which consisted of 88 recruits from across Washington State that attended recruit training at MCRD San Diego together in 1968.

### **August 2018**

- 08/18/18: Detachment 531 Marines participated with the "poolees" from the U.S. Marine Corps Recruiting Office in Silverdale, WA on a working party cleanup of the Kitsap County Fairgrounds, in anticipation of the Kitsap County Fair. The Detachment also provided lunch for all the attendees at the working party.
- 08/20/18: Detachment 531 reserved ten (10) rooms for the Marine Corps League 2019 National Convention in Billings, MT.

### **September 2018**

- 08/31/18 – 09/02/18: Provided security for the Bremerton Blackberry Festival, earning money for the detachment.
- 09/22/18: MODD members from Detachment 531 attended the Pound 211 Growl in Fife, WA.
- 09/26/18: Participated in planning meeting for this year's Toys for Tots Campaign for Kitsap and north Mason Counties.
- 09/29/18: Participated in the Veterans' Stand-down at Sheridan Park Community Center in Bremerton. Provided sleep systems to 37 homeless Veterans, as well as coats, backpacks and other items.

### **October 2018**

- 10/05/18: Detachment Marines delivered \$200 worth of arts and crafts supplies to the Washington Veterans Home in Port Orchard, WA in response to a request for assistance with those supplies.
- 10/13/18: Detachment Marines attended the Department of Washington Fall Conference in Yakima, WA.

Respectfully submitted,

*Bob Schneider*, [shortround@wavecable.com](mailto:shortround@wavecable.com), 360-710-7355

Commandant, Olympic Peninsula Detachment 531

2018 Commandant's Report  
Skagit Valley Detachment #1043 Marine Corps League

On June 19, 2018 Lee Schuirman was installed Commandant of Skagit Valley Detachment #1043 on his 72<sup>nd</sup> birthday

The League participated in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Logger Rodeo parade in Sedro Woolley WA.

On August 10<sup>th</sup>, detachment 1043 sponsored a hole at the annual Skagit County Boys and Girls Club Golf Tournament. We also man the Chipping contest area where participating golfers have 3 chances to get their gold balls into a Toys 4 Tots bin.

On August 18<sup>th</sup> held our annual Marine Corps League picnic was held at Lee Schuirman's lake property at Big Lake. Because of bad weather with lots of rain the picnic was lightly attended with only 17 or 18 Marines present.

On August 25<sup>th</sup> we partnered with the Skagit Valley Herald Christmas Fund and held our annual fund raising concert for our Toys 4 Tots program. The League served hamburgers and salmon to benefit our scholarship program.

At our Sept 19<sup>th</sup> meeting, Mark Gorman honored us with his presence and spoke on future activities at the state Marine Corps League level. We set a finance committee to handle distribution of funds as needed. Plans were made for an upcoming Memorial service for one of our founding members who passed away. Master Gunnery Sgt. Bob McDaniels had been our paymaster for many years. Plans are being finalized for our upcoming Marine Corps Birthday Ball to be held at the Skagit Valley Casino on November 10<sup>th</sup>. The main menu will be prime rib or chicken.

Bob McDaniels' Memorial Service was held on Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> at Josephine Sunset Home in Stanwood, WA where he has lived with his wife for the last several years. He was 87. Marine Corps League 1043 was asked to furnish the guard, our chaplain, Steve Bruffy and Commandant Lee Schuirman conducted the per Marine Corps ritual. Several Marines that had served with Bob in the 2st Tank Division during the Korean War were in attendance. After the flag folding and taps were played, the flag was presented to his wife Rosemary. They had been married 62 years. Her first husband was a Marine and killed in Korea leaving her with 3 small children. She met Bob at a Marine Corps Birthday Ball, they married and had one more child. All four children were present at the service and spoke highly of their wonderful father. A toast to colors Bob had so faithfully served was given and the entire group sang all 3 verses of the Marines Hymn.

Detachment 1043 is getting ready for our annual Toys 4 Tots program. We serve all of Skagit County. Our Toys 4 Tots truck is in 2 Christmas parades' Anacortes and Sedro Woolley, and is used by many businesses. This is a big team effort gathering and distributing all the toys.

We have been working with our County Commissioners and other organizations in setting up a Veterans Memorial Park honoring all veterans with Skagit County roots.

For many years on Memorial Day, Marine League 1043 has been the Honor Guard at three Skagit County cemeteries, Pleasant Ridge Cemetery at 9:00, Hawthorne Cemetery at 11:00 and Mount Vernon Cemetery at 1:00. We do the flag presentation, flag folding, taps and a Toast to the Colors our fallen brothers have so faithfully served.

Respectfully submitted

Lee Schuirman

Commandant

Marine Corps League 1043

**COLUMBIA RIVER DETACHMENT #826**

DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON, MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

Est. 28 September, 1992

Mail: PO BOX 2685 Vancouver, WA 98668-2685

MEETING: 1900 @ Elks Lodge 823 11605 SE McGillivray Blvd, Vancouver WA 98683-5203

EIN: 91-1647649 Secretary of State: UBI# 601492208

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES & Appointed Officers**

Comdn't Bill Hauser; Sr. Vice Comdn't Lynn Bolte ; Jr. Vice Comdn't Henry Lasch; Judge Advocate Lucian Baker;  
Jr. Past Comdn't: Bill Cason

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10/08/2018

To: Bonnie Holden, Department of WA Commandant  
cc: Randy Ott, Department of WA Adjutant  
From: Bill Hauser, Commandant

Subj.: Columbia River Detachment Activities

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. 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 continues to edit the Detachment newsletter and maintain the Detachment website. Our new website address is [MCLeaguecrd826.org](http://MCLeaguecrd826.org)

**Color Guard** - Our Color Guard is operating on a limited basis due to a shortage of members. We continue to look for volunteers from within the Detachment.

**Annual Marine Corps Birthday Dinner** - We are again holding our annual Birthday celebration at the American Legion Post 14 in Vancouver Washington. 1700 Social hour, 1800 Commandants message/cake cutting, 1830 Dinner.

**MCL Training Program** - We continue to offer our Marine Corps League training program. We continue to use the system that our training Officer (John Stofiel) has designed based on old MCI program 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.

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“Once A Marine Always a Marine

In Memory Of Lieutenant General John A. Lejeune, Our First National Commandant

**VAVS** - Our VAVS program is running very strongly. Detachment members continue to make a difference by manning information desks, transporting patients from their cars to the hospital in carts, and selling popcorn.

**Veterans Day** - Again we are entered to march in the Vancouver Veterans Day Parade at 1100 on Saturday November 10<sup>th</sup> 2018. We will be joined by members of our Auxiliary and the Lewis and Clark Young Marines.

**Other activities** - The Detachment is involved Clark County Veterans Advisory Board, Marine Corps Coordinating Council, Clark County Veterans Assistance Center, Community Military Appreciation Committee, and Toys for Tots.

We just completed a community service/fundraiser at a local car wash. We partnered with the Young Marines again to tap into their youth and energy. Members of the Detachment manned a information table inside in the lobby contacting prospective members.

We are discussing Marine Corps Red polo shirts for the detachment... difficult time finding desired color but still working on this. Many members are not able to facilitate the purchase of MCL uniforms and this would be a means to coordinate us into similar dress for events

**Upcoming Events:**

**Annual Detachment Marine Corps Birthday Dinner - 09 November 2018**

**Vancouver Veterans Day Parade - 1100, 10 November 2018**

**Marine Corps Birthday - 10 November 2018**

Respectively Submitted,

Bill Hauser, Commandant  
Columbia River Detachment 826,  
Dept. of WA,  
Marine Corps League.

To: Marine Bonnie Holden, Commandant  
From: Marine Dennis Dressler  
Subject: Chaplain's Report  
Date: 13 October, 2018

Since the report at Department Convention I have received notice that the following Marines had passed away.

Theodore (Ted) Reynvaan	May 13, 2018	Twin Harbors
Richard (Dick) Cease	July 29, 2018	Melvin M. Smith
Timothy E Savage	August 5, 2018	Melvin M. Smith
Charles J Louviere	August 11, 2018	Columbia River

Additionally I have received notice that one of our Marines who had been reported as having passed away was, in fact, alive.

Norman (Doc) Leeson	reported as having passed in 2017	Grays Harbor
	was discovered to be in a (nursing) home	

I serve as my Detachment's Chaplain.

At the Annual Northwest Division Staff Conference I was appointed as the NWDiv Vice Commandant T. J. Morgan's Chief of Staff.

During this timeframe I have participated on the Melvin M. Smith Detachment's Honor Guard that has done numerous funerals at Washington State Veteran's Cemetery in Medical Lake, Washington as well at other cemeteries.

I actively participate as a Mentor with Spokane Veteran's Forum that is an adjunct to the Spokane County Veteran's Court. Presently the Forum has the lowest rate of recidivism rate (13%) of any Vet's Court Program in the United States; we are being used as a model for other jurisdictions.

Washington Department of Veteran's Affairs has certified me (after training) as a "Peer to Peer" Mentor. While Mentors in this program can provide access to, and assistance with, various programs that are available to veterans. The primary focus of the program is suicide prevention.

Very respectfully,

*Dennis*



October 13, 2018

TO: Bonnie Holden, Commandant  
Washington Department Marine Corps League

FROM: Larry Alcantara, Vice Chair  
Governor's Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee

SUBJECT: Governor's Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee - Fall 2018 Status Report

The Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee (VAAC) is a seventeen-member committee appointed by the Governor. Each member is appointed to a term of four years. Veterans are recommended for appointment to the VAAC by the leadership of nationally recognized Veteran Service Organizations active in Washington State, and two members are appointed as veterans at large.

The VAAC serves in an advisory capacity to the Governor and the Director of the Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs. Members divide into small groups and plan Town Hall meetings in locations across the state. Town Hall meetings serve two purposes:

- 1) To provide a forum for veterans and their families to learn about the services and resources available in their own communities.
- 2) To educate VAAC members on issues that are important to veterans and their families across the state so that the VAAC can share this information with the WDVA Director and the Governor.

As my second year, of a four-year appointment, on the Governor's Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee (VAAC) is entering the fourth quarter it is timely to reflect on the past year's activities.

### 2018 Accomplishments

- I was appointed by Governor Insee effective March 7, 2017 to July 20, 2020.
- I attended all committee and leadership meetings since September 2016
- The VAAC established three goals for mission success, namely, survey veterans to identify needs, develop strategic plan to carry out mission and the recruitment and retention of VAAC membership. VAAC met all 2018 Goals with adequate level of success. I took the lead role in writing the draft strategic plan which was finalized by the leadership team and staff participation. Town Hall meetings schedule for 2018 are as follows:
  - October 18, 2018 – Burlington, WA
  - November 15, 2018 – Sequim, WA
  - September 20, 2018 – Commander's Call (Co-Chair)
  - July 12, 2018 – Omak, WA (Co-Chair)
  - May 3, 2018 – Pullman, WA (Co-Chair)
  - March 22, 2018 - Ephrata, WA (Co-Chair)

Other activities included, but limited to:

- Served as an evaluator for "2018 Outstanding Service to Veterans Awards".
  - Attended the "Serving those who Served" Conference, (training VSO's) Wenatchee (July 2018)
- Represented the VAAC at numerous patriotic events including, but not limited to:
- Presented 2018 Outstanding Service to Veterans Award (State Legislature, Seahawks VMAC, Everyone for Veterans)

- Master of Ceremonies for Ambassador for Peace Medal Presentation to Korean War veterans
- Vietnamese/American War Memorial Ribbon Cutting
- USMC Evergreen Platoon 50th Anniversary
- Military Transition Panelist, Shoreline Community College

As Co-Chair, played a key role in strategic planning, agenda development and providing committee leadership.

### 2019 Planning

- A VAAC Committee meeting is scheduled for October 25, 2018 in Tacoma. The VAAC will review 2018 performance and establish priorities for 2019. A few *potential* priorities are: 1) establish the 2019 theme “Emotional Wellness” and, 2) enhance VAAC social media presence to make it easier for veterans to connect with benefits they earned and help to identify veteran needs.
- I accepted nomination for 2019 VAAC Chair; election to be held October 25, 2018.

It is my privilege and honor to serve the veterans of Washington State. I remain fully committed to serve the VAAC to the best of my ability.

Questions and comments may be sent to my email, [pinoy003@msn.com](mailto:pinoy003@msn.com).

CC: Mark Gorman, Commandant, Puget Sound Marines Detachment 336  
Charles Wharton, VAAC Chair  
Lisa Narciso, WDVA

October 12, 2018

From: Randy Ott, Commandant, Melvin M. Smith Det. #586

To: Bonnie Holden, Commandant, Department of Washington

CC: Adjutant, Department of Washington

Subj: Detachment Commandant's Report of Detachment Activities

With great pride and joy, I submit our Detachment's activities since the Department Convention in June:

- At the end of June, our Units joined together to support Spokane's 3-on-3 Basketball Hoop Fest by selling refreshments to the thirsty ballers and crowd. This has been a great event to support which has given us tremendous publicity and a recruitment tool.
- The National Convention in Buffalo, NY was the place to be in August. Our Units were 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. We also support "P" Battery with their firing details as their training schedule limits their availability at times. The new protocol of supporting our Active Duty Units has truly been a fun and demanding task for our team.
- Returning from a well-deserved break, we supported the NWD Leadership Conference.
- For the past four years, we have held a rifle raffle at the local gun shows with tremendous success. If you are interested, see one of us for tickets. The next winning number could be yours. We will draw in March 2019.
- Washington's Fallen Heroes Project and Illuminating Courage hosted the Time of Remembrance in Spokane on Sept 28-30th. Our support goes to the Gold Star Families for our Fallen Servicemen and Women.

This concludes our report of activities.

Semper Fi!

Randy Ott