



Department of Washington
Marine Corps League
Virtual Fall Staff Meeting
<http://www.mcldeptwa.org>



Activities as of October 22, 2020

Minutes of previous meeting:

Attached for your viewing pleasure. Also available online.

Correspondence:

- Paymaster Hauser reports that our National Roster Updates for PLM and Status. Paymaster Hauser Received and forwarded to the Detachments for their processing. Returns have been steady.

Paymaster Report: Bill Hauser – Read report and amounts; electronic copy has been submitted for the Department website.

Chaplain Report: Provided by Dennis Dressler: Since Oct 2019, there have been “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).

- PCDD Phil Ruhmshottel

Report of Detachment Commandants:

- Puget Sound Det. #336: Rick Flath – Submitted.
- Tri-Cities Det. #337: Mike Ridgel – Submitted.
- Twin Harbors Det. #442: Ron Black – Submitted.
- Olympia Det. #482: Sky Busk – Submitted.
- Pierce County Det. #504: Mike Edwards – No report.
- Olympic Peninsula Det. #531: LouAnne Harrey – Submitted.
- Melvin M Smith Det. #586: Kari Sobisky – Submitted.
- Columbia River Det. #826: Lynn Bolte – Submitted.
- Mt. St. Helens Det. #889: Glen Eperson – No Report.
- Mt. Olympus Det. #897: Mark Schildknecht – Submitted.
- Skagit Valley Det. #1043: Tommy Watson – No Report.
- Yakima Kittitas Valley Det. #1055: Nicholas Myers – Submitted.
- Cpl Joseph P Bier Det. #1119: Bonnie Holden – Submitted.
- Maj Megan McClung Det. #1210: Closing.
- Capt Daniel B. Bartle Det #1335: – Phillip Carrol – No Report.
- Col Richard Francisco #1451: Robert Gabelein – Submitted.

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 – Completed Via Zoom 10/3/2020.

- 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: Bill Hauser – Newly appointed.
- Dept. Training Officer: Don Nilson –.
- Public Relations Officer: Charles Ames –.
- Membership Committee: Jr Vice Dept Cmdt Ed Falter –.
- VAVS Committee: Rex Hopper – Online Newsletter is available and will be sent out.
- Awards/Citations: Randy Ott – .
- Americanism Committee: Bonnie Holden – Submitted.
- Legislative Committee: Shane Inman –New appointment, Reported on progress.
- Boy Scout Liaison: Jim Renton – Submitted.
- Homeless Veterans: John Moysiuk –.
- VAAC Representative: Larry Alcantara – Submitted. Ron Black is interested in assignment.
- Department Marine of the Year (MOY): John Moysiuk –.
- Toys 4 Tots Liaison: LouAnne Harrey –.
- Young Marines Coordinator: Ed Falter –.
- Department Convention “2021” update – Spokane submitted a resolution to host the 2021 Dept. of Washington Annual Convention.
- Department Service Officer: VACANT – LouAnne Harrey is working on her credentials to become our VSO.

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

Old Business: (Oct 2019)

- Adjutant Ott motioned that our Finance Budget perform a line item review to determine adjustments to the current budget for funding of expenses including the Commandant’s travel by the Paymaster. Seconded by Ron Black. Discussion. Motion carried. Committee members are John Stofiel, Randy Ott and Bill Hauser.
- Bob Gabelein motioned to create a restricted fund for Commandant’s travel to the budget with the donations from the Detachments. Seconded by John Stofiel. Discussion. Motion carried.
- John Stofiel brought forth discussion about the Publications Committee being obsolete. Will be discussed at the Spring Staff meeting.
- The Melvin M. Smith Det #586 is placing a bid to host the 2020 Department Convention. They passed a resolution at their September meeting and will submit an official resolution letter after the Dept. meeting.

New Business:

- Department Convention “2021” – Spokane submitted a resolution to host the 2021 Dept. of Washington Annual Convention. Dates will be June 3-7, 2021 at the Mirabeau Parkway Hotel.
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Announcements:

- 2021 MCL Mid-Winter – Norfolk, VA., February 25-28, 2021.
- 2021 Department Spring Staff Meeting – Yakima, April 3rd & 4th, 2021.
- 2021 Department of Idaho Convention – Pocatello, ID, May
- 2021 Department Convention – Will be hosted in Spokane on June 3-6, 2021.
- 2021 MCL National Convention – Springfield, IL, August 8-14, 2021.
- 2021 NWD Commandant's Conference – TBD.
- 2021 Department Fall Staff Meeting – October 1-2, 2021.

Closing Ceremony: Closed by Department Commandant

- **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:** "Please uncover." (leads prayer and closes Bible) "Please cover."
- **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 3rd at 1000, when it will reopen for the transaction of official business."

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**Department Commandant Report
2020 Fall Staff Report**

Since there will not be a Staff Meeting in October, we proceeded to do elections by email. This was handled by Jim Renton and Dennis Dressler. If you have any questions, please contact one of them.

I appreciate all the cooperation and support all the Detachments have given me in the last 2 years. When we return to our meetings, we will have a new Commandant and hope everyone will keep open communication with him as well.

The nominations for Department Marine of the Year should be sent to either John Moysiuk, President, or Randy Ott, Secretary. Unit Citation Awards need to be sent to either Randy Ott or myself. The Awards for this will be forwarded to you by mail since we have no idea when we will next meet. This information was sent to you by Randy Ott about 10 days ago with the applications for the awards.

Semper Fi!

Bonnie Holden
Commandant
Dept. of Washington
September 6, 2020

Adjutant Report 2020 Fall Staff Report

First, I'd like to thank the Detachments and Officers which submitted their reports back in April and again in September. I've incorporated them in this report for the fact that we did stuff between October 2019 and March 2020 before Co-Vid19.

Second, we have lots of work to get done now that National has given us guidelines to get elections and such done. Our reports are submitted electronically so this hasn't really affected us. However, some Detachments are still slow on their 990 and SOS submissions. Below are the official as of this report submissions:

- **Washington Secretary of State:**

- 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 in the system. There is one Det. Overdue for filing Secretary of State! Web search on UBI #s:
<http://www.sos.wa.gov/corps/search.aspx>

<u>DETACHMENT</u>	<u>UBI #</u>	<u>INCORP</u>	<u>EXPDATE</u>	<u>DISSOLUTION</u>
• Dept. of WA	601587317	051047	053119	
• Puget Sound #336	602917923	042309	043019	
• Tri-Cities #337	602119092	032601	033119	
• Twin Harbors #442	601830219	102583	103119	
• Olympia #482	602148515	082701	083118	Overdue
• 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	093020	
• Mt. St. Helen's #889	601589728	112194	113019	
• MT. Olympus #897	601974685	081799	083119	
• Skagit Valley Det. #1043	602005244	011000	013119	
• Yakima Kittitas Valley #1055	602072701	092500	093019	
• Cpl Joseph P Bier #1119	602240331	100702	103119	
• Maj. Megan McClung #1210	602617910	052606	053119	Folding Charter
• Capt Daniel B. Bartle Det #1335	602952869	090909	093019	
• Col. Richard Francisco #1451	604143319	062717	063019	

- **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, 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 annually based on your end of Fiscal Year. 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 for the Department Admin files.

DETACHMENT	EIN	TAX YR	STAT	FILED	CONFIRM
• 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	Filed	2018	10/30/19
• 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	10/30/1
• 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
• Maj. Megan McClung #1210	35-2253724	01/01-12/31	CLOSING		
• 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

Puget Sound Detachment 336
2020 Fall Staff Report

Membership – Detachment member continues to decline, and we've need to find a volunteer for the position of Jr. Vice Commandant, which has been vacant over a year. 41 Members with 39 Regular and 2 Associate

Marine Corps Birthday Dinner 2020 – Due to Covid-19 we will not be hosting the Marine Corps Birthday dinner. Instead we are encouraging our member to attend the Mount Olympus Det. 897 245th Marine Corps Birthday on Nov. 7th that is being held at the 7 Cedars Casino, Sequim WA. The Birthday starts at 5:00 pm with dinner at 6 pm, guest speaker L/Cpl William Davis Purple Heart Recipient. The JRNOTC will be presenting the colors. cost \$35 per person. For tickets please either go to <http://mtolympus897.weebly.com/> or message me or email kmt@wavecable.com.

Marine for Life - is still moving forward Ace is doing resume checks and helping with interview prep.
Toys for Tots – No update due to Covid-19

Pistol & Rifle Competition – Detachment events cancelled due to Covid-19

Marine Rose Program – Detachment events cancelled due to Covid-19

Deputy VAVS –N/A

Honor Guard -The Leatherneck Honor Guard is comprised of 14 volunteer members, 7 from Puget Sound Marines Detachment #336 and 7 from Olympic Peninsula Detachment #531. This Honor Guard detail has been voluntarily conducting final honor ceremonies throughout King County for the past 31 years. Since the opening of Washington State's only National Cemetery, "Tahoma" located in Kent, WA, in 1997, the Leatherneck Honor Guard has monthly duty day and serves annually for "Second Saturday" services which honors all honorable discharged veterans who were interred the month prior without military honors.

Annually, the Leatherneck Honor Guard typically performs military honors for about 150 veterans annually over 14 days. An additional 11 days of volunteer service is provided by the Commander attending monthly TNC Support Group meetings and Chaplain duty during the Second Saturday month's 4th Wednesday.

Beginning in March 2020, all Committal Services were suspended by the National Cemetery Administration (NCA). Volunteer Committal Serves were resumed in June 2020 with State of Washington graduated funeral restriction with a limit of 10 people. By September, the limit was raised to 25 people per funeral gathering. The NCA implemented COVID-19 precautionary measures for volunteers and funeral parties. The Leatherneck Honor Guard implemented their own precautionary measures. Given the high-risk profile of guard members 7 members have declared themselves unavailable during the COVID-18 pandemic. Of the remaining 7 members we average 4-5 members reporting for duty monthly. 3-4 members monthly reported vacation, sick bay, or personal emergency.

Since July, we average 10-14 Committal Services per duty day, requiring 8-9 volunteer hours per day. Given most of the guard members are over 70 years of age, this creates not only exposure to a public health risk, it is a highly physically demanding environment.

Special Announcements – Due to the Covid-19 Puget Sound Detachment 336 has been conducting all meeting via Microsoft Teams.

Golf Committee - N/A

Legislative - Washington State Legislation relevant to Veterans and Marines is tracked by the Washington Department of Veterans Affairs and posted to the Detachment 336 website monthly as updates change the status of legislation. Highly relevant legislation is reviewed at Department monthly meetings and explained as needed.

Quartermaster and Historian – N/A

Eagle Scout – N/A due to Covid-19

Fallen Marine – Judy Russell Life Member passed January 2020

PAO/Web Sgt/Historian –

- Upgrade of detachment online document storage system accessible by active members - completed
- Installation of online payment system via PayPal/credit cards on website-*completed*
- Installation of membership management system on website - *completed*
- Complete revision and update of the detachment website -*completed/ongoing maintenance*
- Management of social media channels -*ongoing*
- Scanning of historical documents, with selected documents to be uploaded for member access - *ongoing*
- Integrating member-only document access with event calendar (for ease of finding documents) - *ongoing*
- Implementation of online donation payments - *planned*

Detachment Facebook Page - The detachment maintains an active social media presence in Facebook with postings to a linked detachment and Leatherneck Honor Guard pages relevant to local Marines and veterans ranging from Marine Corps history, tradition, and current events. Veteran related postings offer information about VA benefits and current local events.

Our Facebook page has 723 “likes”, and 754 “follow”. In the past 28 days, 556 people reached (13% increase) and 140 post engagements (24% increase).

Puget Sound Detachment #336

Rick Flath

Commandant

Tri-Cities Detachment 337
2020 Fall Staff Report

We had a meeting on October 5th at Glen Carter's house and Bonnie Holden was present. We had a Installment of Officers. We decided to have a meeting at the Kiwanis Club on Columbia Trail Park on November 2nd at 1830.

That is all for now.

Michael T. Ridgel
Detachment 337 Tri-Cities
Commandant
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Twin Harbors Detachment 442
2020 Fall Staff Report

Twin Harbors Detachment 442 has conducted two Detachment meetings/Picnics outdoors this reporting period. Ron Black elected as new Commandant as former Commandant Frank Perov is not able to continue in that position due to work conflicts.

Marines Irv Stevens and Don Corcoran both lost their spouses this reporting period and our detachment has kept in close contact with them, overall, they are doing well

Due to the Co-vid 19 restrictions the Detachment has not been physically active, but Commandant Black keeps in contact by email or phone every 2 weeks if for no other reason but to check on older members of the detachment

All required reports to National are up to date, no issues pending.

Commandant Ron Black

Twin Harbors Detachment 442

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Olympia Detachment 482
2020 Fall Staff Report

During this period, Detachment 482 did rose distribution at Cabalas during Labor Day weekend. Very successful with generous donations.

We did get three new members during the last six months.

Our Detachment is gearing up for Toys-4-Tots.

We also experienced a change in Commandants as Dr. John Britcher, elected Commandant, had to step down for medical reasons. Sky Busk, Senior Vice Commandant, accepted the position as Commandant.

End of report.

Sky Busk

Commandant

Detachment 482

**Pierce County Detachment 504
2020 Fall Staff Report**

No report submitted

**Olympic Peninsula Detachment 531
2020 Fall Staff Report**

Period: October 6, 2019 to April 4, 2020

October 2019

- Detachment 531 and 336 members performed Honor Guard duties at Tahoma National Cemetery.
- Initial Toys for Tots coordination meeting conducted by our Toys for Tots Coordinator, Jason Selby.
- Detachment 531 Breakfast held at All-Star Lanes in Silverdale, WA.

November 2019

- Detachment 531 Business Meeting. New member, Craig Anderson, welcomed into the Detachment. Election of new officers held.
- Detachment 531 and 336 members performed Honor Guard duties at Tahoma National Cemetery.
- Marine Corps Birthday celebration hosted by Detachment 531 at the Clearwater Casino in Suquamish, WA.
- Detachment members performed Marine Corps Birthday cake cutting ceremony and served Veterans at the Washington State Veterans Home in Port Orchard, WA on November 10th.
- Comedy Night held at the Cloverleaf Tavern to garner toys and donations for the 2018 Toys for Tots Campaign for Kitsap and north Mason Counties.
- Detachment 531 Breakfast held at All-Star Lanes in Silverdale, WA.
- Participated in planning meetings for the 2018 Toys for Tots Campaign for Kitsap and north Mason Counties.
- Detachment members manned an informational booth at the Kitsap County Veterans Day Ceremony at the Kitsap County Fairgrounds.
- Detachment 531 Marines conducted a toy drive at the Holiday Fair held in the Kitsap Pavilion at the Kitsap County Fairgrounds. Additionally, we assisted local food banks by simultaneously collecting food donations.

December 2019

- Detachment 531 Business Meeting.
- Detachment 531 and 336 members performed Honor Guard duties at Tahoma National Cemetery.
- Toys for Tots Campaign for Kitsap and north Mason Counties: Site preparation, toy sorting and decorating at the Kitsap County Fairgrounds. Various toy drive activities.
- Toys for Tots Distribution Party for Kitsap County and north Mason County.

January 2020

- Detachment 531 Business Meeting.
- Detachment 531 and 336 members performed Honor Guard duties at Tahoma National Cemetery.
- MODD members from Detachment 531 attended the Pound 211 Growl in Fife, WA. Washington Pack Leader, Bonnie Holden, visited this growl.
- Detachment 531 Breakfast held at All-Star Lanes in Silverdale, WA.

February 2020

- Detachment 531 Business Meeting.
- Detachment 531 and 336 members performed Honor Guard duties at Tahoma National Cemetery.
- Detachment 531 Breakfast held at All-Star Lanes in Silverdale, WA.

March 2020

- Detachment 531 Business Meeting.
- Detachment 531 and 336 members performed Honor Guard duties at Tahoma National Cemetery.
- Detachment 531 Breakfast held at All-Star Lanes in Silverdale, WA.
- Detachment 531 members participated in the Silverdale Chamber of Commerce Military Appreciation Day at the Kitsap County Fairgrounds Pavilion.
- MODD members from Detachment 531 attended the Pound 211 Growl in Fife, WA.

April 2020

- Detachment 531 Business Meeting (subject to cancellation due to COVID-19 concerns).

Respectfully submitted,

LouAnne Harrey

Commandant, Olympic Peninsula Detachment 531

Detachment email: mcldet531@gmail.com

Melvin M. Smith Detachment 586
2020 Fall Staff Report

With great pride and joy, I submit our Detachment's activities since the Fall Staff Meeting in Oct 2019:

- Our Honor Guard continues to render honors for our Fallen Marines/Corpsmen as we can per Co-vid 19 restrictions. We continue to support "P" Battery with their firing details as their training schedule limits their availability at times.
- We celebrated with "P" Battery and local military the 244th Marine Corps Birthday Ball in grand fashion at the Double Tree Downtown.
- For the past five years, we have held a rifle raffle at the local gun shows with tremendous success. The next winning number is on hold due to the Co-vid 19 restrictions of the Gun Shows.
- The Spokane County Young Marines have been busy with training throughout the Winter, Spring and Summer. They continue to grow and have events in the area as they can.
- If all works out this next year, we will see everyone in Spokane at the 74th Department of Washington Annual Convention at the Mirabeau Park Hotel from June 3-6, 2021.

This concludes our report of activities.

Semper Fi!

Commandant Kari Sobisky

Columbia River Detachment 826 2020 Fall Staff Report

New meeting location:

The Detachment had been meeting at the Vancouver Elks Lodge until the pandemic hit. As of September, we will begin meeting at the Smith-Reynolds American Legion Post #14. Our meeting day has also changed to the 3rd Friday of each month. Normal business meetings will be every other month and the other months will be used for guest speakers, planning events or socializing.

Newsletter and website:

Marine Pete Thornton continues to publish the detachment newsletter and maintains the detachment website, mcleaguecrd826.org. Anyone who would like a copy of our newsletter, contact our adjutant.

Election of officers:

As per the department guidelines, we elected our officers via email.

Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, we were unable to do our normal activities. Most activities were cancelled, and some were postponed.

Tentative upcoming events:

Detachment Marine Corps Birthday party

Marine Corps Ball

Toys for Tots

Semper Fidelis,

Semper Fidelis

Lynn A Bolte,

Commandant

**Mt. St. Helens Detachment 889
2020 Fall Staff Report**

No report submitted

Mount Olympus Detachment 897
2020 Fall Staff Report

Ordinarily by this date, we would be looking forward to the fall staff meeting in Yakima. My report would include news of Detachment activity since our last gathering at the spring staff meeting. What I have to report now are those activities which have been cancelled due to the covid-19 pandemic.

We have had no Detachment meetings, we have missed three parades and three stand downs. Our summer Detachment picnic was cancelled by annual hosts Dan and Wendy Abbott. A meet and greet was planned by Detachment Paymaster Kathy Nicholls, but due once again to the pandemic, it was cancelled also.

A Law Enforcement Memorial was held at a local cemetery in Port Angeles, in which our Honor Guard participated, but public was not allowed. A virtual memorial was filmed at Captain Joseph House with the Detachment Honor Guard participating. A virtual Bell Ringing was filmed at Veterans Park in Port Angeles with 135 names read making up for the six months of no Bell Ringing. Our Honor Guard participated with a three rifle volley. Lastly, our Honor Guard participated in an annual 'Welcome Home Viet Nam Veteran's ceremony, providing the rifle salute. Currently, our Honor Guard has participated in 7 memorials/funerals beginning in June. This group is the only one in our Detachment who have participated in any activities, due to Covid-19.

We are disappointed of course with the cancellation of the fall staff meeting but our hopes are high that the spring staff meeting will be a reality. I look forward to seeing everyone then.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Schildknecht
Commandant

**Skagit Valley Detachment 1043
2020 Fall Staff Report**

No report submitted

Yakima-Kittitas Detachment 1055
2020 Fall Staff Report

Current detachment strength is 23 regular members, 2 associate members, and 14 Permanent Life members. Information about the detachment can be found on our website: www.mclyakima.com or our Facebook page.

Activities have been limited due to the current pandemic but include 2 graveside services performed this year and attendance at the de-activation ceremony for Bravo Co., 4th Tank Battalion. It is sad to see this chapter of the Marine Corps draw to a close but the commanding officer of Bravo Co. assured all in attendance that Marines always adapt and overcome regardless of demand. His Marines would retrain and become just another addition to an elite fighting force, the United States Marine Corps.

Preparations are currently underway for a Marine Corps Birthday celebration and the annual Veterans Day ceremony at Sarg Hubbard Park on Nov. 11.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Falter. Adjutant for

Nick Myers, Commandant, Det. 1055, MCL

Cpl Joseph P. Biers Detachment 1119
2020 Fall Staff Report

Due to the COVID 19 we have been only able to have meetings in May, July and August 2020. Are meetings have been shortened due to the closing early where we meet.

Since most of our members are in there 75 plus age range we have not had many at the meetings.

We will start our All Marine's Breakfast again in October 2020 but we are only able to have 5 at a table due to the State virus restrictions.

We did have our Scholarship Program and had 1 participant this year which we provided her with a \$500.00 Scholarship check.

We are having our first Honor Guard since March 2020 this Sunday.

We have not yet been told if we will be able to have our Marine Birthday Dinner yet.

At this time we are just checking on our elderly members and helping anyway we can for them so they are not getting exposed to the virus.

Hoping this will get better soon.

Bonnie Holden

Commandant

CPL Joseph P. Bier Det 1119

September 5, 2020

**Capt Daniel B. Bartles Detachment 1335
2020 Fall Staff Report**

No report submitted

**Col Richard Francisco Detachment 1451
2020 Fall Staff Report**

January started with a recap of our Toys for Tots program. Which for our small community did pretty well serving 428 children.

February came and so did Covid 19. We had our monthly meeting looking forward to upcoming events for the spring.

March meeting thru July was cancelled due to Covid along with all activities and fundraising events.

August, we attempted to have a meeting with the social distancing but did not have enough for a quorum.

September, we held a board meeting trying to get ideas on how to get people back to active status.

October we may try to hold a video meeting so we can get geared up for the upcoming Toys for Tots.

Submitted by
Bob Gabelein
Commandant
MCL Det 1451
10/3/2020

**Outgoing Commandant Report
2020 Fall Staff Report**

Since there will not be a Staff Meeting in October 2020 we have proceeded to do elections by email.

This is being handled by Jim Renton and Dennis Dressler if you have any questions please contact one of them.

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The Awards for Marine of the Year should be sent in to either John Moysiuk who is the President of the Marine of the Year Society or Randy Ott the Awards Chairman.

Unit Citations Awards also need to be sent in to either Randy Ott or myself the Awards for this will be forwarded to you by mail since we have no idea when we will next meet.

This information was sent to you by Randy Ott about 10 days ago with the applications for the awards

Semper FI

Bonnie Holden

Jr. Past Commandant

Dept of Washington

September 6, 2020

**Outgoing Sr. Vice Commandant Report
2020 Fall Staff Report**

Madam Commandant and members of the Department of Washington.

Let me first start off by saying thank you. Thank you for the opportunity to be part of this amazing Department. I have sat as a committee member and have been a Department Officer since 2012 and I have enjoyed every minute of it. Even as I became the Assistant NVC and the NVC for the Northwest Division, you have always provided input and have shown me why you are one of the top Departments in the MCL.

Since 2012 I have attended every Department convention and only missed one staff meeting and that was due to a serious wrist injury I suffered at Modern Day Marine in Quantico VA golfing the Young Marines Tournament. I am a new man now thanks to a great surgeon, 14 titanium screws and 2 plates.

In Billings Montana at the MCL National Convention, I was successful in my pursuit of the position of National Judge Advocate. The MCL Bylaws and Administrative Procedures has no conflict of a member holding both a Department Commandant and a NJA position. The new NJA position is by far the busiest office in the entire MCL and at some point, the possibility of a perceived conflict of interest may arise, so it is my duty to not seek the position of Department Commandant and step down from the Board of Trustees and Sr. Vice position at the Department Convention in Spokane Washington in June of 2020.

I would like to say thank you to Moose who has provided me with outstanding mentorship and to Rex Hopper, Jim Renton, Dennis Dressler just to name a few. Your leadership and advice has crafted who I am as a league member and I will always be thankful to you all.

Sincerely and Semper Fi

TJ Morgan
Sr. Vice
Department of Washington

Incoming Jr. Vice Commandant Report
2020 Fall Staff Report

2020 has proven to be a very challenging time for many of us. Health, finances, housing and family issues have tested many, if not all, of us. I would venture to say that, as Marines, we have risen to the challenge whenever possible. It is who we are. We have God, Country and Corps running through our veins and we will always strive for the betterment of those things that we hold dear.

As the newly installed Department JVC, I encourage each of you to keep in contact with your members and encourage the camaraderie and Esprit De Corps that sets us apart from the other branches of service. Press your members to set the example during times of stress and uncertainty. Encourage them to reach out to other Marines in the community that they meet and extend the hand of brotherhood. Give them the tools they need to enlist new members and always work towards building your detachments. We are the life blood of the MCL.

I look forward to serving as the JVC and encourage you to call on me at any time with whatever you need to help build our beloved MCL.

Semper Fidelis!

Ed Falter

JVC, Dept. of WA

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**Americanism Report
2020 Fall Staff Report**

Since there was no National Convention this year the Americanism Award has been put off until next year when it will be in Springfield Il in August 2021.

You can keep up to date on the specifics on the Convention on the website for the National Marine Corps League Headquarters.

Bonnie Holden

Americanism Chairman

September 5, 2020

**Outgoing Judge Advocate Report
2020 Fall Staff Report**

April 6, 2019

From: John Moysiuk, Judge Advocate
To: Bonnie Holden, Commandant
Subj.: Report, Department Judge Advocate

There are no pending Chapter Nines currently in the Department.

Since being sworn in as the Department Judge Advocate I have not reviewed any Detachment By-Laws. Saying this I understand that the new National By-Laws have been approved while at the recent National Convention in NY. I have also been informed that National is providing a template for all Departments which would then be disseminated to each Detachment in hopes that all bylaws effectively are in compliance with National and the Departments reflectively. I am still waiting for this template at this time. Why the template you might ask? Simply stated, the past National Bylaws were immense to say the least and have since been reduced significantly. What removed from the current National Bylaws has been placed into the Administrative Procedures and placing a template out there for everyone makes it much easier to get everyone on to the same sheet of music. Once the template is received the Department By-Laws will be in compliance and sent for approval by National, I will ensure each Detachment Commandant and Judge Advocate get a copy of our Department By-Laws and make sure an electronic copy is posted for easy access onto our Department website. Once this is completed I would anticipate all detachments to submit their new proposals for review knowing they must also review and submit in accordance with those new By-Laws.

To all Detachment Commandant's and Judge Advocates, I anticipate your Detachments to review your By-Laws and hope that you'll submitted for approval by the Department Judge Advocate. I am here to assist you in this process.

Semper Fidelis

John "Moose" Moysiuk
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**Incoming Judge Advocate Report
2020 Fall Staff Report**

First of all, thank you for allowing me to serve the Department of Washington Marine Corps League as your Judge Advocate.

As I begin my journey, I will be sourcing support and guidance of many members of our beloved Marine Corps League in order to serve to the best of my ability.

My hope is that all members act and represent themselves with the utmost pride in the organizations we represent in person and on social media.

We are in a tough time for our country where many have differing strong opinions, think and re-read before sending emails or posting on social media. If before you send you think to yourself

.....is this proudly representing myself, organizations I belong, and the proud heritage of my service to the country and Marine Corps Service? If it does not DONT SEND IT.

It is my pleasure to represent you in this office and thank you for your confidence.

End of Report

Marine Shane Inman

Department Judge Advocate (incoming)

**Junior Past Commandant Report/Nominating Committee
2020 Fall Staff Report**

The Department Board of Trustees elected to follow Option 2 of the Procedure for Election of Officers, and that the nomination and election of officers having been completed in accordance with the directive received from National.

I would ask that the Judge Advocate cast one ballot in acclamation for the following offices:

Commandant: George Hilbish

Senior Vice Commandant: John Moysiuk

Junior Vice Commandant: Ed Falter

Detachment Commandants, having conducted an election for the post of Judge Advocate first nominating and then voting for the post has elected:

Judge Advocate: Shane Inman

Congratulations to all and smooth sailing. Shortly, Madam Jr. Past Commandant Bonnie Holden will be setting up a "Zoom" video conference call to install the new slate of officers.

I would like to thank Dennis Dressler, Bill Hauser and Bonnie Holden for their assistance. I may not have done this perfectly, but we did do it better than ever before and hopefully ever will do again.

Respectfully,

Semper Fidelis

PDD Jim Renton

**Department Paymaster Report
2020 Fall Staff Report**

Account Balances as of 09/29/2020

Checking: \$3,322.00 (with two outstanding checks)
Savings: \$13,433.89
Travel Fund \$483.00

At the Department Convention there was some discussion about funding for the Department to be able to send the Commandant to attend the National conventions. Since the 2019 Fall Staff Meeting there have been no deposits to the fund from any Detachment.

On your transmittal form, on the lower right section it asks for the Department Paymaster, email and phone number. Please add my information in this section (Bill Hauser, bhauser1952@msn.com, 360-608-6672). When emailing the Department Paymaster please use bhauser1952@msn.com.

Be sure to use the latest transmittal form dated © 2019 Marine Corps League, Inc, Marine Corps League Inc. A downloadable copy can be found at;

<https://www.mcleaguelibrary.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/Official-Transmittal-Form-2-13-19-1.pdf> .

DD214s are not needed at the National or Department levels (don't send copies). Review them at the Detachment level and return them to the member.

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.

When submitting a transmittal with a deceased member you **must** also send a copy of the Certificate of Death that your Detachment Chaplain fills out. If you find on your Paid Life Audit that a deceased member has not been removed even though you reported it on the audit. That means that National has not received a copy of the Notice of Death. You'll have to resubmit it and attach a copy to your PLM audit.

Dues for new member applications are \$25.00 to National and \$5.00 to the Department. New member applications must be signed and submitted with the check and transmittal form.

- **Note on the transmittal - The reduced fees for new members, new associate members and new dual members between March 1st and August 30th to National are \$15.00. At the 2018 Spring Staff meeting it was decided that Department fees for that period would be reduced to \$2.50.**

This is only for the first year. You can't renew for multiple years at the reduced rate.

Dues for Renewals are \$20.00 to National and \$5.00 to the Department. There is no Department fee for members paying for a life membership.

The new National policy for returning processed transmittals is to email copies of the completed transmittals back to both the Detachment and Department Paymaster. If you're not receiving copies check your junk folder. If you still have nothing let me know and I'll check what I've received and if necessary contact National.

If you're not receiving membership cards or Life Member cards, notify the Department Paymaster so we can followup with National.

If you call me *please leave a message* if I don't answer. I don't answer numbers that I don't recognize.

Semper Fidelis,

Bill Hauser
Paymaster
Department of Washington
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(360) 608-6672

**Chaplain Report
2020 Fall Staff Report**

This report covers the time since the report that was submitted after the Department Convention (that was cancelled due to COVID 19).

Due to the pandemic most of my normal activities have been suspended due to Governor Inslee's restrictions have been imposed.

I have attended all detachment meetings whether by zoom or in person.

I have performed detachment level taskings.

I was the Teller assisting Past Commandant Jim Renton and Commandant Bonnie Holden with performing the Department elections.

I processed all Notices of Death received from our detachments and forwarded them to National Headquarters.

Along with other Department Officers I was installed as Chaplain.

I have performed full chaplain's duties for one out of department funeral that covered the service both prior to and after the rendering of honors were performed.

The following is a list of those whose Notices of Death Reports were received:

Jack Rasmussen	June 27, 2020	Melvin M Smith
Donald H Cheney	August 6, 2020	Columbia River
Karen S Phipps	February 2020	Olympic Peninsula
David E Hare	December 16, 2016	Tri-Cities
Byron Carlson	September 13, 2018	Tri-Cities
Otis Dennis	December 26, 2015	Tri-Cities
Michael D Hume	August 28, 2020	Melvin M Smith
Hans Joe Hangartner	December 9, 2016	Cpl. Joseph Bier
Judy Russell	January 18, 2020	Puget Sound
Robert N. Nelson	September 11, 2019	Puget Sound
Barbara Kline	July 18, 2018	Puget Sound
Joseph P. Adams	July 18, 2018	Puget Sound
Joseph F. Waltz	July 18, 2018	Puget Sound
Preston Koeger	July 18, 2018	Puget Sound
William F. Martin	July 18, 2018	Puget Sound
Keith M. Perry	July 18, 2018	Puget Sound
Doris L. Twitchell	July 18, 2018	Puget Sound
Williams S. Vernon	July 19, 2018	Puget Sound
Norman "Doc" Leeson	November 30, 2018	Twin Harbors
David M Hauntz	September 4, 2020	Pierce County
Thomas McKeown	February 17, 2020	Mt Olympus
Don Alward	March 8, 2019	Mt Olympus
Robert Willson	Mar 39, 2017	Mt Olympus
Bill Terrill	December 30, 2015	Mt Olympus
James McPherson	October 17, 2016	Mt Olympus
David Swinford	September 3, 2013	Mt Olympus
Dorcas (Dori) Matzkiw	March 9, 2014	Mt Olympus

Washington Governor VAAC Report
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Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee
VIRTUAL TOWN HALL SESSION
October 21, 2020 - 11:30—2:00 pm

Join your Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee &
VA Regional Office For a session on

What Happens After I File,
How to Submit my Claim &
What to Expect

REGISTER HERE:

www.eventbrite.com/e/vaac-virtual-town-hall-claims-what-happen-i-file-my-claim-tickets-122281480199

Please join us via Zoom for our Virtual Town Hall here:

[https://wdva.zoom.us/j/92934761412?](https://wdva.zoom.us/j/92934761412?pwd=NHVsY2ZNUWhxekxEQlJGWFVwVmVTdz09)
[pwd=NHVsY2ZNUWhxekxEQlJGWFVwVmVTdz09](https://wdva.zoom.us/j/92934761412?pwd=NHVsY2ZNUWhxekxEQlJGWFVwVmVTdz09)

Meeting ID: 929 3476 1412 | Passcode: 545974

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Any question, please contact Liza Narciso at

LisaN@dva.wa.gov



"Serving Those Who Served"

**BSA Liaison
2020 Fall Staff Report**

Semper Fidelis,

Only one Detachment had a BSA presentation and that was Det. 1055 Yakima/Kittitas. Way to go!

With the Virus there has been little or no activity in this area; please forward any changes to me as soon as you can.

Jim Renton

BSA Liaison
2020 Fall Staff Report

Report of the Marine Corps League Legislative Officer AKA Dept Representative Veterans Legislative Coalition (VLC).

I am proud to serve the Marines and Veterans of Washington State.

For the Marines who don't know what the VLC this, we are a group of members who represent all participating Veterans Service Organizations in Washington State (MCL, VFW, American Legion, E9 Association) to name a few, current number is approximately 26.

Who meet monthly out of session, and weekly during Legislative Session to discuss and vote on the position of the veteran's organizations on all bills pertaining to veterans, presented to the House of Representatives and State Senate of Washington State. We work side by side with the Office Of Veterans Affairs of Washington State.

Our members appear in person to testify supporting bills, sign in supporting, and meet with Representatives, Assistants, and Senators as appropriate. Most Legislative sessions are very tasking adventures as one or more VLC members are at the capitol (on the hill as we call it) nearly every day the legislature is in session.

This past year had been interesting to say the least. Lack of legislative session in February and March due to COVID 19 took some of the wind out of our sails. We began to meet virtually in May and are eagerly waiting as to how this upcoming session is going to work.

The goal of the group is to support bills, clarify verbiage as is relates to the bill, and fight for all veterans of Washington State.

End of Report

Marine Shane Inman

Department Representative Veterans Legislative Coalition

**VAVS Report
2020 Fall Staff Report**

The following is a list of the current MCL VAVS Representatives and Deputies for the Vets Hospitals in WA. (Including Vancouver Clinic out of the Portland OR. Vets Hospital system) There is no representation in Walla Walla, but they do have a clinic in Pasco and we do have a Detachment in that area. Also included are the total hours volunteered for the calendar year 2019 for

Seattle: 1,087.50

Rep - William Smiley, Dep - Anthony Charity,

Spokane: 1,382.00

Rep - Michael O'Flaherty, Dep – Dennis Dressler

Vancouver: 1,011.75

Rep – Rex Hopper, Dep – Jim Renton

Also, I am still not receiving any activity nor AJR information from Seattle or Spokane.

Respectfully submitted,

Rex Hopper,
VAVS Chairman

**Marine 4 Life Report
2020 Fall Staff Report**

- Training video is on national web site
- Lost our Bremerton Rep he has relocated to North Carolina
- Ace has decided to help with resumes while this lockdown goes on.
- There are contacts in Alaska for the Marines relocating there.
- As far as known all department meetings have been canceled
- National M4L is still holding quarterly meetings online
- I have gotten all 11 states under one network all the emails have been sent and the contact list has been sent to all the reps.
- We are still looking for a NMCL M4L liaison for SoCal and Arizona.
- Have been in contact with the Marine in charge of the west coast and working with him to expand brown bags across our region.
- The M4L western region LinkedIn has been expanding on a daily basis

Semper Fidelis,

PDD Mark F. Gorman

National Marine for Life Liaison Western Region

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Detachment Website www.pugetsoundmarines.org

M4L Company Page - <https://www.linkedin.com/company/marine-for-life-network>

M4L National Group - <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/5145640>

M4L West Region - <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/6777653>

**Public Relations Officer
2020 Fall Staff Report**

May2020

...from the Commandant

"I pray all our Members and Marines on Duty have avoided the COVID 19 illness. We will be in contact with members as the State of Washington opens up for business again which is looking like it will be mid to late June 2020.

Take care of your friends and families and check on them as often as possible for any needs they may have.

The next scheduled meeting for the Department of Washington is in October 2020 and as long as the businesses are back in business this will happen. We will keep everyone posted.

We are still not able to do Honor Guard or Color Guards at this time.

I have been daily sending updates sent by Bob Borka the COO each day to the Detachment Commandants and some of the information should be filtering down to the members.

Stay Healthy.

Semper Fi"

Bonnie Holden
Commandant
Dept of Washington

<https://www.mcldeptwa.org/>



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This is the inaugural issue of the Department of Washington's newsletter. Frequency will be determined by content. If Detachments are busy, then it will occur often.

Yes, we are in the midst of the worst pandemic of our lifetime. But "Our flag's unfurled to every breeze..." The need has never been greater and the mission follows.

This is your newsletter. Please send contributions through your Detachment. Tell their story.

Charles Ames, WA-PIO

Vet Clinic; New resources for military veterans...
<https://thesubtimes.com/2020/05/14/vet-clinic-may-20/>

Committees with nothing to report at this time

Web Sergeant: Bill Hauser

Training Officer: Don Nilson

Membership Committee: Jr Vice Ed Falter

Awards/Unit Citations: Randy Ott

Homeless Veterans: John Moysiuk

Department Marine of the Year (MOY): John Moysiuk

Young Marines Coordinator: Ed Falter

Toys for Tots Liaison: LouAnne Harrey