



**Department of Washington
Marine Corps League**
Department Muster 1000, 5 October 2019
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 to the Palm Springs of Washington.

Recognition of National Officers:

- National Judge Advocate TJ Morgan (Excused)
- Honorable NWD Vice Chief Devil Dog PDD Bonnie Holden
- National Public Relations Officer Charles Ames (Excused)

Recognition NW Division Representatives:

- Jr Past NWD National Vice Commandant TJ Morgan (Excused)
- NWD Chief of Staff Dennis Dressler

Recognition of Past Department Commandants:

- Dennis Dressler
- John Stofiel
- Ed Falter
- Rex Hopper (Excused)
- James Renton

Recognition of MCLA and Officers: Department Commandant calls MCLA President Sena Moreland to allow her to present her staff and welcome us to Yakima.

- Distinguished Guests
 - NWD Vice President NW Vickie Brown
 - Jr. Past NWD Vice President NW Sue Douglas
 - Past Department Presidents: (Present)

- Paulie Stofiel
- Sandy Falter

- Sr Vice Rebecca Corpuz
- Jr Vice Vickie Brown
- Judge Advocate Sandy Falter
- Jr Past President Susan Douglas
- Secretary/Treasurer Jaci Kruse (Excused)
- Chaplain Sam Dressler (Excused)
- Captain of the Guard Carol Lucei
- Historian Vickie Brown

Department Commandant excuses MCLA

Recognition of Recipients of the NW Division Marine of the Year: (** = excused)

TJ Morgan **	John Moysiuk	Dan Abbott **
Dennis Dressler	Bonnie Holden	

Recognition of Recipients of Department's Marine of the Year Award: (@ = present)

Richard Jamieson	Dale Crandall	Stewart White
John Witham	Charles Foster	Dennis Dressler @
Raymond Palmer	Phil Ruhmshottel	Rex Hopper
John Stofiel @	Ron Black @	John Moysiuk @
James Renton @	Bill Town	Mark Schildknecht @
Randy Ott @	Bonnie Holden @	TJ Morgan **
Bill Hauser @		

Recognition of "First Timers" to Department meeting:

- 0 First Timers included:

Roll Call of Officers:

- Commandant Bonnie Holden
- Sr Vice Commandant TJ Morgan (Excused)
- 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

Minutes of previous meeting:

- Adjutant: Published online, read highlights from June's Annual Convention.
- Commandant: I will entertain a motion to accept the minutes as published.
- Marine Dennis Dressler motioned to accept the minutes, Marine Ed Falter seconded and Membership voted in acceptance of minutes.

Correspondence:

- National Roster Updates for PLM and Status. Received and forwarded to the Detachments for their processing.

Adjutant Report: Randy Ott – Hard Copy submitted on the back table and electronic copy has been submitted for the Department website.

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

- Commandant: I will entertain a motion to accept the Paymaster Report as read. Marine Ed Falter submitted motion, Marine George Hilbish II seconded and Membership voted in acceptance of Paymaster Report as read.

Chaplain’s Report: Provided by Dennis Dressler: Since June’s Convention, there have been **11** “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).

• Jack Norman Clark	May 29, 2019	Columbia River
• Charles V “Doc” Hancock	June 21, 2019	Pierce County
• Herbert Weissblum	December 26, 2017	Maj. Megan McClung
• Margaret Wehman	March 8, 2019	Olympia
• Lee Phillips	December 22, 2018	Columbia River
• Carnet Falconbury	October 21, 2018	Columbia River
• William Hillgaerner	October 17, 2018	Columbia River
• Samuel Grooms	August 13, 2017	Columbia River
• William Moorman	January 16, 2019	Columbia River
• Robert Willson		Mt. St. Helens
• Roland Poynes		Cpl Joseph Bier

- **Sickness and in Distress:** Hal Rasmussen, Det 336; Paul Burton, Det 336; Andy Anderson, Dennis Singleton, Tim Spencer, Det 504; Jim Nelson, Det 1451; Phil Ruhmshottel & Caroline, Det 826.

Report of Officers:

- Commandant: Bonnie Holden – Present, Submitted.
- Sr Vice Commandant: TJ Morgan – Excused, No report.
- Jr Vice Commandant: George Hilbish II – Present, No report.
- Judge Advocate: John Moysiuk – Present, reported no Chapter 9’s. Nationally it’s about attitude and power. Bylaws are being changed around the nation and we are working on getting them updated.
- Jr Past Commandant: James Renton – Present, No report.

Report of Detachment Commandants:

- Puget Sound Det. #336: Mark Gorman – Present, Submitted.
- Tri-Cities Det. #337: Mike Ridgel – Not Present, No Report
- Twin Harbors Det. #442: Frank Perov – Ron Black, Present, Submitted.
- Olympia Det. #482: Sky Busk – Shane Inman, Present, Submitted.
- Pierce County Det. #504: Charles Ames – Jim Golden, Present, Submitted.

- Olympic Peninsula Det. #531: Bob Schneider – Present, Submitted.
- Melvin M Smith Det. #586: Kari Sobisky – Jim Brown, Present, Submitted.
- Columbia River Det. #826: Lynn Bolte – John Stofiel, Present, Submitted.
- Mt. St. Helen’s Det. #889: Donald Simmons – Not Present, Submitted.
- MT. Olympus Det. #897: Guy Eredale – Present, Submitted.
- Skagit Valley Det. #1043: Lee Schuirman – Not present, No Report.
- Yakima Kittitas Valley Det. #1055: Nicholas Myers – Present, Submitted.
- Cpl Joseph P Bier Det. #1119: Bob Broostrom – Bonnie Holden, Present, No Report.
- Maj. Megan McClung Det. #1210: Ricardo Reyes – Closing.
- Captain Daniel B. Bartle Det #1335: Bruce Barton – Not Present, No Report.
- Col. Richard Francisco #1451: Robert Gabelein – Present, 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 – (Convention) – Reported ready to go.
- 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 – Excused, No Report. Needs a replacement.
- Dept. Training Officer: Don Nilson – Excused, No report.
- Publications: Department Commandant – No Report.
- Public Relations Officer: Charles Ames – Excused, No Report.
- Membership Committee: Jr Vice Dept Cmdt George Hilbish II – Present, Submitted.
- VAVS Committee: Rex Hopper – Excused, Online Newsletter is available and will be sent out.
- Awards/Citations: Randy Ott – Present, to be given under Good of the League.
- Americanism Committee: Bonnie Holden – Present, Submitted.
- Legislative Committee: Shane Inman –New appointment, Reported on progress.
- Boy Scout Liaison: Jim Renton – Present, Submitted.
- Homeless Veterans: John Moysiuk – Present, Submitted. Nationwide there are 343 stand-downs being held.
- VAAC Representative: Larry Alcantara – Excused, Submitted. Ron Black is interested in assignment.
- Department Marine of the Year (MOY): John Moysiuk – Present, Submitted orally.
- Toys 4 Tots Liaison: LouAnne Harrey – Present, working to get boxes into the communities.
- Young Marines Coordinator: Ed Falter – Present, No Report.
- Department Convention “2020” update – Spokane will submit a resolution to host the 2020 Dept. of Washington Annual Convention. Det 826 will discuss the 2021 Convention with its membership next week.
- 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: (June 2019)

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

New Business:

- 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.

Good of the League:

- Commandant Holden presented unit awards to: Dets 336, 442, 504, 531, 586, 826, 897, 1055, 1451. Also, presented Certificates of Commendation to the Yakima/Kittitas 1055 for their support of the June Convention.
- Commandant Holden presented Peter Thornton, Det. 826 for his great work on winning the Newsletter Award from MCL National. Nice Plaque Pete!

Announcements:

- 2020 MCL Mid-Winter – Norfolk, VA., February 27-29th, 2020.
- 2020 Department Spring Staff Meeting – Yakima, April 3rd & 4th, 2020. Easter is the 12th.
- 2020 Department Convention – Pending resolution to be hosted in Spokane.
- 2020 MCL National Convention – Daytona Beach, FL, August 8-15th, 2020.
- 2020 NWD Conference – TBD.
- 2020 Department Fall Staff Meeting – Yakima, October 2nd & 3rd, 2020.

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 4th at 1000, when it will reopen for the transaction of official business.”

Detachment Representatives Present at this Department Muster:

- Puget Sound Det. #336: YES
- Tri-Cities Det. #337: NO
- Twin Harbors Det. #442: YES
- Olympia Det. #482: NO
- 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: NO
- 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

- 29 MCL Members in attendance.

***** ALL REPORTS SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY FOLLOW BELOW *****

Adjutant's Report

- **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 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>

DETACHMENT	UBI #	INCORP	EXPDATE	DISSOLUTION
• 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 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 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	Filed	2018	10/30/18
• 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

Department of Washington
 Eagle Scout Recognition Report
 1-Jun-19

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	2019
Puget Sound #336					6								6
Tri-Cities #337													0
Twin Harbors #442													0
Olympia Det. #482													0
Pierce County Det #504				2	6								8
Olympic Peninsula #531													0
Melvin M Smith #586										2			2
Wenatchee #806													0
Columbia River #826													0
Mt. St Helen's #889													0
Mt. Olympus #897													0
Mt. Rainier # 989													0
Skagit Valley #1043													0
Yakima Kittitas Valley #1055							3						3
Lewis County #1119													0
Maj. Megan McClung #1210													0
Capt. Daniel Bartle #1335													0
Mail to Department	1		2	3									
Total	1	0	2	5	12	0	3	0	0	2	0	0	25

September 23, 2019

TO: Bonnie Holden, Commandant
WA Dept. Marine Corps League

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

SUBJECT: 2019 VAAC Fall 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 Operates with the motto of “No Veteran Forgotten” and 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.

The 2019 Town Hall schedule is as follows:

March 21, 2019 Ellensburg

May 9, 2019 Pasco

June 27, 2019 Colville

September 19, 2019 COMMANDER's CALL – AMVETS POST 1

October 3, 2019 Centralia – American Legion Post

November 7, 2019 Cathlamet, WA.

Town Hall/Commander Call meeting minutes and presentation power points reflect veterans' benefits conveyed in meetings and veteran/families' issues and concern brought up at these meetings. If you were unable to attend a town hall/Commanders Call, or want to see what benefits awareness was presented and issues veterans themselves raised, you can review meeting minutes at:

<https://www.dva.wa.gov/about-wdva/veterans-affairs-advisory-committee>

Important links to explore include WDVA Program Updates, VA Puget Sound Health Care System Briefing, Seattle Regional Office Briefing and, VA Delta Dental Briefing.

Veterans Remembrance Emblem Program permits eligible veterans to purchase and display approved decals (U.S. Flag, U.S. Veteran and replicas of several campaign ribbons) on their vehicle license plates. The fees paid for the emblems go into an account to be used for memorials.

1. Projects that pay tribute to living and deceased veterans, who have defended our nation's freedom;
2. Upkeep and operations of existing memorials; and
3. Land acquisition and construction of new memorials.

The Governor's Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee (VAAC) reviewed Emblem Fund applications and awards were approved as follows:

Edmonds Veterans Plaza:	\$1,000
Northshore Veterans Memorial:	\$1,000
Town of Concrete Memorial Markers:	\$2,000
Spokane Vietnam Memorial Restoration:	\$2,000
George Memorial Flagpole Monument:	\$4,000
Coulee City Veterans Memorial:	\$5,000
Western WA Gold Star Families Monument:	\$4,000
Auburn Vietnam Memorial:	\$2,000
Forks Gold Star Families Monument:	\$4,000
Total Distribution:	\$25,000

Currently the VAAC is reviewing and rating the 2019 Washington State Outstanding Award for Service to Veterans applications, a 300-word nomination summary for an award in one of three categories. The Annual Outstanding Service to Veterans Awards are presented to recipients on Saturday, November 9, 2019 at the Auburn Veterans Day Parade.

Award categories are as follows:

Superior Award - This award is the Committee's highest honor and is given to recognize clearly superior accomplishments, achievements and outstanding performance.

Distinguished Service Award - This award is used to recognize significant accomplishments and special contributions.

Team Award - This award is designed to recognize significant accomplishments of a team or group of individuals. This may be for their contributions on a special project, special contribution and outstanding performance.

In closing, as veteran residents of Washington State, we extremely fortunate that we have an aggressive and innovative Washington Department of Veteran Affairs (WDVA). From military family's employment and transition to civilian life, to suicide prevention and TBI services, WDVA is on the frontline pushing the envelope. Here is a partial list of areas the WDVA serves our state veterans and their families:

- PTSD
- TBI

- Claims Assistant
- Education and Training
- Employment
- Survivor Benefits
- Homeless veterans
- Veterans Homes
- State Veteran Cemetery

Together, veteran service organizations, like the Marine Corps League, and the WDVA improve the quality of life for our veterans and our communities.

LA:la:vaacfallrpt2019

To: Bonnie Holden, Dept. Commandant
Via: Randy Ott, Dept. Adjutant
From: Bill Hauser, Dept. Paymaster

Subj: Department Paymasters report

Account Balances as of 09/23/2019
Checking: (with no outstanding checks)
Savings:

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. Upon their return home the Columbia River Detachment has decided to start a raffle following their monthly meetings with a portion going to the Department for that purpose. So far the Columbia River Detachment has sent a total of \$23.00 to the Department for the Commandants travel funds.

If each Detachment would commit to just \$11.00 per month. In a year we could have over \$2,000.00 set aside for a Commandants Convention fund.

When emailing the Department Paymaster please use bhauser1952@msn.com.

Be sure to use the new 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.

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

- **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 of \$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.

If you're not receiving membership cards or Life Member cards, notify the Department Paymaster so I 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
bhauser1952@msn.com
(360) 608-6672

Puget Sound MCL Detachment 336

www.pugetsoundmarines.org

425 440-9506

Department Staff Meeting October 5th 2019

Puget Sound Detachment #336 Mark Gorman Commandant

Deputy VAVS – The Seattle VAVS Bill Smiley, volunteer hours 10/18 to 9/19
Total 1092 hrs

Membership – We have been operating without a JR Vice and have continually sought out a new one but continue to run into the same old excuses not enough time to do the job. We have lost several members over the last year 85 down to 47.

Marine Corps Birthday Dinner 2019 – We are in the planning phase for the 2019 Ball it will be held at the VFW Post 2995 in Redmond, WA. Cost is \$50 per person. Tickets are on sale at the post contact the Bartenders you may pay with credit card.

Toys For Tots – This year we paired up with the Reserves again this year at this time we are in the process to secure the warehouse.

Pistol & Rifle Competition – April is the pistol shoot and September is the scheduled rifle shoot for 2019. We do have range time on the last Saturday of each month. Issaquah Sportsmen's Club.

Marine Rose Program – Is still going forward have 1 scheduled for the rest of 2019. Still looking for a coordinator for the program.

Honor Guard – Is combined of members from 336 and 531 we are in the process of upgrading our rifles. Our plan is to have 7 on the hill and 3 as readers for all services.

Eagle Scout – We have done only 1 award in 2019 and did 5 in 2018

Marine for Life – M4L is going very strong now we have added 3 more locations on the Peninsula to hold the event and have had great success in both King Co. and Kitsap Co. will continue to do this through 2019

**MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
PIERCE COUNTY DETACHMENT #504**

October 5, 2019

Since the meeting in Department Convention the following has occurred:

We currently have 87 members and associates, 57 are life members, 30 annual members 5 are in arears and 1 active duty honorary. We have recruited one new member and one member reported to the Supreme Commandant.

The Annual Department “Rock” Ceremony was held on August 31th, Major Scott Newton USMC (Ret), was the guest speaker. The Color Guard and the Rifle Detail was provided by the Security Battalion from Bangor. The Puget Sound, Pierce County, Olympic Peninsula, Columbia River and Cpl Joseph P Bier detachments had members in attendance. The Seattle Young Marines unit and the scouts from BSA troop 422 of Enumclaw participated in the ceremony. Next year’s ceremony will be on the 29st of August.

We have awarded 1 Eagle Scout his Good Citizenship certificate.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Charles Ames
Commandant

September 22, 2019

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 5, 2019.

Period: June 9, 2019 to October 5, 2019

June 2019

- Detachment 531 Business Meeting.
- Detachment 531 and 336 members performed Honor Guard duties at Tahoma National Cemetery.
- Detachment Marines attended the Department of Washington Annual Convention in Yakima, WA.

July 2019

- Detachment 531 Business Meeting.
- Detachment 531 and 336 members performed Honor Guard duties at Tahoma National Cemetery.
- Detachment Marines had an additional informal meeting while attending a potluck dinner.

August 2019

- Detachment 531 had 13 Marines and guests attend the Marine Corps League National Convention in Billings, MT.
- Detachment 531 and 336 members performed Honor Guard duties at Tahoma National Cemetery.

September 2019

- Detachment 531 Business Meeting.
- Detachment 531 and 336 members performed Honor Guard duties at Tahoma National Cemetery.
- Provided security for the Bremerton Blackberry Festival, earning money for the detachment.
- Participated in the Veterans' Stand-down at Sheridan Park Community Center in Bremerton. Provided sleep systems, coats, backpacks and other items to homeless Veterans.

October 2019

- Detachment 531 Business Meeting.
- Detachment Marines attended the Department of Washington Fall Conference in Yakima, WA.

Respectfully submitted,

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5 October 2019

To: Bonnie Holden, Dept. Cmndn't
Randy Ott, Dept. Adjutant
From: Lynn A Bolte, Det. Cmndn't
John Stofiel, Det. Adjutant
Subj.: October Staff report (June-Oct)

We continue to bring strong support to the patients at the VA Hospital Vancouver Division in collusion with the Columbia River Unit of the MCL Auxiliary providing volunteer drivers, greeters, providing popcorn sales for incidental expenses. Clothing support, annual Christmas gifts provided by our Auxiliary.

Our youth group, the Lewis & Clark Young Marines commanded by one of our members Veteran Marine Devin Lewis, past Young Marine continues to grow strong and provides exemplary support in our community for all Veterans. They are still looking for a permanent home. They have 90+ members and recently returned home from an exciting week at CamPen & MCRD.

We have representation with the Marine Corps Coordinating Council (MCCC) of Oregon and SW WA bringing all of our local Marine Corps organizations to include the I & I 6thESB, H&S Company 6thESB Marines, and our local Recruiting stations. We are engaged with the Community Military Action Committee which was formed to bring our civilian counterparts together with our military community in positive support of one another. We are members of the Clark County Veterans Advisory Committee providing input to the County Councilors and guiding the delivery of county tax dollars established to support Veterans in need.

JUNE: Audited Nat'l Roster and PLM Roster; The Lewis & Clark Pound 225 of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs hosted our annual Devil Dog Picnic at our Cmndn't's home and we had positive participation at the event; Recruiting table set up at local annual COSTCO HEROES NIGHT, good camaraderie and retrieved 7 names to follow up with, no new members yet from the effort. The Detachment members approved a motion to support the Dept. Cmndn't in representing the detachments at the National conventions through our 50/25/25 raffle at our meetings.

JULY: 11th Oath of Mbrshp to 2 new members; Donated \$500.00 to our Auxiliary Unit in Support of Xmas gifts for VA Hospital Vancouver Div rehab residents; Donated \$500.00 to NW Battle Buddies in support of providing therapy dogs to Veterans in need.

AUGUST: Columbia River Detachment was awarded 1st Place in the National MCL Newsletter Competition this year at the National Convention. The award is in the Company Size Detachment Category.

SEPT: 11th Patriots Day at the Court House, 28th Veterans Stand down VA Hospital Vancouver Division (recruiting table)

UPCOMING: TOYS FOR TOTS SUPPORT WITH H&S COMPANY, 6TH ESB, VETERAN'S DAY PARADE
DETACHMENT BIRTHDAY PARTY, and the 6THESB BIRTHDAY BALL @ OREGON CONVENTION CENTER

Semper Fidelis
Lynn A Bolte,
Commandant



Yakima-Kittitas Det. 1055 Fall Staff 2019 Report

Current detachment strength is 24 regular members, 2 associate members, and 14 Permanent Life members.

Activities since the Department Convention include:

On Monday, July 15, 9 members of Det. 1055 provided the full graveside service for Marine Gysgt. Paul Edmonds. The family was extremely grateful that the detachment Chaplain and Jr. Past Commandant were ready and willing to provide

the comforting words that the family needed to hear and that the detachment “did their father proud”.

Detachment members provided a color guard for the Yakima Greenway Foundation dedication ceremony on Saturday, July 27.

Jr. Past Commandant Falter presented the Good Citizenship award to 3 Eagle Scouts, brothers, in an Eagle court of Honor on July 27.

Marines Olsen and Falter attended the National Marine Corps League convention in Billings, MT the first week of August and were promoted to Pedigreed Devil Dogs. Woof! Woof!

Marine Quesnell attended the “Rock” ceremony in Enumclaw on August 31.

Marines Quesnell and Falter provided the lead color guard for the annual Selah Homecoming Parade on Sept. 18 in Selah.

Preparations are currently underway for the Veterans Stand Down October 19 and the annual Veterans Day ceremony at Sarg Hubbard Park on Nov. 11.

Respectfully submitted,

Nick Myers, Commandant, Det. 1055, MCL

Col. Richard “Buck” Francisco Detachment #1451

Report at 9 October Staff Meeting of the Department of Washington

- Strength as of 9 October is 35 (29 Regular and 1 Associate) of which 21 (60%) are either PLMs or have paid. Transmittals have been submitted to Dept Paymaster Hauser.
- Activities:
 - Held monthly manual of colors and arms practices.
 - Obtained 501(c)(4) status and listing under group 955.
 - National COO confirmed to TACOM that we are in good standing. Requested status from TACOM several times with no response.
 - Worked with Bill Hauser to clear Detachment 1210's roster so their charter can be surrendered.
 - Presented \$8,000 in scholarships to outstanding graduates of South Whidbey High School.
 - Rose promotion over Memorial Day weekend
 - Fundraising on 29 and 30 June.
 - Three July had a booth at Freeland Park and provided the color guard for the Celebrate America Fireworks event. Also provided financial support for the event.
 - Four July lead the Maxwellton Parade and provided financial support
 - 20 July provided color guard for the Whidbey Island Fair.
 - 3 August provided color guard for opening of car show in Langley
 - Provided flag that had been flown over nation's capital and color guard to present it to the South Whidbey Fire and EMS. Also provided a 5' x 8' flag for them.
 - Provided the first 'In Honor Of' story to be published in the Semper Fi magazine.

Respectfully submitted,
Don Nilson
Adjutant/Paymaster
Detachment 1451

Americanism Report
September 23, 2019

The report of the participants is not on the National website at this time.

I was not given any Americanism Books to submit. We did have representation from 12 different Detachments this year. If anyone submitted and received an award the Department would like to hear from you.

Next year we will submit as many as we receive by Department Convention in June 2020 with articles and pictures from June 1, 2019 through May 31, 2020.

Bonnie Holden
Department of Washington
Americanism Committee

Commandant's Report
September 23, 2019

Since June 2019 I have visited 3 detachments. I have 4 more to visit which I hope to do by the end of this year.

We will be looking for a Judge Advocate as well as a Jr. Vice at the elections in June 2020 as the Senior Vice TJ Morgan has been elected as our National Judge Advocate. Anyone who is interested in running for these positions need to be nominated from the floor with a short summary of their credentials at the Spring Staff Meeting.

Due to an unfortunate accident he will not be in attendance this meeting since he just had surgery to repair his hand and wrist which had 7 broken bones.

I had requested in June 2019 general business meeting to have all the PLM's submitted by the Fall Staff Meeting. Unless we receive many more in the next week we currently have 5 submitted out of 15. We will have all the PLM's lists at the Fall Staff Meeting but they need to be signed not only by the Commandant but also by the Paymaster or Paymaster/Adjutant whichever your Detachment has in force.

I am in hopes that we will have a detachment who will submit and offer to do the Convention in June 2020.

All other business will be discussed and gone over during the Fall Staff Meeting

Bonnie Holden
Commandant
Dept of Washington

October 2, 2019

From: Kari Sobisky, 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.
- The 96th MCL National Convention in Billings, MT was the place to be in August. Our Detachment and Auxiliary 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 continue to support "P" Battery with their firing details as their training schedule limits their availability at times.
- We continue to support the NWD Leadership Conference in Spokane. Great to see the leaders of the North West again.
- Washington's Fallen Heroes Project, Operation Spokane Heroes and Illuminating Courage supported the "March for the Fallen" in Spokane on Sept 14th. This event is dedicated to our Fallen Military Heroes and is a 5/10/15k walk, run or march.
- For the past five 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 2020.
- We presented certificates and flags to 2 Eagle Scouts. It has been awhile since we've been invited to a Court of Honor in Spokane.
- The Spokane County Young Marines have been very busy with training throughout the Summer. They continue to grow and have events in the area.

This concludes our report of activities.

Semper Fi!

Commandant Kari Sobisky

Det 482 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

MOUNT OLYMPUS DETACHMENT 897

FALL STAFF REPORT

OCTOBER 5, 2019

Sprint boat races returned to Extreme Sports Park in Port Angeles on July 27th and again on September 7th, 2019. Detachment members volunteered to provide security at both races and received a total of \$826 in donations. Sprint boat races return to Port Angeles each year and race officials request our assistance in providing security.

Our Detachment made a great showing at the Forks Old Fashioned 4th of July Parade. Twelve of our members rode in Eric Miner's trailer while being towed by the LTVH-6 built by six members of the Detachment. This vehicle is a replica of a Marine Corps track vehicle. It was built around a 2001 Ford Explorer. It should be noted that Eric, Guy, Sid, Jeff, Don and Mark built the LTVH-6 in just six weeks without any plans except for their ideas penciled out on scratch paper. Mark drove the "float" in the parade while Sid manned the turret and Jeff rode in the 'look-out' position. Our Detachment was awarded first place in the Veterans Division.

Our Marine Corps League Detachment entered the Joyce Days Parade on August 6th and again the LTVH-6 was a huge crowd pleaser. Jeff McFarland drove while his wife was crew spotter and Sid Gerling was turret operator. Sid built the turret and the replica M-60 complete with a belt of ammo.

Mark and Diana Schildknecht drove to Billings, Montana to attend the 96th Marine Corps League National Convention which took place from August 4th to the 9th. In attendance were over nine hundred Marines and guests from across the United States. **Note:** For the first time in 70 years someone from the Northwest Division was elected to the position of National Judge Advocate. The last member of the Northwest Division to be elected to this position was Past Department of Washington Commandant Clay Nixon in 1947. The newly elected National Judge Advocate is T J Morgan from Spokane, Washington.

Two events took place on August 10th at which the LTVH-6 was displayed. The first was the Home Depot Veterans Appreciation Day and the second event was the Unity of Effort which features both military and civilian demonstrations. The Marines, Army, Navy and Coast Guard were there with helicopters and military vehicles. Our Detachment was there with the LTVH-6 which drew much attention from all those in attendance.

The Detachment Summer Picnic was held on August 24th, once again at the home of Past Department Commandant Dan Abbott and his wife Wendy. Honor Guard members had to leave at noon to provide a rifle salute at a funeral at the local cemetery. They returned and joined others for lunch prepared by Dan, and cake in celebration of Wendy's birthday.

An annual 9-11 Remembrance Ceremony was held at Waterfront Park in Port Angeles on September 11th. In attendance among the many law enforcement members and first responders, were members of our Detachment Honor Guard. Those remembered were the victims of the terrorist attack and the first responders who perished that day and also those who have passed away since that day as a result of exposure to debris.

Respectfully Submitted,
Guy Iredale
Commandant

Marine for Life Network Seattle 2019

Month	Attendees	Notes
Oct	28	
Nov	No event	
Dec	58	60/40 split
Jan	50	2 left event with interviews. Bremerton Vet Tribe Event
Feb	CNX	Weathered out
March	20	Bangor at Slippery Pig Brewery Event
April	22	
May	No event	
June	15	2 job seekers
July	22	
Aug	17	4 job seekers
Sept	19	3 job seekers

I can break out by total attendance in 2019, but need to do a data pull in Eventbrite. I will give a rough estimate, normally we have 20% who don't RSVP, this one is straight forward.

This isn't something I have tracked, as HQ is aware.

I have focused on network effect and connections of connections rather than a high-touch (i.e. inefficient) profile. Highlighted with "16" hours a month each rep there isn't time to follow up with each contact, and even though Ace (and most reps) are well over that each month, adding this would mean we need to dial back the time spent on other things, like networking events. So long story short, I am working on a plan to start following up with candidates, but don't have any of those numbers other than little stories here and there.

That said, I'd estimate 30-40 direct and indirect hires made through M4L activities in 2018, probable 10 in 2019. With Veteran unemployment so low, attendance has been down a bit, and although I do as for sponsors for the event I am looking to find cost-free options for the event going forward, as we have done in Bremerton. Probably 70% are from M4L events, the rest are other contacts from outside events

Problems reaching out to Marines: Yes and no. I'd say the challenge is more getting them to self-serve and come to events. I've had many who contact me, are interested in getting a new or "better" job, but then don't take the next step of either responding to email or coming to events that are local to them. But any better contact with Marines is great. So I'd say that this is always a challenge. If I could be more specific, I'd say the challenge is in branding-how do we get Marines to realize this is how to get a job, and they need to be networking.

There is a Eastern Washington Rep now, and I work with the Portland Rep quite a bit. The Eastern Washington Rep is new.

October 5, 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 the Department Convention I have received one detachment bylaws to date and have rejected those for rewrite as they were not within the conformity of guidelines stated within the Department and National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures. Commonly stated, a Detachment does not have the right to suspend or expel any member without due process of Chapter 9. I am also in the final stages of providing an updated Department Bylaws for review to the National Judge Advocate once we as a Department have voted on the proposed bylaw update. I will also provide a template for detachments if they would like it to address from the detachment level. 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

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