



**Department of Washington
Marine Corps League**
Spring Staff Meeting, April 6, 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. Steve Paris and his wife provided great stuff for our lunch.

Recognition of National Officers present:

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

Recognition NW Division Representatives present:

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

Recognition of Past Department Commandants present:

- Dennis Dressler
- Jim Renton
- Ed Falter

Recognition of MCLA and Officers present: Department Commandant calls MCLA President to allow her to present her staff (Sena Moreland) Sr. Vice Rebecca Corpuz presented the staff.

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

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

Department Commandant excuses MCLA at this time

Recognition of Recipients of NW Division Marine of the Year (present):

- TJ Morgan
- John Moysiuk

Recognition of Recipients of Department Marine of the Year (present):

- Dennis Dressler
- Jim Renton
- Randy Ott
- Bonnie Holden
- John Moysiuk
- Mark Schildknecht
- Bill Hauser

Recognition of “First Timers” to Department meeting:

- 3 First Timers included: Rick Flath, 336; Jennifer Flath, 336; Frank Thompson, 504.

Roll Call of Officers (present):

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

Minutes of previous meeting:

- **Commandant:** I will entertain a motion to accept the minutes as previously published. Marine Jim Renton submitted motion, Marine George Hilbish II seconded and membership voted in acceptance of minutes as published.

Correspondence:

- None at this time.

Adjutant’s Report: Randy Ott – Hard copy submitted an electronic copy has been submitted for the Department website.

- Report of Officer Installations (ROI). Note: When filling out your ROI for your Detachment ensure that all information is completed. An electronic copy has been forwarded to all Detachment Commandants and Adjutants to make it easier to type in the information which ultimately makes it easier to read for all. It should be noted that a copy of the completed ROI is to be sent to the Department Adjutant once Detachment Officers have been elected and sworn into their officers. **An ROI filled out in its entirety is REQUIRED whenever any officer of a Detachment is replaced whether they are elected or appointed.** The Department Adjutant will forward the original to National, a copy to NWD, and retain a copy for the Department records. The ROI is used at National to enter up-to-date Detachment information in the membership database and is also used to update information on the National Locator’s page for each Detachment and Department.

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

- Secretary of State Corporations Division, 801 Capitol Way South, PO Box 40234, Olympia, WA 98504-0234 360-725-0377
- Washington Secretary of State filing. Department and 16 Detachments are 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	093019	
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 up, and show:

Login ID Type: Exempt Organization

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

Organization Name MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

In the box enter:

Password

Verify Password

Enter your name, email and daytime phone #

Click on next and follow the instructions provided.

- **IMPORTANT: This report is to be completed yearly.** Send a copy of the email you receive confirming your registration, print out a copy for your Adjutant/ Paymaster file and forward the email to Department Adjutant Randy Ott at otterpops.ott.r@gmail.com 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	Overdue	2017	10/30/18
Melvin M Smith #586	91-1890134	07/01-06/30	Filed	2018	10/30/18
Columbia River #826	91-1647649	07/01-06/30	Filed	2018	10/30/18
Mt. St. Helen's #889	91-1650015	07/01-06/30	Filed	2018	10/30/18
Mt. Olympus #897	91-2058115	07/01-06/30	Filed	2018	10/30/18
Skagit Valley Det. #1043	91-2016335	07/01-06/30	Filed	2018	10/30/18
Yakima Kittitas Valley #1055	91-2049201	07/01-06/30	Filed	2018	10/30/18
Cpl Joseph P Bier #1119	47-0890445	07/01-06/30	Filed	2018	10/30/18
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

Paymaster's Report: Bill Hauser – Verbally given and electronic copy sent as well as a hard copy provided. (Not listed as this is the online version of the report.)

- When emailing the Department Paymaster please use bhauser1952@msn.com.
- **Commandant:** I will entertain a motion to accept the Paymasters Report as published. Marine George Hilbish II submitted motion, Marine Dennis Dressler and membership voted in acceptance of Paymaster's report as published.
- **Chaplain's Report:** Provided by Dennis Dressler: Since June's Convention, there have been _19_ "Notices of Death" received from Detachments and forwarded to National Headquarters. The list below is based upon date of passing as opposed to when received from the Detachment Chaplain (or Adjutant or Commandant).

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| • Tom Baskin | Melvin M. Smith |
| • Vern Holter | Melvin M. Smith |
| • Richard Francisco | Maj. Megan McClung |
| • Warren Butler | Melvin M. Smith |
| • Roderick S Barnes | Maj. Megan McClung |
| • George A Gilmore | Melvin M. Smith |
| • Theodore (Ted) Reynvaan | Twin Harbors |

- Gary Reiter Melvin M. Smith
- Richard (Dick) Cease Melvin M. Smith
- Timothy E Savage Melvin M. Smith
- Rob McDaniels Skagit County
- Charles J Louviere Columbia River
- Joseph "Hank" Melanson Melvin M. Smith
- Don Kelly Mt Olympus
- Elizabeth "Betty" Guillot Melvin M. Smith
- Ray C James Yakima-Kittitas
- Donald Tanquary Yakima-Kittitas

Sickness and in Distress:

- None reported at this time.

Report of Officers:

- Commandant: Bonnie Holden – Present- Report submitted electronically.
- Sr Vice Commandant: TJ Morgan – Present- No Report.
- Jr Vice Commandant: George Hilbish II – Present- ROI rectified with a Det. in the Dept. was updated. Electronically submitted and read as such.
- Judge Advocate: John Moysiuk – Present- Report submitted electronically.
- Jr Past Commandant: James Renton – No report.

Report of Detachment Commandants:

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

Report of Standing Committees/Advisory Councils:

- Credentials Committee: Bill Hauser – (Convention) – N/A
- Budget and Finance Committee: Bill Hauser & Bonnie Holden – (Convention) – N/A
- Nominating Committee: Jr Past Dept Cmdt James Renton – (Convention) –
- Rules Committee: Dept Judge Advocate John Moysiuk – (Convention) – N/A
- Bylaws Committee: Dept JA John Moysiuk – (Convention) – N/A
- Audit Committee: George Hilbish, Bonnie Holden and Ed Falter – (Convention) – N/A
- Dept. Web Sergeant: TJ Morgan – Present- Researching into prices on the website. Up to date.
- Dept. Training Officer: Don Nilson – Present- No report.
- Publications: James Renton – Absent- No report.
- Public Relations Officer: Charles Ames – Present- New to the position and reported to be working with National to ensure success.
- Membership Committee: George Hilbish II – Present- No report.
- VAVS Committee: Rex Hopper – Absent- No report.
- Awards/Citations: Randy Ott – No awards today. Deadline is today for Unit awards submissions.
- Americanism Committee: Bonnie Holden – Present- Electronic copy provided. The website link is https://www.mclnational.org/uploads/1/0/3/1/103183322/2018_national_americanism_award.pdf would like to see more Detachments submit a book as it shows what you are doing.
- Legislative Committee: Ev Brown – Absent- No report.
- Boy Scout Liaison: Jim Renton – Present- Report electronically provided.
- Homeless Veterans: John Moysiuk – Present- Verbally provided. Busy time of the year with winter coming. Reach out as you can for them. All services need help. There is plenty of supplies to help Veterans. Recent support was given in Yakima region. Any questions please shoot me an email.
- VAAC Representative: Larry Alcantara – Excused - electronic copy provided.
- Department Marine of the Year (MOY): John Moysiuk - Present- please recognize your membership who do the work. Follow the instructions. Society will meet at lunch to review and select for 2019.
- Toys 4 Tots Liaison: John Moysiuk – Present- Reports aren't being sent, but the work is being done. This is here and the USMC is passing the responsibility to the MCL as much as possible.
- Resolutions Committee: Dennis Dressler & TJ Morgan – Present- No report.
- Young Marines Coordinator: Ed Falter – Present- Report submitted electronically.
- Department Convention “2019” update: Yakima/Kittitas Valley #1055 to host the Convention 6-9 June, 2019.
- Department Service Officer: Charles Bond – Absent- No report.
- Marine 4 Life Liaison: Mark Gorman – Present- New to the position and will work with M4L to ensure success in the Department.

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

Old Business: (October 2018)

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

New Business:

- Dennis Dressler brought forth a motion to remove and close the Resolutions Committee. Seconded by TJ Morgan. Vote carried.

- John Moysiuk brought forth a motion to remove and close the Publications Committee. Seconded by Jim Golden. Vote carried.
- Discussion on our Legislative Committee to resolve having no reports for a long period of time. Det #504 has a member interested in stepping up. Also to contact Det. #482's Rep to request updates.

Good of the League:

- Sr. Vice TJ Morgan brought forth events which happened at Mid-Winter. The Database is coming. Do an in-depth review of your roster. Updated membership on changes coming from National regarding Oath of Office, Ships Store, Upcoming events in National Convention. He gave an example of how voting works at the Convention.

Announcements:

- 2019 Department Annual Convention – Yakima, June 6-9, 2019.
- 2019 MCL National Convention – Billings, MT, August 4-10, 2019.
- 2019 NWD Conference – Spokane, September 13-14, 2019, Fairfield Inn.
- 2019 Department Fall Staff Meeting – Yakima, October 4-5, 2019.
- 2020 MCL Mid-Winter Conference – Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel, Feb 25-Mar 2, 2020.
- 2020 MCL National Convention – Daytona Beach, FL, August, 6-15, 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 October 5th at 1000, when it will be reopened for the transaction of official business.”

Detachment Representatives Present at this Department Muster:

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

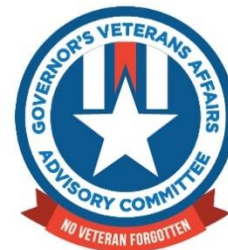
- **28** MCL Members in attendance.

***** ALL REPORTS SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY ARE ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES *****

March 20, 2019

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

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



SUBJECT: 2019 VAAC Spring Report

2019 CHAIR'S VISION: To achieve mission goals through articulating membership priorities, creating environment which facilitates success, and providing tools to assist members to do their job. A cheerleader to foster camaraderie, enthusiasm and passion to serve veterans.

- **VAAC MISSION:** Make veteran resources accessible, identify veteran needs and advise the Director/Governor on policy issues.
- **STRATEGIC PLAN:** Host Town Halls/Commanders Call and leverage social media to inform of resources and identify veterans needs
- **TACTICAL PLAN:** Develop 2019 town Hall/Commanders Call calendar and create a Facebook group page;
 - o Target rural location where veteran service are less accessible
 - o Assign VAAC member Lead responsibility for conducting town hall
 - o Leverage social media to support mission

2019 Town Hall/Commanders Call Schedule (Begins at 10 am)

3-21-19	Ellensburg - <i>Special Time 6 pm</i>
5-2-18	Tri Cities – Kennewick
6-27-18	Colville – VFW Post
9-19-19	COMMANDER's CALL – AMVETS POST 1
10-3-19	Centralia – American Legion Post
12-5-19	Everett – VFW Post

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.

Demographics

552,291	Veterans
60,972	Active Duty
18,228	Nat'l Guard/Reserve
2,000,000	Family
11,733	WDVA coalition of VSO's claims filed for compensation/benefits 2017/18
\$155 Million	New federal dollars rec'd by WA Veterans 2017/18 (\$2.6 billion 2008 to 2018)

More income for veterans and their families means more money into local economies. Veterans receiving healthcare are not dependent on state healthcare resources.

WDVA Highlights

WDVA organizational dynamics challenges - Staffing Nurses Veteran Homes – CNA, LPN, RN: Nursing shortage, existing staff must extend to cover overtime. WDVA training support available. **Marine Corps League (all veteran service organizations) can help by recruiting/referring nursing candidates.**

Veterans Home Program 1.5 years addressing care and staffing issues resulted in budget deficit.

Veteran Services recognizes needs of veterans/families over 65:

- Pension
- Surviving spouse

Legislation shows a high number of veteran related legislation pending ranging from:

- Remove sales tax for veteran service organizations
- Employing military spouses
- Suicide awareness
- Four-year college training in veteran mental health
- County VSO's
- Veteran Legislative Coalition tracks and testifies, Chaired by Jim Sims
- Follow Bill Tracking at <http://www.dva.wa.gov/about-wdva/legislative-updates>

Military Transition

- Spousal employment
- Veteran Retention
- License Reciprocity

Incarcerated Veterans

- Stigma faced in court system, need for expansion of Veterans Courts
- Case management of incarcerated veterans

In summary, The VAAC strives to identify WA State veterans/family needs and compare to WDVA program polices and share this information with the WDVA Director and Governor,

WDVA policies and program information may be found at: <http://www.dva.wa.gov/>

Yakima-Kittitas Det. 1055

Spring 2019 Report



Current detachment strength is 23 regular members, 2 associate members, and 15 Life members. We have had 2 members join the Supreme Commandant since the Fall Staff meeting and have added 1 new member.

Activities since the Fall Staff meeting include the GYVVC Stand down on October 20, 2018 at the Central Washington State Fairgrounds. The detachment had a table set up for recruiting and support. Over 800 veterans and family members were served.

Detachment members provided a color guard detail that same afternoon at Eisenhower High School for the annual Harvest Band Festival. Positive comments all around on how the Marines performed.

The annual Marine Corps Ball was held at the Yakima Convention center on Nov. 2. A cadre of Marines from Detachment 1055 attended and enjoyed the festivities. Lt. Col. Brian Winters was the Guest of Honor and the keynote speaker. He spoke of duty to country and family and of the importance of protecting our freedom and traditions. He stood as an example of a Marine that, despite fighting ALS, was still willing to stand tall for this Country and our Corps.

On Nov. 8 the detachment provided a color guard for Veterans Day assemblies at John Campbell Elementary in Selah, WA.

Marine Bob Lantrip, Pointman Ministries, along with members of the detachment held a Veterans Honoring Service at Englewood Heights retirement center in Yakima on Nov. 10. It was on honor, once again, to shake the hands and thank those who preceded us on the battlefields around the world.

MCL 1055 was represented in the Veterans Day parade on Nov. 11 and provided the color guard detail at Sarg Hubbard Park that afternoon at the annual service conducted by the Vietnam Veterans Association and the Yakama Warriors.

The detachment marked the Marine Corps birthday on Nov. 12 with a potluck celebration open to all members and families along with members of Bravo Co. and the local recruiting staff. A good turnout and enjoyable evening. Marine Falter shared the commandant's Message for all marines and the detachment held a cake ceremony.

On November 16, a 3-man detail (Myers, Quesnell and Falter) made the trip to the Olympia Veterans Stand Down to obtain needed items for the homeless veterans in the Yakima Valley.

Kudos to John Moysiuk for his cooperation and coordination in making this mission possible. Backpacks, sleeping gear, boots and other essential items were brought to Yakima and are to be set up for distribution by the Great Yakima Valley Veterans Coalition.

The balance of November and early December was aimed at assisting Bravo Co. with the Toys-For-Tots program but we were excluded from any involvement per CMC directive.

MOUNT OLYMPUS DETACHMENT #897

SPRING STAFF MEETING

SUBMITTED APRIL 6, 2019

Detachment #897 has been involved in many activities during the past 6 months: The Detachment held its first ever chili cook-off in October; though not well attended, the Detachment members had fun. Eight different chili types were made by members, who then ate most of the chili.

The 243rd Marine Corps Birthday was once again a success. Seventy-seven members and guests were in attendance to hear guest speaker Marine Major General Tracey Garrett Retired, speak of her 36 years in the Corps. The Detachment Raffle Chairman created a successful raffle with 39 items and 19 gift certificates. The local United States Coast Guard (Port Angeles Sector) provided the Color Guard to present The Colors. Marine Gunnery Sgt. Kathy Nicholls Retired, was selected Marine of the Year; she is also the Detachment Paymaster. Selected as the Detachment Associate Member of the Year was Diana Schildknecht, Detachment Newsletter Editor.

The Detachment Honor Guard provided the rifle salute, once again, at the Port Angeles Coast Guard Air Base for the annual Veterans Day Ceremony. This annual ceremony for the community is held in the large hanger each year. Attendance is usually 1000 or more from local communities in the area.

The annual Detachment Christmas luncheon was held at a local restaurant in Port Angeles. Twenty-one raffle prizes were won, as well as a lucky recipient's name was drawn for a free lunch, paid for by the Detachment.

The 2018 Toys for Tots campaign was again a success due to Detachment members and many volunteers providing a total of 520 man hours to 'stand watches', select, move, sort and distribute toys. 116 collection boxes were placed in the towns of Sequim, Port Angeles, Forks and Clallam Bay, which along with \$11,000 received in local donations, provided 7500 toys for 3,815 children. The Detachment's own Santa brought in many donations on his own.

Upcoming events include participation in the oldest community festival parade in the state, the 124th annual Sequim Irrigation Festival. Following this festival, the Detachment will also participate in the annual Forks Old Fashion 4th of July parade, and the Joyce community's annual Wild Blackberry Festival parade held in August.

Also a 'meet and greet' will be held on April 13th in Port Angeles at a local eatery. The purpose is to introduce guests to what the Marine Corps League is all about.

The Detachment is very excited about it's current project: turning a 2001 Ford XLS Explorer into a 'wooden LVT6-H'. This will be a separate float along with the Toys for Tots float, both of which will represent the Detachment in local parades. The top, doors, windshield, seats and bumpers have been removed so far.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mount Olympus Detachment #897

Guy Iredale, Commandant

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON

April 6, 2019

A Detachment, within the Department, was notified by National they hadn't submitted an ROI since 2017, see attached, although the situation has been rectified, I would like to remind everyone according the National Bylaws dated 8/14/2018, Article 9, section 940, paragraph A:

- “a. Each detachment shall hold an annual election and installation of officers between September 1 and May 15. Installation must be conducted no later than the last day of the month subsequent to the election. The “Report of Installation” form must be received by the National Headquarters by June 30th of each year to establish credentials for the National Convention. A Detachment is NOT in good standing if this report is not received.”

This means each Detachment is to hold an annual election of Officers and submit an ROI to National, even if the officers don't change you still need to submit the ROI without fail or be at risk of having the whole Detachment be NOT in good standing. This might mean the loss of PLM money for the Detachment.

Semper Fidelis

George F Hilbish II

Jr. Vice-Commandant

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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

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PIERCE COUNTY DETACHMENT #504

April 6, 2019

The Pierce County Detachment currently has 55 life members, 1 dual member, and 30 annual members 0 of them being in arrears, for a total of 86 paid members. We have recruited 2 new members since October.

The Detachment held its 243rd Marine Corps Birthday Ball with members of the Puget Sound Detachment in attendance. The guest speaker was U.S Congressman Denny Heck (D) 10th District. A motion was made by Marine Hilbish and seconded by Marine Golden to make the congressman an Associate Member of the Detachment, the motion unanimously passed by the members present.

Another successful Toys for Tots season has come and gone, we collected 17,237 toy, books, stocking stuffers and delivered 57,551 toys, books and stocking stuffers to 24,501 children. We have 28,684 books, stocking stuffers and toys as carryover for next season.

Election and installation of Detachment Officer was completed in January.

The Detachment presented one Eagle Scout award in December.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charles Ames
Commandant

April 3, 2019

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

To: Bonnie Holden, Commandant, Department of Washington

CC: Adjutant, Department of Washington

Subj: Detachment 586 Commandant's Report of Activities

Our Detachment's activities since the 2018 Department Fall Staff:

- The start of Winter was very busy with Toys for Tots and our "P" Battery needing extra hands on deck because of OPCOM. We extended services and toys to over 7,000 families. Volunteers in Spokane came in all shapes, ages and sizes to make it work!
- VFW Post 1435 is a great place to be for Spokane County Young Marines Breakfasts.
- Our food service continues at the Mann-Grandstaff Regional VA Hospital with the monthly BBQ which we support as much as possible. Burgers and Dogs for everyone. We and the Auxiliary host Bingo in the care unit every second Wednesday of the Month.
- The Mid-Winter MCL Conference saw us well represented and everyone had a great time.
- Our Honor Guard continues to render honors for our Fallen Marines/Corpsmen at the Eastern Washington Veterans Cemetery at Medical Lake and greater Spokane Region.
- We are planning the rest of the year for the Det/Aux. with plenty of events. We hope that if you are in the area, that you'll consider dropping in on us and gracing us with your presence. Check our calendar first... www.mclspokane.org
- Locally, the Veterans Court Forum has been successful because of our volunteers. We continue to be there for them. Col Tim Fitzgerald (USMC Ret) is our go-to leader on this event on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays.

This concludes our report of activities. We've included some pictures of the fun.

Semper Fi!

Randy Ott



Photos clockwise from Left:

- ~Col. Fitzgerald and his new bride, Tracy cut their cake with our Det. Sword of BGen. Melvin M. Smith.
- ~Our Sword detail at the wedding: (L-R) Tim Kruse, Jim Brown, Manny Esparza, Dennis Dressler, Randy Ott & Mike O'Flaherty.
- ~Our Honor Guard at two funerals standing tall and saluting our fallen brothers and sisters. We support "P" Battery Marines with as many honors as we can.



April 1, 2019

To: Bonnie Holden, Dept. Commandant

Via: Randy Ott, Dept. Adjutant

From: Bill Hauser, Dept. Paymaster

Subj: Department Paymasters report

Account Balances as of 03/31/2019

Checking: \$2343.11 (with no outstanding checks)

Savings: \$10,263.05

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

Be sure to use the new transmittal form dated @2016 Marine Corps League Inc. for all transactions with National. DD214s are not needed at the National or Department levels (don't send copies).

When sending your transmittals to the Department Paymaster you need to send the original plus two copies. The Department keeps one copy and the original and the other copy goes to National.

Dues for new 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, associate members and 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.

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 the transmittals back to the Department to then be distributed by email to the Detachments.

National is no longer sending renewal notices to members. The Detachment Paymaster has to stay on top of this now.

If you're not receiving membership cards or Life Member cards, notify the Department Paymaster so I can follow-up with National.

Semper Fidelis,

Bill Hauser Paymaster Department of Washington bhauser1952@msn.com

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Col. Richard “Buck” Francisco Detachment #1451

Report at 6 April Business Meeting of the Department of Washington

- Strength as of 6 April is 39 (37 Regular and 2 Associates) of which 25 (64%) are either PLMs or have paid. Transmittals have been submitted to Dept Paymaster Hauser.
- Activities:

- Completed another successful Toys-for-Tots program:

Category:	Beginning	Collections/ Purchased	Distributions/ Expenditures	Ending
Cash	\$12,245.21	\$19,243.00	\$21,518.48	\$9,969.73
Toys, books, stocking stuffers	1,132	1,917 / 2623	3,532	2,140

- Raised \$3,908 during Veteran’s Day Rose promotion.
- Offering \$8,000 in scholarships to outstanding 2019 graduates of South Whidbey High School.
- 7 November provided color guard for Veteran’s Day assembly at South Whidbey High School.
- 11 November color guard lead the Veterans Day parade in Coupeville,
- Submitted application to the IRS for exempt status under Section 501(c)(4).
- Flag folding/presentation for George B. Clark on Friday, 11 January.
- Service, rifle volley, flag folding and presentation for Robert Connors on Sunday, 13 January.
- Worked with other local individuals and groups to aid a Navy veteran’s family. See attached newspaper article.
- Rendered honors for Coast Guard Vet on 30 March.
- Rendered honors for Marine Korean War Vet on 6 April.
- Working with commandant of Detachment 1210 to clear their roster so their charter can be surrendered.

Respectfully submitted,
 Don Nilson
 Adjutant/Paymaster
 Detachment 1451

To: Commandant Bonnie Holden
Via: Adjutant Randy Ott
From: Chaplain Dennis Dressler
Subject: Report for period since Fall Department Staff Meeting 2018 and Spring Staff Meeting 2019
Date: 3 April 2019

Madam Commandant,

During this time I have processed all Notice of Death reports that have arrived either in my mail or email. I attended to my duties as Chaplain for Melvin M. Smith Detachment.

I was one of three cooks for Melvin M. Smith's annual Spaghetti Feed to raise money for Toys For Tots and was also the auctioneer for their fund raiser.

I have participated as the Chaplain for my Detachment's Honor Guard both at Washington State Veterans Cemetery as well as those held off-site.

Participated as a mentor with Spokane Veteran's Forum which is an active component of Spokane County's Veterans' Therapeutic Court.

Volunteered at the Mann-Grandstaff Veteran's Medical Center both as Deputy Representative as well as assisting with barbequing at monthly picnics for patients at the hospital.

During the time between the close of the Fall Department Staff Meeting and the Spring Staff Meeting I have received notifications of the following Marines having passed away:

Tom Baskin	2015	Melvin M. Smith ^{See note 1}
Vern Holter	September 27, 2015	Melvin M. Smith ^{See Note 1}
Richard Francisco	June 25, 2016	Maj. Megan McClung ^{See note 2}
Warren Butler	June 2016	Melvin M. Smith ^{See Note 1}
Roderick S Barnes	July 18, 2016	Maj. Megan McClung
George A Gilmore	November 1, 2017	Melvin M. Smith ^{See Note 3}
Theodore (Ted) Reynvaan	May 13, 2018	Twin Harbors
Gary Reiter	May 28, 2018	Melvin M. Smith ^{See note 1}
Richard (Dick) Cease	July 29, 2018	Melvin M. Smith
Timothy E Savage	August 5, 2018	Melvin M. Smith
Rob McDaniels	August 26, 2018	Skagit County
Charles J Louviere	August 11, 2018	Columbia River
Henry "Hank" Melanson	November 3, 2018	Melvin M. Smith
Don Kelly	November 24, 2018	Mt Olympus
Elizabeth "Betty" Guillot	December 21, 2018	Melvin M. Smith
Ray C James	January 15, 2019	Yakima-Kittitas
Donald Tanquary	February 18, 2019	Yakima-Kittitas

Note1: Marines Baskin & Butler were transferred to Melvin M. Smith Detachment when another Detachment folded. A subsequent audit reveals members had passed into peace.

Note 2: Received Mar 2, 2019 by Department

Note 3: Determined during roster review that death had not been previously reported

Very Respectfully,

Dennis

Puget Sound MCL Detachment 336

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Department Spring Staff Meeting April 6th 2019

Puget Sound Detachment #336 Mark Gorman Commandant

Deputy VAVS – The Seattle VAVS Bill Smiley, Honors for all volunteers dinner set at Emerald Down's. There is a scheduled BBQ for all in the Living center this summer.

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

Toys For Tots – This year we paired up with the Reserves and collected over \$90K in cash donations and toys distributed 72240 after action report filed and lessons learned filed.

Pistol & Rifle Competition – April is the pistol shoot and September is the scheduled rifle shoot for 2019

Marine Rose Program – Is still going forward have 3 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

2019 Commandant's Report

Skagit Valley Detachment #1043 Marine Corps League

We meet at the American League Post #43 at 7:30 pm on the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

November 2018

Marine Corps League 1043 took part in the Veteran's Day Parade in Burlington WA with a marching unit and the Toys 4 Tots Truck.

We took part in the Veteran's Day Celebration in Anacortes with one of our members giving a talk on the history of the American Flag

Our Marine Corps Birthday Ball was celebrated at the Skagit Valley Casino with a prime rib dinner, cake cutting by our oldest and youngest Marines. A flag tribute was given with about 85 people in attendance. Several items were raffled off to attendees.

December 2018

We had a large Toys 4 Tots program serving many agencies in Skagit County in partnership with the Skagit Valley Herald Christmas Fund. Our Toys 4 Tots truck was in the Christmas parades in both Anacortes and Sedro-Woolley.

January 2019

We presented certificates to two Eagle Scout recipients

We partnership with the American Legion Post #43 where several of us serve on the Honor Guard for military funerals. This partnership also includes the awarding of POW/MIA medals and certificates to JROTC cadets at 6 high schools in Skagit, Snohomish, and Island County.

March 2019

We took part in the Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans program at the American Legion Post #43. We had several speakers and manned a POW table.

Pending activities

We are now planning our memorial day program, May 27th, which will include programs at 3 Skagit County cemeteries, Pleasant Ridge – La Conner 9:00, Hawthorne Cemetery, Mount Vernon 11:00 am, and Mount Vernon Cemetery 1:00pm. These programs all include a flag folding and Flag tribute. We will participate in the Sedro-Woolley Logger Rodeo parade in Sedro Woolley on July 4th We will hold a picnic in August

Respectfully submitted

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