

**Department of Washington
Marine Corps League**
Department Convention 0900, 8 June 2018
3073 NW. Bucklin Hill Rd.
Silverdale WA. 98383
<http://www.mcldeptwa.org/>

Joint Opening ceremony:

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

Welcome remarks by host Detachment:

- Co-Host Detachment’s Puget Sound #336 & Olympic Peninsula #531. Remarks provided by Marines Bob Schneider & Mark Gorman.

Introduction of National Officers:

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

Introduction National Standing Committee Representatives:

- NW Div National Vice Commandant TJ Morgan – Present

Introduction NW Division Representatives:

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

Recognition of Past Department Commandants:

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

- John Witham – Absent
- Ed Falter – Present
- Dan Abbott – Present
- Rex Hopper – Present

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

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

Department Commandant excuses MCLA at this time

Recognition of Recipients of NW Division Marine of the Year:

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

Recognition of Recipients of Department Marine of the Year:

- Phil Ruhmshottel – Absent
- Dennis Dressler – Present
- John Stofiel – Present
- Rex Hopper – Present

- Dan Abbott – Present
- Bill Town – Present
- Randy Ott – Present
- Doug Shurtleff – Absent
- John Witham – Absent
- Dick Jamison – Absent
- Ronald Black Sr – Present
- Bonnie Holden – Present
- John Moysiuk – Present
- Mark Schildknecht – Present
- Jim Renton – Present
- Bill Hauser – Present (2108)

Recognition of “First Timers” to Department meeting:

- 13 First Timers included Marines Joel Cartwright Det #1043, Tim Fitzgerald Det #586, Alenna Bartram Det #336, Sky Busk Det #482, Hector Sparza Det #531, Charles Ames Det #504, Vince Smith Det #531, Robert Longtree Det #531, Rick Flath Det #531, Jim Sims Det #482, Gordon “Gordy” Starn Det #531, Mike Leighner Det #1210, and Bob Schneider Det #531 on-hand for the opening ceremony or attended the main convention.

Roll Call of Officers:

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

Minutes of previous meeting:

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

Correspondence:

- None Received since Spring Muster.

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

- Report of Officer Installations (ROI). Note: When filling out your ROI for your detachment ensure that all information is completed. An electronic copy has been forwarded to all Detachment Commandants and Adjutants to make it easier to type in the information which ultimately makes it easier to read for all. Most current dated ROI’s on hand for all detachments include: Puget Sound Det #336 (11/08/2017), Tri-Cities Det #337 (05-05-2104), Twin Harbors Det #442 (06/29/2017), Olympia Det #482 (05/05/2018), Pierce County Det #504 (01/09/2018), Olympic Peninsula Det #531 (01/10/2018), Melvin M Smith Det #586 (06/10/2017), Columbia River Det #826 (05/05/2018), Mt St Helens Det #889 (05/06/2017), Mt Olympus Det #897 (06-27-2017), Skagit Valley Det #1043 (05/17/2016), Yakima-Kittitas Det #1055 (05/14/2018), and Cpl Joseph P Bier Det #1119 (01/29/2018), Major Megan M McClung Det #1210 (06/08/2017), Capt. Daniel B. Bartle #1335

(04/04/2018), and the newest detachment of Col. Richard “Buck” Francisco #1451 (06/14/2017). It should be noted that a copy of the completed ROI is to be sent to the Department Adjutant once Detachment Officers have been elected and sworn into their officers. **An ROI filled out in its entirety is REQUIRED whenever any officer of a detachment is replaced whether they are elected or appointed.** The Department Adjutant will forward the original to National, a copy to NW Div, and retain a copy for the Department records. The ROI is used at National to enter up-to-date detachment information in the membership database and is also used to update information on the National Locator’s page for each detachment and department.

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

- Secretary of State Corporations Division 801 Capitol Way South PO Box 40234 Olympia WA 98504-0234 360-725-0377
- Washington Secretary of State filing. Department and 15 Detachments are current while 1 Detachment is Inactive status. (Det #504 Pierce County) 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>
<u>Dept. of WA</u>	<u>601587317</u>	<u>051047</u>	<u>053119</u>	
<u>Puget Sound #336</u>	<u>602917923</u>	<u>042309</u>	<u>043019</u>	
<u>Tri-Cities #337</u>	<u>602119092</u>	<u>032601</u>	<u>033119</u>	
<u>Twin Harbors #442</u>	<u>601830219</u>	<u>102583</u>	<u>103118</u>	
<u>Olympia #482</u>	<u>602148515</u>	<u>082701</u>	<u>083118</u>	
<u>Pierce County #504</u>	<u>601804132</u>	<u>070797</u>	<u>073102</u>	<u>INACTIVE</u>
<u>Olympic Peninsula #531</u>	<u>602992577</u>	<u>022810</u>	<u>022819</u>	
<u>Melvin M Smith #586</u>	<u>601309349</u>	<u>032791</u>	<u>033119</u>	
<u>Columbia River #826</u>	<u>601492208</u>	<u>090393</u>	<u>093018</u>	
<u>Mt. St. Helen’s #889</u>	<u>601589728</u>	<u>112194</u>	<u>113018</u>	
<u>MT. Olympus #897</u>	<u>601974685</u>	<u>081799</u>	<u>083118</u>	
<u>Skagit Valley Det. #1043</u>	<u>602005244</u>	<u>011000</u>	<u>013119</u>	
<u>Yakima Kittitas Valley #1055</u>	<u>602072701</u>	<u>092500</u>	<u>093019</u>	
<u>Cpl Joseph P Bier #1119</u>	<u>602240331</u>	<u>100702</u>	<u>103118</u>	
<u>Maj. Megan McClung #1210</u>	<u>602617910</u>	<u>060910</u>	<u>053119</u>	
<u>Capt Daniel B. Bartle Det #1335</u>	<u>602952869</u>	<u>090909</u>	<u>093018</u>	
<u>Col. Richard “Buck” Francisco #1451</u>	<u>604143319</u>	<u>062717</u>	<u>063019</u>	

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

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

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

Login ID Type: Exempt Organization

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

Organization Name MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

In the box enter:

Password

Verify Password

Enter your name, email and daytime phone #

Click on next and follow the instructions provided.

- **IMPORTANT: This report is to be completed yearly.** No Detachments have provided any updates for this filing since dates indicated. Send a copy of the email you receive confirming your registration, print out a copy for your Adjutant/ Paymaster file and forward the email to Department Adjutant John Moysiuk at moysiukjl@hotmail.com for the Department Admin files.

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

- Marine Bonnie Holden provided results of Audit conducted. Everything was in order.

Paymasters Report: Bill Hauser –

- Treasury report:
 - Checking: \$ XXXX.XX (with two outstanding checks totaling \$XX.XX)
 - Savings: \$XXXX.XX
 - 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 Deapartment. *Note the reduced fees for new members, associate members and dual members between March 1st and August 30th to National of \$15.00. At the 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.
 - 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 followup with National.
- **Commandant:** I will entertain a motion to accept the Paymasters Report as published.
- Marine Ed Falter submitted motion, Marine Randy Ott seconded and Membership voted in acceptance of minutes as published.
- Comment that Proposed Budget was completed for the department.

Chaplains Report: Provided by Dennis Dressler: Since the report at Spring Staff I have received notice that the following Marines had passed away.

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| • Farrell J. Stewart | May 14, 2016 | Capt. Daniel B. Bartle #1335 |
| • Robert Vanleck | December 19, 2016 | Olympia Det #482 |
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| • William Ashley | January, 2017 | Mount Olympus Det #897 |
| • Robert B. O’Neil | May 17, 2017 | Pierce County Det #504 |
| • Theodore L. Davis | May 25, 2017 | Columbia River Det #826 |
| • Max W. Diamond | June 3, 2017 | Puget Sound Det #336 |
| • Jack T. Coleman | June 7, 2017 | Puget Sound Det #336 |
| • Harold J. Thomas | July 5, 2017 | Cpl. Joseph P. Biers Det #1119 |
| • Samuel P. Grooms | August 13, 2017 | Columbia River Det #826 |
| • Freddie Cenicerros | August 26, 2017 | Pierce County Det #504 |
| • Charles D. Bohr | August 21, 2017 | Olympia Det #482 |
| • Gregg Elwood | August 22, 2017 | Mount Olympus Det #897 |
| • David F. Grundl | September 1, 2017 | Olympia Det #482 |
| • Harvey Chappell | September 7, 2017 | Cpl. Joseph P. Biers Det #1119 |
| • Dewey Jones | 2017 | Twin Harbors Det #442 |
| • Walter S. Waren | Oct 27, 2017 | Capt. Daniel B. Bartle #1335 |
| • Ernie Elmore | November 5, 2017 | Olympia Det #482 |
| • James R. Studebaker | February 22, 2018 | Melvin M. Smith Det #586 |
| • Marvin B. Meyers | March 3, 2018 | Cpl. Joseph P. Bier Det #1119 |
| • William A. Cundiff | March 21, 2018 | Olympic Peninsula Det #531 |
| • Dan Ryals -Informed that he has passed but “Death Notice” has not been sent to National yet. | | |
| • Joseph R. Pollelo | April 3, 2018 | Melvin M. Smith #586 |
| • Richard J. Olsen | March 22, 2018 | Pierce County #504 |
| • Walt R. McKee | April 3, 2018 | Melvin M. Smith #586 |
| • Bernard H. Kendall | May 17, 2018 | Columbia River #826 |
| • Dennis G. Murray | May 20, 2018 | Pierce County #504 |
| • John Beimborn | May 14, 2018 | Pierce County #504 |
| • Matt Johnson | | Dept. of California |
| • Ted Reinvant | | Twin Harbors Det #442 |
| • Dan Ryals | | Col. Richard “Buck” Francisco #1451 |
| • Art Miller | | Yakima-Kittitas Det #1055 |

Additionally Notices concerning Marines that passed away in previous years have been added to the roll call of fallen members at the Memorial Service to be held Saturday morning where twenty six members will be given honors. As a member of Melvin M. Smith’s Honor Guard I have been to eight services for fallen Marines. Commandant Randy Ott and I conducted the Chapel funeral service for one of our members.

Sick and in Distress:

- Andy Anderson – 1st Stages of Alzheimer’s, Stroke Det #504

- Terry Reams – Bone & Blood Cancer Det #889
- Bob O’Neil – Lung Cancer Det #504
- Jim Nelson – Cancer Det #1451
- Henry Lee – Bladder Cancer Det #504
- Richard Haroldson – Kidney Cancer Det #504
- Joel Courrageous – Cancer Det #531
- Hank Molansen – Lukemia Det #586

Report of Officers:

- Commandant: Jim Renton – Present, No report.
- Sr Vice Commandant: Bonnie Holden – Present, No report.
- Jr Vice Commandant: TJ Morgan – Electronic and hard copies provided. Here is my report on membership from Spring Staff to Now. We are still working on the Marine 4 Life program and will have more information very soon to which I will pass on to the newly elected Jr. Vice. Next is my report on the Department of Washington membership. Since July 1 to the end of the 3rd quarter, we have an increase 2.7%. We are the only Department in the NWDIV to have positive growth. I praise all of you for the fine work and challenge each of you to continue to seek out new members and work hard at retaining our current ones. It’s been a pleasure to have served all of you as the Department of Washington’s Jr. Vice. Thank you again for your trust.
- Judge Advocate: George Hilbish – Electronic and hard copies provided. There are no Chapter nines pending for the Department, I have reviewed and endorsed changes to one Detachment’s Bylaws. The National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures have been rewritten and the final version, there are also 29 proposed changes to the Current National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures, they are listed below with my recommendations:
 - Wearing of Medals and Ribbons with the Casual Uniform (Red Coat) - Yes
 - 2 – 4) Creating Medals, Ribbons and Lapel Pins for Division Officers and Staff - Yes
 - 5) Recognize an Associate Member of the Year at all levels in the League - Yes
 - 6) Wearing of Medallions with any League Uniform - Yes
 - 7) Wearing a Red T-Shirt with Undress Uniform to recognize Honor Guard Members - No
 - 8) Add an Honor Guard patch on the left sleeve of the Undress Uniform - No
 - 9, 17, 20 – 22, 28 – 29) Remove the MODD shoulder patch and have only the American Flag - No
 - 10) Approved Lapel Pins - Yes
 - 11 – 16) Updated Uniform regulations - Yes
 - 18) Allow Gold Star Parents to be Regular League Members - No
 - 19) Add a Pardon provision to the Punishment section of Chapter 9 - Yes
 - 23) Rewording of Section 405 in the Administrative Procedures - Yes
 - 24) Rewrite of Section 501 of the Administrative Procedures - Yes
 - 25) Add new paragraph to Section 804 of the Administrative Procedures - Yes
 - 26) Add new paragraph to Section 1000 of the Administrative Procedures - Yes
 - 27) Rewrite of Section 1100 of the Administrative Procedures - Yes
 - The final rewrite of the National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures, the proposed changes are on the back table.
- Jr Past Commandant: Rex Hopper – No Report.

Report of Detachment Commandants:

- Puget Sound Det. #336: Mark Gorman – Present, No report provided..

- Tri-Cities Det. #337: Mike Ridgel – Absent, no report.
- Twin Harbors Det. #442: Frank Perov – Absent, No report received.
- Olympia Det. #482: Jim Sims – Present, Verbally presented. Alive and well and preparing for 4th of July Parade with Boy Scouts to help hand out flags for parade viewers. Successful Toys For Tots campaign.
- Pierce County Det. #504: Charles Ames – Present, with electronic and hard copies provided. Verbally presented. Electronic copy provided. Since the meeting in April the following has occurred: We currently have 83 paid regular members and associates. 2 Members are in arrears and will fall off the rolls on 1 Sep18. We have recruited 3 new members, reinstated 2 members and 3 members have reported to the Supreme Commandant. The Annual Department “Rock” Ceremony in Enumclaw WA is set for Saturday, Noon on August 25th. This is the 71st consecutive year of honoring our fallen brother Marines entombed on top of Mt Rainier. The guest speaker for this year is LtCol James Beal, CO of the I&I Staff of the 6th ANGLICO Bn. at JBLM. The ceremony is open to all who wish to attend. We have awarded an Eagle Scout his Good Citizenship certificate. Marines Ames, Golden and Hilbish attended the Joint Services Memorial Day Ceremony at Mt View Memorial Park as representatives of the Department and Detachment.
- Olympic Peninsula Det. #531: Bob Schneider – Present with electronic and hard copies provided. Verbally presented. September 2017; Provided security for the Bremerton Blackberry Festival, earning money for the detachment. Manned a table at the Highland Games in Belfair to work on recruitment. October 2017; Detachment Marines attended the Department of Washington Fall Conference. November 2017; Toys for Tots toy drive. December 2017; Toys for Tots toy drive continued. Toy distribution party. Served 150+ children in Mason County and 1700+ children in Kitsap County. Decorated Christmas Tree at Washington Veterans Home in Retsil, WA. Election of new detachment officers. January 2018; Installation of new detachment officers. February 2018; Convention planning meeting. Four Detachment Marines provided Honor Guard services at Tahoma National Cemetery. March 2018; Participated in Silverdale Chamber of Commerce Military Appreciation Day. Convention planning meeting. Participated in funeral service for Bill Cundiff, our last Korean War Veteran and last Pedigree Devil Dog. Attended Silverdale Chamber of Commerce luncheon to gain support for the convention. April 2018; Detachment Marines attended the Department of Washington Spring Conference. Convention planning meeting. Participated in Stand-down at Sheridan Park Community Center in Bremerton. Provided sleep systems to 22 homeless Veterans, as well as boots, backpacks and other items. Provided security for the Silverdale Rotary RAGS Auction, earning money for the detachment. May 2018; Convention planning meeting. Participated in the Bremerton Armed Forces Day Parade. June 2018; Co-hosting the Department of Washington Annual Convention along with Puget Sound Detachment 336.
- Melvin M Smith Det. #586: Randy Ott – Present with electronic and hard copy provided. Verbally presented. The Toys for Tots Campaign was extra busy because “P” Battery needed extra hands on deck because of OPCOM. We extended services and toys to over 6,500 families. Volunteers in Spokane came in all shapes, ages and sizes to make it work! Our Spokane County Young Marines support us with their dedicated and youthful personalities at every event. Our food service continues at the Mann-Grandstaff Regional VA Hospital with the monthly BBQ. Burgers and Dogs for everyone. We and the Auxiliary host Bingo in the care unit every second Wednesday of the month. Our regular VA Volunteers continue to make a difference each day as well. The MCL National Convention & Mid-Winter MCL Conference were well represented and everyone had a great time. Armed Forces Week in Spokane celebrates our Military with the Annual Lilac Parade. Our Det. “Rides with Pride” to show our banners for others to learn about the MCL. The Annual 3 on 3 Basketball “HOOP FEST” has our members out in force making sure everyone is hydrated and having a fun time in June. Our Honor Guard continues to render honors for our Fallen Marines/Corpsmen at

the Eastern Washington Veterans Cemetery at Medical Lake and the greater Spokane Region. We have supported “P” Battery with their honor details. We continue to hold a gun raffle at the local gun shows with tremendous success. If you are interested, see one of us for tickets (1 for \$5 or 3 for \$10). Locally, the Veterans Court Forum has been successful because of our volunteers. We continue to be there for them. Col. Tim Fitzgerald (USMC Ret) is our go-to leader on this event on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays. Memorial Day is a day to “Remember”. Our Detachment does this in force. We support a major ceremony at Fairmount Memorial Park. We also attend the Eastern Washington Veterans Cemetery Ceremony.

- **Columbia River Det. #826:** Bill Hauser – Present with electronic and hard copies provided. Verbally presented. The Columbia River Detachment meets monthly at the Vancouver Elks lodge on the second Thursday of the month at 1900. Our members are keeping busy in the community through several areas. We decided to make a change to our monthly meetings. Our normal business meetings will be every other month and the other months will be used for guest speakers, planning events or socializing. **Website** - Marine Pete Thornton has stepped up and agreed to take over the Detachment newsletter and website. Our new website address is MCLeaguecrd826.org. **Color Guard** - Our Color Guard is operating on a limited basis due to a shortage of members. We continue to look for volunteers from within the Detachment. **Officer Installation and Awards** - We held our Officer Installation and Awards dinner on 19 May at the American Legion Smith-Reynolds Post 14. Our Department Commandant was our Installing Officer. Our Officers for the coming year are Commandant Bill Hauser, Sr. Vice Commandant Lynn Bolte, Jr. Vice Commandant Henry Lasch, Judge Advocate Lucian Baker and Jr. Past Commandant Bill Cason. **MCL Training Program** - We continue to offer our Marine Corps League training program. It's a challenging task getting volunteers to take the time to cover the material. Our training Officer (John Stofiel) has copied the old MCI program and broke down the sections with each having an open book quiz at the end of each chapter. It is a good way to learn the material and I highly recommend other Detachments adopt it for their use. **Prestige Nursing Home** - Our Detachment continues our partnership with the Vancouver Elks to offer free lunch for the residents on the third Friday of each month. **Recruiting** - We continue to make appearances throughout the community with our members and a table top display, designed and built by our past Jr. Vice Commandant. We continue to make contacts with Marines throughout the area whenever the opportunity arises. **VAVS** - Our VAVS program is running very strongly. Detachment members continue to make a difference by manning information desks, transporting patients from their cars to the hospital in carts, and selling popcorn. **Memorial Day** - Several of our members attended the Memorial Day Service in Vancouver on 28 May. **Other activities** - The Detachment is involved Clark County Veterans Advisory Board, Marine Corps Coordinating Council, Clark County Veterans Assistance Center, Community Military Appreciation Committee, and Toys for Tots. We are planning to operate the coffee stop at the Gee Creek Rest Stop again on 30 June and 1, 2 July. We will again be working with our Auxiliary unit. Distributed Detachment Business cards for members to hand out when making contact with possible new members with a place to put their contact information. We are discussing Marine Corps Red polo shirts for the detachment. Difficult time finding desired color but still working on this. Many members are not able to facilitate the purchase of MCL uniforms and this would be a means to coordinate us into similar dress for events. **Upcoming Events: Washington Annual MCL Convention** - June 7th in Silverdale Washington. **MODD Picnic** - 16 June attending MODD hosted picnic @ members homestead. **Gee Creek Rest Stop** - 2nd annual fundraiser 30 Jun – 2 July. **Flag Day** - Flag Day annual ceremony 14 June @ the bandstand Ft Vancouver WA. **Heroes Night** - Annual Community Heroes Night 23 June @ Costco. **Independence Day** - Community events at Fort Vancouver. **Patriots Day** - Patriots Day 9/11 Remembrance Day -City Hall. **Veterans Stand Down** - 2018 Veterans Stand Down and Expo 15 Sept.

- Mt. St. Helen's Det. #889: Donald Simmons – Absent, no report.
- MT. Olympus Det. #897: Elvis “Guy” Iredale – Absent, verbally presented by Mark Schildknecht. Electronic and hard copies provided. This is a summary of Mt. Olympus Detachment #897 activities from the June 6/9-/2017 in Spokane to current date of June 8-10/2018. **Total Members:** 52, Marines: 31, Life Members: 11, Associates: 21. **Honor Guard Activities:** Funerals-24, Bell Ringings-12, Ceremonies-10. **Detachment Activities/Participations: Ceremonies:** 9-11 Ceremonies at ‘9/11 Memorial Waterfront Park’ and ‘Veterans Park’, both in Port Angeles (2017), POW/MIA Veterans Center (September 2017), Veterans Day Ceremony at USCG Base-Port Angeles (November 2017), National Traveling Tribute Towers Memorial at Captain Joseph House-Port Angeles (December 2017), Welcome Home Viet Nam Veterans Day at the Veterans Center-March 31st-Port Angeles; Past Commandant Mark Schildknecht was the guest speaker (2018), Law Enforcement Day May 18th- HG provided rifle salute (2018), Capt. Joseph House 6th anniversary Memorial May 27th-HG provided rifle Salute (2018), Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony May 28th-HG provided rifle salute at Mt. Angeles (2018). **Stand Downs:** 4 (2017-2018) (Forks-2; Port Angeles-1; Pt. Townsend-1). **Parades:** 3 (2017-2018) Sequim Irrigation Festival-2; Forks-1; Joyce Daze-1. **Awards Presented:** Leadership Certificates and Commemorative Medals presented to two Port Angeles High School JNROTC graduating Seniors (2017 and 2018). **Scholarships:** Presented to two Port Angeles High School graduating seniors in 2018. **Donations:** ‘Sarge’s Place’-Forks (an emergency shelter for homeless Veterans), Port Angeles High School NJROTC Cadets attending the Air Rifle Shooting Camp (Civilian Marksmanship Program) in Snohomish, WA. Six cadets will be attending, July 9-13/2018. Our Detachment donation of \$250 goes toward the group’s lodging expense. **Toys for Tots:** 3,188 children received gifts; 7688 toys were distributed. **Notes:** Three Detachment members were interviewed on two local radio stations (Port Angeles and Sequim). They discussed Detachment activities, including Honor Guard and Toys for Tots. According to U.S. Representative Derek Kilmer, only four counties in the country have more veterans per capita than Clallam County.
- Skagit Valley Det. #1043: Dan Walker – Present and verbally given. Supporting several programs, Toys For Tots dinner and concert, Recruiting focus for younger Marine membership, three Memorial Day services and preparing for 4th of July Parade.
- Yakima Kittitas Valley Det. #1055: – Nicholas Myers – Absent, Electronic copy submitted. Current detachment strength is 33 regular members, 2 associate members, and 15 Permanent Life members. We have had 1 member join the Supreme Commandant since the Spring Staff meeting and have added 4 new members. Activities since the Spring Staff meeting include: Members attended the annual DAV Veterans breakfast on April 21 at the DAV Services Hall. A Celebration of Life was held for Louis Wishert USA, brother of Marine Ron Wishert of Det. 1055 on April 21 at the Selah Elks lodge. The members of Detachment 1055 paid full honors to our departed brother. On Sunday, April 22 Jr. Past Commandant Falter presented the Good Citizenship award to Eagle Scout Dillon Rice at the Terrace Heights Community Center. Later that afternoon the detachment provided military honors at Tahoma Cemetery for a US Army veteran. Officers were elected and installed at the May 14 detachment meeting. JVC Beduhn was replaced by Gordon Quesnell and the remaining officers stood for another term. Detachment members formed the lead color guard for the annual Selah Days parade on May 19. The following day members of the detachment took part in a Veterans Honoring service conducted by Marine Bob Lantrip from Pointman Ministries. Veterans from all branches of service were recognized and presented with the Distinguished Certificate of Service and a medal provided by Pointman Ministries. During the week prior to Memorial Day weekend members of the detachment, with the assistance of family and friends, placed over 500 Marine flags in cemeteries around Yakima on all Marine gravesites. On May 26th the detachment sponsored, organized and ran the 2018 Memorial Day parade in downtown Yakima. The parade participation and crowd were an increase from previous years and the feedback received was positive. Memorial Day services were provided on May 28th at 0900 at West Hills Memorial Park by Pastor Jim Merillat of the West Valley

Missionary Church and members of Det. 1055. Military honors were provided by the MCL. That afternoon detachment member Byron Kent led the annual services at Sarg Hubbard Park for the first time. Going forward Detachment 1055 will be organizing this event for Memorial and Veterans Day each year. Kudos goes to Marine Kent for his organizing and presenting a successful program to veterans and the public at this event. On June 2 Marines Falter, Quesnell and Olsen attended the annual Highland Days parade in Tieton, WA. These members comprised the lead color guard for the parade.

- Cpl Joseph P Bier Det. #1119: Bob Brostrom – Absent, Electronic submitted over email submitted to Marine Bonnie Holden sent to her and she sent to me. We have done several Honor Guards. We did a Color Guard just recently. We just held a money raiser at Burger Claim and we have a Rose Drive scheduled for July. We also have a picnic in Aug and Toys for Tots in Nov and Dec. We will hold any Honor Guards that should be called to our attention and any Color Guards.
- Maj. Megan McClung Det. #1210: Ricardo Reyes – Absent, electronic report submitted. The resignation of Commandant Charles Bond and the split up of the majority members of Marine Corps League Detachment 1210, whom were the work horse and founders of the Major Megan M McClung, Detachment 1210. We as a Detachment had been floundering but had been trying to survive. We had joined the Chambers of Commence of Oak Harbor and Coupeville in the hope of adverting and exposing our Detachment to the community and gain interest for new members; we are in the process of holding a golf fundraiser June 30th; had participated in the community events/fairs and parades along with the sale of Marine Corps roses. Our Leadership (officers) term of duty expire June of 2019, however some of our elected officers had turn in their resignation or simply quit to attend our monthly meeting and/ or fulfill their duties of their post. Currently our Detachment has two active elected officers, Commandant and Judge Advocate. We still have our Chaplain and Sergeant of Arms, whom are willing and to continue fulfill the duties of their post. The Judge Advocate, had informed me, He intends *not to renew* his MCL membership when it expires this August. I have tried to appoint some of our few members that attend the Detachment meeting on a regular basis to fill the vacant post but the response had been “No Thanks”. Those members I ask are either part time residents or are involve in other organizations in the community. I regret that I am unable to attend this year’s annual convention. However, one of our unofficial members, Michael Leighner will be attending. I say unofficial because I had been trying to have his transfer documents submitted since I took over as Commandant at no avail, hence Michael Leighner will be hand carrying his transmittal document to the annual convention in hope to have them sign and He will be an official member of our Detachment. Michael Leighner had spent his owned monies and been an asset to this Detachment since he joined us in January 2018. He also stepped up to handle the Detachment Public Relation and membership drive. His observation of the Detachment activities had brought him some concerns, especially the Toys for Tots Coordinators behavior as it relates to reporting / handling the Toys for Tots program. As I mention in my report at the spring staff meeting, we are not getting support or recognition of the Detachment activity / involvement in the Toys for Tots program, especially to our community business who participated by allowing us to place Toys for Tots boxes in the stores and offices. Michael Leighner would like to address the Department Officers or the representative of the Toys for Tots for guidance. If Detachment 1210 survives another year, I personally would prefer the South Whidbey Detachment, Col. Richard (Buck) Francisco Det. 1451, to handle the collection of Toys on Whidbey Island and/or at least from Coupeville and South (sad to say, but this is where we are). I ask Michael Leighner to speak with the appropriate personnel in the Department of Washington MCL staff for guidance on what steps we (Detachment 1210) will need take to dissolve the Detachment when the time come. I would prefer to gain active members and continue to service our community and fellow Marine Corps family here on Whidbey Island, but in reality, I do not see that happening soon. We currently have Twenty-two members on the rooster with only five active

members. Michael Leighner authority is to gather information from the annual convention and report back to our Detachment. He may want to voice his opinion and concerns to the Department and that's Okay. He was not given any official authority to make any decision on behalf of Major Megan McClung other than to gather information and guidance on how to proceed with the access the Detachment has i.e. Bank account, flags, signage etc.

- Captain Daniel B. Bartle Det #1335: Bruce Barton – Absent, no report.
- Col. Richard “Buck” Francisco #1451: Robert Gabelein – Present, electronic and hard copy provided. Verbally given. Detachment Charter awarded at 14 June 2017 meeting by Department Commandant Jim Renton. Detachment number received mid-May after only two and one-half months since the formation effort began. Thanks to Department Paymaster Bill Hauser for many, many late night email question and answer exchanges! Membership has grown 57% from 21 to 33, including two associate members. Eighty five percent of our membership in good standing. Successful Toys-for-Tots campaign. Over \$26,000 was raised including \$7,873 from the TFT Foundation. Distributed 1,422 toys to 445 beneficiaries. Granted TFT for 2018. Participated in multiple Memorial and Veteran's Day ceremonies. Provided Honor Guards for funerals of four veterans including former Department Chaplain Dan Ryals. Provided four Color Guards. Marched in two parades, both the worlds largest: 1) Whidbey Island County Fair and 2) Maxwelton 4th of July parades. Replaced five worn and/or tattered National Ensigns in the community. Conducted several successful Marine Corps Rose fund-raising efforts. Provided community service in addition to other efforts described above including providing a \$1,000 scholarship to an outstanding graduate of South Whidbey High School, providing yard and other services for vets and older community citizens. Recently appointed a VAVS Officer who has hit the ground running.

Report of Standing Committees/Advisory Councils:

- Credentials Committee: Bill Hauser – (**Convention**) – Present, no report. Convention credentials for delegates submitted previously.
- Budget and Finance Committee: Bill Hauser & Bonnie Holden – (**Convention**) – Budget set for 2019.
- Rules Committee: Dept Judge Advocate George Hilbish – (**Convention**) – No report.
- Bylaws Committee: Dept JA George Hilbish – (**Convention**) – Previously covered under JA report.
- Audit Committee: George Hilbish, Bonnie Holden and Ed Falter – (**Convention**) – As mentioned the audit was completed with no issue.
- Dept. Web Sergeant: TJ Morgan – Looking at changing Website Company to potential GoDaddy. Will also be putting tab on website for past department meeting minutes minus the financial information.
- Dept. Training Officer: Don Nilson – Absent, no report.
- Publications: Department Commandant Jim Renton – No report.
- Public Relations Officer: **Vacant** – No report.
- Membership Committee: Jr Vice Dept Cmdt TJ Morgan – No report.
- VAVS Committee: Rex Hopper – Deputy VAVS report – If interested in knowing more about VAVS or wanting to become involved please contact Rex for more detailed information. National has him as the Chairman for VAVS but he has declined this but National still has him, could this be volunteered? Rex says he is not interested in stepping into the Chairman's position.
- Awards/Citations: Randy Ott – Discouraged but happy because of MOY nominations and some department awards to include recruiting awards which will be presented at the banquet.
- Americanism Committee: Bonnie Holden – In the latter part of May National Website updated the Americanism format for 2018. The only part that has changed is the first 2 pages. If you have your Americanism Books ready you only need to replace the first two pages. I will pick up any

Americanism Books to be transported to National Convention during the Department Convention. Website address for the Americanism link on MCL Headquarters is:

<https://www.mclnational.org/competitions.html>. Received 1 book which Bonnie will hand carry to National.

- Legislative Committee: Ev Brown – Absent, Jim Sims presented verbally the overall of what takes place and how the VLC works and what they do. Good report verbally provided.
- Boy Scout Liaison: Jim Renton – No report.
- Homeless Veterans: John Moysiuk – Verbally provided. National discussion is taking place on reduction and prevention of homelessness for veterans. Ensuring that as MCL members we have contacts within our communities so when we find a veteran going thru transitions within their lives that can provide the guidance thru mentorship and contact to community support services. This also will impact suicide prevention and awareness. Will review all reports and pull information from all detachments on any that are actively involved in helping homeless veterans thru their local areas such as participating in Stand-Downs. New website designed to help connect veterans to support services www.WAServes.org. User friendly! The Marine For Life Program (M4L) being raised from the ashes where each detachment, department and div will have a M4L member to help those separating our the Marine Corps for connection into their communities and the resources there. Finally, an email has been sent to each Detachment Commandant and Adjutant or Adjutant/Paymaster with links to resources on homeless veterans. Any questions please shoot me an email. Passed around a resource guide for veterans made by Moose and his Work-Studies for Thurston County.
- VAAC Representative: Larry Alcantara – Provided a good overview of the VAAC and what they do.
- Department Marine of the Year (MOY): Dan Abbott – Marine of the Year selected and will award at the banquet. Dan will also be stepping down and needs a volunteer to replace him.
- Toys 4 Tots Liaison: John Moysiuk – Please submit your detachment reports for the three events of the Spring Fall and Convention. I'll extrapolate that information in the reports that discusses your ToysForTots involvement. Please let me know if your detachment is either running or assisting in the ToysForTots in your area. Thank you to those detachments that have stepped forward to support the needy children in your communities by giving your time and efforts to provide toys to children on Christmas Day!
- Resolutions Committee: Dennis Dressler & TJ Morgan – No report.
- Young Marines Coordinator: Ed Falter – No report.
- Department Convention “2019” update: Currently no detachment has stepped forward to do the 2019 convention at this time. After discussion, Ed Falter commented that he would ask his detachment at next meeting but no promises.
- Department Service Officer: Charles “Chuck” Bond – Absent, no report.
- Marine For Life: Sr Vice – Bonnie Holden - Marines for Life Committee has received no new notifications from the Detachments. The website for information on the Marines for Life is: www.MarinesForLife.org. Each Detachment needs to appoint a Committee Chair for contact with the Department of Washington Senior Vice for further information that will be coming down from National. The website is very informative and there will be more information after the National Convention to hand down to the Detachments. We have heard from 4 Detachments at last count. This is less than a quarter of our detachments. Hope to hear from the Commandants during the Convention on this matter.
- Nominating Committee: Jr Past Dept Cmdt Rex Hopper – (**Convention**) – Opening nominations were held for the elected officer positions of the department. Currently for Department Commandant Marine Bonnie Holden has been nominated and has said she would accept nomination. For Department Sr Vice Commandant Marine TJ Morgan has been nominated and has said he would

accept nomination. For Department Jr Vice Commandant Marine George Hilbish has been nominated and has said he would accept nomination. For Department Judge Advocate Marine Dan Nelson and John “Moose” Moysiuk have been nominated and both have said they would accept nomination. Nominations were closed with no other nominations and would be reopened on the convention floor at the Department Convention in June in Silverdale WA. Nominations held as last actions for department before breaking for banquet later in evening where elected officers would be sworn in. No further nominations were given when nominations opened. Department Commandant Marine Bonnie Holden was nominated. For Department Sr Vice Commandant Marine TJ Morgan was elected. For Department Jr Vice Commandant Marine George Hilbish was nominated. Contested nominations for Judge Advocate with Marine Dan Nelson and John “Moose” Moysiuk were held with John “Moose” Moysiuk elected. Motion to cast a single confirmation vote for all elected and confirmed nominations was passed unanimously. Motion was made by Marine Randy Ott and seconded by Marine Paul Burton. Swearing in of elected officers was held at banquet.

Old Business:

- Det #531 brought up for discussion of the 501 (c) 3 but this was tabled as there was previous discussion with further information being addressed thru chain to National for clarification. This will be a much larger issue this year at the National Convention as the National Commandant is pushing for all detachment, department, and divisions to be under the status of 501 (c) 4. Discussion also included that funding was being lost thru grants because the grants could only be received under the 501 (c) 3 status. This was once more tabled until further clarification comes from National.
- Randy Ott brought up discussion of potential 75th Department of Washington convention which is approaching and has suggested a ribbon be presented to those attending. No medal but ribbon only. Discussion included looking at potential ribbon selections that do not interfere with active DoD recognized awards and also discussion of potential 75th attachment to ribbon be done for previous award from 60th time frame. Discussion tabled at this time for further research.

New Business:

- Larry Alcantara brought up information on Marine Corps Scholarships. Two types; which include colleges and universities, and the other is for vocational or trade schools. Please if you know someone that might qualify please have them apply!

Good of the League:

- None

Announcements:

- 2018 National Convention in August Buffalo NY August 13-17.
- 2018 NW Div Conference in Spokane, WA September 14-15 Quality Inn.
- 2018 Department Fall Staff Meeting in Yakima October 13.
- 2019 Department Spring Staff Meeting in Yakima April 6.
- 2019 National Convention Billings MT
- 2019 Department Convention – Location and date TBD.
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Closing Ceremony: Closed by Department Commandant Jim Renton

- **Commandant:** “There being no further business, we will proceed to close.”
- **Commandant:** “Sergeant-at-Arms, Retire the Colors.”

- **Sergeant-at-Arms:** “Aye, Aye Sir.” (Hand Salute)
- **Commandant:** “The Chaplain will lead us in prayer.”
- **Chaplain:** (leads prayer and closes Bible)
- **Commandant:** “Senior Vice Commandant, perform the last duty of your post.”
- **Senior Vice Commandant:** “Marines, the Department of Washington thanks you for your attendance, and requests you to secure new members, and further, that you favor us at every future meeting with your presence so far as your circumstances will permit.”
- **Commandant:** “Sergeant-at-Arms, declare this meeting of the Department of Washington, Marine Corps League officially closed.”
- **Sergeant-at-Arms:** “By authority of the Department of Washington Commandant, Marine Corps League, I declare this meeting officially closed until the Department Convention in Silverdale June 7th – 9th at 0900 when it will be reopened for the transaction of official business.”

Detachment Representatives at Department Muster:

- Puget Sound Det. #336: *
- Tri-Cities Det. #337:
- Twin Harbors Det. #442: *
- Olympia Det. #482: *
- Pierce County Det. #504: *
- Olympic Peninsula Det. #531: *
- Melvin M Smith Det. #586: *
- Columbia River Det. #826: *
- Mt. St. Helen’s Det. #889:
- MT. Olympus Det. #897: *
- Skagit Valley Det. #1043: *
- Yakima Kittitas Valley Det. #1055: *
- Cpl Joseph P Bier Det. #1119: *
- Maj. Megan McClung Det. #1210: *
- Captain Daniel B. Bartle Det #1335:
- Col. Richard “Buck” Francisco #1451: *