

Department of Washington Marine Corps League

Spring Staff Meeting Oxford Suites
1701 E. Yakima Ave., Yakima, WA 98801

Minutes of 2 April 2022

Joint Opening Ceremony: 1000

Recognition of Department of Washington 2021 Marine of the Year Kathleen Nicholls

Recognition of National Officers:

NWDVC John Moysiuk; VAVS Rep Rex Hopper; Nat'l Marine for Life Mark Gorman; and our NWD Vice Chief Devil Dog PDD Bonnie Holden.

Recognition of Recipients of NW Division Marine of the Year: John Moysiuk; Dennis Dressler; Bonnie Holden.

Recognition of Recipients of Department Marine of the Year: 1998-John F. Stofiel, 2004-Dennis Dressler, 2010-Rex Hopper, 2011- Randall Ott Jr, 2014-Bonnie Holden, 2015 -John L. Moysiuk, 2016-Mark Schildknecht, 2018- William A. Hauser, & 2020-Ed Falter.

Recognition of Past Department Commandants:

Dennis Dressler, Ed Falter, John Stofiel, Bonnie Holden

Recognition of "First Timers" to Department meeting: (5) Det. 336 Sam Hua, Det. 1043 Robert Olivarez, Richie Mejia, & McKenna Lowe, Det. 531 Robert Schneider

Recognition of MCLA and Officers: Dept. Cmndn't calls MCLA Madam President Sena Moreland present her staff.

Commandant calls for 10 Minute Recess: Commandant reconvenes business meeting:

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

CMNDN'T - CALLS FOR ADJUTANT REPORTS –

- **Roll Call of Officers:** All present and/or accounted for.
- **Minutes of previous meeting:** The minutes were published and sent via email to all members of the Dept. and our detachments. I will entertain a motion to accept the minutes as previously published. John Moysiuk second. Carried. It is extremely important to ensure that the Renewals of non-profit filings with the Secretary of State and the 990 with the IRS. Please ensure a copy is sent to the Dept. Adjutant. Failure to file each year may result in your detachment not being a not-for-profit organization and being removed from the rolls of the Marine Corps League.

PAYMASTER REPORT: Bill Hauser – Account Balances as of date of this report, Checking: \$2297.77 (with no outstanding checks) Savings: \$14,4437.78. Travel Fund: \$483.00 Commandants travel fund was voted into existence at the 2019 Fall staff meeting. It was suggested at that time Detachments donate to this fund when they have available funds. So far, four Detachments have contributed to the fund. Dennis Dressler moved to accept the Paymasters report, seconded by Mark Gorman, carried. When emailing the Department Paymaster use bhauser1952@msn.com If you need to call me, please leave a message so that I can get back to you. I do not answer numbers that I do not recognize. National is aware of issues with the recent Detachment rosters. They have been fixing the problems. National sent out a new roster on 06/30/2021. If you still have errors on your roster document, email them to jfoster@mcleague.org. I am asking that if you do email National to copy me on the email so that I am aware of your problems. Commandants and Paymasters now have access to the database, with the ability to make limited changes to member records such as updates to address, phone numbers, birth dates, and email. If you need help with access to the database, contact me, by email and I will help you get into the database. National wants any deceased members to be noted on the transmittal form and submitted along with a copy of the certificate of death that your Chaplain fills out and submits to the Division Chaplain. Any transmittal changes that do not require money can be sent directly by email to jfoster@mcleague.org be sure to include a copy to the Department Paymaster. On the National website is the library and a separate password secured Members Library. If you do not have the password let me know and I will get it to you. Inside the Members Library is a good video on making changes in the database. Following the National Convention new forms were posted on the National website. They can be downloaded from the National website or the Department website. The new transmittal has a column on the right side of the form called number of years. It is for the number of years that the member is renewing for not the number of years they have been a 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 (this may change soon). 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 June 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 are no Department

fees for members paying for a life membership. The new National policy for returning processed transmittals is to email the transmittals back to the Department and Detachment Paymasters.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT: (SICK AND/ OR IN DISTRESS): Chaplain Dennis Dressler – Although most covid restrictions were lifted in late July they are largely still in place for volunteering at the VA Medical Center; additionally, Chaplains have not yet been allowed back at the Washington State Veterans Cemetery unless requested by the family; in the last two weeks I have officiated at two funeral services. I attended our quarterly VAVS meeting via Zoom as we are still under COVID restrictions; additionally, I attended the Directors bi-monthly meeting with VSOs. Since the close of the Fall Staff Meeting, I have processed all Death Notices that have been provided from the detachments. The following are the members who passed during this period: Donald Dees 8/26/2021 Cpl Joseph P Bier, Norman Rubin 10/1/2021 Melvin M Smith, Thrine Crain 1/2022 Melvin M Smith Unit; Gordan Quesnell 12/22/2021 Yakima-Kittitas, Frank Donnelly 2/14/2022, Mt Olympus, Steve Mihovilich 2/18/2022 Twin Harbors, and Rudolph Frick 1/10/2022 Skagit Valley.

CORRESPONDENCE OF THE DEPARTMENT: None.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

- **Commandant George Hilbish II** – The Department currently is comprised of 15 Detachments and as of 3/23/2022 - 779 total members with 139 in arrears. Since the Fall Conference I have represented the Department at the Auburn Veterans Day Parade. Attended Detachment meetings with Detachments 504, 1119 and zoomed with 336. Attended an online database training session with National Commandant Johnny Baker and the National COO Bob Borka.
- **SrVice Commandant John Moysiuk** – Currently, the Department Commandant is operational and active, thus my duties have been minimal. There has been a lot of activity in correspondence to National from Detachments which should be directed to the Department Staff to address. Please use your chain of command when addressing issues. There are currently over 1488 detachment Marine Corps League wide but there are only a handful of Headquarters personnel to address the membership issues being sent to National. Most of these can be easily addressed at the Detachment Commandant, Detachment Adjutant/Detachment Paymaster level. Should those billets want training to address the access to our database, it is available. Likewise, the Department Commandant and Department Paymaster have had an introduction to our database and should be able to address most membership issues before pushing those more challenging items to National attention.
- **JrVice Commandant Ed Falter** – Additional Marines added to the Department since Fall Staff, 2021: 23 based on the feedback I received. I know that the Covid situation has dramatically slowed things down but, as things begin to open, the possibilities for recruiting will be available. Take charge, reach out, recruit.
- **Judge Advocate Shane Inman – Excused Absence** There are no pending Chapter Nines currently in the Department. To date I have still received very few detachments by-law changes. I have received one proposed Dept. Bylaws change from John Stofiel of the Columbia River Detachment which were sent out to each detachment for review by each detachment and will be voted on at our next Convention in June. Follow up request and reminders were sent after winter staff meeting. Our Marine Corps League life has changed as well. As leaders of the Marines of your respective Detachments it is our duty to assist the members. There are always questions we do not have the answer, to but as a team we can find solutions to anything. To all Detachment Commandant's and Judge Advocates, PLEASE review your by-laws, and protocols yearly if possible as we are in changing times. As new Marines take on leadership roles this may help in the smooth transition.
- **JrPast Commandant Bonnie Holden** – Commandant Council Meeting Mid-Winter 2022 Subjects discussed at the Commandant's Council Meeting during Mid-Winter were as follows: *Complaints of National not responding to emails on problems with Membership. These emails should be directed to JD Foster and may take some time to be resolved. *All detachments need to keep records with correct Date of Birth\ *Date on the transmittal is the date you join. They need to be submitted immediately to preserve the date of application. *Messages being sent through the Commandant need to be forwarded to the Membership –It may not be important to you but will be to the membership. *Department five hundred for members at large. *Atlas has much information and needs to be used. *Complaint made during the meeting because the new plastic cards do not show if they are a member in good standing. Answer to this was that you should call the Home Detachment of the visiting member to see if they are in good standing. There was no answer as to what to do if you cannot reach them. *They are renaming five hundred National Cemeteries.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES/ADVISORY COUNCILS:

- **ROCK 32 CEREMONY** – George Hilbish – Next ceremony will be the last Saturday in August the 27th.

- VETERANS LEGISLATIVE COALITION** – Shane Inman – Absent Electronic report - The (VLC) is a dues paying, membership based non-profit organization. The VLC is comprised of representatives from the 16 Veteran Service Organizations (VSO's) currently represented, members at large, and all Veterans of Washington State. The VLC during the legislative session organize into fire teams to facilitate the load of bills to either sign in to support or testify with a statement before the committees. I proudly serve as one of the fire team leaders. This year's bills that passed to the governor's desk for signature: **E2SHB 1181 ESTABLISHING PROGRAMS AND MEASURES TO PREVENT SUICIDE AMONG VETERANS AND MILITARY MEMBERS** Prime Sponsor: Representative Orwall Del to Gov

*Establishes a Suicide Prevention Community-Based Services Grant Program at the Department of Veterans Affairs to fund programs which provide support for veterans, military members, and their families. *Directs Veterans Affairs to create a database of resources for veterans and their families about mental health and suicide and to develop electronic means to disseminate this information. *Requires all new public works programs after July 1, 2024, to include signs publicizing the 988-crisis hotline. *Reestablishes the Suicide-Safer Homes Task Force at Veterans Affairs. *Establishes an account allowing the Secretary of State to raise funds for a Washington State Global War on Terror Memorial, which must include a component designed to reflect on the veterans and service members who died by suicide after serving in the War on Terror. **SSB 5546 CONCERNING INSULIN AFFORDABILITY** Prime Sponsor: Senator Keiser C 10 L 22 Effective date 6/9/2022 *Limits out-of-pocket expenses for a 30-day supply of insulin to \$35. **SHB 1642 CONCERNING THE WASHINGTON NATIONAL GUARD POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION GRANT PROGRAM** Prime Sponsor: Representative Leavitt (SB 5614 Senator Randall) Del to Gov *Modifies eligibility requirements and the award amount for the Washington National Guard Postsecondary Education Grant Program. **SB 5545 CONCERNING SURVIVOR BENEFITS** Prime Sponsor: Senator Wagoner C 45 L 22 Effective date 6/9/2022. *Clarifies that a surviving spouse or domestic partner of an eligible veteran or National Guard member is eligible for tuition waiver benefits for ten years after the death, total disability, or POW or MIA status of the eligible veteran or National Guard member. *Adds the date of federal determination of death or total disability as a qualifying event for the ten-year period of eligibility for the waiver. **ESSB 5874 CONCERNING RESIDENCY OF STUDENTS AFFILIATED WITH THE MILITARY:** Prime Sponsor: Senator Nobles Del to Gov *Expands residencies for all active duty, veteran, and dependent students who are eligible for educational benefits under certain federal law. *Modifies residency for dependents to include spouses, state-registered domestic partners, and dependents of military members including National Guard and reservists. *Adds a definition for child. • Modifies residency for certain students to require that the student has lived in Washington for one year prior to enrollment in higher education, primarily for reasons other than postsecondary education. **HB 1122 CONCERNING THE RETIREMENT AGE FOR STATE GUARD MEMBERS** Prime Sponsor: Representative Lovick Del to Gov *Eliminates the age restriction for enlistment with the Washington State Guard. *Allows the Adjutant General to extend the service age of an active member of the Guard under certain conditions. **ESHB 1357 CONCERNING VOTERS' PAMPHLETS FOR OVERSEAS AND SERVICE VOTERS:** Prime Sponsor: Representative Mosbrucker Del to Gov *Requires that county auditors mail or send a printable electronic version of the statewide and local voters' pamphlets to service and overseas voters who request them. **SB 5615 DESIGNATING PICKLEBALL AS THE OFFICIAL STATE SPORT** Prime Sponsor: Senator Lovick Del to Gov *Designates pickleball as the official state sport
- AMERICANISM** – Bonnie Holden – Americanism Award is in the <https://www.mclnational.org> Website in the Library. Follow the directions precisely as they will take points off for anything that is not according to the rules. The books need to be handed in by 1500 on Tuesday of the National Convention and are available for pickup on Thursday. I will be going to National Convention this year and anyone that cannot attend can get the book to me during the Department of Washington Convention and I will hand carry to the Convention. Any questions on the awards or rules I can be contacted at 360-339-3446 or by email bonnie.holden@hotmail.com 2021 Americanism Awards were supposed to be announced at the Mid-Winter Conference. They were not brought and therefore will be given out at the 2022 National Convention. A list of winners was not given.
- EAGLE SCOUTS** – Bonnie Holden – The Marine Corps League National Headquarters website has the form for the Eagle Scout to complete that you can print. I distributed this as well as this information at the Spring Staff Meeting as well as the Department Convention in June 2021. I only received three out of the 15 Detachments who responded. I will have to conclude from this that twelve of our Detachments are not pursuing Eagle Scout Awards in the State of Washington. There are embossed awards that can be purchased at the Semper Fi store for this purpose. I would like each detachment to contact me on regular intervals which are listed for this purpose. Even if you have a negative report, please turn that in so that I know that I have reports from all detachments. Period of July 1 each year to December each year should be reported by January 15 Period January 1 each year to June 30 each year

should be reported by July 15. If it is easier for you to have a monthly list to send each 6 months, I can then tally each of the detachments for the period that I need to report. My email information, phone number and address are listed below. You can call me if you have questions. But a written report can either be mailed or emailed and is needed. My address, email, and phone at the end of this report. The above was the report given in October of 2021. To date I have received three reports. From the following detachments 336, and 1119. As asked, I did not receive negative report or even reports that a detachment was not pursuing this award in their area. Contact info: 360-339-3446 bonnie.holden@hotmail.com 17823 Gilbert St SE Tenino Wa 98589

- **NOMINATIONS** – Bonnie Holden – Our nominations for Elected Officers for 2022-23 are: Commandant John Moysiuk, SrVice Cmndn't Ed Falter, JrVice Cmndn't Shane Inman, and Judge Advocate Joel Cartwright. Elections will be conducted at the Department Convention where nominations may also be taken from the floor.
- **MEMBERSHIP** – Bill Hauser – Member #s as of 03/31/2022: Regular members PLM-381, Paid 195 Total Paid (PLM + Paid) = 576 Unpaid-107; Associate PLM-25, Paid-39 Total Paid (PLM + Paid) = 64 Unpaid - 24; Multiple: PLM-3. Paid-2 Total Paid (PLM + Paid) = 5 Unpaid 1; Total PLM-409, Paid-236 Total Paid (PLM + Paid) = 645 Unpaid 132
- **WEB SERGEANT** – Bill Hauser – The Department website is located at <https://www.mcldeptwa.org/> In the period February 27 to March 26, 2022, we had 62 Unique Visitors with 172 page views. The average visitor time on the website was 4 minutes and 49 seconds. Following the National Convention new forms were posted on the National website. They can be downloaded from the National website or the Department website. If your Detachment has something going on and you have photos. Send them to me and I will post them on the website. On the Department Website you can find information about Current Officers and their email addresses, Detachments meeting times and locations and their Officers. Also, a calendar of Upcoming events is available. Information is available on the Devil Dogs, the Pack Officers, Pounds, and Pound Officers. Standing Committees, Recruitment and Retention, Fleas, and Auxiliary information is also available.
- **DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION** –Rick Flath – The committee met prior to last year's Fall Dept. Meeting. Based on this meeting we agreed to meet with the Dept of Louisiana the Friday prior to our Dept. Meeting. As they have transformed the Dept and detachments to a digital state. That fell through and Dept Commandant was going to setup a new date for us to meet.
- **MARINE FOR LIFE** – Mark Gorman – The M4L Washington Maj. Ace Nelson has started face to face network meeting at the Scuttlebutt Brewing Co in Everett on the first Tue. of each month. Has held two.
- **VAAC REPRESENTATIVE** –Ron Black – We have had one online meeting since January and 2 VAAC Town Hall Meetings as of March 24th, 2022; **January 2022**, the VAAC held a Veterans Town Hall at the American Veterans Post in Tacoma WA. It was shared that the VA Health Care System here in WA want to do as much Telehealth via computer as possible, the VA believes this is the future in providing Dr Appointments for those veterans that would benefit from Telehealth or a phone contact from VA medical provider. The Olympia CBOC is offering a scheduled Dr. visit by Telehealth or phone call. I am finding that many veterans that relied on the Chehalis CBOC are not happy with the route the VA Health Care system here in WA. is headed, it continues to be difficult to speak to a live person for the purpose of requesting community care needs. Veterans are finding their appointments at Olympia CBOC being rescheduled due to lack of a Clinic doctor. VAAC Ron Black questioned about the Telehealth virtual Dr. Appointments or phone appointments with their VA provider what will be the procedure should the veteran living an hour or more from Olympia do if a lab sample is needed? That has not yet been decided. It was suggested that in those situations where veterans would be authorized community care to have those lab works done near the veteran's location but the whole program is in the building stages. **February 2022** VAAC Meeting via online Microsoft Teams Meeting most of the meeting was devoted to in house discussions relating to the VAAC Committee and to have VAAC members report on their work in putting together future VAAC Town Hall Meetings, MCL Ron Black gave his report to the committee regarding the VAAC Town Hall which will be held on April 21st, 2022, 10:30-1:00 at the Elks Lodge in Aberdeen WA. Ron Black reported that the Elks agreed to welcome the VAAC team, speakers and WDVA to hold the Town Hall there, Black reported that he had contacted speakers who would be able to provide useful local information to veterans and family. Everything is scheduled, newspapers, radio stations and contact with local veteran's groups/post will be accomplished by April 1st or sooner. **March 2022** VAAC Town Hall meeting in Burlington WA was well attended by VAAC members, WDVA and scheduled speakers. **April 21st, 2022**, Veterans Town Hall Meeting @ Aberdeen WA. MCL member/ VAAC Ron Black was directed by the VAAC president to do the work needed to bring a in person Veterans Town Hall meeting to either Grays Harbor or Pacific County WA. Ron Black reports that the location and speakers have been secured and all is now needed is getting the word out to local media, veterans' groups, and city-county agencies. The VAAC Town Hall will be held 21 April 2022

Aberdeen WA. Elks Lodge 1030 to 1300 open to all veterans, families, officials, and community. Scheduled Speakers for the event: one. Washington Department of Veterans Affairs / Benefits and Services for WA. Veterans; two. Work source – Veteran’s employment and training; 3. Grays Harbor County Veterans Relief Fund –obtaining assistance, qualifications, what is needed. All members of the Marine Corps league are encouraged to participate by going to the WDVA Facebook page at the scheduled Town Hall meeting time and watch live, you will be able to post questions online, if you are able to attend in person please do so, the MCL should be seen and accounted for. When the April Town Hall meeting flyer is made available, I will submit it to the League for distribution please email and share the flyer with other groups you may be a member of.

- **MARINE OF THE YEAR** – Pres. Ron Black/Secretary Mark Schildknecht – The Marine of the Year Society will meet during lunch, and it is requested that the MOY Society mbrs go to the head of the chow line.
- **PUBLIC RELATIONS/NEWSLETTER** – Charles Ames – Resigned
- **YOUNG MARINES’ LIAISON** – Ed Falter – **Lewis County Young Marines* currently has 6 members, and we are drilling half days due to Covid. I believe this will be increased now that mask requirement has been lifted. We have 3 active adult leaders. We have been drilling the 1st and the 3rd Saturdays of the month. We have 4 YMPVT, 1 YMPFC and 1 YM Recruit. **Seattle Young Marines* are currently holding at 9 kids and still in our same location at the American Legion in Kent. We meet twice a month for 5 hrs. each time. We are very slowly getting more community service hours but still working on it. We recently had a MCL person come out to see us and what we do and to offer their detachment 336 to volunteer and collaborate on community service and activities. Otherwise, we are just holding a slow steady pace working on activities for the upcoming summer. **Tri-Cities Young Marines* we are back to our normal training schedule after the WA. State pandemic restrictions were lifted. We currently have 30 Young Marines. We have several encampments scheduled for this year as well as numerous community service events that we will be participating in. J.L. Carlyle Unit Commander. **Lewis and Clark Young Marines* Our unit is in very capable hands, and we look forward to a successful and growing next 2 years. Our Drills are every other Saturday of each month with Thursday Evenings set aside for study nights. • 10/16/21 - 11 recruits graduated and joined unit. • 11/10/21 Provided support to the Columbia River Det at their 246th Corps Birthday celebration dinner. • 11/11/21 Flag Retirement Ceremony VA Campus Vancouver, WA and Veterans Day Ceremony posted color guard at Fort Vancouver • 12/17/21 Our Annual YM Birthday Celebration has been cancelled. (COVID) but did hold a small celebration on our Thursday Study Night. • 12/15/21 Color Guard for Portland Trailblazers game night • 12/18/21 Annual “Wreaths across America Program” we posted wreathes on graves at Evergreen Memorial Garden Veterans locations. • 12/29/21 Color Guard for Portland Trailblazers game night • 01/9/22 Color Guard for Portland Trailblazer game night • 01/8/22 Our YM Boot camp started on 8 Jan 22 with 15 recruits; Our new meeting location is at the Footsteps Nazarene Church 747 Pioneer St, Ridgefield, WA ; • 01/29/22 1230-1400 the Young Marines stood in a flag line with the SW WA Patriot Guard Riders to honor and remember L/CPL Adam Q. Emul. “Never to be Forgotten Ceremony” • 03/01/22 New leadership voted in see results above. Past CO Devin Lewis has joined the ranks of the border patrol in Arizona. • 03/05/21 Community Service helped plant more than 300 trees and shrubs along Burnt Bridge Creek in Clark County. • 3/19/22 15 Recruits graduated and have joined the unit. 2 of our YM program. high School Seniors will be graduating and headed for Marine Corps boot camp. • 3/30/22 Community Salutes High School Seniors going into the Service. Set up, handing out programs to arriving guests, tear down. R/s John F Stofiel, Det. YM Liaison **Spokane County Young Marines* currently have 14 members with 6 adult volunteers who help. We have been busy and meet every first and third Saturday of the month at our local VFW 1435. Within the last 6 months we have partnered with Homeland Security to have a Drug Demand Reduction presentation along with a Physical fitness test at their facility, held a fire prevention class at a fire station, swim qualifications at the YMCA, helped with numerous community service events with WA State Fallen Hero’s, Big Horn Show, our VFW, and toys for tots. We have also had a bootcamp for new recruits. **Columbia River Young Marines* Currently we have 26 youth and 6 staff that are active. We have been meeting weekly this year, and with spring finally here, community service projects are beginning as soon as next week. Our local MCL liaison, Mr. Mike Ridgel, has been active with our unit and is a guest speaker in one of our upcoming trainings.
- **TOYS FOR TOTS** – LouAnne Harrey – The 2021 T4T report shows 12 Detachments participating. Total families served 1213, Kids served 269,550, Orders filled 566,606, \$ expended 26061.50.
- **VAVS (VA Volunteer Services)** – Rex Hopper – A message from the National VAVS Representative is to remind Commandants to advise the Detachment VAVS Rep that it is time for AJR (annual joint review), and they may have to remind their Volunteer Specialist who are often preoccupied with other tasks and forget. AJR is the only way that the League can see, not only the hours volunteered, but the amount of donations made to the VA by the

detachment. Also below is a list of scheduled volunteers and actual hours credited for Seattle, Spokane, and Vancouver and total for National, beginning 10/1/2020, ending 6/30/2021: Seattle 12 Volunteers 392 Hrs.; Spokane 3 Volunteers 169 Hrs.; Vancouver 6 Volunteers 284 1/2 Hrs.; Nationally 1,1239.00 913,319.00 hours

- **AWARDS:** John Stofiel - I Have delivered to Dept. Officers, Committee chairs and each detachment via email a document concerning submission of members for recognition by the Dept. Commandant at our annual convention. If your detachment did not receive let me know and I will put a hard copy in the mail.
- **TRAINING OFFICER** – Vacant – John Stofiel Marine Nilson dropped his mbrshp in the League.

REPORT OF DETACHMENT COMMANDANTS:

1. **PUGET SOUND DET. #336:** Rick Flath – **Membership** – Detachment membership since the fall has continued to grow due to the capabilities from online registration off our website along with recruiting efforts. We added at total of three new members since Fall Department meeting in October. Still need to identify a new Jr Vice Commandant but have a committee led by Past Commandant helping drive members. Also filled our Judge Advocate position. Members - 47 Regular and 2 Auxiliary for a total of forty-nine members; **Marine Corps Birthday** –N/A; **Marine for Life** –Maj. Ace Nelson has started face to face network meeting at the Scuttlebutt Brewing Co in Everett on the first Tuesday of each month and has delivered two so far in 2022. **Toys for Tots**– In 2021 the amount spent for toys purchases \$239,809.00. Total amount spent for other than toys \$9,873.57 which equate 3.95%. Total donations collected locally \$45,977.33 with a total number of children receiving toys 11,6953 average number of toys given to each child 1.58. Total number of Toys, Books, and Stocking Stuffers distributed by your local campaign or Unit. DOES NOT include gifts transferred to another Local Campaign(s) or UNIT(s) Total number of toys: 178,841 Total number of books: 2592 Total number of stocking stuffers: 22,516; **Pistol & Rifle Competition**– Detachment has a Pistol/Rifle shoot for May 21, 2022, combined with BBQ at the Issaquah Sports club. Cost is \$20.00 to shot and the BBQ if free. If you like more details, please reach out to us via website or email me as we would love to have other detachment join us for this event which is on Arms Services Day. **Marine Rose Program** – We are looking to run 3 – 5 events on same day for Memorial Day, 4th of July and either Labor Day or Veterans Day. **Deputy VAVS** –Nothing report as they are still Covid-19 restriction, however we are looking to conduct a BBQ in September at Seattle VA Hospital; **Honor Guard – Leatherneck Honor Guard** – September 2021 - March 2022 - 263 Committal Services at Tahoma National Cemetery; **Eagle Scout** – We are working to reengage with local Boy Scouts, as our Judge Advocate son is involved and he also was an Eagle Scout and recently connected with the Chief Seattle Council to get us reengaged. **Detachment Facebook Page** – 877 Followers – **336 Detachment page** (+117) 117, Page Reach past 30 days (-16) 463 Followers – **Honor Guard page** (+269) 181 Page Reach past 30 days (-80) Totals – Detachment & Honor Guard Pages Combined 1340 Followers (+61) 298 Reach past 30 days; **The detachment website** <https://www.pugetsoundmarines.org/> was given added security through an SSL certificate and has had a 99.9% uptime rate. Monthly number of unique visitors in October 2021 was 4,769. In March, the monthly number of unique visitors reached 12,290. Events are regularly updated on the website as well as important community notices and events. Membership communication through the email listserv has been most effective and a huge improvement to maintain contact with members. **Detachment Twitter account** <https://twitter.com/MCL336> has been showing impressive results in following counts in relation to following accounts (233 following/1,402 followers). Engagement Prominent Twitter accounts that have followed the detachment’s Twitter account include: Actor Stephen Baldwin, the WA Veterans Affairs, the Krulak Center, Young Marines, FORSCOM, the Fisher House, Gunnery Sergeant Jessie Jane Duff, and Medal of Honor recipient Woody Williams; **The det.’s LinkedIn account** <https://www.linkedin.com/in/mcldetachment336> continues to improve with contact of local services to veterans and potential members for the detachment. Current Connections/Contacts is 749/5,070 and continues to grow.
2. **TRI-CITIES DET. #337:** Mike Ridgel/Sean Elder – We had one new Join which became a Life Member during Q1 2022. Our Detachment members participated in the West Richland Veterans Day Parade on November 6th, 2021. The Detachment members actively lead and supported local Toys for Tots 2021 campaign. Our Detachment members also continue to support the two local Young Marines Units. Detachment 337 continues to meet at American Legion Hall in Pasco in 1830 on the first Tuesday of the month.
3. **TWIN HARBORS DET. #442:** Ron Black – Since the loosening of covid Restrictions, Twin Harbors Detachment 442 has seen an increase of members attending in person detachment meetings. We are back to pre-covid participation levels. Losses: I am sad to report that after a long struggle with health issues Twin Harbors Marine Steve Mihovilich #46568 passed away on February 18th, 2022, his wife Arlene said that there will be a memorial service scheduled later. Steve was a long-standing member of our detachment and was active in supporting the chapter and attending monthly meetings. A death notification was submitted in February per league requirements. Twin Harbors

participated in the MCL Rose program and received donations of approximately \$800.00. These funds will be used to support youth and veterans in Pacific and Grays Harbor Counties. Twin Harbors Detachment has awarded the Associate of the year medal to Associate Member Betty Restau for her twelve plus years in support of the detachment. On March 13th, Twin Harbors members and spouses made a surprise “unannounced” visit to the home of Marine Irv Stephens who has been unable to attend detachment meetings due to ongoing physical problems. He was shocked to see all the cars drive up to his home with twenty-two visitors bringing everything needed for a Sunday Potluck dinner. Although he was not aware of this plan, he was delighted to see us and appreciated how much we cared about him. Irv is one of our two surviving Company B chosen few MCL members.

4. **Olympia Det. #482:** Shane Inman – We have continued to hold in person meetings and reach out to all members. The Detachment is continuously working on changes to the By-Laws and updates. We have added seven new members since the last report, participated in a successful toy for tots’ campaign, and continue to participate effectively in the community. Quilts of Valor has performed ceremonies for veterans of all branches through the detachment platform. The Detachment is supporting, currently one Eagle Scout project and continues to build the relationship with the local scouting programs.
5. **PIERCE COUNTY DET. #504:** Mike Edwards – The Pierce County Detachment currently has sixty-one life members, one dual member, and eighteen annual members three of them being in arrears, for a total of seventy-nine paid members. The Detachment held a small gathering to celebrate the 246th Birthday of the United States Marine Corps Another successful Toys for Tots season has come and gone, we assisted in delivering 44,378 toys, books, and stocking stuffers to 40,376 children. The program has 3,927 books, stocking stuffers and toys as carryover for next season. 2022 Election and installation of Detachment Officer was completed in December 2021. The Detachment presented nine Eagle Scout awards since the beginning of the year.
6. **OLYMPIC PENINSULA DET. #531:** Ted Streete – **October 2021:** *Detachment 531’s monthly Business Meeting was conducted on October 6, 2021, at VFW Post 2669 in Port Orchard, WA. *The Leatherneck Honor Guard, comprised of Marines from Detachments 531 and 336, performed Honor Guard duties at Tahoma National Cemetery. *The Detachment 531 Monthly Breakfast occurred on October 21st at All-Star Lanes in Silverdale, WA. **November 2021:** *Detachment 531’s monthly Business Meeting was conducted on November 3, 2021, at VFW Post 2669 in Port Orchard, WA. * New Detachment 531 officers were elected. *New member, Marine Steve Wilder, joined the MCL. *Detachment 531’s initiated its support of the Toys for Tots Campaigns for Kitsap and Mason Counties. *The Leatherneck Honor Guard, comprised of Marines from Detachments 531 and 336, performed Honor Guard duties at Tahoma National Cemetery. *The Detachment 531 Monthly Breakfast occurred on November 18th at All-Star Lanes in Silverdale, WA. **December 2021:** *Detachment 531’s monthly Business Meeting was conducted on December 1, 2021, at VFW Post 2669 in Port Orchard, WA. *Detachment 531 officers were installed. *Detachment 531’s continued its support of the Toys for Tots Campaigns for Kitsap and Mason Counties. Toy distribution events for Mason County were held on December 17th and December 18th. The Toy Distribution Event for Kitsap County was held on December 18th. *The Leatherneck Honor Guard, comprised of Marines from Detachments 531 and 336, performed Honor Guard duties at Tahoma National Cemetery. *The Detachment 531 Monthly Breakfast occurred on December 16th at All-Star Lanes in Silverdale, WA. **January 2022:** *Detachment 531’s monthly Business Meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather. *The Leatherneck Honor Guard, comprised of Marines from Detachments 531 and 336, performed Honor Guard duties at Tahoma National Cemetery. *The Detachment 531 Monthly Breakfast occurred on January 20th at All-Star Lanes in Silverdale, WA. **February 2022:** *Detachment 531’s monthly Business Meeting was conducted on February 2, 2022, at VFW Post 2669 in Port Orchard, WA. *The Leatherneck Honor Guard, comprised of Marines from Detachments 531 and 336, performed Honor Guard duties at Tahoma National Cemetery. *The Detachment 531 Monthly Breakfast occurred on February 17th at All-Star Lanes in Silverdale, WA. **March 2022:** *Detachment 531’s monthly Business Meeting was conducted on March 2, 2022, at VFW Post 2669 in Port Orchard, WA. *The Leatherneck Honor Guard, comprised of Marines from Detachments 531 and 336, performed Honor Guard duties at Tahoma National Cemetery on two separate dates. *The Detachment 531 Monthly Breakfast occurred on March 17th at All-Star Lanes in Silverdale, WA *The Detachment 531 “Time and Place Committee” vetted a venue for the upcoming State Convention. *There was a new savings account established for the NCO swords that will be given annually to the Color Sergeant at Marine Security Force Battalion, Kitsap Naval Base Bangor. There was an anonymous donation of \$5,000 to start up this account.
7. **MELVIN M SMITH DET. #586:** Jim Brown present Tim Kruse – Since the last meeting, the Melvin M. Smith Detachment celebrated the Marine Corps Ball with Papa Battery for the last time before the move to Yakima. We had an all-female Marine cake detail for the ball that did an excellent job. Toys 4 Tots we served approximately four

thousand families and the T4T Spaghetti dinner added the finishing touch. We are currently planning to restart the SOS breakfast in May and the M1 Gun Show raffle. We have 120 paid members, ten new members since last October. The monthly meeting is averaging twenty members. Working to get members back into the fun. April is our White Elephant dinner and Auction with the Auxiliary. Our Detachment has a great Honor Guard group and growing! Our focus now is on membership and member involvement. Our planning committee is meeting in April to fill the rest of the year with Memorial Day events, Hoopfest, Mess Night and barbecues. Just hanging with Marine Corps League members to have fun!!!! We must remember we have to take time for us first to stay healthy and attract new members.

8. **COLUMBIA RIVER DET. #826:** John Stofiel – We have 81 members (32 Reg dues paying + 49 PLM = 81 PD (-1 ASSOC.) = 80 voting members div X 15 = 5.33 = 6 voting delegates at a Nat'l. Convention if we have a member in attendance. We have retrieved two new mbrs since October. We conduct our meetings on the 3rd Friday of each month @ AL Post 14 dinner/mtgs in 1830. No Meetings in November celebrations of the birth of our Corps and December we met for Christmas dinner and trip to The Grotto Xmas Lights festival. TOYS 4 TOTS - Toys for Tots Clark County, Washington. 15 October – 16 December 2021 We had 13 Volunteers Marines/ Corpsman/Auxiliary members deliver boxes to seventy-one collection sites checked on the boxes developing a relationship with the business owners who offered their sites as collection sites in preparation for 2022 drive. The 2021 cumulative summary for SW Washington; Our 13 Volunteers traveled approximately 615 miles, #26 round trips delivering to the Reserve Center in Portland OR checking boxes and delivering toys; 103 volunteer hours. Total # 2916 toys delivered to reserve center for delivery to the children in need in our area of responsibility. By Direction of DOD & CMC active-duty components of our Corps cancelled all Marine Corps Birthday Balls. Our RS Portland Ball cancelled, however 6thESB Reserve Ball was held w/tremendous success and honoring our Golda Fabian WWII Marine Veteran 98 years young; This year's Veterans parade was cancelled. We formed up our Color Guard along with a couple of vehicles and marched the parade route to a Veterans Day Ceremony at the Artillery Barracks on Ft. Vancouver. A few of our members visited our WWII exhibit "Fighting for the Right to Fight": African American Experiences in WWII at Ft Vancouver. We have detachment representation on the Clark County Veterans Advisory Board, and Marine Corps Coordinating Council of OR/WA and the Community-Veterans Appreciation Committee. We continue to have members volunteering to serve our Veterans at the VA Hospital Vancouver. Our sponsored Lewis & Clark Young Marines are doing well and just held elections bringing on a female Marine to lead the way for the next year and just graduated another recruit platoon. We assist and donate to their "Wreaths Across America" program. Our Annual Marine Corps Birthday brunch at a local lounge has grown strong as well as our Annual Marine Corps Birthday Dinner party. We have a "Never Forgotten Program" hosted by the CMAC & Patriot Guards of SWWA Remembering our Iraq/Afghanistan Fallen with participation by our detachment members. Soldotna, AK Mayor Paul Whitney (Marine & Mbr. Columbia River Det. MCL making a difference) A ribbon cutting ceremony speaking at and participating in the grand opening of the new VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic in Soldotna, AK.
9. **MT. ST. HELENS DET. #889:** Glen Esperson – No Report.
10. **MT. OLYMPUS DET. #897:** Mark Schildknecht – There are fifty-one names on the detachment roster and of those names an average of sixteen attend the monthly meetings. Two new names were recently added to the roster. At the February meeting Captain Mike Hakanson, USN Chaplain Retired and Rick Arnett former USN FMF Corpsman were sworn in by detachment commandant Mark Schildknecht. The local Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots campaign was once again a remarkable success thanks to coordinator Nancy Zimmermann and so many volunteers who came out in support. The 2021 campaign saw 6860 toys handed out to 3084 children. Also noted, our own nationally recognized Santa, Don McIntyre who personally collected \$11,000 for T4T's. The detachment celebrated the Marine Corps Birthday at the Seven Cedars Casino on November 6, 2021. Fifty-five guests were in attendance and the guest speaker was Rear Admiral James Kelly USN Retired. The silent auction brought in \$221.00. Six Coast Guardsmen from the Port Angeles Coast Guard Air Station provided the Color Guard. The Detachment Honor Guard provided final military honors at eight memorials or funerals, six bell ringing ceremonies, plus the Wreaths Across America event at Sequim View Cemetery and the Four Chaplains ceremony at the American Legion Hall.
11. **Skagit Valley Det. #1043:** Robert Olivarez – We gained 3 new Marines, 1 Associate Member and 1 Marine transfer in. *We have between 12 and 18 Members attend each Monthly Business Meetings; *In November we partnered with Detachment 1335 and held a Marine Corps Birthday Celebration at the Skagit Hotel, with more than 70 people attending, including a Marine from Detachment 1451; *In December we installed a new group of Officers, electing Marine JR Olivarez Commandant; *Unfortunately, we weren't able to run a Toys for Tots campaign this past year because there wasn't anyone certified to run the program. We did donate to the Skagit Valley Herald Christmas

Fund and the American Legion Christmas Baskets program. We did receive donations for our Christmas fund from several local businesses. *We have been actively pursuing the 75th Anniversary of the Department of Washington Convention: *Several members have been active in the Military Order of the Devil Dogs, attending Growls. We look forward to upcoming events that are right around the corner, happening in our area: *Memorial Day is our biggest event of the year- 3 flag folding ceremonies; *75th Anniversary of the Department of Washington Convention in June; *Our current strength is: 44 Marines and 3 Associate members for a total of forty-seven members of our Detachment. We have 22 PLMs currently. Sadly, one Life Member, Marine Rudy Frick, reported to the Supreme Commandant in January 2022.

12. **YAKIMA KITTITAS VALLEY DET. #1055:** Nicholas Myers – Current detachment strength is twenty regular members, three associate members, and 14 Life members. We have had one member join the Supreme Commandant since the Fall Staff meeting. This report shows limited activity due to Covid restrictions. Activities since the Fall Staff meeting include the GYVVC Stand down on October 23, 2021, at the Central Washington State Fairgrounds. The detachment had a table set up for recruiting and support. Over eight hundred veterans and family members were served. The annual Marine Corps Ball was cancelled so, on Nov. 8, the detachment held a Marine Corps birthday potluck at the DAV Services hall. Approximately forty people were in attendance, and we celebrated with the traditional cake ceremony and a reading of the Commandant’s message to the Corps. Det. was represented in the Veterans Day parade on Nov. 11 with a color guard detail. Later that afternoon the annual Veterans Day service was conducted by our members. No involvement in the Toys for Tots program. Bravo Co. is absent, and the program was run primarily by the Salvation Army. Our assistance was offered by not accepted. Military honors were provided for three funerals since the Fall Staff meeting. Sadly, one of those was for Gordon Quesnell, our Senior Vice Commandant who passed to the Supreme Commandant on 22, 2021. Current projects include preparations for the Memorial Day parade sponsored by Det. 1055.
13. **CPL JOSEPH P. BIER DET. #1119:** Bonnie Holden – Our Meetings have resumed. Our auxiliary members have joined as Associate Members which has increased the Detachment by four members. We are in the process of planning our Honor Guard for the Memorial Day ceremony. We will provide Honors at the Grand Mound Cemetery as well as the Centralia College. We have been about a third of our members attend the meetings. We also have an All-Marines Breakfast which is well attended on the 2nd Saturday of each month at Denny’s in Centralia WA. We are working on recruitment for the detachment. Our Young Marines continue to drill two times a month. Looking forward to reporting more since the country has opened for June 2022.
14. **CAPT. DANIEL B. BARTLE DET #1335:** – Stephen Reese – We co-hosted a Marine Corps Birthday celebration along with the Skagit Detachment 1043 at the Skagit Casino/hotel; We continue to support the local American Legion POST 7 by cooking Saturday night dinners. Held elections and Bruce Barton will be installed as the Commandant and I will slide over to Senior Vice. We will not be at the April meeting. Along with the city of Bellingham, we are hosting a Memorial Day parade Saturday May 28th with crossing the LOD at Noon. All are welcome. Gold Star Families are coming, and we will be hosting them in private reviewing area at Assumption Church. Anyone interested in having an entry in parade on Memorial Day Parade website goes live Friday for registration.
15. **COL RICHARD FRANCISCO #1451:** – Robert Gabelein – We have fifteen life members, four of which attend on a regular basis. We have nineteen annual dues paying members of which seven have paid their current dues and twelve really do not care. We normally have five, sometimes six members to attend the monthly gathering. That is the Board of Trustees plus one! Have not done a lot of activities during Covid. We did have a successful Toys for Tots drive this year serving about 460 children on the south end of the island. We have not had any memorial services since the fall of 2021. These we for veterans on the north end of the island and were of different branches. We are looking forward to this year in getting back to our normal fundraising and parades in which we are involved.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. John Stofiel for J/A Proposed bylaw change sent to the J/A Shane Inman and distributed to the detachments for review and pending approval at the Dept. Convention. Copies available from the Dept. Adjutant.
2. Rex Hopper - had a discussion with the Dept. Cmndn’t in Oct and suggested we eliminate the Dept. VAVS position since we have only three medical centers here in WA and I never hear from the Detachment Reps in those areas for the purpose of submitting a report. I suggested to have those three separate individuals submit a report on their own. Dept. Cmndn’t appoints and/or dissolves committees. Cmndn’t Hilbish closed the VAVS committee and the detachments who are in VA Hospital aor would be responsible for that report to Dept.

3. Adjutant Ott brought forth discussion to address the future planning of the Department Conventions to be held over 2 days instead of 3 days. Tabled discussion until Fall Staff. Following brief discussion, it was shared by the Commandant that there is no problem with holding the Dept. Convention over the two day and those who wish to arrive early (Thurs) on the evening prior to the convention is not an issue.
4. Randy Ott – We opted for the 75th Anniversary of the department of Washington to offer an “Evergreen Ribbon w/a 75 silver in color device for the ribbon. I have contacted all detachments concerning numbers for the purchase of the ribbons at \$5.00 each. I motion that the Dept. of WA purchase 33 ribbons w/devices for the people who may have missed out on purchasing, to offer to those coming to the convention and replacements for later. (Marine Dan Abbott, Past Dept. Cmndn’t. donated \$500.00 to the cause. If we order 270 = \$1,350.00) The motion to buy 33 ribbons s/devices @5.00 ea. \$165.00. Second, carried.
5. George Hilbish – Reminder if any of you have a nomination for Dog of the Year for the Military order of the Devil Dogs, please present nominations to PDD Bonnie Holden.

NEW BUSINESS:

For the Department of Washington, we have one bid from the Skagit Valley Detachment #1043. Joel Cartwright – Following the Fall Staff meeting I returned to our detachment and retrieved the permission of our members to host the 75th Anniversary Convention of the Department of Washington. We will host on 2-4 June 2022 at the Skagit Hotel and Casino 2nd Thursday Early arrivals no activities; Opening Ceremony 1000 on Friday the 3rd. Dennis Dressler moved that we accept the bid from the Skagit Valley Det. 1043, second, carried.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:

1. NW Division Nat’l Vice Cmndn’t John Moysiuk – Thank you all for coming, it is impressive that we have good participation, not just the camaraderie and the food. Thank you to Skagit Valley Det for hosting our 75th Annual Convention and now I can relay to the National Cmndn’t that we are having a convention in WA. Couple of items I wanted to share. 1) **“Rock 32 Ceremony”** is, show of hands, mostly new members, right. When we bring up something on the agenda, we need to provide a brief description of the event we are speaking of so all are on the same com. The Rock 32 Ceremony is a Memorial Ceremony for the 32 Marines who in 1946 were enroute to Seattle when their transport plane crashed into the South Tahoma Glacier on Mt Rainier and their remains have since 1945 been interred in the glacier at the request of the families of those Marines. The first ceremonies were upon the Mountain where there is a stone memorial rock, we are no longer meeting on the mountain due to the deuteriation of the road to the original memorial site being closed by the Rangers. We moved the ceremony to Enumclaw, WA which sets at the foot of Mt Rainier at a memorial the Department and local detachment placed a duplicate rock memorial for the continued remembrance. Our annual ceremony is the last Saturday in August at 1200 at Enumclaw Veteran's Memorial Park Hwy 410 1151 Roosevelt Ave. Enumclaw, WA 98022. 2) As it is that time of year that detachments hold elections, and it is incredibly important that your ROI’s (Report of Officers Installation) be sent and forwarded up the chain of command. It needs to be sent to Dept, Division and then up to National. This is critical to ensure that our member database is kept up to date and the Det Cmndn’t and Paymaster can access the member data base in the “Member Library” on the National website. Click on Database Portal. Every member has access to the database where you enter your email address and your password dd4. You can find all the forms, bylaws, procedures concerning the league. Nat’l is working hard to ensure positive com from all levels to reduce operational costs with removing the old hard copy copies programs. Hat’s off to the Dept. Washington and Detachment Paymasters as our financial situations are 100% tied into the National entity for delivery of our PLM Annual payments being directly deposited into our accounts. We are on of the few Departments tied into “Direct Deposit.” Bob Schneider, Adj Det. 531 – You shared we send our ROIs to three places, or do we just send it to three places or just to the state and state forwards it? On the bottom of the ROI Form, it says send to the Dept Adj/Paymaster who forwards to National Membership Supervisor and NW Div National Vice Cmndn’t. John Stofiel, Adjutant as the Adj/Paymaster for my detachment I have found that documents sent forward that do not entail any monies I send to each entity via email and in the email I let the Dept Adjutant and Paymaster, NW Division National Vice Commandant and the National membership supervisor know that if they want a hard copy I will send one and I ask for a response from them that they have received same and if they want a hard copy. I have never been asked for a hard copy and I have been doing it this way for several years. As the new Dept. Adjutant, I will forward if when I receive it if it was not sent via email to all required. I send it to Dept Adjutant and Paymaster then cc: NW Division Vice and Nat’l Membership Supervisor. John Moysiuk... I will be giving a class at the convention on “how to” on the database all are welcome to join with me then.

2. George Hilbish – Inquiring if you all have seen the email, I sent out to each detachment with the IRR roster of Marines in your aor for recruiting purposes? I would encourage each of you to utilize this roster for your recruiting efforts. If you have not received the roster request a copy from the Adjutant.
3. Ed Falter – As a member of the host detachment we wanted you to know that we appreciate your attendance, the support of our raffle and luncheon to assist in the costs of hosting.
4. George Hilbish – I am the MC host for the Rock 32 Ceremony. This will be my last year so if there is anyone who would like to step up into that roll, please let me know so I can provide information and training on the program.
5. The following detachment Commandants or representative front and center: 336-Rick Flath, 337-Michael Ridgel, 482-Shane Inman, 826-Lynn Bolte, 1043- Robert Olivarez Each of these detachments are receiving the National Jr. Vice Commandants' Citation for exceeding the previous year's membership.
6. John Moysiuk – I have awards that I can present from the Division level, if any of you have someone you would like to have recognized let me know. I also can award Division Marine of the Year Award. National Headquarters has approved Associate Member of the Year Program at all levels of the league so consider your associate members for this award.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. PDD John Moysiuk SrVice Pack leader calls for the MODD Washington Pack Growl to commence at 1430 2/2/2022
2. Powerhouse Restaurant MCL & Auxiliary members assemble in the Lobby at 1700 for travel to dinner; Hospitality room open this evening for camaraderie and a poker game.
3. Bob Schneider, Adj Det. 531 On 21 April at the Tahoma Nat'l Cemetery there is a reinternment of a Marine who was killed at the Chosin Reservoir his remains have been identified through DNA analysis
4. 2-5 June Dept of WA 75th Annual Convention hosted by the Skagit Valley Det. 1043 @ The Skagit Casino Resort 5984 N Darrk Lane Bow; WA Flyer will be coming out with details.
5. Marine Louanne Harry – A Salute to Armed Force Day Sunday 19 June Invite to Tacoma Rainiers vs Sacramento Rivercats Baseball game @ Cheney Stadium 2502 S Tyler St, Tacoma, WA 98405. Gates open 1205. First Pitch: 1330 PM. tickets are free to active and retired military. Free hotdogs and drink provided. Event is Free, but need Rsvp louanneharrey56@gmail.com 360-801-6154 I need to know how many people want to go with their family.
6. Marine Parker MM Smith Det #586 invite the weekend of the 25 & 26th of June we will be hosting a "Hoopfest" the largest 3 on 3 in the world. <https://www.spokanehoopfest.net>
7. National Convention – Aug 14-20, 2022, Hilton Daytona Beach Oceanfront Hotel, 100 N. Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach, FL 32118.
8. 2023 National Convention – Oklahoma City, OK. TBD.

Closing Ceremony: Closed by Department Commandant until we gather at our annual convention in June.