

Department of Washington Marine Corps League
Spring Staff Meeting Oxford Suites 1701 E. Yakima Ave., Yakima, WA 98801
DEPT STAFF MEETING MINUTES OF 1 OCTOBER 2022

Joint Opening Ceremony: 1000

Recognition of Department 2022 Marine of the Year George Hilbish II. **Recognition of National Officers:** NWDVC & M4L Rep John Moysiuk, VAVS Rep Rex Hopper, Nat'l M4L rep Mark Gorman, & NWD Vice Chief Devil Dog PDD Bonnie Holden. **Recognition of Recipients of NW Division Marine of the Year:** John Moysiuk, Dennis Dressler, Bonnie Holden & Mark Schildknecht. **Recognition of Recipients of Department Marine of the Year:** 1998-John F. Stofiel, 2004-Dennis Dressler, 2010-Rex Hopper, 2012-Ronald Black Sr, 2014-Bonnie Holden & 2015-John L. Moysiuk, 2016-Mark Schildknecht, & 2020-Ed Falter

Past Department Commandants: Dennis Dressler, Ed Falter, John Stofiel, Rex Hopper, & Bonnie Holden.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

ADJUTANT REPORTS – Roll Call of Officers: All present. **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. Rex Hopper 2nd, Carried.

PAYMASTER REPORT: Rick Flath – Account Balances as of date of this report: Checking: \$2,234.50 (with 2 outstanding checks totaling \$69.67) Savings: \$16,209.07; Travel Fund: \$569.50 - Was transferred to Savings Account for the 2022/2023 Commandant's travel fund. During June, July, August and September, the WA Department Paymaster has received 178 renewals and new membership from the Detachments of Washington. As a reminder, be sure to use the Official Transmittal long or short forms below: •Long Form 1-25-2022 •Short Form 1-27-2022; Paymaster/ Reminders: *D214s are not needed at the National or Department levels (do not 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; the other copy goes to National. *Dues for new member applications are \$25.00 to National and \$5.00 to the Department. *During the period from March 1st to June 30th, a reduced fee for new members, associate members, and dual members are as follows: *National fees - \$15.00. *Department fees - \$2.50. *The MCL National policy for returning processed transmittals is to email the transmittals back to each Detachment. *Reminder that each Commandant and Paymaster have access to the database, with the ability to make limited changes to member records. If you need help, please contact me by email at rflath1@comcast.net. PLM Audit: In early July, each Detachment was sent the 6/30/2022 June roster provided by National to audit its membership and to audit its (Paid Life Member), which is due by October 1st, 2022, WA Department Fall meeting. As of today, we have received only three PLM reports from the following Detachments: 442, 826 and 336. A reminder email was sent to all delinquent Detachment Paymaster and Commandant. ROI (Report of Officer Installation): Now that fall is upon us, many Detachments will be holding their elections. Please be sure to send the Department Adjutant and Paymaster your updated ROI form. **MEMBERSHIP** We have recruited a total of 11 new members The current new members by Transmittals received during this reporting period (JUN-SEPT): PSD 336-2, MMSD 586-3, CRD 826-3, MOD 897-1, YKD 1055-1, and JPDD 1119-1. Motion to accept the Paymasters Report by Dennis Dressler, 2nd Ed Falter, carried.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT: (SICK AND/ OR IN DISTRESS): Chaplain Dennis Dressler – It has been an interesting time since the close of the Department Convention as my activities have been varied. In July I performed a funeral service for the Marine son of a retired Ambassador Plenipotentiary who also served as one of two Assistant Commanding General of Africa Command. Of note is the fact that the Ambassador is a woman and not a member of the military. Later in July I traveled to Vancouver, Washington to attend the Celebration of Life for PNP Karen Washabaugh Wheeler. On behalf of the Department, I made a \$100 donation to the Steven Ministry in lieu of flowers. In August I worked with a Detachment Chaplain in trying to track down a Marine he had been informed was either a member of the detachment or had been a member. This person was not on the detachment's roster nor on the Charter. We had a first and last name only, the state where he may have lived at the time he had passed away and no range of dates of the time of passing. Despite many searches I was unable to find the Marine. Also, in August I attended the VAVS meeting at Mann Grandstaff Medical Center as the Director's Meeting with VSO's. I received and processed the Notices Of Death for two members: Don Graves 9 August 2022 Twin Harbors and Ruth Falconbury 19 August 2022 Columbia River

CORRESPONDENCE OF THE DEPARTMENT: None reported

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

- **Commandant John Moysiuk** – [Adjutant-Due to a conflict of interest by my tape recorder the Cmndn'ts report will be a lot shorter than his actual verbalized report.] Cmndn't Moysiuk shared a concern about detachments & Departments not following the bylaws and shared that recently a Department and 29 detachments of that department were placed on suspension by the National Headquarters until those detachments and Department come back into compliance. The non-compliance involved not filing of taxes (990) and not being registered as a non-profit within their State. Happy to report that we are following the bylaws for the most part but letting all know what can take place by not filing annually.
- **Sr Vice Commandant Ed Falter** – Do your best to maintain communications with your members and seek those that have yet to join our ranks." This should be our mantra. Open communication among the ranks and a search for new members. I want to concentrate on the communication aspect and leave recruiting to the JVC. We have discussed, in length, the different means by which we can reach out to our members and those who have yet to join us. Websites, Facebook and the new QR code application on the National website are all great means to get the word out and to directly get the information from prospective members when you use this technology. It has been my experience that the MCL does not do a particularly good job when it comes to publicity and communication. But the times they are a changin.' The new tools available to us make it easier to get the word out over a large area as well as keeping your members informed. Take the time in your meetings to TEACH the necessary steps to locate the websites and to use Facebook and the QR code. Do not assume everyone is up to speed. Most of us are north of 40 and some of us cannot remember that far back. Lean on your younger troops and let them share their expertise. The computer age and actual age do not always jive. I hope I threw enough humor into this along with a serious note to stay connected with each other using all the tools at your fingertips (literally). We are "The few, the proud, the Marines."
- **Jr Vice Commandant Shane Inman** – There are many new things coming from National about rebuilding our fighting force here in the Department and throughout the Marine Corps League. I plan to make it my mission to continue the building of our Department and League Detachments with new members. If you do not regularly check the National Website www.mclnational.org/ I strongly urge you to do so. There are continuous updates and information for all. If you need any assistance with recruiting ideas, or anything you need help with please do not hesitate to reach out to me directly. Thank you for electing me to be your Department Junior Vice Commandant. The best asset we have as Marines is our ability to meet and share with others. Keep up the decent work finding Marines and Sailors to assist us in our mission and continue to grow the Marine Corps League.
- **Judge Advocate Joel Cartwright** – There are currently no new or pending Chapter 9 cases for the Department. I have been busy with the updating of the Department Bylaws. That is on schedule to be completed by the Spring Staff Meeting 2023 as per your request. I have received no new Bylaw change requests to be considered for the Convention in 2023.
- **Jr Past Commandant George Hilbish II** – No Report

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES/ADVISORY COUNCILS:

- **CONVENTION BIDS: Commandant John Moysiuk** – Is there any detachment here that would host the 2024 Dept. Convention. Please return to your detachments for a determination and let me know.
- **ROCK 32 CEREMONY – Mark Gorman** – The Cost of the Program this year is as follows: Roses \$195.xx, Pizza 335.xx, Honey Bucket 200.xx for a total of \$730.00. *The Color Guard and Rifle Team wad from security Bn, Bangor, WA, Young Marine Unit from King Tom Tomford County, from Marine Support Group and MCL members from around the state came to attend this year. MCL Det's that have helped support the cost this year 1055, 504, & 336. MCL Det's that participated in the program 504, 336, & 531. George has turned over the books to me going forward I will be setting up a savings account for the funds and getting a button on our web site for donations to go directly to the Rock ceremony
- **VETERANS LEGISLATIVE COALITION – Shane Inman** – There were no significant changes from the last report as the session is still at recess. We are beginning to gear up for the fall legislative session using a hybrid meeting platform with in-person and virtual meetings with its members. The Veterans Legislative Coalition (VLC) is a due 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. Thank you for appointing me to continue to serve as the VLC Chairman.

- **AMERICANISM – Bonnie Holden** – Americanism Award is in the <https://www.mclnational.org> Website in the Library. We had one entry for the Americanism Award this year from the Melvin Smith Det. The next entries will be at the National Convention in 2023 in Oklahoma City OK. This is a history of what your Detachments have done over the year. Now is the time to start collecting pictures of events as well as write up so that you can prepare for the Americanism Award for next year. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.
- **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 received 2 out of the 15 Detachments who responded. 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. To date I have received two reports. From the following detachments 336 and 1119. There have been no awards given this year. I asked but did not receive negative report or even reports that a detachment was not pursuing this award in their area
- **NOMINATIONS – Jr Past George Hilbish II** – (Present @ Spring meeting on Sat 1 April 2023)
- **WEB SERGEANT – Bill Hauser** – The Department website is located at <https://www.mcldeptwa.org/>. If your Det. is planning some type of event send me information about it and I will post it on the Dept. website for everyone to see. If you have photos from one of our events, please email them to me to be posted to 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. If you find any errors or have any suggestions for the website, please contact me.
- **DIGITAL TRANSFORMATIOON: Rick Flath** – No Report
- **MARINE FOR LIFE – Mark Gorman** – In Washington Ace Nelson is our active-duty Marine for M4L program he is leaving us in January 2023. We are meeting face to face at the Scuttlebutt Brewing Co in Everett WA. On the first Tuesday of every month at noon. Phil has reserved the room in his establishment for us to use throughout the year. Sense we have been doing face to face again the Everett naval station and Marysville Fleet and family has been a great backer in this program. There have been several letters that have come out from the navy as directives for their commands and the biggest one is that when a member is in there 180 days the commands are not letting them skilbridge or train for their new careers. Biggest reason is lack of recruitment to back fill the openings in the service.
- **VAAC REPRESENTATIVE –Ron Black** – The VAAC committee has been active during the past quarter supporting the many programs offered by the WA. State Dept. of Veterans Affairs and Governor Inslee's supported programs and community activities that enrich the lives of veterans, Reserve/Guard and Active military. The last Veterans Town Hall for Year 2022 was held in Yelm WA. The guest speakers, the agenda and information presented to veterans, family members, support organizations covered many areas concerning veterans and families, from In home health care to suicide prevention just to name a few of the areas covered. Much thanks go out to the VAAC members who put this town hall together and to all the guest speakers who brought their knowledge and experience to share. In July, the VAAC held an in-person meeting in Tacoma which was the first time in 2 years the entire VAAC committee was able to meet face to face. As summer ends, the VAAC and other volunteer groups serving our veterans is in full operation holding online and in person meetings, workshops etc. in preparation and planning for the mission ahead in year 2023. With Covid not the obstacle it has been over the past two years, the VAAC looks forward to more opportunity to serve veterans in community, in person.
- **MARINE OF THE YEAR – Pres. Ron Black/Secretary Mark Schildknecht** – In June at the last MOY meeting we discussed and voted unanimously in favor to: *No longer send out MOY nomination forms by usps mail, we will be sending them out via email to all detachment commandants and adjutants and ask for a confirmation email the form was received. This will save money on postage, envelopes etc. The secretary has an up-to-date email for all

commandants and adjutants. *We voted to no longer require the detachments to mail in nomination forms in (2) envelopes but to send in (1) well sealed envelope. This 2-envelope requirement was started for added security, it was agreed that this was an old unnecessary practice not needed for our MOY purposes. *The Associate of the year procedures will be put in the bylaws in its own section, The MOY Society agreed to manage the AOY nomination forms like the MOY forms, to create the AOY Nomination form to reflect AOY wording. *The WA. MOY society will continue to be involved in the AOY nominations, review, voting until such time the AOY procedures are updated by MCL National. *The MCL Dept Commandant will present the award at the Dept. WA. Annual Convention. If the MOY/AOY is not present at the Convention the Commandant shall plan to present the award at a Detachment meeting. "All Past MOY's we will meet today when we adjourn for the Growl"

- **YOUNG MARINES' LIAISON: Ed Falter – Seattle Young Marines** We've been getting out more, that is for sure. We are currently holding at 13 kids, 6 that just went through our bootcamp and are now official Young Marine Privates. They range in age from 8 through 16. We have been participating with the Puget Sound Marine Corps League Detachment #336 throughout the summer in a parade, annual Rock Ceremony, and a few of their BBQs at the range. Hoping to do more with them this fall and winter. We meet at the American Legion in Kent as they have been kind enough to allow us to use their hall for free. We done a few outings with the Lewis County Young Marines which has been great for both units. We also went camping for the first time as a unit and the kids all had a great time. Can always use more adult volunteers and activities if any arise. Let me know if this works for you or if you need anything else. Jennifer Griep Unit Commander. **Lewis County Young Marines** Since June 2022 our Young Marines have been continuing with Drill on the 1st and the 3rd Saturday of each month at the Winlock Community Center in Winlock Wa. We met with the Young Marines from the Seattle Wa for a 3-day training in August 2022. We have 1 recruit and just graduated 2 from our program. We continue to need Adult Volunteers in our Unit. Bonnie Holden. Executive Officer Training Officer. **Lewis & Clark Young Marines.** We are based in Ridgefield, WA but cover the Vancouver metro area. We have actively been meeting in person weekly on Thursday evenings as well as every other Saturday. We currently have 55 YMs and recruits on our roster. A highlight of some of our activities since June: *Facilitated swim qualifications (for ribbon), *Conducted the initial Physical Fitness Test (PFT) – make-up PFT to come in 2 weeks, *Held instructional periods on Field Skills and utilized that space to set up all the unit tests to check for serviceability. *Took the YMs to Wild Waves in Federal Way WA for a day of fun in the sun. *Held a week-end overnigher on a local farm in Woodland WA where we focused on building small group leadership and attention to accountability*Held instructional periods on Red Ribbon Week and its significance to the Young Marine program. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out. You can jointly reach myself, the unit XO, and the unit adjutant at admin@lcym.org. Kyrie Stadtfeld, Unit CO. **The Tri-City Young Marines** are going strong with a full schedule of meetings and activities. As of 29 Oct, we have 18 active YM's. -J.L. Carlyle, Unit CO. **Spokane County Young Marines** had a busy summer. We held an encampment, Mess night, Division encampment, community service, a car wash fundraiser, and held trainings. We have a few upcoming events starting tomorrow. We have planned a DDR 5k run, a ball, trunk or treat and chili cook off. These events we have also invited other units to attend. DaLaura Neal, Unit CO
- **TOYS FOR TOTS – LouAnne Harrey – (OCT-DEC) No Report.**
- **AWARDS: John Stofiel –**
An updated Awards package will be sent out to the Department Staff, Committee Chairs and detachment contacts following today's meeting. I encourage all to review the package and to consider making nominations of your workers for recognition by our Dept. Cmndn't. and adopt the program for your detachment.

REPORT OF DETACHMENT COMMANDANTS:

1. **PUGET SOUND DET. #336: Rick Flath – Membership** – Detachment membership since the Department convention has continued to grow due to the capabilities from online registration off our website along with recruiting efforts. We added at total of 1 new member since the June Department meeting and one transfer. We are still needing 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 - 49 Regular and 2 Auxiliary for a total of 51 members. *The detachment also participated in the Kirkland 4th of July which was excellent way for our Det. 336 to gain exposure in the community, which led to recruitment of one new member. *Marine Corps Birthday – In 2022 the 336 will partner with Support Group again and will have the Marine Birthday on Saturday November 5th, 2022. *Marine for Life – We have had no contacts in King Co. of Marines needing jobs, and the program is meeting face to face in Everett WA at Scuttlebutt. *Toys for Tots – The detachment Past Commandant and Commandant has recently

watched the TOYS for TOTS 2022 Training session provided during the National Convention, here a link: <https://youtu.be/sqjhAo9VJ8w> *Pistol & Rifle Competition – Detachment conducted our second Pistol/Rifle on August 6, 2022, which was combined with BBQ at the Issaquah Sports club. These two combo events had a total of 41 participants with over \$1000.00 generated for our general fund after covering our expenses for the two BBQ. *Marine Rose Program – We delivered another successful 4th of July Rose Program at Lowes in Mill Creek and have secured two more event during Veterans Day weekend on Saturday November 12. *Deputy VAVS –Nothing report as they are still Covid-19 restriction, however we are updating our team that supports this VAVS with Tony Charity moving up to lead and Roger Volk becoming deputy VAVS for our detachment. *Honor Guard –March 2022 through August 2022 59 Committal Services at Tahoma National Cemetery, 6 Operating with voluntary pandemic staffing. *Golf Committee - N/A. *Legislative – N/A. *Quartermaster and Historian – N/A. *Eagle Scout – We are working still working at reengage with local Boy Scouts, as our Judge Advocate son is involved, and he also was an Eagle Scout and trying to coordinate a meeting with Boy Scout Seattle Council. *Fallen Marine – N/A.*Detachment Facebook Page – 845 Followers – 336 Detachment page, 672 Page Reach past 30 days, 564 Followers – Honor Guard page 258, Page Reach past 30 days. Totals – Detachment & Honor Guard Pages Combined 1409 Followers, 930 Reach past 30 days PAO/Web Sgt/Historian. Website Visitor statistics have continued to increase. September 2022 has already 753 daily, unique visits with having almost two more weeks of the month remaining. PayPal integration for membership dues and donations had been updated and continues to function well. * Detachment notices, meeting calendar, and resources are updated as needed for both the public, membership, and future membership information. <https://pugetsoundmarines.org/> *Social media The detachment Twitter account has continued to draw quality followers, including DoD accounts and MOH winners. <https://twitter.com/MCL336> *LinkedIn The detachment LinkedIn account has been successful in being contacted by potential members and continues to grow in contacts. <https://www.linkedin.com/in/mcldetachment336/>

2. **TRI-CITIES DET. #337: Mike Ridgel** – July 5th meeting held at American Legion Post 34, Pasco WA August 2nd meeting was a potluck at American Legion Post 34, Pasco WA. We had several non-members in attendance and 2 prospective new joins. Elections held. September 6th meeting held at American Legion Post 34, Pasco, WA
3. **TWIN HARBORS DET. #442: Ron Black** – Meetings and Activities: The Detachment continues to hold monthly detachment meetings at our host facility the 40&8 club in Aberdeen, WA. and the following month a meeting is held in Raymond, WA. at a local restaurant. *The Detachment has not been actively involved in any MCL related programs or community activities since last report except for two military funeral honors and one parade. Some of our members travel most of the summer months and are not available, those remaining do participate in meetings but have no desire to do other things as they have summertime work or projects taking advantage of our short dry season in W. WA. *Membership: With the recent passing of two Marines from our detachment , “Was reported and they were honored during State Convention memorial service” we did have a momentary decrease in membership, however, Marine Jim Daily of Twin Harbors Det. 442 has recruited 5 new regular members, those applications were reviewed by our detachment officers and membership present at the July meeting, At the August meeting all 5 new member applicants were in attendance and introduced themselves to Twin Harbors 442 regular and associate members, the detachment voted on the applicants and all 5 were approved for membership, they took the oath of membership and welcomed. We are happy to have these new members as part of our team, applications and fees have been forwarded. The Detachment has also increased its Associate membership by 2 (both spouses of Regular Marine Members.) those applications and fees also forwarded. *At the Sept meeting held on 9-25-2022, Marine Jim Daily presented to the Commandant and members yet another application for regular membership, this application was reviewed and well received, the Marine will attend the October Detachment meeting to take the membership oath. Hats off to Marine Jim Daily for his recruiting efforts, this totals 6 new regular members this quarter once applications have been received and processed by the Dept. and National. Two members of Twin Harbors 442 have approached PDD Ron Black and expressed an interest in becoming a MODD Devil Pup, both have been members of Twin Harbors Det. 442 for over a year, PDD Ron Black will assist these two potential pups with their application for membership with the Robert E Bush Pound #353. *Sickness and Distress: Marine Irv Stephens has lung cancer upper right lung, it is believed to be slow growing , he started treatment but has just recently decided to not have more treatments, he celebrated his 90th birthday in August and is one of the detachment’s remaining 2 Chosen Few Marines and one of the detachments major supporters over 40 plus years.*Deaths: A few months or so ago, our Adjutant/ Paymaster Betty Restau buried her beloved husband Marine Delbert “Bud” Restau, this loss has taken an understandable toll on Betty as she is left to deal with all a widow has to take care of after the passing of a husband. Sadly, in the past 3 weeks Betty has lost un-expectantly and suddenly her youngest daughter, that memorial service

was held a week ago on 9-24-2022 in Aberdeen WA. Attending were 10 members of Twin Harbor Det. 442 members. Betty has done her best to keep the required paperwork and related task up to date but obviously she has had suffered much with the loss of her husband and daughter. please keep her in your prayers.

4. **OLYMPIA DET. #482: Shane Inman** – Olympia Detachment has 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. The Detachment has added 5 new members since the last report (which makes 15 new MCL Members for the year). Continue to collaborate closely with the local Boy Scouts troop with a successful annual 4th of July Parade, Eagle Scout Project, and Eagle Scout Presentations. Our local Quilts of Valor continues to recognize veterans in the area they cover. Out detachment continues to grow and have new members willing to step up and assist with the mission.
5. **PIERCE COUNTY DET. #504: Mike Edwards** – We currently have 66 members and associates, 48 are life members, 18 annual members, 1 dual member and 1 active duty honorary. Recruiting continues. The Annual Department Marine Memorial Ceremony was held on August 27th, the Marine Security Forces Battalion from Bangor provided the Color Guard and Rifle Detail. The Columbia River, Melvin M Smith, Puget Sound, Pierce County, Olympic Peninsula, Olympia, and Yakima-Kittitas detachments had members in attendance. The Seattle Young Marines unit helped with the laying of the roses. Next year's ceremony will be on the 26th of August and will be hosted by the Puget Sound Detachment. The Puget Sound and Yakima-Kittitas detachments provide monetary funds to offset some of the costs. We are gearing up for this year's Toys for Tots campaign and planning our Marine Corps Birthday Ball.
6. **OLYMPIC PENINSULA DET. #531: Ted Streete** – We are hosting the 2023 Dept. WA Convention 8-10 June 2023 @ Best Western Plus Silverdale Beach Hotel 3073 NW Bucklin Hill Rd, Silverdale, WA 98383 Reservations: 844-207-7972 (TBA) Room rate #134.00 upgrade to water view \$144.00; Reservation by 17 May 2023 w/Registration Flyer coming soon. For the period of June 2022 through September 2022: ***June 2022:** Monthly Business Meeting was conducted on June 1, 2022, at VFW Post 2669 in Port Orchard, WA. Four Marines attended the Department of Washington Convention. *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 June 16, 2022, at All-Star Lanes in Silverdale, WA. **July 2021:** *Detachment 531's monthly Business Meeting was conducted on July 6, 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 July 21, 2022, at All-Star Lanes in Silverdale, WA. **August 2022** *Detachment 531's monthly Business Meeting was conducted on August 3, 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 August 18, 2022, at All-Star Lanes in Silverdale, WA. *Detachment 531 Marines participated in the "Rock Ceremony" in Enumclaw, WA on August 27, 2022, honoring the 31 Marines entombed on Mount Rainier. *Detachment 531 Marines participated in the Bremerton Armed Forces Day Parade in May 2022. The Detachment has now received a plaque from the parade organizers, honoring Detachment 531 as First Place, Veterans Units in the parade. September 2022: *Detachment 531's monthly Business Meeting was conducted on September 7, 2022, at VFW Post 2669 in Port Orchard, WA. A new member, Dana Miller, was introduced as a transferee from Skagit Valley Detachment 1043. *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 September 15, 2022, at All-Star Lanes in Silverdale, WA. *Seven Detachment 531 Marines participated in the Kitsap County Veterans Stand-down at the Sheridan Park Recreation Center in Bremerton on September 24, 2022. Clothing and a sleeping system was provided to 1 homeless Veteran. (There was a small Veteran attendance overall at this event. The Kitsap County Veterans Advisory Board is working to achieve a better turnout next year. The Advisory Board plans to distribute more flyers and get the law enforcement community involved since law enforcement knows where the homeless pitch their tents)
7. **MELVIN M SMITH DET. #586: Tim Kruse** – Since June, the Detachment has participated in Hoopfest providing beverages. We are starting to do gun shows for our M1 raffle. Doug Shurtleff awarded two elementary students with Leadership plaques. We have two new members and one transfer. *Our Toys 4 Tots new coordinator Jim Brown completed training to run the Spokane Toys 4 Tots program. Also, he has done a great job with Spokane Young Marines. *We are currently making plans for our Marine Corps Birthday celebration. *Honor Guard has performed at 35 services this year. Great team! *We lost our oldest member Dean Ladd, oldest retired Marine, August 17th.

8. **COLUMBIA RIVER DET. #826: John Stofiel – MEMBERSHIP:** 6 Unpaid, 24 Paid and 51 PLM's 81 members. We have retrieved YTD 4 new members, 2 during this reporting period Active-Duty Marine Grandson of one of our members, PFC Taguen Smith and Navy Corpsman, Richard "Rick" Levy. *We suffered the unexpected loss of one of our MCLA members Past Nat'l President Karen Wheeler and member (18 years) Marine Ruth Falconbury. *Our forever Adjutant John Stofiel resigned the position of Adjutant, and it has been filled by Marine David Ball, who may be contacted at forhimmd@hotmail.com or 360-464-3823. David's a new member of the Columbia River Detachment but has been a League member since 2004. *In July, a Detachment Member contributed to the Detachment with the stipulation that said moneys would be used to establish a "MCL Uniform Assistance fund." After some discussion, the Detachment M/S/P accepting this contribution/proposal. During this discussion, those members present felt that this would better move the Detachment members back to the wearing of the MCL Uniform more often. **ACTIVITIES:** *Meetings: 3rd Friday each month; Post 14 offers dinners 1700- and we follow with our mtgs @ 1830, *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 have 6 MCL and 2 Auxiliary members serving our Veterans at the Portland VA Hospital Vancouver Division under the Leadership of Deputy VAVS Rep Rex Hopper, providing 482 volunteer hours. *Our sponsored Lewis & Clark Young Marines are doing well. *Tried a "Taco Night" at AL Post is every Wednesday each month. We had Marine night on two different Wed. 2nd & 3rd minimal attendance, not a seller. *Our Annual Devil Dog Picnic hosted by the Lewis & Clark Pound was a resounding success. *Member Marine/Mayor Paul Whitney provides support for future Marines of Alaska at Poolee function in Chugiak, AK the Pool event in RS Alaska went well. * Member in attendance at "The Rock Ceremony" in remembrance of our 32 Marines interred on Mt Rainier. Our M4L Liaison works closely with Maj Christopher Thobaben connecting PDX/SW WA Veteran community <https://www.meetup.com/Vetwork-PDX> **FUTURE:** *Veterans Day- our parade is on this year, and we will be joined with our Lewis & Clark YM Unit. *We have 2 Formal 247th Annual Birthday Balls Coming up, the Recruit Service 11/11/22 and 6thg ESB 5 Nov. *Our Annual Marine Corps Birthday brunch at a local lounge on 10 Nov and our Annual Marine Corps Birthday Dinner party 12 Nov 2022.
9. **MT. ST. HELENS DET. #889: Glen Esperson –** In July we participated in the 4th of July Parade in Longview. August, we had our end of the season party, held at the VFW in Longview. We had a great turn out and lots of food. Fun was had by all! September, we had a booth at the Tam O' Shanter Highlander Festival. We handed out roses and got some donations. We met many interesting people and gave out a few membership applications. We had our regular meeting in June and July. We also had our meeting in August at our picnic.
10. **MT. OLYMPUS DET. #897: Mark Schildknecht – MEMBERSHIP:** PLM-8 Pd. Reg. 17, Pd. Assoc.-14 Total pd-39, Unpaid: Reg. 3, Assoc. 1 Total 4 unpaid. Total membership 43. **JUNE-** Several Marines, Associate Members and Navy Chaplain, visited a local terminally ill Marine at his home. His name was Mark Ford and his care giver indicated that he had only a few more weeks remaining. Many stories were shared; the visit was upbeat with much laughter. Only a few weeks later we were notified that Marine Mark Ford had passed and was now guarding the gates of heaven. **JULY-** For the past eleven years (2011-2022) the detachment has had an entry in the Forks Old Fashioned 4th of July parade. This annual event is our favorite parade to participate in. We are always well received by the very patriotic community. Another annual event that the detachment participated in was Sequim's Home Depot Veterans Appreciation Day. This event is an opportunity for the various veteran organizations set up displays and meet with the community. At the end of the day a raffle was held, and Associate member Diana Schildknecht won a 52" TV which she donated to Sarge's Place, a shelter for homeless veterans in Forks, Washington. **AUGUST-** The detachment once again participated in the "Joyce Daze" parade held annually in Joyce, Washington. This was our fifth year (2017-2022) at the event. We took home a ribbon for 1st place in the patriotic category. The detachment annual picnic was held once again at the home of Past Department Commandant Dan (and wife Wendy) Abbott. Chef Dan barbecued burgers, hot dogs, and chicken for a crowd of twenty-two who provided tasty pot-luck dishes. Fun and camaraderie were enjoyed by all. **SEPTEMBER-** Detachment members provided security at the entrance gates at the Sprint Boat races held in Port Angeles. This is one of two events held at Extreme Sports Park. We have provided this service for the past four years (2018-2022). This is an opportunity to raise funds for the detachment and for Toys for Tots. Owners of Extreme Sports Park and race participants themselves, donate to the detachment following the event. On September 17th, the detachment participated for the first time in the annual Quilcene parade. The community invited us to bring our 'float' to the parade and enjoy the day's festivities. We were well received, enjoyed the day and are looking forward to next year's event. **HONOR GUARD:** Provided Military Honors for 3 funerals (one being on the Coho Ferry Dock in Port Angeles at 0745 The deceased remains will be left in the Strait of Juan de Fuca between Port Angeles and Victoria, Canada. Also, military Honors were provided at three 'Bell

Ringin's, in the Port Angels Veterans Park. This event held each month is for the Clallam County Veterans who had passed away the previous month.

11. **SKAGIT VALLEY DET. #1043:** Robert Olivarez – Shared about the QR Code how much it worked and how much exposure it brought to the detachment 1043 over a few days. I do believe that the QR codes and social media exposure will help the Marine Corps League especially the department of Washington I am willing to help set something up to get us more exposure and help bring in more membership for our organization. I did set one up for the Olympia Detachment got them moving as soon as department has a social media page, I can fire off the QR link that I had already set up for them it does have the website for it and the national website attached to it as of right now.
12. **YAKIMA KITTITAS VALLEY DET. #1055:** Nicholas Myers – Current detachment strength is 35 regular members, 4 associate members, and 14 Permanent Life members. We did add a new associate member in August. Information about the detachment can be found on our website: www.mclyakima.com or our Facebook page. The detachment held 3 monthly meetings since June. There have been two funeral honor details performed and the detachment was represented at the Rock ceremony. On September 3 we held a Meet and Greet at the Sundance Espresso in Selah. It was a good morning, and we met several veterans and their families. We plan to do similar events in the future. The detachment provided a color guard to lead the Selah Homecoming parade on September 28. Preparations are currently underway for the Veterans Stand Down on October 22 for which the detachment donated \$100.00 and the annual Veterans Day ceremony at Sarg Hubbard Park on Nov. 11. We have made initial contact with the Captain from Poppa Battery, and he assured me that the MCL would be involved in the Toys for Tots program this year.
13. **CPL JOSEPH P. BIER DET. #1119: Bonnie Holden** – We have continued with our meetings on monthly basis. We will be doing Honor Guard Detail at the Grand Mound Cemetery in Rochester Wa on Veteran's Day. On Sept 13, 2022, we posted the colors for the Washington State Retirement Convention. We have not had any funerals to attend but are available for any veteran services. We have had 1 new member join in July 2022. We have an All-Marines Breakfast on the 2nd Saturday of each month. October 15th, 2022, the City of Mossyrock is having a Toys for Tots Toy Collection as we are trying to get information out to the East end of the county. This will help with getting toys to children in need in this area. This is one of the poorest sections of our county and because it is so far from the central Lewis County section many families are missed. I will be speaking at the event on our Toys for Tots Program. Since June 2022, our Lewis County Young Marines have been continuing with Drill on the 1st and the 3rd Saturday of each month at the Winlock Community Center in Winlock WA. We met with the Young Marines from the Seattle WA for a 3-day training in August. We have 1 recruit and just graduated 2 from our program. We continue to need Adult Volunteers in our Unit.

14. **CAPT. DANIEL B. BARTLE DET #1335:** – Bruce Barton – NO DIGITAL REPORT

15. **COL RICHARD FRANCISCO #1451:** – Robert "Bob" Gebelein – During the summer we have held our monthly meetings, although the turnout has been low. *We have held one fund raising in May which was quite successful. *Participated in two parades as the Color Guard. *Held three Memorials for veterans. We are continuing to hold together with the few active members but on our last meeting we had one new Marine join our group. We are also trying to involve any veteran interested in helping our community. We will start our Toys for Tots in November. Also, we will be having a small Marine Birthday Ball for our group.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Commandant Moysiuk presented National Jr. Vice Commandant's Citations w/100% Membership Ribbon to several of our detachments for exceeding their previous years membership within 12months of the beginning of the current fiscal year.
- AUG 13th-19th, 2023 Marine Corps League Convention - 100-Years. Omni Hotel 100 West Oklahoma City Blvd., Oklahoma City, OK. BOOKING FULL. **ALTERNATE HOTEL** - Fairfield Inn and Suites, Oklahoma City Downtown is confirmed as the alternate hotel for the 100-year anniversary and annual convention of the Marine Corps League Room Reservation Blocks: 8/10/23 – 8/21/23 Special Group Rate: Standard King, Standard Double Queen, or Executive King Suites for \$149/night. Book via link or call 405-604-5050 using exclusive group rate code: MCL. Self-Parking is Off-Site adjacent at City Garage \$10/night.
<https://www.marriott.com/reservation/rateListMenu.mi>
- We will meet in Yakima for the Department Spring Meeting on Saturday, 1 April 2023

Closing Ceremony: Appropriate.

R/s
John F Stofiel
Dept. WA Adjutant