

**Department of Washington Marine Corps League  
Skagit Casino Resort 5984 Darrk Lane, Bow, WA 98232  
DEPARTMENT CONVENTION MINUTES3-4 JUNE 2022**

**1300 3 June Joint Opening Ceremony: HOST DETACHMENT SKAGIT VALLEY #1043 WELCOME ABOARD;** Joel Cartwright welcomed all to the convention and introduced guest speaker Marine Jeffrey Buffum who served in our Corps from 2008-2011 as a Logistics Officer and now a Team member of the Anacortes Police Department serving as a detective and Police Corporal. Excellent presentation.

**RECOGNITION OF DEPT. OF WA 2021 MARINE OF THE YEAR** Kathleen Nicholls; **RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL OFFICERS:** National Jr. Vice Commandant TJ Morgan; NWD NVC John Moysiuk; Nat'l Marine for Life rep Mark Gorman; and our NWD Vice Chief Devil Dog PDD Bonnie Holden. **RECOGNITION OF RECIPIENTS OF NW DIVISION MARINE OF THE YEAR:** TJ Morgan; John Moysiuk; Dennis Dressler; Bonnie Holden; **RECOGNITION OF RECIPIENTS OF DEPARTMENT MARINE OF THE YEAR:** Stand to be recognized. John F. Stofiel; Dennis Dressler; Randall Ott Jr.; -Ronald Black Sr.; Bonnie Holden; John L. Moysiuk; Mark Schildknecht; William A. Hauser; TJ Morgan; & Ed Falter; **RECOGNITION OF PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDANTS:** Stand to be recognized. Dennis Dressler, Ed Falter, Bonnie Holden, & John Stofiel **RECOGNITION OF "FIRST TIMERS" TO DEPARTMENT CONVENTION: Scott Duncan, Robert Olivarez Jr., and Carl Schauppner;** **RECOGNITION OF MCLA AND OFFICERS:** President Sena Moreland presented her Officers and recognized their national representatives. **COMMANDANT CALLED FOR 10 MINUTE RECESS:** Chaplain closes the Bible. Sgt-at Arms will lead the mbrshp in a hand salute to the Colors and declare the meeting in recess and excuses the Auxiliary members. **COMMANDANT RECONVENES BUSINESS MEETING:** Sgt-at-Arms lead the assembly in a hand salute to the Colors. Chaplain will reopen the Bible. Sgt-at-Arms will declare the meeting duly reopened for the conduct of official business.

**ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

**CMNDN'T - CALLS FOR ADJUTANT REPORTS –**

- **Roll Call of Officers:** Commandant George Hilbish II; SrVice Commandant John Moysiuk; JrVice Commandant Ed Falter, Judge Advocate Shane Inman- excused absence medical, and Jr Past Cmndn't Bonnie Holden
- **Minutes of previous meeting:** The minutes were published and sent via email to all members of the Dept. and our detachments. Rick Flath moved to accept the minutes as previously published, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dennis Dressler, carried.

**PAYMASTER REPORT:** Account Balances as of date of this report: Checking: \$2407.33 (with no outstanding checks); Savings: \$15,638.25; 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, 4 Detachments have contributed to the fund. There have been no donations to the fund in over two years. Some of the Det. Paymasters are getting an early start on their renewals. Getting started now will make the month of August much easier. The next roster from National will have the annual PLM (Paid Life Member) audit. As in the past you will need to check it against your files and make any changes. Once complete it must be signed by the Detachment Commandant and Paymaster. It will need to be returned to the Department Paymaster by the Fall Staff meeting on October 1st and 2nd. National is aware of issues with the recent Detachment rosters. They have been fixing the problems. National sent out a new roster on 02/12/2021 that had many errors and followed up with an updated roster dated 02/24/2021. With the roster on 02/12 they attached a letter explaining that they were aware of the errors and were collaborating with the company that supplied the database to correct as many as possible. In the letter they asked if you found errors on your roster to document them and email them to the Membership. Chair JD foster [jfoster@mcleague.org](mailto:jfoster@mcleague.org) I am asking that if you do email National to copy the new Paymaster 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. If you need help with access to the data base contact me, by email and I will help you get into the database. Be sure to use the Official Transmittal form dated @2021 for transactions with National. DD214s 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 and the other copy goes to National. Dues for new member applications are \$25.00 to National and \$5.00 to the Department except during the period March 1st to June 30th. 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 Detachments. Following the Department

Convention your new Department Paymaster will be Rick Flath from Detachment 336. His email address is [rflath1@comcast.net](mailto:rflath1@comcast.net). Send your transmittals and other correspondence to. Rick Flath 14928 80th Dr SE Snohomish WA 98296-8695. Dennis Dressler moved to accept the Paymasters Report, 2<sup>nd</sup> Rich Flath, carried.

**CHAPLAIN'S REPORT: (SICK AND/ OR IN DISTRESS):** With the lifting of most covid restrictions I have been able to perform chaplain duties more completely than before. My duties at funerals before the pandemic was limited to presenting a challenge coin and the three ceremonial cartridge casings and very occasionally conduct the funeral service itself. Since the lifting of the restrictions, I have conducted four services including one for a sailor. Since the close of the Spring 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: Frank Ripley 23 March 2022 Skagit Valley and Dustin Janes 2 May 2022 Columbia River. The Memorial Service will be held and will include the names of all twenty-two members who were reported since the end of the last convention. I also attended a meeting (via TEAM) with the director of Mann Grandstaff VA Medical Center,

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None. (All correspondence (emails) from Nat'l is forwarded when received to the detachments.

**REPORT OF OFFICERS:**

• **Commandant George Hilbish II –**

The Department of Washington has 15 Detachments with 775 members. Since the Spring Conference, I had planned to attend the Memorial Day Ceremonies at Mt View Memorial Park in Lakewood, however that did not take place to medical issue.

- **SrVice Commandant John Moysiuk –** Please use your chain of command when addressing issues or concerns. This means including your Department Officers before contacting National. There are currently over 1488 detachments 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 and Department level. If you would like training specific to your billet, please let me know. There are some valuable resources at hand to assist. Should you desire training for access to our national 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. It is my intent to accept the nomination for the Department of Washington if you would have me serve.
- **JrVice Commandant Ed Falter –** Shared that his duties as the JrVice concerned recruiting of new members, retention of our current members and encouraged all to actively work on both entities with their respective detachments.
- **Judge Advocate Shane Inman –** There are no pending Chapter Nines currently in the Department. To date I have still received very few detachments by-law changes. Follow up request and reminders were sent after winter staff meeting 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 –** No Report.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES/ADVISORY COUNCILS:**

- **Audit –** Dept Cmndn't appointed Marines Ed Falter and Bonnie Holden to audit books w/Dept Paymaster

- **Budget and Finance –** Bill Hauser –

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FY 2023, DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON, MARINE CORPS LEAGUE May 26, 2022

The Budget and Finance Committee shall prepare a financial program and budget for the conduct of the business and affairs of the Department for the ensuing year, and to devise ways and means of increasing the funds of the Department. To present a finalized budget to the Department Board of Trustees, prior to the convening of the Department Convention. The budget is based upon the membership strength of each Detachment in the Department and subsequent Annual dues (2021)- \$5.00 per member) received from each detachment and the Life membership interest received from National Headquarters.

Dues Paying members as of 8 April (2022)- 243 x \$5.00 =	1215.00
Unpaid members as of 8 April (2021)- 129 x \$5.00 =	645.00
Total 342 Members X \$5.00 =	1860.00
Projected income (2022 – 2023) (372Mbrs X \$5.00	1860.00
(2022) PLM dues received:	1021.20
Department Totals =	2881.20

Proposed Budget for FY 2023, Department of Washington, Marine Corps League

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	
	Budgeted	Actual	Proposed	
Dept. Operational Expenses	\$500.00	\$67.99 \$56.85	\$200.00	Adj Postage Paymaster Postage/Office Supplies
Chaplains Expenses	\$120.00	\$0.00	\$120.00	Letters of Condolence, postage
Ads/Awards Program	\$265.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	Local Convention Ad/Plaques
Secretary of State	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	Secretary of State annual filing
Website	\$196.00	\$168.00	\$182.28	Website Hosting
Cmndnt, Adj, Paymaster Stipend	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$800.00	Conducting Dept. business Commandant \$300 Adjutant \$300 Paymaster \$200
Veterans Leg. Coalition	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	Annual Dues
Other Expenses	\$1,013.00		\$550.00	Honored Convention Guest expenses (Hotel, Meals & Gift) Based on current registration (Auth. of the Dept. Cmndn't)
Flag Spreaders x 2	\$136.800	\$68.00	\$0.00	Mark Schildknecht – One time purchase Flag poles & stands (2ea)
Oxford - Spring Staff meeting	\$243.45	(Increased)	\$270.76	Oxford -Spring Staff mtgs.
Oxford - Fall Staff meeting	\$243.45	\$243.45	\$270.76	Oxford - Fall Staff mtgs.
Totals	\$3,197.45	\$703.37	\$2653.83	

Available in the Commandants travel fund \$483.00. The above is a budget based on the previous years and projected expenses. The Department Budget depends on the Detachments encouraging and following up on their members for their dues on a regular basis. Also reporting your PLM in a timely manner. Some Detachments failed to certify their PLM reports on time resulting in a lower return to the Department, and no return to those detachments. Dennis Dressler moved to approve budget for FY2022 – 2023, 2<sup>nd</sup> Randy Ott. Carried.

- **Detachment Commandants' Council** – John Moysiuk – No Report.
- **Past Department Commandants' Council** – Bonnie Holden –
- **Rock 32 Ceremony** – George Hilbish II –1200 27 Aug 2022 @ Veterans Memorial Park 1151 Roosevelt Ave Enumclaw
- **Legislative** – Shane Inman – There were no significant changes from the March report as the session ended. But wanted to add for reminder. 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. 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 Post-Secondary 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. And the most important one...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](mailto: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. I have had no contact from any Detachment in reference to Americanism Awards since our Staff Meeting. I will be at the Department Convention and can accept any Americanism Award Books to take with me to National Convention in Daytona Beach Florida in August 2022
- **Eagle Scouts** – Bonnie Holden – Eagle Scout Good Citizenship Award. 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 3 out of the 15 Detachments who responded. I will have to conclude from this that 12 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, 531 and 1119. I asked but did not receive negative report or even reports that a detachment was not pursuing this award in their area. This report stands true and at the Spring Staff meeting I received 1 report from 336 and I have 1119 but no others have been reported. 360-339-3446 17823 Gilbert St SE Tenino Wa 98589 [bonnie.holden@hotmail.com](mailto:bonnie.holden@hotmail.com)
- **Nominations** – Bonnie Holden – Current Nominees Commandant John Moysiuk, Sr Vice Ed Falter, Jr Vice Shane Inman, J/A Joel Cartwright.

- **Membership** – Bill Hauser – Department membership numbers as of 05/29/2022: Regular members PLM 381 Paid 201 Total Paid (PLM + Paid) = 576 Unpaid 104. Associate PLM 25 Paid 39 Total Paid (PLM + Paid) = 64 Unpaid 24. Multiple PLM 3 Paid 3 Total Paid (PLM + Paid) = 5 Unpaid 1 Total PLM 409, Paid 243 Total Paid (PLM + Paid) = 64 Unpaid 129
- **Web Sergeant** – Bill Hauser – The Department website is located at <https://www.mcldeptwa.org/> If your Detachment is planning some type of event send me information about it and I will post it on the Department 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.
- **Digital Transformation** –Rick Flath – NO REPORT
- **Marine for Life** – Mark Gorman – NO REPORT
- **VAAC Representative** –Ron Black – For most of yr. 2021 due to covid virus restrictions regarding in person group gathering and in accordance with the governors' Covid Health guidelines, much of the VAAC activity in 2021 was conducted by holding meetings and training online which proved to be successful. The VAAC's most important work of holding community VAAC Veteran Town Hall meetings was put on hold until such time as in person group gatherings were allowed. By February 2022, with Covid infected hospital stays on the decline, changes allowed for some in-person meetings. In February 2022, I volunteered to take on the task of putting together an in person VAAC Veterans Town Hall Meeting to be held in Aberdeen, WA. a first for Grays Harbor County. A great deal of work and effort is required to successfully bring about an informative and of value meeting to veterans and their family. After weeks of planning, inviting key speakers from the VA system and other experts in their field that support veterans within the community, and after two "live" local radio information spots promoting the veteran's town hall, my job as a VAAC member representing the Dept. of WA. MCL was complete for this task. On April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022, The VAAC Town Hall Meeting was held at the Aberdeen Elks Lodge to a full room of veterans, elected city and county officials, veteran support agencies/programs, medical professionals, American Legion, VFW, Det. 442 MCL and interested citizens. The 2.5-hour VAAC Veterans Town Hall was live streamed on Facebook across Washington State and several agencies and veterans' organizations participated online. "After Reports" indicate that the Veterans Town Hall was well received and considered a remarkable success by the WA. Dept. of Veterans Affairs Director and her team and the VAAC. I want to acknowledge the attendance of National Vice Commandant John Moysiuk and members of Twin Harbor Detachment 442 regular and associate members, Thank You for your support. Up Coming VAAC Meetings and Veteran Town Hall's June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Town Hall in Sequim WA. starting at 10:30 am. June 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm at the VFW HQ in Fife, VAAC meeting and Elections for next year August 10, 2022, Veterans Town Hall in Yelm WA. proposed? 10:00 am -12:30 pm In closing, having to adjust and navigate ever changing Covid Guidelines for much of the past 12 months, the VAAC was more than able to maintain a work ethic, task oriented and continue to provide a valuable service in support of Washington Veterans, families and to be the Governors and WA Dept. of Veterans Affairs outreach team regarding Washington's men and women veterans. The VAAC goal is to have a presence statewide and reach out to every WA. community. I am looking forward to next year's work in support of Washington Veterans and opportunities to represent the Dept. of WA. Marine Corps League as appointed to the Governors Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee, (VAAC).
- **Marine of the Year** – Pres. Ron Black/Sec. Mark Schildknecht – MOY will be presented at the banquet.
- **Young Marines Liaison** – Ed Falter –
  - \*Lewis County Young Marines Since the Staff Meeting in April 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. Our most recent event was a joint meeting with Lewis & Clark YM and Seattle YM at the Veterans Memorial Museum in Chehalis, WA. We were able to mix all 3 units together and divide them into 3 groups. Each group was at a different activity, and they rotated. It was a good event enabling both YMs and Staff to get face time with each other. We are in the process of scheduling a weekend camp out in the Toledo, WA. area in August 2022 but no date has been set. Bonnie Holden, XO & Training Officer.
  - \*The Spokane County Young Marines have been involved in the following since April 2022:

Map and Compass course - Easter egg hunt; Recruit graduation; Promotion ceremonies; Parent Breakfasts; Community service -stuffing 40,000 Easter eggs - helping w Easter Egg Hunt and Community Service - Veterans 5K walk, Honor Flight, Junior Lilac Parade Color Guard. DaLaura Neal, Unit Commander. \*LEWIS AND CLARK YOUNG MARINES REPORT 4 April to 31 May 2022 Unit Commander Marine Kyrie Stadtfeld Our YM Unit is in full swing now following 2 years of limited contact with training continued during that period on zoom with a very resolute Adult Staff members and Parental support. \*Drill 4/30/2022 - military museum in Chehalis, WA. \*Drill info 5/14/2022; \*Comm service - Sons of Italy dinner - 5/15/2022 \*Hazel dell parade of bands 5/21/2022 \*Comm. Service Columbia River Detachment MCL installation & Awards dinner. \*Comm service flag planting at Willamette National Cemetery 5/26/2022. \*Study night - Thurs, 5/26/2022. \*Ft Vancouver Memorial Day Ceremony; 5/30/2022. \*Comm service Vancouver Pointe Senior Living flag folding & color guard - 5/30/2022.

- **Awards** – John Stofiel Recognition certificates have been accomplished and will presented to the Commandant for presentation at the banquet.

#### **REPORT OF DETACHMENT COMMANDANTS:**

1. **PUGET SOUND DET. #336:** Rick Flath – Update from last report for MCL De. 336 are as follows: Membership – 2 new members joined the detachment during this time bring our total to 51 members 49 regular and 2 Associate; Pistol & Rifle/BBA May 21 – Great success with over 27 guests shooting at the range and over 50 attendees at the BBQ with over \$650 donation received. Marine Rose Program – We were able to conduct two events on Saturday May 28 Honor Guard – Committal Service preformed April 5 and May 7, 2022, for a total of 12 additional. Our HG team is also part of the Tahoma Cemetery Memorial Day event.
2. **TRI-CITIES DET. #337:** Mike Ridgel/Sean Elder – NO REPORT.
3. **TWIN HARBORS DET. #442:** Ron Black – Twin Harbors Detachment 442 has seen good participation at our monthly regular detachment meetings since the indoor group gatherings were authorized by the governor. The detachment has kept in contact by phone or in person with our members who did not feel comfortable being in a group setting due to ongoing medical issues in 2021. Activities: Participated in 3 Marine funerals, raised funds for youth programs by participating in the MCL Rose Program, participated in 2 local community parades. Held Annual Christmas Party and Det. summer picnic for detachment members and family, in March 2022 the detachment gathered at a surprise potluck dinner for member Irv Stephens at his home as he was recovering from surgeries. (Memorial Day) The detachment participated in memorial ceremonies and placed wreaths at 3 cemeteries and the MOH Robert Bush memorial monument. The detachment supported the Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee town hall which was held in Aberdeen WA. New Members: The detachment has seen growth in membership during this fiscal year. Losses: The detachment has felt the loss of two life members of our detachment February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Steve Mihovilich “Chosin Few” Korea & May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Delbert” Bud” Restau. Recognition: Twin Harbors Detachment has awarded the first ever Associate of the year medal to Associate Member Betty Restau for her many years in support of the detachment and her work as Adjutant/Paymaster. Comments: Members have found it impossible to find and purchase a proper “Red” dress jacket/Blazer, red in men’s jackets has fallen to disfavor and been dropped by most vendors and outlets. The MCL National needs to look seriously for a source to provide an excellent quality, affordable approved Red Jacket to all the MCL. I would suggest the National MCL responsible person(s) seek a source for a suitable jacket, making them an authorized vendor for the MCL so ever MCL member across the US can purchase from the same location, avoiding all the different shades of Red showing up in detachments as no reliable source is known. I might suggest someone from National or Division take on the task, source: “Marlow White” the well-known and respected supplier of uniforms and accessories should be contacted about making a MCL Red Jacket available for purchase, note Marlow White supplies the members of Bugles Across America with a full Custom Uniform and that organization is small compared to the MCL. Marlow White also sells regulation and numbered Marine Sword as an authorized government contractor. It was shared that the National Website has numerous locations where one can purchase the red Blazer, however the sites posted are not able to send same and in one instance the color was Burgundy rather than red as called for and had to be returned at the expense of the member. This event has been forwarded to the NW Division Vice to go up chain to be resolved.
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 2 new members since the last report (which makes 10 new MCL Members for the year), participated in a successful toy for tots’ campaign, and continues to participate effectively in the community. Quilts of Valor has

performed ceremonies for veterans of all branches through the detachment platform. Rose sales has begun with success at the local Cabela's. The Eagle Scout project has begun, and progress is being made to bring back to life the detachment's Warrior Wagon. (Parade Float). The Detachment is currently supporting one Eagle Scout project and continues to build the relationship with the local scouting programs.

5. **PIERCE COUNTY DET. #504:** Mike Edwards – We currently has 57 life members, 1 dual member, and 15 annual members 1 of them being in arrears who has indicated they will not renew, for a total of 72 paid members. Members participated in the Memorial Day Ceremonies at Mt View Memorial Park in Lakewood.
6. **OLYMPIC PENINSULA DET. #531:** Ted Streete – Our monthly business meeting was conducted on April 6, 2022, at VFW post 2669 in port orchard, wa. \*The leatherneck honor guard, comprised of Marines from det. 531 & 336, performed honor guard duties at Tahoma National Cemetery. \*Our monthly breakfast April 21<sup>st</sup> at all-star lanes in Silverdale, WA. \*det. 531 “limited out” on our fishing trip out of Westport on April 28<sup>th</sup> the trip was organized by detachment junior vice commandant Michael Parker. May 2021 \*Monthly business meeting was conducted on May 12, 2022. \*The leatherneck honor guard performed honor guard duties. \*Our monthly breakfast occurred on May 19<sup>th</sup> at all-star lanes in Silverdale \*We marched in the May 21<sup>st</sup> Bremerton Armed Forces Day parade. Senior vice commandant Craig Douglas has two NCO swords to be delivered to the Sgt Major of the Marine Corps Security Force Bn at Kitsap subbase Bangor. Presented each year to the battalion's color sergeant on behalf of detachment 531.
7. **MELVIN M SMITH DET. #586:** Tim Kruse – Since the last meeting, the Melvin M. Smith Detachment participated in the Spokane Lilac Parade. Our Detachment is gearing up for our Hoopfest booth in June.
8. **COLUMBIA RIVER DET. #826:** John Stofiel – Our current Membership is at: 82 (Regular Members: 1 unpaid & 32 paid + 49 PLMs = 81 -1 PM assoc. = 80 voting members div x 15 = 5.33 = 6 voting delegates; Our Standing Committees: 1. Clark County Veterans Advisory Board: We are now doing face-to-face meetings with zoom meetings for all to attend. We had a guest speaker from the “Lifeline Connections” program Lifeline a community-based behavioral health organization that specializes in providing confidential and compassionate care to individuals who experience a substance use and/or mental health condition. which provides services to veterans in need. Currently have face-to-face support as well as online. 360-397-8246 <https://lifelineconnections.org/> The CC Veterans Assistance Center had 105 visitors, 54 to outreach programs expended \$6987.00 for support elements and now have 656K remaining in the Assistance fund. The center has re-opened 0900-1500 M-F in the lounge area. We have hired a full-time outreach person. New computers have been appropriated and being installed should be up by the end of May. September Standdown is on the horizon, prices are up, and we need donations. Work Source Job Fair - Wednesday, April 20, 2022, 1000 – 1200 204 SE Stonehill Drive Suite 215 Vancouver, WA 98684. C-TRAN Program Heroes Pass provides free service on all Local C-TRAN routes for Veterans and active military personnel. Will need to show Active/Veteran Identity. 2. Marine Corps Coordinating Council of OR/WA formed to tell the Marine Corps Story and coordinate multiple Marine Corps related organizations activities in our AOR i. e. 2 MCL detachments, 1stMarDiv and 3rdMarDiv Associations, OR-1 Lady Marines (WMA0; Chosin Few, I&I, 6thESBn, RS Portland. 3. Veterans Affairs Voluntary Services: Rex Hopper – No changes since last report, except that the partitions that were installed on the cart for patient safety have now been removed. 4. Community Military Appreciation Committee (CMAC): Bill Hauser – This is a community-based organization with Active-Duty Military, Reserve/Guard personnel, Veterans and civilians in the community supporting both entities and bringing us all together to serve others. 5. Lewis & Clark Young Marines We are their host detachment. Report provided to Dept. Liaison ACTIVITIES: APRIL: Detachment gathers for dinner prior to attending business meetings. Our Chaplain, Don Newell presented two bibles to 2 of our YM's graduating and joining the Corps. We held Elections. All our current leaders opted to stay the course for another year. MAY: Participated in our PGR/MCCC “Never Forgotten Ceremony” for Iraq Marine Cedric Bruns; Past Dept. Commandant Rex Hopper installed our leadership for the next year at our annual Installation and Awards dinner.
9. **MT. ST. HELENS DET. #889:** Glen Esperson – We have been having our meetings every month. In March we had our end of the season dinner. We had our elections in April and our installation of officers in May. We also did a Memorial Day ceremony at our local cemetery. We fired rifles at the ceremony. We are hoping to have a booth on our 4th of July celebration at Lake Sacajawea and be on our 4th of July Parade.
10. **MT. OLYMPUS DET. #897:** Mark Schildknecht – 3 APRIL – 25 MAY 2022 -On April 20th six Det. mbrs attended a ceremony celebrating the completion of Ho bucket House in Forks, Washington. The facility will house seven disabled veterans. The following day, April 21st, the Detachment Honor Guard provided final military honors for a deceased veteran at Ocean View Cemetery. The regularly scheduled Detachment meeting was held on April 26th at

the Port Angeles Veterans Center. The Honor Guard provided a rifle salute at the monthly bell ringing ceremony in Veterans Park on April 29th. On May 5th, several Detachment members traveled to Forks, Washington to attend and help at the annual Forks Stand Down. On May 11th Commandant Mark Schildknecht represented the Marine Corps League at the monthly CCVA (Clallam County Veterans Association) meeting. On May 13th, the Honor Guard provided a rifle salute at a ceremony honoring Law Enforcement and those officers whose lives were lost in the line of duty. The following day the Detachment participated in the Sequim Irrigation Festival Parade. Our entry was the replica of a WWII track vehicle, built by Detachment members and was awarded a "Best Veterans Entry" ribbon. May 21st, Armed Forces Day, the Detachment will be at the Port Angeles airport celebrating Airport Day. This will be an opportunity to display our new canopy and demonstrate to the community who we are and what we do, not only for veterans and their families, but the entire population of the North Olympic Peninsula.

11. **SKAGIT VALLEY DET. #1043:** Robert Olivarez – The Skagit Valley Marines have had a quiet Spring. That all ends on Memorial Day where we will be doing 3 flag folding's at 3 different cemeteries this year. This is followed by hosting the 75th Annual Convention of the Department of Washington. The Convention Committee has been terribly busy trying to make this another fun and special Convention! Next, we will be looking forward to a Fourth of July parade in Sedro Woolley! This has always been a highlight of our year and we look forward to returning to it as they have canceled it the past two years. Our current strength is 48 members, including 22 PLMs and 3 Associate Members. We have not had any new members since the April Staff meeting.
12. **YAKIMA KITTITAS VALLEY DET. #1055:** Nicholas Myers – Current detachment strength is 20 regular members, 3 associate members, and 14 Life members. This report shows limited activity since the Spring staff meeting. The detachment honor detail provided services for a Marine on April 29, 2022. Our monthly meeting was held Monday evening, May 9 with a presentation by Leroy Rothamel who is an SSVF Program Specialist for OIC of Washington. He is directly involved with the new veterans housing unit in Yakima and presented the program and ways that the MCL and other organizations could assist our local veterans. Unfortunately, the annual Memorial Day parade in Yakima had to be canceled this year due to a lack of participants.
13. **CPL JOSEPH P. BIER DET. #1119:** Bonnie Holden – Cpl Joseph P. Bier Det 1119 has continued with our meetings on monthly basis. We will be doing Honor Guard Detail at the Grand Mound Cemetery in Rochester Wa on Memorial Day. On August 20, 2022, will be our annual All Marines Picnic at the Borst Park in Centralia Wa. We will be doing a Marine Rose Fund raiser soon, but the date has not yet been set. We have not joined any new members since April 2022 but have two prospective members that will be attending our next meeting.
14. **CAPT. DANIEL B. BARTLE DET #1335:** - Bruce Barton – NO REPORT.
15. **COL RICHARD FRANCISCO #1451:** – Robert Gabelein – Activities covering Detachment 1451 during the period 3 April to 25 May 2022. Flag folding and presentation services to NOK for an Army veteran. Rifle firing ceremony for a Marine veteran. After the 25th Detachment 1451 will have a fundraising event (passing out roses/miniature flags) at a local facility, rifle ceremony and taps on 30 May at a local cemetery and a scholarship presentation on 31 May 2022

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Proposed bylaw change sent to the J/A Shane Inman and distributed to the detachments for review and pending approval at the Dept. Convention. John Stofiel Move to approve the Dept. of WA bylaw change proposal that was submitted to each detachment for review in Oct 2021 and subsequent vote at this Convention, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dennis Dressler, carried.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Will there be a budget line to assist financially the "Rock Ceremony" each year? This is a department function and should be primarily supported by the Department and supplemented by those Detachments that can do so. A motion was made by Randy Ott to establish a line item in the amount of \$300.00 for "The Rock Ceremony". 2<sup>nd</sup> John Stofiel, discussion this is a line item that each detachment or an individual may offer any size donation to ensure that remembering these 32 Marines continues annually. Motion carried.



**NEW BUSINESS CONT'D:**

2. **Last order of business: Election and Installation of 2022-23 officers – JrPast Commandant called for nominations from the floor three times for each elected officer Commandant John Moysiuk, Sr Vice Commandant Ed Falter, Jr Vice Commandant Shane Inman no other nominations. Judge Advocate nominees Joel Cartwright and Lou Ann Harrey the nominees were escorted from the meeting room and balloting was conducted. Joel Cartwright was elected to serve as the Judge Advocate. The Installing Officer National Jr. Vice Commandant Timothy J Morgan gave the oath of office to the elected and appointed Officers Commandant Moysiuk appointed Marine Rick Flath as the Department Paymaster (Treasurer) who will oversee the financial concerns of the Department of Washington properly relieving William 'Bill' Hauser of those duties. Commandant also appointed Chaplain Dennis Dressler, Sgt at Arms Mark Schildknecht and Adjutant John Stofiel.**

**GOOD OF THE LEAGUE/ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. National Convention – Aug 14-20, 2022, Hilton Daytona Beach Oceanfront Hotel, 100 N. Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach, FL 32118.
2. Rock 32 Memorial Ceremony – 1200 27 Aug 2022 @ Veterans Memorial Park 1151 Roosevelt Ave Enumclaw, WA
3. 2023 National Convention – Oklahoma City, OK. TBD.

**BUSINESS MEETING RECESS**

**BANQUET AGENDA:**

1800 No host bar

1830: **NEWLY ELECTED COMMANDANT: John Moysiuk Open for business Pledge of Allegiance**

CHAPLAIN: Sam Dressler OPEN BIBLE

1845 **COMMANDANT DINNER IS SERVED, FOLLOWING DINNER:**

**NAT'L COMMANDANT CONGRATS ON 75 YEARS OF SERVICE VIA ZOOM ON SCREEN DURING DINNER.**

**COMMANDANT INTRODUCES AUXILIARY PRESIDENT FOR PRESENTATION OF AWARDS**

**JR PAST COMMANDANT George Hilbish PRESENTATION OF AWARDS**

**CMNDN'T MOYSIUK PRESENTS DEPT/NW DIVISION ASSOCIATE MEMBER OF THE YEAR**

**MARINE OF THE YEAR SOCIETY PRESENTS OUR MARINE OF THE YEAR GEORGE HILBISH II**

**HOST DETACHMENT PRESENTATION OF RAFFLE AUCTION ITEMS, PAY FOR AND PICK UPI IN HOSPITALITY ROOM**

2130 **CLOSING CEREMONY: COMMANDANT John Moysiuk**

R/S

John F Stofiel,

Dept. WA Adjutant