



## Department of Washington

### Marine Corps League

Spring Staff Meeting

Oxford Suites

1701 E. Yakima Ave

Yakima, WA 98801

<http://www.mcldeptwa.org>

October 2, 2021

#### Joint Opening Ceremony:

Officiated by Department Commandant George Hilbish II

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

#### Welcome remarks by host Detachment:

Host Detachment Yakima-Kittitas #1055. Remarks provided by Commandant Nic Meyer welcoming all. Good morning Marines! Thanks for showing up in the Palm Springs of Yakima.

#### Recognition of National Officers:

- National Jr. Vice Commandant TJ Morgan
- NWD NVC John Moysiuk
- NWD Vice Chief Devil Dog PDD Bonnie Holden
- National Deputy VAVS Rex Hopper
- National Marine for Life Mark Gorman

#### Recognition of Past Department Commandants:

- Dennis Dressler
- Ed Falter
- Rex Hopper
- John Stofiel

#### Recognition of MCLA and Officers: Department Commandant calls MCLA President to allow her to present her staff (Sena Moreland).

- Distinguished Guests
  - Past National President Caroline Ruhmshottel
  - Past Division Vice President NW Sam Dressler
  - Division Vice President NW Vickie Brown
  - Asst. Division Vice President Susan Douglas

- President Sena Moreland
- Sr Vice Rebecca Corpuz
- Jr Vice Vickie Brown
- Judge Advocate Sandy Falter
- Jr Past President Susan Douglas
- Secretary/Treasurer Jaci Kruse
- Chaplain Sam Dressler
- Captain of the Guard Carol Lucei
- Historian Vickie Brown
- Past Department Presidents present:
  - Sam Dressler
  - Sandy Falter
  - Paulie Stofiel
  - Caroline Ruhmshottel

Commandant excuses MCLA.

**Recognition of Recipients of NW Division Marine of the Year:**

- TJ Morgan
- John Moysiuk
- Dennis Dressler
- Bonnie Holden

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- Mark Schildknecht
- Bill Hauser
- Ed Falter
- Rex Hopper

**Recognition of "First Timers" to Department meeting:**

- First Timers: Titus Thomas, 1055; Mike Edwards, 504; Toby Clairmont, 826. 32 members present.

**Roll Call of Officers:**

- Commandant George Hilbish II
- Sr Vice Commandant John Moysiuk
- Jr Vice Commandant Ed Falter
- Judge Advocate Shane Inman
- Chaplain Dennis Dressler
- Sergeant-At-Arms Mark Schildknecht
- Paymaster Bill Hauser
- Adjutant Randy Ott
- Jr Past Commandant Bonnie Holden

**Minutes of previous meeting:** (Made available online from Annual Staff Meeting)

- **Commandant:** I will entertain a motion to accept the minutes as previously published. John Stofiel motioned, Mark Gorman seconded, discussion. Motion carried.

**Adjutant Report:** Randy Ott – Read report; electronic copy emailed to all leadership.

**Paymaster Report:** Bill Hauser – Read report and amounts; electronic copy has been submitted for the Department website. Rex Hopper motioned to accept, Joel Cartwright seconded, motion carried.

**Chaplain Report:** Provided by Dennis Dressler: there have been **11** Notices of Death received from Detachments and forwarded to National Headquarters. The attached list is based upon date of passing as opposed to when received from the Detachment Chaplain (or Adjutant or Commandant).

**Correspondence of the Department:** None received.

**Report of Officers:**

- Commandant George Hilbish II – Traveling across the state to several Detachments for meetings, attended ceremonies and funerals.
- Sr Vice Commandant John Moysiuk – Covid restrictions are keeping the importance of communications to continue as important. Up and down the chain of command. Discussions have to happen more than 3 times per year.
- Jr Vice Commandant Ed Falter – Recruiting and retention is working, slowly. Keeping in contact is important. Use the internet to find your lost members.
- Judge Advocate Shane Inman – Electronically submitted. Highlights include reviewing Detachment Bylaws and updates to National Bylaws/Administrative Procedures.
- Chaplain Dennis Dressler – Electronically submitted.
- Sergeant-At-Arms Mark Schildknecht – No report.
- Paymaster Bill Hauser – Electronically submitted.
- Adjutant Randy Ott – Updating files since the National Convention. Electronically submitted.
- Jr Past Commandant Bonnie Holden – Meeting this am, report that website needs updating; get info to Bill Hauser accordingly.

**Report of Detachment Commandants:**

- Puget Sound Det. #336: Rick Flath – Present, electronically submitted.
- Tri-Cities Det. #337: Mike Ridgel – Present, electronically submitted.
- Twin Harbors Det. #442: Ron Black – Absent, report submitted.
- Olympia Det. #482: Shane Inman – Present, electronically submitted.
- Pierce County Det. #504: Mike Edwards – Present, electronically submitted.
- Olympic Peninsula Det. #531: LouAnne Harrey – Present, electronically submitted.
- Melvin M Smith Det. #586: Tim Kruse – Represented, electronically submitted.
- Columbia River Det. #826: Henry Lasch – Represented, electronically submitted.
- Mt. St. Helens Det. #889: Glen Esperson – Absent, electronically submitted.
- Mt. Olympus Det. #897: Mark Schildknecht – Present, electronically submitted.
- Skagit Valley Det. #1043: Tommy Watson – Represented, electronically submitted.

- Yakima Kittitas Valley Det. #1055: Nicholas Myers – Present, electronically submitted.
- Cpl Joseph P. Bier Det. #1119: Bonnie Holden – Present, electronically submitted.
- Capt Daniel B. Bartle Det #1335: – Stephen Reese – Absent, electronically submitted.
- Col Richard Francisco #1451: – Robert Gabelein – Absent, electronically submitted.
  - **100% of Detachments reported activities.**

**Report of Standing Committees/Advisory Councils:**

- Americanism – Bonnie Holden – Present, electronically submitted.
- Audit – Bill Hauser – N/A
- Awards – Randy Ott – Present, presented Certificates of Appreciations for Rock 32 Ceremony from Dept. Commandant.

**--Break for Lunch--**

- Budget and Finance – Bill Hauser – N/A
- Bylaws – Shane Inman – Present, National has the newest procedures uploaded online.
- Convention – Commandant – No submissions.
- Credentials – Bill Hauser – N/A
- Detachment Commandants' Council – John Moysiuk – N/A
- Eagle Scouts – Bonnie Holden – Present, report submitted.
- Legislative – Shane Inman – Present, report submitted.
- Marine for Life – Mark Gorman – Training across the country is happening. Report submitted.
- Marine of the Year Society – Ron Black – Nothing to report at this time.
- Membership – Bill Hauser – N/A
- Newsletter – Charles Ames – Absent, report submitted.
- Nominations – Bonnie Holden – N/A
- Past Department Commandants' Council – Bonnie Holden – N/A
- Public Relations Officer – Charles Ames – Absent, report submitted.
- Rock 32 Ceremony – Commandant – Present, report submitted.
- Rules – Shane Inman – N/A
- Toys for Tots – LouAnne Harrey – N/A
- Training Officer – Don Nilson – Absent, no report.
- VAAC Representative – Ron Black – Absent, report submitted.
- VAVS (VA Volunteer Services) – Rex Hopper – Present, report submitted.
- Veterans Service Officer – Vacant.
- Web Sergeant – Bill Hauser – Present, report submitted.
- Young Marines Liaison – Ed Falter – Present, report submitted.

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

**Old Business:** (From April and June Staff Meetings)

- Department Convention "2021" – Spokane was approved to host the 2021 Dept. of Washington Annual Convention. Dates will be June 3-6, 2021 at the Mirabeau Parkway Hotel. Deadline is May 7th for \$10 registration. After that you will have to pay the \$20 late registration fee.

**Update:** Completed.

- John Moysiuk motioned to close the Dept. Homeless Veterans Council for lack of reporting. Seconded by Ron Black. Discussion. Motion carried.

**Update:** Completed and removed from future reports.

- John Stofiel motioned to invite and host NJA TJ Morgan to the Dept Convention. Mark Gorman seconded. Discussion followed. Motion carried.

**Update:** Completed.

- TJ Morgan discussed going electronic for our reports. He motioned to discontinue paper copy reports to move to electronic copies. Dennis Dressler seconds. Discussion followed. Tabled discussion until June Department Convention.

**Update:** June 5th—Discussion brought to the table. Electronic submissions are easily stored and transferable upon request via emails. Size of files and content are an issue to work smarter to share this with Department/Detachment Leadership. Paperless is going to be a work in progress and Det 336 is going to assist this process. Continue after lunch with a brief by Det. 336. which helped everyone to see what can work well for the Department. Discussion followed. Motioned carried. Commandant Hilbish appointed Rick Flath/Mark Gorman to head the committee.

- Commandant reminds us about 2022's convention needs to be hosted. Go back to your Detachment and make this happen.

**Update:** Work in progress. No submissions as of October 2, 2021.

- Dressler motioned to dissolve the Resolutions Committee. Shurtleff seconds. Discussion. Motion carried.

**Update:** Completed and removed from future reports.

- Stofiel motioned to approve the Proposed Budget for 2022. Second by Black. Discussion. Motion carried.

**Update:** Completed.

- Stofiel motioned that the travel fund is to be used by the Department of Washington's Representative to the National convention as a budgeted line item. Second by Cartwright. Discussion. Motion carried.

**Update:** Completed and will be carried out in the future.

- 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.

**Update:** Work in progress. The Detachment which takes on the Dept. Convention will work with the Dept. Commandant/Staff for the planning of the Convention and allow for adjustments to the amount of days that will be utilized for each Convention. Thursday is not a required day, but a travel day.

- Flath 336 motioned that the Department of Washington donates \$1000 to the National Marine Corps League Foundation. Cartwright seconds. Discussion. Motion carried.

**Update:** Completed.

#### **New Business:**

- John Stofiel brought forth a proposed Dept. Bylaw amendment which will be processed and submitted to the body accordingly.

#### **Good of the League:**

- TJ Morgan, Bonnie Holden and John Moysiuk brought forth information from the recent National Convention.

- TJ Morgan shared the topic of how Women Marines are being treated in the MCL and this is being addressed at the National level to better support and appropriately treat them as equals.
- Sponsoring new recruits and families with mail call Gunny Wolf from Semper Toons, website is [www.romans1015.org](http://www.romans1015.org) take this info to your Detachment to support a family.
- 35 to 55 years old to find new MCL Members. Are you ready? Is the new campaign as a new recruitment tool with direction coming soon.
- Bonnie Holden delivered the Department's National Convention Ribbon.
- Use of the chain of command isn't being utilized properly.
- The Atlas program is new and needs attention/follow through.
- NODs to go with Transmittals/PLM audits to National.

**Announcements:**

- 2022 MCL Mid-Winter – Feb 24-26, 2022, Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel, 777 Waterside Dr., Norfolk, VA 23510.
- Department Spring Staff – Apr 1-2, 2022, Oxford Suites, Yakima.
- Department 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention – TBD at a sight TBD.
- 2022 National Convention – Aug 14-20, 2022, Hilton Daytona Beach Oceanfront Hotel, 100 N. Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach, FL 32118.
- 2023 National Convention – Oklahoma City, OK. TBD.

**Total Attendance:**      32 Members present.

**Closing Ceremony:** Closed by Department Commandant

- **Commandant:** "There being no further business, we will proceed to close."
- **Commandant:** "Sergeant-At-Arms, Retire the Colors."
- **Sergeant-At-Arms:** "Aye, Aye Sir." (Hand Salute)
- **Commandant:** "The Chaplain will lead us in prayer."
- **Chaplain:** "Please uncover." (Leads prayer and closes Bible) "Please cover."
- **Commandant:** "Senior Vice Commandant, perform the last duty of your post."
- **Senior Vice Commandant:** "Marines, the Department of Washington thanks you for your attendance, and requests you to secure new members, and further, that you favor us at every future meeting with your presence so far as your circumstances will permit."
- **Commandant:** "Sergeant-At-Arms, declare this meeting of the Department of Washington, Marine Corps League officially closed."
- **Sergeant-At-Arms:** "By authority of the Department of Washington Commandant, Marine Corps League, I declare this meeting officially closed until April 1<sup>st</sup>, when it will reopen for the transaction of official business."

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**\*\*\* ALL REPORTS SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY FOLLOW \*\*\***

**Department Commandant Report  
2021 Fall Staff Report**

I have attended meetings with the following Detachments: Olympia, Olympic Peninsula and Pierce County.

Hosted the 74<sup>th</sup> Annual Marine Memorial Ceremony held in Enumclaw on the 28<sup>th</sup> of August. I want to thank the following Marines who were in attendance: Bonnie Holden, Mark Gorman, Larry Alcantara, Bill Newsom, Lou Anne Harrey, Mike Parker, Jim Golden, Jim Spencer, Steve Paris, Mike Edwards, Frank Thompson and Joel Cartwright. The ceremony was well attended.

I attended the Celebration of Life for Marine David McMaster, a Past Commandant of Capt. Daniel Bartle Detachment #1335. Captain David McMaster was also my Company Executive Officer for Service Company, H&S Bn, MCRD San Diego.

George Hilbish II

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**Jr. Past Commandant Report  
2021 Fall Staff Report**

There will be a meeting at 0830 on October 2, 2021 of the Past Commandants.  
The report will be verbal during the meeting when called to give report.

There will be no recommendations for nominations at this Staff Meeting. That will be announced at the Spring Staff Meeting in April 2022.

Bonnie Holden

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**Sr. Vice Commandant Report  
2021 Fall Staff Report**

Currently, the Department Commandant is operational and active, thus my duties have been minimal.

Nothing else to report.

John "Moose" Moysiuk

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**Jr. Vice Commandant Report  
2021 Fall Staff Report**

Well, we're still fighting the aspects and challenges of our beloved pandemic. OK, perhaps there was a bit of sarcasm in my opening sentence. I hope that most of our Detachments maintained the safety standards set forth by local and state leaders and still managed to have a good time within our ranks. You can't keep good Marines down (much as they may try).

With that said, let's put our best efforts into building a stronger League and reach out to Marines everywhere. One challenge I have encountered is locating some of our PLMs. Some of these Marines have "slid off the radar" over the past few years and we need to find them to see if there are any needs the League can handle or, perhaps, to find out if they have joined the Supreme Commandant and we were not notified. Do your best to maintain communications with your members and seek those that have yet to join our ranks.

We are "The Few, the Proud, the Marines".

Ed Falter

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**Chaplain Report  
2021 Fall Staff Report**

Although most Covid restrictions were lifted in late July, they are still in place for volunteering at the VA Medical Center. Additionally, Chaplains have not yet been allowed back at the Washington State Veterans Cemetery. In June, I officiated at a Wedding Vows Recommitment Ceremony. Recently, I swapped positions with my Detachment's VAVS Representative. I attended our quarterly meeting via Zoom as we are still under Covid restrictions.

Since the close of the Department Convention, I have processed all Death Notices that have been provided from the Detachments. Most submissions were of members who were recently submitted were found to have not been previously submitted (\*\*). The following are those notices that were received since Department Convention:

Robert Fletcher **	1/1/2015	Skagit Valley
Richard Crossley **	6/20/2007	Skagit Valley
John Barberi **	7/30/2021	Skagit Valley
Jerome "Jerry" Wachsmuth **	7/30/2021	Skagit Valley
James Perin **	7/30/2021	Skagit Valley
Clare Brockman **	7/30/2021	Skagit Valley
Bruce Emmons	7/30/2021	Skagit Valley
Arthur Langdon	7/30/2021	Skagit Valley
Ann Whitney	8/16/2021	Melvin M. Smith
Alvin Parker	9/17/2021	Melvin M. Smith
Robert Greer	9/28/2021	Melvin M. Smith

Respectively submitted,

*Dennis*

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**Adjutant Report  
2021 Fall Staff Report**

Below is the SOS and 990 list of Department and Detachments filing dates. Depending on listed tax year, all units are current on their filings.

**Washington Secretary of State Info:** As of September 8, 2021

Secretary of State Corporations Division  
801 Capitol Way South  
PO Box 40234  
Olympia, WA 98504-0234  
360-725-0377  
<http://www.sos.wa.gov/corps/search.aspx>

	<b>UBI #</b>	<b>INCORP</b>	<b>FILED</b>
Dept. of WA	601587317	051047	2021 Due in March
Puget Sound #336	602917923	042309	2021 Due in May
Tri-Cities #337	602119092	032601	2019 Dissolved, needs reinstatement
Twin Harbors #442	601830219	102583	2021 Due in July
Olympia #482	602148515	082701	2021 Due in July
Pierce County #504	603011122	070797	2013 Dissolved, needs reinstatement
Olympic Peninsula #531	602992577	022810	2021 Due in September
Melvin M. Smith #586	601309349	032791	2020 Due in March
Columbia River #826	601492208	090393	2020 Due in August
Mt. St. Helen's #889	601589728	112194	2020 Due in November
Mt. Olympus #897	601974685	081799	2021 Due in July
Skagit Valley Det. #1043	602005244	011000	2020 Due in December
Yakima-Kittitas Valley #1055	602072701	092500	2021 Due in August
Cpl Joseph P. Bier #1119	602240331	100702	2020 Due in September
Capt Daniel B. Bartle Det #1335	602952869	090909	2020 Due in August
Col Richard Francisco #1451	604143319	062717	2021 Due in April

**Internal Revenue Service Info:**

	<b>EIN</b>	<b>TAX YR</b>	<b>FILED</b>
Dept. of WA	91-0533364	01/01-12/31	2020
Puget Sound #336	91-1435694	07/01-06/30	2019
Tri-Cities #337	91-6087173	09/01-08/31	2019
Twin Harbors #442	91-2053273	07/01-06/30	2019
Olympia #482	91-2143220	07/01-06/30	2019
Pierce County #504	91-1824633	07/01-06/30	2019
Olympic Peninsula #531	91-1285018	07/01-06/30	2019
Melvin M. Smith #586	91-1890134	07/01-06/30	2019
Columbia River #826	91-1647649	07/01-06/30	2019
Mt. St. Helen's #889	91-1650015	07/01-06/30	2020
Mt. Olympus #897	91-2058115	07/01-06/30	2019
Skagit Valley Det. #1043	91-2016335	07/01-06/30	2020
Yakima-Kittitas Valley #1055	91-2049201	07/01-06/30	2019
Cpl Joseph P Bier #1119	47-0890445	07/01-06/30	2019
Capt Daniel B. Bartle Det #1335	80-0463568	07/01-06/30	2019
Col Richard Francisco #1451	82-2027836	07/01-06/30	2019

ROIs are due to the Department within two weeks of installation. Please ensure a copy is sent accordingly. An electronic copy is fine so that I may update files and send a copy onto National. Using the current form is the best because it will adjust to your information. Please ensure you are fully completing the form. Missing information only delays the process. Thank you in advance.

Randy Ott Jr.

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**Judge Advocate Report  
2021 Fall Staff Report**

There are no pending Chapter Nines currently in the Department.

To date I have not reviewed any Detachment By-Laws.

With the COVID Pandemic of 2020 we have all been forced to adapt our lifestyle, actions, interactions, and pretty much everything in our lives. 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, I suggest you 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.

Shane Inman

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**Paymaster Report  
2021 Fall Staff Report**

When emailing the Department Paymaster use [bhauser1952@msn.com](mailto:bhauser1952@msn.com). The old Gmail address is no longer used. If you need to call me please leave a message so that I can get back to you. I don't answer numbers that I don't recognize.

National is aware of issues with the recent Detachment rosters. They have been working on fixing the problems. National sent out a new roster on 06/30/2021. If you still have errors on your roster document them and email them to [jfoster@mcleague.org](mailto:jfoster@mcleague.org). I'm 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. If you need help with access to the database, contact me, by email and I will help you get into 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.

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 Detachments.

Bill Hauser

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## **Puget Sound Detachment 336 2021 Fall Staff Report**

**Membership** – Detachment membership since the Spring meeting has continued to grow due to the capabilities from online registration off our website along with recruiting efforts. We added a total of 2 new members since Spring Department meeting in April. Still need to identify a new Jr Vice Commandant and Judge Advocate, however with new members we hope to fill those positions by the end of year. Members - 44 Regular and 2 Auxiliary for a total of 46 members

**Marine Corps Birthday** – For 2021 we will be partnering with the Marine Support Group of Seattle to hold our MC Birthday on Saturday 11/6 at the Renton Technical College from 12 – 3 pm

**Marine for Life** – Starting in October 2021 F2F events will start happening again as we've been on hold w/Covid.

**Toys for Tots** – We had Gunny Chapman attend our September MCL meeting and provide guidance for 2021 T4T and this year the Detachment is geared up to support 100 T4T boxes with 60 being driven by AVA in partnership with MCL Puget Sound Detachment and 40 directly by us

**Pistol & Rifle Competition** – Detachment events is being held on September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**Marine Rose Program** – Detachment conducted two Rose programs at Home Depot and Lowes on Saturday July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021, with over Total \$2111.57. The Detachment was scheduled to run two/three events for Labor Day but were cancelled due to Covid restriction by the hosting companies. We are hoping to run two to three events during Veterans Day on Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup> if we are able and Covid does not impact them.

**Deputy VAWS** – From September of 2020 – August 1, 2021 we have a total of 542 volunteer hours.

### **Honor Guard –**

Leatherneck Honor Guard – March 2021 - August 2021

40 Committal Services at Tahoma National Cemetery \*(+10)

6 Operating with voluntary pandemic staffing (+1)

260 Hours VA voluntary service (+33%)

### **Special Announcements – N/A**

For various reasons veterans are committed without military honors at an average of 35-40 veterans monthly. Each month, on the second Saturday, Honor Guard's of the Tahoma National Cemetery Support Group rotate the Second Saturday duty performing military honors for this group. Due to COVID-19, and both DoD and Washington State restrictions on public gatherings, created an additional backlog of 475 comrades.

On the 20th Anniversary of 9/11, a National date of Remembrance and Service, the Leatherneck Honor Guard will provide military honors for 200 comrades. The Leatherneck Honor Guard are grateful we may be of service to others by providing honors to our fallen comrades in arms on this most auspicious occasion.

Our Regular Duty Day is the Third Tuesday of each month, September 21, 2021. Additionally, the Second Saturday Honor Guard must provide the “Chaplain only” support for the National Guard on the Fourth Wednesday, September 22, 2021. No Rifle Team needs to report for duty on this date.

This protocol is setup this way because the Fourth Wednesday is the Tahoma National Cemetery Support Group monthly meeting, and all Commanders are required to attend. On the Fourth Wednesday, the National Guard is assigned as their Regular Duty Day rendering military honors. However, the National Guard does not have a Chaplain, so the Honor Guard assigned Second Saturday duty is designated to provide “Chaplain only” support.

**Golf Committee** - N/A

**Legislative** – N/A

**Quartermaster and Historian** – N/A

**Eagle Scout** – N/A due to Covid-19

**Fallen Marine** – N/A

**Detachment Facebook Page –**

760	Followers – 336 Detachment page (+12)
133	Page Reach past 30 days (-28)
194	Followers – Honor Guard page (+49)
261	Page Reach past 30 days (-24)

**Totals – Detachment & Honor Guard Pages Combined**

954	Followers (+61)
	Reach past 30 days (-52)

**PAO/Web Sgt/Historian** the Public Affairs of the Detachment uses the Detachment’s website and social media to update members, potential members, and interested public on the activities of the Detachment. All numbers in every aspect have grown throughout the year in the number of visitors, followers, and interaction. The website is a work of constant improvement, while social media is used to direct the public to the website for information on the Detachment. The goal of the Detachment’s website is to be a model for other Detachments in regard to displaying information for members, potential members, and the public-at-large.

**Website**

- a. <http://www.pugetsoundmarines.org/>
- b. Implemented new payment system for new memberships and renewals that has reduced time to collect dues and as a convenience for members to pay.
- c. Unique visitor traffic in 2021 has increased from January 2021 nearly every month, ranging from 1,694 visits in January 2021 to 3,143 visits in August 2021. The number of visits grew from 2,971 in January 2021 to 6,320 visits in August 2021.

- d. Updated and improved member-only access to Detachment documents
- e. The website has been developed to be mobile device friendly, particularly to enable easier access for donations via a smartphone, and access to member information (calendar, documents, etc....)

**Social Media**

Twitter

- a. <https://twitter.com/MCL336>
- b. Twitter has been maintained with a strong following of legitimate accounts and verified Twitter accounts.
- c. 236 following. 1,426 followers 2 of 3 Brett Shavers

LinkedIn

- a. <https://www.linkedin.com/in/mclDetachment336/>
- b. The Detachment LinkedIn account grows constantly with requests for new connections. There have been sporadic questions on membership fielded throughout 2020-2021.
- c. 500+ connections. 754 followers

**Historical records**

Efforts are ongoing with archival of the Detachment’s historical records to be accessible by Detachment members. The archival process involves scanning physical documents into PDFs and uploading to a searchable, online database. Currently, scanning has not been completed for all collected records, but anticipated to be completed and readied for member online access in 2022

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**Tri-Cities Detachment 337  
2021 Fall Staff Report**

We have moved our meeting location from the Kiwanis Building in Kennewick to the American Legion Glen M. Sickels Post 34 building in Pasco.

National & Department Annual dues have been submitted.

We continue to hold monthly meetings.

Our operational objectives are to focus on fundraising and recruitment of new active members.

Adjutant/Paymaster

Sean Edler

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**Twin Harbors Detachment 442**  
**2021 Fall Staff Report**

Twin Harbors Detachment 442 has been able to hold monthly meetings in both Aberdeen and Raymond WA, but attendance has dropped off some due to Covid concerns from members who cannot or have not yet received their vaccination. Pacific and Grays Harbor Counties have both seen high increases in covid infections and public access to business and public activities is again limited to pre-summer conditions.

Our membership has gained 2 new members this quarter, both are Vietnam veterans and we look forward to their participation. Our Detachment now consists mostly of Vietnam veterans, our attempts to attract younger Marines under has been difficult, those few who have joined the Detachment more often than not they feel they have little in common with the Marines many years their senior then drop their membership.

Twin Harbors 442 has reviewed some of our past and present community and veteran support activities, we are committed to have a better public presence and to look for more ways to support veterans and families.

In our Prayers, Twin Harbors Det. 442 has been blessed with Marines who served in Korea and that era, two are some of the Chosen Few, both are suffering failing health and the hardship that comes with aging, we ask for your prayers and support for them and others in our Dept. of WA. MCL family who are facing hardships.

Ron Black Sr.

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**Olympia Detachment 482**  
**2021 Fall Staff Report**

Olympia Detachment have joined two new members that were sworn in.

Continue to reach out to our members who are not attending due to health or Covid concerns.

We have a MAL who has also decided to hang his hat at our Detachment.

Detachment is adding the Square for credit card payments to advance into the new technology world so we can take payments online.

Shane Inman

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**Pierce County Detachment 504  
2021 Fall Staff Report**

Since the meeting in Department Convention the following has occurred:

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 "Rock" Ceremony was held on August 28<sup>th</sup>, LtCol Eric Henzler USMC of the I&I Staff of CLB-23 JBLM, was the guest speaker. The Color Guard was provided by CLB-23 and the Rifle Detail was provided by the Security Battalion from Bangor. The Puget Sound, Pierce County, Olympic Peninsula, Skagit Valley and Cpl Joseph P Bier Detachments had members in attendance. The Seattle Young Marines unit helped out with the laying of the roses. Next year's ceremony will be on the 27th of August.

We have awarded 1 Eagle Scout his Good Citizenship certificate.

We are gearing up for this year's Toys for Tots campaign and planning our Marine Corps Birthday Ball.

Mike Edwards

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## **Olympic Peninsula Detachment 531 2021 Fall Staff Report**

### **June 2021**

- Detachment 531's monthly Business Meeting was conducted on June 2, 2021, at VFW Post 2669 in Port Orchard, WA.
- Detachment 531 Commandant, LouAnne Harrey, attended the Department of Washington Convention in Spokane Valley, WA.
- Detachment 531 held a Detachment salmon fishing trip out of Westport, WA. A good time was had by all.
- Detachment 531's registration as a non-profit organization with the Washington State Office of the Secretary of State (SOS) was determined to be expired. However, we were within the reinstatement period. Reinstatement has been accomplished and we are good to go with the SOS until next year.
- The Leatherneck Honor Guard, comprised of Marines from Detachments 531 and 336, performed Honor Guard duties at Tahoma National Cemetery.
- Four Marines of the Leatherneck Honor Guard provided honors on Squaxin Island for an Air Force Veteran who was a member of the Squaxin Island Tribe. The family was most appreciative and volunteered a \$200.00 donation, which was applied towards the cost of repairs to our M-1 ceremonial rifles.

### **July 2021**

- Detachment 531's monthly Business Meeting was conducted on July 7, 2021, at VFW Post 2669 in Port Orchard, WA. The Department of Washington Commandant, George Hilbish II, was a distinguished visitor at that meeting.
- Several Detachment Marines attended Armed Forces Day at the Tacoma Rainiers AAA baseball game on July 17, 2021.
- The Leatherneck Honor Guard, composed of Marines from Detachments 531 and 336, performed Honor Guard duties at Tahoma National Cemetery.
- The Detachment 531 Armorer, Jim Wright, reported that the restoration work that he had been doing on our M-1 ceremonial rifles is complete. We now have 14 serviceable rifles available to the Leatherneck Honor Guard. Jim is working with U.S. Army TACCOM on surveying the 15<sup>th</sup> rifle, which cannot be restored to serviceable conditions.

### **August 2021**

- Detachment 531's monthly Business Meeting was conducted on August 4, 2021, at VFW Post 2669 in Port Orchard, WA.
- Detachment 531 Commandant, LouAnne Harrey, attended the Marine Corps League National Convention in Springfield, IL. She was promoted to Pedigree Devil Dog at the Military Order of Devil Dogs Supreme Growl.

#### **Detachment 531. Received an increase of Membership National Award.**

- August 17, 2021, the Leatherneck Honor Guard, composed of Marines from Detachments 531 and 336, performed Honor Guard duties at Tahoma National Cemetery.
- The Detachment 531 Monthly Breakfast occurred on August 19<sup>th</sup> at All-Star Lanes in Silverdale, WA.

- Detachment 531 Commandant, LouAnne Harrey; Judge Advocate, Mike Parker; and Past Commandant, Harry Tachell attended the “Rock Ceremony” in Enumclaw, WA on August 28, 2021.

**September 2021**

- Detachment 531’s monthly Business Meeting was conducted on September 2, 2021, at VFW Post 2669 in Port Orchard, WA.
- The Leatherneck Honor Guard provided rifle salute honors for two 9/11 ceremonies at Tahoma National Cemetery on September 11, 2021. Provided Honors for 200 Veterans.
- The Detachment 531 Monthly Breakfast occurred on September 16<sup>th</sup> at All-Star Lanes in Silverdale, WA.
- The Detachment 531 Judge Advocate, Mike Parker, led a working party to help prepare military surplus item kits that will be distributed to homeless Veterans by the Kitsap County Veterans Advisory Board.
- On September 18, 2021, Detachment 531 Marines participated in a Fun Shoot at one of our Marine’s properties in Belfair, WA.
- On September 21, 2021, the Leatherneck Honor Guard, composed of Marines from Detachments 531 and 336, performed Honor Guard duties at Tahoma National Cemetery. Interred 10 Veterans.
- On September 22, 2021, the Leatherneck Honor Guard, composed of Marines from Detachments 531 and 336, performed Honor Guard duties at Tahoma National Cemetery. Provided Chaplain Service for 8 Veterans.
- On September 23, 2021, Detachment 531 Marines attended a memorial service for Dottie Tachell, the late wife of our Past Commandant, Harry Tachell.
- On September 23, 2021, Commandant Lou Anne Harrey sat in on the Commandants’ Corner with fellow Marines of the League and discussed recruitment and retention. There were 67 members in the Zoom Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

LouAnne Harrey

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## Melvin M. Smith Detachment 586 2021 Fall Staff Report

With great pride and joy, I submit our Detachment's activities since June 2021:

- Our Honor Guard continues to render honors for our Fallen Marines/Corpsmen as we can per Covid-19 restrictions. We continue to support "P" Battery with their firing details as their training schedule limits their availability at times.
- For the past five years, we have held a rifle raffle at the local gun shows with tremendous success. The next winning number is on hold due to the Covid-19 restrictions.
- The Spokane County Young Marines have been busy with online training throughout the Covid-19 Restrictions. They continue to grow and have events as they recently completed qualifications for new candidates and held a 9-11 remembrance breakfast for First responders and the 20-year anniversary.
- Some of our volunteers at the Mann/Grandstaff VA Hospital have been assisting as much as they can under current restrictions. Sadly, our monthly Bingo night is on permanent hold.
- Everyone who attended the Spokane 74<sup>th</sup> Department of Washington's Annual Convention reported that they enjoyed themselves immensely at the Mirabeau Park Hotel June 3-6, 2021. Thank you everyone who drove from across the great state to be here and celebrate with us. This year's fund raising at the Convention/Pack Growl netted \$1250 for the Isaac Foundation. This charity helps families with children with Autism. (See story under Convention)



Pictured left to right: DD Carl Schauppner, PDD Tim Kruse, Andrea, Holly, PDD Manny Esparza, DD Guillermo Zaragoza, PDD Randy Ott in front of the Isaac Foundation.

The story behind the picture is shared in the Department Convention section.

This concludes our report of activities.

Tim Kruse

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**Columbia River Detachment 826**  
**2021 Fall Staff Report**

From June - September 2021 we maintained contact with our members via the telephones, emails, Facebook, our website and our regular monthly meetings keeping our members in the know with the information flow from our National and Department Commandant.

JUNE JULY AUGUST SEPT MBRSP: 80 REG 2 UNPAID 29 PAID + PLM 49 = 78 PD -1 ASSOC. = 77 VOTING MEMBERS = 6 VOTING DELEGATES.

We have a dinner 1700/meeting 1830 on the 3rd Friday of each month @AL Smith-Reynolds Post 14 Vancouver, WA We have several members in various stages of poor health and many not able to travel in the evening hours. The main topics of our last three gatherings has been on recruiting new memberships, with many ideas both old and new being presented.

Our Adjutant read a Meritorious Commendation presented to Marine Rex Hopper from the Department of WA Commandant, who also recognized our Detachment with Commendation certificate in sincere gratitude for the incredible actions within our community throughout this past year.

Attended excellent Memorial for Past Dept. Commandant John Witham MSgt USMC (Ret) 21 Dec 1940~16 Jan 2021 Charter Member CRD826MCL and the Mt St Helens Detachment in Kelso/Longview.

Large Thanks & Appreciation goes to Lewis & Clark Pound #286 MODD Pup Toby Clairmont and his bride Susan for hosting our annual Devil Dog Picnic where we had 40+ members of our Corps Family make an appearance.

Recently attend a change of command ceremony wherein the Recruiting Station Portland received a new Commanding Officer Maj. Mathew Krempel a highly motivated infantry officer who grabbed up his SgtMaj and joined us at our DD Picnic.

Never to be forgotten ceremony we have joined with the SW Washington Patriot Guards and families of our Clark County fallen from Iraq/Afghanistan on the anniversary of the day they were taken from us. We had members at the Patriots Day Ceremony-Sat, September 11, 2021, Vancouver Waterfront-9am-in partnership with the City of Vancouver where our Lewis & Clark YM's participated in the ceremonies. A very moving and solemn remembrance.

The Detachment donated in support of our annual Rock 32 Marine Memorial Ceremony.

Lewis & Clark Young Marines –

Participated in the Ft. Vancouver Memorial Day event, posting of flags on the graves at Willamette National Cemetery. They also planted flags at the Old Town Cemetery, where many of those interred their go back to Civil War times; Our YM's are now meeting consistently every Thurs night (2hrs) & the 1st & 3rd Sat of each month; our new YM Recruit class (80721) started up on August 7th. Several of our YM's attended the National Leadership School at Camp Rilea on the Oregon Coast, and a couple of them receiving honors.

Pending Activities:

6 November Annual Veterans Day Parade.

10 November RS-Portland Marine Corps Ball / Detachment Corps Brunch at Cascade Bar & Grill.

13 Detachment Marine Corps Birthday Party.

20 November 6<sup>th</sup> ESB I&I and Reserve Marine Corps Birthday ball.

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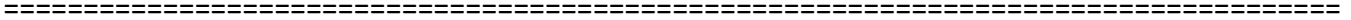
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**Mt. St. Helens Detachment 889  
2021 Fall Staff Report**

In the last six months the Mt. St. Helen's Detachment 889 has been holding our monthly meetings. We also did our election of officers. Our installation of officers was done in April by my chaplain Ben Lopez.

In July we did honor guard for our member, John Witham, who had passed away in January of 2021.

Commandant  
Glen E. Espersen



## Mount Olympus Detachment 897 2021 Fall Staff Report



The above picture is an illustration of the Detachment entry in the Forks Old Fashioned 4th of July parade. The track vehicle was built by a hand- full of dedicated Detachment members. Being towed is the transport trailer, decorated and being ridden in by twelve Detachment members. For the second year in a row our entry took home another first place blue ribbon.

The following month our Detachment parade entry took part in the Joyce Days Wild Blackberry Festival parade held on August 7th, 2021. Once again, we received another first place blue ribbon. Residents on the North Olympic Peninsula are well aware of our presence in the community.

The Sprint Boat races are back again this year. On July 24th the first of two scheduled races was held at Extreme Sports Park in Port Angeles. Detachment members volunteer to do security at the gates and for our efforts the race committee awarded the Detachment a generous donation. The next race at the Park is on September 11th, 2021.

The 2021 Marine Corps League Department of Washington State Convention was held in Spokane, Washington this past June. At the Grand Banquet the Department Marine of the Year was announced. This honor and distinction was awarded to our very own Kathy Nicholls, our Detachment paymaster. Congratulations Kathy on the long overdue and well-deserved honor.

On the last Friday of each month a bell ringing ceremony takes place at Veterans Park in Port Angeles. The names of those veterans who have passed away the previous month in Clallam County are read aloud and a replica of the Liberty Bell is struck once. The Detachment honor guard provides a rifle salute and the playing of taps. A piper then plays Amazing Grace on the bagpipes.

Prior to the Covid pandemic the Detachment honor guard was usually kept busy providing final military honors to local veterans who have passed on and answered the final roll call. The pandemic however has postponed the honors until such time that it becomes safer.



This report is respectfully submitted by the Commandant of the Mount Olympus Detachment 897 of the Marine Corps League.

Mark Schildknecht

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**Skagit Valley Detachment 1043  
2021 Fall Staff Report**

The Skagit Valley Detachment 1043 has been active in the past few months since the Convention in June:

- The 4th of July Parade in Anacortes, driving 2 vehicles belonging to one of our Associate Members: a restored USMC Korean War Era Willys Jeep that previously belonged to a deceased member and a second Jeep from the Vietnam War Era.
- We had a Marine participate in the Rock Ceremony in August honoring the 32 Marines who died on Mount Rainier.
- We sponsored a hole in the Boys and Girls Club of Skagit County's Annual Golf Tournament in honor of Marine Randy Pepper who passed away earlier this year.
- We awarded a scholarship to the granddaughter of a Past Commandant, Lee Schuirman. We have several upcoming events we are looking forward to as well:
- We will be holding our Birthday Ball at the Skagit Valley Casino on November 6th. This year we are partnered with the Capt. Daniel B. Bartle Detachment 1335 in Bellingham.
- We will be participating in the Veterans Day Parade in Burlington. - And we hope to be able to continue Toys for Tots.

Congratulations to our 2021 Marine of the Year, Steven Blasdell! Thank you and Semper Fi!

For the Commandant,

Joel Cartwright

Adjutant

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**Yakima-Kittitas Detachment 1055  
2021 Fall Staff Report**

Current Detachment strength is 23 regular members, 3 associate members, and 15 Permanent Life members. Information about the Detachment can be found on our website: [www.mclyakima.com](http://www.mclyakima.com) or our Facebook page.

Activities have been limited due to the current pandemic. The Detachment has held 3 monthly meetings since June. There have been no funeral honor details or Eagle Scout ceremonies. The Detachment provided a color guard to lead the Selah Homecoming parade on September 29.

Preparations are currently underway for the Veterans Stand Down on October 23 for which the Detachment donated \$100.00 and the annual Veterans Day ceremony at Sarg Hubbard Park on Nov. 11.

Ed Falter

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**Cpl Joseph P. Bier Detachment 1119  
2021 Fall Staff Report**

Since June 2021 the Detachment has done the following:

We are again resuming our meeting in the evening which will allow more members to attend. Meeting will be at 1900 the last Monday of each month.

Over the last 18 months we had to have them at 1700 due to the American Legion where they were held was closing at 1800. They resumed their hours till 2000 on September 1, 2021. We are in hopes that we will get more members to attend.

Our Young Marines are once again reduced to Zoom meetings as the COVID 19 in Lewis-Thurston County soars once again. We are doing as much training as possible.

Our Auxiliary will be joining as Associates in September 2021 as there are not enough members to keep the Auxiliary in force.

We are looking forward to the Veteran's Day Service at the Grand Mound Cemetery on November 11, 2021. We have decided that if we cannot get enough members together for a Marine Birthday Dinner we will have the members that can come and feel safe enough to come to attend a small gathering for the reading of the Commandant's Message, Cake ceremony and singing of the Marines Hymn.

We will begin our campaign for Toys for Tots on November 1, 2021. We have already had some community members inquiry into our program this year and our willing to help.

Bonnie Holden

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**Capt Daniel B. Bartle Detachment 1335  
2021 Fall Staff Report**

On September 10 we attended David "Mac" McMaster's funeral Mass and internment.  
On September 11 we supported Mac's wife Betty as we held his Celebration of Life.  
Our Department Commandant was in attendance.

Our Detachment has 35 Members and Family who will be attending the celebration of our Corps' 246th birthday held at Skagit Casino.

Stephen Reese

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**Col Richard Francisco Detachment 1451  
2021 Fall Staff Report**

Sept 2021

May, meeting held and no activities scheduled

June, meeting held no activities.

July, meeting held honor guard for parade at county fair.

August, meeting held no activities.

Sept, meeting held no activities.

Oct, funeral detail scheduled for the 9<sup>th</sup> for navy veteran.

It's been a slow year getting people back to meetings from the covid. We are working on recruiting and community involvement. We are contacting a local veteran's resource center to render any aid for them.

Bob Gabelein

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**Americanism  
Bonnie Holden**

We had Detachments submit folders at the National Convention in Springfield, IL and those awards will be announced at the Mid-Winter MCL Conference in February 2022.

Bonnie Holden

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**Audit  
Bill Hauser**

Not Applicable at this time.

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**Awards  
Randy Ott**

A reminder to all Detachments that your members are eligible for many MCL individual awards for their work at the discretion of your Commandant.

Department & National level awards are available if requested/submitted by the Detachment. Follow the Awards checklist/application for approval.

I am always available for questions and ideas for awards. All volunteers should be given at least a pat on the back after all that they do for your Detachment.

Randy Ott

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**Budget and Finance  
Bill Hauser**

Not Applicable at this time.

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**Bylaws  
Shane Inman**

Not Applicable at this time.

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**Convention  
Commandant**

This story starts because I had something in my pocket as a token from the weekend's event. Because of the event happening next to our venue, an idea popped into my head to start a bidding war. At the event next door there was an auctioneer spinning her trade to raise money for a local charity. I have a dollar looking for 2. TWO! Two looking for 5. FIVE! To my pleasant and shocked surprise, two of the attendees got in a bidding war which stopped at \$500. All of this happened during the banquet for the Department of Washington's Annual Convention on June 5, 2021 in Spokane Valley, WA. The entire evening turned into a serendipitous adventure.

Upon delivering the money raised for the Isaac Foundation, we were greeted by Andrea, Anna and Holly, the founder and Isaac's mom. We shared the story of how the money was raised. I had known the Isaac Foundation from my time as a Special Education Teacher at Lewis & Clark High School. Several of my students and their families were supported by the Foundation and some of them had even been a part of their fund-raising calendars. As we chatted about those students and the reason for our choosing them, I gave Holly the very emblem which was in my pocket that evening. The gift was a stained-glass ornament of the United States Marine Corps Eagle Globe and Anchor.

This brought tears to her eyes as her Aunt Betty was a WWII Marine. That's when the circle of all the things we do in life shared how connected we are without knowing it. Aunt Betty Guillot was a member of our Detachment for many years and had passed away over 2 years ago. She was an incredible lady and great friend to many of us. In fact, our Honor Guard was there to render her final salute. Holly and I were connected more than being at the funeral and working at Lewis and Clark. The reason for selecting the Isaac Foundation was because Andrea hosted a paint night at the Convention on Friday night. She told us about what they do and I shared that I had worked with several of their children and families.

Each year at the Convention, a local charity is selected by the host Detachment/Pound to receive a donation on behalf of our membership. Since the committee hadn't made a selection, we discussed and approved the Foundation. The selection was also presented to the Washington Pack, Military Order of the Devil Dogs, Inc. at our Pack Grand Growl. The Washington Dogs approved \$500 for the Foundation. The attendee who was outbid, decided to make a donation to the Foundation as well. Since the ornament went for \$500, they donated \$250. This surprise was beyond my wildest expectations for the weekend. Yet, it wasn't over as the winner of the ornament decided to give it back to me because it was a gift from my dear friend and mentor, Hank Melanson. He passed away just before Betty.

We decorated the cake with it as the centerpiece for the event. That ornament was cleaned and given back to me by the banquet staff and I placed it in my pocket without thinking. As my wife told me at the end of that evening, life is full of serendipity when you have a giving heart. In giving the ornament to Holly and the Foundation, I was bringing the story full circle to how small this world is and how connected we are without ever knowing it until today. This donation will touch many more lives than any of us know.

Randy Ott

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**Credentials  
Bill Hauser**

Not Applicable at this time.

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**Detachment Commandants' Council  
John Moysiuk**

Not Applicable at this time.

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**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 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 on the Department Roster. You can call me if you have questions. But a written report can either be mailed or emailed and is needed.

Bonnie Holden

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**Legislative  
Shane Inman**

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.

Our primary mission is to review all bills in either the House or the Senate, seeking clarifying guidance from the Washington State VA representative, and having substantial inferences related to veterans and their families. Then as a group we decide how to respond.

Examples include:

Letters to the bill creator in support or possible amendments to the bill by the chairman on behalf of the VLC.  
Appearing in person (zoom during covid times)  
or just signing in support on the legislative website.

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.

Meetings of the VLC are beginning in preparation of the upcoming legislative session.

My experience with the Senators and Representatives so far has been supportive and understanding. They as well as the VLC strives to do the best for our veterans.

Dues for membership in the VLC request is attached to report.  
This completes my report as written.

Shane Inman

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**Marine for Life  
Mark Gorman**

I have met all the western Marines and all are getting back with face-to-face networks. As for our Seattle representative, we have moved it to Skuttle Butt Brew in Everett. Vet tribe is covering the peninsula. The hire heroes is covering Tacoma and Ft. Lewis. Spokane will be on-board soon.

Mark Gorman

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**Marine of the Year Society  
Ronald Black Sr**

I am the new Society President after stepping into Moose's big shoes after the Department Convention. We awarded our newest Dept. MOY with her Rock 32 Medallion and WA Plaque. Congratulations again to Kathy Nichols from the Mt. Olympus #897 Detachment! We had some good write-ups for the awards.

Our forms will be sent to the Detachments in Dec/Jan so standby to recommend your deserving volunteers. Please follow the instructions because we have had to turn down nominations for non-compliance.

Ronald Black Sr.

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**Membership  
Bill Hauser**

Not Applicable at this time.

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**Newsletter  
Charles Ames**

As Washington Department Public Affairs Officer...

- have distributed two newsletters in the last 12 months, another forthcoming.
- edit monthly veterans' benefits column for The Suburban Times, supplementing WA newsletter.
- deployed prototype media campaign of Grant Co. to recruit and expand.
- submitted Department-wide Det mtg schedule to Webmaster for calendar.
- also achieved Veteran Service Officer certification.

Charles Ames  
WA Dept. PIO  
253)304.4415

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**Nominations  
Bonnie Holden**

Nothing to report at this time.

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**Past Department Commandants' Council  
Bonnie Holden**

Nothing to report at this time.

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**Public Relations Officer  
Charles Ames**

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**Rock 32 Ceremony  
Commandant**

Awarded Certificates of Appreciation to members who dedicated their time and efforts at the Rock 32 Ceremony. Those members were: Bonnie Holden, Mark Gorman, LouAnne Harrey, Jim Golden, Joel Cartwright and Detachment 336, 531, 1119 and 826.

Donations were gladly accepted by 504 Detachment and Bonnie Holden as the expenses went up due to Covid-19. CLB-23 supported the event with the Rifle Detail.

George Hilbish II

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**Rules  
Shane Inman**

Nothing to report at this time.

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**Toys for Tots  
LouAnne Harrey**

Nothing to report at this time but we are coming into the big Toys Season. Good luck!

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**Training Officer  
Don Nilson**

Nothing to report at this time.

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**VAAC Representative  
Ronald Black Sr**

Pandemic Covid 19 safety guidelines still in effect during this quarter-business conducted via Zoom online meetings

The VAAC continues to support the WA. Dept. of Veterans Affairs programs especially those of immediate concern to our homeless veterans and those who suffer from addiction. The department of Veterans affairs rely on the 17 member VAAC members for input on how to better improve on assisting veterans and families across WA. And at the community level. The VAAC is committed to find and support ways to improve the lives of Veterans and Families.

Of recent concern is the decision made by the VA Puget Sound Health Care System to close the veteran's clinic in Chehalis WA. There has been much criticism from veterans and families about how the VA South Sound Health Care System decided to close the facility which is used by as many as 3,500 veterans.

Town Hall Meeting with VAAC, WDVA and administrators of the VA Puget Sound Health Care

An online Zoom Town Hall meeting was hosted by the VAAC and WDVA to invite veterans to have opportunity to ask questions regarding services and policies of the WA. Veterans Administration Puget Sound Health Care Representatives.

Topic Lack of Timely Access to Community Health Care referrals and authorization and not being able to phone departments regarding a veteran health care issue

Response: The VA Health Care representatives said they are well aware of the problem and it appeared by their response they had heard loud and clear from veterans and veteran families in WA. State who feel their access to timely care, ability to get talk to a live person on the phone and to get approval from the VA to schedule and go to a community care provider has been drastically limited over the past year or longer.

The Pandemic and the Governor's Covid response policies has affected the VA Medical System much like the Community Medical Services. Much was focused on the lack of trained people to answer phone calls regarding community care referral/authorizations, there was acknowledgment that the current issues are not acceptable and a commitment /pledge was made that appointments at VA Health Care Facilities and better quicker approval for community care would be improved and some improvements were being implemented at the time of this meeting with VA Health Care Representatives.

Closing Of - Veterans Community Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC) Chehalis, WA.

Question: There were questions ask of the VA Health Care Representatives regarding the proposed closing of the CBOC in Chehalis WA.

Response: At this time there has been no final decision made regarding the closing of the Chehalis CBOC

Note: (within 2 weeks following this response, the veterans who obtain care at the Chehalis CBOC began receiving mailed notice of closure and transfer to Olympia CBOC)

Reply to VA Reps at Meeting by: MCL VAAC member Ron Black

The closing of the CBOC in Chehalis WA. Would adversely impact veterans who live in Grays Harbor, Lewis Counties and more so veterans residing in Pacific County WA.

Those veterans who live in more rural areas within these counties have little to no access to any VA Approved Community Care Medical Providers. The transfer of approximately 3,500 veterans who reside in these counties would suffer longer drive distance, increased fuel expense and veterans who rely on family to drive them to and from VA medical appointments will become all the more difficult. Elder Veterans and those who have chronic service related and non-service related health care problems will be most adversely effected

Response by VA Health Care regarding statement of concerns of MCL / VAAC Ron Black would be forwarded to the Committee that will be making decisions regarding the CBOC Chehalis, WA.

Follow up: Veterans and veteran family members across the state of WA. have contacted Congresswomen Jamie Herrera Beutler Representing Southwest Washington's 3<sup>rd</sup> District

regarding the closure of the CBOC Chehalis WA.

The Congresswomen has contacted in writing the director of the VA Puget Sound Health Care System asking what reasons the Health Care Administrators use for the closing CBOC Chehalis and also expressed regarding lack of transparency, lack of veteran input , and others issues that need to be answered.

Withdraw of US Armed Forces from Afghanistan

Governor Inslee asked the VAAC to assist in reaching out to our veteran community and look for opportunities to assist those veterans who served in Afghanistan and Iraq,

The VAAC suggested that Vietnam Veterans would be a good support resource for those who served in Afghanistan. The withdraw from Vietnam and years following impacted Vietnam Veterans in ways that may be experienced by Afghanistan Veterans.

It was also suggested that the MCL, VFW, American Legion and other post service organizations may be able to provide community-based support for Afghanistan, Iraq, Desert Storm and other veterans who might benefit from finding inclusion with other veterans.

Ronald Black Sr.

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**VAVS (VA Volunteer Services)  
Rex Hopper**

Committee work is slow to get reports from VAVS reps and sometimes none at all. Vancouver site has volunteers. Reports aren't being submitted correctly to National MCL VAVS.

Since the Pandemic the VA has been on limited activity and not much has been happening here in Vancouver. We are back driving the Guest Shuttle carts but experiencing very low ridership. Most of the Volunteers have been cut back to menial duties, the patient contact is being Stickley handled by the nursing staff now. We are having our quarterly meetings but they are virtual and frankly not much is accomplished. Since I still do not receive reports from Seattle Medical Center, nor Spokane, I can't say what they are up to. I have no words of wisdom from the National VAVS office.

From Spokane: We have volunteers and continue to support the Mann/Grandstaff VA at the Info desk, cart drivers and popcorn sales. Events have been limited to what the VA deems ok for us to join. Mike O'Flaherty recently received recognition for volunteer 5,000 hours.

Rex Hopper

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**Veteran Service Officer  
Vacant**

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**Web Sergeant  
Bill Hauser**

The Department website is located at <https://www.mcldeptwa.org/>.

In the period August 17 to September 18, 2021, we had 127 Unique Visitors with 175 page views. The average visitor time on the website was 1 minute and 56 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.

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.

Bill Hauser

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**Young Marines Liaison  
Ed Falter**

Here is a list of the Young Marine Units we support in Washington:

Columbia River  
Tri-Cities Elks Lodge  
15 S. Colorado St.  
Kennewick, WA 99336

<https://youngmarines.com/unit/columbiariver/page>

Tri-City  
Columbia Park  
6007 Columbia Park Trail  
Kennewick, WA 99336

<https://youngmarines.com/unit/tricity/page>

Seattle  
4330 148th Ave. N.E.  
Redmond, WA 98052

<https://youngmarines.com/unit/seattle/page>

Lewis County  
Winlock Community Center  
607 NW Kerron St.  
Winlock, WA 98596

<https://youngmarines.com/unit/lewiscounty/page>

Lewis & Clark  
11605 SE McGillivray Blvd.  
Vancouver, WA 98683

<https://youngmarines.com/unit/lewisandclark/page>

Spokane County  
VFW Post 1435  
212 S. David St.  
Spokane Valley, WA 99213

<https://youngmarines.com/unit/spokanecounty/page>

**Seattle Young Marines**

Our unit has been meeting twice a month at the American Legion building in Kent, WA. We have only had one community service activity with the Marine Corps League (The Rock Ceremony) this year. We had hoped to help with other activities over the summer months like picnics and BBQ's, etc. but no one reached out to us. We started off the year with 13 kids but in the past 3 months 6 move out of state including one of our adult volunteers, and 2 have stopped coming. We had a current Marine recently register as an adult volunteer so his time and knowledge will be greatly appreciated. We are hoping to help the American Legion during the upcoming Veterans parade and hope the Toys for Tots is going to be out and needing assistance this winter. Our kids really miss helping out in the community, but I know the covid restrictions are still hindering this. If anyone would like our unit to participate or help out in any way, please feel free to give them my contact information. Thank you for keeping in contact with me.

Best Regards,  
Jennifer Griep  
UC Seattle young Marines  
425-337-5993

**Tri-Cities Young Marines**

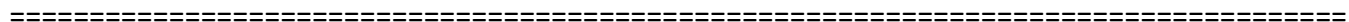
The Tri-City Young Marines are still alive and doing well. After a year of not having any activities because of the covid-19 protocols, we are now back to meeting every week with activities and YM details being scheduled regularly. We lost quite a few members during the past year but are starting a boot camp in October to boost our numbers back up.

J.L. Carlyle

**Lewis County Young Marines**

We were drilling on the first and third Saturday each month starting in July 2021. Starting with September 2021 we have resumed the Zoom training as the Lewis and Thurston County WA COVID 19 rates have increased so drastically. We currently have 3 Private's and 1 PFC, and 4 new recruits.

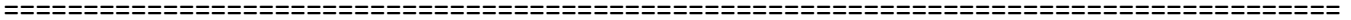
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Bonnie Holden  
Executive Officer  
Lewis County  
Young Marines



**Digital Transformation**  
**Rick Flath**

This committee was established at the June Convention and is a work in progress. We have great ideas from other Departments who are completely electronic. Standby for more info.

Rick Flath



**End of Fall Staff Minutes**