



Department of Washington
Marine Corps League
Annual Convention Staff Meeting

<http://www.mcldeptwa.org>

June 5, 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 Melvin M. Smith #586. Remarks provided by Commandant Kari Sobisky... As a short timer Detachment Commandant, she welcomed all and thanked everyone for their support of our Detachment and the Department Convention. We hope you enjoy your visit to Spokane and Spokane Valley.

Recognition of National Officers:

- MCL NJA TJ Morgan
- NWD NVC John Moysiuk
- NWD Vice Chief Devil Dog PDD Bonnie Holden

Recognition of Past Department Commandants:

- Dennis Dressler
- Ed Falter
- John Stofiel
- Bonnie Holden
- Doug Shurtleff

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

Commandant excuses MCLA.

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:

- Dennis Dressler
- TJ Morgan
- John Stofiel
- Randy Ott
- Bonnie Holden
- John Moysiuk
- Doug Shurtleff
- Mark Schildknecht
- Ron Black
- Ed Falter

Recognition of “First Timers” to Department meeting:

- 8 First Timers: Kari Sobisky, 586; Jeff & Jay McFarland, 897; Kathy & Bob Nicholls, 897; Ted Weimer, 1335; Craig Douglas, 336; Dennis Oliver, 966, Idaho.

Roll Call of Officers:

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

Correspondence:

- **Commandant:** Received a letter from a public relations agency about our social media presence.

Minutes of previous meeting: (Published online from the April Spring Staff Meeting)

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

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

Paymaster Report: Bill Hauser (excused) – John Stofiel read report and amounts; electronic copy has been submitted for the Department website. Black motioned to accept, Dressler seconded, discussion about the Commandant’s travel. Motion carried.

Chaplain Report: Provided by Dennis Dressler: There have been **73** Notices of Death received from Detachments and forwarded to National Headquarters since the 2019 Department Convention. The Memorial Ceremony will be held in accordance in our Ritual at 1315 in the court.

Report of Officers:

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

Report of Detachment Commandants:

- Puget Sound Det. #336: Rick Flath – Submitted. Briefed highlights.
- Tri-Cities Det. #337: Mike Ridgel – No Report.
- Twin Harbors Det. #442: Ron Black – Submitted. Briefed highlights.
- Olympia Det. #482: John Moysiuk – Submitted. Briefed highlights.
- Pierce County Det. #504: George Hilbish – Submitted. Briefed highlights.
- Olympic Peninsula Det. #531: LouAnne Harrey – Submitted. Briefed highlights.

- Melvin M Smith Det. #586: Kari Sobisky – Submitted. Briefed highlights.
- Columbia River Det. #826: John Stofiel – Submitted. Briefed highlights.
- Mt. St. Helens Det. #889: Glen Espersen – No Report.
- Mt. Olympus Det. #897: Mark Schildknecht – Submitted. Briefed highlights.
- Skagit Valley Det. #1043: Joel Cartwright – Submitted. No change.
- Yakima Kittitas Valley Det. #1055: Nicholas Myers – Submitted. Briefed highlights.
- Cpl Joseph P Bier Det. #1119: Bonnie Holden – Submitted. Briefed highlights.
- Capt Daniel B. Bartle Det #1335: – Stephen Reese – Submitted.
- Col Richard Francisco #1451: – Robert Gabelein – Submitted.

Report of Standing Committees/Advisory Councils:

- Americanism – Bonnie Holden – Submitted.
- Audit – Bill Hauser – Gorman, Stofiel and Parker will audit at lunch. Audit was performed and verified. We have a balanced budget.
- Awards – Randy Ott – Submitted. Presented Department Unit Citations to qualified Detachments.
- Eagle Scout Awards – Bonnie Holden – Submitted. Packets available on back table.
- Budget and Finance – Bill Hauser – Report on the back table to be voted on during New Business.
- Bylaws – Shane Inman – In the process of updating.
- Convention – Commandant – Submitted via Det. 586. After action report will be submitted to all Department/Detachment Leadership for the purpose of helping other Detachments to host in the future. This convention has been a great success with small glitches.
- Credentials – Bill Hauser – Submitted.
- Detachment Commandants Council – John Moysiuk – N/A
- Legislative – Shane Inman – Submitted.
- Marine for Life – Mark Gorman – No Report submitted, gave a verbal report that Zoom calls and a National
- Marine of the Year Society – John Moysiuk – Submitted.
- Membership – Bill Hauser – No Report.
- Newsletter – Charles Ames – Submitted. Working on a Department Newsletter which shares
- Nominations – Bonnie Holden – Submitted Nominations: George Hilbish II, John Moysiuk, Shane Inman, Ed Falter for staying in their current positions.
- Past Department Commandants Council – Bonnie Holden – No Report.
- Public Relations Officer – Charles Ames – Submitted.
- Resolutions – Dennis Dressler – Under review to be removed. After discussion, removed.
- Rock 32 Ceremony – Commandant – Submitted. August 28, 2021, at Noon, 1151 Roosevelt, Enumclaw, WA. Please donate to Det. #504 to support this event.
- Rules – Shane Inman – No Report.
- Toys for Tots – LouAnne Harrey – Submitted. Updated packets available for requirements due to National Toys for Tots.
- Training Officer – Don Nilson – No Report.
- VAAC Representative – Ron Black – Submitted. Mentioned problems with community care through American Lake phone lines.
- VAVS (VA Volunteer Services) – Rex Hopper – No Report.

- Web Sergeant – Bill Hauser – Submitted. Updating website continually and please share any photos and stories you may partake in. www.mcldeptwa.org
- Young Marines Liaison – Ed Falter – Submitted. Briefed highlights.

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

Old Business: (Spring Staff, Apr 3, 2021)

- 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: Here we are having a great time and everything has been going well.

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

Update: Committee closed 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: TJ is here and has given us some great advice.

- 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.
 - 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.

Break for Lunch

- 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.

Update:

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

Update:

(Carry over from Oct 2019)

- Adjutant Ott motioned that our Finance Budget perform a line-item review to determine adjustments to the current budget for funding of expenses including the Commandant’s travel by the Paymaster. Seconded by Ron Black. Discussion. Motion carried. Committee members are John Stofiel, Randy Ott and Bill Hauser.

Update: The work continues and was delayed by Paymaster Hauser’s surgery prior to Convention. Today’s budget is going to be voted on during new business. Approved.

New Business:

- Commandant reminds us about 2022’s convention needs to be hosted. Go back to your Detachment and make this happen.
- Dressler motioned to dissolve the Resolutions Committee. Shurtleff seconds. Motion carried.

- Stofiel motioned to approve the Proposed Budget for 2022. Second by Black. Motion carried.
- 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.
- 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.
- Flath 336 motioned that the Department of Washington donates \$1000 to the National Marine Corps League Foundation. Cartwright seconds. Discussion. Motion carried.

Good of the League:

- NJA Morgan shared the work of the Marine Corps League Foundation.

Nominations for the Elections:

- Nominations taken from the floor for the slate of officers to be voted into office as read. Motion by Dressler. Second by Shurtleff. Discussion. Motioned carried. The slate of officers will be installed at the Banquet tonight. No change to the current officers.

Announcements:

- 2021 Department of Montana Convention – Butte, MT June 11-12
- 2021 Department of Oregon Convention – Klamath Falls, OR July 9-10
- 2021 MCL National Convention – Springfield, IL, August 8-14, 2021.
- 2021 Department Fall Staff Meeting – Yakima, October 1-2, 2021.
- 2022 MCL Mid-Winter – Feb 24-26, 2022, Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel, 777 Waterside Dr., Norfolk, VA 23510

Total Attendance: 32 Members

Detachments represented at the Annual Department Convention:

- Puget Sound Det. #336: Rick Flath – Present.
- Tri-Cities Det. #337: Mike Ridgel – Absent.
- Twin Harbors Det. #442: Ron Black – Present.
- Olympia Det. #482: Shane Inman – Representative Moysiuk.
- Pierce County Det. #504: Mike Edwards – Representative Hilbish.
- Olympic Peninsula Det. #531: LouAnne Harrey – Present.
- Melvin M Smith Det. #586: Kari Sobisky – Present.
- Columbia River Det. #826: Henry Lasch – Representative Stofiel.
- Mt. St. Helens Det. #889: Glen Esperson – Absent.
- Mt. Olympus Det. #897: Mark Schildknecht – Present.
- Skagit Valley Det. #1043: Tommy Watson – Representative Cartwright.
- Yakima Kittitas Valley Det. #1055: Nicholas Myers – Present.
- Cpl Joseph P. Bier Det. #1119: Bonnie Holden – Present.
- Capt Daniel B. Bartle Det #1335: – Stephen Reese – Representative Weimer.
- Col Richard Francisco #1451: – Robert Gabelein – Absent.

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 the Department Convention in Spokane on October 2nd, when it will reopen for the transaction of official business."

=====
***** ALL REPORTS SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY FOLLOW *****
=====

=====
Commandant Report
2021 Annual Convention Staff Report
=====

On May 15th, administered the oath of office to the incoming Officers for the Columbia River Detachment #826.

On May 31st, I was the Department representative at the annual 2021 Joint Services Memorial Day Ceremony. Presented by the Pierce County Veterans Advisory Council and Mt View Funeral and Memorial Park.

George Hilbish II
=====

**Jr. Past Commandant Report
2021 Annual Convention Staff Report**

Nothing new to report since the Spring Staff meeting.

Bonnie Holden

=====
**Sr. Vice Commandant Report
2021 Annual Convention Staff Report**

Nothing new to report since the Spring Staff meeting.

John "Moose" Moysiuk
Sr Vice

=====
**Jr. Vice Commandant Report
2021 Annual Convention Staff Report**

Nothing new to report since the Spring Staff meeting.

Ed Falter
Jr Vice

=====
**Chaplain Report
2021 Annual Convention Staff Report**

From: Dennis Dressler, Chaplain
To: George Hilbish II, Commandant

Via: Randy Ott, Adjutant

Subj: Report of Activities since the Spring Staff Meeting

Due to pandemic much of my normal activities were curtailed; among these were funerals at the State Veteran's Cemetery in Medical Lake, volunteering At Mann-Grandstaff VA Medical Center in Spokane (except for volunteering at the Covid Clinic and attending VAVS meetings remotely). I have processed and forwarded to National all Notices of Death that have been sent to me.

Tomorrow, Saturday the 5th of June a Memorial Service will be held to pay respect for all members of the Department who have entered into rest since the last Memorial Service in June 2019. There is no specific uniform proscribed for the Memorial Service.

Being recognized are 73 members of the Department; included in that number are one Past Chief Devil Dog, two Past Department Commandants; three members of the Auxiliary (who all were Past Department Presidents); eight Women Marines and one Honorary member of the League.

We lost members of fourteen Detachments; only Colonel Richard Francisco Detachment and Captain Daniel B. Bartle Detachment did not lose members. The Auxiliary lost members from three Units.

Very Respectfully,

Dennis

Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13

=====

**Adjutant Report
2021 Annual Convention 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:

Secretary of State Corporations Division
801 Capitol Way South
PO Box 40234
Olympia, WA 98504-0234
360-725-0377

	UBI #	INCORP	FILED
Dept. of WA	601587317	051047	2020
Puget Sound #336	602917923	042309	2019
Tri-Cities #337	602119092	032601	2020
Twin Harbors #442	601830219	102583	2020
Olympia #482	602148515	082701	2020
Pierce County #504	601804132	070797	2020

Olympic Peninsula #531	602992577	022810	2020
Melvin M. Smith #586	601309349	032791	2020
Columbia River #826	601492208	090393	2020
Mt. St. Helen's #889	601589728	112194	2020
Mt. Olympus #897	601974685	081799	2020
Skagit Valley Det. #1043	602005244	011000	2019
Yakima-Kittitas Valley #1055	602072701	092500	2020
Cpl Joseph P. Bier #1119	602240331	100702	2020
Capt Daniel B. Bartle Det #1335	602952869	090909	2020
Col Richard Francisco #1451	604143319	062717	2020

Internal Revenue Service Info:

	EIN	TAX YR	FILED
Dept. of WA	91-0533364	01/01-12/31	2019
Puget Sound #336	91-1435694	07/01-06/30	2019
Tri-Cities #337	91-6087173	09/01-08/31	2018
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	2018
Skagit Valley Det. #1043	91-2016335	07/01-06/30	2019
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.
Adjutant
Department of Washington
509-998-9031

=====

**Judge Advocate Report
2021 Annual Convention Staff Report**

Nothing new to report since the Spring Staff meeting.

=====

**Paymaster Report
2021 Annual Convention Staff Report**

Account Balances as of date of this report

Checking: \$2755.48 (with no outstanding checks)

Savings: \$14,435.41

Travel Fund: \$483.00 Commandants travel fund was voted into existence at the 2019 Fall staff meeting. It was suggested at that time Detachments donate to this fund when they have available funds. So far, four Detachments have contributed to the fund.

When emailing the Department Paymaster use **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.

Some of the Detachment 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 working on 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 working 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 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.

Be sure to use the **Official Transmittal form dated 7/1/2020** for transactions with National. **DD214s are not needed at the National or Department levels (don't send copies).**

When sending your transmittals to the Department Paymaster you need to send the **original plus two copies**. The Department keeps one copy and the original and the other copy goes to National.

Dues for new member applications are \$25.00 to National and \$5.00 to the 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.

Bill Hauser

=====
Puget Sound Detachment 336
2021 Annual Convention Staff Report

Nothing new to report since the Spring Staff meeting.

=====
Tri-Cities Detachment 337
2021 Annual Convention Staff Report

No report submitted.

=====
Twin Harbors Detachment 442
2021 Annual Convention Staff Report

Twin Harbors Detachment 442 does not have a lot to report since the last report period.

The Detachment continues to take care of MCL business, finding a location that allows group meetings has been a

real challenge, we look forward to the new regulations regarding mask and the full reopening of businesses.

1. We have completed our nominations of officers for June 2021-2022, required forms have been completed, signed and submitted.
2. At our Detachment meeting in May 2021 we welcomed to our Detachment new member Marine Jim Daly, Capt. USMC Retired Vietnam service

He began his career in the marine corps as enlisted, after his first tour he attended college and re-entered the Corps and attended Marine OCS graduating as a 2nd Lt. We have 2 other marine veterans who may be joining our Detachment but have not yet decided.

3. We are grateful that we have no deaths to report this quarter, we do have a couple marines who have been suffering from long term illness. Both are Korea War Vets

Ron Black Sr.

**Olympia Detachment 482
2021 Annual Convention Staff Report**

Olympia Detachment updates since Spring meeting.

Election of officers was held at the May meeting. New slate of Officers was installed, and the ROI was sent to Department and National.

Olympia Detachment has been holding successful, and much needed in person meetings since March with appropriate COVID-19 regulations.

The Detachment is beginning By-Laws for the possibility of upcoming changes to National and Department By-Laws and updates.

The Detachment continues to add new members to the rolls.

Preparations are being made for the Tumwater 4th of July Parade to adjust if the parade is a go and the Detachments partnership with Eagle Scouts.

Further partnership with the Eagle Scouts for new projects is in the works now that restrictions are loosening.

Shane Inman

**Pierce County Detachment 504
2021 Annual Convention Staff Report**

The Pierce County Detachment currently has 52 life members, 1 dual member, and 23 annual members 5 of them being in arrears who have indicated they will not renew, for a total of 66 paid members. 1 member has reported to the Supreme Commandant.

The Detachment has presented five Eagle Scout awards since April.

Members participated in the Memorial Day Ceremonies at Mt View Memorial Park in Lakewood.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Edwards
Commandant

=====

**Olympic Peninsula Detachment 531
2021 Annual Convention Staff Report**

Nothing new to report since the Spring Staff meeting.

=====

**Melvin M. Smith Detachment 586
2021 Annual Convention Staff Report**

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

- Our Honor Guard continues to render honors for our Fallen Marines/Corpsmen. We continue to support "P" Battery with their firing details as their training schedule limits their availability at times.
- 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 can.
- 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.
- We held our annual Memorial Day Ceremony last weekend with Sheriff Ozzie Knezovich as our guest speaker. Thank you all who attended.
- We are glad to see everyone here at the 74th Department of Washington Annual Convention in Spokane and thankful that you made it!

This concludes our report of activities.

Semper Fi!

Commandant
Kari Sobisky

=====

Columbia River Detachment 826
2021 Annual Convention Staff Report

From April - June 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. April 30, 2021, we moved into Phase 3 and moving forward.

APRIL 2021

- Marine Ralph Peabody who joined our Detachment in 2006 assumed duties at Heaven's Gate on 1 April 2021. He was interred at Evergreen Memorial Gardens in the Veteran section on 8 April with appropriate Military Honors.
- On 24 April 2021, Jr Past Commandant Lynn Bolte presented a Distinguished Service Award to Fox's Car Wash and Fuel Erica and Michael Fox have provided positive support to Clark County Veterans since they opened their family business in Hazel Dell providing a means for fundraising to assist Veterans in need. This is highly appreciated, not only by the Veterans organizations they have offered this to, but also those Veterans who are in need.
- We were a part of a group of Veterans that assembled to help lower the damaged American flag at the Arco gas station at the corner of 78th St and St. John's Rd. The owner then provided a new Flag for us to raise in its place.
- Lewis & Clark Young Marines are starting up with face-face meetings/events with appropriate distancing and masking. The YM Physical Fitness test is coming up. The next Recruit Class starts January 8th, 2022.
- We held elections: The following members have been nominated and have stated they would serve if elected: Commandant: Henry Lasch, Sr Vice Commandant Pete Thornton, Jr Vice Commandant Toby Clairmont, and Judge Advocate Dickson Lee. Are there any other nominations (stated three times), there were no other nominations. John Hudson motion for our Adjutant to cast one vote in acclamation for the slate of Officers who have stated they would serve, 2nd Rex Hopper, carried. Adjutant Stofiel cast one vote in acclamation.
- Our Community Salutes was held on 24 April @ the Artillery Barracks & held outdoor on porch of the bar. Poolees of all of the services were honored and received recognition for their desire to serve their country.

MAY 2021

- The following Marines & Corpsmen were recognized for their service in behalf of their Detachment: Distinguished Service Award (Bronze) Lynn Bolte Detachment (Commandant Medal/Ribbon); George 'Pete' Thornton Detachment w/Staff Elected Medal/Ribbon; 'Doc' Toby Clairmont Detachment w/Staff Elected Medal/Ribbon; Detachment Staff Appointed Medal/Ribbon; Bill Hauser Jr Past Commandant w/Community Service Ribbon; Individual Meritorious Commendation Doc Henry Lasch w/Staff Elected Medal/Ribbon; Rex Hopper VAVS Rep at National, Dept. & Detachment; Steve Slegers Sgt at Arms w/Staff Appointed medal; Eddie Bogle; Our Recruiter of the Year Ron Brandon (5) Detachment Recruiter Medal/Ribbon.

- Installation of Elected and Appointed Officers at our Awards Dinner Saturday 15 May 2021; our installing officer was Dept. Commandant George Hilbish.
- 31 May Memorial Day ceremonies – we were represented at the AL Smith-Reynolds Post 14, & at the Vancouver War Memorial located at Ft. Vancouver. Both were well attended.

Pending Activities:

- In June, the Lewis & Clark Pound will be conducting a Growl on 12 June.
- The Detachment will be continuing our monthly dinner meetings at 1830 on the 3rd Friday of each month; On 19 June we have been invited to participate in all Marine, Corpsmen and supporters for a Quarterly dinner hosted by the PNW Chapter of the 3rdMarDivAssoc in Gladstone, OR;
- On Friday 9 July we will be in attendance at the internment of Past Department Commandant John Witham to say goodbye to our brother and share in Honors for him and his family.
- Members of the “Fun & Honor Society” of the Lewis & Clark Pound will be hosting our Annual Devil Dog Picnic on Saturday 10 July 2021 all Marines, Corpsmen and Corp Supporters are welcome including the members of the Military Order of the Fleas... Oohrah!

Henry Pasch

=====

**Mt. St. Helens Detachment 889
2021 Annual Convention Staff Report**

No report submitted.

=====

**Mount Olympus Detachment 897
2021 Annual Convention Staff Report**

It hasn't been that long since my last report submitted at the Spring Staff meeting held on 3 April of this year. Therefore, this report will be brief.

On Sunday 11 April, the Honor Guard rendered a rifle salute and the playing of Taps at a memorial for a Navy veteran.

Each month the Detachment is represented at the meeting of the Clallam County Veterans Association.

Friday 14 May was Law Enforcement Appreciation Day and the Detachment took part in a bell ringing ceremony put on by the Sheriff Department in memory of local law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty.

Wednesday 26 May four Detachment members took part in an exercise to retrieve 1800 pounds of artifacts from the Navy Destroyer USS Richard B. Anderson, which had been stored in a barn for the past seven years. For the past two years the Richard B. Anderson Association has tried unsuccessfully to retrieve the ships engine telegraph, the ships wheel and compass. Following a telephone call and request from Kent Phemister, the Association president down in Texas, a five-man work party was assembled and Wednesday 26 May we secured the artifacts and put them into a local storage facility. We have received much praise and thanks from the Association for our part in restoring the artifacts to their rightful owners.

Friday 28 May we attended a monthly bell ringing ceremony in Veterans Park. Two days later on Sunday 30 May we participated in a memorial ceremony at Captain Joseph House, dedicate to Gold Star families.

At our most recent Detachment meeting it was moved and approved to keep the current slate of officers for the coming year. Detachment Judge Advocate Dan Abbott was the official who swore in the new/old officers.

Mark Schildknecht

=====

**Skagit Valley Detachment 1043
2021 Annual Convention Staff Report**

Nothing new to report since the Spring Staff meeting.

=====

**Yakima-Kittitas Detachment 1055
2021 Annual Convention Staff Report**

Our Detachment supported several Memorial Day Ceremonies in Yakima now that they are being allowed.

Ed Falter

=====

**Cpl Joseph P. Bier Detachment 1119
2021 Annual Convention Staff Report**

Since April 2021, the Detachment has done the following:

We have attended 1 funeral for Honors and done 2 Memorial Day Honor Guards. One for the Centralia College and one at the Grand Mound Cemetery.

We have started to do our breakfasts on the 2nd Saturday of the month again at Denny's in Centralia WA. Our first one was May 8, 2021, we had 11 in attendance.

Our All-Marines Picnic is scheduled for August 21, 2021, at the Centralia Borst Park.

Our Young Marines are again meeting but have to limit to 4 hours currently. They will be in the Ocean Shores WA Flag Day Parade on June 12, 2021.

We are working on future Veteran's Activities as time progresses and we have more members who have been vaccinated and can attend the meetings.

Hope to have more items to share at the Fall Staff Meeting in October 2021.

Bonnie Holden

=====
Capt Daniel B. Bartle Detachment 1335
2021 Annual Convention Staff Report

Nothing new to report since the Spring Staff meeting.

=====
Col Richard Francisco Detachment 1451
2021 Annual Convention Staff Report

Our Detachment has resumed our monthly meetings as of March 10, 2021. We had the majority of our core group show for the meeting.

April meeting, we discussed our applicants for our high school scholarship and selected a candidate. Had a discussion on elected officers on who would step up and take office.

At our may meeting we confirmed our officers to be sworn in on our June meeting. We also have a memorial service at our cemetery for veterans on May 31. We will also be having a fund raiser with the Marine roses on the weekend of Memorial Day. Possibly have one funeral honors for a fellow Marine who passed recently. No date has been set on that yet.

Bob Gabelein

=====
Americanism
Bonnie Holden

05/30/2021-To date, I have not had any Detachments contact me for any Americanism Books for 2021. The National Marine Corps League website still has only the cover page for 2021 and does not include any following pages. I did make packets for this that were available for the Detachments to take with all

the pages that were available. I will be available at the Department Convention to take any Detachments book to National if they are unable to attend.

Any questions on the awards or rules I can be contacted at 360-339-3446 or by email bonnie.holden@hotmail.com.

Bonnie Holden

=====
Audit
Bill Hauser

Audit will be performed during business meeting this weekend.

=====
Awards
Randy Ott

Due to the nature of my report, it will be submitted on Sunday after the Banquet and the awarding of the Department Marine of the Year.

The following awards were presented at the Department's Grand Banquet:

Department MOY – Kathleen M. Nicholls, Det. #897

Distinguished Citizen Silver -- Mark Gorman, Kari Sobisky, Ken Norwood, George Hilbish.

Individual Meritorious Commendation -- Randy Ott, William Hauser, Mark Gorman, LouAnne Harrey, Ed Falter, Bonnie Holden, Ron Black, Rex Hopper, Don Nilson, Charles Ames, John Moysiuk and Shane Inman.

Vic Fisher, Board of Trustees Commendation -- William Hauser and Randy Ott.

Certificate of Commendation -- Mirabeau Park Hotel

Dept. Meritorious Unit Commendation -- #586, #336, #1119, #826, #482, #504, #1055, #897, #1451, #531, #442.

=====
Eagle Scout Awards
Bonnie Holden

05/30/2021-Since the Spring report was given at Department of Washington Staff Meeting, I have had no contact from any Detachment on any Citizenship Awards provided to any Eagle Scout in the State of Washington. I made packets to be picked up at the Staff Meeting and since there were none left when I checked later that evening, I have to assume that each Detachment received one and will be reporting to me by July 15, 2021, for the last report of the year.

Bonnie Holden

=====

Budget and Finance
Bill Hauser

Proposed 2022 Budget will be discussed and voted on during the business meeting.

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

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 (2020 - \$5.00 per member) received from each Detachment and the Life membership interest received from National Headquarters.

Dues Paying members as of 8 April 2020 - 247 x \$5.00 =	1235.00
Unpaid members as of 8 April 2020 - 95 x \$5.00 =	<u>0475.00</u>
Total 342 Members X \$5.00 =	1710.00

Project income 2021 – 2022 (342 Mbrs X \$5.00)	1710.00
2021 PLM dues received:	<u>0948.78</u>
Department Totals =	2658.78

Proposed Budget for FY 2021, Department of Washington, Marine Corps League

	2020	2020	2021	
	Budgeted	Actual	Proposed	
Dept. Operational Expenses	\$500.00	\$78.60	\$100.00	Postage/Office Supplies
REMOVED FROM BUDGET 2 YRS NO ACTION \$0.00				
Guests/Flowers				
Ads/Awards Program	\$265.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	Local Convention Ad/Plaques/Medals/Ribbons/Certif.
Secretary of State	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	Secretary of
State annual filing				
Website	\$196.00	\$168.00	\$209.04	Website Hosting
(Increased)				
Commandant, Adj, Paymaster Stipend	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$800.00	Conducting Dept. business
	\$0.00			Commandant \$300

	\$0.00			Adjutant \$300
	\$0.00			Paymaster \$200
Chaplains Expenses	\$120.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	Letters of Condolence, postage
Veterans Leg. Coalition	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	Annual Dues
Other Expenses	\$1,013.00	\$598.22		Dept. Conv. Rm or funds not Specifically designated with the auth. of the Dept. Cmndn't.
	\$136.80		0	Mark Schildknecht -
		Purchase Flag poles & stands (2ea)		
Oxford Suites - Spring Staff meeting Staff mtgs.	\$243.45	(Increased)	\$270.76	Oxford Suites-Spring
Oxford Suites - Fall Staff meeting Staff mtgs.	\$243.45	\$243.45	\$270.76	Oxford Suites - Fall
Totals	\$3,197.45	\$703.37	\$2658.78	

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.

Propose to return Commandant's travel fund to the Detachments that sent monies. Discussion ~ Motion to approve budget for FY2021-22 Second: _____,

R/s
William "Bill" Hauser
Department Paymaster.

=====

Bylaws
Shane Inman

Nothing new to report since the Spring Staff meeting. Review is still needed.

=====

Convention
Commandant

The guidelines are in the Department Bylaws as to how you can resolve to be the host Detachment.

Thanks in advance for your attendance and looking forward to the Fall Staff meeting. Please consider hosting next year's Convention.

Credentials
Bill Hauser

Nothing new to report since the Spring Staff meeting.

Detachment Commandant Council
John Moysiuk

Nothing new to report since the Spring Staff meeting.

Marine for Life
Mark Gorman

Nothing new to report since the Spring Staff meeting.

Mark Gorman

Marine of the Year Society
John Moysiuk

The selection was made and will be revealed at tonight's Banquet. After this weekend, Ron Black has been nominated to be the Society President. He will do a wonderful job. Good luck.

John "Moose" Moysiuk

Membership
Bill Hauser

Nothing new to report since the Spring Staff meeting.

=====
Newsletter
Charles Ames

As Washington Department Public Affairs Officer...

-have distributed two newsletters in the last 12 months, another forthcoming.

-have conducted outreach to create Detachment PAOs.

-edit monthly veterans' benefits column for TheSuburbanTimes.com

Charles Ames
WA Dept. PIO
(253)304.4415

=====
Nominations
Bonnie Holden

The 2022 slate of officers is:

Commandant – George Hilbish II
Sr. Vice – John Moysiuk
Jr. Vice – Ed Falter
Judge Advocate – Shane Inman

=====
Past Department Commandants Council
Bonnie Holden

Nothing new to report since the Spring Staff meeting.

=====
Public Relations Officer
Charles Ames

(from the Department Commandant George Hilbish)

“I urge those who are in high-risk groups to consider taking the vaccine. Remember you are not only protecting yourself but your loved ones too.”

As the historical freeze of COVID-19 subsides, our responsibilities point to getting up, dusting ourselves off, and getting back on mission. Plan those Marine Corps Balls, trek to the Conferences, attend the Eagle Scout ceremonies, support those veterans in need, recruit the next generation of League members and ‘fight our country's battles in the air, on land, and sea’. Yes, we are days away from the Annual Convention in Spokane, but another action we can take is to aim the Mark I Eyeball on Toys for Tots. Despite Covid, Detachments kept up the legendary pace of collecting, sorting, and re-distributing toys for children that otherwise might go without.

Olympia/Grays, #482; 33395 toys for 11199 kids.
Pierce, #504; 51020 toys for 43214 kids (including books and stocking stuffers)
Peninsula, #531; 40089 toys, 5572 kids (took donations of \$16172.50)
Smith (Spokane), #586, \$50000 in donations, helped 9215 kids.
Bier (Lewis Co.), #1119, \$8132 in donations, helped 700 kids.
Nationwide: 20million toys went to 7million kids in 2020, an increase of 1.6million toys to 40000 more kids!

This is your newsletter. Please send contributions through your Detachment. Tell their story.
Charles Ames, WA-PIO

Vet Clinic; New resources for military veterans...
<https://thesubtimes.com/2021/05/16/vet-clinic-may-21/>
I provide a monthly vet advocacy column.

=====
Resolutions
Dennis Dressler

Voted to remove this committee and its requirements.

=====
Rock 32 Ceremony
Commandant

Nothing new to report since the Spring Staff meeting.

=====
Rules
Shane Inman

Nothing new to report since the Spring Staff meeting.

=====
Toys for Tots
LouAnne Harrey

From the Foundation:

Dear Marines, Sailors, and Associate Members of the Marine Corps League! Although Christmas is over six-months away, planning for the Marine Corps' premier community outreach program is in full swing. We understand the challenges of working through COVID-19 and trying to maintain operational tempo. Funeral honors, fundraising, and planning the Marine Corps Ball may have your full attention right now; however, the 74th Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Campaign will begin before you know it. The Marine Corps League has a long history with Toys for Tots. As early as the 1950's, the League has supported this amazing effort to bring the joy of Christmas to less fortunate children. In 1996, this support was formalized as Detachments were approved to conduct Toys of Tots Campaigns in communities that did not have a Reserve Unit. From 56 Detachments in 1996, the number of local campaigns led by the Marine Corps League has increased dramatically. This past year, Detachments led 249 of the 808 local campaigns and collected over 2.5 million toys and distributed over 3.6 million toys to approximately 1.2 million children. Many more directly supported other Marine Corps Reserve Units. We would like to express our gratitude and heartfelt thanks to each one of you who volunteered to support Marine Toys for Tots in 2020. Despite the challenges from the COVID-19 pandemic, you adapted and overcame the challenges of an unprecedented year to accomplish the Toys for Tots mission. Although 2020 was a great success, we know the need will still be there for almost 15-million children who live at or below the poverty level across the Nation. Your Corps continues to need the League's help! If you are part of a Detachment that is in an area that already has a local Toys for Tots campaign, reach out to them as ask how you can help. If you are in an area that does not have a Toys for Tots local campaign, we ask that one of your members apply to be a Toys for Tots Local Community Organization (LCO). The application can be found online here:

<https://www.toysfortots.org/coordinatorscorner/application-start.aspx> To determine if your area has a local campaign or not, please visit <https://www.toysfortots.org/campaigns> The Marine Corps League is an exceptional component to the Toys for Tots Program, an official activity of the United States Marine Corps. Millions of children throughout the history of Toys for Tots would not have experienced the joy of Christmas were it not for your efforts. The willingness of your Marines and Sailors to continue to make a difference for our Corps and our Nation's less fortunate children, lends credence to the expression "once a Marine always a Marine." The Marine Corps is indeed blessed to have the Marine Corps League as an integral part of the Toys for Tots team!

Semper Fidelis,
Dennis Tobin National Commandant/CEO Marine Corps League
Jim Laster Lieutenant General, USMC (Ret) President & CEO, Marine Toys for Tots Foundation

=====
Training Officer
Don Nilson

Nothing new to report since the Spring Staff meeting.

=====
VAAC Representative
Ron Black

Greetings Sir Commandant, Officers and Detachments

It is my pleasure to inform you that despite the strict (no in person meeting contact) guidelines due to Covid-19, the Governor's Advisory/ VAAC and WDVA continues to hold monthly ZOOM meetings with occasional opportunity to attend, seminars, training sessions etc. as available.

The VAAC Committee is nearly fully staffed and for years 2021-2022 will be working in the months ahead to determine what standard operating procedures the committee may adopt or update to better enable serving our veteran community.

While Covid-19 has presented many obstacles, it has also opened up the door to new online technology and the way we communicate, the committee will take advantage of this to reach out to more veterans and families than ever before. Our most valuable program is the ability for the committee to go out into communities/ WA. Counties and hold Town Hall Meetings, we have not yet resumed this but are ready to go when we are given the green light to proceed.

The VAAC will be working to assist other Veteran Committees whenever possible pooling resources to better assist "All Veterans".

With Spring and Summer weather and the opening up of WA. State to optional mask use, The VAAC will focus on the needs of Homeless Veterans, housing and treatment and to work to improve access to veteran services which seems to be lacking in some areas.

In Regard to the Marine Corps League, I have received calls and have spoken to several MCL Marines about the difficulty they are experiencing to get community care medical appointments, in January the Puget Sound Health Care System told the VAAC that there had been problems with the phone system and was the reason veterans could not speak by phone with a live person regarding community care, This problem has not been resolved if that is in fact the problem? As a VAAC member and user of the

Community Care Medical System I have called American Lake VA Medical Center daily to seek a referral for community-based care with no success. This problem seems to me to be negatively affecting thousands of WA. Veterans and potentially delaying much needed health care. I intend to bring my concerns up at the next WDVA/VAAC meeting. Covid-19 should not be a valid reason at present time or in the future to not assist veterans who rely on Community Based Care.

It may take a unified effort from all the Major Veterans Post Service Organizations in Washington State to collectively seek change to the current practices which are not working. I welcome any MCL member to contact me at any time. I am and continue to be interested in their concerns regarding VA services.

Ronald E Black Sr.

=====

VAVS (VA Volunteer Services)
Rex Hopper

Nothing new to report since the Spring Staff meeting.

=====

Veterans Legislative Coalition
Shane Inman

The Veterans Legislative Coalition (VLC) is a dues paying, membership based non-profit organization. The VLC is comprised of representatives from the 16 Veteran Service Organizations (VSO's) currently represented, members at large, and all Veterans of Washington State.

The VLC during the legislative session organize into fire teams to facilitate the load of bills to either sign in to support or testify with a statement before the committees. I proudly serve as one of the fire team leaders.

With Covid many Legislative Representatives were ready to end the session as meetings took place from their home offices or dining room tables in Zoom meetings.

Four Bills made it to the Governor's desk. One bill dealt with recalculation of Medical vs Modification. Meaning those Veterans or others with psychological problems, ask them if they want to be treated. This would give them a very short stay and really doesn't take care of the problem but can assist those in the first steps towards treatment.

Continuation of a Bill over the last few years that deals with Suicide Prevention. This did not make it through again, but they did earmark \$1,000,000 towards these services. The Transportation Budget was left the same and is being pushed out until next session. Approved to add monies to the budget for extending internet out to rural communities. The Legislature realized the need for this to happen so people

have access to Medical Services via the internet. They also used to have Town Hall meetings during Legislative season and were unable to do that with Covid-19. Also unable for our Veterans' Advocates to speak to Representatives before Bills were voted on due to no in person meetings and everything being done online.

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.

This completes my report as written.

Shane Inman

=====
Web Sergeant
Bill Hauser

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

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, Detachment 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

=====
Young Marines Liaison
Ed Falter

Nothing new to report since the Spring Staff meeting.

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
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>

=====

End of Department Annual Convention Staff Minutes