

Columbia River Det. #826

Dept. of Washington
Marine Corp League
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Sepius Exertus
~ Often Tested
Frater Infinitas
~ Brothers Forever
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Founded in 1923 (98 years) by WW I hero, Major General Commandant John A. Lejeune. On 4 August 1937 (84 years) our Federal Charter was approved by An Act of the Seventy-Fifth Congress of the United States of America and signed and approved by President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

The League is the only Federally Chartered Marine Corps related veterans organization in the country.

NATIONAL COMMANDANTS AND CONVENTION SITE

NO	YEAR	SITE	COMMANDANT	STRENGTH	DET	DEPT
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First Commandant's message out to our membership 3 Dec 1992

"On 7 Nov we provided a color guard for our Veterans Day Parade. Following the parade we met on the grounds of the OO Howard House at the Medal of Honor Memorial at Ft Vancouver where the Dept. Commandant presented our Charter and installed our new Officers. On 11 Nov, Veterans Day we were represented at the Old Post Cemetery. We have started a "free-will" offering to buy rifles for our Color Guard. Two of our members will be home for the holidays Paul Witham and Nona Hillgaertner. We still need an Adjutant/Paymaster to replace Roger Rueckert, see me at our next meeting which will be held at the Orchards VFW Tuesday 1900 on 15 December where we will be signing our Charter. For those I won't see at the meeting, Happy Holidays, and the best to you in the coming year. Semper Fi Bill"



DOC HENRY LASCH



"Lady Marine Rose" (Hybrid Tea)

This commemorative rose is dedicated to all women who have served our nation is now available to order!

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Semper Fidelis

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Submit articles to our

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PAST DETACHMENT CMNDNT'S

- *1992 William Hillgaertner
- *1993 John Witham
- *1994 Phil Ruhmshottel
- 1996 John F. Stofiel
- 1998 George Pobi
- 2000 Lynn A. Bolte
- 2002 George L. LaFrazia
- 2004 Roger Rueckert
- 2005 Rex E. Hopper
- *2007 Jim Renton
- 2009 Mike Wilson
- 2011 John F Stofiel
- 2012 Louis Baste
- 2014 William Hauser
- 2016 William Cason
- 2017 William Hauser
- 2018 Lynn Bolte

*Supreme Commandant

Fiorin Zeviar 1/06/37-1/26/14

John Hudson	11/08/48	(73)
Larry Stewart	11/01/45	(76)
John Stofiel	11/24/41	(80)
Paul Whitney	11/22/47	(74)



<https://www.mcrc.marines.mil/Units/12th-Marine-Corps-District/Portland/>

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Request Info here:

<http://www.marines.com/rspdx>

<https://www.facebook.com/PCSBattleGround>

<https://www.facebook.com/vancouvermarines/>



SSgt Gwin, our recruiter for Hudson's Bay High School was at the football game this past Friday (1st) against Mark Morris throwing Marine Corps shirts at the crowd!! 🏈. If you want a Marine Corps shirt, show up to the next game or find him at the table set up at Hudson Bay school!!



RS VANCOUVER POOLEES

PREPARING FOR BOOT CAMP PHYSICAL FITNESS



The Junior Vice Commandant (JVC) ~

Doc Toby Clairmont

Responsible for recruiting and retention of members. Spokesman to the Board of Trustees on what members and prospective members are looking for from the organization. The primary goal of the League – bringing Marines, FMF Corpsmen & Navy Chaplains on board, keeping Them on board and perpetuating the purposes of the League

Over the course of the last couple months, the officers and various participating members have been discussing how best to recruit and retain membership in our detachment. Solutions to the problem have eluded us for many years. For those of us who are active members, we know the pride of continuing to serve our Corps and the personal relationships we have developed. Unfortunately, there remain thousands of Marines and FMF Corpsmen in our local community who served honorably on active duty who have not yet experienced that sense of pride I just spoke of. They don't know what they don't know.

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The Judge Advocate (JA) ~ Dickson Lee

The Judge Advocate is the keeper, protector, and counselor of those laws, policies, and procedures within the Det. He/She must be diligent in assuring conformance to these credentials that allow the League and the Detachment to exist in an orderly manner. As with laws in our daily lives, we may not agree with them all, but they exist for the purpose of providing a common structure within which we can operate, and mutually respect the rights of others. The Judge Advocate has the right and obligation to suggest meaningful change to the statutes from higher levels, and a procedure for being heard.



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The Chaplain ~ Don Newell

Provide comfort & service to members & families in time of need. Perform duties of a Spiritual nature, visit sick members, and provide notification to Dept. & Nat'l on deceased members

[SEE CHAPLAIN IN ACTION PAGE 14](#)

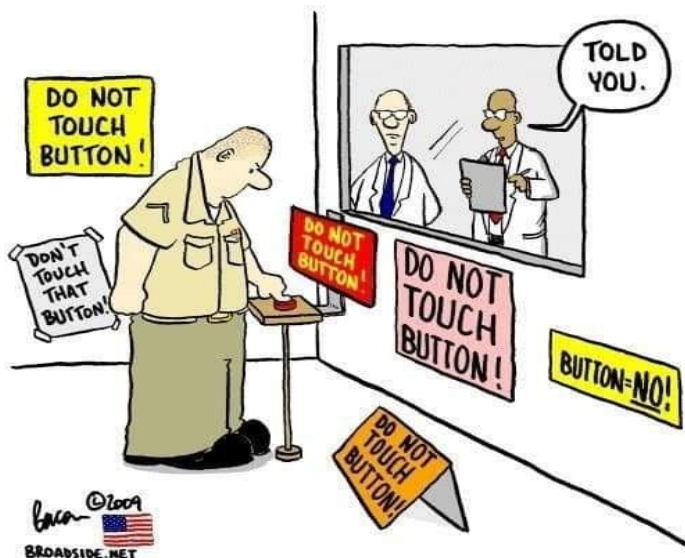
Are your loved ones aware of what you want accomplished with your remains once you have taken up post at the Gates of Heaven? Do you want Military Honors?



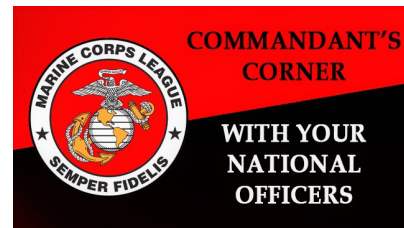
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The Sergeant-at-Arms (SA) Steve Slegers

Ensures the orderly conduct of meetings -beginning with the physical set-up, assuring that items required for the meeting are on hand, provide a sign in sheet for those attending, & maintaining order during the meeting. Ensuring our guests and new members are properly introduced and made to feel comfortable before, during, and after the meeting.



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All members welcome

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1169173453610325>

The National Public Relations Committee hosts a monthly "Commandant's Corner". Open to ALL membership. Zoom call, enable video and audio on your device. An opportunity to join members all over the country as this social forum is used to share stories, express concerns, ask questions etc. Always @ 1900 the 3rd Thurs of ea. month. The next one is scheduled for November 18th @ 1900 EST. Rules: You must respect everyone in the room. Assist w/signing on email our Nat'l Public Relations Chair Victoria McCoy publicrelations@mcleague.org

******This is NOT a Facebook Event******

DO NOT HAVE ZOOM LOG ON HERE

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6033813163...>

Subject to change...

Zoom Meeting ID: 603 381 3163

Passcode: MCL2021 (all caps)

Grab a drink and join us. No business, no uniforms, no bad attitudes please. Respect each other in the room.

Support Our Hosts



American Legion Smith~Reynolds Post 14
4607 NE St James Rd, Vancouver, WA 98663

T/W/F - 1100-1300 Lunch

Wed ~ Taco Night 1700-1900

Fri ~ Dinner 1630-1830 **RSVP**

(Dine In or Take Out)

Sat ~ last Sat. of month Steak Night-1700-1900
ALL DINNERS MUST BE RESERVED 3 DAYS PRIOR

RSVP/Reservations ~ Post Manager

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who have not yet experienced that sense of pride I just spoke of. They don't know what they don't know. In the September 23rd edition of the *Wall Street Journal*, an opinion piece appeared under the title 'Old Veterans Organizations Are Fading Away'. The piece struck a chord with me so if I may, I'd like to share some of the facts.

- Veterans' groups across the country are facing declining membership
- Honor guards for veteran funerals are becoming difficult to staff
- The average age of Veterans' group has risen in recent years – some like the American Legion, VFW & the Marine Corps League have an average age of 80 years
- Younger veterans who served during the past 20 years, are not joining Veterans' groups as did their fathers and grandfathers
- In 2019, there were 6,261 suicides among veterans, that's about 17 per day!

One would then logically ask, how many of the veterans who took their own life would have done so if they had meaningful relationships with a concerned peer. There are no studies that would answer this for us however we know and appreciate the value and significance of good peer relationships. Few civilians who have never seen military service can be an effective peer – only another veteran who have been there and done that can serve that important role. Where are those veterans? - They are in veteran's groups like our own.

Have you ever thought that by inviting another veteran to join the Marine Corps League you may be saving their life? The facts would suggest this could be true for many, especially younger veterans.

New Members \$35.00 1st year

(Adj/Paymaster needs to view DD-214)

Membership Renewals

Regular/Associate Mbrs: \$30.00 **annually by 15 August**

Paid Life Membership

Rates: **Age-35 yrs.** 500.00; **36- 50 yrs.** 400.00;

51-64 yrs. 300.00; **65-+ years** 200.00;

Make Check payable to CRD 826 MCL

MCL Mail to JF Stofiel 6204 Kansas St Vancouver, WA 98661-6924

QUARTERMASTER

Traditionally this detachment had only one member who volunteered to serve as our Quartermaster (Marine Keith Fitch) and when he stepped down several years ago the det. Paymaster assumed those duties. Currently the Paymaster makes purchases online to the benefit of the members and makes the purchases of the adopted MCL Red Polo shirt, of which there needs to be a minimum of five (5) shirts purchased from Excel Design. Any member may go online to purchase their own uniform or other items from the ships store, and use their own credit card to make those purchases. Order online @ <https://the-semper-fi-store.myshopify.com/>

Paymaster orders items needed for the detachment as a whole, generally administrative items (bylaws), recruiting paraphernalia, and award items like certificates provided by the Semper Fi Store.

WANT DETACHMENT SHIRT CONTACT YOUR PAYMASTER Polo Shirt is local

Department of Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS)

<https://www.portland.va.gov/locations/vancouver.asp>

VAVS Rep ~Rex Hopper MCL Representative to our VA facility in all aspects of the organization's participation in the Voluntary Service Program. Attends the quarterly meetings of the VAVS Committee. Keeps our members aware of the needs of the patients in the form of volunteer support or other resources. Additionally, has the responsibility to recruit volunteers to fill these needs.

Looking for volunteer drivers and office assistants to help make a difference in the lives of the Veterans we serve. If interested, please contact Rex our VAVS Representative.

Changes in the level of funding for the Beneficiary Travel program led the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to accept alternative options for transportation of eligible veterans seeking VA services. VTN was established to provide needed transportation for veterans seeking services from a VA facility and/or authorized facility. VTN guidelines permit volunteer participation in providing transportation to veterans using a volunteer's privately-owned conveyance or a government-owned vehicle, including donated vehicles, county vehicles, DAV Department (State) or Chapter (local) vehicles, public transportation and contracted transportation. If you would like further information regarding the Volunteer Transportation Network, you can complete and submit the form on the Volunteer or Donate page. <https://www.volunteer.va.gov/apps/VolunteerNow/> someone from the local VAVS office will contact you with further information.



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I know it hurts like the dickens but you have to admit... it really looks impressive!



Marine Corps League National Mid-Winter Conference @

Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel
777 Waterside Dr, Norfolk, VA 23510

February 24 - 26, 2022

Reservations: 1-800-325-3535 or call direct at (757) 622-6664

Reservation link:

<https://www.marriott.com/event.../reservation-link.mi...>

Room Rate: \$129. + Tax

Breakfast: Complimentary

Uber or Taxi from the airport.



This drawing by Frank Taylor (1846-1947) depicts the Tun Tavern as it stood in the late eighteenth century. (Library Company of Philadelphia)

The Tun Tavern (the "Tavern")

Historically, it is regarded as the "First Brew House" built by Samuel Carpenter in 1685 on Philadelphia's historic waterfront at the corner of Water St. and Tun Alley leading to what is now known as "Penn's landing".

Carpenter's purpose in building the Tavern was to commence the development of the Philadelphia's historic waterfront which he intended as a site for various businesses. The Tavern soon developed a reputation for fine beers in the City of Philadelphia and maintained that reputation for over a century. Its name is derived from the old English word "Tun" meaning measured cask, barrel, or keg of beer.

1732 ~ The Masonic Temple in Philadelphia, recognizes the Tavern as the birthplace of the Masonic teachings in this country; there are estimated to be over 2.3 million Masons in the United States today.

1756 ~ Colonel Benjamin Franklin organized the Pennsylvania Militia and utilized the Tavern as a gathering place to recruit the area's first regiment of soldiers to suppress Indian uprisings.

1775 November 10, 1775, Robert Mullan, the proprietor of the Tavern and son of Peggy Mullan, was commissioned by an act of Congress to raise the first two battalions of Marines, under the leadership of Capt. Samuel Nicholas, the first appointed Commandant of the Continental Marines. Nicholas's grandfather was also a member of the Tun Tavern Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons and it is this relationship between Mullan, Nicholas and the Tavern which has resulted in Tun Tavern being acknowledged as the birthplace of the United States Marine Corps. There are an estimated three million active and retired U.S. Marines worldwide who have been exposed in their military training to the historical significance of Tun Tavern.



Born: 1744 Philadelphia, PA Died 27 August 1790 Philadelphia, PA

Buried: Arch St. Friends Meeting House, Philadelphia, PA

Continental Marines Years of service 1775–1783 Rank Major

Commands held: Commandant of the Marine Corps

Battles/wars: American Revolutionary War ~ Battle of Nassau, Trenton & Princeton

Each year on November 10th, around the world Marines toast the Marine's birthplace on the most significant date in the history of the Corps.



Lewis & Clark Pound 225 Pack of Washington

Fun & Honor Society of the Marine Corps League

Dog House: Kibbles n Bits 0700-0800 & Growl 0800-0900

Kitchen Table Cafe- Evergreen Place 705 NE 136th Ave Ste 101, Vancouver, WA 98684

Pound Keeper: PDD John Stofiel **SrVice Pound Keeper:** DD Bill Hauser

JrVice Pound Keeper: DD Pete Thornton

Smart Dog: DD Steve Slegers; **Dog Trainer:** PDD George LaFrazia; **Mad Dog:** PDD Lynn Bolte

Police Dog: PDD Rex Hopper; **Jr. Past Pound Keeper:** DD Henry Lasch

Scratching's ~ 9 OCTOBER 2021

OPENING CEREMONY: 0745 ORDER OF BUSINESS:

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS: All present and/or accounted for except the Pound Barking Dog, Watch Dog, and JrPast Pound Keeper.

RECOGNITION OF DIGNITARIES:

Worthy past Pack Leaders: PDD John Stofiel, PDD Rex Hopper; Past Pd Keepers: PDD John Stofiel, PDD Lynn Bolte, PDD George LaFrazia, and PDD Rex Hopper; Past Pd Dogs of the Year: PDD Rex Hopper & PDD John Stofiel.

INITIATION OF CANDIDATES TO DEGREE OF PUP: None.

SICKNESS AND IN DISTRESS – DD Ron Brandon home from his hospital visit.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Bones Report: Dog Robber PDD Stofiel** – Read report, motion to approve Rex Hopper, 2nd Steve Slegers, carried.
- **MODD Vest Chair: David Ball** – MIA

NEW BUSINESS – Motion to donate charity/fine funds to Operation Little Angel, Columbia River Unit, 2nd PDD Rex Hopper, carried.

ELECTIONS: Motion by PDD Rex Hopper to have all Officers carry on for next year, 2nd DD Toby Clairmont, carried. All were given the oath of Office the previous year, oath holds over to end of term in Office.

Motion to bring 2 Detachment members into the MODD was approved.

GOOD OF THE ORDER/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 11 December Det 826 dinner meeting 1830 @ Post 14
- 2022 MCL Mid-Winter – Feb 24-26, 2022, Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel, 777 Waterside Dr., Norfolk, VA
- Department Spring Staff – Apr 1-2, 2022, Oxford Suites, Yakima. [PACK GROWL 2 APRIL]
- Department 75th Annual Convention – TBD at a sight TBD. (Olympic Peninsula Det & Mt Olympus Det. are working with their membership to host).
- 2022 National Convention – Aug 14-20, 2022, Hilton Daytona Beach Oceanfront Hotel, 100 N. Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach, FL 32118.
- 2023 National Convention is scheduled to held in Oklahoma dates/time/location TBD

CLOSING CEREMONIES: 0845 Appropriate.

PUP TOBY'S Advancement to Devil Dog on 10/9/21 initiation by Past Madam Big Flea was a significant adjustment for him but handled himself well and kept the fleas at bay ;0)



Next Pound Growl ~ 11 December 2021 Kitchen Table Dog House

What we do...**Veterans Day Parade****Remembering...****Hazel Dell Parade****Flag Folding Ceremony****Color Guards**

Ballgames (SAFECA)
Trailblazers (MODA)
Organizational events



<https://lcym.org> public: <https://www.facebook.com/lcym2002/>

Members only: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/193225643118>

Acting CO: Mr. Sean Langley Email: XO@LCYM.ORG Adjutant: Mrs. Kristine Lewis Email: ADJ@LCYM.ORG

Drill - Action WOW - Incredible job Young Marines!

Congratulations to the following Young Marines earning a promotion: YM Begines to LCpl, YM Rider S to Cpl, and YM Blok to SSgt Congratulations Young Marines - Fantastic job!!

Additional congratulations to all of our Young Marines receiving their initial Ribbons:

Community Service: Pfc Begines & Pfc Bisila; **Marksmanship:** LCpl Begines, Pvt Bezhenar, Pfc Bisila, Pvt Bjork, Pvt Gallant, LCpl Larzalere, & Pvt Schwartz; **CPR:** Cpl Rider C, & Cpl Rider S; **Advanced First Aid:** LCpl Begines, Pvt Bezhenar, Pfc Bisila, Pvt Bjork, Pvt Gallant, LCpl Gelfo J, LCpl Gelfo P, Cpl Prudhomme, Cpl Rider C, Cpl Rider S, & Pvt Schwartz.

Lewis & Clark Young Marines (WA0009P)

Please help Lewis and Clark Young Marines Remember and Honor every veteran's grave at Evergreen Memorial Gardens on December 18 at 12:00 pm, 2021 by sponsoring wreaths. Our

Young Marines thank you! **Donate/Volunteer @**

<https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/pages/20351/Overview/>



The Young Marines was founded in 1959, by the Brass City detachment of the Marine Corps League in Waterbury, CT. chartered on October 17, 1965

1959 ~ 2021 62 years serving in our communities

COLUMBIA RIVER DETACHMENT #826
MINUTES OF 15 OCTOBER 2021 GATHERING.

OPENING CEREMONY – 1830 Appropriate

ORDER OF BUSINESS: **ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:** All present.

INTRODUCTION OF DIGNITARIES: Past Dept. Cmndnt's & Dept. MOY's: John Stofiel & Rex Hopper; Past Det. Cmndnt's: John F. Stofiel, Lynn A. Bolte, George L. LaFrazia, & Rex Hopper; Past Det. Marines of the Year: John Stofiel, George LaFrazia, Lynn Bolte, Rex Hopper, John Hudson, Steven Slegers, Pete Thornton and Toby Clairmont.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: Self Intro by Marines Charles Turner and Frank Falbee shared about their time in our Corps.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: Marine Turner coming in from Olympia Detachment;

CORRESPONDENCE:

- By Direction of DOD & CMC active duty components of our Corps cancelled all Marine Corps Birthday Balls. Our RS Portland Ball cancelled, however 6thESB (Reserve Ball) is still on at the Oregon Convention Center.
- This year's Veterans parade has been cancelled. A Veterans Day Ceremony will take place on 11/11 at 11am, in front of the Artillery Barracks. We are also invited to visit our WWII exhibit "Fighting for the Right to Fight": African American Experiences in WWII, which will be free for veterans, and families following the Ceremony @ Artillery Barracks 600 Hathaway Rd, Vancouver. WA Perhaps we could discuss an alternate action by the detachment under new business.

ADJUTANT/PAYMASTER'S REPORT: John Stofiel – We have 80 members 29 Regular Paid, 2 unpaid, and 49 Paid Life Members. Read Paymasters report, motion to accept report Rex Hopper, 2nd Steve Slegers, carried.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT: Don Newell – Absent. J Stofiel shared about Marine Ron Brandan, he is still rehabbing from his COVID stay at the hospital and sends thanks for prayers and a big hello.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

- Commandant Henry Lasch – No Report
- SrVice Cmndn't Pete Thornton – Toby and I are coordinating our Toys for Tots campaign in Battle Ground area.
- JrVice Cmndn't Toby Clairmont – I shared with our Adjutant an article concerning the subject "Old Veterans Organizations Are Fading Away"; declining membership making it difficult putting together honor guards for funerals. Younger Veterans simply do not join clubs. The sociological transformation to social networks and eyes on their IPODS maintain social contact via the internet, twitter, Instagram, face book. When the younger generation do join a group they lean toward service-inspired organizations such as Team Red, White and Blue or Team Rubicon. Team Rubicon is more focused on taking care of the needs of veterans with some focus on Veterans Suicide of which we lose at least two a day to suicide. Andrew Maceo and John Hudson tagged in on the suicide issue as not just being a veteran issue but also a youth problem and is an issue with the youth programs they volunteer to serve with.
- Judge Advocate – Dickson Lee – No Report
- JrPast Cmndn't Lynn Bolte – No Report

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

- **Clark County Veterans Advisory Board:** Steve Slegers – Homeless Veterans outreach at CRRRC Annex, 1601 E. Fourth Plain Blvd., Bldg. 18 Vancouver, WA 503-808-1256/800-949-1004 Ext. 51256; We approved the following contracts for 2022 funding today: Clark County Veterans Assistance Center: \$834,798, WDVA Veteran Service Officers: \$138.00, and Free Clinic of SW WA Dental program: \$24,900. Veterans Assistant Center - 25 Veterans served, 6 denials. Assist total \$17,306. 5 Veterans exiting homelessness, 13 year to date 43 male, 7 females Veterans. 186 visits to the center for essentials and food, 205 phone calls; 605 Volunteer hours, totaling \$14,937 value; Free Clinic 3 referred, 2 served – exams, x-rays, restoration services valued at \$735, billed \$674.44 Fund - Revenue: \$33,502. Expenses: \$104,642. Balance: \$831,561. Veterans 2021 Stand Down October 1 – 2 101 Veterans served; 49 of them were homeless; 90 volunteers; 40 providers; 564.5 volunteer hours; Distributed: 203 meals, 800# DOD clothing/supplies, 1,425# civilian clothing, and 50 pairs of boots; Dental Services # Value Total Exam/Education 13 \$166 \$2,158, Extractions 4 \$220 \$880, Total Restorations 3 \$336 \$1,008, X-Rays 5 \$36 \$180. Value of Care \$4,226.00. Our Next scheduled meeting will be December 9 at 2 PM.

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CRDMCL MINUTES CONT'D

- **Marine Corps Coordinating Council of OR/WA:** John Stofiel – The MCCC is made up of all Marine organizations in our aor: I&I 6th Engineer & Support Bn., RS Portland, Marine Corps Engineer Assoc.; Or/Columbia River Chapt, 1st MarDivAssoc.; PNW Chapter, 3rdMarDivAssoc.; Oregon Chapt. Chosin Few Assoc.; Or-1 Lady Marine Rose Chapt-WMA; USS Oregon Det #470 MCL; Columbia River Det #826 MCL; Military OneSource State Consultant; and Marine for life. The results of our last MCCC meeting was published in our Newsletter.
- **Veterans Affairs Voluntary Services:** Rex Hopper – We are still on limited activities with our volunteers, all must be masked when on the VA Campus. I still need “Golf Cart Drivers” to assist in transporting of patients on the campus. I do have the authorization to fast push any volunteer who would like to assist with this.
- **Community Military Appreciation Committee (CMAC):** Bill Hauser – Absent.
- **Lewis & Clark Young Marines:** John Hudson – We have 11 recruits who will be graduating this Saturday (10/16/21); Our Annual YM Birthday Celebration has been cancelled but we will be holding a brief ceremony on our Thursday Study night. We are preparing for the “Wreaths across America Program” where we post-Christmas wreaths on the grave at Evergreen Memorial Garden Veterans locations in December.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Marine of the Year: Chair Pete Thornton – have received no nominations to date.

OLD BUSINESS:

John Stofiel - I attended the Zoom National Commandant Corner gathering of about 50 + detachments from across the nation. All have the same issues we have as a det. in regards to recruiting. To summarize, most of the info was on exposure, getting out into the public, holding more social events vs “business meetings”, following up on contacts made with phone calls for personal invite even to offering a ride to the gathering, buying a drink or dinner. Most of this meeting surrounded “Mentoring” of the members we have on the rolls, particularly those who are not coming to our meetings/dinners/events. Do we have a retention problem? Mentoring program no, we have a Core group that runs the detachment and serves on committees, is that seen as a clique? Do we need a friendlier atmosphere? Is the membership being asked to serve personally or is this just a detachment wide invite to play; Do some of our members who are officers been in office to long and need to move on and encourage others to step up; How about an assistant Officer i.e. Adjutant assistant who could step in in the event the appointed officer is not available; or perhaps a J/A assistance who could help with reviewing the bylaws working their way into the position; recognizing our members in our newsletters and social media who are out representing us in the community even though they may not be attending our business meetings; an idea was brought forth about a Joint Veterans Honor Guard i.e. we could work with our brothers/sisters in the Legion to establish an honor guard.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. John Stofiel – The Lewis & Clark YM’s are hosting the “Wreaths across America” Campaign here locally. I move that we purchase 10 wreaths (\$15.00 ea.), 2nd Rex Hopper, carried.
2. John Stofiel – I am proposing that since the Veterans Day Parade has been cancelled that the detachment Color Guard form up at the east end of Evergreen Blvd at 0930 and march down Officers Row to the Artillery Barracks where Veterans Day Ceremony will be conducted by the CMAC members. Color Detail Lynn Bolte National; Steve Slegers Marine Corps Colors; Toby Clairmont and John Stofiel Riflemen: Marine David Ball will lead our procession down Officers Row with our Detachment banner posted on his vehicle.

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CLOSING CEREMONY:

MEETING RAFFLE: Winner: (½) \$00.00; Detachment: (¼): \$00.00; Total:

IN ATTENDANCE: (16): David Ball, Eddie Bogle, Lynn Bolte, Toby Clairmont, Frank A Falbee, Rex Hopper, John Hudson, George LaFrazia, Henry Lasch, Dickson Lee, Andrew Maceo, Geri Roberts, Steve Slegers, John Stofiel, Pete Thornton, and Charles Turner

R/s John Stofiel, Adjutant



Upcoming Corps Family November events:

- 3rd Wed 1900 **Northwest Indian Veterans Association (NIVA)** (1st Wed ea. mo.) Bldg. D-7, 3rd Flr, Columbia Room. 1601 East Fourth Plain Blvd. Vancouver, WA 98661 Contact: Robert Littlefox, 360-696-4061 x 33412
- 6th Sat **Columbia River Chapter 1stMarDivAssoc** 1200 246th Marine Corps Birthday Luncheon @ McNary Golf Club 155 McNary Estates Dr. N Keizer, OR bring a toy & order from menu; Rsvp: Gene J Mosbrucker 503-255-6381 jgenem@gmail.com
- 10th Wed **Columbia River Detachment Annual Marine Corps Birthday Brunch** 0900 - 1200 @ Cascade Bar and Grill, 15000 SE Mill Plain Blvd. Vancouver, WA 98684
- 10th Wed **OR-1 Lady Marines WMA** Vagabond Brewing 2195 Hyacinth St NE #172, Salem, OR 97301 Marine Corps 246th birthday. You are all invited to join and have a good time celebrating 246 years!
- 11th Thu 1100 **Chosin Few Oregon Chapt** (2nd Thur. ea. Mo.) @ High Rocks Restaurant 915 E Arlington St, Gladstone, OR 97027 Contact Jerry Green 503-680-7502 JGreen24@comcast.net
- 12th Fri 0830-1000 **Community-Military Action Committee (CMAC)** Brunch meeting @ 40 et 8 Boxcar room 7607 NE 26th Ave. Vancouver, WA Contact: Bill Hauser 360-608-6672 bhauser1952@msn.com
- 13th Sat **Columbia River Detachment Annual Marine Corps Birthday Dinner** 1500 – 2000 Amer Legion Post 14, 4607 NE St James Rd. Vancouver, WA Reserve meals w/John Stofiel 360-90705342 jfstofiel@comcast.net
- 14th Sun 1330 **Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapt 72** (2nd Sun ea. Mo.) DAV Bingo Hall, 8725 NE Sandy Blvd, Portland, OR Contact Information: Gary Grange gbgrange@comcast.net 503-698-8320
- 15th Mon 1100 **Marine Corps Coordinating Council of OR & SW WA** (3rd Mon of ea. mo) @ 6735 N Basin Ave. Portland, OR. To gain access onto the base you must rsvp to John Stofiel 360-907-5342 jfstofiel@comcast.net
- 17th Wed 1100 **PNW Chapt 3rdMarDivAssoc.** (3rd Wed ea. mo.) meeting @ High Rocks Restaurant & Lounge 915 E Arlington St. Gladstone, OR 97027-2538 Contact: Pres. John Stofiel 360-907-5342 jfstofiel@comcat.net
- 18th Wed 1000 **Richard L. Quatier Chapter # 321 KVV ASSOC.** (3rd Wed mo.) @ 1000 40 ET 8 7607 N.E. 26th Ave. Vancouver, WA Commander James Mead jjmead@comcast.net 360 487-9270
- 20th Sat **6th Engineer Support Battalion 246th Marine Corps Birthday Ball** 1700 – 2200 @ Oregon Convention Center, 777 NE Martin Luther King Jr Blvd. Portland, OR 97232 Tickets: SSgt Emerson Walker 760-413-4063
- 20th 1100 **OR-1 Lady Marines WMA** @ Salem Vet Center 2645 Portland Rd NE, Salem, OR 97301; Street clean up following the meeting. Contact President Sam Hang 626-999-7009 samhang22@gmail.com



Andy LaFrazia, President
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Monthly Meetings

3rd Friday of ea. Mo. Dinner
1700-1830; Meeting 1830
Next Mtg.: 17 Dec @

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

CEREMONY			LOCATION (Rain or Shine)
8-Nov-2021	USMC	S/SGT David G. Ries	Vancouver War Memorial
14-Nov-2021	USMC	L/CPL Michael D. Scholl	Vancouver Veterans Memorial
7-Dec-2021	USMC	SGT Jason D. Peto	Vancouver Veterans Memorial
6-Jan-2022	USA	CPL Jeremiah J Johnson	Vancouver Veterans Memorial
29-Jan-2022	USMC	L/CPL Adam Q. Emul	Vancouver Veterans Memorial
22-Apr-2022	USA	SPC Eric D. King	Vancouver Veterans Memorial
9-May-2022	USMC	L/CPL Cedric E. Bruns	Vancouver Veterans Memorial
31-May-2022	USA	PFC Andrew J. Shields	Battle Ground Veterans Memorial

HAPPY BIRTHDAY MARINE 10 NOVEMBER 1775 ~ 2021 246 YEARS

Columbia River Detachment 826 ~ Columbia River Unit 398

Commandant Henry Lasch ~ President Jeanette Bolte

Cordially invite you and your significant others to join with us

Wednesday 10 November 2021

0900-1200 ANNUAL MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY BRUNCH

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ANNUAL MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION DINNER 13 NOVEMBER

Smith-Reynolds Post 14 American Legion 4607 NE St James Rd, Vancouver, WA

Uniform of the Day: Business casual

Attitude Adjustment 1500 ~ 1530-1600 Reading the Messages & Cake Cutting

Filet Mignon \$32.00 per person includes gratuity or Pork Chop (thick cut) \$17.00
includes gratuity

RSVP IMPORTANT

Please contact Adj/Paymaster John Stofiel to let him know of your attendance and
any guests you may be bringing jfstofiel@comcast.net 360-907-5342

**Make check payable to CRD826MCL & on the for line indicate meal selection and
mail to by 8 November 2021 6204 Kansas St. Vancouver, WA 98661-6924**

Past Detachment Marines of the Year



John Stofiel 1997

George LaFrazia 1999

Lynn Bolte 2001

*Phil Ruhmshottel 2002

George Pobi 2003

Rex Hopper 2004

Keith Fitch 2005

Bob Rector 2006

Mike Wilson 2007

*Jim Renton 2008

Wendy Baker 2009

Lou Baste 2010

Roger Rueckert 2011

Bill Hauser 2012

George Zeleznik 2013

*Florin Zeviar 2014

Lucian Baker 2015

John Hudson 2016

Steven Slegers 2017

Pete Thornton 2018

Toby Clairmont 2019

*Supreme Cmndn't

Dept. of Washington Marines of the year

John F. Stofiel

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2000-2001 **Marie Martin**; 2001-2003 **Caroline Ruhmshottel**; 2003-2004 **Peggy Leinweber**

2004-2006 **Paulette Stofiel**; 2006-2008 **Debbie Bruns**; 2008-2010 **Paulette Stofiel**

2010-2012 **Karen Wheeler**; 2012-2014 **Ellen Rueckert**; 2014-2015 **Christine McDonald**;

2015-2016 **Paulette Stofiel & Jeanette Bolte**; 2016-2020 **Paulette Stofiel**



MARIA JOANN HICKS - MARCH 3, 1936 - MAY 13, 2006; PHYLLIS DALE - SEPT. 24, 1940 - OCT. 2010;

ERYN CREEDON - DEC. 20, 1957 - JAN. 23, 2013; LEATRICE YONKER - OCTOBER 10, 1922 - SEPTEMBER 26, 2012; LOIS DARLENE BURLERSON - NOV 4, 1933 - SEPT. 17, 2013 ANITA K HOPPER JAN 22, 1938 - MAR 5, 2016

MARLENE ARNOLD AUG 1, 2016; MARY ALLEN SEPT 9, 1921 - FEB 25TH, 2014;

Our Chaplain and his Bride in Action

Had a great time working with the Washington State School for the blind last night. Peggy Lawer Newell and Don Newell had the pleasure of teaching 14 kids how to shoot archery. They had a blast shooting at balloons. On behalf of Chinook Archers We would like to thank Archery World for their support by giving us a place to shoot.



Archery World – Vancouver 6300 NE St. James Rd Ste 102, Vancouver, WA 98663 360-693-7510 vancouver@archeryworld.net

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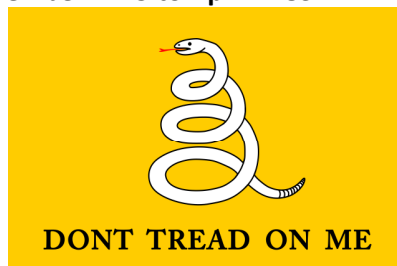


MEMBER ADDRESS LABEL

We welcome all Marines, Navy Corpsmen, Chaplains and those who adhere to the mores of our Corps as Associates for community service, social interaction and camaraderie. We have members from all eras of service and lots of experience and community resources to share. Meetings are held on the 3rd Friday of each month at the AL Smith- Reynolds Post 14 4607 NE ST JAMES RD VANCOUVER, WA. Dinner 1700-1830 Meeting opens @ 1830

We are on the web @
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"NOVEMBER MARINE CORPS HISTORY
Continental Marines 10 November 1775 to April 1783



Some evidence suggests the flag the Marines carried ashore at New Providence in 1776 was the Grand Union Flag. It consisted of 13 stripes and the Grand Union flag in the top inner corner. Another possibility is the infamous Gadsden flag or the rattlesnake flag with the image of a snake and the words "Don't Tread on Me."

- 1st 1943: 3d Marine Division lands at dawn Empress Augusta Bay, Bougainville
- 5th 1903: Major John Lejeune lands battalion to ensure Panamanian independence.
- 10th 1918: 5th Marines make night crossing of the Meuse River against German resistance.
- 10th 1948: First eight enlisted women are sworn in as Regular Marines.
- 10th 1954: Marine Corps War Memorial dedicated next to Arlington National Cemetery.
- 12th 1908: President Theodore Roosevelt removes Marines from U.S. warships.
- 15th 1950: Elements of the 1st Marine Division reached the Chosin Reservoir in North Korea.
- 20th 1943: 2nd Marine Division assaults Betio Island of Tarawa Atoll in Central Pacific.
- 20th 1947: Marine reservists started Toys-for-Tots in Los Angeles.
- 21st 1945: VMB-613 is decommissioned at Miramar, CA.
- 27th 1950: Marines engage Chinese Communists in North Korea near the Chosin Reservoir.
- 28th 1775: Samuel Nicholas commissioned as Captain, becomes the first Marine officer.

