



SEPTEMBER 2024



First Edition
First Capitol Det.
York, Pennsylvania

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Our Mailing Address

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of York County, PA**

P.O. Box 7313 York, PA 17404

The next scheduled meeting of 1st Capitol Detachment is 1930 Wednesday, 11 September at Shiloh American Legion Post #791, 1490 Poplars Road, York, Pennsylvania. Items for publication should be submitted in writing to the editor at P.O. Box 7313, York, PA 17404; or by email to mcl521.yorkpa@gmail.com.

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Commandant's Report

Fellow Marines and Associates, I can proudly report First Capitol Detachment distinguished itself at the Department Convention. Congratulations to Department Marine of the Year **Dean VanZanardi** and Department Associate of the Year **James Schreiber**. Dean was further recognized by the Chapel of Four Chaplains with the Humanitarian Service Medallion. Along with him was **C.J. Hoffman** receiving the Legion of Honor.

Other recipients receiving Department awards include **Carol McIntosh**, her 5th Distinguished Citizen Silver, and **Matt Corwin** as Department Recruiter of the Year. Finally, **Dave Brady** was awarded first place at both Department and National for his outstanding Newsletter. There were additional organizational awards and special Department Commandant Awards at the Banquet.

On the flip side I departed my service at Department level after many years at five different positions. I was totally surprised by Department Commandant **Diana Henry** who presented me with the Victor T. Fisher Award. Department service was a unique experience that I encourage others to experience.

My personal thanks to **Dean and Pam VanZanardi** for another successful York Fair Outreach Event. Additional thanks to all who gave time to come out in the heat to hold our table down and meet and greet the public.

We are catching our breath as we head into fall just around the corner. That means Toys for Tots Campaign will hit the ground running. Our associates aren't sitting around either. C.J. Hoffman has a couple of fun fund raisers lined up to support both Dean's non profit and Toys for Tots with another Battle of the Bands . Please come out to support her. She is recovering from recent surgery and needs our helping hand.

Another year to sell raffle tickets which keeps our Detachment afloat and helps Department keep the lights on. Please volunteer to come out as fall approaches. We can always use more hands on deck.

Our I.T. guy, **Sean Mitchell**, is fast at work on our mobile app for our iPhones so we can keep current and up to date on the information highway.

We are not slowing down as we advance into 2025 sooner than later. The year is flying. Get your ball tickets now. Seats are filling fast.

See you out there . Looking forward to cooler weather and fall leaves.

John McQuain
301-606-1717

j.mcquain@yahoo.com

In Memoriam
Reporting to the Supreme Commandant:
Ronnell Sprengle
16 August 2024

Marine Sprengle was a 34-Year Member of First Capitol Detachment. A reception is scheduled Friday, August 23 from 4-6pm at Kuhner Associates 863 South George Street.

RECRUITMENT & RETENTION

WELCOME ABOARD two new members! **Marine Courtney Davidson O'Brien**, sponsored by Dave Brady and **Associate Bonnie Jo Sawyer**, sponsored by **Michael Keech**, both approved at the August meeting.

Additionally, Marine **Sean Mitchell** was presented with his FIVE year lapel pin AND his *new* membership card.

Thanks to Marie Hyson for meeting photos!

That's right! We have begun receiving new cards for our **annual members** as they renew. While we would like to present it to you at our meeting, we'll get them to you by snail mail as necessary.



**If you're in crisis, call the new
Veterans Crisis Line number.**

Dial 988 then Press 1.

SCHOLARSHIPS!

Harleigh Brooks has received \$1,000 Detachment scholarship and has been awarded the Department scholarship. Congratulations!

We are still waiting on Nationals with will be decided at the National Convention.

**Scholarship Committee Chair
Matthew Corwin**

Jr. Vice Commandant's Report

We got off to a great start with the 2025 Veteran and Youth Raffle Tickets with the York State Fair. Upcoming sale dates are being planned. We've also got some 2025 Daily Number Calendars at \$30 each. Get yours before they're gone!

Rick Olvitt, JVC
harlev020800@yahoo.com

THANK YOU to all who turned out to assist with our Outreach and Fundraising at the YORK STATE FAIR in **Heroes Hall**. Thanks also to Past Commandant **Dean & Pam Van Zanardi** for coordinating the activity! Also CJ Hoffman and crew at Blueberry Hill Festival!



Thanks for the photos!



From Our Chaplain

Dear Members and Associates,
I would like to offer prayers to those and their families who are ailing or who have upcoming procedures. If you would like to have anything published, please contact me directly and let me know!

The Marine Corps League is proud to offer its members support and camaraderie - whether you are able to attend our meetings and events or not. It is important that you keep us on your contact list if you happen to be hospitalized or otherwise unable to be as mobile as you would like to be.

Additionally, the League can offer your family support in time of need - especially when you answer the final Roll Call. The League prescribes certain ceremonies for members in good standing, and the First Capitol Detachment offers additional support - along with the York County Veterans Honor Guard.

For additional information, give a call (717-332-3040) or email to (MCCorwinMCL@comcast.net) **Chaplain Carol Corwin**

The **Military Funeral Honors Section of HQ Marine Corps**, Quantico, VA is the point of contact for Military Funeral Honors (866-826-3628 7:30a to 4:30p) by either family members or funeral directors. **Source: MCL Funeral Honors SOP**

A great resource is the **Planning Your Legacy** kit, which can be downloaded from the Veterans Administration website at this link or GOOGLE search for [VA PAM 27-18-1](#)



Deadline for Next Issue Items to be included in the next issue are to be submitted no later than NOON **14 September**, the Saturday after the Detachment meeting. Send your items by Email (preferred) to mcl521.yorkpa@gmail.com -- or by snail mail (if you must) to P.O. Box 7313, York, PA 17404. You may also use this email **address to report errors and omissions! Thank you!**

Uniform EXCHANGE

First Capitol's **Uniform Exchange** has outgrown this space. Find it on the Detachment website marinesofyorkpa.org

Ken Welsh, Quartermaster
717-698-8685

Judge Advocate Report

Action was taken at the National Convention on proposals to amend our Bylaws and Administrative Procedures. A summary of those actions is posted at <https://www.mcleaguelibrary.org/convention/> and <https://marinesofyorkpa.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/2024-National-Amendments.pdf> .

JA Matthew Corwin
MCCorwinMCL@comcast.net

First Capitol Color Guard

We are on stand by for the Shiloh Legion's color guard for the re-dedication of their howitzer. It is finished and I'm in correspondence with Shiloh Commander on the event.

We have two events coming up in September:

Sept 15th is the **Court of Valor Rededication** at Prospect Hill Cemetery, we will need a color guard and individuals to help with seating, this is an annual event please contact me if interested in assisting.

Sept 19th is the Annual **York County Veterans Outreach Golf** event at Heritage Hills, which we have been providing the color guard for, so if interested please contact me.

Photos are from the August 17th practice at the warehouse.



CG Commander Matthew Corwin
MCCorwinMCL@comcast.net



Upcoming Detachment (& other) Activities

- Aug 30-31 Fundraising & Outreach** (pg 9)
- Sep 2 Labor Day - Fly Your Flag!**
- Sep 6-7 Fundraising & Outreach** (pg 9)
- Sep 7 Fall Rifle Match** (pg 8)
- Sep 10 MCL Scuttlebutt** - Paymaster discussion (pg 19)
- Sep 11 Patriot Day - Fly Your Flag!**
 - Detachment meeting** 7:30 pm
 - MC Ball Committee @ 7:00pm**
 - Audit Committee @ 6:30pm**
 - MOY & AOY selection** follows the meeting (pg 12)
- Sep 15 Court of Valor** - Color Guard Event (pg 6)
- Sep 18 Toys for Tots** - Kick Off meeting (pg 13)
- Sep 19 YORKVET Golf** - Color Guard Event pg 6)

Paymaster's Report

THANK YOU to those who have returned their **2025 Annual Dues** payments. The deadline is 31 August. National HQ is sending us new cards for renewing members. We'll get them to you at the meeting or by snail mail.

Dave Brady, Paymaster
mcl521.yorkpa@gmail.com

DONATION REQUESTS (Ref: FCD AP#1): Requests for monetary donations from FCD shall be communicated to the Commandant by the first day of the month. Provide name, address, and valid EIN of the non-profit organization. Requests for emergency expenditures will be considered on a case-by-case basis and are not subject to AP#1.

DONATIONS APPROVED IN 2024

- \$200 to the **Marine Corps League Foundation** - scholarships
- \$550 to **Four Chaplains York** - Table sponsorship (see page 10)
- \$350 to **Four Chaplains York** - Youth Table sponsorships (also page 10)
- \$100 to **York County Veterans Outreach** - car show sponsorship
- \$200 to **Indiantown Gap National Cemetery Memorial Council**
- \$200 to **Dallastown Lions** (support York Co. Vets at Beacon Lodge Camp)
- \$100 to **York County Veterans Outreach** - Anthony Stabile Day
- \$500 to **York City Parks Conservancy** - Veterans Memorial Park
- \$200 to **Prospect Hill Cemetery** - Court of Valor Rededication
- \$150 to **VFW 537 Etters** - Golf Tournament Hole Sponsorship
- \$150 to **York County Veterans Outreach** - Golf Tournament Sponsor

Marksmanship



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
FIRST CAPITOL DETACHMENT 521 YORK, PA
INVITES ALL MCL MEMBERS & ASSOCIATE MEMBERS
TO COMPETE IN OUR PISTOL MATCH
7 SEPTEMBER 2024



Check-in 1000 and Shooting commences at 1100

Registration:

Register by going to the Department website Marksmanship page. Read the SOP.

<https://pamcleague.com/marksmanship/>

Fill out Registration Forms and email to:

willys1948@hotmail.com

Or call Jim Schreiber 717-891-8175

MCL Members and Associate Members in Good Standing ONLY

New Range Location:

Fraternal Order of Police Range

2933 Access Road

West Manchester Township, PA 17408

Directions from I83:

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/noPh36b6D5h2bbns5>

Cost is \$30.00 per shooter includes entry in 2024

Department of PA Pistol Match

Registration Opens 30 prior to and closes 1 day prior to the match date.

Points of Contact:

Jim Schreiber 717-891-8175

willys1948@hotmail.com

Dean VanZanardi 717-659-4630

richardzanardi@comcast.net

Match Classifications

Service Pistol & Open Matches The open pistol match is designed to give shooters access to the Pistol Match who do not own or have access to military type pistols required for the Service Pistol Match.

Course of Fire:

PAMCL SOP

This is a 60 shot match fired in two stages with each stage containing one string of slow fire, two strings of timed fire and two strings of rapid fire.

- 25 yards to target
- B-8 Targets
- 10 Rounds, 10 minutes Slow Fire, 2 Times for a total of 20 shots
- Two (2) five-round strings, 20 Seconds, Timed Fire, 2 Times for a total of 20 shots
- Two (2) five-round strings, 10 Seconds, Rapid-Fire, 2 Times
- There will be a pause between the Timed and Rapid-Fire strings for reloading.

Department of PA MCL Awards

Competitors scores are automatically entered for Department awards. Complete instructions can be found in the Department Pistol SOP.

All competitors are required to read the PA Department Pistol SOP and submit the required forms and match fee prior to participating. (See link below)

<https://pamcleague.com/marksmanship/>

Email completed registration forms to, willys1948@hotmail.com (Pay at Match)



MARKSMANSHIP events are held by Detachments throughout the Department of Pennsylvania. Find details on those activities at <https://pamcleague.com/category/department-programs/>

James Schreiber
willys1948@hotmail.com



First Capitol Detachment #521



Invites you to attend the

249th UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY BALL

When: November 9, 2024
Where: Heritage Hills Resort
2700 Mount Rose Avenue
York, Pennsylvania



5:00 pm Cocktails
6:00 pm Opening Ceremonies
6:30 pm Dinner Served
7:30 pm Speaker

\$50 per Adult - \$35 per Student

Menu: Beef, Chicken, Fish, and Vegetarian Options

Questions:

Phone: 717-650-7835

E-mail: mcl521.yorkpa@gmail.com



The Honorable Devlin J. Robinson
Pennsylvania State Senator
37th Senate District

Semi-formal to formal dress.
Cash Bar (no BYOB).
Smoke free building.

**Reserve a room at Heritage Hills
(717)755-0123**

Tell them you are coming for the Marine Corps Birthday Ball and request the military rate. Use code **USMC2024**.



Make checks payable to **First Capitol Det. #521**
OR make payment by debit card or direct transfer
with **ZELLE** to email address above.

MAIL TO: First Capitol Det #521
P.O. BOX 7313 - YORK, PA 17404-0313



Reservation Form

Name: _____ Adult Student Meal Choice: _____

EMAIL Address: _____ No tickets will be sent, but we can acknowledge by email

Phone: _____ Total Number in Party: _____

Guest 1 Name: _____ Adult Student Meal Choice: _____

Guest 2 Name: _____ Adult Student Meal Choice: _____

Guest 3 Name: _____ Adult Student Meal Choice: _____

Guest 4 Name: _____ Adult Student Meal Choice: _____

Please list additional guest names on the back of this form with their meal choice.

Please advise of any special accommodations or seating requests on the back of this form.

No refunds if canceled after October 31, 2024.

MARINE OF THE YEAR Nominations

A tradition at our annual Birthday Ball is recognition of the Marine of the Year. Nominations are due NOW. Here's what you do:

All nominations must be submitted **in writing** to the Marine of the Year committee, by way of the Commandant no later than the end of the **SEPTEMBER** Detachment meeting. Nominations may not be submitted anonymously, i.e. **the nomination letter must be signed**.

Put the written nomination in an envelope and seal it. Address that envelope to the Marine of the Year Committee. Put the first envelope inside a second envelope which may be hand-delivered to the Commandant by the end of the **SEPTEMBER** meeting, or sent by mail. If sent by USMail, please note that the nomination must be in the hands of the Commandant by the end of the **September** meeting. Here's the address (**be sure you put ALL of this on the envelope**):

Marine of the Year Committee
c/o Commandant John McQuain
1st Capitol Detachment, MCL
P.O. Box 7313
York, PA 17404

ASSOCIATE OF THE YEAR Nominations

Beginning in 2019, the Detachment began recognizing the participants of non-Marine members with a similar award. Nominations are now being accepted in the same manner as the Marine of the Year:

All nominations must be submitted **in writing** to the Associate of the Year committee, by way of the Commandant no later than the end of the **SEPTEMBER** Detachment meeting. Nominations may not be submitted anonymously, i.e. the nomination letter **must be signed**.

Put the written nomination in an envelope and seal it. Address that envelope to the Associate of the Year Committee. Put the first envelope inside a second envelope which may be hand-delivered to the Commandant by the end of the **SEPTEMBER** meeting, or sent by mail. If sent by US-Mail, please note that the nomination must be in the hands of the Commandant by the end of the **September** meeting. Here's the address (**be sure you put ALL of this on the envelope**):

Associate of the Year Committee
c/o Commandant John McQuain
1st Capitol Detachment, MCL
P.O. Box 7313
York, PA 17404

The **MARINE & ASSOCIATE OF THE YEAR SOCIETIES** (past recipients) will meet following the September Detachment meeting to select the respective recipients for 2024.



Well, *that* was *FUN!* Toys for Tots was invited by the York Revolution to participate in **Downtown's Birthday** party as gifts were collected to benefit our activity. Thanks to Yvette & Tim for helping out!

Planning for the 2024 campaign is underway. The Coordinator's Conference is scheduled for mid-September, and I'll have lots to share on my return. **Let's plan to meet WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18** at the Warehouse, beginning at 7pm.

We have recently begun the process of finding a **new location** for our Toys for Tots operation. The current property is slated for redevelopment. Fortunately, we will be able to work through the 2024 campaign un-interrupted.

Are you aware of someone with property from which we can operate? Please reach out, or have them contact me.

Dave Brady, 2024 LCO Chair
Yvette Wertz, Vice Chair

york.pa@toysfortots.org

<http://york-pa.toysfortots.org>

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

<https://www.instagram.com/toysfortotsyorkpa/>

FALL DEPARTMENT MEETINGS

Plan now to attend the Fall 2024 Department of Pennsylvania meetings scheduled for October 18 & 19 at Building 3-95 on Fort Indiantown Gap. Folks staying overnight are encouraged to book at the Best Western Grantville/Hershey, 450 Station Road (I-81 Exit 80). \$92/night includes breakfast. Use booking code **2F4LK4U9** when calling 717-469-8181. Deadline is October 2nd.



MARINES REMEMBERING MARINES

On Saturday, August 3 members of First Capitol turned out at Prospect Hill Cemetery - joined by the the Color Guard from the 79th Pennsylvania Volunteers (Lancaster Fencibles) - to remember **Marine Sgt. J. Henry Denig** who was awarded the Medal of Honor for action during the Battle of Mobile Bay August 5, 1864. The York native is interred at Prospect Hill Cemetery. We were joined by **Department Commandant Diana Henry**.



Commandant McQuain presented the members with a Certificate of Appreciation and framed photos of their participation in prior events. We are grateful to all who turn out to help us remember our Marine history, and those who preceded us.





The **ALLVETS** Roundtable returns this month to kick off its **NINTH YEAR!**

Featured speaker is **Marine Phil Frigm**. Yes, our own Past Detachment Commandant who will relate his experience in Vietnam. Stop by on Wednesday, August 28 at the **NEW York History Center (121 N. Pershing Avenue)** beginning at 7pm.

You are invited to share ***your*** story! For details, email to Allvets1York@gmail.com or visit <http://allvets.us/index.html> or call **717-881-6651**. Past presentations may be viewed on **YOUTUBE** - under the [York Heritage Trust](#) channel!

Lots more pictures at
www.marinesofyorkpa.org

<https://www.facebook.com/mcl521.yorkpa/>

https://www.instagram.com/mcl_det_521/

*OR - use the **QR** Codes on the front page!*

Bus Outing to the Evening Parade

Several members of First Capitol, m and their families, got aboard the bus on August 2 to visit Washington DC and take in the Evening Parade at Marine Barracks (8th & I).



2024 National Convention



First Capitol was well represented at the 2024 Marine Corps League **National Convention** is set for Palm Springs, California August 12-16. Daily reports of the activities are on the MCL Youtube Channel

Your National Commandant is **TJ Morgan** (WA); Senior Vice Commandant **Russ Miller** (CO); Junior Vice Commandant **Dave Porter** (MA) and Judge Advocate **Bruce Rackfeldt** (NC), the latter in one of the closest elections in memory.

Delegates also approved a budget for the coming year which includes funds for a Membership/Outreach initiative.



Our own **Carol McIntosh** was named National Associate Member of the Year. She received the award from 2023 AMOY **Alison Noger**, who is a dual member of First Capitol. The National Marine of the year is **Howard Scheaffer**, also of Pennsylvania!

First Capitol took **First Place** in the National Newsletter Competition!

Editor Dave Brady accepts the award from National Commandant Warren Griffin.



Governing Documents just ask!

Yes, any member can (and should) be familiar with our By-laws and Administrative Procedures. Download your own at *these links!*

NATIONAL :

<https://www.mcleaguelibrary.org/member-library/>

(this one is password protected - ask and ye shall receive)

DEPARTMENT: <https://pamcleague.com/bylaws/>

DETACHMENT:

<https://marinesofyorkpa.org/category/about-us/documents/>

PLEASE <https://www.facebook.com/mcl521.yorkpa/>
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2024 Tenure Awards

Pins for service to the Marine Corps League are presented in five-year increments. The members listed below have achieved that milestone this year and we will set aside time at each Detachment meeting to present the Awards . Send an email to arrange out of state delivery. If you think you belong on this list, contact the Senior Vice Commandant.

35	WILLIAM	MEAD
35	ERVIN	SMITH
35	CHARLES	HEINER
30	JAMES	HALE
30	KENNETH	HOKE
30	LARRY	FLINCHBAUGH
15	ROBERT	WONDER
15	JOHN	MORRISON
5	JOHN	O'CONNOR
5	LAWRENCE	WILLS

MilitaryShare

YORK COUNTY FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM *a Fresh Express Program*

This program provides food security assistance to veterans and their families. **Any veteran** is eligible for aid in this program administered by the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank. There are FOUR programs in York County:

2nd Tuesday at Markets at Hanover 1649 Broadway sponsored by Roots for Boots (call 717-316-0155).

4th Tuesday at York Vets Helping Hand 412 West King Street (call 717-900-4742)

4th Thursday at Shiloh Legion, 1890 Poplars Road, administered by the Auxiliary of the Shiloh Legion (call 717-586-6526).

4th Tuesday (THIS MONTH ONLY) at Church of the Open Door 4075 East Market Street, sponsored by Just For Today (call 717-747-4224).

VOLUNTEERS are needed to make it happen. Report time at East York is 8am with distribution 10a-1p; Report time at Shiloh is about 11:15a with distribution 2-4pm.

Subscribe to news & information affecting PA Vets at

<https://register.dmva.pa.gov/>

York County Veterans Honor Guard

The participation by Detachment members in the York County Veterans Honor Guard earns us VVS points. Thank you for continuing your service!

The Honor Guard turned out for 16 details in July and members of 1st Capitol Detachment participated in many of those details:

Spencer Lynch (11) Dave Brady (6) Phil Frigm (4) & Roger Miller (0 - in reserve).

This service to all Veterans cannot happen without those willing to volunteer their time. No one is expected to turn out for every detail. Uniforms are provided for all members along with a mileage reimbursement. Contact those mentioned for info and see

<https://veteranshonorguardyorkpa.com/>

Local Feed the Vets Presents Veterans Lake Fishing Buffet Dinner & Dance Benefit September 14th at 3:30pm

VFW Post 556, 333 Eberts Lane

\$15/person. Come out and enjoy
full buffet dinner & desserts
Karaoke, Chinese Auction,
and music by Don & Eve DJ

Many thanks to First Capitol Detachment
521, Marine Corps League, for donations
and volunteers for this event



Veterans Lake Fishing organization provides Vets and their families
a day of Lake Fishing at no cost

Proceeds benefit: Veterans Lake Fishing. Must be 21 to enter

**For the above event
we are in need of
hamburger rolls, pa-
per plates, bowls,
plasticware, desserts,
anyone would want to
make coleslaw. If
someone wants to do-
nate napkins they can
contact me. CJ HOFF-
MAN**

★ Feed the Vets ★

"Presents"
2024



First Capitol Marine Corp. Det. 521
Toys for Tots

Battle of the Bands

Oct. 5th, 5pm-11pm Shiloh American Legion

1490 Poplars Road York PA 17408

Cover: New unwrapped toy or
\$5/person
Open to Public Must be 21 or over
info: CJ 717-781-7666

OPEN FOR ALL
MEMBERS OF THE MCL
& MCL AUXILIARY

MCL SCUTTLEBUTT

RETURNS TUESDAY, 9/10
TOPIC: PAYMASTER
CONNECT VIA ZOOM
ID 416 428 8328
PASSCODE MCL2024



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Providing Fraternity to Marines
Promoting the Future of the League*



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Marine/Associate of the Year Nominations