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York, Pennsylvania



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of York County, PA**

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The next scheduled meeting of 1st Capitol Detachment is 1930 Wednesday, 8 January 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 2024 End of the Year Report

Attendance: Has continued to be strong. Average between 20 to 30 members per meeting, depending on the time of year and Detachment commitments.

Toys for Tots Program: With maximum participation and strong leadership, this program continues to excel as an award-winning program. The challenge now faced is finding a new building as 2025 is almost here.

Marksmanship Program: This program has grown from the ground up. A balanced leadership team has made our matches safe, competitive, and bond-building. It continues to attract competitive shooters from across the state. Jim Schreiber has given guidance to National upon their request.

Birthday Ball Program: Has grown by leaps and bounds in recent years. We have moved from the smaller venue to the larger facility within Heritage Hills Resort. Those who attend enjoy a mix of 8th and I professional marching from the JROTC Color Guard and a local bonding of organizations and leaders from York County and even Maryland. We seem to agree that 175 people is our maximum capacity where we can keep all costs within reason and still provide a quality program.

Recruiting and Retention Program: While our numbers remain strong as a large Detachment, we gain and lose members throughout the year. Usually, we can somewhat project member losses when they do not pay dues and we reach out to them. The first year of a new member should be considered critical. After I oath a new marine or associate in I often wonder if that is the last I will see of them during my term. We need to sell our mission up front and ask this question, do you plan to be an active participant by attending meetings and some events. That is good to know information so we can get them the information to attend those events. If they are attending events that's fine, let's also re-invite them to our meetings so others get to know them better.

Awards Program: Our awards program is thriving and strong. When 20 percent of membership is doing 100 percent of the work, recognition is vital. It is the responsibility of the Commandant to identify those for recognition at Detachment, Department, Division, and National levels.

Many of our members received significant recognition at the Department Convention. The MoY and AoY, along with Recruiter of the Year, Americanism, and Department Commandant awards.

Additionally, two of our members received awards from The Chap-

el of Four Chaplains. My last count is that we have 8 members with recognition and one that received recognition twice. There are others out there who I believe are worthy of having their lifetime contributions recognized. I encourage every current recipient to seek them out.

Other members were recognized for community service and meritorious individual efforts. More will be recognized.

Leadership Development and Participation: This past year, only one of our members, Associate Jim Schreiber, attended the Department Leadership Course. I know Dave Brady planned to attend but due to other commitments couldn't. I encourage both marines and associates to attend the next class in September 2025. I have received no positive replies. I believe we need to send a minimum of 4 members to each class. With only one class a year this is even more important.

There has been a downward trend in leadership participation on the Dias. If this trajectory continues, it will have a negative impact on moral and attendance. As a Past District Commandant, I have seen the catastrophic results of other Detachments that ignored these warning signs. They lost their Charter and thus, the Detachment. We can have the most successful programs in the Department but if we are not identifying our future leaders and developing them to serve on the Dias we are facing a serious problem.

We should not be in a position where we are asking those that have previously served many terms with distinction to come back again. That they still step up goes to the incredible integrity and dedication they show us. That being said, it is not a solution, it is a stop gap measure.

To the Nomination Committee Chair, my apologies for not giving you a deeper bench to work with, using a baseball analogy.

On a more positive note, I have complete confidence in those that will be serving in 2025 on the Dias. I believe they will continue to serve with honor and integrity, the trademark and tradition of First Capitol Detachment.

I further thank those on my staff who have served beside me this last year. It has truly been an honor. I consider next month a more ceremonial meeting. Meaning my report will be very brief in January. I hope others will keep things brief and on point so we can get to installing officers.

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ELECTION & INSTALLATION

CONGRATULATIONS to the officers elected to serve in 2025 at the December meeting:

Commandant

Sr. Vice Commandant

Jr. Vice Commandant

Judge Advocate

Matthew Corwin

Kenneth White

James Fissel

Dean VanZanardi

Installation will be conducted at the meeting in January. Your attendance and participation is essential to the future of our Detachment. Officers to be installed should wear red blazer or satin jacket.

In Memoriam Reporting to the Supreme Commandant:

Collins L. Lunger - 10 December 2024

Marine Lunger was an 11 year member of the League and transferred to First Capitol from Lancaster County in 2017. He also served with the York County Veterans Honor Guard in recent years. A memorial service is planned at a later date.

Glenn M. Woodring - 12 November 2024

Members of First Capitol attending Marine Woodring's interment at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery on November 26.

Burton Shellhammer - 1 November 2023

Marine Shellhammer's family has scheduled a Memorial Service for 11am Saturday, December 28 at Heffner Funeral Home 1501 Kenneth Road. Visitation begins at 10am. Interment will be at Mount Rose Cemetery with military rites by the York County Veterans Honor Guard, including members of First Capitol.

Jr. Vice Commandant's Report

We are off to a great start with the 2025 Veteran and Youth Raffle Tickets with nearly 3400 sold since June.

Our next opportunity for outreach and fundraising is the York Gun and Knife Show December 28 & 29 (see next page). Please reach out if you intend to participate.

And we have some **2025 Daily Number Calendars** at \$30 each. Any not sold by December 31 will be registered to the Detachment. Contact the Paymaster for available numbers.

Rick Olvitt, JVC

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Awards

Commandant McQuain recognized these members for their service to the Detachment in 2024 at our December meeting. Thanks to Marie Hyson for meeting photos!

Rick Olvitt	Distinguished Citizen Bronze
Matthew Corwin	Distinguished Citizen Bronze
Dave Brady	Distinguished Citizen Bronze
Carol McIntosh	Distinguished Citizen Bronze
Todd Hyson	Distinguished Citizen Bronze
Carol Corwin	Distinguished Service Bronze
Wes Iler	Distinguished Service Bronze
Ken Welsh	Distinguished Service Bronze
Pam VanZanardi	Distinguished Citizen Bronze
Dean VanZanardi	Distinguished Service Bronze



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

Dial 988 then Press 1.

WINTER DEPARTMENT MEETINGS



The Winter 2025 Department of Pennsylvania meetings are happening January 17-18 at Building 3-95 on Fort Indiantown Gap. Find the schedule at this link <https://pamcleague.com/calendar/>. Access to Fort Indiantown Gap is now restricted. If this is your first visit contact **JVC Jim Diamond** juniorvice.deptpa@outlook.com

or **717-425-0624** promptly. Accommodations at Best Western, Grantville @ \$92+tax by Jan. 2 using code **1Y7ZH9D6**

Upcoming Detachment (& other) Activities

- Dec 25** **Christmas Day** *FLY YOUR FLAG!*
- Dec 28-29** **Fundraising & Outreach** @ York Gun Show
- Jan 1** **New Year's Day** *FLY YOUR FLAG!*
- Jan 8** **Detachment meeting** 7:30 pm (*Installation*)
- Jan 9** **Veterans & Military Families Day**
@ PA Farm Show Call Dave if you wish to attend.
- Jan 17-18** **Winter Department Meetings** (see page 3)

2025 Raffle Ticket Sales & Outreach

- Dec 28-29 Gun Show @ York Expo Center
Saturday 9-5 & Sunday 9-3

Paymaster's Report

About a dozen members have not returned their **2025 Annual Dues** payments. Another reminder will be coming your way in the New Year.

The Detachment Budget for 2025 was approved at the December meeting. If you would like to take a look, please ask and we will get a copy to you. Our books are OPEN!

JVC Rick tells you we still have some Department **Fundraising Calendars**. They make great gifts, because there is a chance to pay off EVERY DAY! Available at just \$30 each, with a minimum payout of \$35. Best of all, you don't have to do ANYTHING. Just wait for a check to show up. Please contact me promptly to get yours. Payment is by cash, check or ZELLE! **ONLY FOUR** remaining at press time.

Any not claimed by December 31 will be registered in the name of the Detachment.

Dave Brady, Paymaster
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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.



Our Homeless Veterans Committee activities in 2024 consisted of two donations to Mr. Sandy's Homeless Veterans Center. At the York County celebration for Memorial Day, May 27, 2024, we presented fourteen (14) \$25.00 Giant gift cards to the shelter for personal care needs. On December 11, 2024, we presented the center with a check for \$1,000.00 to support the center's veterans and families holiday needs. Ms. Sandie Walker is Pres./CEO of Veterans Helping Hands, the 501(c)3 for Mr. Sandy's. The membership of this Detachment is very generous in supporting our homeless veterans program. Here is a breakdown so you know how our spring and fall collections were distributed.

2024	Income	Expenses	End Ballance
April/May	350	350	
October/November	500	1,000*	
	850	1,350*	0.00

Thank you, Marines and Associates of First Capitol Detachment!
 R/S Phil Frigm Homeless Veterans Committee



**Thanks to
 Carol Corwin for
 sharing some photos!**

Quilts of Valor



Two First Capitol Marines were presented with 'Quilts of Valor' during Veterans Day activities in York County. **Mike Keech** (left) and **Gordy Sheriff** (right).

Thank you for sharing the photos!



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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 at Church of the Open Door 4075 East Market St. sponsored by Mission Military Foodshare (call 484-894-3724).

VOLUNTEERS are needed to make it happen.

Report time at East York is 7:30am (distribution 10a-1p); [You are asked to call ahead if you intend to turn out at East York.]

Report time at Shiloh is about 11:15a (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 26 details in November and members of 1st Capitol Detachment participated in many of those details:

Spencer Lynch (13) Phil Frigm (12) Dave Brady (13) Roger Miller (5) & Matthew Corwin (1).

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/>

Deadline for Next Issue Items to be included in the next issue are to be submitted no later than NOON **11 January**, 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
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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!

Are you confused when and why folks put their flags at half-staff? Get the straight scoop from the American Legion by texting the word 'flag' to **35893** That will put you on an alert list and you will be notified by text each time the **President** issues a half-staff proclamation. Don't want a text? Get an email by subscribing at <https://www.legion.org/flag/notification>



Governing Documents just ask! Yes, any member can (and should) be familiar with our Bylaws 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/>



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*Preserving Traditions of the Corps
Providing Fraternity to Marines
Promoting the Future of the League*



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Installation January 8!