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First Edition
First Capitol Det.
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, 12 February 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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INSTALLATION 2025

Congratulations to our newly elected & appointed officers!

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Trustees

Stew Langley, Jim Welty, Todd Hyson

Our thanks to **Diana Henry**, Commandant, Dept. of PA for serving as the Installing Officer.



Commandant's Report



I'm honored to be elected as your Detachment Commandant. For those that do not know me, let me give you a little introduction. Retired Marine 1st Sergeant, who was an infantryman, machine gun section leader, mortar section leader, Platoon Sergeant and Commander, Company Gunny, XO, and Company 1st Sergeant, Drill Instructor, Swim Instructor, Marksmanship Instructor, Career Planner, Toys 4 Tots Coordinator, Penn State ROTC Instructor and Family Casualty Officer. After Retirement, I worked with Col. Innerst as a JROTC Instructor for Dallastown High School, coaching 6 Nationally ranked teams. Afterwards, I worked for York County as a Veteran Service Officer. Currently, Carol and I help run the Veterans Network, Church of the Open Door Mission Military Food-Share, Veterans Outreach Car Show and other church and local Veterans Outreach programs.

I have 2 goals for this year with the Detachment. First, I want to get to know each member better. Once you receive this newsletter, Carol and I will start calling members to do a wellness check. I'd like to know what you are currently doing, interests, what you did in service, how I can interest you in attending the meeting and get more involved with our current activities or if there is something else that we maybe able to start to interest you.

Second, and what I feel is the most important, is to develop and encourage the next generation of leadership in our Detachment. I strongly believe in a mentorship program. Not one that someone appoints a mentee with a mentor but a culture that encourages both the mentee and mentor to seek each other out. I have had many, and still have, mentors in my life and I'm always trying to develop and encourage new mentees. I believe that a true Marine Leader is always in this cycle of mentorship. We never stop. So, ask yourself, do I have a Mentor? Who would I like to Mentor me or what leadership position would I like to learn more about? Who am I currently Mentoring? Take a new member or one that has not attended in awhile under your wing. Ask them out for lunch or bring them to our next meeting.

Finally, I plan to be at the meetings by 6 PM, either downstairs or upstairs, so that I'm available to get to know each of you. For us to continue this great heritage of this Detachment, I need to know our members and their concerns. Feel free to call, but email and text work best.

**Regards,
Commandant Matthew Corwin
mccorwinmcl@comcast.net
856-906-0007**

RECRUITMENT & RETENTION

Associate Meghan Brennan, was presented with her Membership Card at the January meeting.

**Thanks to Marie Hyson
for the meeting photos!**



2025 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.

45	JAMES	H	MILLER
40	ROBERT		DRUCK
35	DAVID		EISENHOUR
35	RONALD	E.	KEECH
35	GORDON	D.	SPRENKLE
35	ARTHUR	B.	KOCH
35	TERRY	L.	PARR
35	ROBERT	J	SEFT
35	RICHARD	B	ERDMAN
30	HARRY	E	WAGNER
30	DOUGLAS	A	NINKOVICH
30	JAMES	W	GERWIG
25	CHARLES	R	FREY
25	DAVID	C	BRADY
20	FREDERICK	L	SALZMAN
20	DONALD	E	WELSH
15	GREGORY	B	SMITH
5	KENNETH	A	WHITE

Awards **Commandant Corwin recognized these members for their service to the Detachment in 2024 at our January meeting.**



Ken White	Distinguished Citizen Bronze
James Schreiber	Distinguished Service Bronze

Thanks to CJ Hoffman for providing the cake to celebrate our Installation in January. She wasn't able to be with us, but made certain we were taken care of. Look's like someone couldn't wait!



Upcoming Detachment (& other) Activities

FLAGS at Half-Staff to honor President Jimmy Carter to 1/28

Jan 17-18 Winter Department Meetings (see page 3)

Jan 18-19 Fundraising & Outreach (9-3 each day)

MorningSun MarketPlace, Thomasville

Jan 20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day *FLY YOUR FLAG!*

Feb 12 Detachment meeting 7:30 pm (*Audit*)

Feb 17 Presidents' Day *FLY YOUR FLAG!*

Jr. Vice Commandant's Report

We are off to a great start with the 2025 Veteran and Youth Raffle Tickets — over **3700** sold since June.

We have set up an outreach and fundraising activity at **MorningSun Marketplace** in Thomasville Saturday, January 18 & Sunday, January 19 from 9am to 3pm. Look for our table in the **east end of the first building**. We will work to set up additional locations in the coming weeks (indoors, of course) and will share as the information is available.

We will be sending some tickets your way in the next issue!

James Fissel, JVC
717-846-3943

Paymaster's Report

Thank you to all who stepped up to purchase the last few Department Daily Number calendars. There may be a few available from Department Jr. Vice Jim Diamond. Contact him at 717-425-0624 or juniorvice.deptpa@outlook.com

A third renewal notice was sent to those in arrears for 2025 dues payments. Please reach out if you have questions.

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.

First Capitol Color Guard

We have an opportunity to do the opening color guard for the York Revs on April 29th, I'll need 4 members and a leader as I will be in Scotland at that time. If interested, please contact me. If I have enough for participation, I will accept otherwise I'll pass to the JROTCs. There is also a Patriotic Bash on July 3rd which I will lead if I can get at least 3 more volunteers. I need answers by the end of the month to notify the York Revs.

CG Commander Matthew Corwin
MCCorwinMCL@comcast.net

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

— . . . —
Dial 988 then Press 1.

From Our Chaplain

The Marine Corps League is proud to offer its members support and camaraderie in times of need - 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 (or family members) 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.

Rick Olvitt, Chaplain
harley020800@yahoo.com

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](#)



Our 2024 Campaign is complete. THANK YOU to All who helped to make it happen! Here are the numbers from our 2024 After Action Report.

2024 Toys for Tots	TOYS	BOOKS	STOCKING STUFFERS
OPENING	18306	2310	6600
COLLECTED	25724	2493	4221
PURCHASED	6578	0	0
From Foundation	46	2208	0
DISTRIBUTED	32092	4486	7044
BALANCE	18580	2525	3777
CHILDREN	25417	AGENCIES	128

Dave Brady, 2024 LCO Chair
Yvette Wertz, Vice Chair
york.pa@toysfortots.org



The **ALLVETS** Roundtable invites you to hear its next featured speaker, **Army Veteran Robin Fisher**, who will share his experience serving as a liaison with the Vietnamese Military Security Service. Stop by on Wednesday, January 22 at the NEW York History Center (**121 N. Pershing Avenue**) beginning at 7pm.

You are invited to share **your** story!

For details, call **717-881-6651** or email to Allvets1York@gmail.com or visit <http://allvets.us/index.html>

Past presentations may be viewed on **YOUTUBE** - under the [York Heritage Trust](#) channel!

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ON THE EIGHTH DAY GOD CREATED MARINES AND PARATROOPERS -
 THE DEVIL STOOD AT ATTENTION...

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>. 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.

Also ahead are the **National Mid-Winter Conference** and the annual **Northeast Division Conference**. Find information at <https://pamcleague.com/calendar/>.

Third Annual MCL Dept of PA
CHILI COOK OFF
Competition
WHO HAS THE BEST
CHILI

MCL Dept of PA Headquarters - Fort Indiantown Gap
Saturday, January 18, 2025

\$10.00 Entry Fee
Detachment ONLY Submissions
RSVP by: January 13, 2025

Contact: Philip McCoy - philipmccoy@rocketmail.com
OR
Lisa Solarczyk - wmusmc@yahoo.com

Thanks to Carol Corwin for stepping up with an entry for this event. Last year, CJ Hoffman brought home a Third Place prize!

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).

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 18 details in December and members of 1st Capitol Detachment participated in many of those details:

Spencer Lynch (5) Dave Brady (9) Roger Miller (2) & Matthew Corwin (3). Phil Frigm is snowbirding.

For all of 2024 the Honor Guard performed rites for 268 Veterans - Spencer Lynch (156) Dave Brady (142) Phil Frigm (59) Roger Miller (57) & Matthew Corwin (6).

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 **15 February**, 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

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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