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York, Pennsylvania



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The next scheduled meeting of 1st Capitol Detachment is 1930 Wednesday, 12 March 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



I'd like to thank the staff for their recommendations and attendance during the last meeting's inclement weather plan. We were able to pull off a hybrid virtual and physical meeting, with pretty good attendance. If we continue the zoom meetings, members need to know that the zoom portion is for information and transparency of the meeting. Those on zoom, are not able to make motions, second, or vote. They can add their input during discussion.

Big thanks to **Julie Wheeler** and **Dave Brady** for presenting the Scouting Awards. We have quite a few more coming up and we will need assistance on presenting them as they are at the same time as Department Meetings as we have Officers attending. Keep an eye on the Sunday messages of these opportunities to support our Detachments. Also, ticket sale opportunities will be coming which is another great opportunity. If you have never done one, feel free to ask Carol and I to join us the next time we do one and we will gladly show you the ropes.

Great job on **Toys 4 Tots**. We are still looking for a new home for the 2025 season, any leads please inform Dave Brady. If you are interested in doing other community service projects for York County Veterans, please contact me.

I passed at the meeting that we are having social events at the beginning of every meeting. Starting at 5:30pm, come join us for dinner or to just socialize at the Legion. If you are not a member, contact one of your fellow MCL members that are, and we can sign you in as a guest. Also, starting at the next meeting in March at 6:30 pm I will be having Detachment training. March's topic **uniforms**, April's **how to find information** at the Detachment, Department and National levels, and May I'm thinking of having a special **guest speaker** of one of the Veteran Non-Profits in the **Veterans Network** to tell us what they do and offer.

Commandant Matthew Corwin
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RECRUITMENT & RETENTION



Four Marines representing 130 years of service to the League were presented their Tenure Awards at the February meeting by Commandant Corwin: **Dave Brady** - 25 years; **Terry Parr, Pete Erdman and Gordie Sprenkle** each with 35 years!

Thanks to Todd Hyson
for the meeting photo!

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
30	HARRY	E	WAGNER
30	DOUGLAS	A	NINKOVICH
30	JAMES	W	GERWIG
20	FREDERICK	L	SALZMAN
20	DONALD	E	WELSH
15	GREGORY	B	SMITH
5	KENNETH	A	WHITE

Upcoming Detachment (& other) Activities

- Feb 28 - Mar 1 National MidWinter Conference** (page 7)
Mar 1-2 Fundraising & Outreach (9-5 Sat & 9-3 Sunday)
York Gun & Knife Show, York Expo Center
Mar 6 **Persian Gulf War Veterans Day**
Mar 12 **Detachment meeting** 7:30 pm
Mar 14-15 **Spring Department Meetings** (page 7)
Mar 29 **Vietnam War Veterans Day - Fly your Flag**
Mar 29 **Vietnam War Veterans Day** - York Expo Center

First Capitol in the Community

First Capitol has been invited to honor **Scouts** and **JROTC Cadets** in York County and ANY member may participate in this duty. Upcoming is a first-ever visit to the NJROTC at West York High School (March 8) and several Eagle Scout Courts of Honor (March 15 and TBD). Please send questions or commitments to mcl521.yorkpa@gmail.com. *See our most recent event on page 7!*

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
harlev020800@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](#)

Jr. Vice Commandant's Report

We are off to a great start with the 2025 Veteran and Youth Raffle Tickets — over **4,000** sold since June.

FIVE TICKETS are included in this mailing. Please return the stubs and payment with the enclosed return envelope. If you want more, tell us and we'll make it happen (send us labels if you can).

We have set up an outreach and fundraising activity at **York Gun & Knife Show** in Memorial Hall at the York Expo Center, Saturday March 1 (9-5) & Sunday, March 2 (9-3).

We are working to set up additional locations in the coming weeks (indoors, of course) and will share as the information is available.

James Fissel, JVC
717-846-3943

Paymaster's Report

The National Executive Director has announce an upcoming change to the League's IRS status from 501(c)4 to **501(c) 19**. Because of this change, we are asked to identify **Associate members who are Veterans**. If you are a Veteran Associate, please reach out to me by email (preferred) or phone (if necessary) so that we can provide the requested information to National HQ. It is best that you do not assume we know or rely on our memory for this information. Please tell us, and do so promptly. We hope to learn more at the National MidWinter Conference at the end of the month.

Thank you to our Detachment Trustees who completed our 2024 Audit prior to the February Detachment meeting.

Our books are OPEN books!

Dave Brady, Paymaster
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DONATIONS APPROVED IN 2025

\$100 to **York County Veterans Outreach** - car show sponsorship

\$100 to **1st Division Young Marines of the MCL** - T-Shirt Fundraiser

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.

SCHOLARSHIPS!

The 2025 Detachment Scholarship Program is underway. The Application and Instructions are available for download from the Detachment website at this link <https://marinesofyorkpa.org/category/scholarships/> The **Detachment** Deadline is June 1st 2025

The 2025 Department Scholarship Program is underway. The Application and Instructions are available for download from the Department website at this link <https://pamcleague.com/category/department-programs/scholarships/>

The **Department** Deadline is May 31st 2025

Information for the 2025 National Scholarship Program will be posted on the National MCL website at this link <https://www.mcleaguelibrary.org/youth-programs/> when available.

Scholarship Committee

First Capitol Color Guard

We need more individuals.

If interested please contact me, and I'll start setting up practices.

Upcoming Events:

April 15th Flag Sorting at the York County VA Office 2401 Pleasant Valley Road, York at 1pm

May 25th I'll be the guest speaker at Phil Frigm's church.

May 26th Gold Star Memorial at 9am. Responsibilities are Wreath Escorts, Wreath presentation, and Officer of the Day

CG Commander Matthew Corwin
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Persian Gulf & Vietnam War Veterans Day

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has established **March 6** as an official observance to recognize veterans of the 1991 Persian Gulf War. Vietnam War Veterans Day on **March 29** is a National *and* Commonwealth observance.

Four Chaplains Prayer Breakfast

The York Community will gather for the annual remembrance of the



Four Chaplains on **Wednesday, May 14**. First Capitol will consider a table sponsorship at the March meeting. Please come out and make your feelings known. If approved, members may secure one of eight seats at the table for a donation of \$30 - payable to the Detachment. Please send questions or commitments to mcl521.yorkpa@gmail.com .

Scouting

Congratulations to **Rowan McWilliams & Henry Thome** of Troop 25 in York on their promotion to Eagle Scout! Members of First Capitol Detachment were on hand to present the Marine Corps League Good



Citizenship Award and a First Capitol Challenge Coin during their Court of Honor held at Advent Lutheran Church. For his Eagle Scout Project, Henry led a group of Scouts and others in clearing an overgrown plot at Central High School to re-introduce native plants in the hope of increasing pollinator numbers around the area to help nearby farms. Rowan and others launched “Life Factory” – a hybrid food & blood drive also at Central York High School, collecting 370 pounds of food and 64 units of blood. Pictured are Marine Dave Brady, Eagle Scout Henry Thome, Eagle Scout Rowan McWilliams and MCL Associate Julie Wheeler. **Another Court of Honor is scheduled for March 15. Contact Paymaster Dave if you wish to attend!**



UPCOMING MEETINGS

The 2025 **National Mid-Winter Conference** is scheduled for February 27 to March 1 in Arlington, Virginia. Find the schedule of events and forms at <https://www.mcleaguelibrary.org/conference/> The Detachment will reimburse your registration fee (not hotel, meals or travel).

The Spring 2025 **Department of Pennsylvania** meetings are happening March 14-15 at Building 3-95 on Fort Indiantown Gap. Find the schedule at this link <https://pamcleague.com>. Overnight accommodations are discounted if you reserve no later than 1 March. 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 is the annual **Northeast Division Conference** in Binghamton, New York on April 4 & 5. Details are available at <https://nedmcl.org/2025-northeast-division-conference/> Hotel deadline for that event is 3 March.



Veterans Lake Fishing

Veterans Lake Fishing has been an active 501 c(3) Charity since 2020.

The Mission of this charity is to assist veterans and families to be able to go fishing or sightseeing on Codorus Lake, to relax and unwind and to share fishing skills with other veterans. There is no cost to veterans - programs are free.

Equipment such as fishing poles, worms and lures will be provided as well as water, snacks, suntan lotion, and bathrooms which are located throughout the Lake.

Also available are life jackets for adults and children with prior notice so we know what sizes to bring.

There are three types of vessels available - pontoon boat, tracker bass boat and some kayaks. Depending on an individual's skill level, arrangements can be made to assist the veteran, so they have a great time on the Lake. Fishing license is required if fishing. The pontoon boat can be wheelchair accessible.

Please click on the QR code or go to the website at www.veteranslakefishing.org and if interested on joining us, either call the number listed, 717-659-4630 or click on Email where shown. Also, please "Like" us on Facebook at Veterans Lake Fishing. Donations of checks, etc. can be sent to the address Veterans Lake Fishing, PO Box 101, Dover, PA 17315. If you have any donations of equipment, arrangements can be made for pick-up through these sites. We are a member of the York Vet Network and can also help direct vets to a county office to help them with their needs.



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www.mclnational.org and www.pamcleague.org

Veterans in Voluntary Service (VVS)

Members of First Capitol performed **104** hours of Community Service during **January** - including the activities below. Please report your activities to Phil Frigm frigm@comcast.net or **717-332-0294**

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 15 details in January and members of 1st Capitol Detachment participated in many of those details:

Spencer Lynch (8) Dave Brady (2) Phil Frigm (2) & Matthew Corwin (2). Roger Miller is 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/>

Deadline for Next Issue

Items to be included in the next issue are to be submitted no later than **NOON 15 March**, 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!

Thank you to these folks who helped stuff your envelope!



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

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/>

First Capitol is supporting this activity with a donation and will be among those Detachments listed on the T-Shirts. Support your Young Marines today!



Design by: Emily Waite

COMMEMORATIVE YOUNG MARINES OF THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE T-SHIRT

Pre-Order your Commemorative MCL & Young Marine t-shirt
(choice of front)
Scan the QR Code



\$19.99

reg. \$24.99
(Pre-Order good until Apr 5)



Each Detachment will be listed according to the sponsorship level

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

JOE.COUTURE@YOUNGMARINES.ORG

First Capitol Detachment and CommunityAid are Partners!

The Detachment, its members, family and friends may donate appropriate items using our Partner Number (**50300**) for credit to the Detachment, which will support our Toys for Tots activity! We get **11 cents per pound!**

DONATION CENTER DROP-OFF

- Clothing, shoes, accessories, electronics, toys, and household items accepted
- Donation Centers at all seven stores - no appointment needed unless drop-offs are larger than a standard passenger vehicle. If so, please call your closest store to notify our team.
- Please follow signs to designated Donation Center
- Each store reserves the right to turn away certain items due to capacity
- You can credit your donation to an active Virtual, Bin, or Cart Partner (Partner Number **50300**)
- **Do NOT** leave items outside of Donation Center; this is called dumping and is a prosecutable crime

PARTNERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT



USE OUR PARTNER NUMBER WHEN YOU DROP OFF DONATIONS AT THE DOOR:

50300



NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS TOGETHER

LEARN MORE AT COMMUNITYAID.ORG/PARTNERS

VIRTUAL PARTNERS collect clothing, shoes, accessories, electronics, toys, and household items (excluding furniture) for CommunityAid and drop them off at ANY Donation Center to receive donation credit for their organization. Partners and/or their supporters must provide their assigned Partner Number and organization name to the door associate upon drop off in order to receive credit. Payments are made quarterly.

CommunityAid relies on donations of gently used clothing, shoes, accessories, electronics, toys, and household items to sell in our stores. This allows us to continue supporting your hard work in the community, as well as provide second-chance employment opportunities for neighbors who may have barriers to long-term employment.

Your help in educating our shared community about the best practices behind making a donation to us is greatly appreciated so that we can continue serving our communities efficiently and produc-



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Veteran & Youth Tickets