

# **APRIL 2025**

First Edition First Capitol Det. York, Pennsylvania



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### **CONNECT WITH US**



The next scheduled meeting of 1st Capitol Detachment is 1930 Wednesday, 9 April at Shiloh American Legion Post #791, 1490 Poplars Road, York, Pennsylvania. <u>Items for publication</u> should be submitted in writing to the editor at P.O. Box 7313, York, PA 17404; or by email to <u>mcl521.yorkpa@gmail.com</u>.





# **Commandant's Report**

It was great seeing everyone that showed up this month. We are family so seeing you and catching up with what is going on in your life is a wonderful thing. That is why we have opened a social event starting at 5pm in the downstairs back room of the American Legion. It is a time for us to catch up and not make the



meeting time longer. We attempted having zoom capability again, I fear this may take us a bit to really utilize this. We will try again in April.

I was able to talk to one member about uniforms. I'll continue dedicating every 3rd month at 6:30 to this, but you can approach me at anytime about what uniform to get next and where. I will be glad to answer this question. Next month I plan on focusing on finding information and social media. There will be Department Officer training starting soon. This is a great opportunity to learn what the different positions do and how you can be more involved in our detachment. Carol and I loved the training we received in Pittsburgh a few years ago but this year the training should be closer to home.

We have some great opportunities for volunteer hours coming up. Glen Hope Care Farm is doing a kids farmer day on June 12th and 13th, they are looking for kids of Veterans and looking for volunteers to help. Check out the advertisement in the Newsletter for more information. Mark your calendar for July 26th and 27th as our own Dean VanZanardi's Veterans Lake Fishing will be having a big event. He will be looking for attendees and volunteers. Remember any volunteer hours you do to assist Veterans needs to be reported at the end of the month to Phil Frigm.

Feel free to contact Carol and I at anytime about any concerns or questions. I can not serve you if I don't know what you need.

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

Veterans in Voluntary Service (VVS) PLEASE submit your monthly VVS hours to Phil Frigm at frigm@comcast.net at least one week before the next Detachment meeting. As a member of this Detachment, your time in volunteer service performed in direct support of any veteran, is certainly appreciated, but is also a credit to this Detachment and reported accordingly to the Department of PA, MCL. Submit each member's name, activity (eg. Military Share, Canine Six, etc.), and number of hours/month.

## **RECRUITMENT & RETENTION**



**Congratulations** to Ma- <del>\*</del> rine James Gerwig on his 🔶 ☆ 30 years of service to the League and First Capitol.  $\frac{1}{2}$ 

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Jim was presented his tenure pin by Commandant 🛧 Corwin. See below if you 🛧 rate one, and how to get it.  $\bigstar$ 

Congratulations also to \* Marine Spencer Lynch who was presented with the President's Volunteer Service Award (Silver) for his dedi-A cation to the York County + Veterans Honor Guard. ☆ Also recognized were Phil



**Frigm** (Bronze) and **Dave Brady** (Silver).

# 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.

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40	ROBERT		DRUCK
35	DAVID		EISENHOUR
35	RONALD	E.	KEECH
30	HARRY	E	WAGNER
30	DOUGLAS	Α	NINKOVICH
20	FREDERICK	L	SALZMAN
20	DONALD	E	WELSH
15	GREGORY	В	SMITH
5	KENNETH	А	WHITE

# Upcoming Detachment (& other) Activities

- Mar 29 Vietnam War Veterans Day Fly your Flag
- Mar 29 Vietnam War Veterans Day York Expo Center
- Apr 4-5 Northeast Division Conference, Binghamton, NY
- Apr 9 Detachment meeting 7:30 pm MCL on Social Media @ 6:30

May 25 Commandant Corwin will be the Memorial Day speaker at Quickel Lutheran Church.

# Jr. Vice Commandant's Report

We are off to a great start with the 2025 Veteran and Youth Raffle Tickets — over **4,400** sold since June.

We are working to set up additional locations in the coming weeks and will share as the information is available. I will be calling you! Thank you for returning the tickets we sent last month! James Fissel, JVC 717-846-3943

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.

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 <u>VA PAM 27-18-1</u>



# Paymaster's Report

Associate Members will see a special note in this issue! We will be tracking Veterans of our sister services who are also Associates. Sorry, no new benefits, but it will keep the League straight with the IRS.

**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 2025**

\$100 to York County Veterans Outreach - car show sponsorship
\$100 to 1st Division Young Marines of the MCL - T-Shirt Fundraiser
\$100 to York County Veterans Outreach - Marine Day @ WellSpan Park
\$200 to MCL Foundation - Scholarships

\$750 to Four Chaplains Memorial of York County - Breakfast Sponsor\$250 to City of York - Raise Your Flag (from Special Projects)



### Four Chaplains Prayer Breakfast The York Community will gather for the annual remembrance of the Four Chaplains on Wednesday, May 14 at the Wyndham Garden (7:30am).

**First** Capitol has voted to sponsor a table. We have commitments for the eight seats, but will add you to the waiting list if someone cancels.

Additionally, if we are advised that other seats are available we will share that information via an email blast and social media post. Reach out with questions to <u>mcl521.yorkpa@gmail.com</u>. Thank you, also, to an anonymous donor for helping to reduce the cost of this contribution.

# Marine Day at WellSpan Park

York County Veterans Outreach is again partnering with the York Revolution in 2025!

First Capitol is finalizing details to sponsor **MARINE DAY** at WellSpan Park on Sunday, August 10!

Save the date so that you can be a part of it and spread the word so that we can fill the park with Marines to celebrate the 250th Anniversary of our US Marine Corps!





# SCHOLARSHIPS!

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

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

The 2025 National Scholarship Program is underway. The application and instructions are available for download from the National MCL website at this link <u>https://www.mcleaguelibrary.org/youthprograms/</u>. The National deadline is July 21st, 2025.

Scholarship applications at all levels require **Detachment verifi**cation. Send application to **Matthew Corwin 956 Keller Drive, Red Lion, PA 17356** as soon as possible, but no later than one month prior to the deadline. Your cooperation will be appreciated.

### **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 15<sup>th</sup> Flag Sorting at the York County VA Office 2401 Pleasant Valley Road, York at 1pm

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

May 26<sup>th</sup> Gold Star Memorial at 9am. Responsibilities are Wreath Escorts, Wreath presentation, and Officer of the Day **CG Commander Matthew Corwin** <u>MCCorwinMCL@comcast.net</u>

### First Capitol in the Community

First Capitol has the responsibility to place flags on the gravesite of all Veterans at **Paradise Lutheran Cemetery** near Thomasville. Our thanks to **Gordie Sprenkle** who has been the custodian of this duty for many years. The flags for this, and all other York County cemeteries will be sorted on Tuesday, April 15 at the York County Veterans Affairs Office beginning at 1pm. Please plan to join us (2401 Pleasant Valley Road). If you haven't visited this location before, please note there will be a security check when you enter. We plan to place the flags at Paradise Lutheran on **May 21**. Additional details are upcoming!

# Scouting



Congratulations to **Evan Im**schweiler of Troop 54 in York on his promotion to Eagle Scout! First Capitol Paymaster



Dave Brady was on hand to present the Marine Corps League Good Citizenship Award and a First Capitol Challenge Coin during his Court of Honor

held at Advent Lutheran Church. For his Eagle Scout Project, Evan led a group of Scouts and others in building three bat boxes at Advent's Camp Friendly Acres in Springettsbury

Township. The intent is for the bats to help check the insect population at the camp. Evan is set to graduate from Central York High School and will pursue Civil Engineering at Penn State's Berks Campus.



We'll be honoring another Scout on **April 5**. If you would like to participate in that, or future events, please let us know!

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:** <u>https://pamcleague.com/bylaws/</u>

### **DETACHMENT:**

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

# UPCOMING MEETINGS

At the just completed Spring 2025 **Department of Pennsylvania** meetings, Senior Vice Commandant **Victoria McCoy** announced her intention to seek election to be our 61st Commandant and JVC **James Diamond** announced his intention to run for Senior Vice.

Outgoing Commandant Diana Henry encouraged Marines to step up for the elected office of Junior Vice Commandant and the appointed posts of Department Adjutant and Paymaster.

Plan now for the **2025 Department Convention** June 26-29 in Camp Hill. Find details at <u>https://pamcleague.com/convention/</u>

**Northeast Division Conference** is just ahead in Binghamton, New York on April 4 & 5. Details are available at <u>https://nedmcl.org/2025-northeast-division-conference/</u>

2025 National Convention is in Dallas, Texas (vicinity) August 11-15. Details at <u>https://www.mcleaguelibrary.org/convention/</u>



Northeaster High School Honor Bus is heading to Washington DC on April 26. Information at <u>NortheasternHonorbus@gmail.com</u> or 717-356-0979

**The Elks Americanism Committee** is sponsoring a bus trip to Flight 93 April 27th 2025 (Sunday). For information contact Barbara Shepp -717-870-6861 or <u>bemccubbin@gmail.com</u>.

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www.mclnational.org and www.pamcleague.org



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

# MARKSMANSHIP AWARDS

**Congratulations** to the following First Capitol members showing their skill on the range in 2024. See the scores at

https://marinesofyorkpa.org/category/marksmanship/

PISTOL: Matthew Corwin (1st/Optics/Sharpshooter & 2nd/Service/ Sharpshooter), Charlie Cross (1st/Optics/Master), Ben Louey (1st/Open/ Expert & 1st/Optics/Expert), Kevin St.John (3rd/Service/Sharpshooter).

RIFLE: Ben Louey (1st/Optics/Master), Jim Schreiber (3rd/Service/ Master), Kevin St.John (1st/Service/Marksman), Dean VanZanardi (2nd/ Service/Marksman).



#### FIRST CAPITOL DETACHMENT 521 YORK, PA INVITES ALL MCL MEMBERS & ASSOCIATE MEMBERS TO COMPETE IN OUR PISTOL MATCH May 24, 2025



#### Check-in 1000 and Shooting commences at 1100

#### Registration:

Register by going to the Department website Marksmanship page. Read the Rifle SOP. https://pamcleague.com/marksmanship/

Fill out Registration Forms and email to: withs1948@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 I 83: https://maps.app.goo.gl/noPh36b6D5h2bbns5

#### Cost is \$30.00 per shooter includes entry in 2025 Department of PA Pistol Match

Registration Opens 30 days prior 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.

#### Detachment 521 Match Award

Top 3 Overall Shooters in each match classification Classifications must have at least two shooters

#### 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)



#### FIRST CAPITOL DETACHMENT 521 MARINE CORPS LEAGUE YORK, PA INVITES ALL MCL MEMBER & ASSOCIATE SHOOTERS TO COMPETE IN THE FIRST CAPITOL DETACHMENT SERVICE RIFLE MATCH THIS MATCH WILL QUALIFY AS ONE OF 2025 PA DEPARTMENT MCL MARKSMANSHIP RIFLE MATCHES



### Saturday May 31, 2025

Sign in begins at 0800 and shooting commences at 0900.

(Rain date Sunday June 1)

Registration forms found at: https://pamcleague.com/wpcontent/uploads/2023/02/Rifle-SOP-Rev2023C.pdf Classifications -Iron Sites & Open Class -Optics (4.5x max) permitted -Match Teams any Class (MUST have 4 to 5 shooters)

Send Forms to: Email: willys1948@hotmail.com Mail In To: Jim Schreiber 2521 Tower Drive Dover PA 17315 MCL Members and Associate Members ONLY

Range Location York Rifle Range

1190 Range Rd.

York, PA 17406

Cost is \$30.00 per shooter

10-X Targets

Prior to Match Date

Registration Opens Now and Closes 1 Day

200 yard firing points

MCL rules will apply

Department of PA MCL Awards All Shooters Eligible Top 3 Overall Shooters of the match season

PA MCL Awards 1st, 2nd, 3rd Team Scores –Iron Sights ONLY 1st, 2nd, 3rd High Shooters – Iron Sights 1st, 2nd, 3rd High Shooters – Optics Class

Course of Fire 3 - Sighters 10 - Offhand 15 - Sitting or Kneeling 15 - Prone \*\*All Single Load Firing\*\*

Point of Contact: Jim Schreiber 717-891-8175 willys1948@hotmail.com Dean VanZanardi 717-659-4630

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

### 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 RK COUNTY FOOD a Fresh Express Progra TION 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 14 details in February and members of 1st Capitol Detachment participated in many of those details:

Spencer Lynch (8) Dave Brady (13) Phil Frigm (3) & Matthew Corwin (3). Roger Miller (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://veteranshonorguardvorkpa.com/

Deadline for Next ISSUE Items to be included in the next issue are to be submitted no later than NOON *12 April*, the Saturday after the Detachment meeting. Send your items by Email (preferred) to <u>mcl521.yorkpa@gmail.com</u> -- 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!



FOR MORE INFO VISIT OR CALL: 25 KIDS MAX 3042 GLEN ALLEN SCHOOL RD, FELTON, PA 17322

https://glennhopecarefarm.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!



QUEENSGATE YORK 2001 Springwood Road York, PA 17403 HANOVER 793 Baltimore Street Hanover, PA 17331

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! **Deadline for discount is April 5!** 





### 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.

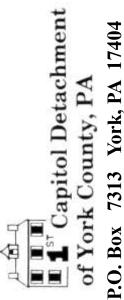


Please click on the QR code or go to the website at www.veteranslakefishing.org and if interested on joining us, either call the number listed, 717-659-4630 or click on Email where shown. Also, please "Like" us on Facebook at Veterans Lake Fishing. Donations of checks, etc. can be sent to the address 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 717-659-4630 county office to help them DEAN VAN ZANARDI with their needs.

richardzanardi@comcast.net







# OUR MISSION:

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















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