



JULY 2025

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, 9 July 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



Thank you for those that attended our social dinner prior to the meeting, along with those that attended the uniform class. Next month there will not be a class as I'll be on family vacation and our Senior Vice Ken White will be running the meeting. I want to thank the new members for stepping up and taking on positions. We need the new generation to start learning as most of our older leadership is getting up their in age and it's time we show them that their legacy will continue.

Awesome job to everyone that assisted with all the events that went on for Memorial Day week, from flag placement, assistance with parades and events. Keep sending your community service hours to Phil. Our numbers are increasing by our due diligence.

Bravo Zulu to James Schrieber for pulling off both a pistol shoot and a rifle shoot. If you are curious about shooting we have more then enough instructors to help you. We have been approved to once again shoot at Fort Indiantown Gap for the 2026 season so come on out now. Hope to see you at the September Pistol Shoot.



Another fantastic job by all and especially Jimmy Fissel for another great ticket sales year. Get with Jimmy about selling tickets and get with Pam VanZanardi about helping out at the York Fair, this is a great opportunity to learn how to sell tickets and get in- to the Fair for free.

Commandant Matthew Corwin
mccorwinmcl@comcast.net
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RECRUITMENT & RETENTION

The Detachment formally accepted into membership **Mike Gryzmala & Colton Moseley** at the June meeting. That puts our Detachment voting strength at 110 for the upcoming Department and National Conventions.

On the **retention** side, this is your first of many reminders that 2026 annual dues are payable NOW. Notices have been sent by snail-mail to all were not in attendance at the June meeting. Please use the enclosed envelope to return your stub and payment.

Questions may be directed to the Paymaster at **mcl521.yorkpa@gmail.com** (preferred) or by phone if necessary.

Yes, LIFE memberships are available to Regular and Associate members. The amount depends on your age, as shown. And, yes, you

must also pay the \$30 Annual Dues for the coming year.

LIFE MEMBER RATES

\$1000.00 – 35 years of age and lower
\$ 800.00 – 36-50 years of age
\$ 600.00 – 51-64 years of age
\$ 400.00 – 65-84 years of age
\$ 100.00 – 85 years of age and higher

Dave Brady, Paymaster

mcl521.yorkpa@gmail.com

A Note of Thanks

Past First Capitol Commandant **Anthony Stabile** sends his gratitude for the outpouring of support and encouragement following his recent hospitalization and recovery.



‘Tony’ was taken ill while on holiday in Ocean City and the doctors decided it was time for a pacemaker - at 98 years old! At last report, he was recovering comfortably at home.

We look forward to his participation at our 250th Anniversary Birthday Ball!

Jr. Vice Commandant's Report

Thank you to all who helped First Capitol provide over **8,900 tickets** for the Department Veterans and Youth Raffle! That brought in **\$4,450** to the Detachment treasury, along with **\$5,500** in donations. **Nine of 20 winning tickets!**



We had hoped to have tickets and Calendars available at the June meeting, but there was a hitch at the printer. It is our intention to be ready to go for the **York Gun and Knife Show June 28 & 29**. Watch the weekly message for updates. **James Fissel, JVC**
717-846-3943

Also ahead is the **2025 York State Fair** - July 18-27. We are planning Outreach and Fundraising within Heroes Hall the duration of the event. If you can participate, please contact **Dean & Pam VanZanardi** *promptly* so that we can arrange for the necessary passes. (717-659-4630 or richardzanardi@comcast.net) It's a great opportunity to get ourselves out in the community.

Upcoming Detachment (& other) Activities

June 19	Juneteenth - Fly your Flag!
June 26-28	Department of PA Convention (p 8)
July 4	Independence Day - Fly your Flag!
July 9	Detachment Meeting - doors open @ 6:30 MC Ball Committee meets at 6:45 MC Ball Reservations available to members
Jul 15	Olde Tyme Carnival (Tickets & Outreach) (p 13)
Jul 18-27	Outreach & Fundraising @ York State Fair (p 8)
July 19	Cpl. Pete Arnold Det. Picnic (p 13)
July 26	Veterans Lake Fishing Event (p 15)
Aug 2	Sgt. Denig Remembrance (p 17)
Aug 8	Downtown Birthday (Toys for Tots Event) (p 18)
Aug 10	Marine Day @ WellSpan Park (p 14)
Aug 11-15	MCL National Convention (p 8)
Aug 13	Detachment Meeting - doors open @ 6:30
Aug 30	Meet & Greet Picnic @ Dallastown (p 17)

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

Dial 988 then Press 1.

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)
\$500 to **York LCO Toys for Tots** - Golf balls for YCVO Tournament
\$200 to **Indiantown Gap National Cemetery Memorial Council** - support
\$100 to **Memorial Day Foundation** - US Cemeteries Overseas
\$150 to **York County Veterans Outreach** - Golf Tournament Sponsor



SCHOLARSHIPS!

The full Detachment Scholarship again this year is going to **Harleigh Brooks**. We are also sending **hers** and **Rowan Dennis**, **Nikolas Snyder**, and **Kennedy Snyder** to the Department Level.

For the National Level, we are sending **Harleigh Brooks** and **Nikolas Snyder**. All links can be found on our Detachment website at; <https://marinesofyorkpa.org/category/scholarships/>

Deadlines; Detachment is June 1st, Department is to me by May 15th to give us time for their deadline of May 31st, and Nationals is July 10th giving us time to make the July 21st deadline.

Mail applications to Matthew Corwin 956 Keller Drive, Red Lion, PA 17356.

Scholarship Committee
mccorwinmcl@comcast.net
856-906-0007

First Capitol Color Guard

September 17th is the Outreach's Golf tournament, looking for 4 individuals to do the color guard, contact me. We are always looking for new members, reach out to me and I'll work on uniforms and practice with you. I encourage members to assist with

York County Honor Guard funerals.

CG Commander Matthew Corwin
MCCorwinMCL@comcast.net

(see below)

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

Spencer Lynch (10) Dave Brady (12) Matthew Corwin (2) & Roger Miller (1). Phil Frigm (9).

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/>

Judge Advocate Report

Proposals for amendments to the Department and National ByLaws and Administrative Procedures are available for review online.

One Department amendment is at this link: <https://pamcleague.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/Amendment-to-Enclosure-TEN-10.pdf>

Thirty proposed National amendments are at this link: <https://www.mcleaguelibrary.org/convention/>

Dean VanZanardi, JA
richardzanardi@comcast.net

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/>

Deadline for Next Issue Items to be included in the next issue are to be submitted no later than NOON *12 July*, 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



www.marinesofyorkpa.org



Save the date for the 250th celebration of our Corps, Friday, November 7, 2025 at Heritage Hills Major Graham Hopkins, USMC (Ret.), has agreed to be our Guest of Honor. Be a part of the planning - the committee meets prior to the July 9 meeting (about 6:45pm). Reservations accepted at that time.



UPCOMING GATHERINGS

2025 Department Convention June 26-29 in Camp Hill. Find details at <https://pamcleague.com/convention/> **First Capitol gets a portion of the proceeds for Commercial Advertisements sold by our members!** Contact Paymaster Dave for additional details.

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

MCL Membership Survey

The National Membership Committee is conducting a survey of members to assess which recruiting and retention initiatives are most effective. We initially posted it to the MCL Membership Facebook group, and received 123 responses. NJVC Porter authorized sending the survey out League-wide to gather more data, which the Membership Committee will compile and include in our report at the National Convention in Dallas. We will also use the data to update the MCL Guidebook for Recruiting, Retention, and Marketing as appropriate. There are two ways to access and complete the survey; either by clicking this link <https://forms.gle/R3RGCpnkLjXKuCfp9> or by using a smartphone to access it via the accompanying QR code. Thanks in advance for supporting this initiative.



**Semper Fi,
Rick Bedford
MCL National Membership Committee Chair**

Veterans in Voluntary Service (V V S)

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.



On May 28, First Capitol Marines **Sam Leese** and **Phil Frigm** delivered a pickup truck full of bottled water, assorted fruit drinks and snack foods and disposable dinnerware to Sandie Walker, Pres/CEO of [Veteran's Helping Hand](#) aka Mr. Sandy's Homeless Veterans Center. First Capitol conducts two fund raisers annually to support its Homeless Veterans program.



York Revolution Salute to Service

First Capitol Marines were out and about for the York Revolution **Salute to Service** on May 30 at WellSpan Park. Although the action on the field was short-lived, your ticket can be used for any makeup game, including our **Marine Day** on August 10!

See additional information on page 14 and reach out to Commandant Corwin - who has some tickets available.

That's also a Sunday Funday with a BOGO offer with your Weis Markets rewards card.



Memorial Day



Thank you to those who turned out to place flags at the graves of our members who have passed and at Paradise Lutheran Cemetery. Thanks, also, to those participating in Memorial Day events everywhere.



**Thanks to
all who
shared
photos!**



Four Chaplains Memorial

Prior to the Memorial Day Service in the Gold Star Healing and Peace Garden at Veterans Memorial Park, ground was broken for a new memorial to the Four Chaplains as part of an overall improvement of the park area. First Capitol has made a donation to the project, and you can, too, through the York City Parks Conservancy at <https://www.yorkcityparks.org/support>



Marksmanship



On May 31 First Capitol held our annual Service Rifle Match at York Rifle Range in York. We welcomed several of our own members and several participants from other Detachments. Chairman James Schreiber announced that it has been authorized by Colonel Potts and approved by the Department of PA MCL Commandant, Diana Henry, that next year we will be returning to Fort Indiantown Gap to hold the Rifle and Pistol Matches. We are looking forward to holding the matches there again!



**James Schreiber
Chairman
Marksmanship Committee
Department of Pennsylvania
Marine Corps League**



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



Marine Corps League **PICNIC**

**ALL Marines & FMF Navy
Personnel Invited**

19 July 2025

1300-1700

Cost: FREE

HOSTED BY:

Cpl Pete Arnold Detachment 1198

Location: Jarrettsville VFW Post 8672

1714 Morse Rd. Forest Hill, MD 21050



Olde Tyme Carnival and Fireworks at Sunset Lane Park

WHEN: TUESDAY, JULY 15 - 5:30 PM

Rain Date July 16

FOOD STANDS: OPEN 5:30PM

- Hamburgers & Hot Dogs
- Pizza
- Cotton Candy
- Soft Pretzels
- French Fries
- Italian Ice and Ice Cream
- Funnel Cakes And More!!!!

ACTIVITIES BEGIN: 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM

- Game Stands
- Fire Safety Programs
- Caricature Artist,
Stilt Walker, Face Painting
- Dunk Tank, Moon Walks,
Giant Slides, Etc
- Petting Zoo
- DJ Miss T

FIREWORKS 9:00PM

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**THE SHILOH LIONS
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SUNSET LANE PARK**

\$1.00 Donation is Requested
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Lane Park as well as in
surrounding neighborhoods.

Look for the Shiloh Lions at
Sunset Lane Park, they will help
you find a spot!

Commandant Corwin may have FREE tickets for this event!



CELEBRATE WITH US

The First Capitol Detachment of the Marine Corps League and York County Veterans Outreach are teaming up to sponsor

MARINE DAY at WellSpan Park

Sunday, August 10 v Lexington @ 1pm

All Marines and families are invited to celebrate the 250th Anniversary of our US Marine Corps with the York Revolution! Be sure to wear RED!

Reach out to the **Revs box office** at **717-801-HITS** or tickets@yorkrevolution.com to purchase your tickets.

It's also **Weis Markets Sunday Funday**, with 2-for-1 tickets!





VETERANS LAKE FISHING

2025 VETERANS FUN IN THE SUN

July 26TH (Rain date July 27th) 8 a.m. – 6p.m.

Veterans and their families are invited to come out to Lake Marburg (Codorus State Park) in Hanover and enjoy a day in the sun – FREE food – FREE boat rides – Fishing (must bring your fishing license)

Map on reverse side

Pavilion #3-Bandshell

Games

50/50 drawing

Raffle drawings

Music Provided

Alcohol not permitted

Questions? Call 717-659-4630

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VFW Post 8896

York Vet Network other
charities



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 pole, 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 in joining us, either call the number listed, 717-659-4630 or click on the 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 any needs.

Dean VanZanardi
717-659-4630

richardzanardi@comcast.net

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](#)

American Income Life: No, it is NOT a scam!

You recently received a mailing from American Income Life touting an Accidental Death and Dismemberment insurance policy. **Yes**, it is legitimate. **Yes**, you are covered. This benefit is provided through the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania. **NO**, you are **NOT REQUIRED** to respond, but you **MAY** respond. If you do, sales folks from American Income Life will contact you.

You should put this information with your important papers, like your DD -214 and your VA Pre-Need paperwork. Got questions? Contact Paymaster Dave!

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www.mclnational.org and www.pamcleague.org

Additional Items

Saturday, August 2 we will honor **Sgt. J. Henry Denig**, recipient of the Medal of Honor for action during the **Battle of Mobile Bay** August 5, 1864. The York native is interred at Prospect Hill Cemetery, 700 North George Street. The ceremony will be held graveside beginning at 10am, with the assistance of the Color Guard from the 79th Pennsylvania Volunteers. If we experience **steady** rain, the event will not be held.

Saturday, August 30 a meet and greet picnic will be hosted by First Capitol Detachment for the Dallastown H.S. JROTC in recognition of all the support they have provided to us. It will be held at the Lions Club Park in Dallastown across from the High school starting at 2.p.m. **SAA Wes Iler** is on point for this activity. wesleyiler@yahoo.com

Ahead of Memorial Day, **Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth** and **Secretary of Veterans Affairs Doug Collins** signed a memorandum of understanding that reaffirms our joint commitment to a strengthened partnership between the DoD and VA, with a focus on delivering quality health care and the seamless delivery of benefits and services. The MOU may be found at this link <https://shorturl.at/hzasN>. The Secretaries also released a joint video statement <https://x.com/SecDef/status/1927805317372321944>

Congressman Lloyd Smucker (PA-11 – Southern York County) has announced an effort to recognize **Veterans of the Cold War**. See more at this website <https://smucker.house.gov/media/press-releases/congressman-smucker-recognize-cold-war-era-veterans>. For additional details contact **Stephen Ranck** at (717) 393-0667 or mail-to: stephen.ranck@mail.house.gov. Deadline is 30 June 2025.

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>



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!**



PARTNERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT



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



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Hanover, PA 17331
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FRI. AUG. 8

DOWNTOWN'S BIRTHDAY BASH

CELEBRATE WITH DOWNTOWN'S MASCOT FRIENDS PLUS! FREE CAKE FOR ALL KIDS

BRING UNWRAPPED TOY DONATIONS FOR TOYS FOR TOTS, GET A FREE TICKET FOR ANY FUTURE 2025 GAME!



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. Among the programs in York/Adams County:

2nd Tuesday at Hampton Fire Co. 5371 Carlisle Pike, New Oxford; 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. a service of **Hearts 4 Veterans** (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).



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THE DEVIL STOOD AT ATTENTION...



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Providing Fraternity to Marines
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7/25

Marine Day w/York Revs