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First Edition
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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, 10 September 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



If you have not paid your dues, please get them to Paymaster Dave Brady ASAP.

I want to thank everyone that attended our events in July. D-town's Birthday for Toys 4 Tots, and Marine Day at the York Revs. I know those that were at Marine Day had a great time.



Sgt Denig's memorial was a great turn out, thanks Dave for always coordinating this.

Hoping to see a great turn out for the Picnic on August 30th, thanks to Wes Iler for coordinating this entire event with help from our Associate Member Theresa Craley.

Prior to our next meeting at 6:30, I will once again have an opportunity to discuss job opportunities. For our Detachment to strive we need to be deep in leadership, hence the reason I'm looking for members to become assistants in all positions, but the important ones are Paymaster, Junior Vice and Judge Advocate.

Our current members holding those positions are priceless to our detachment but cannot continue indefinitely.

Commandant Matthew Corwin

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RECRUITMENT & RETENTION



At the August meeting we welcomed **Scott Burford** as our newest Associate Member. Scott is also Vice President of the York County Board of Commissioners, and presented a Proclamation in honor of the 250th Birthday of the United States Marine Corps. *Welcome Aboard!*

MARINES REMEMBERING MARINES

On Saturday, August 2 members of First Capitol turned out at Prospect Hill Cemetery - joined by the the Color Guard from the 79th Pennsylvania Volunteers (Lancaster Fencibles) - to remember **Marine Sgt. J. Henry Denig** who was awarded the Medal of Honor for action during the Battle of Mobile Bay August 5, 1864. The York native is interred at Prospect Hill Cemetery.



Paymaster Dave took the opportunity to visit the National Medal of Honor Museum during the MCL National Convention and located Sgt. Denig on the **'Ring of Honor.'**

Marine Roger Fraker will be remembered on October 25 with a bridge dedication in eastern York County. Find details of that event on page 11 and save the date!



Upcoming Detachment (& other) Activities

Aug 26	Eagle Scout Court of Honor (see below)
Aug 30	Meet & Greet Picnic @ Dallastown (p 11)
Sep 1	Labor Day <i>Fly your Flag!</i>
Sep 1	MC Ball reservations open to the public
Sep 2	Eagle Scout Court of Honor (see below)
Sep 7	Court of Valor (p 6)
Sep 10	Detachment Meeting <i>Leadership talk @ 6:30</i>
Sep 10	MOY & AMOY Societies after Detachment meeting
Sep 17	Toys for Tots 2025 Campaign Kick-Off (p 14)
Sep 20	Detachment Pistol Match (p 12)

Jr. Vice Commandant's Report



Thank you to all who made our Outreach and Fundraising at the York State Fair a success! Thanks to **Dean** and (mostly) **Pam VanZanardi** for coordinating the activity.



We did have the opportunity to join the West Manchester Township Police Department to participate in their **National Night Out** event on **Tuesday, August 5**. Along with the location below, watch for additional outings in the weekly email blast.

SEP 5-6 (9a-3p)
Karn's @ Newberry Commons

James Fissel, JVC
717-846-3943

First Capitol has the opportunity to recognize upcoming **Eagle Scouts**. Courts of Honor are scheduled for August 26 and September 2. If you can be on hand, please reach out to Commandant Corwin or Paymaster Brady for the time and place. Red Blazer is the preferred Uniform of the Day for these events, but an MCL Cover is expected.



Paymaster's Report

THANK YOU to all who have acted promptly on your 2026 Dues renewal. The stated deadline is August 31. Questions may be directed to the Paymaster at **mcl521.yorkpa@gmail.com** (preferred) or by phone if necessary. Some of you have more that one year due to become current. I can't answer your questions if you don't ask!

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 current 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

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
\$150 to **Etters VFW Auxiliary** - Golf Tournament Sponsor
\$500 to **Veterans Lake Fishing** - Event and Activity support
\$200 to **Ainsley Rickels of Dallastown** - Eagle Scout project
\$200 to **Prospect Hill Cemetery** - Court of Valor Sponsor

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

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Dial 988 then Press 1.



SCHOLARSHIPS!

2025 National Scholarships have not yet been announced. We sent Harleigh Brooks and Nikolas Snyder.

Scholarship Committee

mccorwinmcl@comcast.net

856-906-0007

This is a great recruiting tool. Especially for Grandparents and those with young families.

First Capitol Color Guard

A huge event for us every year is the Court of Valor, which is September 7, 2025 at 1pm at Prospect Hill. We need as many members as we can get. Red Blazer is preferred but we can go with just a red cover if that is all you have at this time. We have duties from color guard, escorts, and passing out water to those in need. This is a great event, I encourage all to come out and view if that is all you can do.

September 17th we will be doing our annual color guard for the York Veterans Outreach at Heritage Hills. I'm still looking for one more backup. If interested, please contact me. Thanks to Rick Olivitt, James Schreiber & Dave Brady for volunteering already. There is a new MCL Drill Manual out. Just some minor changes. Find it at <https://www.mcleaguelibrary.org/home/>

As always if you are interested in joining the color guard team and need uniforms just ask.

CG Commander Matthew Corwin

MCCorwinMCL@comcast.net

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

Spencer Lynch (5) Dave Brady (19) Matthew Corwin (5) & Phil Frigm (2). Roger Miller 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/>

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.

Judge Advocate Report

An update to the National Bylaws and Administrative procedures is due soon in the **Member Library**. See additional information in the Convention Report. An update to the Department documents is at <https://pamcleague.com/bylaws/> **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/>

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

Deadline for Next Issue Items to be included in the next issue are to be submitted no later than NOON **13 September**, 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!**

OH, THE PLACES WE GO! Thank you for sharing your photos!



First Capitol Marine **Anthony Stabile** was named **Veteran of the Day** at the York State Fair on Sunday, July 27!



Drawing Date: June 6, 2026



CONGRATULATIONS to 2025 National Associate Member of the Year Mario Meaux - a dual member of First Capitol - with prior recipients **Alison Noger** and **Carol McIntosh**...and to Associate **Alison Noger** presented with Distinguished Citizen Gold by National Commandant TJ Morgan.





Get Your Tickets NOW for our 250th Marine Corps Birthday Ball

The First Capitol Detachment invites you to join us in celebrating a historic milestone—the 250th Birthday of the United States Marine Corps—at our annual Marine Corps Birthday Ball on **Friday, November 7, 2025, at Heritage Hills Resort in York, Pennsylvania.**

This unforgettable evening begins with cocktails at 5:00 PM, followed by opening ceremonies at 6:00 PM, dinner at 6:30 PM, and our keynote speaker at 7:30 PM. We are honored to welcome Major Graham “Brick” Hopkins, USMC (Ret.) as this year’s guest speaker.

Attendees will enjoy a delicious meal with beef, chicken, fish, and vegetarian options available. And we can’t wait to see CJ’s cake! Tickets are \$50 for adults and \$35 for students. Dress is semi-formal to formal. The venue is smoke-free, and a cash bar will be available (no BYOB).

Due to the anticipated popularity of this once-in-a-generation celebration, members of the First Capitol Detachment are being given priority access to reservations. Reservations are open now for members only and will be opened to the general public on September 1, 2025. If you want to attend, we strongly encourage you to submit your reservation and payment before that date to avoid missing out.

Why do we celebrate the Marine Corps Birthday? Because it matters. The Ball is more than tradition—it is a reaffirmation of who we are as Marines and supporters. It is a moment to gather in pride and reflection, to honor our legacy, and to inspire future generations. Whether you wore the uniform or stand in support of those who have, this is your chance to be part of something meaningful, memorable, and uniquely Marine.

Reservations can be made by mailing the enclosed reservation form with a check or by using Zelle to send payment to mcl521.yorkpa@gmail.com.

Rooms at Heritage Hills can be reserved at the military rate using code **USMC2025** by calling (717) 755-0123. You are encouraged to make your room reservations promptly, too!

Join us in making history. Semper Fidelis! We’ll see you at the Ball.

Todd Hyson

tchyson@gmail.com

Cell phone: (717) 650-7835



UPCOMING EVENTS

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 Wesleyler** is on point for this activity: wesleyler@yahoo.com or **717-415-1849**

Saturday, September 6 American Gold Star Mothers Central Pennsylvania Chapter will host a **Reading of Heroes Names** at the Gold Star Healing and Peace Garden at Veterans Memorial Park in York, starting at 9am.

Wednesday, September 17 is a **Veterans Stand Down** at WellSpan Park to assist Veterans at risk & those experiencing homelessness.

Saturday, October 25 - Marine Roger Fraker will be remembered at a bridge dedication in Hellam Township. Marine Fraker was KIA in Vietnam November 1968. The event begins at 10am at 5657 Lincoln Highway (Route 462 between Hallam & Wrioughtsville).

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 Olivitt, 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](#)

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>





**MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
FIRST CAPITOL DETACHMENT 521 YORK, PA
INVITES ALL MCL MEMBERS & ASSOCIATE MEMBERS
TO COMPETE IN OUR PISTOL MATCH
20 SEPTEMBER 2025**



Check-in 1000 and Shooting commences at 1100

Registration:

Register by going to the Department website
Marksmanship page. Read the SOP.

<https://pamcleague.com/marksmanship/>

Fill out Registration Forms and email to:

willys1948@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 I83:

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/noPh36b6D5h2bbns5>

Cost is \$30.00 per shooter includes entry in 2025

Department of PA Pistol Match

Registration Opens 30 prior to 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.

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)



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

MARINE OF THE YEAR Nominations

A tradition at our annual Birthday Ball is recognition of the Marine of the Year. Nominations are due NOW. Here's what you do:

All nominations must be submitted **in writing** to the Marine of the Year committee, by way of the Commandant no later than the end of the **SEPTEMBER** Detachment meeting. Nominations may not be submitted anonymously, i.e. **the nomination letter must be signed.**

Put the written nomination in an envelope and seal it. Address that envelope to the Marine of the Year Committee. Put the first envelope inside a second envelope which may be hand-delivered to the Commandant by the end of the **SEPTEMBER** meeting, or sent by mail. If sent by USMail, please note that the nomination must be in the hands of the Commandant by the end of the **September** meeting. Here's the address (**be sure you put ALL of this on the envelope**):

Marine of the Year Committee
c/o Commandant Matthew Corwin
1st Capitol Detachment, MCL
P.O. Box 7313
York, PA 17404

ASSOCIATE OF THE YEAR Nominations

Beginning in 2019, the Detachment began recognizing the participants of non-Marine members with a similar award. Nominations are now being accepted in the same manner as the Marine of the Year:

All nominations must be submitted **in writing** to the Associate of the Year committee, by way of the Commandant no later than the end of the **SEPTEMBER** Detachment meeting. Nominations may not be submitted anonymously, i.e. **the nomination letter must be signed.**

Put the written nomination in an envelope and seal it. Address that envelope to the Associate of the Year Committee. Put the first envelope inside a second envelope which may be hand-delivered to the Commandant by the end of the **SEPTEMBER** meeting, or sent by mail. If sent by US-Mail, please note that the nomination must be in the hands of the Commandant by the end of the **September** meeting. Here's the address (**be sure you put ALL of this on the envelope**):

Associate of the Year Committee
c/o Commandant Matthew Corwin
1st Capitol Detachment, MCL
P.O. Box 7313
York, PA 17404

The **MARINE & ASSOCIATE OF THE YEAR SOCIETIES** (past recipients) will meet following the **September** Detachment meeting to select the respective recipients for 2025.

The 2025 Toys for Tots campaign is about to begin!



Everyone is invited to a planning meeting on **Wednesday, September 17** at the warehouse (1850 Lemon Street) starting about 6:30pm. The doors will be

open by 6pm. We are looking forward to meeting with all of our volunteers - including some new faces!

We continue our search for a **new home!** The current facility is due for demolition next year.

Remember our partnership with Community Aid (below). We brought in \$20 in August from some donations in the last quarter. Be sure to use the partner number when you make your donations!

Dave Brady, 2024 LCO Chair
Yvette Wertz, Vice Chair

york.pa@toysfortots.org

<http://york-pa.toysfortots.org>

<https://www.facebook.com/yorkpatoyfortots>

<https://www.instagram.com/toysfortotsyorkpa/>

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
(717) 412-7706

HANOVER
793 Baltimore Street
Hanover, PA 17331
(717) 412-7706

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



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OUR MISSION:

Preserving Traditions of the Corps

Providing Fraternity to Marines

Promoting the Future of the League



Visit marinesofyorkpa.org for more info.

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www.mclnational.org and www.pamcleague.org

9/25

Meet & Greet Picnic 8/30!