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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, 8 October 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



First we are growing. We are filling new positions with new members, thank you for stepping up. There are two spots that are going to take huge shoes to fill, and I don't expect anyone to just step into those positions. Paymaster and Junior Vice, Dave and Jimmy have been doing an outstanding job but they need to have someone that can step into those shoes. Please, if you feel like taking a challenge we need you to be mentored by them.

Ball is approaching fast fewer than 30 spots left! Get your reservation and money in now.

Last, Toys 4 Tots is once again upon us. We need all hands and more. We are still in need of a warehouse so if you have the faintest idea ask someone.



Delegate Dave Brady presents the 2025 National Convention Streamer to Commandant Corwin

Commandant Matthew Corwin
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856-906-0007

VIETNAM VETERANS PICNIC SEPTEMBER 20 2025 -SATURDAY

2:00PM

ODO FELLOWS HALL
525 GREENWOOD RD
YORK PA 17408

Covered Dishes Welcome



RECRUITMENT & RETENTION



At our September meeting we were pleased to welcome **James Muldrow** and **Lucy Lower** as our newest Members. James is a Hanover area resident with 20 years of Post 9/11 service in the Corps. Lucy is an Associate Member residing in Dallastown. *Welcome Aboard!*

MARINES REMEMBERING MARINES



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

Upcoming Detachment (& other) Activities

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| Sep 17 | York County Veterans Outreach Golf Tourney |
| Sep 17 | Toys for Tots 2025 Campaign Kick-Off |
| Sep 20 | Detachment Pistol Match (p 4) |
| Oct 4 | Eagle Scout Court of Honor |
| Oct 4 | Battle of the Bands for Toys for Tots (insert) |
| Oct 8 | Detachment Meeting - 7:30pm |
| Oct 13 | Columbus Day - <i>Fly Your Flag</i> |
| Oct 17-18 | Fall Department Meetings (pamcleague.org)(p.8) |
| Nov 1 | 250th USMC Birthday Ball <u>Central PA Marine Assoc</u> |
| Nov 7 | First Capitol Birthday Ball (p 10) |

Jr. Vice Commandant's Report

Several Outreach and Fundraising Opportunities are below. We hope you can turn out to help!

In addition to our Veteran and Youth Raffle Tickets, we have several of the **Department Daily Number Calendars** available at \$30 each. Call me or reach out to the Paymaster by email.

- **Saturday, September 27** - Shiloh Legion Riders Car, Truck and Bike Show at Shiloh American Legion 10a-2p
- **Saturday, October 11** - Unforgotten Heroes Car, Bike & Truck Show at Sunset Lane Park 10a-3p
- **November 1 & 2** - York Gun and Knife Show in Memorial Hall at York Expo Center - 9-5 Sat & 9-3 Sun.

James Fissel, JVC
717-846-3943

Judge Advocate Report

Updates to the National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures are available in the **Member Library** <https://www.mcleaguelibrary.org/member-library/>

A password is required, and we can give it to you!

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/>

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

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Dial 988 then Press 1.

Paymaster's Report

A draft of the **2026 Budget** will be proposed at the October meeting.

August 31 was the deadline for your **2026 Annual Dues**. Those who have not yet responded will receive a reminder in early October. Questions may be directed to the Paymaster at the email below (preferred) or by phone if necessary. Some of you are more than one year in arrears. 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.

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

And, yes, you **must** also pay the \$30 Annual Dues for the current year.

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
\$255 to **Wreaths Across America** - Susquehanna Memorial Garden
\$100 to **US Marines Youth Foundation** - Tree of Lights
\$500 to **Shiloh American Legion** - Military Share (from VAVS aka VVS)
\$500 to **Hearts 4 Veterans** - Military Share (from VAVS aka VVS)



SCHOLARSHIPS!

Are closed until next year congrats to this years winners. We get more every year.

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

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

First Capitol Color Guard

We did a great job at the Court of Valor (see photos on page 8 - Thanks, Carol! Mark your calendar for Sept 13th , 2026, as we will need as many red blazers as we can get. This will be the 25th year since 9/11 and will be a big event as planning is already in place.

September 17th we will be doing our annual color guard for the York Veterans Outreach Golf Tournament at Heritage Hills. Thanks to those who are participating.

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

Uniform EXCHANGE

First Capitol's Uniform Exchange has outgrown this space. Find it on the Detachment website
<https://marinesofyorkpa.org/>

Ken Welsh, Quartermaster
717-698-8685

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

Spencer Lynch (17) Dave Brady (13) Phil Frigm (11) Roger Miller (3) & Matthew Corwin (2).

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/>



UPCOMING MATCH

Saturday, September 20 - Fall Pistol Match
hosted by First Capitol Detachment at the York FOP Range. Go to <https://marinesofyorkpa.org/category/marksmanship/> for details.

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

Veterans in Voluntary Service (VVS)

PLEASE submit your monthly VVS hours to Phil Frigm (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.

Deadline for Next Issue Items to be included in the next issue are to be submitted no later than NOON **11 October**, 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!**

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www.mclnational.org and www.pamcleague.org



First Capitol in the Community First Capitol Marines & Associates at the 2025 re-dedication of the Court of Valor and Peacekeeper's Shrine. **Marine Kevin Smyers** & his staff did a great job with the folks at Prospect Hill Cemetery! **Associate Julie Wheeler** presents an interment flag, along with **Rep. Carol Hill-Evans** to **Nancy Duarte Matarese**, the mother of **WYPD Officer Andrew Duarte** who was killed in the line of duty at UPMC Memorial Hospital 2/22/2025. **Associate Carol Corwin** photos!

LEADERSHIP for 2026

Nominations for Officers to lead in 2026 will be accepted during the Detachment meetings in November and December. Election will be held at the December meeting. Installation is conducted in January See the First Capitol Bylaws (Sections 7 & 8) for duties & responsibilities. An excerpt will be included in next month's issue.

UPCOMING GATHERINGS



Department of Pennsylvania Fall Meetings are October 17 & 18 at Fort Indiantown Gap. Agenda and accommodation information can be found at <https://pamcleague.com/calendar/> Detachment Leaders Course is September 27 <https://pamcleague.com/category/department-programs/leadership-academy/> for details & registration!

HOPE YOU HAD FUN! Thank you for sharing your photos!

JROTC



Thank you to **Wes Iler** for taking point for the **Meet and Greet Picnic** with **Dallastown JROTC** at **Dallastown Lions Park**. Thanks also to Associate Member **Theresa Craley** for some of the heavy lifting!





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).

Reservations opened to the general public on 9/1.

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 with the enclosed reservation form or download from our website. Send by snail mail with a check or scan and email, with payment by electronic transfer using Zelle to mcl521.yorkpa@gmail.com. **WE MUST HAVE BOTH before we will acknowledge your reservation!**

Rooms at Heritage Hills can be reserved at the military rate using code **USMC2025** by calling (717) 755-0123. Don’t delay!

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

Todd Hyson

tchyson@gmail.com

Cell phone: (717) 650-7835





WISEHAVEN
Event Center Ballroom
2985 E Prospect Rd, York, PA 17402
(717) 600-1515

Our Annual Fall Musical Extravaganza

Ticket Sales are Active Now !!
All tickets must be purchased online in advance.
(Link <https://avhrc.simplify.com/> or QR Code)
No admission tickets will be sold at the door.

Entertainment & Dinner Buffet.....	\$55.00
Senior Citizens Discount.....	\$40.00
Veterans Discount.....	\$35.00
WW2/Korean War Veterans*.....	Free
* WW2/Korean War Veteran & 1 (caretaker/spouse)	
14 & Younger.....	Free

Attendees are encouraged to purchase an additional ticket sponsoring a WW2/Korean War Veteran.

The doors will open promptly at 2 PM. Upon entry into the ballroom, please check with the registration table for your table seating.

Have Fun All!

The AVHRC Fall Veteran's Appreciation Event
OCTOBER 11th, 2025 - 2 to 7 PM

We live in a complicated, challenging, and often fragile world - one that can feel chaotic at times. Through it all, our military stands as the steady force, the glow that holds us together. Let us always have the honorment and thanksgiving, not just on special days, but every single day. - *you know*



Uncle Bill Riley - Entree
JC Fisher Band
Bridget Gady - Singer
Rachael Bailey - Singer
OUR HONORED VETERANS
John Boyle - WW2 - USA
Harp Miller - WW2/Korean War - USA/USAF
Charles Downing - PT Boats - WW2 - USA
Aunt Frances "Bea" - WW2 - USAAC
Bill Anderson - WW2/Korean War - USA
Jack Mark - WW2 - USA
William Stables - WW2/Korean War - USA
US Recruit Marine Corps

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](#)

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>



Congratulations to Troop 94 Scouts **Matthew McKinney & Benjamin Witmer** on their promotion to Eagle! First Capitol representatives were on hand to present the Marine Corps League Good Citizenship Award and a First Capitol Challenge Coin during their Courts of Honor held at Shiloh Fire Hall. For his Eagle Project, **Matthew** led a group of Scouts and others in the construction of steps out of railroad ties with safety railings to improve accessibility, plus parking lot improvements at the Codorus Furnace Historic Site in Mount Wolf, PA.



Ben, meanwhile, took charge of a group of Scouts and church members in building a 200-foot paver path to the labyrinth at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of York,



including his sister **Esmee** of newly formed Troop 94G.



Another event is scheduled for October 4. 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.



Veterans Administration's HealtheVet is in transition from DS Logon to a Login.gov or ID.me account. YOU must make the change before Sept. 30! Veterans will have these 2 secure options to sign in to VA.gov and VA mobile apps. What you need to do is found at this LINK -

<https://news.va.gov/142310/switch-from-ds-logon-login-gov-id-me-sept-30/>

2025 LVAMC FLU CLINICS

The Lebanon VA Medical Center (VAMC) will be offering the flu vaccine at the following times, dates, and locations. Please take advantage of this opportunity to enhance your health and well-being! Also, you will be able to receive your vaccine during your regularly scheduled medical appointment this fall at any VAMC clinic appointment.

FACILITY	CLINIC WALK-IN & DRIVE THRU SCHEDULE
LEBANON VAMC <i>Building 17-South</i> WATCH FOR DETOURS during construction	Mon to Fri, September 17 through December 1 Walk-in 8am – 3pm Wednesday September 17, 24, October 1 Walk-in 4pm – 6pm Saturday, September 20, 27, October 4 Walk-in 8am – 12pm
YORK VA CBOC 2251 Eastern Blvd.	Saturday, October 18 Walk-in 8am – 12pm Tuesday, October 21 Walk-in 4pm – 6pm



First Capitol Outreach & Fundraising at this Event!

It's GO TIME! Our 2025 Campaign will launch on **Wednesday, September 17** at the current warehouse (call or email if you need the location) and you are encouraged to bring your own chair for a comfortable seat.



We are happy to welcome some new folks to the team!

If you cannot attend, reach out by phone or email (preferred) for the information.

In addition to our task of providing toys to children in York County we are continuing the search for a location for the 2026 campaign. Suggestions of buildings are good, but **contact information** is most helpful!

Dave Brady, 2025 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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I BUY MILITARY ITEMS FROM ANY COUNTRY, BRANCH OR M.O.S.

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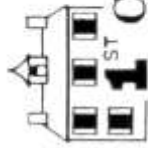
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ON THE EIGHTH DAY GOD CREATED MARINES AND PARATROOPERS -
THE DEVIL STOOD AT ATTENTION...



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OUR MISSION:

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



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10/25 Last Call for the Birthday Ball!