



# JANUARY 2026

First Edition  
First Capitol Det.  
York, Pennsylvania



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Our Mailing Address

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of York County, PA**  
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The next scheduled meeting of 1st Capitol Detachment is 1930 Wednesday, 14 January 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](mailto:mcl521.yorkpa@gmail.com).

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## ELECTION & INSTALLATION

CONGRATULATIONS to the officers elected to serve in 2026 at the December meeting:

**Commandant**

**Sr. Vice Commandant**

**Jr. Vice Commandant**

**Judge Advocate**

**Matthew Corwin**

**Kenneth White**

**Wes Iler**

Installation will be conducted at the meeting in January. We will welcome **Department of PA Commandant G. Victoria McCoy** as the Installing Officer. Your attendance and participation is essential to the future of our Detachment. Elected AND Appointed Officers to be installed should wear red blazer (preferred) or satin jacket. You know who you are!

## Commandant's Report



Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays. As we finish off 2025, we look forward to an amazing 2026 year. Our Detachment is a poster child for the Department, and that's due to each and every one of you that participates. We are growing and developing the next generation. If you are missing that feeling of family and Marine Corps bonding, come to our events. Remember we meet early for dinner at the Legion before our meetings to socialize and we would love to see you.

**Toy 4 Tots**, what an amazing job everyone did this year. We had great memories in our old warehouse but look forward to our move to our new home for the coming years.

I want to make a push in 2026 to get more members in uniforms. My recommendation is first for a white short sleeve shirt. You can wear this with black pants, so this will give you one uniform. Then I'm going to ask you to purchase the red blazer. Technically you are supposed to have a long sleeve under it but I'd like to have more members at funerals. It means so much to the family to see us attending our members' funerals. Let's see what we can do to make this happen. If you need assistance in purchasing these items we have some on hand and I'll find away to make this happen.

**Prodigy Management** is looking at opening a 10-apartment complex for Veterans in April. Currently they are renovating the inside with new plumbing and wiring. I have volunteered for us to do the painting. As soon as I get more information and a date, I'd love to see as many members come out to this event and help.

**I'm still looking for a Junior Vice.** I need to appoint one at January's meeting. You would be in charge of the Detachment's fundraising. I'm looking for new ideas. You do not have to only sell tickets. If you have ideas please get with me.

**Commandant Matthew Corwin**  
[mccorwinmcl@comcast.net](mailto:mccorwinmcl@comcast.net)  
**856-906-0007**

## RECRUITMENT & RETENTION

At our November meeting we were pleased to welcome FIVE new Members!



Associate Member **D. Michael Craley** is welcomed as the newest member of First Capitol Detachment. Also voted into membership, but not present, were Marine **Orie Huson**, Veteran Associate **Michael Davila**, Associate **Susan Byrnes** and Associate **Lori Wisotzkey**.

Marie Hyson photo!

**WELCOME ABOARD TO ALL!**

### In Memoriam Reporting to the Supreme Commandant:

**James W. Welty - 23 November 2025**

Marine Welty was an active member of First Capitol for 24 years, and a Life Member since 2003. Members of First Capitol participated in the funeral service, performing the MCL Ritual and Military Honors as members of the York County Veterans Honor Guard.

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## Upcoming Detachment (& other) Activities

<b>Dec 23</b>	<b>TOYS FOR TOTS MOVING DAY!</b>
<b>Dec 25</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS DAY - <i>FLY YOUR FLAG!</i></b>
<b>Dec 27-28</b>	<b>Outreach &amp; Fundraising at York Gun Show</b>
<b>Jan 1</b>	<b>NEW YEAR'S DAY - <i>FLY YOUR FLAG!</i></b>
<b>Jan 14</b>	<b>Detachment Meeting - <i>INSTALLATION</i></b>
<b>Jan 16-17</b>	<b>Department of PA Winter Meetings (p.</b>
<b>Jan 19</b>	<b>Martin Luther King Day - <i>FLY YOUR FLAG!</i></b>

## Outgoing Jr. Vice Commandant

Since the 2025 Veterans and Youth drawing in June we have been out and about and sold over **7,500 tickets** for the 2026 drawing! Most Detachments don't do that for an entire year!

We hope you'll turn out for our next scheduled Outreach and Fundraising Opportunity **December 27 & 28 - York Gun and Knife Show** in Memorial Hall at **York Expo Center** - 9-5 Sat & 9-3 Sun.

We may have opportunities for other events from time to time. I will be calling you to come out and help!

**James Fissel, JVC**  
**717-846-3943**

## Paymaster's Report

Your 2026 Budget was approved at the December Meeting.  
**Thank You!**

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! **LIFE memberships** are available to Regular **and** Associate

### 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

members. The amount depends on your age, as shown. And, yes, you **must** also pay the \$30 Annual Dues for the current year.

**Dave Brady, Paymaster**  
[mcl521.yorkpa@gmail.com](mailto:mcl521.yorkpa@gmail.com)

# SCHOLARSHIPS!

2026 Scholarship season is coming in February.



First Capitol Marine **Mike Brady** shares this post and photo from the Commencement at UNC Greensboro this month:

“A heartfelt thanks to the Marine Corps League at Detachment, State and National level for the scholarship support provided to both my daughter **Michelle** ‘89-‘92 and now granddaughter **Harleigh** ‘22-‘25. Thank you!”

**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)  
\$100 to **First Amphibious Assault Memorial** (from Special Projects)  
\$250 to Fountain repairs @ **Pennsylvania Memorial IGNC** (from Special Projects)

## First Capitol in the Community

**First Capitol Detachment #521 Marine Corps League was proud to present La'Velle Howell from Prodigy Spectrum Management a check for \$1000. Presenting the check were Commandant Matthew Corwin and PC Phil Frigm.**



**First Capitol Detachment #521 Marine Corps League was proud to present Collette Walker from Mr. Sandy's Homeless Veterans Center a check for \$1000. Presenting the check was Commandant Matthew Corwin and PC Phil Frigm.**

## MARKSMANSHIP

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the First Capitol shooters who claimed First, Second and Third place in the 2025 Department of Pennsylvania rankings!

**PISTOL:** Charlie Cross, Kevin St. John, Dean VanZanardi, Jim Schreiber, Ben Louey, James Muldrow, Mario Meaux, Devin Fink and Matthew Corwin.

**RIFLE:** Kevin St. John, James Schreiber, Charlie Cross, and Ben Louey. Find the full list at <https://pamcleague.com/category/department-programs/marksmanship/>

OOH-RAH to our own **James Schreiber & Dean VanZanardi** who are on point for this program and **Wes Iler**, serving as statistician.



Thank You for  
Sharing your  
Photos!



## First Capitol Color Guard

Thanks to all of those that were able to assist District Vice Commandant **Dean VanZanardi** for the cake cutting ceremony at the State Capitol in Harrisburg.

If interested in joining the color guard, talk with me.

As always, I encourage members to participate with the York County Honor Guard.

**CG Commander Matthew Corwin**  
[MCCorwinMCL@comcast.net](mailto:MCCorwinMCL@comcast.net)

We're winding down the 2025 Campaign, but there's still lots of work to do. Keep watch on our on our website or social media pages as events develop.



Thanks to the efforts of a corps of volunteers (no pun intended) many children in our community will have brighter Christmas.

One of the biggest events was the 2025 Toy Challenge on the Bridge, which supports both York **and** Lancaster Counties!

**Santa D** and the **WSOX** crew smashed all records in 2025!



In addition to collecting and distributing toys, we've been searching for a new home. We've got a temporary place courtesy of the York County Commissioners, (**Moving Day is December 23**) but a more permanent base of operations has been elusive.

Reach out if you think you have a lead. **Names and contact information** will be most helpful!

**Dave Brady, 2025 LCO Chair**  
**Yvette Wertz, Vice Chair**

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# 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**

## RECENTLY UPDATED!

**Deadline for Next Issue** Items to be included in the next issue are to be submitted no later than NOON **17 January**, the Saturday after the Detachment meeting. Send your items by Email (preferred) to [mcl521.yorkpa@gmail.com](mailto: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!**

## 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 24 details in November and members of 1<sup>st</sup> Capitol Detachment participated in many of those details:

**Phil Frigm (15) Dave Brady (14) Spencer Lynch (10) Roger Miller (5) & Matthew Corwin (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://veteranshonorguardyorkpa.com/>

## Veterans in Voluntary Service (V V S)

PLEASE submit your monthly VVS hours to Phil Frigm ([frigm@comcast.net](mailto: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.



# UPCOMING GATHERINGS

**Department of Pennsylvania Winter Meetings** are January 16 & 17 at Fort Indiantown Gap. Agenda and accommodation information can be found at <https://pamcleague.com/calendar/>

First Capitol's **Carol Corwin** intends to defend the First Place prize from last year's **Chili Cook-Off** on Saturday, January 17!

Reservations are open for the **2026 Department Convention** at the Kalahari Resort in the Poconos. Find the information at <https://pamcleague.com/convention/>



## **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!**

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# 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).

**THIS MONTH ONLY - Thursday, Dec. 18 (3rd Thursday)**

**4th Tuesday at Church of the Open Door** 4075 East Market St. a service of **Hearts 4 Veterans** (call 484-894-3724).

**THIS MONTH ONLY - Tuesday, Dec. 30 (5th Tuesday)**

**VOLUNTEERS** are needed to make this 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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**Installation on January 14**