



# DECEMBER 2024



First Edition  
First Capitol Det.  
York, Pennsylvania

## Your Officers for 2024

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of York County, PA**

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The next scheduled meeting of 1st Capitol Detachment is 1930 Wednesday, 11 December 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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# Commandant's Report

Marines and Associates:

We had another outstanding Birthday Ball with 175 Marines, Associates, and guests in attendance. A good time was had by all. I want to extend my thanks to Ball Committee Chairman **Todd Hyson** for all the time and energy put in to bring together this one amazing evening that celebrates the birth of the Marine Corps.

Congratulations to our 2024 Detachment Marine of the Year **GORDON SPRENKLE** and 2024 Associate of the Year **CAROL "CJ" HOFFMAN**.

During our November meeting, we conducted our first round of officer nominations. The second round of nominations and elections will be in December.

I took a moment to reflect on the founding of our Detachment in 1982. At this printing, we have one Charter member left. In our 42<sup>nd</sup> year, I think about the vision the Charter members had at our Detachment founding when there was a mix of WWII, Korea, and Vietnam veterans, what they were creating, and how this organization would provide leadership in the community and provide support to those marines transitioning back into the civilian world. We are now entrusted with moving their legacy forward in a new century.

Supporting our Mission Statement requires a commitment from our members to continually step forward and serve something bigger than themselves. When called upon to move into positions of leadership, we must step up and meet our Detachment obligations. Our core leadership positions must be filled by Marines. That is what our founders did when they established our Detachment 42 years ago. Many others have followed since. Time moves on but our service obligation to our Detachment remains. We must meet this obligation to keep our Detachment Charter. Any Detachment failing to do so risks suspension and the eventual surrender of their Charter. Please keep this in mind as we approach the Marine Corps 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration.

I ask all First Capitol Detachment Marines to remember our founders and rededicate ourselves to fulfilling our oaths and leadership obligations to keep our Detachment moving forward. We look to our new members as well. We ask ourselves who will we pass our torches to, and will it be one of you reading this? Please attend our meetings and give us the chance to get to know you. The title of Marine transcends time and space. Let us meet once a month to make sure we, the keepers of the torch, are ensuring we can pass it on to future Detachment leaders.

I look forward to seeing you out there at our many Detachment community events.

**John McQuain**  
**301-606-1717**

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## RECRUITMENT & RETENTION

WELCOME ABOARD **Associate Meghan Brennan**, was sworn in and presented with her Membership Pin at the November meeting.



Marine **Courtney O'Brien** was sworn in and presented with her Membership Card & Pin at our Birthday Ball.



**Yvette Wertz** was presented with her new Membership Card at a recent Toys for Tots outing,

**Terry Gendron**, who recently retired as Director of Veterans Affairs for York County, was presented with an Honorary Membership at our Birthday Ball.



2024  
ASSOCIATE  
of the YEAR  
**Carol 'CJ'  
Hoffman**



2024 MARINE  
of the YEAR  
**Gordon  
Sprenkle**

**In Memoriam Reporting to the Supreme Commandant:**

**Glenn M. Woodring - 12 November 2024**

**Marine Woodring** was a Member of First Capitol for 24 years. Funeral arrangements were not available at the time of publication.

## Upcoming Detachment (& other) Activities

- Nov 22** Springettsbury Tree Lighting w/Color Guard  
**Nov 29-30** Toys for Tots @ Christmas Magic  
**DECEMBER** Toys for Tots activities - see more on page 7  
**Dec 10** MCL Scuttlebutt - (pg 15)  
**Dec 11** Detachment meeting 7:30 pm (**Election**)  
**Dec 25** Christmas Day **FLY YOUR FLAG!**  
**Dec 28-29** Fundraising & Outreach @ York Gun Show  
**Jan 1** New Year's Day **FLY YOUR FLAG!**  
**Jan 8** Detachment meeting 7:30 pm (**Installation**)  
**Jan 9** Veterans & Military Families Day  
@ PA Farm Show  
**Jan 17-18** Winter Department Meetings (below)

## Jr. Vice Commandant's Report

We are off to a great start with the 2025 Veteran and Youth Raffle Tickets with nearly 3400 sold since June.

Our next opportunity for outreach and fundraising is the York Gun and Knife Show (below).

We've still got some 2025 Daily Number Calendars at \$30 each. Get yours before they're gone!

**Rick Olvitt, JVC**  
[harlev020800@yahoo.com](mailto:harlev020800@yahoo.com)

## 2025 Raffle Ticket Sales & Outreach

**Dec 28-29** Gun Show @ York Expo Center  
Saturday 9-5 & Sunday 9-3

## WINTER DEPARTMENT MEETINGS



The Winter 2025 Department of Pennsylvania meetings are happening January 17-18 at Building 3-95 on Fort Indiantown Gap. Find the schedule at this link <https://pamcleague.com/calendar/>. Access to Fort Indiantown Gap is now restricted. If this is your first visit contact **JVC Jim Diamond** [juniorvice.deptpa@outlook.com](mailto:juniorvice.deptpa@outlook.com)

or **717-425-0624** promptly. Accommodations at Best Western, Grantville.

## NOMINATIONS & ELECTION

The first round of nominations for officers to serve in 2025 was conducted at the November meeting:

**Commandant**

**Sr. Vice Commandant**

**Jr. Vice Commandant**

**Judge Advocate**

**Matthew Corwin**

**Kenneth White**

**James Fissel**

**Dean VanZanardi**

One more round will be conducted at the December meeting before the vote. Installation will occur in January. Your attendance and participation is essential to the future of our Detachment.

An excerpt from our bylaws listing the duties for each office was included in the October issue and is available on request.

## Paymaster's Report

**THANK YOU** to those who have returned their **2025 Annual Dues** payments. Work has begun on the 2025 Detachment Budget. Final adoption is planned at the December meeting.

We will send a draft if you would like to review. Our books are OPEN!

**Dave Brady, Paymaster**  
[mcl521.yorkkpa@gmail.com](mailto:mcl521.yorkkpa@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 2024 (\$3405!)**

\$200 to the **Marine Corps League Foundation** - scholarships  
\$550 to **Four Chaplains York** - Table sponsorship  
\$350 to **Four Chaplains York** - Youth Table sponsorship  
\$100 to **York County Veterans Outreach** - car show sponsorship  
\$200 to **Indiantown Gap National Cemetery Memorial Council**  
\$200 to **Dallastown Lions** (support York Co. Vets at Beacon Lodge Camp)  
\$100 to **York County Veterans Outreach** - Anthony Stabile Day  
\$500 to **York City Parks Conservancy** - Veterans Memorial Park  
\$200 to **Prospect Hill Cemetery** - Court of Valor Rededication  
\$150 to **VFW 537 Etters** - Golf Tournament Hole Sponsorship  
\$150 to **York County Veterans Outreach** - Golf Tournament Sponsor  
\$100 to **York Elks** - Golf Tournament Sponsor  
\$250 to **Shiloh American Legion Auxiliary** - Military Share  
\$255 to **Wreaths Across America @** Susquehanna Memorial Gardens  
\$100 to **US Marines Youth Foundation** - Tree of Lights

# First Capitol Color Guard

- November 22<sup>nd</sup> Springettsbury Tree Lighting at 5:30 need a Color Guard team and help with the Toys 4 Tots table. Great event come on out and enjoy some camaraderie.
- 2025 September 7<sup>th</sup> will be the Court of Valor at Prospect Hill, mark your calendars now we need a lot of help with this great event.

No Practice until next year, let's focus on Toys 4 Tots.

Thanks for a great year.

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



Thank you for your support as we passed the 'hat' during the October & November meetings. Adding to that a donation from our VAVS budget, we will present a \$1,000 gift in support of Mr. Sandy's Shelter ahead of the December meeting. If you want to get a head start on next year's gift please send a check to our PO Box (payable to First Capitol) with **Homeless Vets** on the subject line.

R/S

Phil Frigm/Rick Olvitt  
Homeless Veterans Committee



[www.marinesofyorkpa.org](http://www.marinesofyorkpa.org)

## MILITARY COLLECTOR

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

**WANTED:** UNIFORMS, FLAGS, SWORDS, DOCUMENTS,

PHOTOS, KNIVES, BAYONETS, GUNS, HELMETS, BOOTS ETC. ETC.

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CALL: 717-880-8131 PLEASE LEAVE MESSAGE IF NO ANSWER

MEMBER - MARINE CORPS LEAGUE, 82 AIRBORNE ASSN., SPECIAL FORCES ASSN.

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





Lots has been happening, and more will happen before the end of our campaign just 6 weeks from now. Thank you to all who are lending a hand.

**Northern York County Regional Police** and **Bailey Coach** held a joint event which brought in truck & bus loads of toys. There was also support from **Shiloh American Legion**, **Visual Reality Custom Car Club** (photos) and **Meadowbrook Landscaping**.

Check our upcoming activities at <https://york-pa.toysfortots.org/local-coordinator-sites/lco-sites/local-news.aspx> or the facebook & Instagram links below.

Yes, more help is needed. You may reach out at any time, preferably via email (so we can keep track).

**Dave Brady, 2024 LCO Chair**  
**Yvette Wertz, Vice Chair**  
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# 249th USMC Birthday Ball



**Thanks to all who shared  
their photos!**





Save the date for the 250th celebration of our Corps  
Friday, November 7, 2025 at Heritage Hills  
There are some MC Ball Challenge Coins available!

# Veterans Day 2024

Congratulations to First Capitol Marine Dean VanZanardi, recipient of the 2024 George H. Eyer Meritorious Service Award at the York County Veterans Day Breakfast.

First Capitol was well represented, with Kevin Smyers, Director of York County Veterans Affairs as Master of Ceremonies, Matthew Corwin as Officer of the Day, and Todd Hyson with the New Song Community Chorus!



First Capitol Marines & Associates were on hand as the Dover Community Veterans Memorial was dedicated outside of Dover High School. (Thanks for the photos)



# Americanism

Our team had a first place showing in the Department Americanism competition - and we got the hardware to prove it! Congratulations to the team that made it happen! **Pam VanZanardi, Ericka Garcia, Phil Frigm and Carol McIntosh.**

Thanks to Marie Hyson  
for meeting photos!



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.

For now, reach out to the Commandant for additional information.

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](#)

## Uniform EXCHANGE

First Capitol's **Uniform Exchange** has outgrown this space. Find it on the Detachment website [marinesofyorkpa.org](http://marinesofyorkpa.org)

**Ken Welsh, Quartermaster**  
717-698-8685

# Duties of the Officers of First Capitol Detachment, Marine Corps League

SECTION 7.1 The Commandant, Senior Vice Commandant, Junior Vice Commandant, and Judge Advocate shall be elected annually, for a term of one (1) year. The Adjutant, Paymaster (or Adjutant/Paymaster), Quartermaster, Chaplain, Sergeant at Arms, and three (3) Trustees may be elected (if nominations are offered) or appointed (if no nominations are offered). Regular members in good standing are eligible for election. Regular or Associate members in good standing are eligible for appointment.

SECTION 8.1 The Detachment Commandant shall preside at all Detachment meetings and in conjunction with the staff shall have the direction and control of the Detachment; and shall also cast the deciding vote in the event of a tie vote. The Detachment Commandant may make subject to the authority of the Board of Trustees such orders as are not contrary to the Bylaws of the National Marine Corps League, the Department and of state and national laws.

SECTION 8.2 The Senior Vice Commandant shall perform such duties as may be assigned by the Commandant and in the event of an absence of the Commandant assume the duties thereof; and shall also be in charge of maintaining the membership and creating new membership programs.

SECTION 8.3 The Junior Vice Commandant shall be in charge of all money-making projects of the Detachment; and shall also perform such other duties as are required by the Commandant.

SECTION 8.4 The Adjutant shall keep a full record of the proceedings of the Detachment and assure that the minutes and other records in his care are properly maintained; and shall also conduct routine correspondence of the Detachment; and shall perform such duties as may be required by his office or as may be required by the National or Department Bylaws of the Marine Corps League.

SECTION 8.5 The Detachment Paymaster shall be custodian of all Detachment funds, shall pay all debts owed by the Detachment and shall be audited on a quarterly basis by at least four (4) officers; and shall receive all monies due the Detachment from all sources,

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entering same upon the Paymaster's books, showing the amount and the source from which they were received; and shall also deposit all monies in the bank selected by the Detachment in the name of the Detachment. The Detachment Paymaster shall keep all books, papers, bank book and check book ready for inspection by the Commandant and or Auditing Committee.

SECTION 8.6 The Judge Advocate shall act as legal counsel for the Detachment within the confines of the National and Department Bylaws. The Judge Advocate shall advise the Commandant and members concerning the Bylaws of the Marine Corps League; and shall render opinions on questions of the law that may arise from the Bylaws of the Marine Corps League and shall perform such other duties as may be required of this office. The Judge Advocate shall be custodian of all corporate and legal records of the Detachment.

SECTION 8.7 The Quartermaster shall be custodian of all Detachment property; and shall maintain and keep records of the Detachment Locker Box, Detachment Awards, and have an inventory list of all rifles, pistols, Color Guard and all other gear that is Detachment property; and shall also request a **bi-yearly** inventory from all members that have charge of rifles, pistols, Color Guard, and all other gear that is Detachment property.

SECTION 8.8 The Chaplain shall perform such duties of a spiritual nature as are customarily performed by members of the clergy and as are required by the Bylaws and rituals of the Marine Corps League; and shall also perform such spiritual and other duties relating to the clergy for the Detachment.

SECTION 8.9 The Sergeant-At-Arms shall preserve order at all Detachment meetings; and shall also perform the duties required by National and Department Bylaws and by the Commandant.

SECTION 8.10 The Trustees shall perform regular reviews of the finances of the Detachment and perform other duties as requested by the Commandant.

**Nominations will be accepted during the Detachment meetings in November and December. Election will be held at the December meeting. Installation is conducted in Jan.**



# 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. 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)

**3rd Thursday** at Shiloh Legion, 1890 Poplars Road, administered by the Auxiliary of the Shiloh Legion (call 717-586-6526). **(Holiday Schedule)**

**4th Tuesday** at Church of the Open Door 4075 East Market Street, sponsored by Just For Today (call 717-747-4221).

**VOLUNTEERS** are needed to make it happen. Report time at East York is 8am with distribution 10a-1p; Report time at Shiloh is about 11:15a with distribution 2-4pm.

Subscribe to news & information affecting PA Vets at <https://register.dmva.pa.gov/>

## 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 21 details in October and members of 1<sup>st</sup> Capitol Detachment participated in many of those details:**

**Spencer Lynch (12) Phil Frigm (12) Dave Brady (8) Roger Miller (4) & 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/>

OPEN FOR ALL  
MEMBERS OF THE MCL  
& MCL AUXILIARY

# MCL SCUTTLEBUTT

Tuesday, 12/10 @ 7pm Topic: Meetings  
Connect via Zoom  
ID 416 428 8328 Passcode MCL2024



**Deadline for Next Issue** Items to be included in the next issue are to be submitted no later than **NOON 14 December**, 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!

**Lots more pictures at [www.marinesofyorkpa.org](http://www.marinesofyorkpa.org)**

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*OR - use the QR Codes on the front page!*

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>



**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:**

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*Preserving Traditions of the Corps*

*Providing Fraternity to Marines*

*Promoting the Future of the League*



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**Toys for Tots needs YOU!**