



# AUGUST 2025

First Edition  
First Capitol Det.  
York, Pennsylvania



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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, 13 August 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).

### CONNECT WITH US



# Commandant's Report



First, our condolences to those members who have lost loved ones since our last newsletter. A big thank you to those that were able to attend the funerals in any capacity.

For those that know me, any command I have been a part of was always more than just another unit. It was and is a family. I see each of you as a member of my family. Family members may not always be able to participate in all that a family does, but the more that they do, the closer we become as one. We need each other, old, new, associate and those yet to join, to be a complete family. I love the song from Casting Crowns the *City on the Hill*:

Did you hear of the city on a hill?  
Said one old man to the other  
It once shined bright and it would be shining still  
But they all started turning on each other  
You see the poets thought the dancers were shallow  
And the soldiers thought the poets were weak  
And the elders saw the young ones as foolish  
And the rich man never heard the poor man speak  
And one by one they ran away  
With their made up minds to leave it all behind  
And the light began to fade  
In the city on a hill  
Each one thought that they knew better  
But there were different by design  
Instead of standing strong together  
They let their differences divide  
But it was the rhythm of the dancers  
That gave the poets life  
It was the spirit of the poets  
That gave the soldiers strength to fight  
It was the fire of the young ones  
It was the wisdom of the old  
It was the story of the poor man  
That needed to be told...

This Detachment has done great things and continues to do great things. We have those that do way too much for this Detachment and I thank them. We have some that we would just like to see. You do not have to have a uniform to participate, you just need to participate. Come out and be seen, we miss our elders, and we want the fire of our new members. Come early to our meetings and break bread,

listen to stories and share sorrows. Let's be a more than just a detachment but a family that stands together in times of joy and sorrow.

Dinner starts at 5:30ish at the Shiloh Legion. If you are not a member of the Legion, ask one to sign you in as a guest. If there is something you want to know or do, ask! This detachment has great knowledge. Yes, we come across as Grumpy old Marines but we have some of the biggest hearts you will ever find.

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

**In Memoriam Reporting to the Supreme Commandant:  
Michael E. Freet, Sr. - 25 June 2025**



Marine Freet and his wife, Linda, have been members of First Capitol for only two years, but have been active in Detachment events and Toys for Tots. MCL members participated in the memorial service and interment.



**Stavros Demetrios Chantiles - 23 April 2025**

Marine Chantiles was a Life Member of First Capitol and re-located to North Carolina in 2007. Thank you to Marine Daoularis for sharing this information with us.



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

## Upcoming Detachment (& other) Activities

<b>Jul 18-27</b>	<b>Outreach &amp; Fundraising @ York State Fair</b> (below)
<b>July 19</b>	<b>Cpl. Pete Arnold Detachment Picnic</b> (p 13)
<b>July 26</b>	<b>Veterans Lake Fishing Event</b> (p 13)
<b>Aug 2</b>	<b>Sgt. Denig Remembrance</b> (p 11)
<b>Aug 5</b>	<b>National Night Out</b> - Sunset Lane Park (maybe)
<b>Aug 8</b>	<b>Downtown Birthday</b> (Toys for Tots Event) (p 14)
<b>Aug 10</b>	<b>Marine Day @ WellSpan Park</b> (p 12)
<b>Aug 11-15</b>	<b>MCL National Convention</b> (p 5)
<b>Aug 13</b>	<b>Detachment Meeting</b> - doors open @ 6:30
<b>Aug 30</b>	<b>Meet &amp; Greet Picnic @ Dallastown</b> (p 11)

## Jr. Vice Commandant's Report

Our 2026 Fundraising year got off to a roaring start with the York Gun Show June 28 & 29. Thank you to those who participated.

After a few other stops, we are ready for the **2025 York State Fair** - July 18-27. Look for us in the **Hall of Heroes** for



the duration of the event. If you haven't already, please contact **Dean & Pam VanZanardi** to participate so that we can arrange for the necessary passes. (717-659-4630 or [richardzanardi@comcast.net](mailto:richardzanardi@comcast.net)) We have a particular need over the weekends. It's a great opportunity to get ourselves out in the community.

We are awaiting authorization from the West Manchester Township Police Department to participate in their **National Night Out event on Tuesday, August 5**. We will confirm our participation in the weekly message. Also ahead:

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

<b>AUG 1-2</b>	<b>Karn's @ Newberry Commons (9a-3p)</b>
<b>AUG 15-16</b>	<b>Kennie's @ Spring Grove (9a-3p)</b>
<b>AUG 22-23</b>	<b>Markets @ Shrewsbury (9a-3p)</b>
<b>SEP 5-6</b>	<b>Karn's @ Newberry Commons (9a-3p)</b>

# Paymaster's Report

THANK YOU to all who have acted promptly on your 2026 Dues renewal. We hope you have received yours in mail. We included a self-addressed envelope for easy returns. The stated deadline is August 31. 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 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](mailto: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



## UPCOMING GATHERINGS

2025 National Convention is in Dallas, Texas (vicinity) August 11-15. First Capitol members will be there. Details at <https://www.mcleaguelibrary.org/convention/> and watch the action at <https://www.facebook.com/mclnational/>



## SCHOLARSHIPS!

Congrats to **Harleigh Brooks, Rowan Dennis, Nikolas Snyder, and Kennedy Snyder** as they have received \$500 dollars from the Department Scholarship Program.

National Scholarships will be decided at the National Convention. We sent **Harleigh Brooks and Nikolas Snyder.**

Scholarship Committee  
[mccorwinmcl@comcast.net](mailto: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 17<sup>th</sup> is the **York County Veterans Outreach Golf Tournament**, need 4, uniform is short sleeve white shirts and blue trousers for the color guard. I'll be commanding and will have a practice session an hour prior to the event.

**CG Commander Matthew Corwin**  
[MCCorwinMCL@comcast.net](mailto: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 29 details in June and members of 1<sup>st</sup> Capitol Detachment participated in many of those details:**

**Spencer Lynch (8) Dave Brady (21) Matthew Corwin (4) & Roger Miller (2). Phil Frigm (3).**

**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/>

# MARINE & ASSOCIATE of the Year

First Capitol's 2025 **Marine** and **Associate Member of the Year** will be honored at our Birthday Ball. Nominations must be submitted *in writing* by the **September** meeting. For the complete nomination procedure, *ask your Paymaster!*

## Judge Advocate Report

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

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

One Department amendment proposed was adopted at the Department Convention. An update is in the works.

**Dean VanZanardi, JA**  
[richardzanardi@comcast.net](mailto: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](http://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 16 August**, 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!**



# CONGRATULATIONS



## **Tenure Awards**

**Ron Keech** (top left) 35 yrs

**Dave Brady** (above) 25 yrs



## **2025 Department Convention**

**Attendance Streamer** (left)

Presented to SVC **Ken White** by

Department Commandant

**Victoria McCoy**

Thanks to  
**Marie Hyson**  
for the photos!



## **Veterans Voluntary Service**

**2nd Place**

Presented to Chairman **Phil Frigm**



## **Marksmanship**

**1st Place**

Service Rifle Marksman

Presented to **Kevin St. John**

by Department Chairman

**James Schreiber**





**Department of PA Associate Member of the Year**  
**Carol 'CJ' Hoffman**

Presented by prior recipients **James Schreiber & Carol McIntosh**



**Communications**

**1st Place**

**Newsletter Editor**  
**Dave Brady**

**Website Webmaster**  
**Sean Mitchell**

**Facebook / Instagram**  
**Administrators**  
**Phil Frigm**  
**Erika Garcia**  
**Pam VanZanardi**

**Toys for Tots 1st Place**  
**Presented to Everyone!**





## 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](mailto: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](mailto:tchyson@gmail.com)

Cell phone: (717) 650-7835



# MORE UPCOMING EVENTS

**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. [wesley-iler@yahoo.com](mailto:wesley-iler@yahoo.com)

## 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](mailto: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>





## 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](mailto:tickets@yorkrevolution.com) to purchase your tickets.

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



York County Veterans  
Outreach will offer  
USMC 250 T-shirts  
See a preview here



**Commandant Corwin may have FREE tickets for this event!**

## Veterans in Voluntary Service (V V S)

PLEASE submit your monthly VVS hours to Phil Frigm at [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.





# VETERANS LAKE FISHING

2025 VETERANS FUN IN THE SUN -- UPDATED EVENT

July 26<sup>TH</sup> (Rain date July 27<sup>th</sup>) 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, Games, Prizes

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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York Vet Network other charities

*SORRY BUT DUE TO INSURANCE RESTRICTIONS, WE WILL NOT BE BOATING OR FISHING AT THIS EVENT*



## 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](http://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](mailto:richardzanardi@comcast.net)



**19 July 2025**



## Marine Corps League PICNIC

**ALL Marines & FMF Navy  
Personnel Invited**

**1300-1700**

**Cost: FREE**

HOSTED BY:

**Cpl Pete Arnold Detachment 1198**

Location: Jarrettsville VFW Post 8672  
1714 Morse Rd. Forest Hill, MD 21050

## 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).



## MILITARY COLLECTOR

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THE DEVIL STOOD AT ATTENTION...



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



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**Marine Day w/York Revs**