



# FEBRUARY 2026



First Edition  
First Capitol Det.  
York, Pennsylvania

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Our Mailing Address

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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, 11 February 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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# INSTALLATION 2026

Congratulations to our newly elected & appointed officers!

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## Trustees

Stew Langley\*, Todd Hyson\*, Dean VanZanardi

Our thanks to **Victoria McCoy**, Commandant, Dept. of PA for serving as the Installing Officer. (\*not pictured)



Carol Corwin photos!

## RECRUITMENT & RETENTION

★ At our January meeting we were pleased to welcome TWO ★  
★ new Members! ★

Marine **Kevin Peters** & Associate **Matthew Wonders** took the oath along with Veteran Associates **Michael Davila** & **Randy Wildasin** (voted in at an earlier meeting).

# WELCOME

## ABOARD

## TO ALL!



# Commandant's Report

What a great turn out for January's meeting, lots of new faces. We had 14 at our dinner social at 5:30, come join us. Thank you to those that served last year and are continuing to serve. A huge gratitude grenade to those stepping up to new positions. This shows growth for the future of our Detachment. Remember, I'm here to help you grow into future leadership positions. Even though I was an old Drill Instructor, I have been mellowed by mentoring High School students; some of them are now our current leaders in many of our community leadership roles. I want to encourage all of you to continue to serve. Remember It's not what you have done, but what you are still doing. Every one of us has something to give and learn from each other. That's what being a part of a family means.



Mid-Winter Conference is Feb 26 to 28 at the Sheraton Pentagon City in Arlington, VA. I encourage you to go down on Saturday, which Carol and I will be doing. Some of us may never make it to a National Convention, but this is close to home, and you can make a day trip. Check the schedule at <https://www.mcleaguelibrary.org/conference/> see if there is something that interests you and check it out. The Detachment will pay for your registration fee (not your hotel or travel). Ship's Store there has more things than you can imagine and better than online.

**Jimmy Fissel** will be out due to medical issues for a few months. **Alexander Daoularis** has volunteered to fill in as the Junior Vice. We need to assist him in this. If you have been doing certain locations for selling tickets, please contact Alex at [alexjar-head@gmail.com](mailto:alexjar-head@gmail.com) or 717-648-4948. Tell him you have contacted that location on whatever date you want and coordinate getting the tickets and cash box. Carol and I will be coordinating the Tractor Supply in Red Lion and Jerry's. Any new fund-raising ideas pass them to him. Alex is not the only new one on the Staff, as everyone has so greatly supported me as your Commandant, I ask you to continue that support to our new staff members.

God Bless each of you  
as we kick off this new  
year!

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

## Upcoming Detachment (& other) Activities

<b>Jan 19</b>	<b>Martin Luther King Day - FLY YOUR FLAG!</b>
<b>Feb 11</b>	<b>Detachment Meeting - see front page</b>
<b>Feb 16</b>	<b>Presidents Day - FLY YOUR FLAG!</b>
<b>Feb 27-28</b>	<b>National Mid-Winter Conference (p. 8)</b>
<b>March 7-8</b>	<b>Outreach &amp; Fundraising at York Gun Show</b>
<b>March 11</b>	<b>Detachment Meeting - see front page</b>
<b>Mar 13-14</b>	<b>Department of PA Spring Meetings (p. 8)</b>

## Jr. Vice Commandant

Yes, there is a change at Junior Vice Commandant and I'll need your help! Due to an unfortunate accident, **Jimmy Fissel** is in recovery for a couple of months.

Please contact me if you can help at our next scheduled Outreach and Fundraising Opportunity **March 7 & 8 - 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!

**Alex Dauolaris, JVC**  
**717-648-4948**

[alexjarhead@gmail.com](mailto:alexjarhead@gmail.com)

## Paymaster's Report

Thanks to the efforts of our Junior Vice, we finished 2025 in the black! Let's keep up the momentum in 2026!

August 31 was the deadline for your **2026 Annual Dues**. Those who have not yet responded were sent a reminder January 1. 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 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

Yes, we can take online payments! Reach out to me and we'll make it happen!

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

# SCHOLARSHIPS!



**Detachment Scholarship application for 2026 is now available from our website**  
<https://marinesofyorkpa.org/category/scholarships/>

**Completed applications need to be to me by June 1st.**

**Department Scholarship application is now available at**  
<https://pamcleague.com/category/department-programs/scholarships/>

**Completed applications need to be to me by May 15<sup>th</sup> so I can have it to the Department by May 31st.**

**National Scholarship application is now available at**  
<https://www.mcleaguelibrary.org/youth-programs/>  
**Completed applications need to be to me by July 1<sup>st</sup> so that I can have it to National by July 21. Ensure that you give both the application and student data sheet to me.**

**All applications need to be mailed to me at 956 Keller, Red Lion, PA 17356; Attention Scholarship Committee.**

**Questions and concerns you can reach me at** [mccorwinmcl@comcast.net](mailto:mccorwinmcl@comcast.net) **or 856-906-0007**

**Scholarship Committee Chair  
Matthew Corwin**

## First Capitol Color Guard

**Four Chaplains is coming up May 13th, no responsibility but to enjoy the breakfast.**

**May 25<sup>th</sup> will be the York City/County Memorial Day service. The James and Dean show will be in full swing along with me as the commander of troops again. Currently, Jimmy Fissel may not be able to lay the wreath, so we need someone to step up. If interested, contact me.**

**At the Winter Department Meetings, members who helped with the Capitol Cake Cut-**



**ting in November were recognized, including members of First Capitol. Those not present will be recognized at the February Detachment CG Commander Matthew Corwin**  
[MCCorwinMCL@comcast.net](mailto:MCCorwinMCL@comcast.net)





## First Capitol in the Community

Our **Homeless Veterans** activities in 2025 started with an early June delivery of dinnerware and food items from a shopping list for Mr. Sandy's Homeless Veterans Center; value \$285.00. This purchase was made from detachment member donations in April and May. A cash balance was carried forward with additional member donations in November and December equaling \$750.00. With our annual budget of \$750.00 and a transfer from the VAVS funds of \$500.00 we were able to make two \$1,000.00 donations to the following homeless veterans service agencies:

1 December, 2025: Prodigy Spectrum Management

5 December, 2025: Veterans Helping Hand (Mr. Sandy's)

**Thank you, Marines and Associates of First Capitol Detachment!**

R/S

Phil Frigm

Homeless Veterans Committee

Congratulations to **Cameron Sands** of Troop 248 in Zion's View on his promotion to Eagle Scout! **Marines Dean VanZanardi, Roger Miller** and **Dave Brady** along with **Associate James Schreiber** of First Capitol Detachment were on hand to present the MCL Good Citizenship Certificate, and a First Capitol Challenge Coin, to Cameron during his Court of Honor held at Susquehanna VFW Post 2493 in Mount Wolf on December 21.

For his Eagle Scout Project, Cameron raised the necessary funds and led a group of Scouts and others to update and refurbish the markers along the Civil War Walking Tour at Prospect Hill Cemetery in York. Cameron is a 2025 graduate of Northeastern High School and is currently attending York College of Pennsylvania with a major in Mechanical Engineering.



## 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.

**Bobbie Jo Miller**

[bobbiejo2769@gmail.com](mailto:bobbiejo2769@gmail.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](#)

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[www.mclnational.org](http://www.mclnational.org) and [www.pamcleague.org](http://www.pamcleague.org)

**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.

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>



# UPCOMING GATHERINGS



First Capitol's **Carol Corwin** took Third Place (out of six entries) in this year's **Chili Cook-Off** held during the Department of Pennsylvania Winter Meetings. Thank you for representing us!

Activities ahead include the **National Mid-Winter Conference** in Arlington, Virginia February 27 & 28. The Detachment will reimburse your **advanced** registration (\$10) if you attend. Details at [https://](https://www.mcleaguelibrary.org/conference/)

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**Department of Pennsylvania Spring Meetings** are March 13 & 14 at Fort Indiantown Gap. Information can be found at <https://pamcleague.com/calendar/>

**Northeast Division Conference** will be held May 15-16 in Wilkes-Barre, PA. Registration and details are at <https://nedmcl.org/conference/>

Reservations are open for the **2026 Department Convention** at the Kalahari Resort in the Poconos, June 17-21. Find the information at <https://pamcleague.com/convention/> You can get TWO FREE nights and a \$100 Visa Gift Card through a special raffle offered by the Department. For details reach out to Commandant McCoy at [mclpa.department@gmail.com](mailto:mclpa.department@gmail.com)

Reservations are open for the **2026 National Convention** at Wyndham Indianapolis Airport Hotel August 10-14. Find details at <https://www.mcleaguelibrary.org/convention/>





# 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 14 February**, 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 23 details in December and members of 1<sup>st</sup> Capitol Detachment participated in many of those details:

**Phil Frigm (12) Dave Brady (11) Spencer Lynch (11) Roger Miller (6) & Matthew Corwin (4).**

Throughout **2025**, the Honor Guard performed **274** details :

**Phil Frigm (110) Dave Brady (162) Spencer Lynch (143) Roger Miller (44) & Matthew Corwin (31).**

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.

WE'VE DONE IT!

Another Toys for Tots Campaign is in the books....and thousands of families in York County are the beneficiaries of your good work.



Many of you logged lots of miles in your vehicles. Many of you withstood unpleasant conditions at our warehouse. We thank you all for making it happen! Here are the results of our 2025 Campaign:

2025 Toys for Tots	TOYS	BOOKS	STOCKING STUFFERS
<b>OPENING</b>	18580	2525	3777
<b>COLLECTED</b>	22892	3826	7015
<b>PURCHASED</b>	4569	0	0
<b>From Foundation</b>	36	2208	0
<b>DISTRIBUTED</b>	27785	4914	4027
<b>BALANCE</b>	18292	3645	6765
<b>CHILDREN</b>	23869	<b>AGENCIES</b>	120

Of course, after the last toy was counted, we went into 'overtime' and moved everything to a different, but temporary, location. Thank you, also, for those who made that happen.

WHAT'S NEXT? We must find a more permanent home for the 2026 campaign!

Yes, we've investigated properties, visited others, discussed possibilities, we even have a patron willing to help with some of the costs.

Our needs are for 10,000 square feet. We would like the space to be donated. One level is preferred. If multiple levels, it should have an elevator. A loading dock/door is preferred. And, most importantly, we must remain in the greater York area.

I'm not a real estate guy - so we need as many eyes as possible looking for us. If you get a lead, please communicate **address** and **contact information**.

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

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### **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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**Hanover, PA 17331**  
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# SAVE<sup>the</sup>DATE

The Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution and the City of Pompano Beach  
invite you to honor our patriot ancestors at the  
First Amphibious Landing Memorial

## RIBBON CUTTING

**MARCH 14 | 10 AM**

**Fisher Family Pier | 222 N Pompano Beach Boulevard**



**FIRST CAPITOL HAS DONATED TO SUPPORT THIS ACTIVITY!**

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

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# 2026 Tenure Awards

Pins for service to the Marine Corps League are presented in five-year increments. The members listed below have achieved that milestone this year and we will set aside time at each Detachment meeting to present the Awards . Send an email to arrange out of state delivery. If you think you belong on this list, contact the Senior Vice Commandant.

45	ROBERT	L.	CRALEY
30	WILLIAM	J.	ELY, JR.
25	STEWART	R.	LANGLEY
25	RICHARD	W.	LEHMAN
25	WILLIAM		SCULLION, JR.
20	MATTHEW	C.	CORWIN
20	WALTER	K.	WHITE
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10	JEREMIAH		MAIN
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10	TODD	C.	HYSON
10	DEAN		VANZANARDI
5	BENJAMIN		LOUEY
5	CAROL	CJ	HOFFMAN
5	EVELYN		YINGLING
5	BRADLEY		TRAGER

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 :** (this one is password protected - ask and ye shall receive)

<https://www.mcleaguelibrary.org/member-library/>

**DEPARTMENT:** <https://pamcleague.com/bylaws/>

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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).

**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 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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**Awards to be presented February 11**