



MARCH 2026

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, 11 March 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

Commandant Matthew Corwin
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What a great turnout for awards this month. Remember we meet for social at 5:30pm at the Shiloh Legion downstairs for a meal together, this is getting more people all the time. At 6:30pm at the next meeting I will be available to discuss uniforms, where to acquire them and how to wear them. Special thanks to CJ for the cake for those receiving their awards.



I encourage everyone to attend the **National Midwinter Conference**; <https://www.mcleagueulibrary.org/conference/>. You do not need to attend the whole thing. Look at the schedule and go to those things that interest you. As I will be going down for the afternoon on Friday and Carol and I will be going down for the day on Saturday. The Detachment will pay for your registration fees. This is a great opportunity to see how meetings are run at the National level and the ship store has great items.



We are making a push for short sleeve red Detachment polos at this time. I'd like to make this the summer uniform, June, July, and August. Shirts are 25.00 dollars for sizes S, M, L, XL and 28.00 for XXL and larger. Orders need to be in by **March 1st**. Send your order to mccorwinmcl@comcast.net with the quantity and size. Send a check to Carol Corwin at 956 Keller Drive, Red Lion PA 17356. Thanks for your support.

First Capitol Color Guard

**CG Commander
Matthew Corwin**
MCCorwinMCL@comcast.net

March 29th at 6pm at the York Fairgrounds is the **Vietnam Veterans National Recognition Day**. We have been asked and I have accepted to present the colors. I'm looking for 3 members to execute this mission with me. We will need to get a practice in as I would like to do a counter march. The uniform is short sleeve white and blue trousers. Contact me if interested.

Even if you don't wish to participate with the Color Guard, you are welcome to attend the event!

Awards

Members of First Capitol are being recognized for their service to the Detachment in 2025.

Meritorious Commendation (Individual) presented to **Carol Corwin, Phil Frigm, CJ Hoffman, Todd Hyson, Gordon Sprenkle, Pam VanZanardi, and Ken Welsh.**



Many First Capitol members qualify for the **MCL Community Service** ribbon for participation in Toys for Tots, Color Guard, Memorial Day Flag Placement, Military Share, York County Veterans Honor Guard, YorkVet Network, York County Veterans Outreach, Wreaths Across America and any other activity tracked for Veterans in Voluntary Service during the calendar year 2025.

RECRUITMENT & RETENTION

At our February meeting we were pleased to recognize members for their time in service to the Marine Corps League in Five Year increments.



(l to r) **Phil Frigm** (15 yrs); **Sam Leese** (10yrs); **Todd Hyson** (10 yrs); **Matthew Corwin** (20 yrs); **CJ Hoffman** (5yrs); **Dean VanZanardi** (10yrs)

Additional awards will be presented at upcoming meetings.
Are **YOU** due recognition? See the listing on page 14.

Upcoming Detachment (& other) Activities

Feb 16	Presidents Day - FLY YOUR FLAG!
Feb 27-28	National Mid-Winter Conference (p. 8)
March 7-8	Outreach & Fundraising at York Gun Show
March 11	Detachment Meeting - see front page
Mar 13-14	Department of PA Spring Meetings (p. 8)
Mar 29	Vietnam War Veterans Day - (p.2)

Jr. Vice Commandant

Alex Dauolaris, JVC
717-648-4948

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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!

Paymaster's Report

Dave Brady, Paymaster
mcl521.yorkkpa@gmail.com

We still have a few folks who have not paid **2026 Annual Dues**. August 31 was the deadline. 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.

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

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

**PAYMASTER IS NOT
AVAILABLE FEBRUARY
25 TO MARCH 6.**

Phone messages and email will be answered on our return from vacation!

MARKSMANSHIP!

Devin Fink, Commander
717-688-9343

fink.b.devin@outlook.com

Our new Detachment Rifle and Pistol Commander **Devin Fink** is looking for shooters. Please email him at Fink.b.Devin@outlook.com. He wants to put together a contact list to schedule practices and who will be attending shoots so we can maximize team awards.

Any First Capitol member (Regular or Associate) who participated in a Detachment sponsored Rifle and/or Pistol Match during the calendar year 2025 may wear the appropriate MCL Marksmanship Ribbon.

At our February meeting, several First Capitol members received Department of Pennsylvania 2024 & 2025 Marksmanship Awards –



Dean VanZanardi,
Jim Schreiber,
Kevin St. John,
Charlie Cross and
Matthew Corwin.

Find a complete list of these awards at

<https://pamcleague.com/marksmanship/>

SCHOLARSHIPS!

Matthew Corwin , Chair

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 15th 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 1st 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 mccor-winmcl@comcast.net or 856-906-0007.

First Capitol was pleased to recognize two NJROTC Cadets at **West York Area High School**.

Cadets Bethany Drawbaugh and **Maddox Price** were presented the MCL Bronze Distinguished Citizen Award on behalf of the Department of Pennsylvania and a First Capitol Challenge Coin by Commandant **Matthew Corwin**.

The cadets were nominated by NJROTC Instructor **Ryan Anderson** (left).



First Capitol has been invited to attend the **William Penn Senior High School JROTC Military Ball** on March 20. Reach out for details. Reservations are due by March 10.



Congratulations to **Andrew Giesselbach** of York on his promotion to Eagle Scout! First Capitol **Commandant Matthew Corwin** was on hand to present the Marine Corps League Good Citizenship Award and a First Capitol Challenge Coin to Andrew during his Court of Honor held at Advent Lutheran Church on February 10. Also in attendance were Marines **Dave Brady, John Crone and John McQuain**, and Associate **Julie Wheeler**.

For his Eagle Scout Project, Andrew led a group of Scouts from Troop 25 in the rerouting of path #4 at William Kain Park. The work was necessary following the dam reconstruction at Lake Redman. Andrew is a graduate of York Catholic High School and is currently exploring his options for higher education as an architect.

From Our Chaplain

Bobbie Jo Miller, Chaplain

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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.

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](#)

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 2026

\$100 to **York County Veterans Outreach** - car show sponsorship

\$500 to **Veterans Lake Fishing** - Event and Activity support



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www.mclnational.org and www.pamcleague.org

Veterans in Voluntary Service (V V S)

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.

UPCOMING GATHERINGS

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://www.mcleaguelibrary.org/conference/>

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

There are now **Sponsorship** Opportunities available for the Department Convention, as well as Program Ad space. Find that information at the same link. Your Detachment earns a share of the Ads placed, but not the Sponsorships.

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

Ken Welsh, Quartermaster
717-698-8685

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

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/>

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DETACHMENT:

<https://marinesofyorkpa.org/category/about-us/documents/>

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 20 details in January and members of 1st Capitol Detachment participated in many of those details:

Mike Davila (16); Phil Frigm (14); Dave Brady (11); Spencer Lynch (10); Roger Miller (2) & Matthew Corwin (reserve)

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/>

York County Veterans Assistance

The York County Office of Veterans Affairs is available to offer assistance to ALL veterans in York County. Call 717-771-9218 or email yorkvet@yorkcountypa.gov

If you haven't heard, the Office is now at **2401 Pleasant Valley Road in East York** (off Whiteford Road near York Toyota) with free parking and easier access for all!

Find more information - locally and nationally - at the York County Network of Care website;

<http://york.pa.networkofcare.org/veterans>



Dave Brady, 2025 LCO Chair
Yvette Wertz, Vice Chair

THE 2025 CAMPAIGN IS OVER but the 2026 campaign is about to begin.

We need your help to find a more permanent home for the storage of toys and operations for the year(s) to come!

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**.

york.pa@toysfortots.org

<http://york-pa.toysfortots.org>

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<https://www.instagram.com/toysfortotsyorkpa/>

First Capitol Detachment and CommunityAid are Partners!

The Detachment, its members, family and friends may donate appropriate items (CLOTHING) 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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(717) 412-7706

LTGEN Melvin G. (Jerry) Carter, USMC is scheduled as the featured speaker. First Capitol will likely sponsor a table. Contact the Paymaster for details on getting a seat!



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Northeastern High School

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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>



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	WALTER	K.	WHITE
20	HARRY	D.	BRUBAKER
15	FRANKLIN	E.	METZGER
15	PAUL	E.	SCHEID, JR
10	JEREMIAH		MAIN
5	BENJAMIN		LOUEY
5	EVELYN		YINGLING
5	BRADLEY		TRAGER

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

Records may be requested ONLINE!

You may now REQUEST a copy of your DD-214 online. I was curious to see if it works, so I tried it and got a copy in just a few weeks. The National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) is accessible at <http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/>

Military veterans and the next of kin of deceased veterans may now use a new online military personnel records system to request documents. The documents themselves are not available online.

You may still need to complete the Standard Form 180 (which can be downloaded from the site) for a complete Service Record Book (SRB) or specific documents.

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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First Capitol Polos are BACK!