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First Edition
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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, 8 April 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 meeting. We had 16 members show up for the social at 5:30 and what a rowdy bunch. Come join us. This led into our meeting, in which we have new members stepping up and learning new jobs. Next meeting at 6:30 I'm open to discuss your future. If there is something you want to do, know about or you want to find something to do talk to me.



We ordered 19 polo shirts, awesome. I hope to have them to you at the April meeting. This will be the summer uniform. Last night's meeting we assisted a member put together his uniform for the first time. I want to encourage everyone to work on acquiring uniforms, there is a lot of experience on how to wear them, and we enjoy assisting you on how to wear them. I know Carol McIntosh is always willing to assist and is the duty expert but myself and the rest of the staff is willing to assist also.

Remember, It's not what you have done but what you are doing tomorrow. Service never stops; I encourage you to always ask what I can do next. If you are doing any community service for Veterans, please get those numbers reported. You will receive Youth Tickets. Please do your part and assist us in raising money. If you want more just contact Dave.

All of you make it an honor and a privilege to be your Commandant. Thank you.

Happy Birthday to...Anthony Stable!

First Capitol's Oldest Marine, **Captain Anthony Stable**, turns **99** on **May 10**. We hope you will join in to help make this a special occasion with a **CARD SHOWER!** Send **YOUR** best wishes to Tony at this address:

ANTHONY STABLE
160 MARGATE ROAD
YORK, PA 17408-6106



RECRUITMENT & RETENTION & AWARDS

At our March meeting we were pleased to welcome **two** Associate members. Commandant Corwin welcomes **Stephen May, Sr.** Also accepted, but not present, was **Joseph Barrett**, who is on duty with the Army National Guard!



WELCOME

ABOARD TO ALL!

Also, **Stewart Langley** was recognized for 25 years in service to the Marine Corps League AND presented with a Meritorious Commendation (Individual) for his assistance with Toys for Tots and placing flags at Paradise Cemetery.



Tenure awards are presented in Five Year increments and additional awards will be presented at upcoming meetings. Are **YOU** due recognition? See the listing on page 14.

Upcoming Detachment (& other) Activities

- Mar 29** Vietnam War Veterans Day - *FLY YOUR FLAG!*
- Apr 5** Happy Easter!
- Apr 8** Detachment Meeting 7:30pm
- Apr 25** Northeastern HS Honor Bus (p. 12)
- May 10** Anthony Stabile's 99th Birthday
- May 13** Four Chaplains Prayer Breakfast (p. 8)
- May 13** Detachment Meeting 7:30pm
- May 15-16** Northeast Division Conference (p. 8)

Jr. Vice Commandant

Alex Dauolaris, JVC
717-648-4948

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Look inside for your 2026 Veteran and Youth Raffle Tickets!

Please take the time to complete and return them using the included self-addressed envelope. If you want more, please let us know. Better yet, send back some address labels.

Payment may be made by check or by cash (if you return them at a Detachment meeting). If your bank uses ZELLE - we can accept payment that way, too!

ALL tickets should be returned by JUNE FIRST so that we can get them to Department HQ for the drawing on June 6.

We've already sold over 8,000 tickets!

Plans are being developed for additional outreach events. Call me to work out when and where you can help out!

Paymaster's Report

Dave Brady, Paymaster
mcl521.yorkpa@gmail.com

In this mailing is a reminder for those of you who have not yet paid **2026 Annual Dues**. August 31 was the deadline. Questions may be directed to the Paymaster at the email above (preferred) or by phone if necessary. 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!

DONATIONS APPROVED IN 2026

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

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

\$750 to **Four Chaplains Memorial of York County** - Prayer Breakfast

\$100 to **West York Area HS NJROTC** - Support for unit guidon

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.

First Capitol Color Guard

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

March 29th at 6pm in the Old Main building at the York Fairgrounds is the **Vietnam Veterans National Recognition Day**.

First Capitol will present the colors. Gathering time is 4pm so that we have time to practice. The uniform is short sleeve white and blue trousers.

Even if you don't wish to participate with the Color Guard, you are welcome to attend the event! See the flyer on page 13.

First Capitol members are encouraged to turn out for the York City/County Memorial Day observance on May 25 in the Gold Star Healing and Peace Garden at Veterans Memorial Park. Participants will be in Red Blazer. The program is scheduled to begin at 11am.

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/>

SCHOLARSHIPS!

Matthew Corwin , Chair
MCCorwinMCL@comcast.net

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 mccorwinmcl@comcast.net or 856-906-0007.

Congratulations to **Westley Smith** of York on his promotion to Eagle Scout! First Capitol Marine Dean VanZanardi was on hand to present the Marine Corps League Good Citizenship Award and a First Capitol Challenge Coin to Westley during his Court of Honor held at Dreamwrights Center for Community Arts in York, PA on February 21. Also in attendance were Marines Dave Brady, John Crone, John McQuain and Associate Members Julie Wheeler and Pam VanZanardi (behind the camera). For his Eagle Scout Project, Westley led a group of Scouts from Troop 28 in the building of a 3D printing lab at Dreamwrights, which can be used to produce items for the center's shows as well as supporting a technical youth camp. Westley is a Senior at York Country Day School and is exploring his options for higher education with a major in biochemistry.



JROTC First Capitol members are out this week to recognize US Army JROTC Cadets at **William Penn Senior High School**. Watch for that photo next month.

We also plan to present awards on behalf of the Department of Pennsylvania to Cadets with the USMC JROTC at **Dallastown Area High School** on May 7. If you want to be a part of that, please contact Commandant Corwin promptly.

First Capitol is lending its support to the NJROTC at **West York Area High School** by providing a financial donation toward the purchase of a unit guidon.

My sincerest personal thanks to the distinguished members of MCL 1st Capital Detachment #521...support like this is what builds the fabric of our NJROTC programs.

Thank you again for your unwavering support and generosity!

V/r,

Ryan Anderson

CAPT, USN(Ret)

From Our Chaplain

Bobbie Jo Miller, Chaplain

bobbiejo2769@gmail.com



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](#)

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.



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www.mclnational.org and www.pamcleague.org

Four Chaplains Prayer Breakfast

First Capitol will be sponsoring a table at the **Four Chaplains Prayer Breakfast** at the Wyndham Garden on **Wednesday, May 13**.

LTGEN Melvin G. (Jerry) Carter, USMC is scheduled as the featured speaker. While seats at First Capitol's table have been spoken for, we sometimes learn of openings closer to the date. If you wish to be notified, please reach out to Commandant Corwin.



UPCOMING GATHERINGS

Activities ahead include the **Northeast Division Conference** May 15-16 in Wilkes-Barre, PA. Details are at <https://nedmcl.org/conference/>. The Detachment will be registered as a unit for the **Conference**. You should register individually for the hotel & banquet.

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/>

There are now **Sponsorship** Opportunities available for the Department Convention, as well as Program Ad space. Find that information at the same link. The Detachment can earn a share of the Ads **AND** Sponsorships. Contact the Paymaster for details!

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



First Capitol in the Community

First Capitol is responsible for placing flags at the graves of deceased veterans at **Paradise Lutheran Cemetery** outside **Thomasville**. We expect that to happen May 20-22 and hope that you will lend a hand.

First Capitol members have also assisted the York County Office of Veterans Affairs with sorting those flags for distribution. We'll let you know when that is going to happen via email.

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/>

DETACHMENT:

<https://marinesofyorkkpa.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 14 details in February and members of 1st Capitol Detachment participated in many of those details:

Mike Davila (12); Phil Frigm (10); Dave Brady (7); Spencer Lynch (8); Roger Miller (3) & Matthew Corwin (2)

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

The Office is at **2401 Pleasant Valley Road in East York** (off Whiteford Road near York Toyota) with lots of free parking!

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

Our Toys for Tots activity continues the search for a more permanent home for the storage of toys and operations in 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.

Next, the Detachment must decide on its path for the 2026 campaign. We'll be discussing that at the APRIL meeting and we hope that you will be a part of the discussion!

york.pa@toysfortots.org

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

<https://www.facebook.com/yorkpatoyfortots>

<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!**

PARTNERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

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MARKSMANSHIP!

Devin Fink, Commander
717-688-9343

fink.b.devin@outlook.com

‘Message from Coach’

“This month brings new opportunities for skill-building, competition, and community involvement. We’re proud of the progress our members are making and excited for what’s ahead.”

Upcoming Opportunities

Training & Workshops

- **Skill Development Session:** TBD

Safety & Equipment Refresher: Recommended for all members. Working on dates now, so kindly reach out if interested.

Competitions & Events

- **Local Match:** Upcoming MAY 2nd, 2026, PISTOL SHOOT the GAP (Tentatively)
- **Volunteer Opportunities:** Range setup, scoring, support roles, Range Safety Officers, recruitment of new members
- **Turkey Hunt Opportunity** 1-3 MAY 2026 by Rugged Cross Outdoors POC Scott Glassic 717-868-9307 if interested.
- **York County Vet Sporting Clay shoot** at Starview Sportsmen Association on 13 JUNE 2026, with a registration deadline of 29 MAY 2026. Contact JAMES Coble 717-266- 5226 if interested in more details.

Member Highlights

6 Newly Qualified Range Safety Officers were certified at the Fort Indiantown GAP

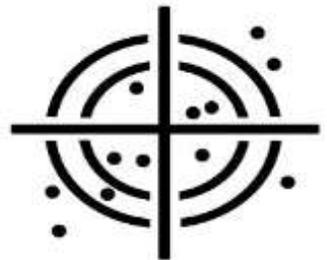
Looking Ahead

- Upcoming MAY 2nd, 2026, PISTOL SHOOT the GAP (Tentatively)
- Working on details for RIFLE AND PISTOL Matches TBD. Working on establishing some Shooters Training dates for those interested, in the meantime, while working out the match schedule, to brush up on critical safety practices and marksmanship skills.

Point of Contact

Devin Fink
(717) 688-9343

fink.b.devin@outlook.com



FIND ADDITIONAL MATCH INFORMATION AT
<https://pamcleague.com/marksmanship/>



Northeastern

HONOR BUS



SATURDAY



APRIL 25, 2026

A DAY OF HONOR AND GRATITUDE

FREE Bus Trip for Veterans and Active-Duty Military

Please join us for comradery and a tour of military memorials in Washington DC. A seated breakfast, bagged lunch, and banquet-style dinner will be provided.



NortheasternHonorBus@gmail.com

(717) 356-0979

Northeastern High School

300 High Street
Manchester, PA 17345

Lots more pictures at www.marinesofyorkpa.org

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OR - use the QR Codes on the front page!

NATIONAL VIETNAM WAR VETERANS DAY CEREMONY MARCH 29TH, 2026



Where: Old Main Hall at the York Fairgrounds

Time 6:00 PM EST (Doors open at 4:30 PM)

Keynote Speaker:

CWO Dejour Hughes

Speaking about Robert Hughes-USMC



Event Organizer: Vietnam Veterans of America—Chapter 1032

Chapter 1032 meets 2nd Tuesday (1PM) each month at the
Odd Fellows Lodge, 525 Greenwood Rd, York, PA 17404



"Never Again Shall One Generation of Veterans Abandon Another"

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	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 11 April**, 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:

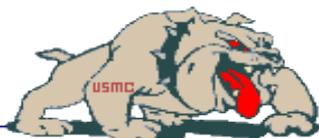
2nd Tuesday at Hampton Fire Co. 5371 Carlisle Pike, New Oxford; sponsored by **Roots for Boots** (call 717-316-0155).

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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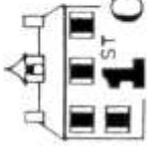
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4/26 Vietnam War Veterans Day 3/29