



# Detachment # 724

## May / Jun 2018

ONCE A MARINE ALWAYS A MARINE

## Commandant

Mike Lawson

Greetings to you all in this springtime Butte weather that goes from rain to snow to sunshine.

The snow birds are coming home telling us about their great winter in the southern part of our country. They then tell us it was getting too hot so they came home to a cooler climate. They have the best of both worlds it seems. I'm envious for sure but I love our world in Southwest Montana and I think the world of all of you who are the members that make this great MCL Detachment a reality. We do a lot and are known in our communities for the many services we provide. Thank-you !!

I'm sad to report that John Georges wife Donna has passed away at their winter home in Phoenix, Arizona earlier this month. John is a Korean War Vet who was a well known Diesel

Mechanic owning his own business with Donna doing the books. She was a well-known piano/organ player and John had a beautiful Tenor voice. They together performed at many functions. John's son is going to have John live near him in Illinois on a trial basis but if that doesn't work he wants to live in the new Veteran's Home here in Butte once it's completed. If your into praying please lift him up in this time of grieving. April was when I turned 70 and at the SOS you surprised me with singing me Happy Birthday which lifted my spirits for sure. Thank-you. Ron Peterson and I went to Billings for a Devil Dog Growl and three new Pups were signed up and sworn in. In case you didn't know our Pound is made up of members in Anaconda, Butte, Bozeman and Billings with the hope that Bozeman and Billings will recruit enough members to form their own Pound. I think it will happen. In April we also did a few funerals and Posted the Colors for the State Lions Club Convention held here in Butte at the end of April. Everyone involved did a

great job and we received compliments on how impressive our posting was. Thank-you again.

Our Memorial Tiles are being bought and on our Display Case Counter to be viewed at your pleasure. We really want to get our older or deceased member's tiles purchased by them or their families. If you have any



contact numbers for any of them or their families please contact them and let them know about our tile memorial program. You can get us the contact info also and we can contact them. Our Marine Corps League State Convention is in Bozeman this coming week-end starting Friday at Harry Armstrong's ranch where his Detachment in Bozeman have built a very nice

shooting range. You can bring any rifle/pistol and shoot if you want to participate. There's a barbecue at a well-known restaurant owned by 4 Marine pilots that evening. If you can't make it Friday try for Saturday. Our DAV Vans continue to do a great service in providing Veterans rides to their medical appointments. I've been doing this for about 12 years and have literally seen Veterans be able to stay alive because we got them to their appointments. It's a lot gratification to be able to help our fellow vets in this way and if any of you have an inclination to drive, contact me at 406-560-3591 or Cheryl Bolton at 406-491-4253. We typically drive to Ft Harrison and Anaconda but have driven to Bozeman, Billing, Missoula, Great Falls and have even made a trip to Pocatello, Id. with a Vet. Summer is about apron us and we have many activities that you can be part of if your willing and able to do so. It's always a meaningful and wonderful sharing time when we get together. Coming up are our rest stop events (see calendar), Color/Funeral Guards, Flag Dinner, Memorial Day, SOS Breakfast, BBQ or two at the "Hooch", Det#724 - Folk Festival Breakfast. 4th of July Parade, National MCL Convention in Buffalo, NY. And probably some events I'm forgetting. So you can see we are the "CanDo" Detachment and have pride in that we have our members not only helping our community but beyond our local borders. We're doers for sure and it's all because of you who are members. Some of you can do more than others but your all members and we appreciate you for belonging and participating where you can whether it's a project or a social event. On a personal note I want

to talk a bit about Jon Tester. We as a Veteran's Organization are basically non-political as our members are of different political beliefs. Personally I'm supporting Jon Tester because of all he does for the Veterans of Butte, across Montana and the Nation. I wouldn't care what party he is affiliated with because anyone who has done for the veterans as much as he's been able to accomplish for us gets my support. As you know I have been pushing for our Veteran's Rest Home for these many years and have seen John attempt many things both in Congress and with the VA to make it happen and like us see a roadblock come up again and again. We never quit trying and neither did he. he made the statement that every time he came to Butte the Veteran's Home was at the top of the agenda of what he heard. The point is he listened and never stopped trying and in the end he was the key that finally made it happen. This common dirt farmer from Big Sandy, Mt, has never forgot his values and is a "Straight Shooter" who looks you in the eye when he shakes your hand. His actions speak to his promises as a man of his word and we the "veteran" have benefited and continue to benefit. I would hope we don't loss him as we've never had an advocate who has worked as hard for the veteran as Jon has. Politically I'm a Centralist and vote for the person and issue. I respect every American's right to believe as they want to. If you can find it within yourself to support Jon on the platform of being our Veteran's Advocate I would appreciate it. At the same time I respect each of you no matter your political beliefs.

This ends my report

Semper Fi Mike Lawson



### Points of Interest:

No Consult Veteran phone #s:  
Podiatry - 447-6769,  
Nutrition - 447- 7366,  
Audiology - 373-3961

Ft Harrison Main # 406-442-6410,  
Triage Nurse - 406-442-6410  
(option #3),  
Pharmacy - 1-877-468-8387,  
Community Care - 447-7400,  
CRISIS LINE - 1-800-273-8255

## Property Officer /First Sergeant

James Long

We have a lot of projects that need work. If your a member of MCL and your able to help, see me and I'll let you know when and where.

The 2010 Garrison St. House: We are down to painting the upstairs rooms and kitchen.. We need to finish this ASAP as Memorial Day is coming soon. We need to make plans for May, June ,and July so please help. Need to go to Bozeman on the 18th so any help before than is needed. Call me 491-7793. The Garrison St house is a big deal and people in Butte are talking about it. We need to finish up on it. The Hooch has a number of small things that could be done in a short amount of time if you could volunteer a few hours to help maintain the upkeep of your and my Marine Corp League home we call the "Hooch".

Semper Fi

James Long

MSGT Retired



## Coffee Stops

The coffee stops are held at the Rest Stop between Anaconda and Butte on I90.

This a very successful fund raiser for our Detachment. Monetarily and raising awareness to the public about our Detachment and the Marine Corps League.

If you would like to help you could man the booth or donate some baked goods.



Our Detachment has been assigned the following dates for the 2018 season

Jun 2 - Jun 30 - July 27 - Aug 3 - Aug 25

## SOS Breakfast

The first Saturday of every month we either cook at the Hooch or meet at a local restaurant. Great way to get to know each other, share a meal and trade "war" stories.



Jun 2 is a busy day. Breakfast at 9 am at Annies Café , Coffee Stop and our Flag Day dinner is at 5 PM at Perkins.

## MCL - Life Membership

If you are not a Life member already you may want to consider it.

Age 35 and under \$500

35 to 50 \$400

51 to 64 \$300

And over 65 is \$200

Never worry about paying your annual membership again !

# Judge Advocate Bart Wackerbarth

## CMP 1911s Update - 5/9/2018:

While the National Defense Authorization Act granted transfer of a maximum of 10,000 1911s per year to the CMP, the Secretary of the Army allowed only 8,000 1911s to be transferred to the CMP for sale and distribution this fiscal year. Some of those are anticipated to be unusual and worthy of being auctioned. The remaining number will be sold based on a computerized Random Number Generator.

The CMP does not know what next year's allotment might be.

The procedures for purchasing 1911 type pistols from CMP 1911:

Every applicant will be treated as a new customer to CMP.

Previous purchases or relationships with CMP create no advantage or disadvantage to the customer.

CMP 1911 is an FFL governed operation and is a separate entity from CMP and has its own record keeping operation with no ties to the existing CMP records.

CMP 1911 customer purchase details:

CMP 1911 order form packet will be posted on the CMP website [www.thecmp.org](http://www.thecmp.org) on 4 June 2018 for download - click on CMP 1911 icon.

CMP 1911 customer service number is 256-835-8455 extension 461.

CMP 1911 customer service email address [cmp1911@thecmp.org](mailto:cmp1911@thecmp.org).

Only ONE CMP 1911 order form packet per customer may be submitted.

CMP 1911 order form packet must be mailed to the following address. This includes USPS, UPS, Fed Ex, etc. Orders must be postmarked NOT PRIOR TO 4 September 2018 and NOT AFTER 4 October 2018. Any orders received postmarked prior to September 4 will not be

accepted. Hand delivered, emailed and faxed orders will not be accepted. Only orders sent to the following CMP 1911 address will be accepted:

CMP 1911  
1800 Roberts Drive  
Anniston, AL 36207

Customer names from complete CMP 1911 order form packets will be fed into a computerized Random Number Generator on 5 October 2018. The Random Number Generator will provide a list of names in sequential order through the random picking process. Customers will be contacted in the sequence provided by the Random Number Generator. The CMP 1911 customers will select their grade of pistol (Service, Field or Rack) from available inventory at the time of order notification. Customers with higher numbers may have fewer grades from which to choose. When this year's allotment of 1911s is exhausted, the remaining orders will be held in the existing sequence for all future allotments of 1911s. The CMP does not know what future allotments might be.

More detailed information can be found at [www.thecmp.org](http://www.thecmp.org)



# Adjutant/Paymaster

Janet Wagner

I'm learning the ropes of being the Adjutant/Paymaster for both the Department of MT and our Detachment.

I was a 4063 COBOL programmer in 1978. The Marine Corps gave me a profession in IT that lasted for 40 years. I am a proud IT geek, if I can, I will put anything and everything in an excel spreadsheet. I use google for mail, contacts, calendars, file storage, and maps. If google closes it's doors I am SOL.

Right now I use Office Word, Excel and Publisher. I try to remember to print everything to .pdf so everyone can open the files I send. But if I forget and send you a .docx, .xls or a .pub just let me know and I'll print it to .pdf for you.

I'm have to buy a new laptop soon and may be converting to MAC. I will probably buy the MS Office suite because that is what I am used to at proficient with.

We are going to publish this newsletter every two months. I have asked the officers to send me an article for each issue. I also want to invite all our members to send items they wish to share. If you aren't a writer but do have some information you would like to share, Commandant Mike has offered his writing skills to wordsmith your ideas.



I am also the webmaster for our detachment web page. [Mclswmt.org](http://Mclswmt.org)

Pease visit the site often and send me content or ideas.

The web site does have a (google) calendar that is updated as events are planned. Please let me know about any event you think our members may be interested in and I will put the details on our calendar.



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May 2018 (Mountain Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	1	2	3	4	5 Cinco de Mayo 9am - SOS Breakfast
6	7	8	9 7pm - United	10 Butte Community 7pm - VFW meeting	11	12
13 Mother's Day	14 1pm - VFW Auxillary	15	16	17	18	19 6am - State convention @ Best Western
20 State convention @	21 6:30pm - MCL	22	23	24 7pm - MCL	25	26
27	28 Memorial Day 10am - Memorial	29	30	31	1	2 Coffee Stop 9am - SOS breakfast 6pm - Flag dinner @

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Jun 2018 (Mountain Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
	<b>Memorial Day</b> 10 am - Memorial					<b>Coffee Stop</b> 9 am - SOS breakfast 6 pm - Flag dinner @
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	1 pm - VFW Auxillary		7 pm - United	<b>Butte Community</b> 7 pm - VFW meeting		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
<b>Father's Day</b>		<b>Bi - monthly</b>				
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	6:30 pm - MCL			7 pm - MCL		<b>coffee stop</b>