



**DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA REPORT FOR THE NATIONAL CONVENTION,  
DAYTONA BEACH, FLORIDA AUGUST 2022, From 1, July 2021 thru 31, JULY 2022**

**MEMBERSHIP: THE DEPARTMENT CONSISTS OF NINE DETACHMENTS AND THE DEPARTMENT STAFF. FOUR DETACHMENTS HAD INCREASED MEMBERSHIP FROM LAST YEAR, FOUR HAD DECREASED MEMBERSHIP, AND ONE DETACHMENT REMAINED THE SAME. OVERALL, MEMBERSHIP STANDS AT 392 PAID REGULAR MEMBERS AND 61 PAID ASSOCIATE MEMBERS, WITH 392 VOTING MEMBERS, A DECREASE OF 20 MEMBERS FROM LAST YEAR.**

**HONOR GUARD DETAILS: MEMBERS PROVIDED 32 HONOR GUARD DETAILS**

**MILITARY FUNERAL HONORS DETAILS: 110**

**PARADE PARTICIPATION: 9 PARADES, 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY, VETERANS DAY, AND MEMORIAL DAY**

**EAGLE SCOUT PRESENTATIONS: 5**

**SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS: \$1000.00, AND (2) \$500.00**

**TOYS FOR TOTS: DISTRIBUTED 127,353 TOYS TO 34,824 CHILDREN**

**COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS: 13,875 HRS**

**NEWSLETTERS: FIVE OF THE NINE DETACHMENTS, REGULARLY PUBLISH MONTHLY OR QUARTERLY**

**EVENTS OF INTEREST: MEMBERS PLACE AMERICAN FLAGS ON VETERAN'S GRAVES FOR MEMORIAL DAY, IN ADDITION, ONE DETACHMENT PLACES MARINE CORPS FLAGS ON THE GRAVES OF MARINES AT THREE CEMETERIES. HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS PROVIDED SUPPORT FOR AN ADDITIONAL 3,154 GIFTS TO 5,715 CHILDREN. MEMBERS SUPPORTED LOCAL**

**“FRIENDS OF THE CEMETERY, PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR VETERAN’S GRAVES & MARKERS. TWO MARINES FROM THE BILLINGS DETACHMENT RUN THE “YOUNG MARINE PROGRAM” AT THE BILLINGS RESERVE UNIT, THE BILLINGS DETACHMENT PROVIDED \$2000.00 TO PURCHASE YOUNG MARINE UNIFORMS. TWO OF THE YOUNG MARINES “GRADUATED” FROM THE PROGRAM AND WERE SWORN INTO THE MARINE CORPS. HONOR GUARD DETAILS WERE PROVIDED TO SUPPORT THE OPENING CEREMONIES FOR THE “BIG SKY STATE GAMES” AND “SYMPHONY IN THE PARK”. THE DEPARTMENT CONVENTION WAS HOSTED BY THE BITTERROOT DETACHMENT AND HAD REPRESENTATION FROM EACH DETACHMENT PRESENT. A “GRAND GROWL” WAS HELD ON THE LAST DAY OF THE DEPARTMENT CONVENTION. AN HONOR GUARD WAS PROVIDED FOR THE FLY IN CEREMONY OF A WWII B-17 BOMBER AT THE MISSOULA AIRPORT, WHERE THE B-17, B-25, AND C-47 DAKOTA WERE ON DISPLAY AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR ONE WEEK. THE BOZEMAN DETACHMENT HELPED TO HOST THE GOLD STAR MEMORIAL VISIT TO BOZEMAN FOR MEMORIAL DAY. THE BUTTE DETACHMENT HOSTED THE DEPARTMENT FALL CONFERENCE. THE WINTER CONFERENCE WAS HELD USING ZOOM DUE TO THE UNPREDICTABLE MONTANA WINTER WEATHER, PARTICIPATION WAS OUTSTANDING. TRAVELER COFFEE AND COOKIE BREAKS ARE CONDUCTED (6) TIMES PER YEAR DURING BUSY HOLIDAY TRAFFIC ON THE I-90 HIGHWAY AT THE ANNACONDA REST AREA BY THE BUTTE DETACHMENT. A VETERANS FOR VETERANS STANDOWN ASSISTED 256 VETERANS AT THE GREAT FALLS STANDOWN. MAINTENANCE OF THE MONTANA VETERANS MEMORIAL IN GREAT FALLS IS MAINTAINED BY MEMBERS OF THE GREAT FALLS DETACHMENT. THE HELENA DETACHMENT CLEANS ROADSIDE LITTER FROM A SECTION OF I-15. PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDANT JOHN MILLER RECEIVED HIS TRANSFER ORDERS TO THE HEAVENLY GATES 14, MARCH 2021.**

**RESPECTULLY SUBMITTED,**

**JOSEPH ROGISH**

**COMMANDANT, DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA**