



# MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

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During 2021 and 2022 Detachment activities continue to be affected by the pandemic. Not only from CDC and Governor mandated guidelines and restrictions, but members who are not ready to meet face-to-face due to underlying medical conditions. This has created difficulties in Detachments having meetings, having productive meetings, and participating in community events. Early this year there was hope that we have turned the corner, but currently the number of COVID cases in Oregon seems to be increasing and restriction recommendations are being hinted. Some detachments have tried virtual (Zoom and Facetime) meetings, but they did not yield desired results.

The following Detachments within the Department of Oregon reported performing / attending Funerals or Color Details.

Det.	FUNERALS	COLORS
373	40	6
374	0	0
386	31	4
470	230	2
578	NA	NA
917	NA	NA
1042	NA	NA
1228	NA	NA
1308	45	0
1481	1	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>15</b>

The following table breaks out the numbers for Community Service and the Toys for Tots statistics for the Detachments reporting.

Det.	Hrs	Kids	Toys	Dollars
373	1,500	NA	NA	\$9.186
374	5,000	NA	1500	\$0.00
386	NA	NA	NA	\$500.00
470	NA	5,232	10,464	\$580.00
578	NA	NA	NA	NA
917	NA	NA	NA	NA
1042	NA	NA	NA	NA
1228	NA	NA	NA	NA
1308	1,700	1,300	7,850	\$7,100.00
1481	65	390	1,570	NA
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,265</b>	<b>6,922</b>	<b>21,384</b>	<b>\$17,366</b>

The following data is in reference to ‘The Marine for Life’ program.

The difficulty with the IRR list is the fact that there are no physical addresses where letters can be sent. Attempting to contact individuals from the phone numbers and emails provided is not yielding any positive results.

Det.	M4L
373	0
374	0
386	0
470	0
578	NA
917	NA
1042	0
1228	NA
1308	0
1481	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>

Other notes of interest:

Det.	NOTES:
373	<p>At the Department of Oregon Summer Convention, the following Det. members were elected or appointed to Department positions. Benjamin Quen (Commandant/Chaplain), Frank Morello (Sr. Vice Commandant), Sarah Callen (Sgt. At Arms).</p> <p>We have participated in many community events, including. Memorial Day, Veterans Day, Father’s Day BBQ at Collier Park, Rock Point Fire Department BBQ, Klamath Falls 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday Street BBQ, Snowflake Parade, Orphan’s Meals, Iron Owl Challenge, Kingsley Field Sentry Eagle Open House, Klamath Films ‘Veterans of Klamath’ event. We host monthly dinners at the Leatherneck Club. These dinners serve to raise funds for the Scholarship program and other community needs.</p> <p>Having a Leatherneck Club offers many opportunities for Detachment members to work on improvements, such as patio improvement and history displays.</p> <p>Scholarships – In 2021 we awarded a \$1,000.00 scholarship. In 2022 we awarded a \$1,000.00 and two \$500.00 Scholarships.</p> <p>We facilitated the donation of Vehicle to a Discharged Marine and mother of two who was in need.</p> <p>One of the Detachment members is the President of the Klamath Fall Little League. The Intermediate All Stars won the 2022 Oregon State Championship and will represent Oregon at the World Series Regional Tournament.</p> <p>In 2021 we hosted the MCL Department of Oregon Summer Convention and MODD Pack of Oregon Grand Growl.</p>
374	<p>All toys collected for Toys for Tots are given to a central charity service provider who consolidates collections from several collecting agencies and then distributes the to needy children. We are not informed of numbers of children receiving support.</p> <p>We have been unable to gain new membership. The Detachment is losing “old” members slowly and likely, in the not-too-distant future will have to surrender the charter as it is becoming difficult to even get a quorum at meetings.</p> <p>Registered letters have been mailed to last known addresses of all PLM, only five or so have been returned by the PLM, the rest are returned by USPS as undelivered. We don’t know if those PLM are living, moved, or what their status is. We can’t act on their membership without supporting documentation, therefore, they remain on our roster until some process of “cleansing” at National takes place.</p>
386	<p>The pandemic has been debilitating to a senior detachment. Folks just don’t want to risk getting sick. We have lost several participating members recently due to age and illness. The staff has been steady and faithful. The Dress Blues Team is awesome, and most are staff members. We have an active newsletter keeping folks up to date. Issues that need to be voted on by the members are handled through email with very good response.</p>

470	Recruiting – Detachment Picnic, Inactive Ready Reserve List, Parades, Misc. functions. 2022 Department Marine of the Year (Clyde ‘Tony’ Rizzutto), 2021 NW Div. Marine of the Year (Gary Brannan).
578	NA
917	NA
1042	<p>The Detachment went through a stressful 12 months. In 2021, it looked like we were going to surrender our Charter. The pandemic made it difficult to find a place to meet in our small community. Members were losing interest in keeping the Detachment going. Faced with surrendering the Charter, members finally met in early 2022 and recommitted themselves to reengage with the Detachment and not surrender the Charter. We have been meeting and even committed to host the Department Mid-Winter Conference scheduled for Oct. 28-30, 2022. We are starting the process to change the name of the Detachment from Coquille River Detachment to Delbert Littrell Detachment who was a WWII Marine with a distinguished service.</p> <p>We continue to support children 14 years old and younger through our ‘Kids Fish Free’ program. Through community donations we have been able to provide free Rods and Reels to children throughout the community during Christmas. Often, over 500 children and their families show up for the distribution of the Rods and Reels. This is one of the programs that resulted in the turn around for surrendering our charter to staying active so we can serve our community. At the 2022 Summer Convention, Dave Romanowski was awarded the Chapel of Four Chaplains award for his work on the ‘Kids Fish Free’ program.</p>
1228	NA
1308	<p>We did struggle getting together for meetings due to Covid at least we were able to have 80 people at the Marine Corps Ball. We were able to host the 2022 MCL Department of Oregon Summer Convention and MODD Oregon Pack Grand Growl. Due to COVID and high gas prices, attendance was low as was expected.</p>
1481	<p>We assisted the Santiam Detachment 374 with their ‘Gun Raffle ‘which raised \$7,540.00.</p> <p>With the help of Grocery Outlet 14 turkeys were delivered to families during Thanksgiving. Working with the American Legion in Newport, OR we delivered 32 hot meals to families. Working with the Salvation Army we were able to deliver bags of toys including jackets to 390 children on Christmas Eve. Our Detachment has become the official Lincoln County Toys for Tots Coordinators.</p> <p>We adopted 8 families at Christmas time that were Otis Fire survivors, many of which were veterans. We assisted Veteran Fire survivors with lot cleanups. We attend monthly Breakfast at the Lakeview Senior Center. We participated in a ‘Build your own Scarecrow’ contest at the Senior Center. We are the costal distributor to collect and give out tools to veterans. We continue to hold ‘Virtual Meetings’, created a Detachment Webpage, and are on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.</p>

<b>Dept.</b>	<p>For the last couple of years Department Conventions and Mid-Winter meetings have been conducted in a modified version or cancelled. The main contributor to this has been the Pandemic. The 2022 Mid-Winter will return to a pre-COVID format which includes more formalities traditions. At the conclusion of that meeting we'll evaluate it and determine how we will proceed in subsequent Department meetings.</p> <p>Communications with a couple of Detachments continues to be an issue. The previous Department Commandant had the same issue. I continue to reach out to the Departments with the hope they will engage when they are ready. After all, one can only request that the communicate with the Department.</p>
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The following table represents the Detachments strength report. Some of the Detachments have stated that the membership numbers in the National Database do not match local records. This especially affects the amount of Pd and Unpd members where the Detachment records show more members paid than reflected in the national roster. In addition, changes due to Death Notices are slow in being processed and reflected in the roster.

In 2017 the Hubert J Faltyn Detachment 881 surrendered their Charter. In spit of this the Department of Oregon roster still shows the Detachment with eight (8) life members.

Det.	PLM	Pd	UnPd
373	49	48	48
374	26	33	13
386	36	17	19
470	37	54	6
578	18	20	17
917	18	24	9
1042	5	5	9
1228	23	23	3
1308	25	27	14
1481	1	4	16
NA	8	0	0
<b>TTL</b>	246	2255	154

Respectfully Submitted,  
Semper Fidelis

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