



Department of Montana Mid-Winter Conference Report 10, Feb 2023

MEMBERSHIP

The Department of Montana consists of nine Detachments with a total membership of 477 members, 108 paid regular members, 214 paid life members, 82 unpaid regular members, 24 paid associate members, 18 paid life associate members, 29 unpaid associate members. Total Paid 365, Total unpaid 112. Four Detachments have increased membership in the past year, four Detachments have decreased membership, and one Detachment has remained steady. The Fire Team within the Bitterroot Detachment #937 is currently at 12 members; once it reaches 20 members, they will request a charter so as to establish a Detachment in Missoula once again.

DEPARTMENT MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

The Department Mid-Winter Conference will be held via Zoom meeting on Saturday 18, February 2023 starting at 10:00 A.M. Mountain Standard time.

DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

The Montana Department Convention will be hosted this year by the Robert A. Ellerd Detachment #1050 in Bozeman, MT. The dates for the

Convention are Fri. 19, May to Sun. 21, May 2023. Lodging and meeting rooms will be at the Best Western Plus Gran Tree Inn, Bozeman, MT. A block of rooms have been reserved at a rate of \$139.00/night, April 22nd is the deadline to reserve a room. For reservations call (406)-587-5261. The confirmation number is: Marine Convention 3202.

TOYS FOR TOTS & OTHER CHRISTMAS GIVING

Provided 5212 toys to 2852 children and raised \$12, 819 for the purchase of toys and Christmas Dinners for families in need.

MILITARY HONORS FUNERAL DETAILS AND HONOR GUARD DETAILS

Conducted 32 Military Honors Funeral Details and 36 Honor Guard Details, and 12 Color Guard details.

MARINES HELPING MARINES

One Detachment has purchased MCL covers for all of their active members. A MCL member is paying the first year's MCL Dues of all new members in the Detachment. A military standown served 227 veterans of all services. A \$1000.00 grant was given to a Marine family in need; donated funds to Young Marines for the purchase of uniforms. Money donated to adaptive performance center for veterans.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

5,855 hours of community service; maintenance and cleaning of a Vietnam War Memorial at the County Court House; cleaned 2 miles of Interstate 15 Highway; \$1000.00 college scholarship awarded to a High School Senior; \$100.00 donation to "Flags on Main St. fund"; donated money for new flags for National cemetery

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