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**DETACHMENT MEETING** 1900, 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month at the **Elks Lodge**, 1163 Tom Ginnever Ave, O'Fallon, MO. Our next meeting is **May 1, 2024**.

**STAFF MEETING** 1900, 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month. Our next Staff Meeting will be on **May 15, 2024** at the AmVets Hall, 360 Brown Rd, St. Peters

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

June 7-8 Our Detachment will be hosting the Department of Missouri Convention  
June 14 Detachment Family Picnic at St Peters City Center Park. More details, soon.  
Sept 7 Annual Golf Tournament

## **COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE**

Good Day, fellow Marines!

First, I would like to thank everyone for the confidence you have placed in me as your new Commandant. I am excited to be working with everyone as we move forward. I will also be leaning on you and seeking your expertise, as I learn this position. As they say, "teamwork makes the dream work".

I would like to make RECRUITING this year's goal! It always seems to be recruiting, but making a solid effort and gaining ground is what it is all about. In order for our detachment to be around in later years, it takes us getting other Marines into the fold. We need to show them the fun and motivation of just being around other Marines, being involved in the fun and community that is our detachment.

I appreciate each one of you and look forward to great things we can do together. Should anyone need to reach me, my email is: [MarineCorpsE5@gmail.com](mailto:MarineCorpsE5@gmail.com).

Phone number is: 573-881-9752.

Remember to sign up for the Department Conference in June!!!!!!

Doug Lane, Commandant  
St Charles County Marine Corps League, Detachment 725

**COLOR GUARD: Color Guard/Honor Guard Commander**, Bob Evenson, is looking for a few good men & women to join the Color Guard and/or the Honor Guard. If you're retired or able to get a day off once in a while, we could use your help. Many of the events are on weekends or holidays. For more details, please contact Bob at 316-670-0433 or via email at [beverson60@gmail.com](mailto:beverson60@gmail.com).

**LIFE MEMBERSHIP** To upgrade, contact Paymaster Shelley Evenson at: 620-560-4356 or by email at [shelkaye67@gmail.com](mailto:shelkaye67@gmail.com). New fees are listed below.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP (ONE-TIME FEE)					
AGE:	0-35	36-50	51-64	65-84	85 & over
FEE:	\$1000.00	\$800.00	\$600.00	\$400.00	\$100.00

### **CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**

Chaplains Corner, April 2024

Finally, things are greening up!! Fresh growth. A new season for Christ (or at least another celebration of it), and a fresh season for our detachment. With His help, we will be achieving new and better things for us, Marines in need, and for our community. However, we will be lacking one precious life member, Craig Zerface, in this season. No arrangements have been forwarded yet, so we wait to honor him within our group.

Other members, though, are enjoying His perfect healing (i.e. Andy, etc.) while others endure the process of it.

Let's proceed this month with passion to excel in His plan for each of us and for our detachment.

In Him,  
Chaplain Bob

Contact Chaplain Bob at **636-358-0853** or [vet4god@juno.com](mailto:vet4god@juno.com)

**CHANGE IN YOUR CONTACT INFO?** Please contact Paymaster Shelley Evenson when your USPS address, email address or phone number changes. She maintains our roster. If your mailing address changes, she'll notify National MCL so they will send your dues renewals to the right address. You can send updates to: [shelkaye67@gmail.com](mailto:shelkaye67@gmail.com).

### **ANNUAL DUES**

You can go to our web site, <http://www.stcharlesmarine.org> and pay with Pay Pal. You can also pay our Paymaster, Shelley Evenson, at our Detachment meetings. You can use cash, check or credit card at the meeting. If you pay with credit card there will be a small fee.

### **SHIP'S STORE**

If you would like to purchase specific items from the Ship's Store, please give Jerry Bradley a call (636-978-1376). He has MCL Covers, Sateen Jackets, Marine T-Shirts, etc.

### **GOOD OF THE LEAGUE**

**50/50 Drawing:** No drawing was held.

**One Year Free Membership:** No drawing was held.

### **NATIONAL, DEPARTMENT, & DETACHMENT Website Addresses**

For information on future National or Dept of Missouri or Detachment events go to the websites, below:

National  
[www.mclnational.org](http://www.mclnational.org)

Dept of Missouri  
[www.momcl.org](http://www.momcl.org)

St Charles County Detachment 725  
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# OFFICER INSTALLATION AND AWARDS CEREMONY

April 3, 2024



Our New Officers. They took their oaths of office at the April 3, 2024, meeting.



Our new Commandant, Doug Lane, receives the gavel he will use throughout his term in office.



Mark Hoernschemeyer is the 2024 Detachment 725 Marine of the Year



Marilyn New is the 2024 Associate Member of the Year



L-R, Curtus Seymour and Shelley & Bob Evenson received the Distinguished Service Award



Gene Vaucher and Bob Blake received the Meritorious Commendation Award

L-R, Kevin Zimmer, Doug Lane, Betty Gonzales and John Gonzales, received a Certificate of Appreciation.





Kris "Stell" Steller received the Distinguished Citizen Award

**ON ANOTHER NOTE:  
Our Color Guard was busy, too.**



Our Color Guard presented colors at the 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration at the St Charles County Veterans Museum.

**See you at our next meeting, May 1, 2024!! [www.stcharlesmarine.com](http://www.stcharlesmarine.com)**