



## Calendar of Events

**16 Apr** – Local MCL Elections

**30 Apr – 3 May**  
Midwest Division Convention, Des Moines

**25 Apr** – 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Cow Pasture Classic Fundraiser, New Hamburg

**23 May** – Detachment Picnic

**12-13 June**—Dept Conv, St Charles MO

**19 June**—25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner, Rusted Route Farms

**9-15 Aug** – National Convention, Indianapolis

**Coffee Friday's 0800 @ The Barracks**



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# The Scuttlebutt

Monthly Newsletter of the  
**Corporal Mason O. Yarbrough Detachment 1081**  
Commandant: **Bob Fisher**

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

APRIL 2026

## Message from Detachment 1081 Commandant, Bob Fisher

Marines,

Every detachment has its seasons—times of strength, times of strain, and times where we are tested not by the enemy, but by ourselves. What defines us is not whether we face challenges, but how we respond to them.

We are bound together by more than a shared title. We carry forward a legacy of discipline, honor, and commitment that was forged long before any of us stood watch. That legacy does not fade when we hang up the uniform—it lives on through how we lead, how we serve, and how we treat one another.

A strong detachment is not built on perfect agreement. It is built on mutual respect, clear communication, and a shared mission. Each member—regardless of role or tenure—has value. But with that value comes responsibility: to show up, to contribute, and to uphold the standards we expect from one another.

If we want cohesion, we must choose it. If we want professionalism, we must model it. If we want progress, we must work for it—together.

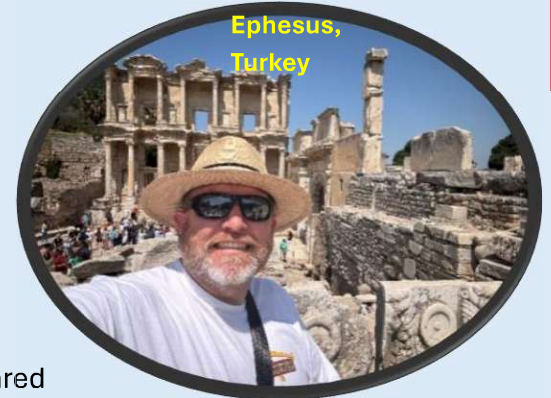
This is a call to refocus. Not on personalities or past conflicts, but on purpose. Our purpose is service—to veterans, to our community, and to each other. When we keep that at the center, everything else aligns.

Leadership is not about position; it's about action. And every Marine in this detachment has the ability to lead—through example, through accountability, and through commitment.

Let's move forward with clarity. Let's rebuild where needed. And most importantly, let's remember who we are.

Semper Fidelis,

Bob Fisher.  
Commandant  
Marine Corps League Detachment 1081



# Chaplains Corner: Jim Stroman

## *In God We Trust*

1864 – Congress approved adding "In God We Trust" to the 2¢ coin.

1908 – "In God We Trust" became mandatory on all coins.

1955 – "In God We Trust" became mandatory of all paper currency.

1956 – "In God We Trust " became the United States' national moto.



As we think back on the history of our nation, we remember that our country was founded on Judeo Christian principles based on the Bible. When our Nation has drifted from God, it sadly took national tragedies such Pearl Harbor, Beirut Barracks bombing, and the terrorist attacks of 9/11 to reunite us. Why must it take such events to be bring us back to God?

As we enter the Easter season, remember that Christ rose from the dead that we may have life in Him. As I pray for each of you, pray for our Nation. Pray for First Responders that they may remain safe in all they do to help others. As danger follows our Military, pray that each member involved in the Middle East, will remember their jobs and do the job well.

From Linda and I, Happy Easter

Marine Jim Stroman

Chaplain

Marine Corps League Detachment 1081



# Auxiliary News: NeTasha Loyd

HAPPY EASTER - WELCOME SPRING!!

We've locked in a couple fundraising dates!! We appreciate your help spreading the word in the community. If you'd like a copy of the flyer for any of the dates, contact any auxiliary member. When dining at any of the 3 locations, you **MUST** mention the MCLA either by showing the flyer or simply mentioning our name for us to get credit.



- April 7<sup>th</sup> - T-Ravs in Jackson - All day including gift card purchases
- May 6<sup>th</sup> - Victoria's Creamery in Cape 5pm-8pm (at Broadway and Main)
- June 23<sup>rd</sup> - Qdoba 4pm-8pm

Please bring any ideas for a fundraiser to the meeting. We **WANT** to hear what you have!

Keep reporting your volunteer hours to Darlene. The totals are due in just a few short months.

Upcoming dates for meetings, conferences and conventions:

- Midwest Division Conference April 30-May 3 Des Moines IA
- Department of Missouri Convention June 12 & 13 Westport St. Charles MO
- National Convention August 10-14 Indianapolis IN

Please keep our military and their families near and far in your thoughts and prayers as well as our Marine Corps League and Auxiliary members.

~~April Birthdays~~  
\*Laura Baker \* Drenna Acord\*

April Meal: Food: Samantha Fox Dessert: Angie Bollwerk

Respectfully Submitted,

NeTasha Loyd  
Secretary/Treasurer  
MCL Auxiliary Unit 426



# Activities & Events

## U.S. MARINE CORPS RESERVE Commander's Award Outstanding Support 2025 SEMO Toys for Tots Program





## Other Recognition



**Rodney Smith**  
First Place  
MCL National Match (2025)  
Individual Service Aggregate  
(Rifle and Pistol)



**1081 Welcomes the FNG  
Zachary Rhodes**



**IRON MIKE FRANCIS STATUE**  
Takes a Lickin' & Keeps on tickin'



# 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration



## SAVE THE DATE

### SPECIAL EVENT

#### 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

OF THE

CHARTERING & FORMATION  
OF DETACHMENT 1081

**WHEN:** FRIDAY, JUNE 19TH, 2026  
SOCIAL HOUR - DINNER - PROGRAM  
5:30 6:45 7:30

**WHERE:** RUSTED ROUTE FARMS  
5739 STATE ROUTE W

**WHO:** ALL DETACHMENT MEMBERS  
(AND THEIR SIGNIFICANT OTHERS)

**COST:** YOUR TIME TO ATTEND



# Special Proclamation 2026-001

The Nominating Committee submits the following slate of Officers for the 2026 Detachment election:



Additional nominations from the floor may be made during the election set for 16 April 2026.

# Scuttlebutt: Mitch Cassell

## Unsung Marine Corps Battle History: The Role of Marines During the Civil War

**INTRO:** The Marine Corps existed during the Civil War, but its stories are overshadowed by the Army and Navy – so where were the Marines?

Every branch has its stories of daring and valor in combat, along with its heroes, from the Revolutionary War through the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. The Marine Corps is no exception. In the Civil War, however, there aren't as many stories from the Corps' exploits as there are in other wars. The question on the table is Why? And the answer is end strength.

With an end strength of only 4,000 Marines during the Civil War, the Marine Corps could field only one battalion at any given time. Marines primarily served as security and gun crews aboard Union Navy ships, participating in unglamorous but critical blockades and raiding missions that strangled the Confederacy's ability to continue fighting the war. Without the blockading of supplies, arms, munitions, and revenue from cotton sales, the Confederacy might have been able to fight on indefinitely. Marines also participated in several key land and amphibious battles, most notably, the Battle of Bull Run.

The First Battle of Bull Run (1861) near Manassas, VA was the only large-scale land battle for the Marine Corps during the Civil War. A provisional battalion of roughly 12 officers, 17 NCOs and 320 mostly-raw recruits served as escort and support for an artillery battery. Only five officers and nine NCOs were veterans – only seven Privates had been in the Corps before the firing on Fort Sumter in April 1861; one third of the enlisted Marines had less than a week's training before Bull Run.

Intended to stay behind the front lines as artillery security, Marines were instead heavily engaged in confused combat.

Commanded by 35-year veterans Major John G. Reynolds and Executive Officer Brevet Major Jacob Zeilin, the battalion sustained heavy casualties (18% casualty rate) and was forced to retreat in the general rout of the Union Army. Reports vary but the Marine Battalion suffered 52 casualties, with 10 KIA (including one officer), 22 WIA (including Major Zeilin), and 20 MIA/CIA. Despite performing poorly in this first battle of the Civil War, Marines performed far better throughout the rest of the war. After Bull Run, Major Reynolds was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel, and Major Zeilin would recover from his wound to eventually become the seventh Commandant of the Corps and the first Marine to hold the rank of Brigadier General. Bull Run was the first and only major land battle for the Corps in the Civil War, though there were a few minor land battles in which Marines participated.



By 1862, Marines were pivotal in the landing and occupation of New Orleans, the Confederacy's most populous city and a major naval base and economic port. Marines captured Baton Rouge to keep the Mississippi delta firmly in Union hands. When the Army captured Vicksburg in 1863, the Confederacy was cut in half.

A joint force of Marines and sailors would also land in the south during Sherman's March to the Sea, in an effort to destroy railroads supplying southern centers of resistance.



**Union forces Capture New Orleans, May 1862**

These Marines surprised the 5th Georgia Infantry, capturing its colors. It joined with a combined Army-Navy force to fight off three companies of Georgia infantry during a counter-attack at Gregorie Point, South Carolina. The rebels attacked the Union center, held by the Marines, but were beaten back.

Marines fought all over the south, from Georgia's Tybee Island, South Carolina's Forts Wagner and Sumter, and North Carolina's Fort Fisher. Like the rest of the Union forces, they had their wins and their losses. Nowhere was the Marine Corps' contribution to the Union war effort more critical than in the 1864 Battle of Mobile Bay.



**RADM David G. Farragut  
Commanded the Union  
fleet in the Battles of New  
Orleans and Mobile Bay**

Rear Adm. David Farragut's daring and brilliant attack on the Alabama port city was made possible by the sharpshooting Marines aboard the admiral's flagship, the USS Hartford. As Confederate ships tried time and again to knock the Hartford and the admiral out of the battle, the Marines raked their decks with accurate, withering fire. Eight Marines would earn the Medal of Honor at Mobile Bay, leading Farragut himself to say, "I have always deemed the Marine guard one of the great essentials of a man-of-war."

Despite an end strength of only 4,000 Marines, the Marine Corps played an extremely important role in the Civil War. Small but mighty, the Marines were vital to the war effort. In the coming months, we will feature in more detail other Civil War battles in which Marines played a crucial role, including Confederate Marines.

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