



Calendar of Events

**11-15 Aug Nat'l Conv
@Grapevine, TX**

**19 Aug MC Ball
Committee Mtg**

**6-13 Sep SEMO
District Fair
@Cape Girardeau**

**16 Sep Pound 330
Growl**

**8 Nov MC Ball Drury
Plaza Cape Gir, MO**

**18 Nov Pound 330
Growl**

**Coffee Friday's 0700
@ The Barracks**



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The Scuttlebutt

**Monthly Newsletter of the
Corporal Mason O. Yarbrough Detachment 1081
Commandant: Michale Woods**

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

AUGUST 2025

Message from Detachment 1081 Commandant, Mike Woods

SEMPER FI and greetings Fellow Marines and FMF Navy Corpman, this month will need to begin to prioritize focus for our future community events.

The Southeast Missouri District Fair is next month and we will need volunteers for manning the MCL table.

For this year's Marine Corps Ball we will be combining with the Poplar Bluff Detachment to have an awesome 250th MCL Ball at the Drury Conference Center on 08

November 2025. Past Commandant Rae Munoz will be the committee chairperson for this year's Ball.

As a reminder, The Toys-For-Tots campaign will begin 1 October. As usual we will have our two-day drive-in support sometime to be determined in December.

If you have a smart phone, I encourage you to download the MCL app and make sure you are a member of the Facebook page where we post timely updates for upcoming events, short fuse announcements and opportunities.

One of the many things that make our League so successful is the interaction and involvement with other detachments especially through the attendance at events. I would encourage everyone to attend as many events as their circumstances will allow and if possible, attend a meeting and/or Growl with Detachments 1473 in Poplar Bluff or Detachment 707 in Arnold.

I am proud to be a member of this organization and look forward to serving with you and continuing the tradition of making our MCL Mason O. Yarbrough Detachment 1081 an ever-positive evolving organization always proud of our traditions and works.

Thank you for your continued service. SEMPER FI,

**Marine Mike Woods
Commandant**

Marine Corps League Detachment 1081



Senior Vice Commandant: Bob Fisher

"Hello Marines and Associates,"

For the last few weeks, I've been reflecting on a concept that's easy to define, but far more difficult to live out day to day: Integrity.

Many of us still carry the words of our drill instructors etched into our minds: "*A Marine never lies, cheats, or steals.*" Those words weren't simply meant to make us look good in front of others—they were meant to shape us into something more. To serve as the moral compass that would guide us when rules faded, when orders conflicted, and when character was all we had left.

Integrity is not about perfection—it's about accountability. It's about owning up to your mistakes and learning from them. It's about making the right call even when it costs you something—popularity, comfort, convenience, or even your career. And it's especially about staying true to your values when no one's around to applaud you for it.



In uniform, integrity can mean the difference between life and death, success and failure, unity and chaos. It shows in the decisions we make on the battlefield, in the barracks, and even in a simple handshake deal. Marines with integrity don't just follow rules; they honor them—because rules are built on generations of sacrifice, discipline, and unshakable commitment to something greater than self.

But here's the hard truth: Integrity doesn't retire. It doesn't get put away with the uniform. Whether you're still on active duty, serving in a different capacity, or have moved on to civilian life, the expectations don't change. If anything, the world needs that example of Marine integrity now more than ever—in business, in family, in leadership, in friendship.

It's easy to say "Semper Fi"—but do we live it?

When you speak, do your words carry the weight of truth?

When you act, do you do so with respect and fairness, even when it's not returned?

When you lead, do you do it with the courage to make unpopular decisions for the right reasons?

These are the questions I've been asking myself lately. I don't have all the answers—but I do believe that integrity is like muscle. It must be exercised, tested, and strengthened over time. And like any virtue, it's most visible when it's most inconvenient.

To those still serving: hold the line. Uphold the standards, even when others start to drift. Be the example others quietly follow.

To those of us now serving in different roles, outside of the Corps: don't let the values we lived by fade. Bring that same honor, that same discipline, and that same accountability into every space you occupy.

Because ultimately, titles fade. Ranks change. But character? That lasts!

Marine Bob Fisher
Senior Vice Commandant
Marine Corps League Detachment 1081

Chaplains Corner: Jim Stroman

*"Be Ye kind one to another, tender hearted, forgiving one another **even as God for Christ's sake has forgiven you.**" Eph 4: 32*

I know you are asking what is with this verse? As I was growing up, my brothers and I had an occasional spat – maybe even a fight. Hmmm!!! Our Dad would have us repeat this verse to each other. Yes, I have it memorized. It was part of my youth that will always be in my mind. My brothers and I have long since forgotten our fights. We have no reason to remember those times. Recently I saw a family situation that divided



a family. I have no need to know why family members fight. I wish I could have sat down with those individuals and brokered a peace, but that was not my calling. If you have friction in your family, I will hold you up in my prayers. I believe in prayer and would be happy to pray with you or for you whatever the issue. I have a cousin whose wife is fighting cancer. Are they fighting over little things? No, they are talking over DNR plans. A tough call for the family.

I pray that each of you have no family frictions. I pray that you might look to God to smooth frictions.

As I pray for each of you, pray for our brothers and sisters. Pray for our Nation, her leaders, that they will look to God for guidance in their leadership. Pray for our President, his safety and heart in all things he must do. Pray for our first responders that they may be safe. Pray for our military as each branch has a job to do and that they will be able to do their jobs well. Our Marine brothers and sisters need prayer that they may remember the training they have had and perform their duties well.

Marine Jim Stroman

Chaplain

Marine Corps League Detachment 1081

Auxiliary News: NeTasha Loyd

Hello from your Auxiliary

I hope this finds everyone surviving the heat of summer.....FALL is on its way!!

A friendly reminder that annual dues are due by the August meeting. They are \$25. Please see Jr. Vice President Laura Baker to take care of them.

President Dale Humphries has asked everyone to bring children's reading books to the August meeting to donate for children being put in foster care.

Please bring any fundraiser or service project ideas to the meeting to be discussed.

Remember to track your volunteer hours. Bring them in for the book or give them to Darlene MacCubbin.

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.

~~August Birthdays~~

Kathy Marler ~ Cheryl Macke

August meal: Food- NeTasha Loyd, Dessert- Darlene MacCubbin

Respectfully Submitted,

NeTasha Loyd
Secretary/Treasurer, Unit 426



Activities & Events

Avenue of Flags
Cape Girardeau, MO
5 JULY 2025





Alan Schoen



Keith Baker



Steve Seyller



Bob Fisher



Alan & Christie Schoen



Saluting Two Who Served

Albert Maberry, USMC 1973-1977

Richard McDowell, USMC,
Service Dates Unknown

Bloomfield Veterans Cemetery

15 JUL 2025

Swearing in New Associate Member Scott Hunt, USAF (Ret.)



John and Aubrey Cook
giving baby Charlotte a
tour of the barracks during
Friday morning Coffee

Adjutant's Report

Minutes of Meeting

Marine Corps League
Corporal Mason O. Yarbrough Detachment #1081
17 JULY 2025 – 1900



Opening Ceremony: The meeting was declared open at 1900 by Commandant Mike Woods. Sgt-at-Arms Gary Zeigler declared the quarters were secure and all present were qualified to remain. We have a quorum. Colors were posted and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Chaplain Marine Stroman gave opening prayer.

Roll Call of Officers: Adjutant Clark called roll.

Present	Absent	Office	Name
X		Commandant	Mike Woods
X		Sr. Vice-Commandant	Bob Fisher
X		Jr. Vice-Commandant	John Martin
X		Judge Advocate	Mitch Cassell
X		Junior Past Commandant	Rae Lyn Munoz
X		Adjutant	Matt Clark
X		Paymaster	Jim Maevers
X		Chaplain	Jim Stroman
X		Sgt. at Arms	Gary Zeigler

Recognized Visitors and Dignitaries:

Visitor Scott Hunt, who has submitted his application for associate membership.

59th PCDD Marine Hazlett

58th PCDD Marine Spicer

National Vice Commandant, Midwest Div/Depart of MO Paymaster Jim Maevers

Past Dept Commandant Marine Bollwerk

Honorable National Jr Vice Chief, Marine Francis

Honorable Compliance Dog Steve Seyller

Reading of New Membership Applications: Application for Associate Member received for Scott Hunt. Motion to accept made by Mike Francis, seconded by Tom Hazlett. After a hand count, Scott was approved after a vote of 13-3. Motion carries.

Oath/Card/Pin to New Members: Scott Hunt was sworn in by Commandant Woods in accordance with the bylaws and administrative procedures.

Approval of Minutes: Due to a question concerning procedures, the minutes for the June meeting were never voted on.

Correspondence: In Focus Newsletter was received from the Marines Foundation. It will be posted on the bulletin board.

Paymaster report: Jim Maevers provided a detailed report on the financial status of the Detachment. A copy of the month's report, the annual registration to the secretary of state, and the annual 990-N were filed with the Adjutant.

Chaplain's report: Jim Stroman reports that member Chuch Stotes passed on April 18th. Also, the services for member Ralph Craig will be at the VFW on 8/2 at 1400. Uniform of the day will be the red blazer. No report submitted to file with the Adjutant.

Sr. Vice report: Bob Fisher had no report.
No report submitted to file with the Adjutant.

Jr. Vice report:

Members	Paid	Delinquent	Total
Regular	11	6	17
Dual	2		2
Life	51		51
Dual Life			0
Associate	2		2
Associate Life	5		5
Totals	71	6	77
Total members with voting rights			62

Also wanted to recognize and say thanks to those who participated in the recent gun show.
No report submitted to be filed with the Adjutant.

Judge Advocate report: Mitch Cassell had no report.
No report submitted to be filed with the Adjutant.

Sergeant at Arms report: Gary Zeigler reported we had 29 members in attendance. That includes 19 life members, 6 regulars and 2 associate, 1 associate life and 1 visitor, representing 36% of our membership. Meeting sign-in Register submitted to file with the Adjutant.

Commandant's report: Mike Woods has no report.

Committee Chair Reports:

Honor Guard: Ron MacCubbin reiterated last month's report of 8 funerals. Since the last meeting we've done 5 funerals and the flag presentation ceremony at the Avenue of Flags, 2 Army, 2 Navy, 1 Marine, 1 Air Force. Ron also makes the announcement that at the end of next week he will be officially turning over the team to Steve Seyller due to health reasons.
No report filed with the Adjutant.

Shooting Team: Jim Halstead reports a team-shoots on 7/20-1530, 7/27-1530, 8/6-1300, 8/17-1530 at the Veterans Memorial Range in Benton. After reviewing the postal match rules, the .22 match has been eliminated. However, an open rifle match has been added. It is the same match, but members can use any rifle in between

a .22 and .50 cal, with scopes. Still has the pistol match, the military pistol match, and the open pistol match between .22 and .50 cal.

No report submitted to be filed with the Adjutant.

Rifle Raffle: Jim Halstead reports the next gun show will be 9/26-28 at the Show-Me Center.

No report submitted to be filed with the Adjutant.

Marine Rose: Tom Hazlett reports we recently had 2 fundraisers scheduled. The Blessing of the Bikes and the Blessing of the Jeeps. We had no showing for the Blessing of the Bikes, but did have for the Blessing of the Jeeps where we brought in \$277. We need to do better because the bikes brought in 3 times the amount of donations as the jeep's last year.

No report submitted to be filed with the Adjutant.

Fundraising Committee: Tom Hazletts reports still trying to schedule a red rose event at Sam's or Walmart, but it's been increasingly difficult getting them to respond.

No report submitted to be filed with the Adjutant.

Investment Committee: Nothing to report.

Scuttlebutt: Mitch Cassell was looking at the national criteria, we are doing some of those things, but not all. Want to start doing more human interest stories going forward. If you hear of, or see of something that is worthy of recognition, please forward that to me so that recognition can be included.

2025 Marine Corps Ball Committee: Rae Munoz reports the committee met on 7/15. From the detachment we need 4 Marines in red blazers and NCO sword for the ceremony and 2 in dress blues. The Poplar Bluff detachment will be providing the same. Ticket prices have not been determined. That will be locked in by the August meeting. The master of ceremony role will be divided between the 2 commandants, and the guest speaker will be MGySgt Adam Walker.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

- Request to approve paying annual dues to JVC. Motion made by Chris Main, seconded by Matt Anders. Motion carries.
- Request to add the following names for reimbursement for the upcoming National convention; Leonard Spicer, Mike Woods, and Steve Seyller. Motion made by John Martin, seconded by Leonard Spicer. Motion carries.
- Request for approval to pay \$2400 in rent for July, August, and September. Motion made by Leonard Spicer, seconded by John Martin. Motion carries.
- Request to purchase at the Arena gun show for \$45 each, total of \$180. Motion made by Matt Anders, seconded by David Loyd. Motion carries.
- Request for donation to Cub Scout Pack 4012 in the amount of \$250. Motion made by Bob Fisher, seconded by John Martin. Motion carries.
- Request for approval of the 2025/2026 budget as submitted by Jim Maevers. Motion made by Leonard Spicer, seconded by Matt Anders. Motion carries. A copy of the budget has been filed with the Adjutant.

- Request for approval of National Convention delegates: Mike Woods, Leonard Spicer, David Loyd, Matt Anders, Steve Seyller, Jim Maevers, Mike Francis, Tom Hazlett, and Scott Bryant. Motion made by Matt Anders, seconded by Leonard Spicer. Motion carries.
- Request to reimburse Steve Seyller \$43.60 for the purchase of honor guard uniform buckle. Motion made by Jim Maevers, seconded by Leonard Spicer. Motion carries.

Good of the League:

- From Brian Burlingame, detachment 1473 currently has a pistol raffle. Any ticket purchases would be very much appreciated.
- Scott Hunt reminded everyone of the veteran's breakfast at the American Legion this coming Saturday. Also recommended the league provide a representative to be on hand to help with recruitment.
- There are books available in the back of the room for anyone who wants some from Jimmy Winder's estate.
- A discussion was made about the proper setting of the thermostat when no one is occupying the building. It has been determined for those periods; the air conditioning will be turned off.
- Jim Halstead wanted to say a special thanks to those who helped with the recent gun show: John Martin, Tom Hazlett, Matt Anders, Holmes, Rodney Smith, Gary Zeigler, Randy Kellogg, and Shelby Holmes.
- From Leonard Spicer, any of Jimmy Winder's books that are remaining will be taken to Past Time Antiques to hopefully raise some money for the detachment. Also, feel free to stop by the VFW and purchase a \$100 raffle ticket for a side by side.
- From Richard Bollwerk, there are several cases of beer left over from the convention. They are up for sale for \$10 per case, give the money to the paymaster.
- From Matt Clark, I am creating an activity log to try and track volunteer hours for the detachment. My contact info will be posted on the bulletin board. Please let me know who and how long who did what.
- From Alan Shoen, thanks for providing the honor guard for the upcoming Avenue of Flags golf tournament.

Announcements:

- **1 August** – Avenue of Flags golf tournament. Beverage service has been requested.
- **11-15 August** – National convention, Hyatt Regency in Grapevine, TX.
- **6-13 September** – SEMO District Fair in Cape Girardeau, MO.
- **8 November** – MCL 1081 Birthday Ball, Drury Plaza Cape Girardeau, MO.

Ongoing Events:

- **Tuesday Mornings & the 2nd Thursday each month at 0700** – Veteran's Breakfast at Missouri's National Veterans Memorial Perryville – Veterans only
- **2d Tuesday of each month** – VFW Food Bank
- **Friday Mornings 0800** – Coffee at the Barracks – Cape Girardeau – Open to All
There will be no coffee on Black Friday.

Closing Ceremony: Detachment stood for moment of silence for deceased members. Chaplain Marine Stroman gave the closing prayer. Sgt-at-Arms Gary Zeigler retired the Colors. The detachment sang our Marines Hymn. Sr. Vice Commandant Bob Fisher gave closing command and Sgt-at-Arms Gary Zeigler officially closed meeting.

Meeting was closed: 1952

Next meeting: 21 Aug 2025 1900 (Officers MTG 19 Aug 2025 1800)

Adjutant: Matt Clark

Minutes Accepted: _____
Date Signature

Marine Matt Clark
Adjutant
Marine Corps League, Detachment 1081

“The United States Marine Corps, with its fiercely proud tradition of excellence in combat, its hallowed rituals, and its unbending code of honor, is part of the fabric of American myth.”

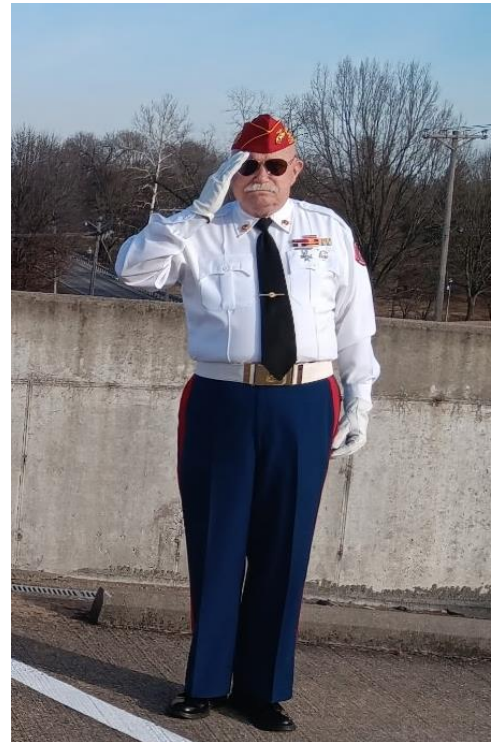
– Thomas E. Ricks

Scuttlebutt Editor: Mitch Cassell

We often take for granted the presence and reliability of people whom we always see and can always be counted on when work (no matter the day, the weather, or the type) must be done. We think we know everything about them, but do we really? To honor such a person, the Scuttlebutt spotlights and thanks Marine Ron MacCubbin for his many years of dedicated service to the Marine Corps League and Detachment 1081.

Ron is a charter member of the Corporal Mason O. Yarbrough Detachment 1081. From its founding in 2001 until 2005, Ron did double duty, serving as the detachment's second Commandant and as commander of the Honor Guard. Detachment 1081 has been a huge success since its charter, in large part due to Ron's diligence, professionalism and true desire and passion to help people. Those traits defined his professional career as well as his career in the League. As Honor Guard commander from 2001-2005, Ron made it his business to support every veteran funeral that the detachment was requested to support. As a result, he spearheaded over 1,000 funerals, spanning the eight-county bootheel area of CG, Bollinger, Scott, Mississippi, Stoddard, New Madrid, Pemiscot and Dunklin Counties. The professional way in which he trained the team and executed events laid the blueprint for how the Honor Guard is led to this day. It also boosted the stature and reputation of the detachment, which has facilitated the detachment's overall mission in support of veterans and the community.

Ron's professional career necessitated an extended hiatus from active involvement in the league, but he returned to full participation in 2020. In 2023, Ron volunteered to reprise his former role as leader of the Honor Guard. In this second tour as Commander, he continued the success pattern he had previously laid while making improvements to how the Honor Guard was perceived by the public. He inventoried all Honor Guard uniforms, replaced less serviceable gear with new, and created staunch uniformity. Each member of the Guard now looks precisely the same, and the Guard is now instantly recognizable in and warmly received by the public thanks to Ron's insistence on uniformity. And as before, he insisted that each veteran receive the military funeral rites they earned. Unless there was no recourse, Ron found a way to service every funeral request, averse to turning down even one. Additionally, he trained each member of the Honor Guard to act as Commander of the Guard in emergency situations. This insistence provided tremendous flexibility and contributed greatly to the unmatched 1,600+ veteran funerals that Ron oversaw between his first and second tenure as Honor Guard leader, spanning 10+ Bootheel counties.



Marine Ron MacCubbin Leading the Corporal Mason O. Yarbrough Detachment 1081 Honor Guard at a veteran's funeral

In addition to veteran funerals, the Honor Guard under Ron's command participated in countless other community events and activities, including flag ceremonies, parades, ribbon cuttings, community ceremonies, and Patriot, Memorial and Veterans Day events. Highlighting Ron's versatility and flexibility, it was not unusual for the Honor Guard to participate in multiple different events on Veterans or Memorial Day, and sometimes on very short notice.

Within the detachment, Ron routinely volunteered to participate in detachment activities. It was very rare to not see Ron at a Detachment sponsored or supported event, whether helping other League members, non-League veterans, or assisting fundraising efforts at community fairs and other events.

Hailing from the great state of New York, Ron has a very interesting background that few are aware of. At one point in his career, Ron worked as a private investigator, perhaps sharing many thrilling cases with a famous private investigator named Thomas Sullivan Magnum, but that would be total speculation. Another interesting factoid is that Ron is one of the very few Marines in Marine Corps history to have never worked in his MOS. That's right! Ron was trained as a jet engine mechanic, assigned to aviation units to make airplanes fly but worked in S-1 Admin. On day one, he was hijacked at his initial fleet unit and stashed in Admin billets for his entire 12-year active-duty career. The Maintenance Chief was rightly angry to discover one of his aircraft mechanics repairing grammar on the old man's memos or letters to the editor.



Ron has now handed the reigns of Honor Guard leadership to Marine Steve Seyller, and we collectively say thank you to him for his many years of faithful and dedicated service to the Marines and families of Detachment 1081 and to the community he calls home.

Left: Ron MacCubbin and his bride Darlene at one of the many MCL functions they have supported. Ron is a charter member of Detachment 1081, second Commandant, and two-time Commander of the Detachment's Honor Guard. Ron served honorably as an active-duty Marine for 12 years.

**Ron MacCubbin, USMC, 1966-1978
3d Marine Aircraft Wing**