



Calendar of Events

10-14 Aug – National Convention, Indianapolis

15 Sep Annual Growl of the Pound

14 Nov – Marine Corps Ball

17 Nov – MODD Pound 330 Growl

Coffee Friday's 0800 @ The Barracks



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MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

AUGUST 2026

Message from Detachment 1081 Commandant, Bob Fisher

BUILDING OUR LEGACY

Every Marine understands the importance of leaving things better than we found them. Our detachment has a unique opportunity to create a lasting legacy by establishing a permanent home that will serve Marines, veterans, families, and our community for generations.



For years, rent has provided us with a place to meet—but every rent payment is gone forever. Owning our own building means investing in our future. Instead of building someone else's equity, we would be building an asset that belongs to our detachment. A permanent home would provide stability, reduce long-term costs, create opportunities for growth, and become a place where our traditions, history, and camaraderie can thrive.

The decisions we make today will determine what we leave behind tomorrow. By working together to establish a permanent home, we are creating more than a building—we are creating a legacy of service, commitment, and financial strength for the next generation of Marines and veterans.

The greatest gift we can leave those who follow us is not just our stories, but a solid foundation from which they can continue our mission.

Semper Fidelis,

Bob Fisher.
Commandant

Marine Corps League Detachment 1081

Chaplains Corner: Jim Stroman

"And we know that in all things God works for good of them who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."

Romans 8:28



If we look back on our lives, what do we see? family, homes, cars. Things? We often judge our past by things – what we own or have acquired. It is written that the "Red Man," Americas first people, viewed white man as rich based of land, while the "Indians" viewed as what they did for their tribe. I understand how we look at ourselves, our friends and family or others. Cultures are different. Maybe I should look beyond material things and take a chance working for others. Yes, I know! This from the guy who spends time and money on hobbies without thinking too much about it. Yes, I do what I can for those in need. Yes, our League helps those in need beyond the holiday programs. So, in closing, remember others. Pray for others.

As we pray, remember others. Yes, our first responders, Our Nation, Our Military and yes, our beloved Marine Corps.

In His Service,



Marine Jim Stroman
Chaplain

Marine Corps League Detachment 1081

Auxiliary News: NeTasha Loyd

Summertime is coming to an end, and soon we will have all the beautiful colors of fall!

Unit 426 would like to welcome our new members: Jennifer McBride and Andie Munoz

Who is ready for a pizza Dine to Donate night?? We are! Please join us August 17th at Pizza Inn in Fruitland from 4pm-8pm in supporting us for this delicious fundraiser. Please mention to your server you are there to support us and we receive 10% of sales. We appreciate all your support and love supporting our community!



The volunteer hours count has restarted. Please keep those hours tracked and turned in to Darlene MacCubbin. If you have questions about where something should be logged, don't hesitate to ask about it.

Upcoming dates for meetings, conferences and conventions:

-National Convention August 10-14 Indianapolis IN **Flea Scratch theme is Western bring Texas to Indianapolis!**

-Department Meeting Jefferson City September 26, 2026

While we are always in thoughts and prayers for our deployed service members, please remember their families in your thoughts and prayers, as they too need guidance during those difficult times. Also keep in our own members who may be in sick or in distress in your thoughts and prayers.

~~August Birthdays~~

*Kathy Marler * Cheryl Macke*

May Meal: Food- Laura Baker

Dessert- Darlene MacCubbin

Respectfully Submitted,

NeTasha Loyd
Secretary/Treasurer
MCL Auxiliary Unit 426



Activities & Events

Avenue of Flags
Independence Day Ceremony
21 new flags were dedicated
MCL Det 1081 Honor Guard Fired 3
Volleys and Played Taps



Patriots Pavilion Dedication in Conjunction with
Avenue of the Flags at Cape County Park North



Gary Zeigler Matt Anders Matt Clark Steve Seyller Bill Humphries



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**Tom Alan Mike Scott
Hazlett Schoen Francis Bryan**



Tom Hazlett



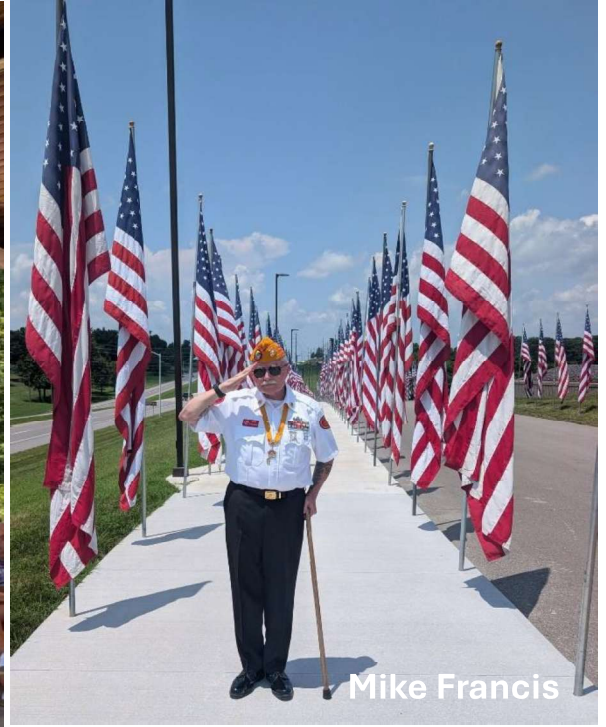
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John Martin



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Joint Operation with Lawless Harley-Davidson



MCL Det 1081, MODD Pound 330, and MCL Aux 426 conducted a joint Operation with Lawless Harley-Davidson on 14 July 2026 to collect toys for the Toys-4-Tots Program and raise funds for Detachment 1081 and the Pound 330 Yellow Rose Fund.



Manning the Booth

Tom Hazlett – Scott Bryan – Mike Francis – Alan Schoen



Grill Masters

Alan Schoen and Bob Fisher



Gary Zeigler John Martin



Mike and Karen Francis



Steve and Susan Seyller
and Karen Francis



Grill Masters Tom Hazlett and Matt Anders



Jim Halstead striking a familiar pose



Alan Schoen



Bob Fisher



Matt Anders supervising the workers



New Member



Marines, please join us in welcoming Marine Richard Hengst to our detachment. He expresses that he is very happy to be a member of the Mason O. Yarbrough Detachment.



Scuttlebutt: Mitch Cassell

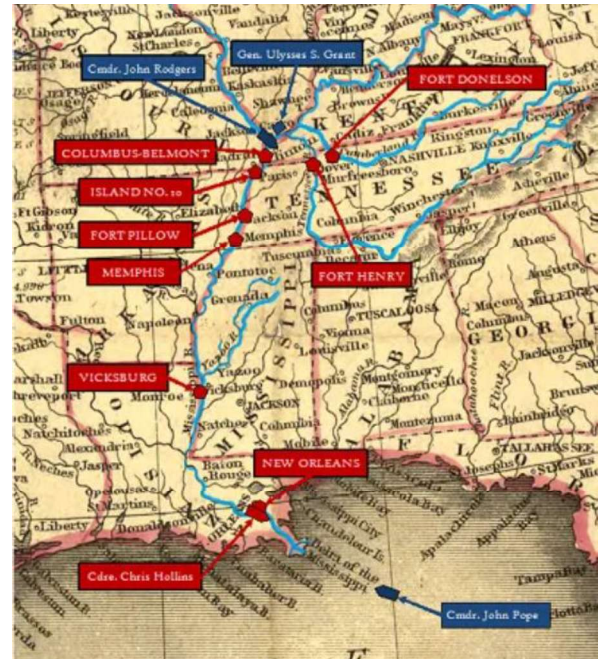
Unsung Marine Corps Battle History:

The Role of Marines During the Civil War

Mississippi River Campaign

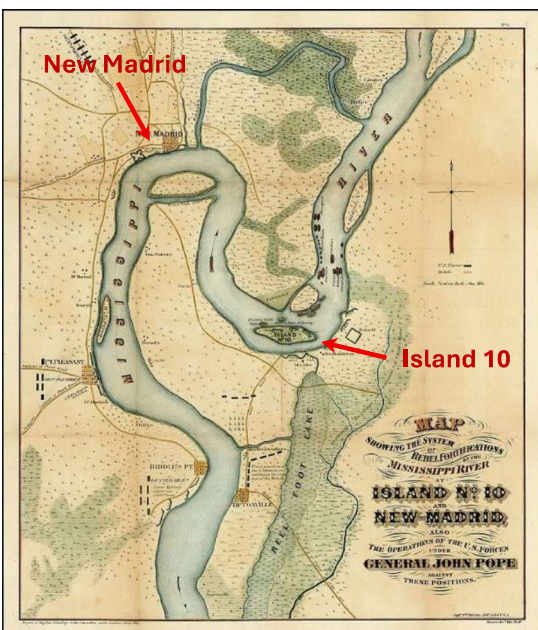
Continuing our series on the role of Marines during the Civil War, this month we look at the **Mississippi River Campaign** (Jan 1862–July 1863). The Campaign, a series of pivotal joint Army-Navy operations, was the cornerstone of General Winfield Scott's "*Anaconda Plan*" to defeat the Confederacy by economically choking it and splitting its territory in two. By controlling this 2,340-mile logistical lifeline, Union forces aimed to sever a supply route that provided roughly 30% of southern troops, munitions, and agricultural goods from western states like Texas, Louisiana, and Arkansas. The Campaign's major goals included:

- Capture Strongholds: Neutralize key Confederate-river defenses from Cairo, Illinois, to the Gulf of Mexico, focusing on New Orleans, Memphis, Port Hudson, and Vicksburg.
- Sever Supply Lines: Cut off the flow of western food, horses, and troops to the eastern theater while isolating Texas, Louisiana, and Arkansas.
- Reopen Commerce: Clear the river to restore safe shipping access for Midwestern Union farmers and merchants to global markets.



Strategic layout for the Mississippi River Campaign, 1826

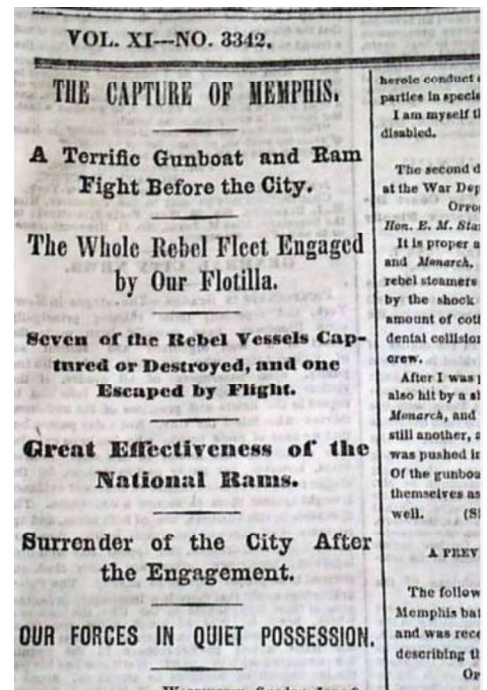
Key Operations



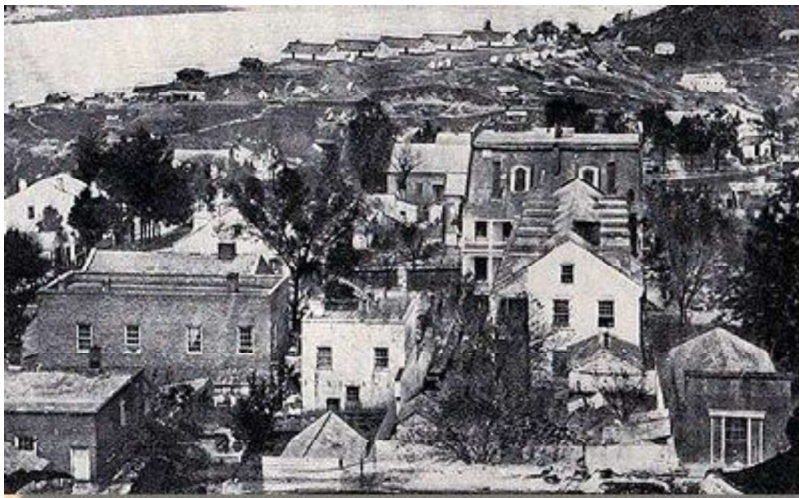
The Battle of New Madrid (February 28–April 8, 1862). Union Gen. John Pope's Army of the Mississippi laid siege to town of New Madrid in early March. Facing relentless bombardment and severed supply lines, Confederate forces evacuated the town on the night of March 13, retreating to the nearby, heavily-defended Island No. 10. Avoiding heavy Confederate guns on the island, Union engineers dug a canal to bypass the island's formidable cannons, allowing U.S. Navy gunboats to trap the Confederate garrison between naval forces on the river and Pope's infantry on the land. Outmaneuvered, the Confederates surrendered on 7 April, incentivized by U.S. Marines' accurate deck cannon and rifle fire from Navy gunboats. The Union victory, its first major Union victory on the Mississippi River, cracked the Confederate-river defenses and secured control of the upper Mississippi, down to Memphis.

New Orleans Campaign (April 24 - May 1, 1862). As chronicled in the June 2026 issue of the Scuttlebutt, The Battle of New Orleans was a decisive Union victory that captured the Confederacy's largest city and most vital commercial port. Led by Union naval officer Captain David G. Farragut, a bold naval assault bypassed the heavy coastal defenses guarding the lower Mississippi River, forcing Confederate forces to abandon the city without a direct urban battle.

Battle of Memphis (June 6, 1862). Union naval forces—the Western Gunboat Flotilla, Ram Fleet, and U.S. Marine detachments aboard the Union's Mississippi River Squadron— supported by Union infantry annihilated the Confederate River Defense Fleet at Memphis. All but one Confederate ship was destroyed, surviving ground troops retreated to Corinth, Mississippi, and Memphis was forced to capitulate. Marines were sent ashore immediately after the Union victory to occupy the defenseless city. Losing its fifth-largest city and a critical naval manufacturing hub cost the Confederacy West Tennessee and opened the Mississippi River down to Vicksburg.



**THE NEW YORK TIMES, June 9, 1862 *
Memphis, TN Captured, page 8.**



City of Vicksburg, Mississippi, 1862

Estimated Casualties: 19,233 Total (USA 10,142; CSA 9,091)

securing vital supply lines. The double victories at Vicksburg and Gettysburg crippled Southern momentum.

Battle of Port Hudson (May 21–July 9, 1863). The Siege of Port Hudson was a grueling 48-day encirclement that mirrored the Vicksburg campaign. Beginning only three days after Vicksburg, 30,000 Union troops under Gen. Nathaniel P. Banks trapped 6,800 Confederates at Port Hudson, Louisiana. After initial failed frontal assaults—which notably marked one of the first combat engagements for African American regiments—Banks settled into a 48-day siege. Union artillery and Navy gunboats continuously battered the garrison, while Rear Admiral David G. Farragut blockaded the Red River, severing vital western supply lines to the garrison. Facing

Battle of Vicksburg (May 18 – July 4, 1863). The Battle of Vicksburg was a siege campaign to force the surrender of Confederate General John C. Pemberton's 29,000-man army. Grant encircled the city on three sides, while the U.S. Navy isolated and bombarded the city to the west, and cut off all supplies for 47 days. The trapped Confederate soldiers and residents faced severe starvation, forcing them to eat horses, dogs, and rats. Facing certain starvation, Pemberton surrendered the city to Grant on Independence Day. While absent from land combat, U.S. Marines played a crucial role as naval infantry and gun crews on Navy gunboats,

starvation, and upon learning of Vicksburg's fall, the cornered Confederates finally surrendered on July 9, just days after Vicksburg fell.

U.S. Marines played a substantial role in Admiral Farragut's naval squadron during the engagement, serving as secondary gun crews and landing parties. Their courageous actions under heavy fire highlighted the grueling campaign. Aboard ***USS Mississippi***, Marines remained under intense Confederate fire until the grounded ship was abandoned—and burned to prevent capture. Aboard ***USS Richmond***, Marines acting as gun crews took direct hits, suffering 2 dead and 8 wounded. Aboard Farragut's flagship ***USS Hartford***, Marines manned the rear guns to maintain constant offensive fire.

The capture of Vicksburg and Port Hudson were the turning points that gave the Union uncontested control of the Mississippi River and effectively split the Confederacy in two. Marines' actions aboard ships were crucial to this effort. Sergeant Pinkerton Vaughn, aboard ***USS Mississippi***, was awarded the Medal of Honor for his "coolness" and invaluable assistance during the prelude to the battle of Hudson Point on March 14, 1863.

Throughout the Mississippi River campaign, U.S. Marines had little participation in ground combat. However, they played a vital role in the broader Campaign, primarily functioning as naval infantry and gun crews on river vessels rather than leading independent land assaults. Marines serving aboard these gunboats helped maintain control of the river and secure logistical supply lines for General Grant's army.

The Campaign concluded as a complete Union victory and total control of the entire river, achieving the four key milestones: (1) capture of New Orleans, giving the Union control of the river's mouth; (2) capture of Memphis, stripping the Confederacy of a vital railroad and transport hub; (3) capture of Vicksburg and Port Hudson, giving the Union uncontested control of the entire Mississippi River and severing Texas, Arkansas, and Louisiana from the rest of the Confederacy, and (4) the restoration of Northern shipping along the full length of the river.



USS Mississippi ran aground at Port Hudson. Unable to free herself, she was abandoned and destroyed by her crew.