

## Calendar of Events

11-13 July Gun Show @CG Arena Building

12 July Huey Dedication @ Nat'l Veterans Memorial Perryville, MO

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

6-13 Sep SEMO District Fair @Cape Girardeau

8 Nov MC Ball Drury Plaze Cape Gir, MO

15 July MC Ball Committee Mtg

Coffee Friday's 0700 @ The Barracks



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## The Scuttlebutt

Monthly Newsletter of the Corporal Mason O. Yarbrough Detachment 1081 Commandant: Rae Lynn Munoz

**MARINE CORPS LEAGUE** 

**JULY 2025** 

#### Message from Detachment 1081 Commandant, Mike Woods

I want to start out by thanking everyone who was able and available to participate in our Independence Avenue of Flags Ceremony. One of the great aspects of our detachment and the Marine Corps in general is the continuation of tradition and the sincere remembrance of the angel veterans who sacrificed all for their nation.



As quoted by President Reagan "Some people live a whole lifetime and wonder if they have ever made a difference in the world, a veteran doesn't have that problem." Together, let's continue making a difference in our community so that it serves as an example for others to emulate.

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 153 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 Cpl 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

Marines,

Another month has come and gone, and with it, another opportunity to reflect on the outstanding dedication and commitment that each of you continues to demonstrate in service to our organization, our fellow veterans, and our communities.



Although I was unable to attend the Department Convention this year, I've received numerous reports from members who were in attendance, and the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. From the quality of the planning to the execution of the events, everything reflected the Marine Corps League's standard of excellence. To those who contributed their time, energy, and leadership to making the convention a success—thank you. Your hard work does not go unnoticed, and it speaks volumes about the pride and professionalism we bring to all that we do.

I did, however, have the honor of attending the Avenue of Flags on the Fourth of July, where I participated in a flag dedication ceremony. Standing among those flags, representing the memory and sacrifice of so many, was a deeply humbling experience. It was a powerful reminder of why we continue to serve—why we show up, volunteer, and lead. These ceremonies are more than just formalities; they are acts of remembrance and respect, and I encourage anyone who has not yet participated in one to consider doing so in the future. It's an experience that truly connects you to the heart of our mission.

As we move into the second half of the year, let's continue to build on the momentum of our recent events. Whether it's through supporting our local detachments, mentoring new members, participating in honor guards, or simply checking in on a fellow Marine, every action counts. The strength of the League comes from its members, and it's clear that strength is alive and well.

Thank you all for your continued service, leadership, and brotherhood. Semper Fidelis,

Marine Bob Fisher
Senior Vice Commandant
Marine Corps League Detachment 1081

## **Chaplains Corner: Jim Stroman**

In honor of our Nation's 249<sup>th</sup> birthday which we celebrate this month, I offer this, *The American's Creed*, to reflect on what it means to be an American and Patriot, free and independent. Please enjoy it. And if it is in your heart to do so, please share with your friends and family. Given that it seems we as Americans have lost our national identity, this Creed serves as a reminder of who we are and why America is worth fighting for.



#### THE AMERICAN'S CREED

"I do not choose to be a common man. It is my right to be uncommon. I seek opportunity to develop whatever talents God gave me -- not security. I do not wish to be a kept citizen, humbled and dulled by having the state look after me. I want to take the calculated risk; to dream and to build, to fail and to succeed. I refuse to barter incentive for a dole. I prefer the challenges of life to the quaranteed existence; the thrill of fulfillment to the stale calm of utopia. I will not trade freedom for beneficence nor my dignity for a handout. I will never cower before any earthly master nor bend to any threat. It is my heritage to stand erect, proud and unafraid; to think and act myself, enjoy the benefit of my creations and to face the world boldly and say -- "This, with God's help. I have done."

All this is what it means to be an American.

As I pray for each of you, I pray for your health and any needed comfort. Pray for our Nation's leaders as they run our government. Pray for our first responders that they may be safe in their jobs. Pray for our Military and their safety wherever they may be. Pray for our Marine Corps that each brother and sister may remember their training and make correct choices in their job.

Marine Jim Stroman
Chaplain
Marine Corps League Detachment 1081

## Auxiliary News: NeTasha Loyd

Hello from your Auxiliary

#### HAPPY SUMMER!!!

Hope everyone had a wonderful time celebrating Independence Day!

Annual dues are due by the August meeting. Please see Junior. Vice President Laura Baker to pay your \$25 dues.

The auxiliary has formed a Ball Committee for this year's Birthday Ball. Considering this year will be a big year we are focusing on it now.

If you have any questions or ideas, please see the chairpersons Laura Baker or Janet Anders.



Keep Texas in your thoughts and prayers during this devastating time with all the flooding.

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.

~~ July Birthdays ~~

\*Darlene MacCubbin ~ Meliss Kinder\*

July meal: Food- NeTasha Loyd, Dessert- Melissa Main

Respectfully Submitted,
NeTasha Loyd
Secretary/Treasurer, Unit 426



## **Activities & Events**

## Marine Rose Event Annual Blessing of the Jeeps Bald Knob Cross of Peace













# Department of Missouri Marine Corps League Annual Conference Cape Girardeau, Missouri 13-15 June 2025



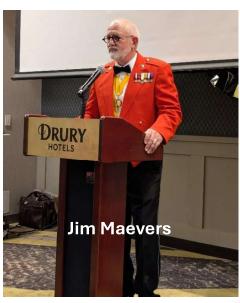












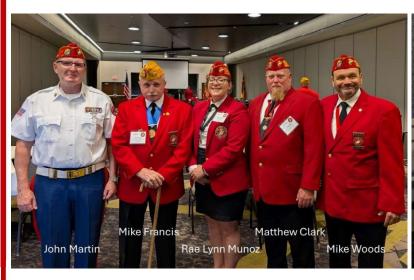














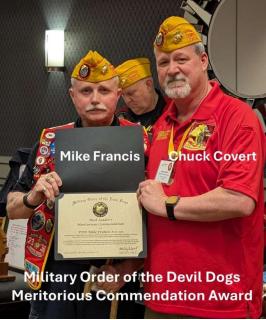






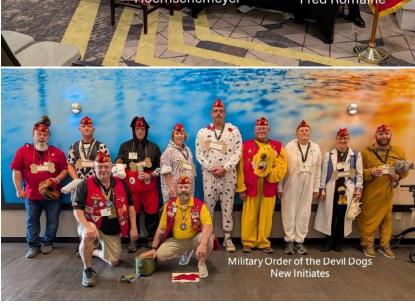






#### Military Order of the Devil Dogs Grand Growl of the Pack Cape Girardeau, Missouri 14 June 2025













#### Scuttlebutt Editor: Mitch Cassell

This month, we shine a spotlight on a young man who demonstrated exemplary personal character and service consistent with the Marine Corps values of Honor Courage and Commitment. On January 5, 2025, A MCL Chapter 1081 member's home was severely damaged when a winter ice storm collapsed a tree onto his home, severely damaging the roof and rendering it uninhabitable for six months. When the call went out to fellow veterans to assist a Marine in distress, Spencer Holland also heeded the call and rushed to the scene with his Marine dad.



Suffering cold winter temperatures, Spencer worked tirelessly to help to remove the fallen tree and install tarps on the roof to limit further damage from direct exposure to winter weather conditions.

Spencer's selfless action was a testament to his upbringing and reflected great credit upon him, his family, and MCL Detachment 1080; and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service. In recognition of his dedication to service, on 13 June 2025, the Commandant of the



Cpl Mason O. Yarborough Detachment #1081 Marine Corps League presented Spencer with the Distinguished Service Award for going above and beyond the call of duty.

Above: Spencer Holland receives the Distinguished Service Award from Junior Past Commandant Munoz.

Left: Spencer with his parents John and Thea Martin, pictured with him. Spencer is a junior at Jackson High School and is interested in pursuing Mechanical Engineering upon graduation.