



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.

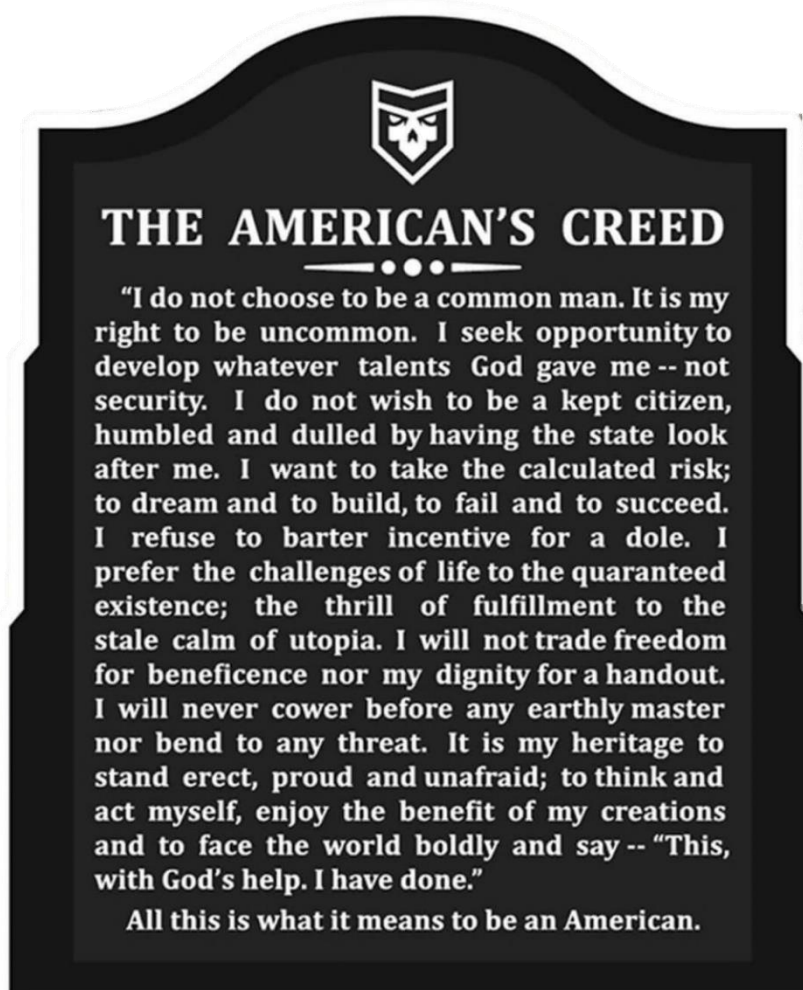
As we move into the second half of the year, let's continue to build on the momentum of our recent events. Whether it's through supporting our local detachments, mentoring new members, participating in honor guards, or simply checking in on a fellow Marine, every action counts. The strength of the League 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 249th 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.



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.

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

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





Alan Schoen

Mike Woods

Distinguished Citizen Medal – Bronze



Matt Clark

Mike Woods

Distinguished Service Medal



John Martin

Mike Woods

Distinguished Service Medal



Keith Baker

Mike Woods

Individual Meritorious Commendation Ribbon



John Martin

Mike Francis

Rae Lynn Munoz

Matthew Clark

Mike Woods



Brea Wells

Matthew Clark

Jennie Bourgouin-Clark

Matthew Clark



Swearing in of 2025-2026
Department of Missouri
Commandant and Staff



Jason Reimann, Commandant
and
2025-2026
Department of Missouri Staff



Swearing in of Department of Missouri
Women's Auxiliary Commander and Staff



Linda Strohmman
Alivia Woods
Jan Crow
NeTasha Loyd
Samantha Fox
Dotty Sanning
Linda Szura
Janet Anders
Barbara Nobile



Mike Francis
Chuck Covert
Military Order of the Devil Dogs
Meritorious Commendation Award

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



Chuck Covert

Steve Seyller

Mark

Hoernschemeyer

Kevin Enlow

Fred Romaine



Mark
Hoernschemeyer

Chuck Covert

**Deciding Whether to Kiss
Now or After the Growl**



Military Order of the Devil Dogs
New Initiates



Kevin Enlow

Chuck Covert

Military Order of the Devil Dogs
Meritorious Commendation Award



Steve Seyller

Chuck Covert

Military Order of the Devil Dogs
Meritorious Commendation Award



Leonard Spicer

Chuck Covert

Military Order of the Devil Dogs
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Adjutant's Report

Minutes of Meeting

Marine Corps League
Corporal Mason O. Yarbrough Detachment #1081
16 JUNE 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:

Visitors Scott Hunt, Air Force, and Marine Arthur Cassell.

58th PCDD Marine Spicer

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

Past Dept Commandant Richard Bollwerk

Honorable Compliance Dog Steve Seyller

Reading of New Membership Applications: None

Oath/Card/Pin to New Members: None

Approval of Minutes: Minutes by Adjutant Clark were submitted via the Scuttlebutt by Mitch Cassell. John Martin made a motion to approve the minutes. Matt Anders seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Correspondence: None

Paymaster report: Jim Maevers provided a detailed report on the financial status of the Detachment. A copy of the month's report is filed with the Adjutant.

Chaplain's report: Jim Stroman reports that member Ralph Craig passed away yesterday morning. The funeral has not been planned yet. 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	1		1
Associate	2		2
Associate Life	5		5
Totals	72	6	78
Total members with voting rights			62

No report submitted to be filed with the Adjutant.

Judge Advocate report: Mitch Cassell had no report, however, Jim Maevers reported the bylaw changes that Richard Bollwerk submitted were approved at the department convention. That information will be disseminated shortly from the department. A copy of the proposed changes was submitted to file with the Adjutant.

Sergeant at Arms report: Gary Zeigler reported we had 20 members in attendance. That includes 15 life members, 3 regulars and 2 visitors, representing 23% 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: Gary Zeigler reports that since the last meeting we've completed 5 funerals (2 USA, 1 USN, 1 USMC, 1 USAF) and 1 Memorial Day ceremony. Also mentioned we can use new members if anyone is interested. All the uniforms are supplied.
No report filed with the Adjutant.

Shooting Team: Jim Halstead reports team shoots on 7/20-1530, 7/27-1530, 8/6-1300, 8/17-1530 at the Veterans Memorial Range in Benton.
No report submitted to be filed with the Adjutant.

Rifle Raffle: Jim Halstead reports the next gun show will be 7/11-13 at the Arena Building. Hours are 1600-2000 Friday, 0900-1700 Saturday, and 0900-1500 Sunday. Meet at the barracks at 1300 on Friday to help set up our 4 tables.
No report submitted to be filed with the Adjutant.

Marine Rose: John Martin reports that members Tom Hazlett, Mike Francis, Keith Baker, Steve Seyller, Matt Anders and John Martin attended the Blessing of the Jeeps on 6/7. \$277 was raised in donations. It was a good time, and all members were encouraged to attend these fundraisers.
No report submitted to be filed with the Adjutant.

Fundraising Committee: John Martin reports the next fundraiser will most likely be at the SEMO fair. No report submitted to be filed with the Adjutant.

Investment Committee: Steve Seyller reports there are no updates since we just establish the new account.

Scuttlebutt: Mitch Cassell had no report.

2025 Marine Corps Ball Committee: Nothing new at this time. Next meeting will be on 7/15.

Building Committee: Nothing to report.

Toys for Tots: Nothing to report.

Social Committee: Rae Munoz has agreed to serve.

Audit Committee: Bob Fisher reports all went well. Nothing was found stolen.

Unfinished Business: New bugle update. It was ordered for \$609. It has not arrived yet.

New Business:

- Request to reimburse Past Times Antiques \$178.95 to purchase badges for the convention. Motion made by Matt Anders, seconded by David Loyd. Motion carries.
- Request to reimburse Past Times Antiques \$95.00 for blank certificates and 2 bags of red roses. Motion made by Leonard Spicer, seconded by Chris Main. 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. Copy of budget 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.

Good of the League:

- From Bob Fisher, we will field day the barracks this Saturday starting at 0700.
- Richard Bollwerk presented the new Marine Corps League flag that was recently purchased.
- Leonard Spicer thanked everyone who helped with the convention. Also mentioned that member Jim Underwriter did a fantastic job as the auctioneer.
- Scott Hunt reminded everyone of the veteran's breakfast at the American Legion on the 2d and 3d Saturdays of the month. Also recommended the league provide a representative to be on hand to help with recruitment.
- Jim Maevers gave a special thanks to Rae Munoz who has recently stepped up to be the new Aid de Camp for the Midwest Division.

Announcements:

- **12 July** – Huey dedication at the National Veteran’s Memorial in Perryville.
- **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.
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: 2010

Next meeting: 17 July 2025 1900 (Officers MTG 15 July 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

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.

