



Calendar of Events

10-12 July—Detachment Gun Show, Show Place Arena

12 July Run to Remember 5K, 1172 Veterans Mem. Pkwy, Perryville, MO

14 July MODD SEMO Pound 330 Growl

10-14 Aug — National Convention, Indianapolis

15 Sep Annual Growl of the Pound

14 Nov — Marine Corps Ball

Coffee Friday's 0800 @ The Barracks



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Monthly Newsletter of the
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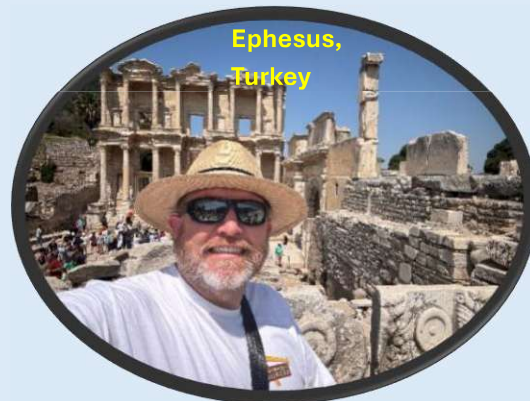
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

JULY 2026

Message from Detachment 1081 Commandant, Bob Fisher

Happy Birthday America

As we celebrate Independence Day, we honor the courage and sacrifice of those who secured our nation's freedom and all who have defended it since. The Fourth of July reminds us that patriotism is not just celebrated — it is lived through service.



At the Cpl. Mason O. Yarbrough Detachment 1081, we continue that tradition every day. Whether serving on funeral honors, supporting the March to the River, participating in the Blessing of the Bikes, enjoying fellowship at our annual picnic, or volunteering throughout our community, we proudly demonstrate that a Marine's commitment never ends.

Thank you to everyone who helped make our **25th Anniversary Dinner** a tremendous success. Your dedication, planning, and teamwork created a memorable evening that celebrated our detachment's history and the Marines who have built its proud legacy over the past 25 years.

As Marines, we are entrusted with preserving the values of honor, courage, and commitment. Every act of service strengthens our communities and ensures that the legacy of those who came before us continues for future generations.

As you gather with family and friends this Fourth of July, fly the American flag proudly, remember those who sacrificed for our freedoms, and continue to be ambassadors of the Marine Corps League in all you do.

Have a safe and happy Independence Day.

Semper Fidelis,

Bob Fisher.
Commandant

Marine Corps League Detachment 1081

Chaplains Corner: Jim Stroman

AT THE GATE

We are at the gate, The Gate closing on 250 years of our Nations freedom. As we celebrate so much of what God has given us, we must remember the lives given to pay for our freedom. It seems like a long time since our country was founded but it is only 250 years. When we look at history, it is a small number except that we are still here. We can look at history and see how many empires and societies have fallen. The Roman Empire, The Persian Empire, The Ottoman Empire, and so on. History shows that no matter how strong you are, someday you may fall. So, we don't become a fallen Nation, we must continue to fight for our freedom. As the saying goes, "Freedom isn't free. You have to pay a price you have to sacrifice for your liberty." With all the fireworks, with all the hotdogs, with all the flags, don't forget the memories of those that have died for our freedom.



Pray that our freedom will remain strong and that our God will help us as long as we stay focused on Him. We pray for our leaders that they may have wisdom. We pray for first responder that they may be safe. We pray for all of our military, that may remember their training. We pray for our brothers and sisters in the Marine Corps, for their safety.

We pray dear God that thou will continue to bless America.



Marine Jim Stroman
Chaplain
Marine Corps League Detachment 1081

Auxiliary News: NeTasha Loyd



INDEPENDENCE DAY



250 years of celebrating the United States of America! We wish everyone a safe and enjoyable day of celebration.

Unit 426 has a few Distinguished Members. First, we have National Jr. Vice President Darlene MacCubbin. In August at the National Convention, if elected, she will be moving up to Sr. Vice President. Next, we have Assistant Midwest Division Vice & Department of Missouri President NeTasha Loyd and Department of Missouri Sr. Vice President Janet Anders. We also have Past Department Presidents Angie Bollwerk and Darlene MacCubbin. Everywhere we go we are a well-represented Unit, not just from these officers, but also from every member who takes our oath of membership! If you know someone who may be eligible to join our Auxiliary, don't hesitate to reach out, or bring them to a meeting. We would love to have them!



We are enjoying the Dine and Donate fundraisers and appreciate everyone who has supported our Unit. Please mark your calendar for July 15th and join us at Panda Express in Cape Girardeau on Siemers Drive. It is an all-day fundraiser however; you **MUST** present the flyer (either paper or on your device) in person or the code for online orders.

Upcoming dates for meetings, conferences and conventions:

- National Convention August 10-14 Indianapolis IN
- 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.

~~July Birthday~~

Darlene MacCubbin

July Meal: Food: Angie Bollwerk | Dessert: Dale Humphries

Respectfully Submitted,

NeTasha Loyd
Secretary/Treasurer
MCL Auxiliary Unit 426



Activities & Events

25th Anniversary Celebration Rusted Root Farms 19 June 2026



Jim Maevers



Evening Speakers
Jim Maevers
Richard Bollwerk
Bob Fisher



Bob Fisher



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Richard Bollwerk



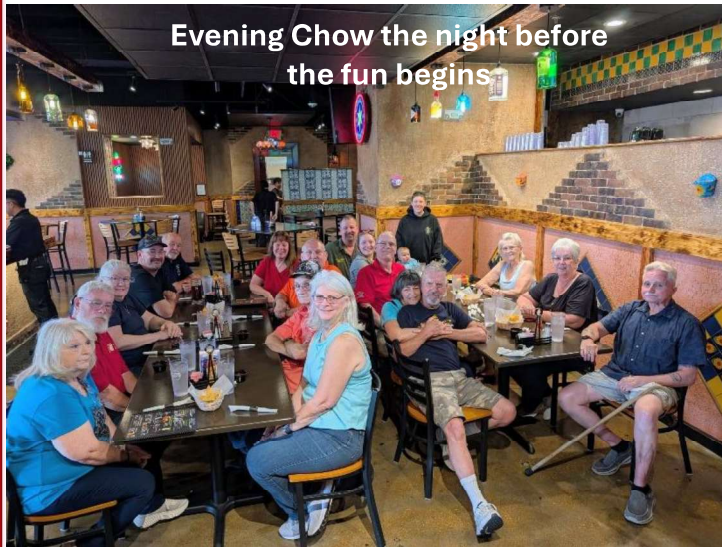
Bob Fisher



Guest of Honor
Niece of Cpl. Mason O.
Yarbrough
Mrs. Shirley Anderson and
Husband Ken



Department of Missouri Annual Convention and MODD Grand Growl of the Pack 12-13 June, St. Louis, MO



Evening Chow the night before
the fun begins



Steve E Seyller

Cindy Langness

Checkin



In Session



Brian

Jim Burlingame
Maevers



Smile for the Camera Bob Fisher



When Jim Maevers Talks, People Listen



Karen Francis

Susan Seyller

Sometimes the best game is the quiet one



Lean mean sniping machine



The Red Vest Gang

"Honor among friends. Trouble for everyone else."

Iron Jack
"The Muscle"

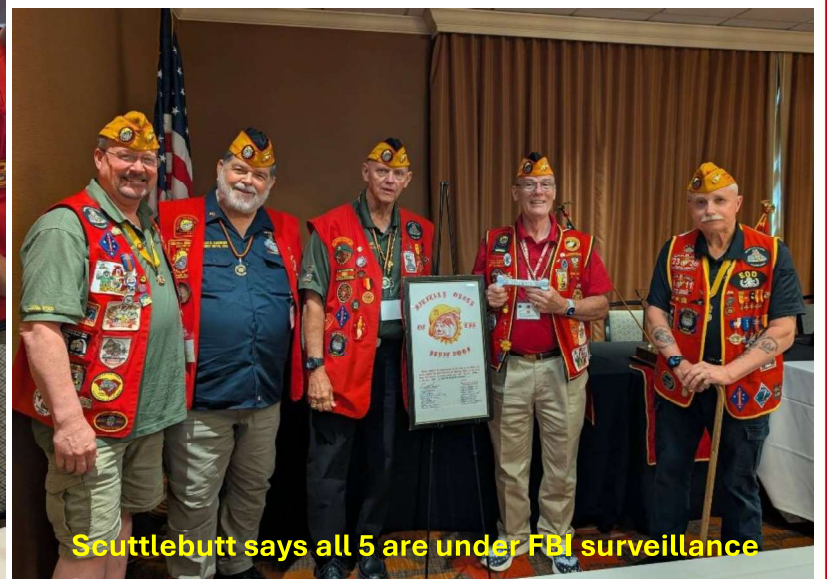
Skillet Sam
"The Cook"

Big Sal
"The Boss"

Skillet Sam — "Every problem has a recipe."

Iron Jack — "Respect isn't requested. It's collected."

Big Sal — Everybody eats... eventually



Scuttlebutt says all 5 are under FBI surveillance



Matt Anders Seems Jealous of
Matt White's Polymelic Skills



Alternative Uniform of the Day



**The Pack Children's Charity Donation
\$3,000 awarded to Our Lady's Inn Maternity Homes**



New Devil Dogs Sworn in



Tom Hazlett

Steve Seyller

Maintaining Order



Mike and Karen Francis enjoy dinner with fellow attendees



**Jim
Maevors**

**David
Loyd**

**Matt
Anders**

**Mike
Francis**



**Department of Missouri Officers
for 2026-2027 Sworn in**



**Jim Maevers Receives Department
Newsletter of the Year Award on
Behalf of Detachment 1081**



**Darlene McCubbin Presenting the
Department Auxiliary Member of the
Year Award to Jan Crowe**



**Darlene
McCubbin**

**NeTasha
Loyd**

**Janet
Anders**

Representing Aux 426



RECOGNITION

Auxiliary Member of the Year



The ladies of the CPL Mason O. Yarbrough Auxiliary Unit 426 take great pride in announcing Melissa Main as Auxiliary Member of the Year. Melissa has been a devoted and active member of our Auxiliary for 23 years, carrying forward the tradition of service she learned as the proud daughter of a Chief Leonard Spicer and his bride Vera.

Melissa is the kind of member every unit dreams of—dedicated, steady, and filled with a quiet warmth that puts everyone at ease. Her kind smile, easy-going personality, and gentle, calming demeanor make her a joy to work with.



Since 20023, Melissa has willingly served our unit as Junior Vice, Senior Vice, and President, offering strong leadership grounded in humility, teamwork, and integrity. She has also contributed her talents as a valued member of our Scholarship Committee and has served faithfully as our Historian for many years. Her ability to creatively and artistically capture the story of our Auxiliary is truly remarkable.

This year, Melissa played a pivotal role as one of our creative directors for the Marine Corps Birthday Ball, ensuring the entire experience was beautifully designed, decorated, and memorable. Her artistic gifts extend far beyond our events—Melissa lovingly crafts baby blankets, stuffed animals, and other handmade treasures that are frequently auctioned and highly sought-after. She also creates unique door-prize gifts, which are always a prized win.

Melissa's dedication to service doesn't stop with people. She's passionately committed to supporting pollinators, particularly bees. She maintains bee habitats to create safe environments that help protect and sustain pollinator populations. Her efforts ensure that bees can continue to thrive, supporting future generations and helping to safeguard the ecosystems and food sources that depend on them. This reflects Melissa's deep belief in caring for the world around her, one thoughtful action at a time.

Her creativity and generosity also extend to her workplace community, where she helps design themes for trunk-or-treat events and participates in activities such as 5K color dashes, bringing joy and spirit everywhere she goes.

These are among the many reasons Melissa is held in high regard. Her loyalty, artistry, leadership, compassion, and unwavering commitment to both her community and the environment reflect the highest standards of service. It is for these reasons that Melissa Main has been named Missouri Auxiliary Member of the Year.



Department of Missouri 2025 - 2026 Newsletter Award

Presented to

**Cpl Mason O. Yarbrough
Detachment #1081**

Award Credited to Mitch Cassell



Americanism Award Recipient Alan Schoen

In honor of the Namesake of Detachment 1081

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Missouri Marine killed in WWII raid is brought home to Sikeston for burial

**Remains were recovered
last year on an island
in the Central Pacific**

BY HARRY LEVINS
Post-Dispatch Senior Writer

A Marine who perished in one of the earliest clashes of World War II is finally coming home to Missouri for burial.

He is Cpl. Mason O. Yarbrough of Sikeston. He was killed on what was then called Makin Island in the Central Pacific on Aug. 17, 1942. Because of the International Date Line, that same day in Sikeston was Aug. 16.



Yarbrough
One of Carlson's Raiders

— Yarbrough's 21st birthday.

His remains (and those of 18 other Marines) were recovered late last year and flown to Hawaii. There, workers at an Army pathological lab worked for a year to identify them.

Last month, the government notified Yarbrough's family in Sikeston that the Missourian was indeed among the 18.

A nephew, Leroy Holmes of Oran, Mo., flew to Hawaii to escort his uncle's remains back home. They were scheduled to arrive early this morning at Lambert Field.

The funeral will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Sikeston's First United Methodist Church, 1307 North Main Street. Burial will follow at Sikeston Memorial Park Cemetery, alongside his parents, James and Florence Yarbrough. They died within months of each other, in 1977 and 1978.

At Friday's burial, military honors will be rendered by a detachment of 13 active-duty Marines assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 24th Marines, a reserve unit headquartered at Lambert Field.

Yarbrough was 19 when he joined the Marines in the summer of 1941, six months before the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

In 1942, he ended up in Carlson's Raiders, a commando force. Early that August, the Marines landed on Guadalcanal in the Solomon Islands, in the first American offensive. To distract the Japanese, the high command dispatched 221 Marines from Carlson's Raiders in two submarines for a hit-and-run attack on Makin, 1,000 miles to the northeast, in the Gilbert Islands.

The raid fell upon bad luck in the form of foul weather, a bigger-than-expected Japanese garrison and the loss of surprise in the early moments.

Japanese attacks killed 18 Marines, with 12 more turning up missing in the scramble to get away. Not until November 1943 would Americans return to retake the island.

In 1948, after the war, a U.S. search team returned to look for

remains but could find none. A veterans group called the Marine Raiders Association refused to let the matter drop. Its members pressed again and again for another search. Their efforts paid off last year on the island, now named Butaritari.

The government plans to bury most of the 19 Marines at Arlington National Cemetery next Aug. 17, the 59th anniversary of the raid. Yarbrough's family felt honored — but also felt that their Marine had to come home.

Before Yarbrough's mother died in March 1978, her four surviving children made a promise. "They promised that if my uncle's body was found, they'd bring him home," said Shirley Catherine Anderson of Sikeston.

Anderson's mother is the family's firstborn, Marie Holmes of Oran, which is 15 miles north of Sikeston. Holmes will be at Friday's funeral with her sisters and her brother — Lottie Mon of Tampa, Fla., Rose Collins of Kansas City and Ted Yarbrough of Sikeston.

In a telephone interview Monday, Anderson said the recovery of the remains "is cutting open an old wound. But it's also wonderful, because he's coming home. It's closure."

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Cpl. Mason O. Yarbrough Detachment 1081, Cape Girardeau, MO

Cpl. Mason O. Yarbrough was one of those elite U.S. Marines selected from 62,000 volunteers to become one of "Carlson's Raiders" in February 1942. A Missouri native, born August 16, 1922, Yarbrough enlisted in the Marine Corps on June 7, 1941. He trained with Carlson at Camp Elliott in San Diego, CA, where he became one of the first "Gung Ho" Marines. When Carlson's 2nd Raiders Battalion went ashore on Betaritari Island, Makin Atoll, Gilbert Islands on August 17, 1942, Yarbrough was among 19 Marines to fall to Japanese defensive fire. When the Raiders withdrew to continue their South Pacific mission, Carlson paid natives to bury the fallen Marines. Their bodies were reburied in December 1999 and Corporal Yarbrough was finally laid to rest with full Military Honors in Sikeston Memorial Park in Sikeston, MO, December 15, 2000.

The Gilbert, Phoenix and Line Islands are officially part of the Republic of Kiribati today.



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SCAM ALERT

From: Department of Veterans Affairs

To: All Veterans Organizations

Subject: ALERT - **New Scam Targeting Veterans**

Good day VSO Communicators,

I wanted to bring to your attention to a new scam that is currently targeting Veterans and their spouses. Postcards are being mailed out promoting a so-called "Veterans Saving Program," claiming that recipients may qualify for additional benefits including an additional \$185 monthly payment and dental, among others. Please be aware that this program does not exist.

To help protect the Veteran and Military community a VA News article was published earlier this week covering this scam, and posts have gone out on social media platforms including Facebook, Instagram, and X yesterday. A SITREP video was also released on VA's YouTube Channel with details on the scam. Please help warn the community about this scam by sharing the information below with your stakeholders, and through your communications channels.

- VA News article: Fraud alert: Beware the "Veterans Savings Program" postcard scam
- Social media: Facebook, Instagram, and X
- YouTube video: \$185 Veteran Benefits Scam Everyone Needs to Know About | VA Benefits | CHAMPVA | theSITREP

Thank you,

Forwarded by:

Ramona Smith
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Marine Corps League Auxiliary
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Unsung Marine Corps Battle History: The Role of Marines During the Civil War

Battle of Malvern Hill

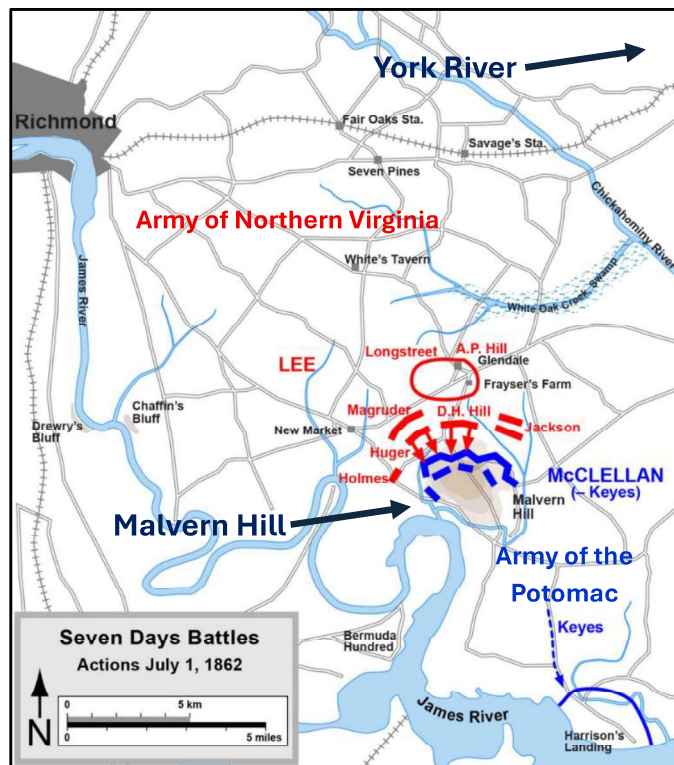
INTRO: Continuing our series on the role of Marines during the Civil War, this month we look at the **Battle of Malvern Hill** (July 1, 1862). As noted previously, with an end strength of only 4,000 Marines during the Civil War, the Marine Corps could field only one combat strength battalion at any given time. Marines primarily served as security and gun crews aboard Union Navy ships.

The **Battle of Malvern Hill** was the climactic final battle of the Seven Days Campaign. It was one of the most decisive tactical Union victories of the entire Civil War. Although the Union Army won the battle on the field, the larger strategic campaign ultimately favored the Confederacy because it forced the withdrawal of the Union army. The Battle of Malvern Hill was the concluding battle of the larger Peninsula Campaign (March–July 1862) to capture the Confederate capital of Richmond. MG George McClellan, commanding the Union's Army of the Potomac, sought to avoid the heavily defended Confederate positions north of Richmond by transporting over 100,000 soldiers by sea to Virginia's Peninsula between York and James Rivers.

McClellan's objective was to march northwest on the peninsula and seize Richmond, believing that the fall of the Confederate capital might end the war quickly. Initially, the campaign enjoyed considerable success. By late June 1862, Union forces had advanced within five miles of Richmond, but the Confederate army successfully fended off McClellan's repeated attempts to take the city, slowing Union progress on the peninsula to a crawl. President Jefferson Davis' appointment of General R.E. Lee on June 1, 1862 to command the Army of Northern Virginia altered the strategic situation on the peninsula in the Confederacy's favor. Lee immediately launched a series of aggressive counterattacks known collectively as the Seven Days Battles (June 25–July 1, 1862). These battles forced McClellan to retreat southeast toward the protection of Union gunboats on the James River.

Union Objectives. By July 1, McClellan had abandoned hope of capturing Richmond. His objectives at Malvern Hill were to protect his army during its retreat, avoid destruction, and preserve the army for future operations. Malvern Hill itself was nearly ideal defensive terrain. Rising approximately 130 feet above surrounding fields, it provided excellent observation and clear fields of fire. The Union placed nearly 250 cannons across the hill in mutually supporting positions, with naval gunboats providing supporting fire.

The Battle. Lee believed the retreating Union army could be crushed before reaching the James River. Unfortunately for him, Confederate reconnaissance of Union positions was poor. Throughout the afternoon of





Union artillery repulsing Confederate troops rushing Malvern Hill

July 1, Confederate artillery tried to weaken Union artillery but were vastly overwhelmed. Lee then ordered repeated infantry assaults. Rather than one coordinated attack, Confederate divisions attacked piecemeal. Wave after wave of southern soldiers crossed open farmland toward the crest of Malvern Hill, encountering devastating combined arms fire comprising withering 12-lb Napoleon Cannon artillery fire, disciplined infantry volleys, and supporting naval gunfire. Navy and Marine gunfire from the river combined

with Union artillery on the hill to turn back Lee's infantry charges. Confederate General D.H. Hill famously described the assault: "It was not war—it was murder." The futile Confederate attacks continued until darkness, but none came close to breaking the Union line.

Strategic Effects. Tactically, Malvern Hill ranks among the clearest Union victories of the Civil War. Ironically, despite a decisive win, McClellan chose not to exploit the victory, yielding a strategic loss. Although Lee failed to destroy the Union Army, he achieved a strategic victory by saving Richmond, ending the Union Peninsula Campaign, and shifting strategic initiative to the Confederacy. For McClellan, his retreat ended the Union's first major attempt to capture Richmond. It also deeply disappointed President Lincoln. Many in Washington believed McClellan had surrendered victory despite superior numbers and a strong defensive success – a pattern McLellan would repeat two months later at the Battle of Antietam in Sharpsburg, Maryland. Lincoln gradually lost confidence in McClellan's willingness to fight aggressively and removed him from command a few months later.

Political Effects. Politically, the Seven Days Campaign transformed perceptions of the war. In the North, public optimism declined, calls increased for more aggressive leadership, Congress authorized additional troops, and recognition grew that the war would be longer and more costly than anticipated. In the South, Lee became a national hero almost overnight. Confidence in Confederate independence increased substantially, and Britain and France began viewing the Confederacy as a potentially viable nation.

U.S. Marines' Role. Because the Marines were on ships during this battle, there were no standout land actions by them at Malvern Hill. The star of the battle was the 250 Union artillery pieces on top of Malvern Hill. With a perfect view of the open battlefields, every time the Confederate soldiers tried attacking the hill, they were mowed down by Union artillery fire. Although Marines's role was limited during the battle, they played an important supporting role during the Peninsula Campaign and specifically at Malvern Hill through service aboard the James River Squadron. Marine detachments, comprising a full battalion of Marines, served aboard Union warships including, *USS Galena*, *Aroostook*, *Jacob Bell*, *Port Royal*, and *Mahaska*. Their primary role was manning heavy naval guns to rain down heavy artillery on



12-lb Napoleon Cannon and an anti-personnel shell used in the Battle of Malvern Hill



Confederate troops attempting to break the Union lines; providing precision sniper and musket fire against Confederate troops near the river; defending the ships against potential boarding actions; and supporting naval landing parties if required. Because Union forces fought within close range of the James River, naval support was an important element of the defense.



Union ships providing supporting fires on the battlefield at Malvern Hill

Marine detachments displayed exceptional discipline while protecting Union supply vessels and transports during McClellan's movement to Harrison's Landing on the James River. The Marines ensured that ammunition ships, medical transports, and logistics vessels remained secure while thousands of soldiers crossed into the safety of the Union river-fleet. Their steady performance helped preserve the Army of the Potomac during one of its most vulnerable phases of the campaign. For the U.S. Marine Corps, Malvern Hill was not a battle defined by large-scale infantry assaults but by professional service aboard the Union fleet.

Marines supported the naval gunfire that helped anchor the Union position, protected critical river operations, and contributed to the safe withdrawal and preservation of the Union Army. While their role was smaller than that of the Army, it reflected the Corps' longstanding tradition of integrating with naval forces to influence operations ashore.

Historical Significance. The Battle of Malvern Hill illustrates an enduring lesson of military history: a tactical victory does not always produce strategic success. Union soldiers and artillery at Malvern Hill decisively repelled every Confederate assault, inflicting severe losses and demonstrating the power of well-prepared defensive positions supported by massed, combined-arms artillery. Yet McClellan's decision to continue his retreat allowed Lee to claim the broader campaign victory by forcing the Army of the Potomac away from Richmond.

Casualties. Over 50,00 Union and 50,000 Confederate troops battled at Malvern Hill. Union forces suffered 3,007 total casualties: 314 KIA, 1,875 WIA and 818 MIA. Because the Marines' role was completely confined to shipboard support, there were no Marine casualties during the battle. Confederate forces suffered 5,650 total casualties: 869 KIA, 4,241 WIA and 540 MIA. Over one half of Confederate casualties stemmed directly from the 12-pound Napoleon cannon firing a deadly anti-personnel shell.

