



Calendar of Events

30 Apr – 3 May
Midwest Division
Convention, Des Moines

25 Apr – 41st Annual
Cow Pasture Classic
Fundraiser, New
Hamburg

23 May – March to the
River '26

23 May – Detachment
Picnic

12-13 June–Dept Conv,
St Charles MO

19 June–25th
Anniversary Dinner,
Rusted Route Farms

10-14 Aug – National
Convention, Indianapolis

Coffee Friday's 0800 @
The Barracks



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The Scuttlebutt

Monthly Newsletter of the
Corporal Mason O. Yarbrough Detachment 1081
Commandant: **Bob Fisher**

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

MAY 2026

Message from Detachment 1081 Commandant, Bob Fisher

While driving back from the Midwest division meeting, I had these thoughts. The MCL operates on a simple but unforgiving principle: it gives back in direct proportion to what its members put in. It is a reciprocal system where professionalism, participation, and adherence to standards are not optional — they are the inputs that determine everything else.



Members who show up prepared, respect the bylaws, and contribute to the mission quickly find themselves part of something larger than a monthly meeting. They gain brotherhood, a renewed sense of purpose, and a continued connection to the identity forged in the United States Marine Corps. The League becomes an extension of service, not just a reminder of it.

On the other hand, when discipline slips or participation becomes inconsistent, the experience changes. The same structure that creates order and credibility can feel restrictive. What should be cohesion turns into friction, and what should be purpose feels like obligation.

The bottom line is straightforward: the value of the League is earned. Bring discipline and accountability, and it will return meaning, connection, and pride. Bring less, and it will reflect that just as clearly.

Semper Fidelis,

Bob Fisher.
Commandant
Marine Corps League Detachment 1081

Chaplains Corner: Jim Stroman

Freedom's Defense

"The soldier's heart, the soldier's spirit, the soldier's soul. Unless the soldier's soul sustains him, he cannot be relied upon, and will fail himself, his Commander and his country in the end."

~ General George C. Marshall

"Wars may be fought by weapons, but they are won by men."

~ General George Patton



"In Christ and through faith in Him we may approach God with freedom and confidence."

~ Eph 3:120

"Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom."

~ 2 Corin.3:17

"It is for freedom that Christ has set us free."

~ Galatians 5:1

"If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

~ John 8:36

As we pray for friends and family, remember to thank God for our freedom. Pray for our Nation and Her leaders. Pray for our first responders that they may be safe. Pray for all those that protect our nation, all branches and departments. We do pray that Marines and all fighters for freedom may be safe.

For each of you I pray for good health and being safe wherever you may be. In His name,



Marine Jim Stroman
Chaplain
Marine Corps League Detachment 1081

Auxiliary News: NeTasha Loyd



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY LADIES!!

Please save and share these Upcoming Fundraising Dates. We appreciate your help!

*May 6th Victoria's Creamery in Cape 5pm-8pm (Broadway & Main)

*June 23rd- Qdoba 4pm-8pm

If you have an idea for a fundraiser, please bring it to the meeting. We would love to hear what you have!



The 2025-26 slate of officers to be installed at the May meeting are:

- President Laura Baker
- Jr. Vice President Linda Stroman
- Secretary/Treasurer NeTasha Loyd
- Captain of the Guard Janice Thomas
- Sr. Vice President Samantha Fox
- Judge Advocate Vera Spicer
- Chaplain Darlene MacCubbin
- Historian Melissa Main

Please provide all your volunteer hours to Darlene at the May meeting.

Upcoming conferences and conventions dates:

- Midwest Division Conference April 30-May 3 Des Moines IA
- Department of Missouri Convention June 12 & 13 Westport St. Charles MO
- National Convention August 10-14 Indianapolis IN

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.

~~ May Birthday - Linda Stroman ~~

May Meal: Food- Janet Anders
Dessert- Darlene MacCubbin

Respectfully Submitted,

NeTasha Loyd
Secretary/Treasurer
MCL Auxiliary Unit 426



Activities & Events

2026-2027 Officer Slate New Detachment Officers Elected & Installed



Bob Fisher sworn in as
Commandant by Tom Hazlett



Officers Sworn in



RECOGNITION



Leading from the Front



This plaque is presented to Ron McCubbin in honor of his years of service leading the detachment's Honor Guard. Thank you, Ron.





25th Anniversary Celebration



SAVE THE DATE

SPECIAL EVENT

25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

OF THE

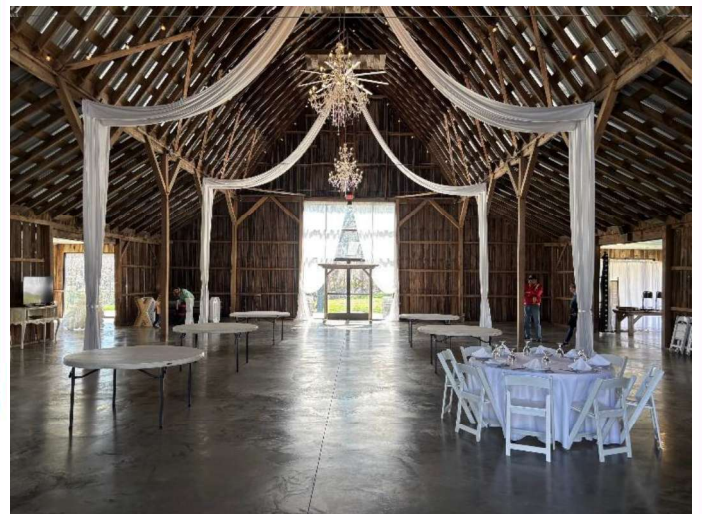
CHARTERING & FORMATION OF DETACHMENT 1081

WHEN: FRIDAY, JUNE 19TH, 2026
SOCIAL HOUR - DINNER - PROGRAM
5:30 6:45 7:30

WHERE: RUSTED ROUTE FARMS
5739 STATE ROUTE W

WHO: ALL DETACHMENT MEMBERS
(AND THEIR SIGNIFICANT OTHERS)

COST: YOUR TIME TO ATTEND



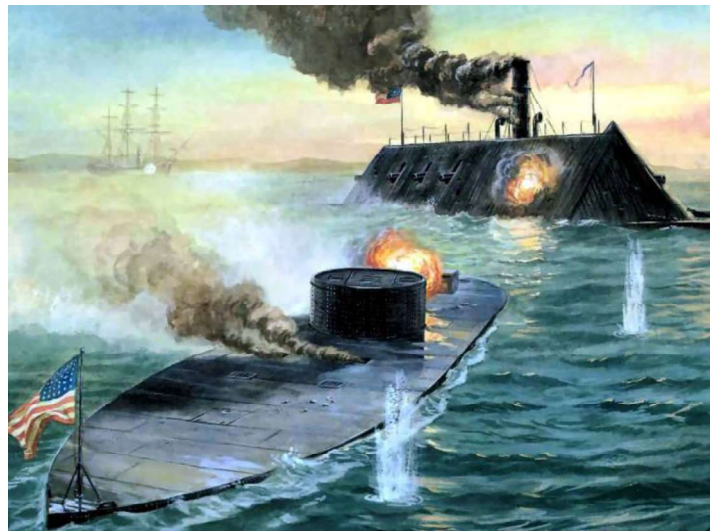
Scuttlebutt: Mitch Cassell

Unsung Marine Corps Battle History: The Role of Marines During the Civil War

Battle of Hampton Roads

INTRO: Continuing our series on the role of Marines during the Civil War, this month we look at the year 1862 and the battles that Marines took part in, notably the Battle of Hampton Roads. 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 Hampton Roads (March 8-9, 1862), aka the Battle of the *Monitor* and *Merrimack* or the Battle of Ironclads, was fought at Hampton Roads, Virginia on the James River near Norfolk. The battle was a part of the effort of the Confederacy to break the Union blockade, which had cut off Virginia's largest cities and major industrial centers (Norfolk and Richmond) from international trade. This battle was significant in that it was the first combat between ironclad warships, the USS *Monitor* and CSS *Virginia* (formerly the USS *Merrimack*). The Confederate fleet consisted of *Virginia* and several supporting vessels, while the Union fleet comprised the *Monitor* and several conventional, wooden-hulled ships.



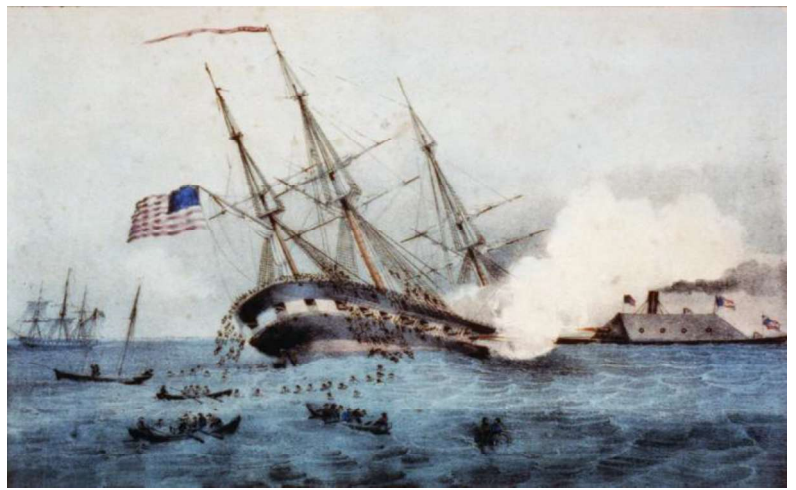
USS Monitor and CSS Virginia trade shots during the Battle of Hampton Roads



CSS Virginia defeats USS Congress

On March 9th, *Virginia* destroyed the Union wooden vessels USS *Congress* and USS *Cumberland*. Sunset and low tide saved the USS *Minnesota*, which had run aground, from destruction. The following morning, *Virginia* returned to finish off *Minnesota* but found the ironclad USS *Monitor* had arrived and taken a position to defend *Minnesota*. *Monitor* intercepted *Virginia*, kicking off a three-hour battle that ended indecisively. *Virginia* returned to her home at the Gosport Navy Yard for repairs, and *Monitor* returned to her station defending *Minnesota*. This engagement was the sole ironclad vs ironclad battle of the war.

Marines' role during the Battle supported the wider Union strategy of blockading Norfolk and protecting Hampton Roads. They served primarily as gun crews and sharpshooters almost exclusively aboard the Union's wooden warships that bore the brunt of Virginia's initial attack. Despite heavy casualties of 25 KIA and WIA, Marines faced the Confederate ironclad with valor. Marines aboard the USS *Cumberland* and USS *Congress* kept guns firing under intense pressure from *Virginia*. Despite the heavy casualties, Marines remained at their posts, rallied by their detachment commander



U.S. Marines continue to fight heroically as the USS Cumberland sinks after being rammed by CSS Virginia

Captain Charles Heywood, and continued firing even as the *Cumberland* sank. Marines helped maintain order and rescued wounded Sailors and Marine from going down with the ships. Marines were also served as snipers from both the decks of ships and from shore. While on her upper deck, CSS Virginia's commander was wounded by Marine sniper fire from the banks of the James River.



*Major General Charles Heywood
9th Commandant of the Marine Corps
(1891-1903)*

While Marines did not serve on the ironclad itself, their role was critical to the overall engagement as it helped to maintain the Union blockade. Captain Heywood fired the last gun in the fight before jumping overboard with a wounded Marine in his arms. His actions earned him recognition, which later included appointment as 9th Commandant of the Marine Corps and distinction as the first Marine to hold the rank of Major General.

Strategic Impact. *USS Monitor* and *CSS Virginia* battled for hours before reaching a stalemate—neither carried the kind of armor-piercing shells necessary to pierce an iron hull. However, *Monitor* halted Confederate threats to the Union blockade and prevented damage to the Federal fleet. Fourteen hundred Union and 188 Confederate forces took part in this naval battle. Unsurprisingly, Union forces suffered the most casualties, with 369 KIA and WIA vs the Confederate's 24.