



Calendar of Events

14 Nov – Marine Corps Ball

17 Nov – MODD Pound 330 Growl

30 Jan Department Meeting, Jefferson City

11-12 Jun Department of MO 2027 Convention

Coffee Friday's 0800 @ The Barracks



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Monthly Newsletter of the
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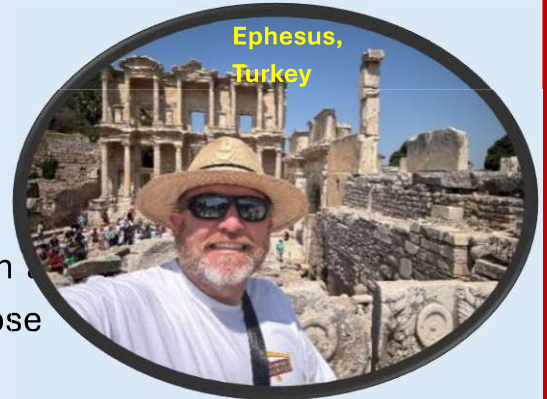
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

OCTOBER 2026

Message from Detachment 1081 Commandant, Bob Fisher

STILL SERVING

One of the best parts of the Marine Corps League is knowing we still have each other's backs. Whether we're helping a veteran, pitching in a member we haven't seen lately, those connections matter.



Ephesus,
Turkey

We all have busy lives, and everyone contributes differently. A few hours of your time, a good idea, or a simple phone call can make a difference. You don't need to hold an office to help our detachment grow.

Let's keep showing up, welcoming new faces, and taking care of one another. We have plenty of good work ahead—and it's better when we do it together.

Semper Fidelis,

Bob Fisher.

Commandant

Marine Corps League Detachment 1081

Chaplains Corner: Jim Stroman

But the Centurion...kept them from their purple...

Acts 27:4

Selfless

A Policemen's Prayer

When I start my tour of duty, God,
Wherever crime may be,
As I walk the darkened streets alone,
Let me be close to thee.

Please give me understanding
with both the young and old.
Let me listen with attention
Until their story's told..

Let me never make a judgement
In a rash or callous way
but let me hold my patience...
Let each man have his say.

Lord, if some dark and dreary night
I must give my life,
Lord, with your everlasting love
protect my children and my wife.

Author Unknown

Maybe you know someone in Law enforcement. I have lost one friend this year and one acquaintance. We pray for first responders, but I hope this poem will be passed on to those you care about. Remembering Mike and Henry and their families.

Pray for our military wherever they may be. All branches, God, keep them safe. May God keep you safe in all that you do.

In His Service,



Marine Jim Stroman
Chaplain
Marine Corps League Detachment 1081



Auxiliary News: NeTasha Loyd

Happy Fall Ya'll!!!

We have survived another summer in Missouri and can now enjoy some outside time in cooler weather.

Please keep your volunteer hours coming to Darlene MacCubbin. If you have questions about where something should be logged, don't hesitate to ask about it.

Annual dues are due. They are \$25. Please contact Jr. Vice President Linda Stroman to take care of or for any questions you have regarding dues. Her email is lstroman08@yahoo.com.



Mark your calendars for Pizza With A Purpose at Rosati's Pizza for our next dine to donate fundraiser on October 13th! This is an all-day event, and you DO NOT have to mention why you are there, just come in and enjoy some very tasty food. Rosati's does offer a lunch buffet that is always delicious! Unit 426 appreciates your support and we love our community! SPREAD THE WORD!!

Marine Corps Birthday Ball preparations are underway! Table centerpieces were discussed at the last meeting. The Ball is being held at the Jackson Civic Center in Jackson on November 14. Tickets are now on sale!

Upcoming dates for meetings, conferences and conventions:

- Department Meeting Jefferson City January 30, 2027
- Mid-Winter Conference Virginia Beach, VA February 25-27, 2027
- Midwest Division Conference Kansas City, KS March 19-20, 2027

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.

~~October Birthdays~~

Sue Ellyn Reitzel

October Meal: Food - Samantha Fox

Dessert - Melissa Main

Respectfully Submitted,

NeTasha Loyd
Secretary/Treasurer
MCL Auxiliary Unit 426



Activities & Events

Southeast Missouri District Fair
Cape Girardeau, MO
12-19 September 2026



Detachment 1081 Marines participated in the Miss SEMO District Fair, engaging in recruiting, fund raising for the Marine Rose Program, and selling raffle tickets.



Jeremy Hagar



The Three Horsemen
Leonard Spicer, Chris Main, Matt Anders



Spicer, Matt Anders, and Alan Schoen



Jeremy Hagar Mike Francis Tom Hazlett



Matt Anders' faux Sidney Sweeny girlfriend made a cameo

Scott Smith, Anders, Alan Schoen



Alan Schoen spoke with KFVS-12 Heartland News about a variety of topics: SEMO Vets, First Responders, Patriot Day, Avenue of Flags, Community Involvement and the importance of [#neverforget](#)



Department of Missouri Quarterly Meeting Military
Order of the Devil Dogs Missouri Pack Growl
Jefferson City, MO
26 SEP 2026



John
Martin

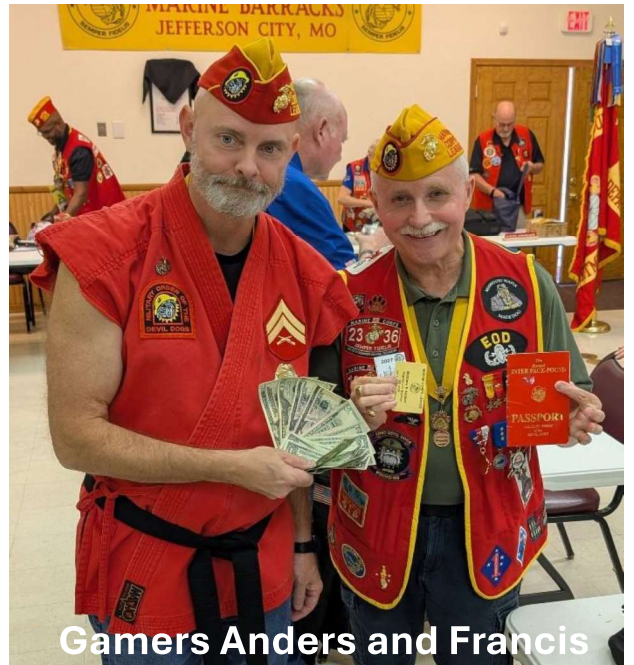
Bob Fisher



Jim
Mavers



David Loyd



Gamers Anders and Francis



Marines version of
Skeet Shooting



Bob Fisher

When you can't shoot the target, then you eat it



Evening Chow on 25 SEP 2026 at the American Legion in Jefferson City, MO.
John Martin, Steve & Susan Seyller, and Mike & Karen Francis.

Under the supervision of future service members



RECOGNITION



Bob Fisher receives the National Junior Vice Commandant's Award for Detachment 1081 exceeding the previous year's (2024-2025) membership (101.43%)



2nd Place
Midwest Division
105%
2026

Jim Maevers receives an award on behalf of the Midwest Division for second place in membership growth from the previous year (2024-2025) – 105% growth YoY.

Congratulations to Jon Graziano on his admission to the Mason O. Yarbrough Detachment



Marine Jon Graziano

21 SEP 2026. Ribbon Cutting for the Neil & Alberta Dugan Memorial Pavilion at the Missouri Veterans Home in Cape Girardeau. The pavilion is dedicated to Neil Dugan – Detachment 1081 and Pound 330 member – who passed away in 2021. LtCol Matt Kiefner, USMC Retired, presided over the ceremony. Mike Francis and Jim Maevers represented Det 1081.



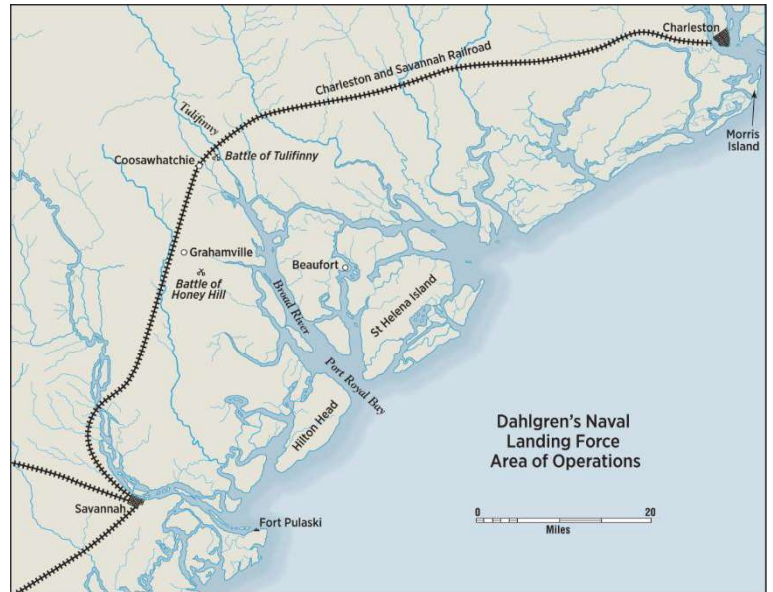
Scuttlebutt: Mitch Cassell

Unsung Marine Corps Battle History:

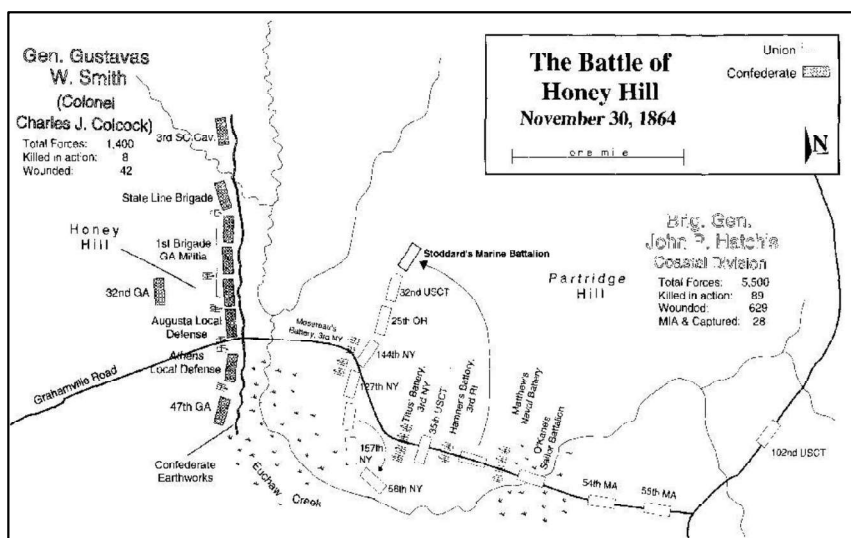
The Role of U.S. Marines During the Civil War

Battles of Honey Hill and Tulifinny Crossroads

Continuing our series on Marines in the Civil War, this month we examine the Union campaign in Jasper County, South Carolina in the fall of 1864. The campaign included two battles—Honey Hill and Tulifinny Crossroads—with a single objective: sever the Charleston & Savannah Railroad (C&SR), disrupting the flow of Confederate supplies and reinforcements to Savannah as General Sherman's March to the Sea approached the city. In both engagements, a Marine battalion fought alongside Army troops in difficult, swampy terrain as part of a Fleet Brigade. Commanded by Army BG John P. Hatch, the hastily assembled amphibious expedition comprised approximately 5,000 soldiers of the Union Coast Division and a naval brigade of roughly 500 sailors and 157 Marines. The Marine battalion was commanded by First Lieutenant George G. Stoddard.



Battle of Honey Hill (30 Nov 1864). The Coast Division sailed from Morris and Folly Islands near Charleston on 27 Nov, proceeding south to Hilton Head and then up the Broad River. The Union force landed at Boyd's Neck near present-day Beaufort with orders to march nine miles to the C&SR, one mile beyond Grahamville (present-day Ridgeland), and destroy key sections of C&SR and supporting infrastructure.



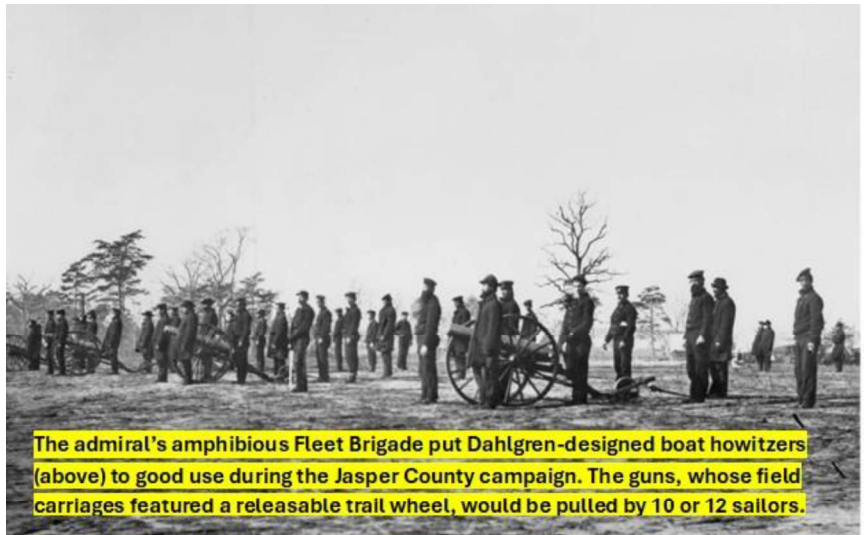
The plan quickly unraveled. Poor weather, inadequate maps, and inept guides caused delays, confusion, and misdirected marches. The Coast Division lost its best opportunity to reach the C&SR unopposed, allowing approximately 1,400 Confederate regulars and militia to establish defensive positions around Grahamville and the railroad. Despite determined attacks by Union forces—including U.S. Colored Troops of the famed 54th and 55th Massachusetts Regiments—BG Hatch was unable to dislodge the entrenched Confederate

defenders. At dark, he withdrew toward Boyd's Neck, ending the unsuccessful operation.

Battle of Tulifinny River (6-9 Dec 1864).

The Confederate victory at Honey Hill defeated the Union effort but did not end its attempt to sever the C&SR. One week later, BG Hatch launched another expedition near Tulifinny Crossroads—a densely wooded area in northern Jasper County adjacent to the Tulifinny River and north of Gregorie Neck. At dawn on 6 Dec, a combined force of Marines, sailors, and soldiers landed at Gregorie Point and quickly came under fire. Union forces initially met with success, capturing the Gregorie Plantation house and the colors of the 5th Georgia Infantry. The following morning, the Battalion of State Cadets from the South

Carolina Military Academy (The Citadel), supported by three companies of Georgia infantry, launched a surprise attack against the center of the Union position, where Marines supported Army and Navy field artillery batteries. The cadets were driven into swampy woodland and pursued by Stoddard's Marines. As Union troops advanced through the dense, knee-deep swamp, Confederate rifle fire forced them back to their defensive positions.



The admiral's amphibious Fleet Brigade put Dahlgren-designed boat howitzers (above) to good use during the Jasper County campaign. The guns, whose field carriages featured a releasable trail wheel, would be pulled by 10 or 12 sailors.



USMC First Lieutenant George G. Stoddard (standing) commanded the Marine battalion at Tulifinny

The final Union assault began on the morning of 9 Dec. Positioned on the far-right flank along the Tulifinny River, Stoddard's battalion of Marines again faced the cadets occupying positions to its front. The Marines advanced farther toward the Union objective than the Army units, approaching within 50 yards of the Confederate line, and continued advancing even after other Union elements had begun withdrawing. When the 127th New York Volunteers on their left broke ranks and retreated, the Union line collapsed, leaving the Marines' advance unsupported and forcing them to withdraw.

Hatch's approximately 5,000-man expedition had been checked by a substantially smaller Confederate force that included the 343-man Battalion of State Cadets. The Union objective—seizing or destroying the railroad and its bridge over the Tulifinny River—remained unfulfilled. After four days of fighting, Union forces withdrew, leaving the strategically vital C&SR operational.

Like Honey Hill, Tulifinny was a Confederate tactical victory. Its most noteworthy feature was the participation of the South Carolina Military Academy's cadet battalion—one of the rare

instances in U.S. history in which a military college's student body was deployed for combat. The cadets successfully helped defend the railroad, suffering one KIA, Cadet William Patterson.

Although Honey Hill and Tulifinny were tactical failures for the Union, they had little strategic effect on the larger campaign. The Confederate victories preserved the C&SR for mere days and did nothing to halt Sherman's March to the Sea. Savannah fell on 21 Dec 1864 after Confederate forces evacuated the city the previous night, and the C&SR line through Grahamville was subsequently abandoned. Thus, while Confederate forces successfully denied Hatch his immediate objective, their victories at Honey Hill and Tulifinny ultimately delayed rather than prevented the loss of the vital rail corridor.



Mural of the Battle of Tulifinny, by David Humphreys Miller
Located at the Daniel Library, The Citadel, Charleston, SC

The Jasper County Campaign was historically significant for three reasons: (1) it featured one of the Civil War's earliest large-scale combat engagements in which Black Union troops constituted the majority of the attacking force; (2) it witnessed the extraordinary deployment of the South Carolina Military Academy's cadet battalion into active combat—including direct action against U.S. Marines—making Tulifinny one of the more unusual Marine engagements of the Civil War; and (3) it provided one of the war's clearest examples of a battalion-sized Marine force fighting ashore as conventional infantry rather than performing its traditional shipboard duties or conducting limited landing operations.

The Marines' performance under sustained combat conditions earned high praise from BG Hatch and other Army commanders for their gallantry and effectiveness while operating alongside Army units. Despite having been assembled from the Marine guards of different warships only two days before Honey Hill—and having no opportunity to train together before fighting as an infantry battalion—the Marines demonstrated discipline and cohesion throughout the campaign. Its battlefield performance compared favorably with the Army infantry regiments alongside which it fought, providing a noteworthy example of the Marine Corps' effectiveness as an expeditionary ground force during the Civil War.



United States Marine Corps

251st Birthday Ball Celebration

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Saturday, 14 November 2026 • 1800 to 2400

Sponsored by
Cpl. Mason O. Yarbrough Detachment 1081
Marine Corps League

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Jackson Civic Center

381 E. Deerwood Drive • Jackson, MO

Social Hour ★ Ceremonies ★ Dancing

== \$40 per person ==

Reservations Required

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