



Calendar of Events

15 Sep Annual Growl of the Pound

26 Sep Department Meeting, Jefferson City

14 Nov – Marine Corps Ball

17 Nov – MODD Pound 330 Growl

30 Jan Department Meeting, Jefferson City

Coffee Friday's 0800 @ The Barracks



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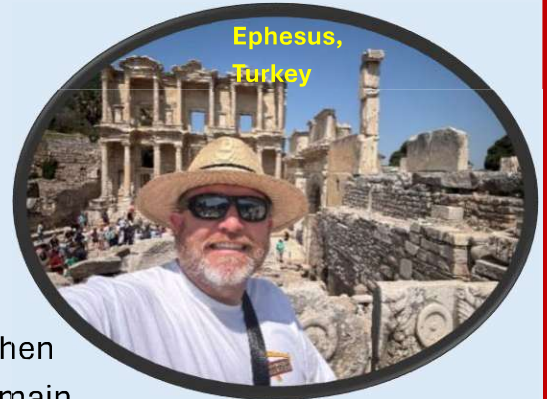
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

SEPTEMBER 2026

Message from Detachment 1081 Commandant, Bob Fisher

BUILDING OUR LEGACY

As Commandant, I was proud to see our members come together and have a civil, respectful conversation about the needs and future of our detachment. Honest discussion is essential to our success, especially when members listen to one another and remain focused on what is best for the organization.



Our detachment can only thrive when members are motivated to participate and volunteer. Every member has something valuable to contribute—whether helping at an event, serving on a committee, supporting fellow Marines, or simply offering a new idea.

As we move forward, each of us should regularly ask two important questions: “What do I expect from the detachment?” and “What does the detachment expect from me?”

The Marine Corps League is not simply an organization we belong to; it is an organization we help build. By communicating respectfully, volunteering our time, and working together, we can strengthen our detachment and ensure a successful future.

Semper Fidelis,

Bob Fisher.
Commandant
Marine Corps League Detachment 1081

Chaplains Corner: Jim Stroman

"For God so loved the world that He gave....."

John 3:16

Freedom Abroad

General Colin Powell, U.S. Secretary of State (2001-2005), serving under President George W. Bush, stated;

"Over the years, the United States has sent many of its fine young men and women into great peril to fight for freedom beyond our borders. The only amount of land we have ever asked for in return is enough to bury those that did not return."



God gave His son Jesus, not to condemn the world but the world through Him might be saved. I believe that we shall all face a jury some day when we leave this earth. That Judge will be God. Jesus will tell His Father Yea/Nay.

If you have accepted the offer of Salvation through Christ, you have a place in heaven. If not, then Hell holds the sinners who reject the free offer of salvation.

As I pray for you, I hope you will pray for each other. Pray for our first responders for their safety in their jobs. Pray for our Military that they will be safe in what they do. For our Marine brothers and sisters, pray that they will remain sharp in the job they have trained for.

We have many in our detachment who are ill. I pray for Gods healing power.

May God Bless each of you. May He smile upon you and keep you safe.

In His Service,

Marine Jim Stroman

Chaplain

Marine Corps League Detachment 1081



Auxiliary News: NeTasha Loyd

School is back in session, and it's time to start gearing up for the holidays and Toys-4-Tots! Be on the lookout for updates from Darlene MacCubbin on anything related Toys-4-Tots!

Please track your hours and turn them in 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 for payment or for any questions regarding dues. Her email is lstroman08@yahoo.com.



We are looking for fundraiser and service project ideas. Please bring your ideas to the meeting. We would love to hear what ideas you have!

Upcoming dates for meetings, conferences and conventions:

- Department Meeting Jefferson City September 26, 2026
- Department Meeting Jefferson City January 30, 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.

~~September Birthdays~~

Unit 426 celebrating 23 years

September Meal: Food - Janet Anders

Dessert - NeTasha Loyd

Respectfully Submitted,

NeTasha Loyd
Secretary/Treasurer
MCL Auxiliary Unit 426



Activities & Events

Marine Corps League National Convention,
National Marine Corps League Auxiliary,
and MODD 86th Supreme Growl
Indianapolis, Indiana
10-14 August 2026



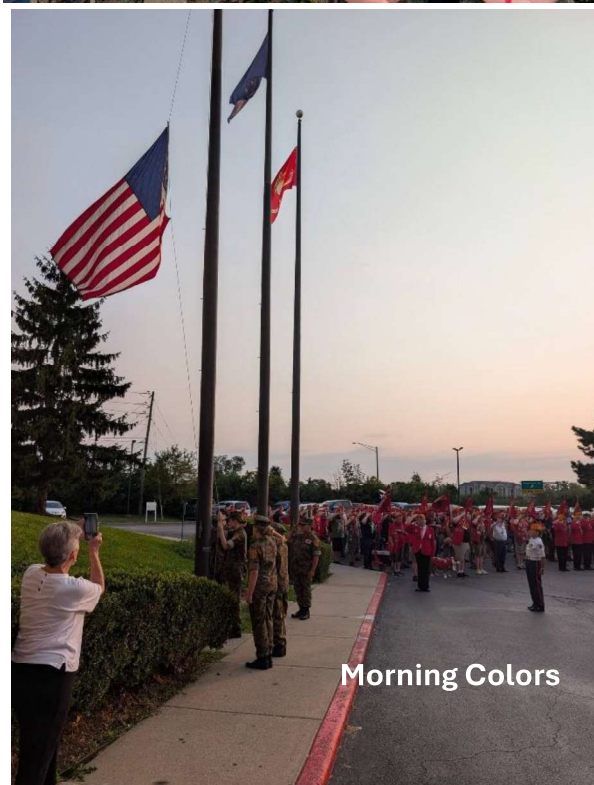
Morning Colors



Mike Francis and the Junior Honor Guard



Morning Colors



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John Martin

Mike Francis



Opening Ceremonies



Tom Hazlett



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El Tirano
"The Tyrant"



Stephanie
Abbott

Tom
Hazlett

Scott Bryan

Mike Francis

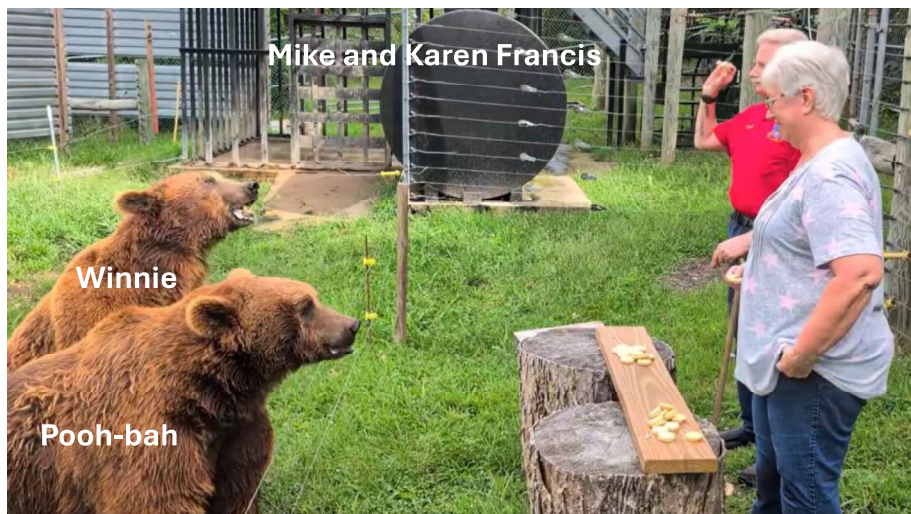
Karen Francis

Reggie Sawyer

Kevin Ashton

Leonard Spicer

Steve Seyller
Susan Seyller



When told not to feed the animals, some heard only:
"Wouldn't the large kitty cats just love some Golden Oreos?"



Women's Auxiliary in Session



Darlene MacCubbin



Women's Auxiliary in Session



Darlene MacCubbin sharing wisdom



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Help 'Stuff-A-Bus' drive donated five boxes of essential goods for the Richard L. Roudebush VA Hospital in Indianapolis



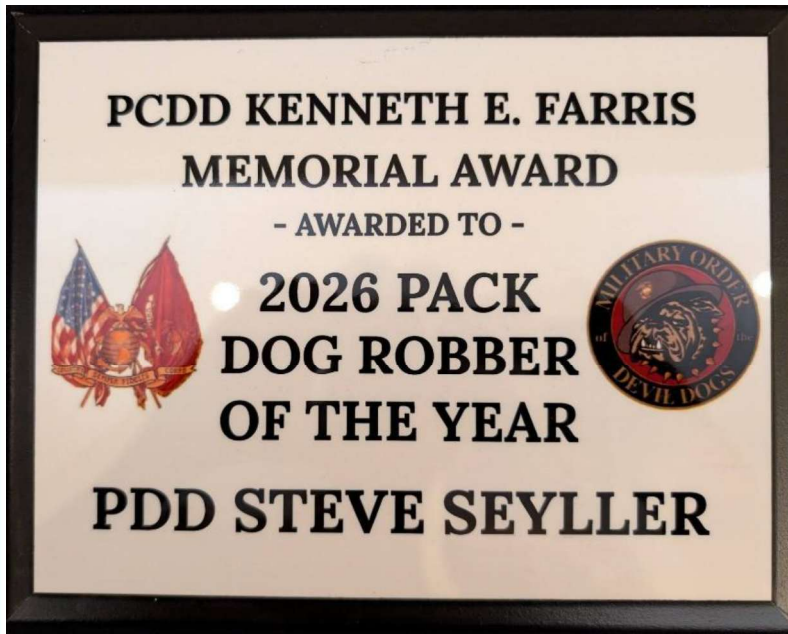
Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis was presented \$110,000 raised by the Annual Children's Hospital Donation



Operation Chow Hound raised \$7,000 for the IndyHumane Animal Shelter



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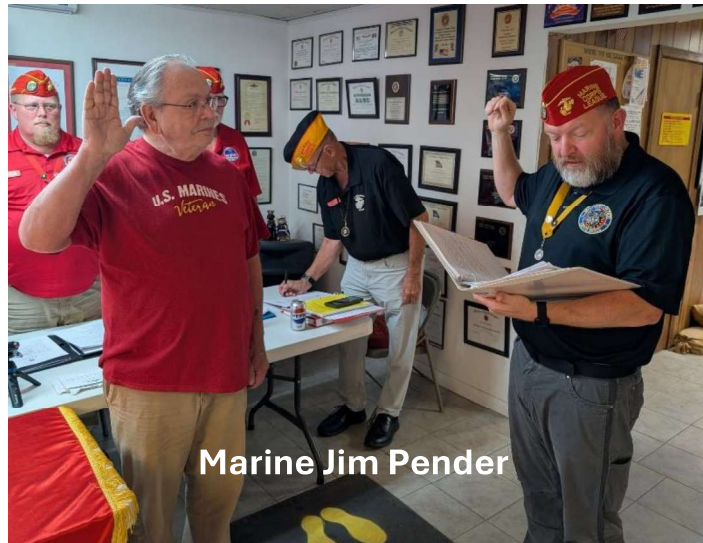


Mike Francis re-elected to Nat'l MODD
Sr. Vice Chief Devil Dog for 2026-2027



Mike Francis Presented the Guiding Paw Award and
Chief Devil Dog's Meritorious Commendation





Marine Jim Pender

Congratulations to Jim Pender on his admission to the Mason O. Yarbrough Detachment



Marine Matt Anders

Congratulations to Matt Anders on the award of the Distinguished Citizen Silver Medal



RECOGNITION

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

DARLENE MACCUBBIN



When the word “Spotlight” is mentioned, this lady would say she isn’t a spotlight person. However, those who know Darlene Macubbin beg to differ. When there is a scheduled Veterans’ event, she is there with a smile on her face and dressed in uniform representing our Auxiliary. She arrives early to help with anything and stays late to help a little more.

Not only is she an active member of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary, but she’s also a member of the Military Order of the Devil Dog Fleas and the VFW. Additionally, though she isn’t a member of the American Legion, you can find her every September on the fairgrounds during the SEMO District Fair running the beer tent for them.



Along with being Unit 426 Chaplain, Darlene also is a Past Department of Missouri President, Past Midwest Division Vice President, and currently holds the title of National Senior Vice President. She is also entering her 4th campaign season as the Toys-for-Tots coordinator for Southeast Missouri.

In her spare time, Darlene can be found in her craft room putting together beautiful cards to be donated to chaplains or delivered directly from her own unit. She also cares for her wonderful Marine husband, Ron MacCubbin, who without each other they both would surely be lost.

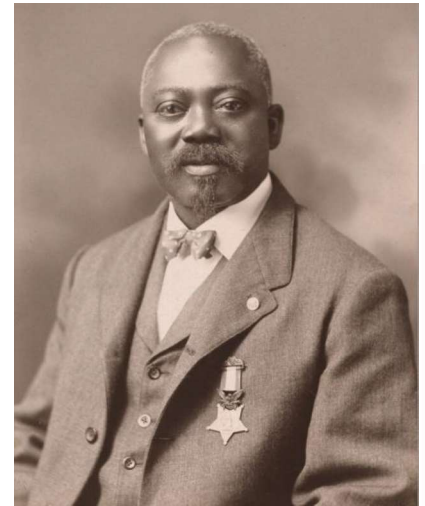
We shine a spotlight on Darlene MacCubbin, not only because of her active body in so many different things, but also because she is a mentor to anyone who needs it. She may not always have the answers but will make give it her all to get them. If you have ever met Darlene, you know you have a friend for life in her.

Battles of Fort Wagner and Fort Sumter

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the 650 men who stormed Wagner. Interestingly, the 54th Massachusetts transformed a military defeat into an important political and social victory. Its performance helped demolish arguments that black soldiers would not fight effectively and encouraged expanded black enlistment in the Union Army. Shaw was killed on the parapet. Sgt. William H. Carney, although badly wounded, rescued and protected the U.S. flag; he later became the first African American to be awarded the Medal of Honor, albeit 37 years later in 1900. U.S. Marines had no role in the assault on Fort Wagner. The important naval contribution came from Union warships that subjected Wagner to heavy bombardment.

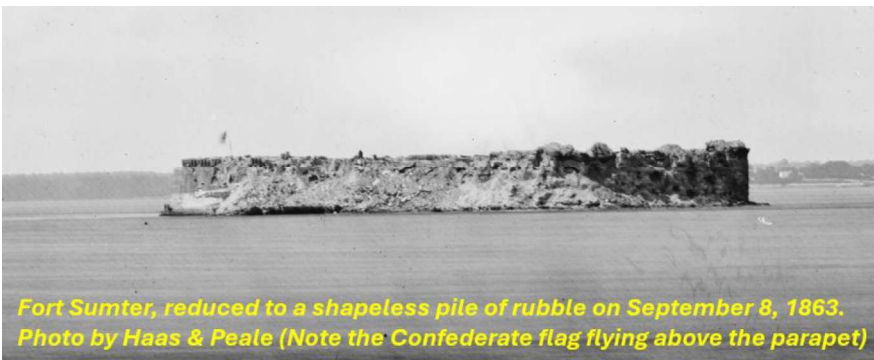
The Battle of Fort Wagner is famous principally for the extraordinary performance of the 54th Massachusetts. Though a tactical Confederate victory, it became a major symbolic Union victory and milestone for black military service that led to a marked increase in black recruitment which tipped the balance further in the Union's favor.



Sgt. William H. Carney, U.S. Army (1863-1864) – First African American Medal of Honor

Fort Sumter — September 8–9, 1863

Major Combatants: RADM John A. Dahlgren ordered a force of 350 sailors and 100 Marines to seize Sumter by small-boat assault. CDR Thomas H. Stevens Jr. commanded this expedition. Confederate Maj. Stephen Elliott commanded the Fort Sumter defense, which included about 320 men, supported by Fort Moultrie, other shore batteries, and the Confederate ironclad CSS *Chicora*.



Outcome: By September, Union artillery had battered Sumter into what appeared to be a ruin. The evacuation of Fort Wagner encouraged Dahlgren to falsely believe Sumter might likewise be vulnerable. Dahlgren believed the weakened garrison could be overwhelmed by a surprise nighttime amphibious assault. Capturing Sumter would remove the principal

symbol and defensive position guarding Charleston Harbor. Unfortunately, the operation was doomed before it began. The Confederates knew the attack was coming, partly because they had captured a Union signal code. The attackers lacked adequate reconnaissance and even scaling ladders. The apparent breaches in Sumter's walls proved virtually impassable. And the assault was at night. Confederate defenders waited until the boats approached before unleashing rifle fire, grenades, incendiary "fire balls," bricks and masonry, while surrounding batteries and *Chicora* fired into the attackers. The fight lasted only 20 minutes, and cost the Union 127 killed, wounded, or captured. The Confederates suffered zero casualties. The 100 Marines accompanying the sailors were armed with only carbines while most sailors carried pistols and cutlasses. They provided disciplined and rapid small-arms fire from the boats and attempted to support the landing parties, but the tactical situation made success impossible, forcing the survivors to retreat.

Fort Sumter was an early example of how not to conduct an amphibious assault: poor intelligence, inadequate coordination, no scaling equipment, insufficient preparation, and a defender who knew the attack was coming. Worse, the expedition's leader, CDR Stevens, had warned Dahlgren beforehand about many of these problems. Sadly though, Dahlgren's false assumption produced a spectacularly disastrous attack against a prepared Confederate defense.

Conclusion: The Union ultimately accomplished much of the strategic objective of the Charleston campaign without having to capture Charleston. After Fort Wagner was evacuated in September, the Union commander, MG Gillmore, placed powerful rifled artillery on Morris Island. Union guns reduced Fort Sumter to rubble and made it largely ineffective as an artillery fort, while the Navy maintained the blockade. Yet Confederate troops turned Sumter's ruins into an extraordinarily effective infantry strongpoint, which is why the night attack failed. Charleston therefore became something of a strategic siege rather than a successful conquest. The Charleston campaign can be summarized as: **Morris Island → Fort Wagner → Fort Sumter → Charleston Harbor → Charleston.** The Union successfully achieved the first three in the sense of capturing Wagner and militarily neutralizing Sumter but never completed the final step of taking Charleston. The Confederates held the city for another 17 months, finally evacuating it in February 1865 as Sherman's army advanced through South Carolina.



Shaw 54th Regiment Memorial, commemorates the valiant efforts of Colonel Robert Gould Shaw and the men of the 54th Massachusetts. Sculpted by Augustus Saint-Gaudens, 1897. National Gallery of Art.