



# St Charles County Detachment SCUTTLEBUTT

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**DETACHMENT MEETING** 1900, 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month at the **Elks Lodge**, 1163 Tom Ginnever Ave, O'Fallon, MO. Our next meeting is **May 7, 2025**.

**STAFF MEETING** 1900, 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month. Our next Staff Meeting will be on **May 21, 2025** at the AmVets Hall, 360 Brown Rd, St. Peters

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

April 26 Fundraiser BBQ in the Valenti's Meat Market Parking Lot, 6750 Mexico Rd, St Peters, MO.  
May 31 Fundraiser BBQ in the Valenti's Meat Market Parking Lot, 6750 Mexico Rd, St Peters, MO.  
June 20 Detachment Family Picnic, City Centre Pavillion By St Peters City Hall on Mexico Rd  
Sept 13 Fundraiser BBQ in the Valenti's Meat Market Parking Lot, 6750 Mexico Rd, St Peters, MO.

**BBQ SHIFTS: Set Up 8AM-11AM Serve 11AM-3PM Tear Down/Pack Up 3PM-6PM**

## **COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE**

Marines,

Now that elections are over, and as we enter a new "year"- I am looking forward to working with you as well as our new officers. There is an excitement as we forge ahead. Thank you especially, to those of you who have chosen to serve our detachment, through offices held or committees. Let me know if I can help you in your endeavor to serve!!!!

Semper Fi,

Doug

**COLOR GUARD:** Color Guard/Honor Guard Commander, Matt White, is looking for a few good men & women to join the Color Guard and/or the Honor Guard. If you're retired or able to get a day off once in a while, we could use your help. Many of the events are on weekends or holidays. For more details, please contact Matt at 636-515-4822 or via email at [mawwhite93@gmail.com](mailto:mawwhite93@gmail.com).

**LIFE MEMBERSHIP** To upgrade, contact Paymaster Mark Hoernschemeyer at: 314-482-3974 or by email at [markscml@yahoo.com](mailto:markscml@yahoo.com). New fees are listed below.

### **LIFE MEMBERSHIP (ONE-TIME FEE)**

AGE: 0-35	36-50	51-64	65-84	85 & over
FEE: \$1000.00	\$800.00	\$600.00	\$400.00	\$100.00

## **CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**

Chaplains Corner April 2025

Sir, yes Sir!! If we learned nothing else in boot camp, it was that response. That is the concrete that all 3 covenants are built on. Marriage, Salvation, and Marine Corps. That humble obedience which separates us from all other relationships. Sadly, it is also something that so easily evaporates. In all 3, we start out "whatever it takes," then our former lifestyle begins to creep back into our lifestyle, till we lose the beauty of that commitment. In this season of Resurrection let's see if this is a good time to return to "Sir yes Sir" in whatever covenant we vowed to. Chaplain Bob

Contact Chaplain Bob at **636-358-0853** or [vet4god@juno.com](mailto:vet4god@juno.com)

**CHANGE IN YOUR CONTACT INFO?** Please contact Paymaster Mark Hoernschemeyer when your USPS address, email address or phone number changes. He maintains our roster. If your mailing address changes, he'll notify National MCL so they will send your dues renewals to the right address. You can send updates to:

[markscmdl@yahoo.com](mailto:markscmdl@yahoo.com).

## **SHIP'S STORE**

He has MCL Covers, Sateen Jackets, Marine T-Shirts, etc.

## **NATIONAL, DEPARTMENT, & DETACHMENT Website Addresses**

For information on future National or Dept of Missouri or Detachment events go to the websites, below:

National  
[www.mclnational.org](http://www.mclnational.org)

Dept of Missouri  
[www.momcl.org](http://www.momcl.org)

St Charles County Detachment 725  
[www.stcharlesmarine.com](http://www.stcharlesmarine.com)

## **ANNUAL DUES**

You can go to our web site, <http://www.stcharlesmarine.org> and pay with Pay Pal. You can also pay our Paymaster, Mark Hoernschemeyer, at our Detachment meetings. You can use cash, check or credit card at the meeting. If you pay with credit card there will be a small fee.

## **GOOD OF THE LEAGUE**

**50/50 Drawing:** Bob Evenson won. He donated his share to Toys for Tots

**One Year Free Membership:** No drawing. We'll draw 2 names at the May meeting.

## Officer Installation and Award Ceremony



New officers are sworn in  
By the Installing Officer



Commandant Doug Lane  
gets instructions from  
the Installing Officer



Commandant Lane receives  
his gavel

MEMBERS WHO RECEIVED CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION  
AND/OR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS



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SCUTTLEBUTT SPOTLIGHT #1



DAVE THOMAS

Dave was drawn into the Marine Corps League by a presentation from the Springfield, MO detachment when he was serving with Weapons Company 3/23, while in active reserves. The opportunity to serve younger Marines who lack resources and family support really spoke to Dave. Toys for Tots was one such area.

*In Dave's words, here is what persuaded him to join the Marine Corps League. "The Springfield detachment would set up and sell coffee, hot chocolate, and warm pastries at a rest stop along I-44 and I volunteered to help out with that to see just exactly what they were up to and I really appreciated getting to know these guys. Being around fellow, more experienced and retired Marines was of course something else I obviously enjoyed. I then joined the league for a couple years while going to college. I then graduated and got a job up here in the St Louis area and while getting my life started I didn't get involved in many volunteer activities. It was at that time I was ready that I started my journey with detachment 725, having joined about 2005. I appreciate the activities and involvement that this league participated in with barbecues and community activities and events, and of course continuing to raise funds for Toys for Tots."*

*"Beyond attending monthly meetings as often as I can, I enjoy doing service activities and events and helping serve other Marines in need. I like participating in volunteer and fundraising activities as my time permits to further support and be a part of our greater community and giving back and honoring and serving the same principles and values that we learned and lived in the Corps. I value sharing those same principles and expressing their importance, to my children and friends".*

Dave looks forward to growth and expanding 725's reach into the community of veterans and participating in service projects and fundraising. He looks forward to more social activities and events where we gather and grow our bonds with each other along with spouses and friends.

He closed in saying *"In summary, I've been honored to be a part of our local community in the St Charles Area for going on 25 years and the Marine Corps League has been a big part of that, whether my time was as dedicated as I could be or if not because of family and raising children and earning a career, that today now allows me to give back more than I did before. I love the Brotherhood and Sisterhood of the Marine Corps League and look forward to continuing to serve in my best efforts, and fellowship with friends and my Marine Corps family."*



**See you at our next meeting, May 7, 2025!! [www.stcharlesmarine.com](http://www.stcharlesmarine.com)**