



# St Charles County Detachment SCUTTLEBUTT

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MARINE CORPS LEAGUE  
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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 **March 5, 2025**.

**STAFF MEETING** 1900, 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month. Our next Staff Meeting will be on **March 19, 2025** at the AmVets Hall, 360 Brown Rd, St. Peters

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Mar 5 Regular MCL meeting, plus election.  
***Vote for members nominated*** for the new officer positions.  
**CANDIDATE NAMES & POSITIONS**  
Commandant: Doug Lane  
Sr Vice Commandant: Matt White  
Jr Vice Commandant: Rau  
Judge Advocate: Janice Hartley  
Paymaster: Mark Hoernschemeyer  
Chaplain (from committee): Gene Voucher  
Chaplain (from floor): Bob Blake  
Sgt at Arms: Stel Steller  
Auditor 1: Betty Gonzales  
Auditor 2: Andy Riggle  
Adjutant: Kirgan Taylor
- April 2 Installation Dinner, Swearing-In Ceremony, and a short meeting.
- 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.
- Sept 13 Fundraiser BBQ in the Valenti's Meat Market Parking Lot, 6750 Mexico Rd, St Peters, MO.
- More BBQ information will be forthcoming regarding times (set up, cook/serve, take down)**

## **COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE**

Hello Marines,

Awesome to be feeling better!!! I look forward to seeing everyone this coming March 5th...As you know we have elections for the coming year. Membership continues to be at the for front.so let's get those Marines in your areas on board. Let's continue to march forward- thank you all!!!

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 [mawhite93@gmail.com](mailto:mawhite93@gmail.com).

**LIFE MEMBERSHIP** To upgrade, contact Paymaster Shelley Evenson at: 620-560-4356 or by email at [shelkaye67@gmail.com](mailto:shelkaye67@gmail.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 February 2025

Yesterday I watched one of the more recent Marine battles, and one of the grunts was explaining what was happening in a house that he needed to clear. There were a lot of enemy upstairs, coming for him, and he realized he wasn't going to make it out. But during a lull in the shooting, he chose to be grateful that he was alive at that moment, and how precious that next breath was. He didn't panic, nor was he hopeless, but focused on that next breath.

What is OUR enemy just upstairs? Health, wealth, career, relationships, eternity? We are Marines, we are alive, and no matter what, we can focus on how precious that next breath is. How much hope is in that next breath?

And not just for us, but for all veterans. The latest VA report showed that the suicide rate in general went down from 22 per day to 18! Age 18-34 decreased 15%, 35-54 dropped 8%. But we old salts INCREASED by nearly 9%. We are winning this battle, but are still charged to win the war.

Let us cherish each breath, for us, and encourage each other to do the same.

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

**CHANGE IN YOUR CONTACT INFO?** Please contact Paymaster Shelley Evenson when your USPS address, email address or phone number changes. She maintains our roster. If your mailing address changes, she'll notify National MCL so they will send your dues renewals to the right address. You can send updates to: [shelkaye67@gmail.com](mailto:shelkaye67@gmail.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, Shelley Evenson, 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:** Betty Gonzales won. She donated her portion to Toys for Tots

**One Year Free Membership:** Kevin Gray's name was drawn, but he was not present to win.



Sr Vice Commandant Bob Evenson  
swore in new member Bill Wilson

## AT OUR LAST DETACHMENT MEETING...



We presented a check for \$1000.00 to  
Focus Marines Foundation

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Let's Us Honor & Recognize Your Service

## **Vietnam War Era Veterans**

\*November 1, 1955 - April 30 1975\*

Please Join Us for Our 2025

**Welcome Home Celebration**

**When: March 22, 2025**

**Where: Woodson Terrace Community Center  
4300 Calvert Ave.**

**Woodson Terrace, MO 63134**

**Doors Open at 1:00 PM**

Lunch Provided & Veteran Can Bring One Guest

**Please RSVP to:**

**Caroline at 314-324-6883**



**See you at our next meeting, March 5, 2025!! [www.stcharlesmarine.com](http://www.stcharlesmarine.com)**