



APRIL 2026

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# HARD CHARGER



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- General Meeting 4/20 (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday) @ 7pm
- **Come early @ 5:30pm for the Chili Cook-off!**



- Fern Creek MCJROTC fundraiser
- April 18th @ 6:00pm in gym
- **Silent Auction & Trivia Night**
- <https://www.facebook.com/events/1201433315389044>

## CHILI COOK-OFF

- @ 5:30pm on 4/20
- Voting on the best chili for the grand prize winner.



- Text, call, or email Rina so she knows how many to expect!



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## Do you have the best Chili?

### FROM THE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT



- Yard sale April 10 & 11 8am-3pm
- We are accepting donations of items.
- Any questions, contact Rina Borders or Nancy Wallace



**WE NEED To help sell YOU raffle tickets!**

**CAN EVERY MARINE SELL AT LEAST 10 OR 20?**

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## FROM THE COMMANDANT

Greetings Detachment, I hope this finds you well or on the road to recovery. Here we are in the Month of April. April is a month that I like to call a month of eternal hope and looking forward to warmer weather and new growth. What I mean by eternal hope is the celebration of Easter as "He has risen" giving us hope of eternal life through belief in him who gave all for us.

I congratulate and welcome our new members to the Detachment and hope to continue growing our Detachment. It is my hope that our new members bring with them ideas and willingness to support the detachment with a volunteer spirit in any way they are able, either behind the scenes or out front.

Just a reminder that nominations for office are open. If you wish to run for elected office contact Jim Crane, Phil Hughes, or our beloved Judge C.J. Currently all officers will be running for re-election. In closing I wish all of you the best and look forward to seeing you at our next meeting. After all you have a month to get here.

**Deadline for MAY newsletter submissions is APRIL 20<sup>th</sup>**

Semper Fi, forever - Jim

*Hope is a waking dream - Aristotle*

## Learning To Be Grateful



**Richard Schmidt, Chaplain MCL**

I never knew I was a spoiled undisciplined civilian until I went to boot camp in the Marine Corps. The Marine Corps helped me to develop another perspective which would stay with me throughout my life. Our core values were Honor, Courage and Commitment. Living by those values has not always been easy and there have been many challenges. I have learned to be grateful everyday knowing that the God of the universe has been with me every moment even when I did not know it.

Feeling and expressing appreciation is good for us. Like any wise father, God wants us to learn to be thankful for all the gifts we have. Without gratitude we become arrogant and self-centered. We begin to believe we have achieved everything on our own. Thankfulness keeps our hearts in the right relationship with our creator.

When we start thanking God for the things we usually take for granted, our perspective changes. We realize we could not even exist without the merciful blessings of God. As we look back on the many challenges we have faced in our lifetime we can thank God for giving us the strength to endure.

**1 Thessalonians 5:18** "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."



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