



FEBRUARY 2026

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HARD CHARGER



UPCOMING EVENTS

- 2/14 @ 11am - Valentine's Day Potluck
- General Meeting 2/16 (3rd Monday) @ 7pm

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS SINCE 8/25

- Aaron Wellman
- Luke Douglas
- Kevin Hill



SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Valentine's Day Potluck 2/14/26 @ 11am
RSVP to Rina Borders & let her know what you will be bringing 270-537-5106
rina.dow.borders@gmail.com



MARKSMANSHIP



The 2026 match season begins February 11th at Jefferson Sportsman Club.
Contact Otis Fox for more information.

FROM THE COMMANDANT

Welcome to the new mini Hard Charger. It is our goal to provide the membership with information in a simpler format. A one-page bulletin. We hope that by producing a product that contains information about upcoming events, meeting day reminders, and any other pertinent articles of interest, in a simple one-page format, will make for an easy read and keep you informed. Our web sergeant, Holly Smith, has taken on the task of producing the bulletin. It is most important that information be provided to her in a timely manner.

Why the change? The Hard Charger is a labor-intensive product that requires a lot of time to gather information, format it, review it for accuracy, and send it out. Our former editor is overwhelmed with League business, making a living that requires travel and working with clients, along with maintaining a home, and caring for a parent. Feedback is welcome by referring your comments to me via e-mail, jmulrooney@twc.com. Thank you, Cletis for the wonderful work with the Hard Charger. Thank you, Holly for stepping up to help in keeping us informed in a simple, easy-to-read format.

Semper fi, forever, Jim

The light made the snowballs look yellow. At least I hope that was the cause.
Gary D. Schmidt



The 2025 Louisville Marine Toys for Tots program was successful because of the public who donated the toys and for those volunteers that came in every single day working in the warehouse. While I will not single out one person, there are those who will read this that know how I feel about their work ethic and dedication to accomplishing the mission. This year was very difficult and it needed more people to work in the warehouse but despite those deficiencies, the team came through in strides.

Because the public was generous and our volunteers worked their tails off, WE were able to distribute **44,439** toys to **18,730** children across **10** counties in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The amount of joy and hope cannot be measured by your efforts other than knowing this many children, and the parents who are raising them had a smile on their faces on Christmas day. Be proud of your work. 2026 will be completely different, more news to follow in the coming months.

Semper Fidelis – Cletis

BE NOT AFRAID, RICHARD SCHMIDT, CHAPLAIN, MCL

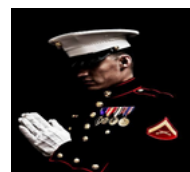
While soldiers undoubtedly fear death and injury in combat there are many that also fear appearing weak or letting down others. This fear carries into the civilian life as a reluctance to admit fear or seek help for mental health issues. Unfortunately, it impacts our personal lives in some very negative ways. Counseling and other interventions can help overcome a lot of these issues as well as seeking spiritual support. Admitting that one is powerless over these issues and needs help can be a first step. Seeking God's presence is a critical part of this approach in finding peace thru prayer.

God's message about fear is that believers should not fear and that He is always with you and will provide strength and help.

Isiah 41:10 "Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous hand."

Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, lean not on your own understanding, in all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct thy path."

Philippians 4:6 "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and petition with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God and the peace of God which transcends all understanding will guard your hearts and mind thru Christ Jesus."



Deadline for
March
bulletin
submissions is
February 20th

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.

**TO ALL THOSE WITH
FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS!**



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