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P. L. Wilson Detachment #447, Marine Corps League



VETERANS HELPING VETERANS

ANNUAL CAR SHOW & JEEP BASH ON THE BAY

Battleship Memorial Park
2703 Battleship Parkway
Mobile, AL 36602



September 12th
0700 - 1400

- ★ Scan QR code to pre-register
- ★ Gate Fee: \$35
- ★ Registration managed by the Car Pro Program

Judging: Bayou Sara Church Car Club

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Membership Renewal

Annual Notice

Expires 31 August



Renew today with your
local Detachment Paymaster

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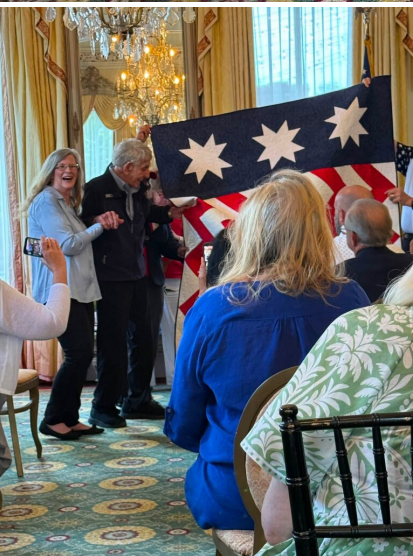
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Quilts of Valor



Honor Guard presented colors today at the Ezell House for Quilts of Valor Ceremony Honoring Mr. Anthony (Tony) Naman, WWII and Korean War as Army Veteran, age 101 years old and his brother Dr. Louis James Naman, Korean War Navy Veteran, age 97 years old with beautiful Quilts of Valor.



Spotlight:

Featured Speaker Spotlight

Please join us in welcoming Elizabeth “Libby” Davis, RN, Founder and President of the Southwest Nurse Honor Guard and Alabama State Representative, as a featured speaker at the Alabama Nurse Honor Guards State Conference 2026 – Better Together!

Libby has been instrumental in advancing the Nurse Honor Guard movement through leadership, mentorship, and a commitment to honoring nurses with dignity and respect.



ALABAMA
NURSE HONOR GUARDS
— Better Together —
— STATE CONFERENCE 2026 —



**SPEAKER
SPOTLIGHT**

FEATURED SPEAKER

**ELIZABETH “LIBBY”
DAVIS, RN**

President / Founding Member
Southwest Nurse Honor Guard /
Alabama State Representative

Join us as Libby shares her
experience, leadership, and
passion for honoring nurses
and strengthening the mission
of Nurse Honor Guards across
Alabama and beyond.

*Honoring Nurses.
In Life. In Service.
In Legacy.*



SEPTEMBER 26, 2026
8:00 AM – 4:40 PM



CULLMAN, ALABAMA
CULLMAN CHURCH OF CHRIST



EARN 7.2 CEUs
FOR NURSES

LEARN. CONNECT. HONOR. BETTER TOGETHER.

USMC History August

Tinian Declared Secure



On August 1, 1944, Major General Harry Schmidt, commander of V Amphibious Corps, declared the island of Tinian secure. This declaration came after nine days of fighting Japanese forces that were occupying the island.

The combination of surprise, heavy preassault bombardment, and effective logistical support resulted in significantly fewer casualties (344 killed and 1550 wounded) than were experienced in previous landings during the Corps' Pacific Campaign. As a result, the assault on Tinian was coined "the perfect amphibious operation of World War II."

Black Sheep Squadron Begins Marine Aviation Involvement in Korean War



On August 3, 1950, eight Corsair fighter planes launched from the USS Sicily and carried out the first Marine aviation mission in the Korean War. The raid targeted enemy installations with incendiary bombs, rockets, and strafing runs near Inchon, Korea. The Corsairs were with VMF-214, more famously known as the "Black Sheep" squadron of World War II.

U.S. Troops and Aircraft Sent to Saudi Arabia



On August 7, 1990, President George H.W. Bush ordered U.S. military troops and aircraft to Saudi Arabia as part of a multinational force to defend that nation against possible Iraqi invasion. The following week, the Marine Corps announced that it had committed 45,000 Marines to the Persian Gulf area as a part of Operation Desert Shield, which would become the largest deployment of U.S. forces since the Vietnam War.

Marine Raiders Strike Makin Island



On August 17, 1942, the 2nd Marine Raider Battalion under Lieutenant Colonel Evans F. Carlson landed on Makin Island.

The Raiders, who were launched from the submarines Nautilus and Argonaut, destroyed a seaplane base, two radio stations, and a supply warehouse, in addition to killing approximately 100 Japanese soldiers before leaving the island the following day.

Dates to Remember

August:

**Meeting: Thursday 6 August
Chow 1800hrs Meeting 1900hrs**



— LISTEN TO —
SCUTTLEBUTT
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A VOICE FOR VETERANS

HOSTED BY: TOM CLAXTON & CAL WALTERS
— TWO MARINES WITH SOMETHING TO SAY. —

EVERY WEDNESDAY | 2000-2100 HRS (8-9 PM)
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WHY TUNE IN

Tackling the issues that matter to
OUR U.S. MILITARY VETERANS

- Unite the veteran community
- Speak with one voice
- Advocate for those who served
- Refuse to be divided by politics or party

JOIN THE CONVERSATION!
CALL IN & SOUND OFF!
OORAH!

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Scuttlebutt Network hosted by Tom Claxton with special guest every Wednesday at 2000 hrs discussing the current events in our military. This show is available on [SBN@fmtalk 1065](mailto:SBN@fmtalk1065) podcast. Well worth the listen.

Honor Guard:



Devil Dogs on the Growl!



Devil Dogs

Devil Dogs



There will be much howling and whimpering
as many will suffer from fines and mayhem.
But in the end, we will all have a good time.

Our Growl will be

13th September
1300 Post 88

As always let's keep the less than computer literate
Dogs among us aware of the upcoming growls.
Please contact Pound Keeper Libby Davis (251-610-9954) if you have questions.



✠ CHAPLAIN'S CORNER ✠



THE SEMPER ("Always") PRAYER

Now, may the grace of God
always chase you,
the hope of God
always find you,
the love of God
always embrace you
and the peace of God
always give rest to your soul.



May you always be strengthened by
the fellowship of Christ's suffering
and the power of His Resurrection,
in order to:

always pray with thanksgiving,
always pursue good,
always speak graciously
and always rejoice in the Lord.



So that you can and will:
always be watchful (Semper Paratus),
always stand firm in the faith (Semper Fidelis),
always be courageously flexible (Semper Gumby),
always be strong (Semper Fortis)
and always do everything in love (Semper Agape).

AMEN!

In Our Prayers:

Lou Lartigue's Family (Grief)

Ray Cox (Health)

Savelle Family (Grief/ Karen's passing)

Jim Smith (Health)

Howard Waters (Health)

Pray for our nation, allies & enemies during
military conflict(s).

August: "Happy Birthday Army!
"All men are afraid in battle. The coward is
the one who lets his fear overcome his sense
of duty. Duty is the essence of manhood."
General George S. Patton



As a Reminder
Please remember to keep a copy of your
DD-214
handy so if needed for any reason,
your loved ones
can find it.

Det. Chaplain, Endel Lee, RDML, (07/Ret),
CHC, U.S. Navy, USMC Captain (03) &
Sergeant (E-5)
Email: Endellee@yahoo.com

Det. Chaplain Assistant, Charles Warren
CIV Patriot & father of 2 Marines



Officers and Chairmen for 2026

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DETACHMENT STAFF, LIAISONS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS

AMERICANISM & HISTORICAL	Bubba Jackson
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EAGLE SCOUTS	Bubba Jackson
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HOSPITALITY	Dan Stephenson
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TRAILER	Tommy Malone
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Still vacant spots to fill. To volunteer, Commandant Tom Claxton at 251-767-8489



IN MEMORY OF THOSE WHO HAVE RECEIVED THEIR FINAL
ORDERS & HAVE REPORTED TO THE
SUPREME COMMANDANT
SEMPER FIDELIS AND WOOF WOOF MARINES

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SANDY GALDIS
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JIM BLAIN
BOB DELANEY
GARY WALLEY
BOB PAYNE
JAN HAGGLER
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WILLIAM SANSONE
JOSEPH JACKSON
MICHAEL JOINER
JAKE POILLON
JERRY GIRARDEAU
RONALD HUGHES
CHUCK HARDESTY
ROBERT GODWIN

2013

EARNEST “BUDDY” GANDY
ROBERT LEE SIMMONS
ELBERT HARVEY BRYAN
KARL RICHARD GROSS SR
KENNETH WEBSTER GOFF
WILLIAM F. BRAMLETT
JAMES C GUNNELS, JR
LARRY E HEWETT

2014

EDWARD HAYNES
WILLIAM J HAIRE
ROBERT SIMMONS
ARTHUR HEMPHILL
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JEREMIAH A DENTON JR
ROBERT WAYNE NABORS
BOBBY HEMPFLENG
JAMES S HARRELL
JAMES MCEVOY
JOHN LITTLEJOSEPH
DUEITT
MARCUS RAMSEY

2015

MIKE WELLS
MOISEY FLORES
WALTER MCKEOUGH
SAMUEL VAUGHN, SR.
ALBERT G TANNER
DR SIDNEY PHILLIPS

ALBERT POUNDS
DR NICK NICHOLS
BILL CARPENTER
NORMAN GERALD

2016

EZELL WALKER
KENNETH SKIPPER
JOHN M TYSON
WILLIAM CRABTREE

2017

JOHN WESLEY LYNN
STEPHEN KLINGER
MACK HERRIN
LUTHER LINTON
MIKE SMITH

2018

GEORGE DAVIS
CHARLES HAWKINSON
RAY WILLIAMSON
LARRY KENT
AL PAWLOWSKI
BOB GUESNARD
JERRY ELDER

2019

SIDNEY BIEHL
MARSHA CLAXTON
LEE VAUGHN
RON BRIDGES

2020

WILLIAM HOOKER
JOHN WILSON
FRED WALTERS
JOHN BANKSTON

2021

HERMAN BRASWELL
RICK IVY
MARY JANE JACKSON

2022

RALPH KNOX
WILLIAM MAYHALL

GEORGE SCOTT
JOSEPH BELLINGER

2023

JIM EVANS
DOMINIC MATRANGA
JACK PRESNALL
WILLARD JOHNSON
CHARLIE MALONE
RODNEY LEE

2024

LINDA WADE
GEN. GARY COOPER
THURMAN ROLAND

2025

DAVE SPROTT
JOE ALDRICH
PERRY VAUGHN

2026

Lou Lartigue





MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

**All Regular Members and
Non-Life Associate Membership
dues of \$28 are due September 1st, 2026.**

If delinquent please “pay up” so that you
will be good through
August 31st of 2027.

Payments can be made in person at our
meetings or can be mailed to:
**PL WILSON DETACHMENT, INC. #447
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
1956 South University Blvd
Suite J 141
MOBILE, AL36609**

**For more information on
membership or dues, contact
Paymaster Jennifer Byrd
or email her at
PaymasterPLWilson@gmail.com**

Life Member Information

The P.L. Wilson Detachment is unique in that a large percentage of our members have chosen to become Life Members of our Detachment. Life Members no longer pay annual dues (**currently 28.00**). In addition, Life Members receive a Gold Membership card, a Life Member Marine Corps League Pin, and are eligible for Life Member recognition on their Marine Corps League Cover.

**Life Membership will increase from current
to new rates effective 1 July 2024**

	Old Rate:	New Rate:
Ages up to 35:	\$500.00	\$1,000
Ages: 36 to 50:	\$400.00	\$800
Ages 51 to 64:	\$300.00	\$600
Ages 65 to 84:	\$200.00	\$200
Ages 85 and up:	\$100	\$100

**For information on Life Membership,
Please contact Jr. Vice Commandant
Nick Matranga
251-287-4005**



RECEPTIONS, MEETINGS, OR PARTIES?

**CHECK OUT THE ACCOMMODA-
TIONS & ECONOMICAL RATES
AT THE
AMERICAN LEGION POST 88
2663 Halls Mill Road
Mobile, AL 36606**

**Maximum capacity – 200 people
Hall rental fee - \$200.00
\$50.00 Clean-up fee (Returnable if fa-
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Alcohol, Soft Drinks, & Snacks availa-
ble at our Pay Bar
Available Add Own's
Use of Kitchen facilities - \$50.00
Use of Barbecue Pit - \$25.00 – waiver
required
Stereo Music /Disc Jockey/ – Fee to be
determined**

**For Additional Information
or Reservations
Call 251-508-0992**