



'All the Scuttlebutt that's fit to print'

Albert E. Schwab Detachment Newsletter 01 Jul 2026

Welcome to this month's edition of the Schwab Detachment Newsletter.

Designed to inform on activities in Northeast Oklahoma, this Newsletter highlights the Detachment's efforts to assist all Veterans, preserve the interest and traditions of the United States Marine Corps, and provide camaraderie to our Members.

You can become a **Member** (Marine Veteran)
or
an **Associate Member** (Veteran of another branch or non-Veteran)
of our Detachment

[CLICK HERE](#) for the Detachment's web page for more information
or contact

Junior Vice Commandant Chris Campbell (918) 951-6955

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Schwab Detachment Membership By The Numbers:
65 Regular Members

69 Permanent Life Members
07 Associate Members
04 Associate Life Members
145 Total Detachment Membership

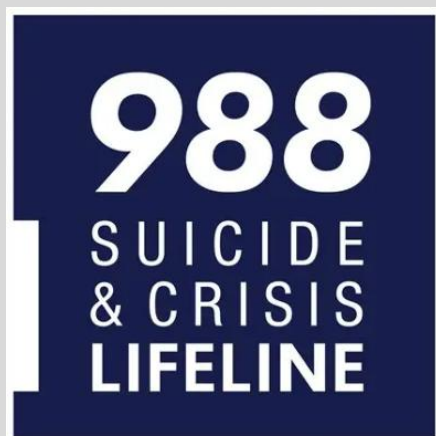
The **Albert E. Schwab Detachment #857** is a subsidiary of the Marine Corps League, a U.S. Congressionally Chartered **Veteran Service Organization**. The League is covered under IRS Ruling 501(c)(4), Group Exemption Number 0955, as a non-profit fraternal organization.
Donations are eligible to be tax deductible (check with your tax advisor).

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Are you, or anyone you know, having thoughts of suicide, struggling with substance abuse, anxious, or depressed?

If so, please call or text 988.

For those seeking Christian Counseling, please contact theforge.org or Schwab Detachment Member Clay Rojas at clayr@theforge.org.

JULY						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
NOTES:			1	2	3	4 Independence Day
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July and August Events

July

02, 09, 16, 23, 30 Jul: All Veterans Association Gathering

03, 10, 17, 24, 31 Jul: Veteran's Breakfast at Mom's Family Diner

04 Jul: Chosin Few Breakfast Social

04 Jul: Independence Day *

05 Jul: Red Jacket Society Meeting

06, 13, 20, 27 Jul: Veterans Breakfast at BBD II Diner

11 Jul: VFW/MCL 250th Celebration

17 Jul: Schwab's Birthday

18 Jul: Bingo at the CVC

25 Jul: Detachment Meeting

27 Jul: Albert E. Schwab Detachment's 33-year Anniversary

27 Jul: National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day

August

August is Antiterrorism Awareness Month

01 Aug: Chosin Few Breakfast Social

03, 10, 17, 24, 31 Aug: Veterans Breakfast at BBD II Diner

04 Aug: National Coast Guard Day

06, 13, 20, 27 Aug: All Veterans Association Gathering

07, 14, 21, 28 Aug: Veteran's Breakfast at Mom's Family Diner

07 Aug: Purple Heart Day

10 - 14 Aug: MCL National Convention

14 Aug: National Navajo Code Talkers Day

22 Aug: Detachment Meeting

29 Aug: Marine Corps Reserve Birthday

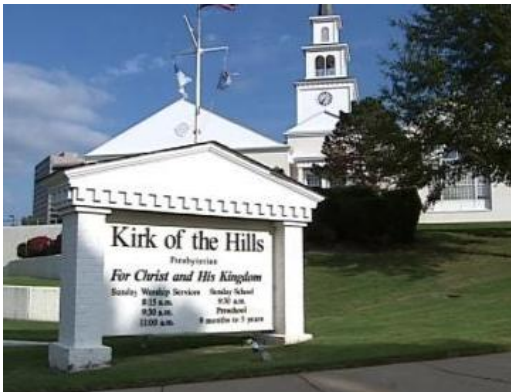
The American Flag should be displayed every day,

* but especially on these days.

July Event Details



- 04 Jul - Independence Day



All Veterans Association Gathering

Dates: 02 July (Thursday and every Thursday after)

Time: 0930 Hours (9:30 am)

Dress Code: Civilian Casual

Location: Kirk of the Hills Church
4102 E. 61st St.
Tulsa, OK 74136



Veteran's Breakfast at Mom's Family Diner

Dates: 03 July (Friday and every Friday after)

Time: 0800 Hours (8:00 am)

Dress Code: Civilian Casual

Location: Mom's Family Diner
5230 S. Yale Ave.
Tulsa, OK 74136

Just good eating, coffee, and lots of fun & laughs (most arrive at 07:30 and we order around 08:00)

Tall Tales and other war stories
from our group of Veterans.



or when the social chairman gets
there).

Chosin Few Breakfast Social 04 July (Saturday)



Northeast Oklahoma's Chosin Few

*Organized in 1953 to Recognize
and Honor the "Chosin Few",
our Marine Veterans from the
Battle of the Chosin Reservoir in 1950!*



Northeast Oklahoma's Chosin Few

Paul McWilliams

918-633-7031

Time: 0900 Hours (9:00 am)

Dress Code: Civilian Casual / Marine Corps Related Attire

Location: Golden Corral
8144 E. 21st St.
Tulsa, OK 74129

Join Paul McWilliams and other area Veterans to remember our Veterans from the Battle of the Chosin Reservoir.

Independence Day **Date: 04 July (Saturday)**



Celebrating the Triumph
of the
American Spirit

On July 4, 2026, America will celebrate the most important milestone in our country's history—250 years of American Independence. "With a single sheet of parchment and 56 signatures, America began the greatest political journey in human history," said President Trump of this momentous anniversary.

Red Jacket Society Meeting
05 July (Sunday)



Time: 1400 Hours (2:00 pm)

Location: Jameson's Pub
1385 N. Aspen Ave.
Broken Arrow, OK 74012

Another chance for camaraderie with Brother and Sister Marines while enjoying an adult beverage.



Veterans Breakfast at BBD II Diner

Date: 06 July (Monday and every Monday after)

Time: 0800 Hours (8:00 am)

Dress Code: Civilian Casual

Location: BBD II Diner
8218 S. Harvard Ave.
Tulsa, OK 74137



VFW / MCL 250th Celebration

Date: 11 July (Saturday)

Time: 1:00 - 1600 Hours (Noon - 4:00 pm)

Dress Code: MCL Cover and MCL Red Short Sleeve Shirt / Civilian Casual

Location: VFW Post 577
1109 E. 6th St.
Tulsa, OK 74120

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Just good eating, coffee and lots of fun & laughs (most arrive after 0730 Hours and we order between 0800 & 0830).

Albert E. Schwab 106th Birthday 18 July (Saturday)



This year, although Schwab's birthday is 17 July, the Detachment will gather on the 18th of July for breakfast and then go to Schwab's gravesite to read his Medal of Honor citation and toast our brother Marine. This will allow us to avoid the hottest part of the day, and allow time to drive to Claremore for Bingo at the CVC.

Breakfast:

Time: 0700 - 0815 Hours (7:00 am - 8:15 am)

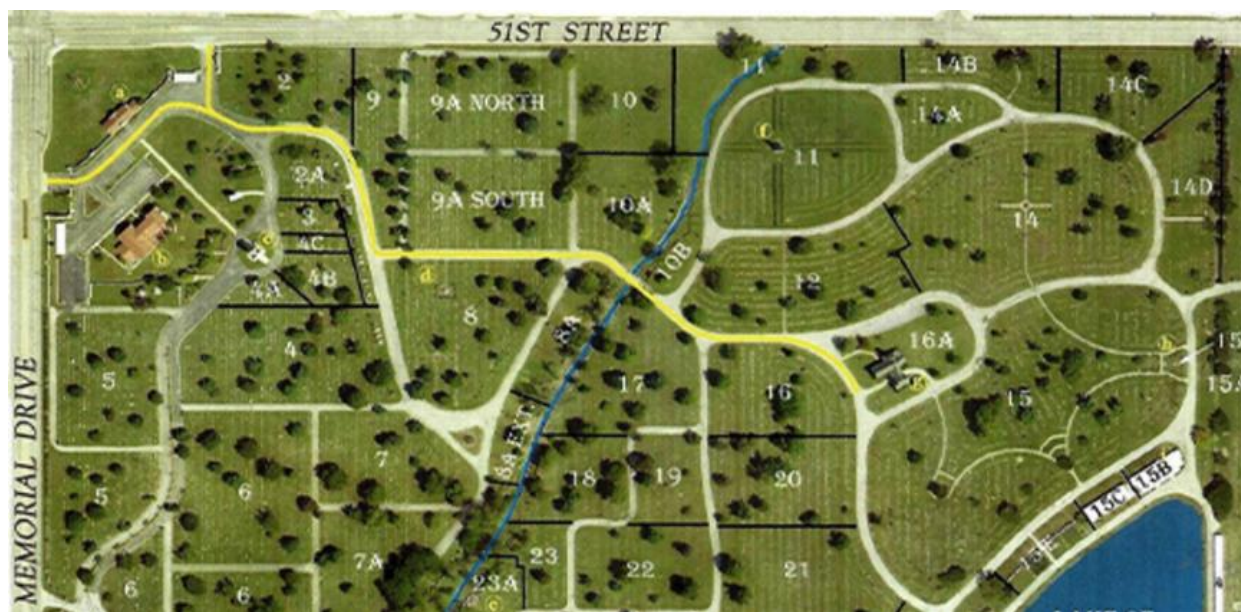
Location: Silver Skillet Family Diner
8228 E. 61st St., Suite 114
Tulsa, OK 74133

Gravesite Ceremony:

Time: 0830 - 0900 Hours (8:30 am - 9:00 am)

Location: Memorial Park Cemetery
5111 S. Memorial Dr.
Tulsa, OK 74145

Schwab's grave is located in Section 8. See the map below.



Bingo at the CVC
18 July (Saturday)



Time: 1000 Hours (10:00 am)

Dress Code: MCL Cover & MCL Red Shirt / Marine Corps Related Attire / Civilian Casual

Location: Claremore Veterans Center
3001 W. Blue Starr Dr.
Claremore, OK 74017

Taking place in Claremore after the Schwab gravesite service.

Joe Menninger is looking for volunteers. Contact Joe at (615) 419-0238.



Detachment Meeting
25 July (Saturday)



VFW Post 577
1109 E. 6th St.
Tulsa, OK 74120
Google [map](#)

Breakfast
0800 - 0900 Hours
(8:00 am - 9:00 am)
minimum \$10 donation

Meeting
0900 Hours - Done
(9:00 am - Done)

Can't attend the Meeting in person? Join via Zoom
[Detachment Zoom Instructions](#)

Albert E. Schwab Detachment Anniversary
27 July (Monday)



On this day 33 years ago, the Albert E. Schwab Detachment 857 was officially formed and chartered by the Marine Corps League.

Cheers to our Detachment and our Beloved Corps!



**National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day
27 July (Monday)**



The Korean War -- often called "The Forgotten War" -- was one of the first major conflicts of the Cold War, representing the global struggle between communist and capitalist ideologies.

[CLICK HERE](#) for an article titled: 'Everything You Need to Know about Korean War Veterans Armistice Day' on Military.com.

Recap of June Events

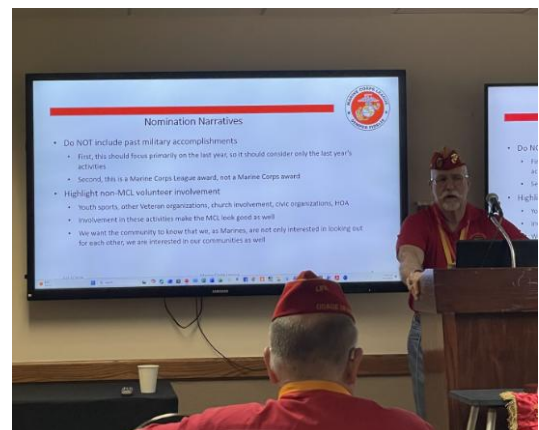
12 - 13 June 2026
Department of Oklahoma Conference



Oklahoma Memorial Student Union where the meeting took place



The meeting room and OU water tower



David Hull (left) facilitating the Leadership Class, Rus Anderson leading the MOY and AMOY class



Bob Pittman being sworn in as the new Department of Oklahoma Commandant

The 2026 Department of Oklahoma Conference took place on the University of Oklahoma campus in Norman, OK.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the list of newly-elected Officers.

Joe Menninger, Jr. (pictured below left) received this year's Department of Oklahoma Marine of the Year award. Leigh Ann Willis also was awarded this year's Associate Member of the Year. Both received their respective awards at the Detachment, Department, and Division levels.

Congrats Joe and Leah Ann!



20 - 21 June 2026 Oklahoma Gun Show



Scott Williams and Bob Pittman, along with their team (Tom, Greg, and Chris) netted \$418 during this 2-day show.

25 June Navy Vet Cruce Lansford's Birthday



Cruce Lansford at the Ernest Childers VA Clinic in Tulsa

A birthday celebration took place at the Ernest Childers VA Clinic for US Navy Veteran Cruce Lansford as he turned 100 years old. Mr. Lansford operated landing craft as a coxswain during the Battle of Iwo Jima.

For those of you who aren't familiar with the term coxswain, that is the term for a Navy enlisted man who pilots amphibious landing crafts. In Mr. Lansford's case, he piloted Higgins boats and AMTRACs.

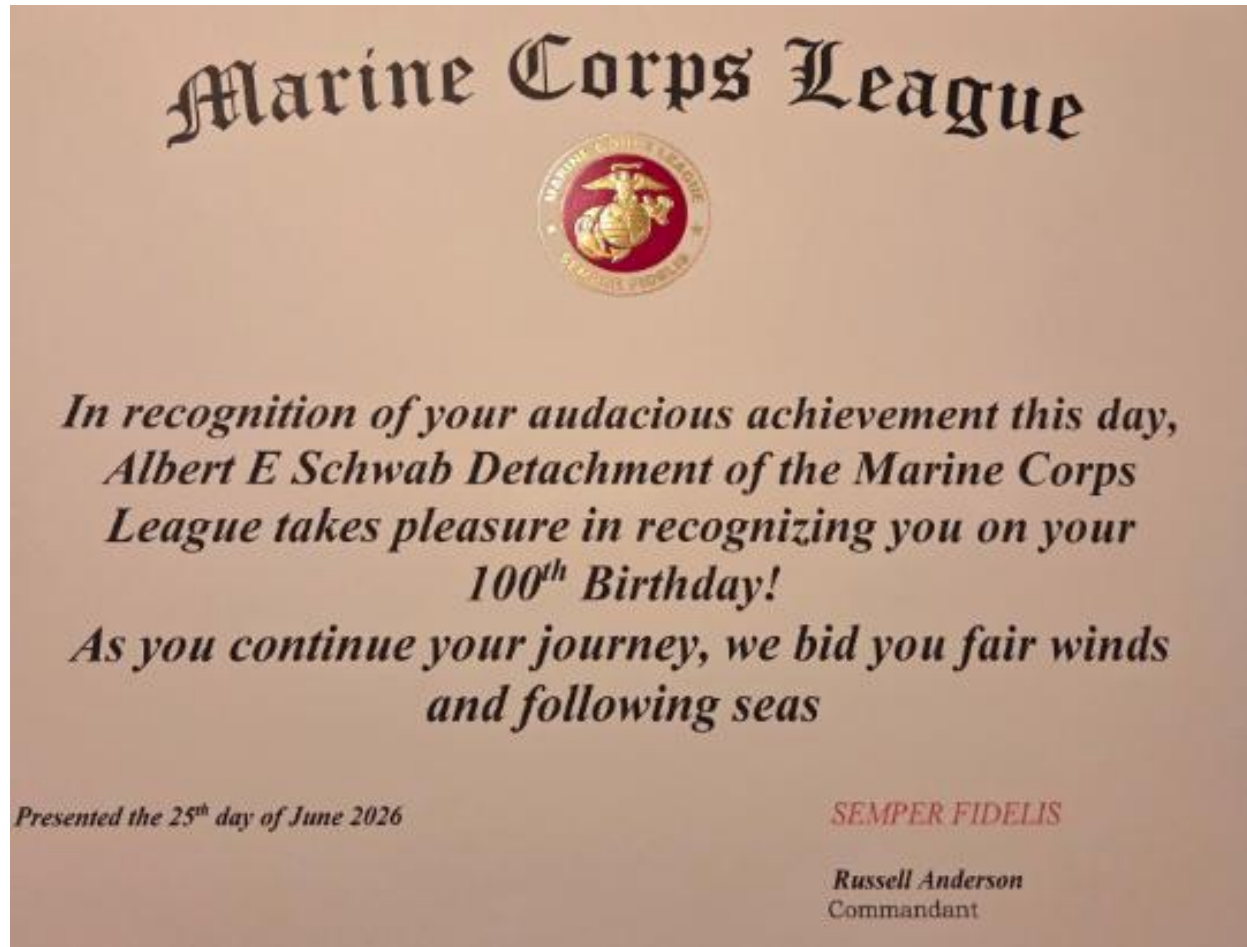
Higgins boat (LCVP - **L**anding **C**raft, **V**ehicle, **P**ersonnel) pictured below left and
AMTRAC (LVT - **L**anding **V**ehicle, **T**racked), pictured below right



Channel 6 News was there to cover the event.

[CLICK HERE](#) to see the video that aired that evening.

Joe Menninger, Jr. and Keith Wiesman attended the celebration on behalf of the Schwab Detachment, and presented Mr. Lansford the Certificate of Recognition shown below.

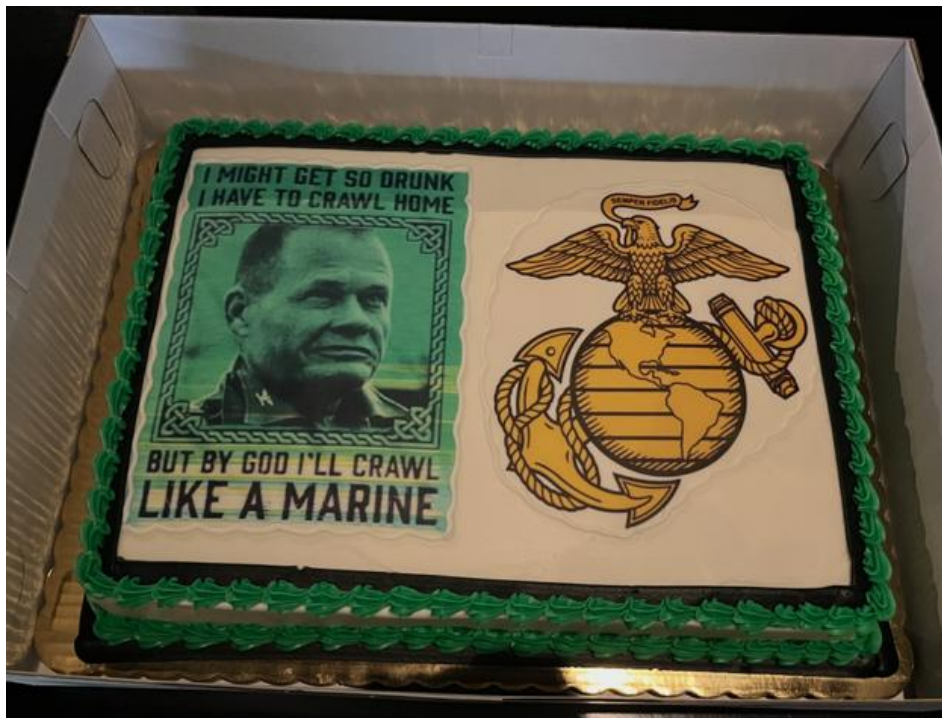




Also that day, look at who we ran into while we were there
- our very own Leo Hall.

Continue to get well Leo!

26 June Chesty Puller's Birthday





This year marks Chesty's 128th birthday. As you can see, birthday cake was consumed at VFW Post 577 along with a few beers and pizza from The Pie Hole on 15th Street. There was also a live band.



**27 June
Detachment Meeting**



Kudos to Chris Schutte for arranging our monthly meeting at The Patriot. Lunch was served at 1130 hours and a tour of the facility was conducted by Ali Sezgin, the General Manager and COO of The Patriot.

Chris Campbell lead the meeting in Rus Anderson and Marcus Flores' absence.

The Detachment also welcomed our newest Member, Rick Wright (pictured below). Rick was brought to our group by Chris Blake.



The Patriot plays Taps and 13 Bells every day at 13:00 to signal time, mark transition, and honor service.

27 - 28 June

AAA Route 66 Road Fest



Once again, Scott Williams and Bob Pittman led a distinguished group of volunteers at the Schwab Detachment booth selling rifle raffle tickets.

The weekend netted \$709.

Great job Jarheads!

Podcasts with Andrew 'AJ' Cox



Don't forget to tune into AJ Cox's *The Lost Art Podcast* for interesting stories on fellow Marines and our Marine Corps way of life.



Andrew Cox (AJ)

Digital creator · 2.1K followers



@andrew.cox.671483



Retired MGySgt at Host of The Lost Art Podcast



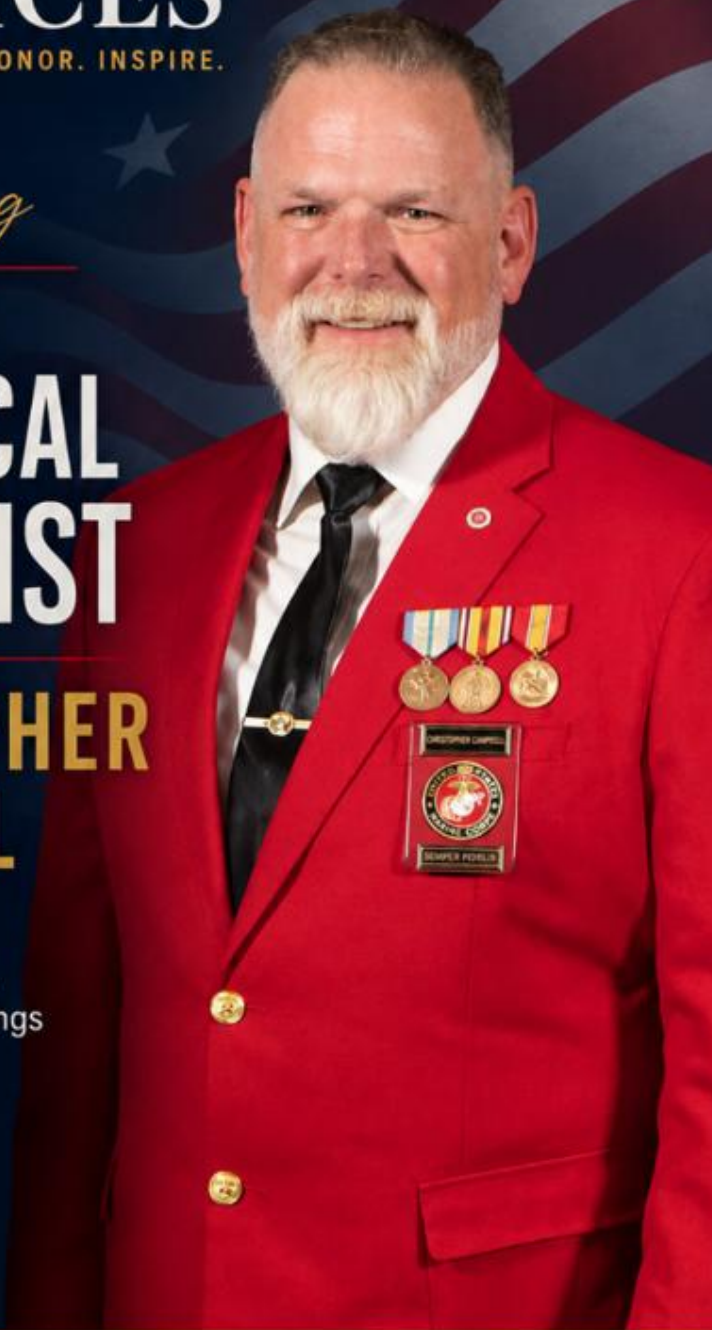
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Military Order of the Devil Dogs (MODD)



The Fun and Honor Society

The MODD emphasizes fun and camaraderie, and additionally donates significant funds to children's hospitals and animal shelters each year. Here in the Tulsa metro area we are the Green Country Grunts, Pound 308.

MODD Pound 308 Officers

Pound Keeper

PDD Rus Anderson

Senior Vice Pound Keeper

DD Marcus Flores

Junior Vice Pound Keeper

DD Don Juan Nettles

Smart Dog

PDD Chris Blake

Police Dog

DD Marty Mortensen

Mad Dog

PDD George Petkovich

Dog Trainer

PDD David Myers

Dog Robber

PDD Marty McKnight

Watch Dog

PDD Doug Gray

Barking Dog

Pup Doc Young

Pup = Pup (initial stage at the Pound)

DD = Devil Dog (state-level recognition at the Pack)

PDD = Pedigreed Devil Dog (national-level recognition)

Are you a Regular Member of the MCL and want to know more about joining the MODD? Contact any of the Members listed above, or the Detachment Public Affairs Officer, for more information.

2026 Marine Corps Birthday Ball



Date: 07 Nov 2026

Location: Marriott Tulsa Hotel Southern Hills
1902 E. 71st St.
Tulsa, OK 74136
CLICK HERE for Google map

Room Rate: \$110 per night

CLICK HERE for room reservations or call (800) 228-9290 and provide the group marketing code: **MCLR/ Marine Corps League and Reserve Birthday Ball.**

***23 Oct 2026 is the deadline to make a reservation
and receive the special room rate***

Event Registration and other information for this year's Birthday Ball will be provided in the near future.



National Convention

10 - 14 Aug 2026

2026 NATIONAL CONVENTION



WYNDHAM INDIANAPOLIS AIRPORT HOTEL

2544 Executive Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46241

Dates: Monday August 10, 2026 to Friday, August 14, 2026

CLICK HERE to access the MCLibrary Convention web page for convention registration, room reservations, the convention ad book, local events and more. **Registration deadline is 27 Jul 2026.**

CLICK HERE for more information.

Note: Rooms at the Wyndham Indianapolis Airport Hotel are now sold out and no longer available for booking.

Additional convention room accommodations have been secured at the nearby DELTA HOTEL:

Delta Hotel Indianapolis Airport
5860 Fortune Circle West

Indianapolis, Indiana, USA, 46241

If you still need a room for the 2026 National Marine Corps League Convention, please contact Jim Ransom directly for booking information and assistance.

Check out our website for more information:

<https://mclindy2026.org/hotel-registration>

Contact Jim: JRANSOM@UWT-INC.COM



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE NATIONAL CONVENTION

★ SPECIAL EVENTS ★

AUGUST 9-14, 2026 | INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA



EARLY BIRD TRIVIA MIXER

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9 | 1930-2100

- 📅 DATE: Sunday, August 9
- 🕒 TIME: 1930-2100
- 💰 COST: \$20 per person
- 📍 LOCATION: Golden Preconvene Room, Wyndham Hotel

Herrmann Brothers is taking you through a high-energy Marine Corps Trivia Night!

Questions will cover general knowledge, including sports, movies, history, and pop culture, mixed in with Marine Corps topics such as historic battles, legendary Marines, books, films, and Corps traditions. Civilians and Marines alike will have a fighting chance to demonstrate their wit and earn bragging rights.

Every table is a fire team. Choose your squad wisely.

Register. Muster your team. Compete for the win. Only registered guests will be permitted in the room.

🌐 Host Website: hbrewthers.com

NO REFUNDS ON TICKETS PURCHASED

TRIVIA
NIGHT



COMEDY NIGHT

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11 | 1900-2100

- 📅 DATE: Tuesday, August 11
- 🕒 TIME: 1900-2100
- 💰 COST: \$20 per person
- 📍 LOCATION: Quincys - Wyndham Hotel

Join us for an evening of laughter and enjoy a 90 minute live comedy show brought to you by Blind Tiger Comedy.

This special event features three seasoned comedians.

- ★ Headliner: Randy Maurer (School principal)
- ★ Feature: Jeff McKinley (USMC)
- ★ Host / MC: Jimmy Shaw (Army)

🌐 Host Website: facebook.com/KokomoJimmyShaw

NO REFUNDS ON TICKETS PURCHASED

BLIND TIGER
COMEDY



INDIANA WAR MEMORIAL & DOWNTOWN EXPERIENCE

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12 | 1000-1500

- 📅 DATE: Wednesday, August 12
- 🕒 TIME: 1000-1500
- 💰 COST: \$10 per person
- 🚌 TRANSPORTATION: Round-trip transportation included
- 📍 LOCATION: Indianapolis, IN

Take part in a self-guided tour of the Indianapolis War Memorial. This experience offers an opportunity for reflection, historical perspective, and a deeper connection to the legacy of military service and sacrifice.

While in the downtown area, guests may roam the area to take advantage of shopping, entertainment, and dining that is located nearby.

🌐 Memorial Website: [Indiana War Memorial](http://IndianaWarMemorial.org)

NO REFUNDS ON TICKETS PURCHASED



INDIANAPOLIS MOTOR SPEEDWAY MUSEUM & KISS THE BRICKS EXPERIENCE

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13 | 1000-1600

- 📅 DATE: Thursday, August 13
- 🕒 TIME: 1000-1600
- 💰 COST: \$56 per person
- 🚌 TRANSPORTATION: Round-trip transportation included
- 📍 LOCATION: Indianapolis Motor Speedway

Go behind the scenes at the legendary Indianapolis Motor Speedway, explore the museum, and take part in the iconic Kiss the Bricks experience.

This is a must-do Indiana tradition and an unforgettable photo opportunity. Marines will experience esprit de corps while exploring one of America's most legendary racing venues.

🌐 Learn More: [Indianapolis Motor Speedway](http://IndianapolisMotorSpeedway.com)

NO REFUNDS ON TICKETS PURCHASED



CASINO NIGHT

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13 | 1730-2130

- 📅 DATE: Thursday, August 13
- 🕒 TIME: 1730-2130
- 💰 COST: \$35 per person
- 🚌 TRANSPORTATION: Round-trip bus transportation included
- 📍 LOCATION: Horseshoe Indianapolis

Enjoy an evening of R&R at Horseshoe Indianapolis, featuring casino-style gaming and dinner. This event offers Marines the chance to unwind, socialize, and enjoy some friendly competition in a fun, off-duty setting.

- Casino activities are reserved for guests 21 and older. Dining, horse races, and shows are available for guests 18 and older.
- This package provides a round-trip bus ride to the casino.
- Guests will be on their own for dinner and may choose any of the four restaurants on the property.

RESTAURANT OPTIONS:

- 🍖 Jack Binion's Steak
- 🍷 Clubhouse Dining
- 🍷 Brew Brothers
- ☕ Sidewalk Cafe

🌐 Casino Website: [Horseshoe Indianapolis](http://HorseshoeIndianapolis.com)

Caesars Loyalty Program: caesars.com/a/security/register.aspx

NO REFUND/EXCHANGES ON TICKETS PURCHASED



Ask the casino staff about their loyalty program.



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ALWAYS A MARINE.



MUSTER WITH
FELLOW MARINES



CREATE LASTING
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HONOR OUR PAST
STRENGTHEN OUR FUTURE

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ONLY REGISTERED GUESTS
MAY PARTICIPATE



All attendees should read and become familiar with the proposed changes to the national bylaws and administrative procedures prior to the event.

These proposals will be debated and voted on during the convention.

Find the proposals on the MCLibrary Convention web page by
scrolling down to the heading

'2026 Bylaw and Administrative Procedure Proposals'

and click on each of the 34 items listed

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- Support the mission of the Marine Corps League Foundation
- Make a meaningful impact. Every ticket purchased helps support veterans, Marines, and their families—so you’re not just entering to win, you’re giving back to those who have given so much.

Don’t miss your chance to bring home a piece of American music history.

Get your tickets today—and let the music play in your favor!

The raffle runs thru 15 Aug 2026.

2026 JROTC



2026 JROTC WRAP-UP

For the JROTC awards season of 2026, the Detachment supported 11 area high schools with \$1300.00 in awards and 125 individual citations. Members of the Detachment presented the Albert E. Schwab Leadership Award, the Marine Corps League Community Service Award, and the Marine Corps League Youth Physical Fitness Award. Special thanks go to Robert Young, Keith Wiesman, Marcus Flores, Leo Hall, John Camp, and Vanessa Shackelford for their assistance in making another successful year.

I am,

Semper Fidelis,

Weydan Flax
Youth Activities Coordinator

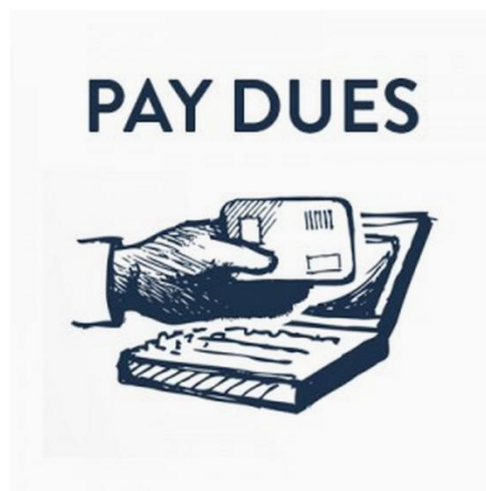
1775 Club



If you haven't already, consider joining the 1775 Club to help rebuild The Tun.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the Tun E Newsletter Sign Up Form

Annual Membership Dues



This is a reminder that it will soon be time to pay your annual Membership dues. For Regular Members the amount is \$40 and due by 31 Aug 2026.

Interested in becoming a Permanent Life Member?

Here is a list of the current cost as it relates to age:

\$1,000: 35 years of age and lower
\$800: 36 - 50 years of age
\$600: 51 - 64 years of age
\$400: 65 - 84 years of age
\$100: 85 years of age and higher

[CLICK HERE](#) to renew your annual Membership dues or to become a Permanent Life Member using the Detachment's SquareSite page (you must be current on your annual dues to become a Permanent Life Member)

Remember: Every new Member has his/her 1st year's dues paid by the Detachment (this is only for new Members, and does not apply to former Members seeking to rejoin the MCL)

Want to pay in cash or by check using snail mail? Contact Paymaster Jean Jones 918.978.5999 or email paymaster@mcl857.org for more info

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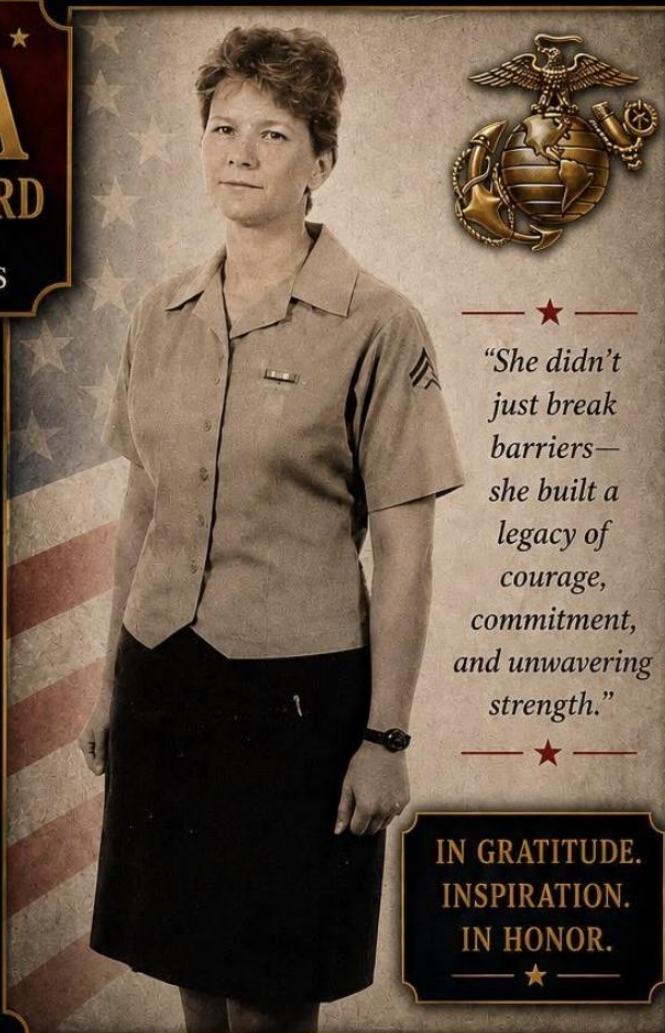
★ STAFF SERGEANT (RET.) ★

**VANESSA
CRADDOCK SHACKELFORD**

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS



- ★ 1982 Graduated from Kellyville High School.
- ★ 1983 Enlisted in the Oklahoma Army National Guard. Completed Basic Combat Training and Army Cook School. Served with the 145th Unit in Broken Arrow and promoted to Private First Class (E-3).
- ★ 1984 Determined to fulfill her dream of becoming a United States Marine, she entered Marine Corps Recruit Training.
- ★ 1985 Completed Armorer School and was assigned to Camp Pendleton, California.
- ★ 1987–1990 Served with the TOW (Tube-Launched, Optically Tracked, Wire-Guided) Unit in Broken Arrow.
- ★ 1990–1996 Served with the Oklahoma City Mobilization (MOB) Unit.
- ★ 1996–1999 Returned to the Broken Arrow Mobilization (MOB) Unit.
- ★ 1999 Retired from the Marine Corps Reserve after 16 years of honorable and dedicated service.



— ★ —
*“She didn’t
 just break
 barriers—
 she built a
 legacy of
 courage,
 commitment,
 and unwavering
 strength.”*
 — ★ —

IN GRATITUDE.
 INSPIRATION.
 IN HONOR.

In an era when women in the military faced countless challenges and limited opportunities, Vanessa answered the call. Her strength, determination, and dedication paved the way for future generations of women to serve with pride.



★ AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS ★

- ★ Meritorious Mast
- ★ Good Conduct Medal



Our very own Vanessa Shackelford was featured as a Kellyville Town Hero by the Kellyville Fire Department at the end of June.

VA and Other Veteran News



[CLICK HERE](#)

to read how VA Community Care contributed more than \$36B to local economies in FY 2025

[CLICK HERE](#) to read about the benefits of a digital reset

[CLICK HERE](#) for information on the launch of the VA Careers Talent Community

[CLICK HERE](#) for the article on how the VA is streamlining delivery of prosthetic limbs to Veterans

[CLICK HERE](#) for the Warrior Rising article and the 4-hour virtual course that helps service-disabled Veterans explore business ownership

[CLICK HERE](#) to learn how to start a suicide prevention talk to help save a Veteran's life

[CLICK HERE](#) to learn how you can support a Veteran in your life by learning about their safety plan

[CLICK HERE](#) to read the article on the VA deploying new electronic health record system to four more sites

[CLICK HERE](#) for the VA's press release about processing 2 million disability benefits claims in record time - again

[CLICK HERE](#) to find out about the VA's Fraud Alert: Beware of the 'Veterans Savings Program' postcard scam

[CLICK HERE](#) to learn how to request your VA health records

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[CLICK HERE](#) to meet Dr. Anne Lord Bailey and how she helps to lead innovation at the VA

[CLICK HERE](#) on how Veterans may be eligible for TSA PreCheck at no cost

[CLICK HERE](#) to read the article on how a Marine Veteran went from homeless to employee of the year

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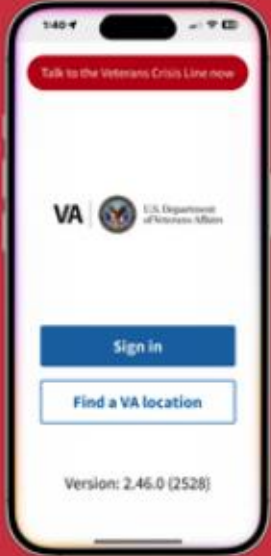
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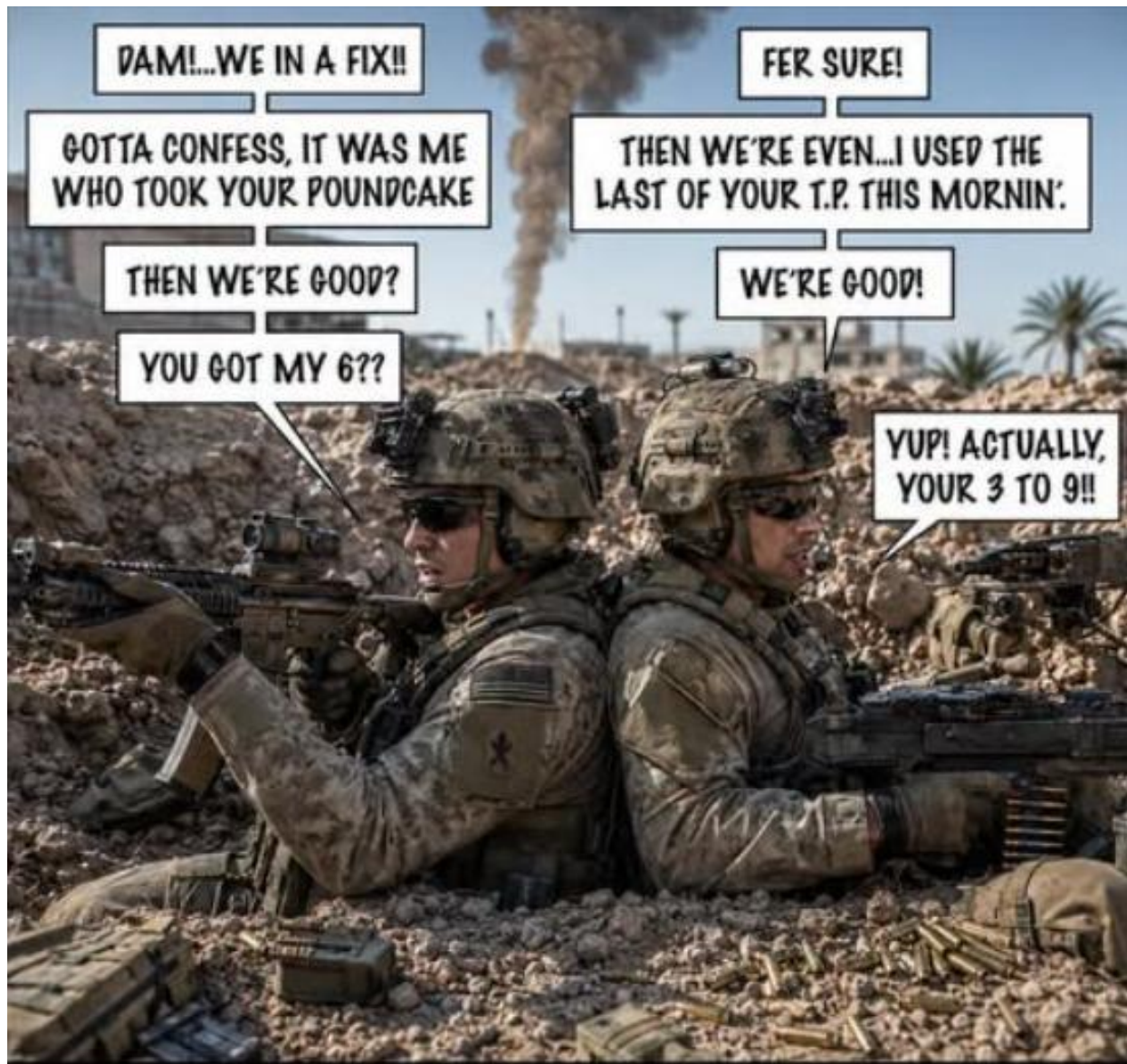
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