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Albert E. Schwab Detachment Newsletter

01 Nov 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.



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or
an **Associate Member** (Veteran of another branch or non-Veteran)

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988 SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE

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.





November & December Events

November

December & early January

November is National Veterans & Military Family Month

01 Nov: Daylight Saving Time Ends

02, 09, 16, 23, 30 Nov: Veterans Breakfast at BBD II Diner

03 Nov: Election Day*

05, 12, 19, 26 Nov: All Veterans Association Gathering

05 Nov: VA Community Outreach Event

06 Nov: USMC Coordinating Council of Oklahoma 2026 Annual Luncheon & 251st Birthday Celebration

06, 13, 20, 27 Nov: Veteran's Breakfast at Mom's Family Diner

07 Nov: Chosin Few Breakfast Social

07 Nov: Broken Arrow Elks Veterans Day Parade

07 Nov: Marine Corps Birthday Ball

08 Nov: Marine Corps Cake Cutting Ceremony at the CVC

08 Nov: *Stripes* at the Circle Cinema - Free Admission for Active Military and Veterans

09 Nov: Free Dental Care Event for Veterans & Immediate Family

10 Nov: Marine Corps Birthday*

10 Nov: Veterans Day Assemblies at Sapulpa High School

10 Nov: VA Special Event at the Ernest Childers VA Clinic

03, 10, 17, 24, 31 Dec: All Veterans Association Gathering

04, 11, 18, 25 Dec: Veteran's Breakfast at Mom's Family Diner

05 Dec: Chosin Few Breakfast Social

05 Dec: Detachment Christmas Party (in lieu of a December meeting)

07 Dec: Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day*

07, 14, 21, 28 Nov: Veterans Breakfast at BBD II Diner

07 Dec: Toys for Tots Collection Week

12 Dec: Breakfast with Santa

13 Dec: National Guard Birthday

19 Dec: Wreaths Across America

20 Dec: Space Force Birthday*

21 Dec: December Solstice

24 Dec: Christmas Eve

25 Dec: Christmas Day*

31 Dec: New Year's Eve

01 Jan: New Year's Day

02 - 03 Jan: Oklahoma Gun Show

10 Nov: Marine Corps Birthday Cake & Swords Event

11 Nov: Veterans Day / Armistice Day / Remembrance Day*

11 Nov: Veterans Day Parade / Route 66 Centennial Celebration

14 Nov: Hallett Motor Racing Circuit Veterans Celebration Day

18 Nov: VA Wellness Wednesday: Fundamentals of Wills, Trusts, and Powers of Attorney

20 Nov: Oklahoma Veterans Commission Meeting (ODVA)

21 Nov: Detachment Meeting
(3rd Saturday of the month due to Thanksgiving)

21 Nov: Bingo at the CVC

23 Nov: Texas Roadhouse Dine to Donate Fundraiser

24 Nov: Department of Oklahoma Webex Meeting

26 Nov: Thanksgiving Day*

27 Nov: Black Friday

28 & 29 Nov: Broken Arrow Gun Show - Stoney Creek

29 Nov: First Sunday of Advent

30 Nov: Cyber Monday

*Official American flag-flying days

November Event Details



- 03 Nov: Election Day
- 10 Nov: Marine Corps Birthday
- 11 Nov: Veterans Day
- 26 Nov: Thanksgiving Day
- These are official flag-flying days in September; however, the American flag should be displayed every day

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National Veterans and Military Families Month is observed every November to recognize the dedication, resilience, and sacrifices of veterans and their families.

The observance began in 1993 when the Armed Services YMCA established Military Family Appreciation Month, and it has been officially recognized annually by Presidential proclamations, including the White House proclamation in 2016.

This month coincides with Veterans Day on 11 Nov, providing a broader opportunity to honor both service members and their families.



Daylight Saving Time Ends

Date: 01 Nov (Thursday)

Time: 0200 Hours (2:00 a.m.)

Congress adjourned in October without passing the Sunshine Protection Act, so we will 'gain' an extra hour by switching clocks and timepieces back 1 hour at 0200 Hours.
We are located in the Central Time Zone, so on 01 Nov we will be going from

- Central Daylight Savings Time (CDT)

to

- Central Standard Time (CST)



Veterans Breakfast at BBD II Diner

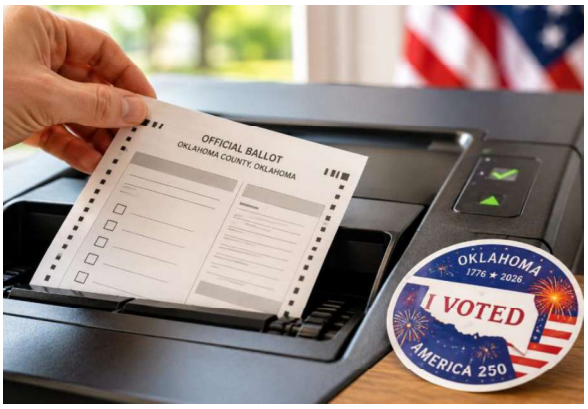
Date: 02 Nov (Monday and every Monday after)

Time: 0800 Hours (8:00 a.m.)

Dress Code: Civilian Casual

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

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



Election Day

Date: 03 Nov (Tuesday)

Time: 0700 - 1900 Hours (7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.)

U.S. midterm elections, with all 435 House seats, 35 Senate seats, and governorships in 36 states on the ballot.

CLICK HERE to access the OK Voter Portal and find out what will appear on your ballot.

CLICK HERE for voting information provided by the Oklahoma Policy Institute

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All Veterans Association Gathering

Date: 05 Nov (Thursday and every Thursday after)

Time: 0930 Hours (9:30 a.m.)

Dress Code: Civilian Casual

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

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

VA Community Outreach Event

Date: 05 Nov (Thursday)



Time: 1130 - 1330 Hours (11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.)

Location: Ernest Childers VA Clinic
8921 S. Mingo Rd.
Tulsa, OK 74133

This event will offer an opportunity to connect with community resources and get assistance accessing VA benefits you've earned.

CLICK HERE for more details

US Marine Corps Coordinating Council of Oklahoma 2026 Annual Luncheon & 251st Birthday Celebration

Date: 06 Nov (Friday)



Time: 1030 - 1600 Hours (10:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.)

Dress Code: Civilian Business Casual / Military Equivalent

Location: Oklahoma City Golf and Country Club
7000 NW Grand Blvd
Nichols Hills, OK 73116

The luncheon is the Coordinating Council's signature annual celebration - honoring the legacy of our brave service members and fostering community among active-duty Marines, veterans, and supporters.

CLICK HERE for more information and to purchase tickets
Tickets are $51.25 per person using PayPal ($50.00 if mailing in a check)



Veteran's Breakfast at Mom's Family Diner

Date: 06 Nov (Friday and every Friday after)

Time: 0800 Hours (8:00 a.m.)

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 or when the social chairman gets there).

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!

Chosin Few Breakfast Social

Date: 07 Nov (Saturday)

Time: 0900 Hours (9:00 a.m.)

Dress Code: Civilian Casual / Marine Corps Related Attire

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

Last month, we again changed things up and gave a special; two for the price of one. Some time back, one of our regular Seabees ask if we would do a presentation of Michael Thornton, a Navy Seal. Well, research showed that you can't just talk about Michael Thornton, you also have to talk about Thomas Norris. So that's just what we did! So, attached, you will find the story of both Michael Thornton and Thomas Norris and you'll understand why it is truly only one story. Also attached are both Medal of Honor Citations.

And our long long range weather forecast is showing a beautiful sunny day in the low low 60s! Let's enjoy it!

Northeast Oklahoma's
Chosin Few

Paul McWilliams 918-633-7031

Broken Arrow Elks Veterans Day Parade

Date: 07 Nov (Saturday)



Times:
Lineup: 0900 Hours (9:00 a.m.)
Parade Start: 1000 Hours (10:00 a.m.)
End: 1100 Hours (11:00 a.m.)

Location: Broken Arrow Downtown Rose District
Parade Start: Main Street & College Street
Parade Route: South down Main Street to the Community Center

Broken Arrow has a strong tradition of supporting Veterans and military families, and this is always a wonderful opportunity to line Main Street, wave American flags, and allow the citizens of Broken Arrow to say THANK YOU to those who have sacrificed so much for our freedoms.

Marine Corps Birthday Ball
Date: 07 Nov (Saturday)



Time: 1700 - 2330 Hours (5:00 - 11:30 pm)

Dress Code: Formal - Dress Blues, suit & tie, floor-length gown

Location: Marriott Tulsa Hotel Southern Hills & Ruffin Event Center
1902 E. 71st St.
Tulsa, OK 74136



Marine Corps Cake Cutting Ceremony at the CVC
Date: 08 Nov (Sunday)



Time: 1330 Hours (1:30 p.m.)

Dress Code: MCL Cover & MCL red shirt (long sleeve is preferred)

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

Annual cake cutting with our fellow Marines and other Veterans at the CVC.

Joe Menninger has secured the Bixby JROTC as the Color Guard for the event

Everyone is encouraged to attend.
Is it even possible to have too much birthday cake? We think not...

The Movie *Stripes* at the Circle Cinema - Free Admission for Active Military and Veterans

Date: 08 Nov (Sunday)

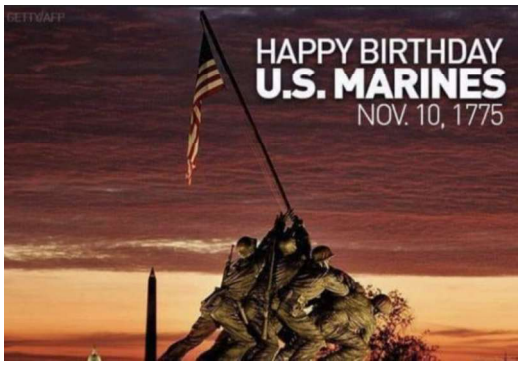


Free Dental Care Event for Veterans & Immediate Family

Date: 09 Nov (Monday)



Treatments include: same day comprehensive exam, dental hygiene, fillings, crowns, and extractions.



Marine Corps Birthday

Date: 10 Nov (Tuesday)

The official birthday of our beloved Corps!

It's time to mark the founding of our beloved Corps, with the reading of General Lejeune's order and cake cutting (as we've already done at least twice). It is a day to affirm the bonds across generations of Marines, connecting today's force to the original Continental Marines in 1775.

CLICK HERE for a short video on our birthday.

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VA Special Event at the Ernest Childers VA Clinic

Date: 10 Nov (Tuesday)

Time: 1000 - 1630 Hours (10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

Location: Ernest Childers VA Clinic - Main Entrance
8921 S. Mingo Rd.
Tulsa, OK 74133

Volunteers Needed: 10-15

There will be a medal-honoring ceremony where volunteers present Veterans with a medal recognizing their service at the main entrance of the facility.

How fun is that??!!



Veterans Day Assemblies at Sapulpa High School

Date: 10 Nov (Tuesday)



Times:
0855 Hours (8:55 a.m.) - Jr High Assembly
or
1045 Hours (10:45 a.m.) - High School Assembly

Location: Sapulpa High School

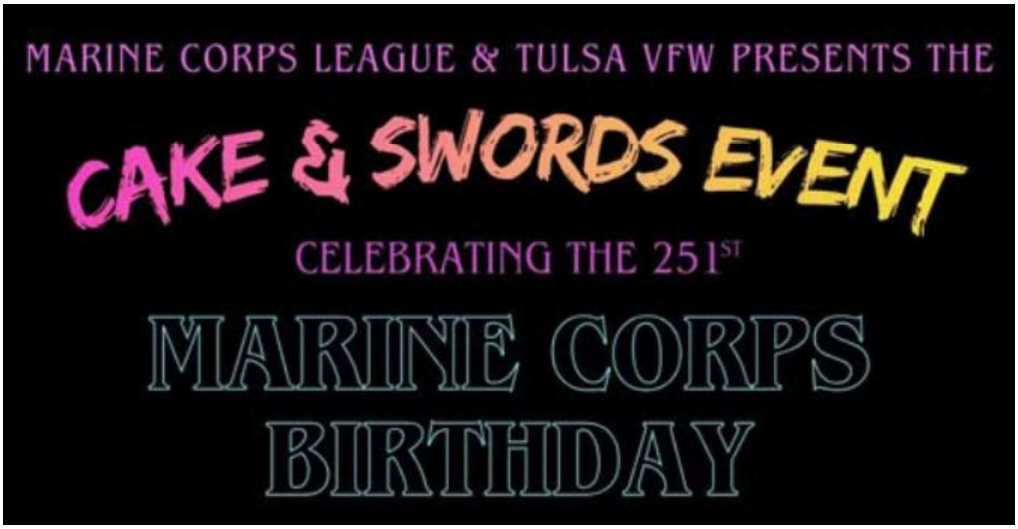
3 S. Mission St.
Sapulpa, OK 74066

Mayor Cory Box of Jenks is the Guest Speaker for this Veterans Day event.

Contact Bill Shannon if you are interested in attending either assembly.
Email: billdshannon@gmail.com Cell: 918.954.6032

Cake & Swords Event - Marine Corps Birthday

Date: 10 Nov (Tuesday)



Time: 1800 Hours (6:00 p.m.)

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

Tulsa VFW Post 577 will host a celebration complete with the traditional Cake and Sword Ceremony.

The USMC Mameluke Sword was adopted by Marine Corps Commandant Archibald Henderson in 1825 for wear by Marine officers.

Marines, family members, and the general public are all are welcome to join in the celebration!



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11 Nov (Wednesday)

Veterans Day
Veterans Day Parade
Route 66 Centennial Celebration



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TULSA VETERANS DAY PARADE

The Albert E Schwab Detachment has an excellent close-to-the-front spot in this year's parade!

Be at VFW Post 577 and ready to leave for our staging point by 0800. We need to be staged and in place by 0830.

CLICK HERE for the parade info for our Detachment

Toys for Tots will have a float in the parade, with Marines from the Reserve Center walking with Chris Schutte.



Wednesday 11 Nov will be a day full of celebrations, with these free events:

- 0700 - 0800 Hours (7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.) : VFW Post 577 Breakfast
- 0800 - 0830 Hours (8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.) : 0800 load trailer at VFW Post 577, then proceed to our staging location on 3rd Street just east of S. Cincinnati Ave.



Check out the websites for more details:

CLICK HERE for the Tulsa Veterans Day Parade website

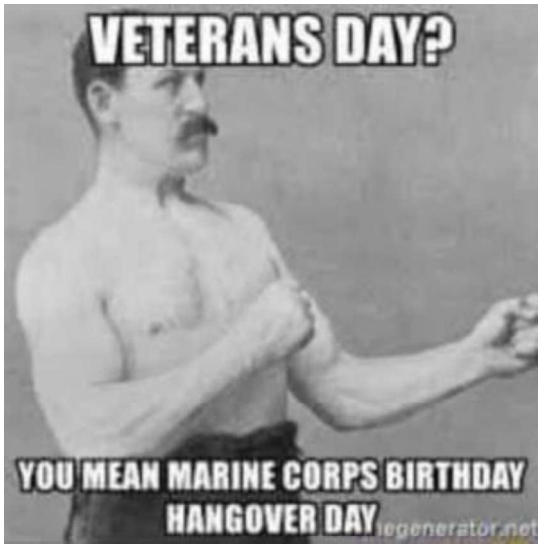
CLICK HERE for the YouTube video featuring Chris Rauchenstein and Josh Starks where they discuss that the

Veterans Day Parade is more than a parade, it honors Tulsa's Veterans.

CLICK HERE for the Oklahoma Route 66 Centennial Celebration website

CLICK HERE for the VA News' 2026 Veterans Day discounts, free meals, and other retail offers







Hallett Motor Racing Circuit Veterans Celebration Day

Date: 14 Nov (Saturday)

Time: 0900 - 1600 Hours (9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.)

Location: Hallett Motor Raceway
59901 E. 55 Rd
Hallet, OK 74542



VA Wellness Wednesday: Fundamentals of Wills, Trusts, and Powers of Attorney

Date: 18 Nov (Wednesday)

Time: 1100 Hours (11:00 a.m.)

CLICK HERE to register for the online session where the VA discusses best practices for addressing your assets

Veterans & Active Duty Military (with ID) get in free.
Non-Veterans (18+) are $20/person.
Minors (6-17) are $10/person.
5 & under are free.

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Free high speed ride-alongs for veterans (with valid proof of service)
- Car show with specific classes & awards
- Delicious food at HMRC's own restaurant: the Finish Line Café
- Parade laps open to all
- Raffles & giveaways from veteran supporting-businesses
- Vendor booths showcasing the veteran community

CLICK HERE for Veteran ride along registration

and distribution strategies according to your wishes.

Oklahoma Veterans Commission Meeting & Norman Veterans Home 30th Anniversary Celebration

Date: 20 Nov (Friday)

OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
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30 YEARS
Home of Heroes
NORMAN VETERANS HOME

Meeting Time: 0900 Hours (9:00 a.m.)

Veterans Home Celebration Time: 1100 Hours (11:00 a.m.)

Location: Norman Veterans Home
1776 E. Robinson St.

Norman, OK 73071

A great opportunity to attend an Oklahoma Veterans Commission Meeting and/or tour the Norman Veterans Home on the same day.
CLICK HERE for the Facebook page that has information on the celebration

An agenda for the meeting will be issued on 19 Nov 2026 and distributed to all interested parties.
Marine Corps League Members, as well as members of the public, are welcome to attend.

Detachment Meeting

Date: 21 Nov (Saturday)

One Week Earlier than normal due to Thanksgiving



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)

Bingo at the CVC

Date: 21 Nov (Saturday)



Time: 1330 Hours (1:30 p.m.)

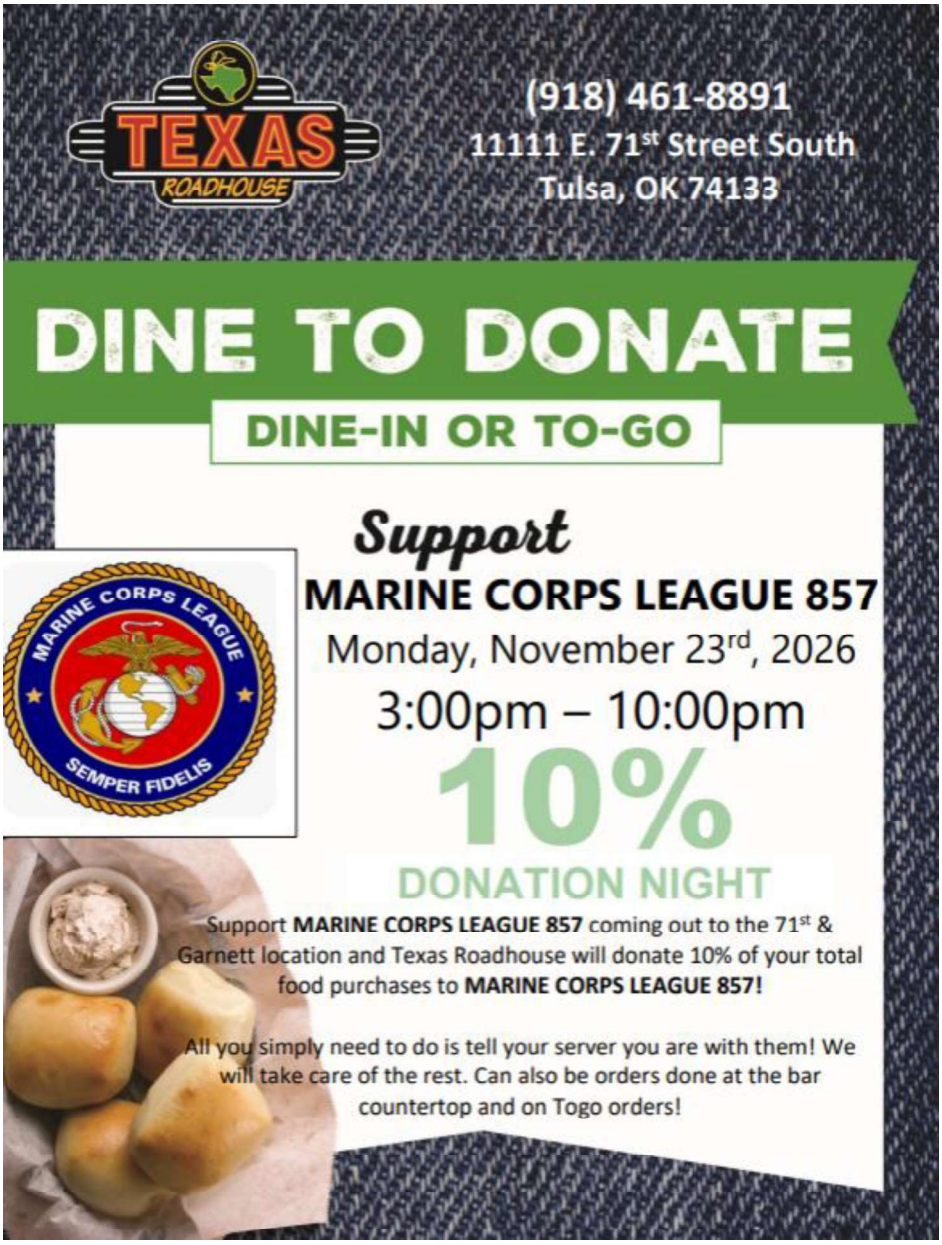
Location: Claremore Veterans Center (CVC)
3001 W. Blue Starr Dr.
Claremore, OK 74017

Another bingo game with our fellow Veterans.

If your schedule permits, come join the fun!

Texas Roadhouse Dine to Donate Fundraiser

Date: 23 Nov (Monday)



Times: 1500 - 2200 Hours (3:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.)

Location: Texas Roadhouse
11111 E. 71st St.
Tulsa, OK 74133

This is the first of the dine-out fundraising events coordinated by our Detachment Fundraising Committee.

This allows you to eat a good meal at a restaurant **AND** help the Schwab Detachment at the same time. It's a WIN WIN!





Department of Oklahoma Webex Meeting

Date: 24 Nov (Tuesday)

Time: 1830 - 1930 Hours (6:30 - 7:30 p.m.)

Occurs on the last Tuesday of every month.

Your chance to stay in touch and find out what's going in the Marine Corps League in Oklahoma and beyond.



Thanksgiving Day

Date: 26 Nov (Thursday)

Thanksgiving Day is a harvest festival and national holiday that brings people together to share a feast in gratitude for the year's blessings.

The tradition grew from local colonial observances into a nationwide holiday, formally established in 1863 when President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed it a day for Americans to give thanks each year.

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If you'd like to receive an invitation, email Vanessa Shackelford at vdshack@gmail.com.





Black Friday

Date: 27 Nov (Friday)

Always falling on the Friday immediately after Thanksgiving, the term Black Friday comes from when retailers go from being in the red (at a loss) in their business for the year to going into the black (profitable).



Broken Arrow Gun Show

Date: 28 & 29 Nov (Saturday & Sunday)

Times:
Saturday: 0900 - 1700 Hours (9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.)
Sunday: 1000 - 1600 Hours (10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.)

Location: Stoney Creek Hotel
200 W. Albany St.
Broken Arrow, OK 74012

Contact Scott Williams to volunteer
(918) 695-6273



First Sunday of Advent

Date: 29 Nov (Sunday)

The first Sunday of Advent marks the beginning of the liturgical year and the start of the Advent season in Western Christianity, a period of spiritual preparation for both the birth of Jesus and his anticipated return.



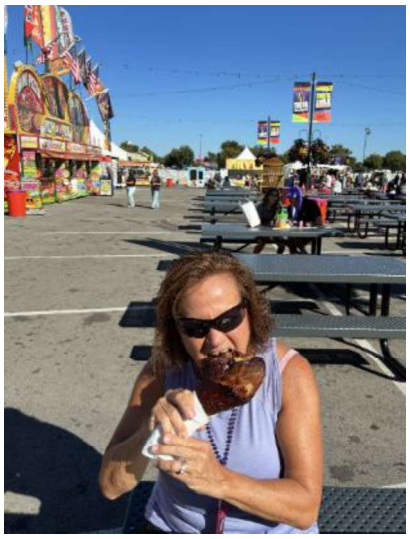
Cyber Monday

Date: 30 Nov (Monday)

Cyber Monday is an online shopping event held on the Monday after Thanksgiving, created to offer deep discounts across a wide range of products.

Recap of October Events

1 -11 Oct
Tulsa State Fair





There's nothing like a turkey leg at the Tulsa State Fair.

You also never know who you will run into each year.

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03 Oct
Department of Oklahoma Picnic









There was a good turnout at the Detachment picnic this year in Shawnee, despite the slightly wet and cool weather.

George Petkovitch was the Grill Master for the hamburgers and hotdogs, and with all the special sides available that day no one went home hungry.

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03 Oct
Chosin Few Breakfast Social



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CLICK HERE for the Thornton & Norris narrative
CLICK HERE for the Thornton MOH Citation
CLICK HERE for the Norris MOH Citation

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12 Oct
Cookout at the CVC









The cookout was a big success, with approximately 150 people who were fed and enjoyed the camaraderie of their fellow Veterans.

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24 Oct
Schwab Detachment Meeting



Commandant Rus Anderson indicated that we are entering our busiest month of the year, and starts with Family Day at the BA Armed Forces Reserve Center. The Birthday Ball, next day Cake Cutting at the CVC, the Cake & Swords event at the Centennial Lounge with the Veterans Day Parade the next day.
We now have business cards for anyone who wants them.
A unanimous vote was made to replenish the Commandant's discretionary account.
Tee shirts and button up shirts are in, but the polo shirts will take longer.
Chris Blake was added to the sick and injured report.
Reminder emails will go out from 06 - 12 Nov to cover all the activities for those days.
Gun Show at the end of December at Stoney Creek in Broken Arrow.
Birthday Ball tickets should be purchased asap.
Committee work continues for the Department Conference 10 - 13 Jun 2027.
Conferences the Detachment is looking to host in the coming years:

- 2027 Department of Oklahoma Conference
- 2028 Southern Division Conference
- 2029 National Convention

Fundraising activities continue with 4 'Spirit Night' restaurant fundraisers, a craft show, a car show, and other events.
The cookout at the CVC went very well, serving about 150 people. The Detachment will make inquires to replace the grill there that is falling apart.
The VA is still looking for volunteers.
Doc will provide the Veterans Day Parade info as soon as he receives it.
Rifle team continues to work on uniforms, and will start practices on Fridays in December. Marcus and Marty are still working on obtaining the rest of the rifles.
Wreaths Across America will take place on 19 Dec. Will need someone to wear MCL Red Blazer and black tie to lay wreath at Schwab's grave.
The hat was passed for Toys for Tots.

Still looking for Assistants for PAO and Paymaster.
Marine of the Year and Associate Member of the Year nominations are now open and must be turned in to Bob Pittman by 0900 at the January Detachment Meeting.
This year's Detachment Christmas Party is scheduled for 05 Dec at the Blue Flame in Bixby. 1200 noon start time.
Coordinating Council of Oklahoma annual luncheon is on 06 Nov. Go to oklahomamarines.org for tickets. Joe Menninger will get his sidearm for Marine of the Year at the luncheon.
A bylaw change was proposed and approved so that anyone with access to the Detachment's bank account or other monies can't be related, which brings us in line with the National Bylaws.
Vote was passed to make a $100 donation to the Marine Corps League Foundation.
The series 'The Chosen' will be available for viewing at The Park Church of Christ starting 08 Nov at 1500 in the auditorium.
Rus Anderson emphasized that we need maximum participation at the Cake & Swords event at VFW Post 577 the evening of 10 Nov.
A MODD Growl took place after the meeting.

Detachment 2027 Officer ***Nominations*** made during the meeting:

- Commandant: Rus Anderson and Chris Campbell
- Senior Vice Commandant: Marcus Flores
- Junior Vice Commandant: Chris Campbell
- Judge Advocate: Jim Richards

Nominations will remain open until elections are held at the November Detachment Meeting on 21 Nov 2026.
These 4 Officer positions are the only ones that require a Membership vote. All other Officer positions are assigned by the Commandant.

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24 Oct
Military Order of the Devil Dog - Growl



Pound 308 Growl

MODD Officers ***Elected***:

- Pound Keeper: Rus Anderson
- Senior Vice Pound Keeper: Marcus Flores
- Junior Vice Pound Keeper: Don Juan Nettles
- Smart Dog: Chris Blake
- Dog Trainer: David Myers
- Police Dog: Marty Mortensen
- Mad Dog: George Pekovich
- Dog Robber: Marty McKnight
- Watch Dog: Tony Fuller
- Barking Dog: Keith Wiesman

Interested in joining the MODD aka 'The Fun and Honor Society'? Contact one of the Officers listed above.

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25 Oct
Family Day at the Broken Arrow Armed Forces Reserve Center



The Schwab Detachment had a great showing for the day, with Jean Jones' crew manning tables to sell beverages and snacks and Travis selling Marine Corps Birthday Ball tickets.

Jean arranged to have enough CiCi's Pizza delivered to serve 600 pizza slices, as well as 300 cookies and 300 bottled waters.



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27 Oct
Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS)

THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE | NATIONAL VAVS COMMITTEE

CLICK HERE to read the notice forwarded by our Detachment's VAVS Representative, Joe Menninger, announcing the 2026 National VAVS Award recipient.

The VA is always looking for volunteers, so consider contacting Joe and volunteering today!

Toys for Tots - 2026



Chris Schutte is the Schwab Detachment Toys for Tots Coordinator again this year!

Chris needs volunteers to help distribute boxes.
Call or text him at 918.640.6647.

CLICK HERE for a detailed email Chris sent out 02 Oct



Marine Corps League
National Headquarters Staff Roster



CLICK HERE to view the National roster that identifies the elected and appointed MCL national officers, as well as committee chairpersons and committee members.

If you don't have the password to gain access to the Member Library, you can obtain it by contacting a Detachment Officer

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Military Order of the Devil Dogs



CLICK HERE for information on the new MODD website

Kuna Raffle



Exciting news! The Marine Corps League Albert E. Schwab Det. 857 is going digital with a great new raffle for a super cool item. Please, please, please share with your friends as we accomplish some great work in the Green Country Community, to

include funeral Honor Guards, Toys for Tots, scholarships, JROTC, and many Veterans assistance programs.

Any and all help is appreciated.

CLICK HERE to purchase
CLICK HERE for the Official Raffle Rules

Iwo Jima Monument MCBQ Fundraising Efforts





You may have seen the news yesterday and today regarding the vandalism of the historic Iwo Jima Memorial near Marine Corps Base Quantico. On October 21, 2026 at 2230 an individual took a sledgehammer to the monument right outside of the main gate. Local law enforcement did catch him in the act and arrested him immediately. Unfortunately, the damage was done - Cpl Harlon Block USMC was decapitated, a bayonet from one of the rifles was destroyed and heavy chipping/gouging occured to Cpl Harold Keller's face. In cooperation with the Base Commander and Marine Corps Headquarters, the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation

has launched a fundraising campaign to support the restoration of the monument. Our goal is to start restoration efforts as soon as possible. Gen Lukeman asked that we share our efforts with you in hopes you can help spread the word.

Please let us know if you need any social graphics or marketing images. You can also share our posts with your audiences.

https://www.marineheritage.org/restore-iwo-jima

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Most Sincerely,
Jennifer

Jennifer M. Vanderveld
Marine Corps Heritage Foundation
1775 Semper Fidelis Way
Triangle, VA 22172
vanderveld@marineheritage.org

Do you have a story you'd like to share with the Detachment?

If so, email your story to the PAO so it can be considered for a future Newsletter.

Oklahoma Department of Veteran Affairs (ODVA)

OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Called to Serve



Oklahoma Veterans Commission Members in Attendance

CLICK HERE for the 16 Oct 2026 Oklahoma Veterans Commission Meeting Agenda

CLICK HERE for the 10.15.2026 Media Advisory announcing that the ODVA will transport and bury three (3) unaccompanied Veterans on 22 Oct.



Senator Ted Lankford accepting the US Flag on behalf of the unaccompanied Veterans

CLICK HERE for the Facebook posts on the Sallisaw Veterans Home

CLICK HERE for the 10.28.2026 ODVA Media Advisory: ODVA Reminds Veterans That Free Benefits Claims Assistance Is Available

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VA and Other Veteran News

CLICK HERE for the
VA Veterans Newsletter August 2026

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CLICK HERE for the Press Release: Following major reforms, over 300K new Veterans enroll in VA healthcare in 2026
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CLICK HERE to read the article Turn your military experience into a civilian-ready resume
CLICK HERE for Beyond the headset: How immersive technology is reshaping Veteran care
CLICK HERE to learn how the VA's Federal EHR is introducing 15 improvements to support Veteran care this fall
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CLICK HERE for the VA Press Release: VA deploys electronic health record system to hospitals in Cleveland, Anchorage
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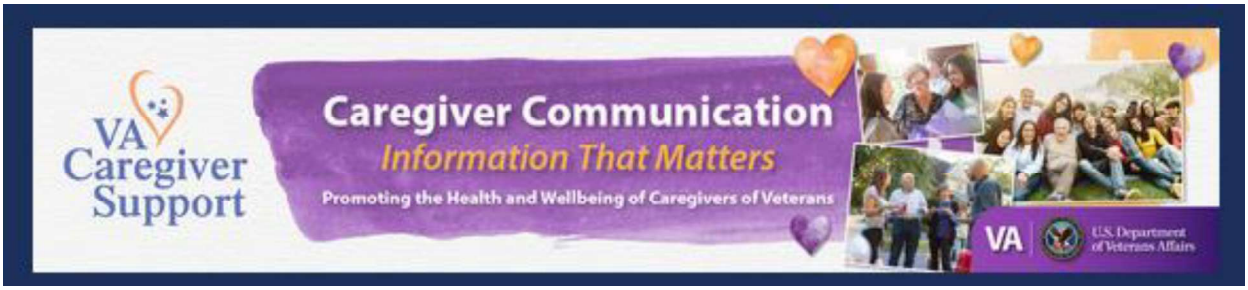
YouTube Videos
CLICK HERE for the GerofitExercise: Stronger to the core
CLICK HERE for the video on Federal EHR Transformation: Real Stories, Real Impact for Veterans and Clinicians
CLICK HERE for $8 a Month: The Origins of VA Disability Compensation
CLICK HERE for the video 'At the Table: DHS resources that help Veterans build a future in homeland security'

VA Health and Benefits App



More than 4.6 million Veterans already use the VA Health and Benefits mobile app to manage their care and benefits, and now, Veterans can view lab results and manage VA benefit overpayment debts directly in the app. These new features give you faster access to important information and make it easier to manage your healthcare and benefits from your phone.
Download today.

VA Caregiver Support



CLICK HERE to read an article titled Carrying the Weight: Why Caregiver well-being is part of suicide prevention

Register Today!



Caring for a Veteran can sometimes feel isolating, as if you're carrying the responsibility all on your own, but the good news is, you don't have to go through it by yourself. Support is available to help lighten the load and connect you with others who understand what you're experiencing Services (PGCSS).

Caregivers of Veterans who have signed up for Building Better Caregivers® have realized we're here to help, and caregiving can be manageable and you can find time for yourself. Once you register, you can take full advantage of what other caregivers in the program already know –balance is possible.

Here’s a peak into Phyllis's caregiver journey and how Building Better Caregivers helped her deal with her husbands’ new diagnosis. She felt alone and needed guidance. She knew he needed 100% of her effort, but she also knew she couldn’t sustain it. **Watch Her Story** and register now.

You must meet criteria and be willing to participate in the Caregiver Support Program in either the Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers (PCAFC) or the Program of General Caregiver Support Services (PGCSS).





CLICK HERE
for the Center for Women Veterans' website

CLICK HERE for information and contacts for Women Veterans Care at the VA Eastern Oklahoma in Muskogee, OK
CLICK HERE for the Women Veterans Book Corner: Air Force Veteran Lisa Ducharme



The VA Center for Minority Veterans (CMV) is committed to ensuring that all Veterans have access to the benefits, services, and opportunities they have earned through their service.

CLICK HERE

for the Center for Minority Veterans Affairs website



Center for Minority Veterans Executive Director
Jacquelyn "Jacquie" Hayes-Byrd

This month, I've been thinking about the many Veterans whose journeys have shaped who we are as a community; each one different, each one meaningful.

National Hispanic Heritage Month gives our Veterans a chance to pause and appreciate that variety of experience, and to remember that behind every uniform is a person with a story worth knowing and sharing. I'm grateful every day for the chance to serve alongside Veterans from every background, and to help make sure each one gets the support they've earned and deserve.

So to every Veteran and family member reading this — thank you. Thank you for your service, and for trusting us to walk alongside you.

With appreciation,

Jacquie
Executive Director, Center for Minority Veterans

Happy National Hispanic Heritage Month - during this legacy month, we are highlighting Hispanic and Latino Veterans. Hispanic Heritage Month runs September 15–October 15 because the dates align with the independence days of several Latin American nations: five of which fall on September 15 alone.The 2026 theme is "Unidos, Somos Más" or Together We Are More. It's a reminder that the strength of our Veteran community, and our country, comes from the range of backgrounds, cultures, and stories that make it up. The Veterans featured this month reflect just a few of those stories, but the theme applies to all of us: we're stronger, and we go further, together.

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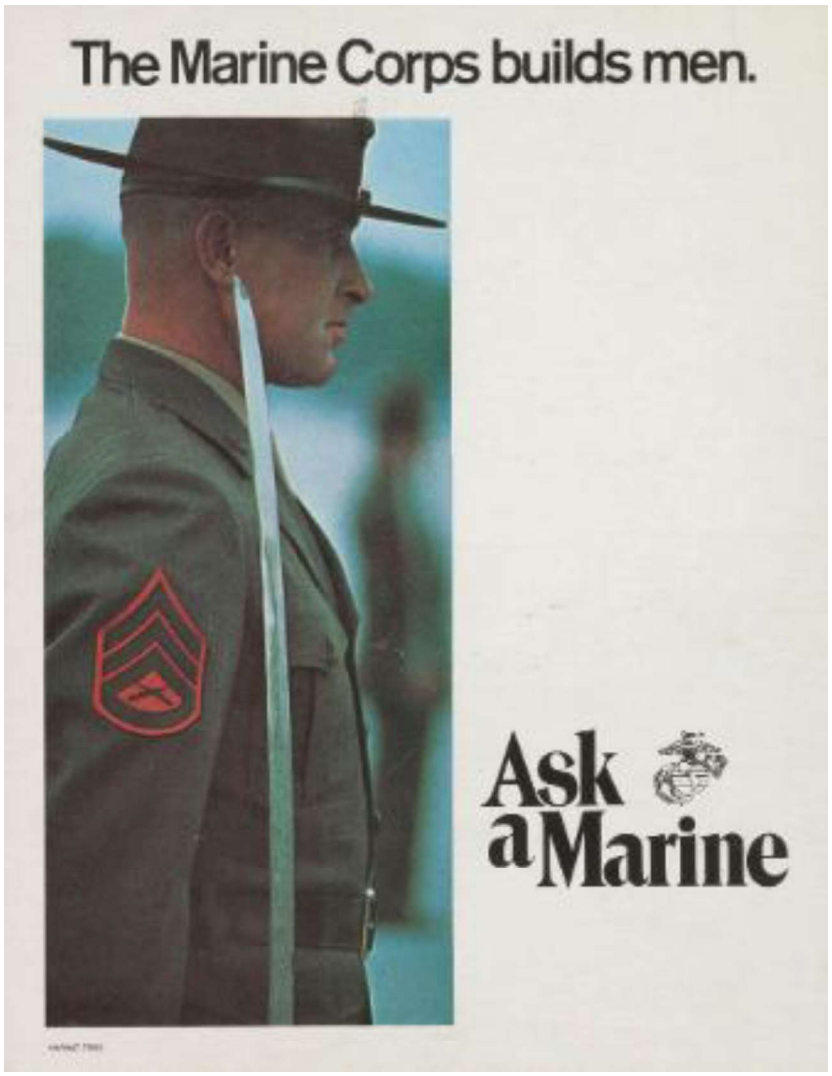
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