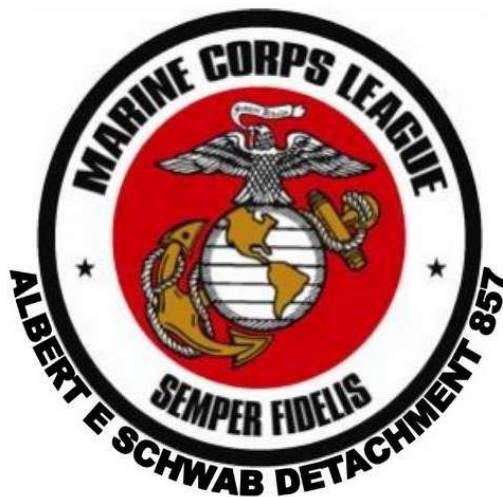




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'All the Scuttlebutt that's fit to print'

Albert E. Schwab Detachment Newsletter 01 Oct 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.

MARINES WAITING FOR NOVEMBER 10TH



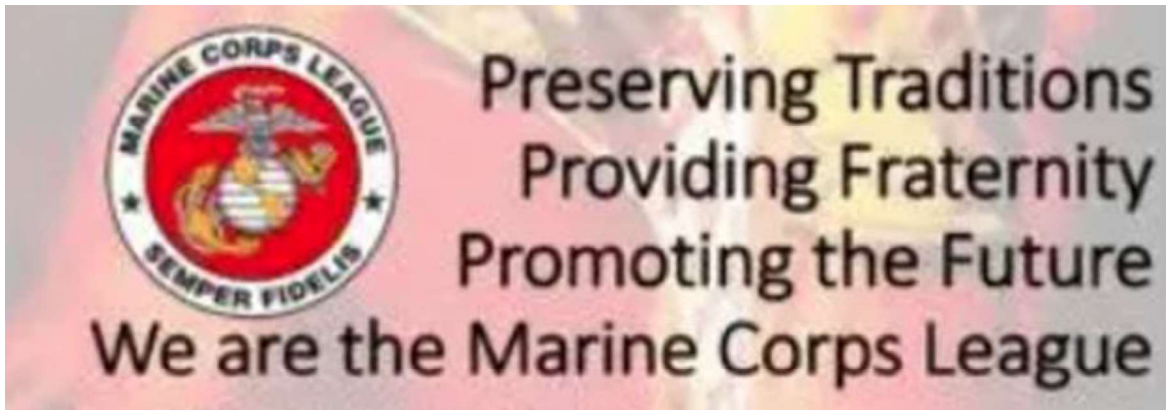
You can become a **Member** (Marine Veteran or FMF Navy Corpsman)
or
an **Associate Member** (Veteran of another branch or non-Veteran)
[CLICK HERE](#) for the Detachment's web page for more information
or contact

Junior Vice Commandant Chris Campbell (918) 951-6955

WE WANT YOU!



PFC Albert E. Schwab - Medal of Honor Recipient
Tulsa International Airport



Based in over 1,100 communities in 50 states

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Schwab Detachment Membership By The Numbers:

58 Regular Members

75 Permanent Life Members

09 Associate Members

05 Associate Life Members

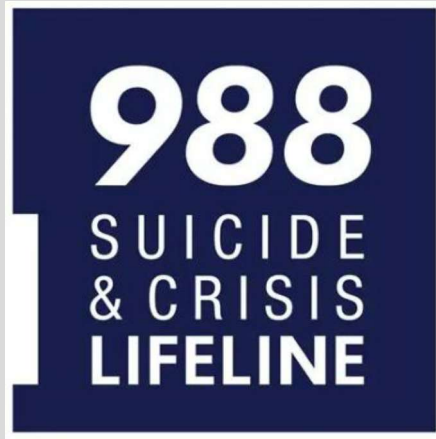
147 Total Detachment Membership

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).

INVEST IN VETERANS TODAY
Help us help Veterans
by donating to the Schwab Detachment
[CLICK HERE](#)



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.

OCTOBER						
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October & November Events

October

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

01 - 11 Oct: Tulsa State Fair

01, 08, 15, 22, 29 Oct: All Veterans Association Gathering

02, 09, 16, 23, 30 Oct: Veteran's Breakfast at Mom's Family Diner

03 Oct: Department of Oklahoma Picnic

03 Oct: Chosin Few Breakfast Social

November

November is National Veterans & Military Family Month

01 Nov: Daylight Saving Time Ends at 0200 Hours

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

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

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

05, 12, 19, 26 Oct: Veterans Breakfast at BBD II Diner

07 Oct: Anniversary of the Hamas attacks in 2023

08 Oct: Tulsa Top of The Town

10 Oct: World Mental Health Day

12 Oct: Cookout at the CVC

12 Oct: Columbus Day / Indigenous Peoples' Day*

13 Oct: Navy Birthday

16 Oct: Oklahoma Veterans Commission Meeting (ODVA)

18 Oct: Tulsa Elks Lodge #946 Veterans Memorial Scramble Golf Tournament

19 & 20 Oct: Oklahoma Warriors Honor Flight

22 - 25 Oct: Tulsa Oktoberfest 2026

23 Oct: 1983 Beirut Bombing Anniversary

24 Oct: Detachment Meeting

25 Oct: Family Day - Broken Arrow Armed Forces Reserve Center

26 Oct: National Day of the Deployed

27 Oct: Navy Day*

27 Oct: Department of Oklahoma Webex Meeting

28 Oct: National First Responders Day

29 Oct: Trunk or Treat - Union Soccer Club

07 Nov: Chosin Few Breakfast Social

07 Nov: Marine Corps Birthday Balls in Tulsa

10 Nov: Marine Corps Birthday*

10 Nov: Marine Corps Birthday Celebration at VFW Post 577

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

20 Nov: Oklahoma Veterans Commission Meeting (ODVA)

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

24 Nov: Department of Oklahoma Webex Meeting

26 Nov: Thanksgiving Day

27 Nov: Black Friday

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

30 Nov: First Sunday of Advent

31 Oct: Halloween

*Official American flag-flying days

October Event Details

American Flag-Flying Days



- 12 Oct: Columbus Day
 - 27 Oct: Navy Day
 - These are official full mast flag-flying days in September; however, the American flag should be displayed every day
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National Breast Cancer Awareness Month (NBCAM) is an annual international health campaign held in October, organized by major breast cancer charities to increase awareness, encourage screenings, and raise funds for research, prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and cure of breast cancer.

Tulsa State Fair

Dates: 01 - 11 Oct (Thursday - Sunday)



[CLICK HERE](#) for the website

STARS, STRIPES, AND STATE FAIR NIGHTS: TUESDAY, 06 Oct

The patriotic celebration honors active-duty military members, veterans, and their families with special recognition, themed entertainment including a LOCASH concert, a Veteran Honor Wall, the Freedom Truck Mobile Museum, and a red, white, and blue fireworks show. Through a partnership with GovX active duty military members and veterans will receive \$2.50 gate admission on October 6 with verification through GovX

Click here to [verify your GOVX membership](#) and receive your one-time-use discount code.

Enter your GOVX one-time-use discount code on the checkout page under "Apply Discount Code."



All Veterans Association Gathering

Date: 01 Oct (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

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



Veteran's Breakfast at Mom's Family Diner

Date: 02 Oct (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 or when the social chairman gets there).

Department of Oklahoma Picnic

Date: 03 Oct (Saturday)



Time: 1000 - 1400 Hours (10:00 am - 2:00 pm)

Location: Glen Collins Memorial Park & Campground
33547-33559 Independence St
Shawnee, OK 74801
[CLICK HERE](#) for Google map

The park is a short 1 1/2 hour drive from Tulsa, and located next to a lake in Shawnee. The facility has all the amenities a person could want.

For the meal, the Department of Oklahoma will supply hamburgers and hot dogs so **bring a side dish and your favorite beverages** to enjoy a relaxing day with your fellow Marine Corps League Members and their families from across the state.

[CLICK HERE](#) to let Vanessa and Brenda know which side dish / condiment / other item you plan to bring

Note: The date was chosen so that no OU or OSU football fan would miss his/her game. Both teams are idle that 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!*

Chosin Few Breakfast Social

Date: 03 Oct (Saturday)

Time: 0900 Hours (9:00 am)

Dress Code: Civilian Casual /
Marine Corps Related Attire

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

Our next Chosin Few Breakfast Social is this Saturday, the 3rd of October at 0900 at the Golden Corral on 21st Street and Memorial in Tulsa.

And just a reminder for all, let the cashier know that you are with the Chosin Few and you won't be charged for your coffee.

And as for our weather forecast, it's anybody's guess, could be raining or could be a nice day in the low 80s!



Northeast Oklahoma's
Chosin Few

Paul McWilliams

918-633-7031



Veterans Breakfast at BBD II Diner

Date: 05 Oct (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

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



Anniversary of the Hamas Attacks in 2023

Date: 07 Oct (Wednesday)

The Hamas-led attacks killed about 1,200 people and took approximately 250 hostages (including 46 Americans) and remains a defining moment in the Israel-Palestine conflict.

The attacks triggered a multifront war in Gaza, Lebanon, Syria, Yemen, and Iran.



Tulsa Top of the Town

Date: 08 Oct (Thursday)

Time: 1800 - 2100 Hours (6:00 pm - 9:00pm)

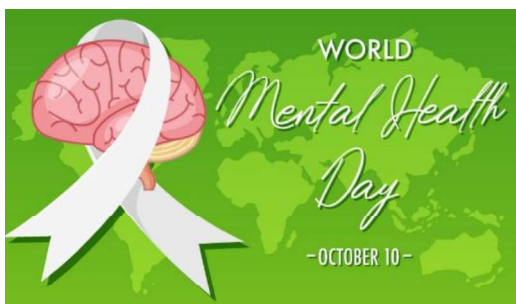
Dress Code: Formal

Location: Downtown Tulsa

An exclusive, roving rooftop experience that invites guests to explore some of downtown Tulsa's most iconic building in a single evening.

This event supports Oklahoma Veterans United's mission to provide housing services, suicide prevention resources, and employment opportunities for Oklahoma Veterans.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the website



World Mental Health Day

Date: 10 Oct (Saturday)



Cookout at the CVC

Date: 12 Oct (Monday)

Time: 1100 Hours

World Mental Health Day is a global observance that highlights mental health as a universal human right and calls for action to ensure everyone can access quality care. It draws attention to the reality that one in eight people live with a mental health condition, often facing stigma, discrimination, and inadequate treatment.

Dress Code: Informal

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



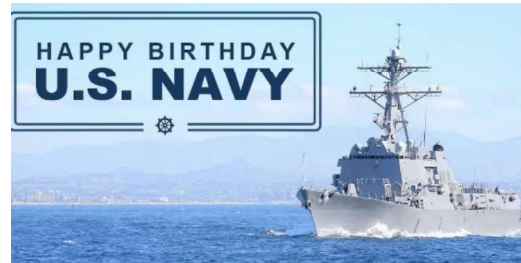
Columbus Day / Indigenous Peoples' Day

Date: 12 Oct (Monday)

Columbus Day is an officially recognized U.S. holiday that takes place on the 2nd Monday in October, and marks the landing of Christopher Columbus, an Italian explorer, in the Americas in 1492.

The observance taking place on the 2nd Monday in October means it coincides with the Canadian holiday of Thanksgiving.

**Full Staff
U.S. Flag Holiday**



Navy Birthday

Date: 13 Oct (Tuesday)

The U.S. Navy traces its origins to the American Revolutionary War. On 13 Oct 1775, the Continental Congress passed a resolution to establish a naval force to disrupt British supply lines and protect American interests at sea, creating the Continental Navy, which later evolved in the United States Navy.

13 Oct was designated as the official Navy Birthday in 1972 by then Chief of Naval Operations Admiral Elmo Zumwalt, and is meant to foster pride, professionalism, and appreciation of Navy heritage.

Unlike Navy Day, which is a public observance, the Navy Birthday is primarily an internal



*celebration for the naval
community.*

Oklahoma Veterans Commission Meeting (ODVA)

Date: 16 Oct (Friday)



Time: 1000 Hours (10:00 a.m.)

Location: ODVA Central Office
2132 NE 36th St.
Oklahoma City, OK 73111

The commission, a nine-member panel appointed by the governor, oversees the state's Veterans Affairs. For more information about the Commission, visit the ODVA website.

Members of the public and media are welcome to attend.



Veterans Memorial Scramble Golf Tournament

Date: 18 Oct (Sunday)

Location: Battle Creek Golf Course
3200 N. Battle Creek Dr.
Broken Arrow, OK 74012

The Schwab Detachment is sponsoring a hole at this year's tournament.

If you'd like to play, it is \$90 per player or \$350 for a team.

For more info contact:
Jennifer Feather
(918) 637-0641
or
Shelly Quattrochi
(918) 230-5300



Oklahoma Warriors Honor Flight (OWHF)

Dates: 19 & 20 Oct (Monday & Tuesday)

Times:
Monday 1500 Hours (3:00 pm)
Tuesday 2100 Hours (9:00 pm)

Locations:
Monday - Hard Rock Hotel & Casino
Tuesday - Tulsa International Airport

Monday afternoon 19 Oct is the send-off gathering & ceremony at the Hard Rock.

Tuesday night 20 Oct is the welcome home celebration.

Zeeco Oktoberfest Tulsa 2026

Dates: 22 - 25 Oct (Thursday - Sunday)



Ranked as the #1 Oktoberfest by USA Today for the 3rd year in a row, the Zeeco Oktoberfest brings bratwurst, over 200 taps of German and local bieren, Bavarian cheesecake and strudel, wiener schnitzel, brats, great music, VIP experiences and thousand of your friends gathered at River West Festival Park in 140,000 square fee of tents, stages and more.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the website

1983 Beirut Bombings Anniversary

Dates: 23 Oct (Friday)

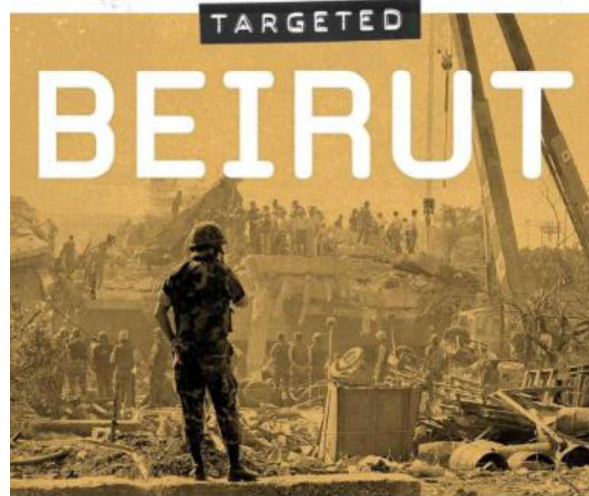


On 23 Oct 1983, two truck bombs targeted buildings housing American and French service members of the Multinational Force in Lebanon (MNF). The MNF was on a peacekeeping mission during the Lebanese Civil War.

The first attack struck the U.S. Marine barracks at Beirut International Airport, killing 220 Marines, 18 sailors, and 3 soldiers, along with 1 Lebanese civilian and 2 attackers, making it the deadliest single-day loss for the U.S. Marine Corps since World War II.

If you haven't read the book below, it is a must-read for anyone who wants to know more about this tragedy.

THE 1983 MARINE BARRACKS BOMBING
AND THE UNTOLD ORIGIN STORY
OF THE WAR ON TERROR



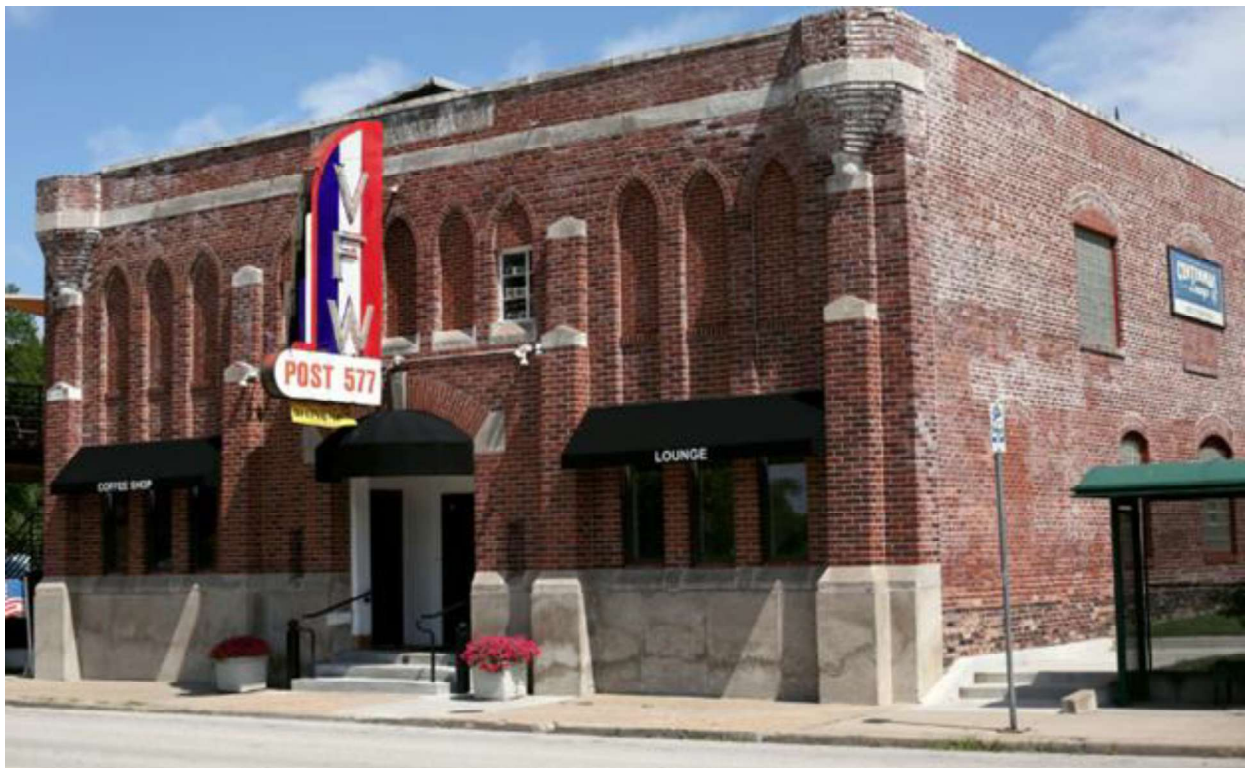
#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

JACK CARR

AND JAMES M. SCOTT

Detachment Meeting

Date: 24 Oct (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)

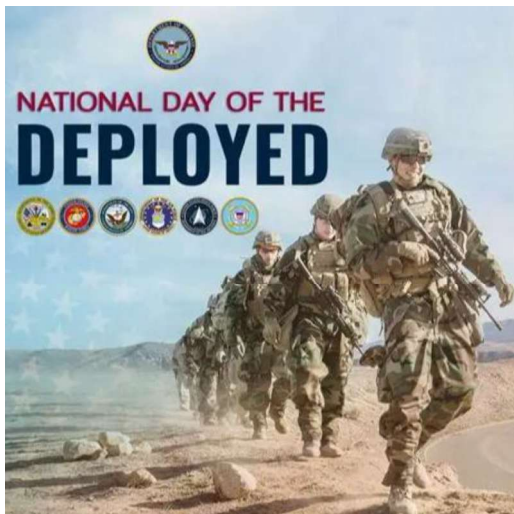
Family Day at the Broken Arrow
Armed Forces Reserve Center
Date: 25 Oct (Sunday)



Time: 0900 - 1400 Hours (8:00 am - 2:00 pm)

Location: Broken Arrow Armed Forces Reserve Center
26401 E. 101st St S
Broken Arrow, OK 74014

The Schwab Detachment will have a table display set up to help the Marines at the Reserve Center understand what the Marine Corps League is all about.



National Day of the Deployed

Date: 26 Oct (Monday)

Observed annually on 26 Oct to honor U.S. service members deployed overseas and the families who support them.

It recognizes the sacrifices of military personnel serving abroad and the challenges faced by their families at home.



Navy Day

Date: 27 Oct (Tuesday)

The Navy League of the United States organized the first Navy Day in 1922, holding it on 27 Oct because it was the birthday of Theodore Roosevelt who was a naval enthusiast/promoter of sea power and former Assistant Secretary of the Navy.

It is a day dedicated to honoring naval forces, their achievements, and the service of sailors.

Navy Day is a public observance, unlike the Navy Birthday which is primarily an internal celebration for the naval community.

**Full Staff
U.S. Flag Holiday**



Department of Oklahoma Webex Meeting

Date: 27 Oct (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.

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



National First Responders Day

Date: 28 Oct (Wednesday)

National First Responders Day recognizes the heroic efforts of firefighters, police officers, EMTs, paramedics, 911 operators, and other emergency personnel who put their lives on the line to protect communities.



Trunk or Treat Union Soccer Club

Date: 29 Oct (Thursday)

Time: 1800 - 2000 Hours (6:00 pm - 8:00 pm)

Location: Union Soccer Club Complex
3801 S. 136th E. Ave.
Tulsa, OK 74134

To donate candy, you can bring it to the October meeting or to the event.

The trunk is set up at 1700 Hours (5:00 pm) and it is done at the Union Soccer Club Complex. If you want to help with the set up, contact Jean Jones (918) 978-5999 or jeanmjones12@yahoo.com



Halloween

Date: 31 Oct (Saturday)

Halloween is a celebration observed in many countries on the eve of the Western Christian feast of All Hallows' Day. It starts the remembrance of the dead, including saints (hallows), martyrs, and all the Christian faithful departed.

Halloween has become a celebration of horror and is associated with the macabre and the supernatural. Popular activities include trick-or-treating, Halloween costume parties, carving pumpkins into jack-o'-lanterns, lighting bonfires, apple bobbing, playing pranks, visiting haunted attractions, telling frightening stories, and watching horror Halloween-themed films.

Recap of September Events

03 Sep Sallisaw Veterans Home Open House



Front of Facility (left) and Nursing Stations (right)

Taking a tour of the ODVA's newest Veteran facility, the Sallisaw Veterans Home in Sallisaw, OK, was an opportunity to view the newest and best-equipped location the state has to offer. The Home provides the scope of care normally associated with a skilled nursing care operation.

The building can house 175 Veterans, with only 64 residing there now. To qualify, generally a Veteran must have been discharged under conditions other than dishonorable and be disabled by age, disease, or otherwise.

To find out if someone qualifies, contact the ODVA at (405) 523-4092.

05 Sep Chosin Few Breakfast Social



Henry Bodden was the Guest Speaker and delivered an informative presentation on the Battle of Iwo Jima.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the photos and captions he used

09 Sep Oklahoma Veterans Forum



(Pictured Left to Right)

Daniel Orr, ODVA Chairman and Marine Veteran

Rodney Russo, Veterans Experience Supervisor - Veteran Health Administration in Muskogee

Jay Bynum, ODVA Executive Director and Retired Navy Rear Admiral

Heather Schafer, VA Public Contacts Coach - Veterans Benefits Administration and Retired Marine

An Oklahoma Veterans Forum was held at the Elks Lodge in Tulsa with 4 speakers leading the discussions. Jay Bynum, the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs (ODVA) discussed the organization's 4 primary areas of operation:

- Services - All things having to do with Veteran services. This includes VA claims from start to finish, including legal services
- State Approving Agency (SAA) - Provide oversight over all institutions offering education or training in Oklahoma who want to participate in the educational benefits of the GI Bill
- Veteran Memorial Affairs - Managing the 2 state-run cemeteries in Oklahoma
- 7 Veteran Homes operated by the ODVA - Skilled Nursing Facilities with 1,104 current Veteran resident, approximately 1,900 employees, and a \$220M annual budget

The ODVA, working with the Veterans Administration, is working to become a 'One Stop Shop' for Veteran services in Oklahoma. The goal is to become the source where a person can call the main phone number (405) 523-4000 and be directed to the best resource available to help with his/her issue. ODVA also understands that not all Veterans are tech savvy, so ***the phone will continue to play an important role*** in addition to its website and other electronic tools.

Mr. Bynum also announced that a *Veterans Advisory Board* will be developed by the end of 2026 to work towards the goal of building a working network of Veteran Service Organizations.

**Be Advised:
Dan Orr and Jay Bynum of the ODVA
plan to attend the 251st Marine Corps Birthday Ball in Tulsa**

[CLICK HERE](#) for the ODVA website

[CLICK HERE](#) for the Veterans Benefits Administration website

[CLICK HERE](#) for the new Oklahoma Veterans Resources website

12 - 13 Sep Oklahoma Gun Show



David O. won the Henry 357 rifle featured in our most-recent raffle.

This 12-13 Sep 2026 weekend resulted in \$640 of net revenue, which brought the total net revenue from March to September for this rifle to \$2,698.

A big shout out for working this show to:

- Scott Williams
- Bob Pittman
- Mike Chancellor
- Tom Frisch and
- Greg Walseth

13 Sep Feeding the Marines at the Broken Arrow Armed Forces Reserve Center



Jean Jones lead the charge at the lunch served to 130 Marines during the latest meal at the Armed Forces Reserve Center in Broken Arrow.

Schwab Members who worked the lunch:

- Vincent
- Chris
- Vanessa
- Brenda
- Marcus
- Travis
- Michael
- Rick

18 - 20 Sep Scotfest



Scotfest 2026 was not a Marine Corps related event, but how could we not include a photo like this?

26 Sep Detachment Meeting



New Regular Members and Associate Members (left to right)
Zachariah DelaCruz, James Salsman, John D. Marshall, David Howell,
Harmony Marshall (Associate), and Jessica DelaCruz (Associate)

Some of the Topics Discussed:

- Nominations for Detachment Officers open in October and close in November
- Nominations for Marine of the year and Associate Member of the Year will open in November, and need to be submitted in writing to Bob Pittman no later than 0900 Hours at the January Detachment Meeting
- Marcus Flores discussed the rifle detail and honor guard.
- Chris Campbell discussed the video interviews he is doing for the Lost Art Project
- Department of Oklahoma picnic is 03 Oct in Shawnee, OK
- The Toys for Tots website will go active the 1st week of October
- The float will be in the Veterans Day Parade in Tulsa. We haven't yet decided on the Broken Arrow parade

- Vanessa indicated she has some white shirts available on the rack, and the orders for hoodies and other orders are due in soon
 - Woody Crear was back in person after being on the Chaplain's Report
 - Volunteers are needed for upcoming gun shows
 - Birthday Ball update was provided. 218 tickets sold so far
 - Toys for Tots update provided by Chris Schutte
 - Joe Menninger is again collecting candy for the CVC at the October Detachment Meeting
 - Cookout at the CVC is Monday 12 Oct from 1100 - 1300 Hours
 - George is going to Depew, OK to present 2 certificates to Eagle Scouts
 - Family Day for the Anti-Tank Unit is 25 Oct 2026
 - Still looking for more VA clinic volunteers
 - Mike Coager will soon start working on the social media sites for the Detachment
 - David Osborne was the recent rifle raffle winner. A new Henry 3030 will be the next rifle. There was also discussions for other types of rifles for future raffles
 - Christmas Party and Officer Installation will be on Saturday 05 Dec in Bixby
 - Veterans Day Parade and Route 66 100th Birthday are both on Wednesday 11 Nov
 - Schwab Detachment is hosting the 2027 Department of Oklahoma Conference 10 - 13 June 2027
 - Schwab Detachment is hosting the 2028 Southern Division Conference
 - Discussions for hosting the 2029 National Convention, with a vote scheduled in October to decide if we will do so
 - The Membership approved a vote to pay for past due Membership dues for some Members not at the meeting. Vanessa knows who they are
 - Discussed shoes for the soccer club again this year. Union Soccer Club will have a Trunk or Treat on 29 Oct at 1700 Hours
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The Union Soccer Club is collecting shoes to give to 3rd world countries.

Shoes can be dropped off at the Union Soccer Club Complex at 3801 S. 136th E. Ave, Tulsa, OK, or given directly to Jean Jones.

The shoe drive runs from 01 Oct - 31 Oct 2026.

Questions? Contact Jean Jones cell (918) 978-5999 or email jeanmjones12@yahoo.com

Transition Assistance Program (VA TAP)



DiscoverVA | Transition Programs

An official website of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

This VA program provides information, resources, and tools to service members and their loved ones to help prepare for the move from military to civilian life.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information and the VA TAP course catalog

2026 Marine Corps Birthday Ball in Tulsa



Date: 07 Nov 2026

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

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

Tulsa, OK 74136

[CLICK HERE](#) for Google map

Purchase Tickets: [CLICK HERE](#) to

- purchase ticket(s) at \$70 per person
- select your table and seats
- select your meal(s)

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

Room Rate is \$110 per night

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



**2026 Veterans Day Parade
&
Oklahoma Route 66 Centennial Celebration**



11 Nov 2026 Timeline:

0700 - 0800 Hours: Veterans Day breakfast, VFW Post 577

1100 Hours: Tulsa Veterans Day Parade, downtown Tulsa

1300 - 1700 Hours: Walkable downtown options, including Woody Guthrie Center, 108 Contemporary, Bob Dylan Center, Living Arts of Tulsa, 101 Archer, Greenwood Rising, Thomas K. McKeon Center for Creativity, OKPOP Museum, Cain's Ballroom and Guthrie Green

1300 - 1700 Hours: Centennial "crawl" with stops at Woody Guthrie Center, 108 Contemporary, Bob Dylan Center, Living Arts of Tulsa, 101 Archer, Greenwood Rising, Thomas K. McKeon Center for Creativity and Guthrie Green

1530 Hours: King Cabbage Brass Band at street party

1615 Hours: Inspyral Circus at street party

1630 Hours: King Cabbage Brass Band at street party

1700 Hours: The Centennial Moment

1730 Hours: VIP party (tickets \$66) at OKPOP

1800 Hours: Bob Wills' Texas Playboys at Guthrie Green

1900 Hours: Wilderado at Cain's Ballroom

Department of Defense
Morale, Welfare and Recreation Libraries



The DoD Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Libraries are transforming to combine resources and efforts of the five branches of the service (Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, and Space Force) to deliver the highest value of online library services to DoD Service members and families.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the DOD MWR homepage

[CLICK HERE](#) for the Marine Corps Community Services homepage

Army-Navy Game

12 Dec 2026



Kickoff: 1400 Hours (2:00 p.m.)



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.

**2027 Marine Corps League
Southern Division Conference
12 & 13 Mar 2027**



Marine Corps League 2027 Southern Division Conference

The Marine Corps League's Southern Division Conference is coming to Little Rock, Arkansas, on March 12-13, 2027. This is an exciting opportunity for Marines and Marine Corps League members from across the Southern Division to come together for a weekend of fellowship, camaraderie, and League business.

The conference will bring together members from Arkansas, Texas, and Oklahoma, giving us a great opportunity to meet fellow Marines, renew old friendships, make new ones, and share stories and experiences from our time in the Corps. Of course, there will also be plenty of opportunities to socialize, have some fun, and enjoy the brotherhood and camaraderie that makes the Marine Corps League special.



2027 Southern Division Conference

Hosted by:

The Department of Arkansas

The Department of Arkansas is excited to invite you to the 2027 Southern Division Conference. Come and join us. Be part of the change.

Time and Dates:

March 12th, 2027 @ 0800

March 13th, 2027 @ 0800

Location:

Moose Lodge

4000 E Kiehl Ave
Sherwood, AR 72120

Preferred Hotel

Holiday Inn Express & Suites

2350 Wildwood Avenue
Sherwood, AR 72120

To Make Reservations, Call 1 (501) 833-5006

Inform them you are with the Marine Corps. League

Lodging Rate: \$113.00 per night plus tax

Complimentary Breakfast Included

Contact Us: 1 (501) 849-8505 or sdconf2027@mcl1323.org

More Information: <https://www.mcl1323.org>

Hello Everyone,

I'm excited to invite you to the 2027 Southern Division Conference, to be held March 12–13, 2027, at Moose Lodge in Sherwood, Arkansas.

I've attached the Member Flyer for distribution to Southern Division members. We welcome **ALL** Marine Corps League members to attend and look forward to having you join us for this special event.

Thank you for your time and support. We look forward to seeing you at the conference!

Semper Fi,
Chris McDonald
Commandant, Dale W. Langford, Detachment 1323.

Oklahoma Department of Veteran Affairs (ODVA)



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25 Sep Oklahoma Veterans Commission Meeting

[CLICK HERE](#) for the meeting Agenda

[CLICK HERE](#) for the **Posturing for 2047** initiative. This is a brief overview of the ODVA's long term vision for the Oklahoma Veteran community

[CLICK HERE](#) for the **ODVA Financial Update as of 09.25.2026**. This document includes Operational updates, as well as Veteran Homes occupancy rates as of 09.25.2026.

Next Oklahoma Veterans Commission Meeting:
Date: 16 Oct 2026 (Friday)
Time: 1000 Hours
Location: ODVA Central Office
2132 NE 36th St
Oklahoma City, OK 73111

Members of the public and media are invited to attend.

[CLICK HERE](#) for info on the ODVA's Memorial Affairs Post 22 Event held in Ardmore, OK on 22 Sep 2026

VA and Other Veteran News



[CLICK HERE](#) for the
VA Veterans Newsletter September 2026

[CLICK HERE](#) to read the Press Release on more than 250.000 new Veterans have enrolled in VA Healthcare in 2026

[CLICK HERE](#) to read how Telehealth therapy helped a Veteran find healing with dignity

[CLICK HERE](#) to explore the VA's virtual mental health resources

[CLICK HERE](#) to learn how talking circles are reaching American Indian and Alaska Native Veterans

[CLICK HERE](#) to read the article on the VA dedicating Nevada's first national cemetery

[CLICK HERE](#) to learn more about the MOVE! Weight Management Program that helps Veterans stay engaged

[CLICK HERE](#) for the VA Press Release on President Trump's executive order that means faster access to VA healthcare, benefits than ever before

[CLICK HERE](#) to read about the Veteran trust in VA maintaining 4 straight quarters above 80%

[CLICK HERE](#) for the VA article on how the VA helped a Veteran reclaim his hearing and his life

[CLICK HERE](#) to read about Navy nurses training with the VA to better serve Veterans

[CLICK HERE](#) for the VA Press Release on 3 million disability claims being processed in record time - again

[CLICK HERE](#) to read the VA article on how Telehealth is bringing suicide prevention care to every Veteran

[CLICK HERE](#) to learn how a therapy dog helped a Veteran in crisis

[CLICK HERE](#) to learn that Veterans can use their VA-guaranteed home loan benefit more than once

[CLICK HERE](#) for the VA Press Release on the VA awarding \$1.17 billion in grants to fight Veteran homelessness

[CLICK HERE](#) for the VA article 'Close to Me' that brings cancer care closer to rural Veterans

[CLICK HERE](#) to read the VA article on the 'my Social Security' account

[CLICK HERE](#) to learn how the Federal EHR speeds up prescriptions for traveling Veterans

[CLICK HERE](#) for the VA Press Release on the move to strengthen informed consent transparency for Veterans

[CLICK HERE](#) for the Fraud Alert article

[CLICK HERE](#) for the VA Press Release: VA awards \$112 million in suicide prevention grants

[CLICK HERE](#) for the VA Press Release: VA released the 2026 annual Veteran suicide prevention report, updated with 2024 data

[CLICK HERE](#) to read about the VA awarding Optum Serve a 10-year contract up to \$30 Billion to manage community care dental work

YouTube Videos

[CLICK HERE](#) for the VA's YouTube educational series

[CLICK HERE](#) to learn how the Department of Labor Resources helps Veterans build strong careers

[CLICK HERE](#) to watch the Choose VA Guide to Enrolling in VA Eastern Oklahoma Health Care

[CLICK HERE](#) for the VA YouTube video on colonoscopy preparation - a clean colon saves lives

VA



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

National Cemetery Administration

VA Burial Benefits



Your VA Memorial Benefits Follow You—Even to a Private Cemetery

Choosing a final resting place is a deeply personal decision. Whether you choose a VA national cemetery or a private cemetery, eligible Veterans and their families may receive important VA burial and memorial benefits.

Your choice of cemetery does not mean giving up the recognition and honors you've earned through your military service.

Learn what benefits you may be eligible for at a private cemetery—including a government-furnished headstone, marker or medallion, a burial flag, Presidential Memorial Certificates, and a **Veterans Legacy memorial page**—and how to plan ahead.

Private funeral home and cemetery directors share how memorializing a Veteran's service is a meaningful part of burial at private cemeteries in this powerful new video.

[CLICK HERE](#) to watch the video

Are You Eligible for VA Burial and Memorial Benefits?

Apply now to see if you're eligible. The online pre-need application takes less than 10 minutes and can help you:

- Ensure your final wishes are honored
- Bring peace of mind to your family



[CLICK HERE](#) to complete your Pre-need Burial Eligibility Application Now

Learn More

You can find additional information, such as the new "**VA Memorial Benefits**" flyer on the NCA web page <https://www.cem.va.gov/veterans-and-families>.

Questions?

To speak with someone who can answer any questions you may have about your benefits, please call the VA Benefits Hotline at 1-800-827-1000. The office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. ET.

Stay Informed



Subscribe to receive NCA email updates about burial and memorial benefits.

[CLICK HERE](#) to subscribe for more VA Burial Benefits Info

VA Health and Benefits App



VA Caregiver Support



Free Online Program Offers Support for Caregivers of Veterans

When Renee's husband returned from active duty with a traumatic brain injury post-traumatic stress disorder it was tough. As a result of increased caregiving needs, She wasn't taking care of herself. She felt isolated and wasn't connecting with others. Through Building Better Caregivers®, she learned to pause, breathe, and lean on practical tips and the support of others to navigate her days with more confidence.



When you join Building Better Caregivers, you'll get:

- Techniques to improve communication with your loved one and handle stressful situations.
- Tips on balancing your own life and caring for your Veterans.
- An understanding and safe place where you can share and let it out.
- Other caregivers that support one another and offer solutions to the same challenges.
- Access to education and support from trained leaders.

Join us. You might just come away with a new support system. Learn more and sign up [here](#).

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 the article on how a woman Veteran found that music therapy helped her heal from PTSD

[CLICK HERE](#) for information on the Virtual Talking Circle for Women Veterans

[CLICK HERE](#) for Women's Health Transition Training

[CLICK HERE](#) for VA Women's Health Reengagement Training (heaRT)



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

Welcome to the Voice! We know Veterans are busy, and finding the right information shouldn't feel like another mission. That's why we're bringing together useful VA resources, upcoming opportunities, Veteran stories, and updates you can actually

use- all in one place! Take a look, share what may help another Veteran, and stay connected with the Center for Minority Veterans (CMV).

[CLICK HERE](#) for the CMV Facebook page



*"Joe, yestiddy ya saved my life
an' I swore I'd pay ya back.
Here's my last pair o' dry socks."*

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