

# Kalamazoo Detachment Marine Corps League **The Scuttlebutt** August 2024

## Kalamazoo Detachment's Scouting Youth Outreach Program



On August 6<sup>th</sup>, Bob Hencken and Rich Walsh presented a MCL Distinguished Service Award to the Gen. Benjamin Pritchard Camp 20, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) for their outstanding and integral support of the Kalamazoo Detachment's Scouting Youth Outreach Program.

Over the last 5 years our Marine Corps League detachment has teamed up in providing 15 Eagle Scout Projects where we cleaned and repaired over 1,000 veteran headstones, volunteering over 1,500 hours in cemeteries across Kalamazoo County. These projects not only gave the leadership opportunities to the 15 now Eagle Scouts but was a positive influence to hundreds of other Scouts, family, and friends where we reinforced the values of patriotism and community service while recognizing the service and sacrifice of our veterans.

## Battle Creek VA Palliative Care Breakfast



(photo left) “Bacon master” Larry Sweerin cooking bacon. (photo right) Bob Hencken, Michael Fry, and Rich Walsh. Not only do the volunteers prepare and serve breakfast, they are also in charge of cleaning the cookware and kitchen. For privacy reasons, two patients’ faces are blacked out in the photo.

# Membership Renewal

Annual Notice  
Expires 31 August



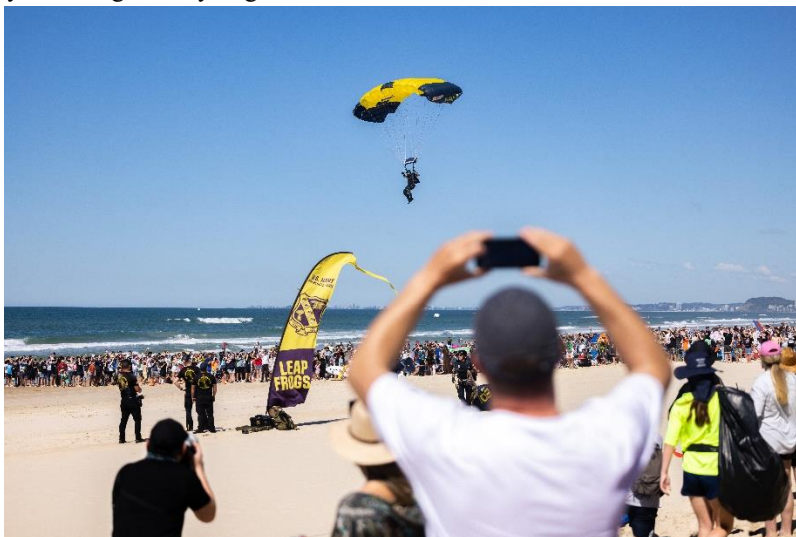
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The August detachment meeting was at the Kalamazoo Growler's baseball game. We didn't have a typical meeting, but instead enjoyed a ball game and camaraderie. Members wore their Red MCL ballcap.

The Kalamazoo Growlers and the Willis Foundation teamed up to present 'Salute To Service Night' at Homer Stryker Field on Thursday, August 8th. The night celebrated family and freedom with military personnel from across West Michigan. Tickets were complimentary and a big thank you goes out to Willis Law, the Willis Foundation and MCL member Mariko Willis.



### **QUEENSLAND, Australia. --**

U.S. Marines with Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 268, Marine Rotational Force – Darwin 24.3, participated in the Pacific Airshow Gold Coast, held along the Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia, Aug. 16-19

The airshow, Australia's premier aviation event, brings the thrill and excitement of aerobatic displays and cutting-edge aircraft to Queensland, Australia's coastline. More than 120,000 spectators filled the beach to witness the aerobatic performances, which featured a diverse lineup of military and civilian aircraft, including stunts, precision flying, parachuting, and powerful jet demonstrations by pilots and aircrews from multiple nations. Story courtesy of Marine Corps News





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# VETERAN'S FAMILY FUN DAY


SUNDAY  
**AUG 25**  
9AM TO 1PM



Join us at Airway Fun Center for FREE food and fun for the whole family! We have reserved the entire facility to celebrate and bring together our Kalamazoo veterans and their families.

**Call or email us to register to attend!**

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