



THE CHATTER

By Mike Till (USMC Veteran)

Veteran Appreciation

Poor Farmer's Opening Season Weekend gives us the opportunity to show our respect and appreciation for the men and women who have served in our country's armed forces. As a fellow veteran, I know what it feels like to sign your name on that dotted line. For me enlisting in the Marine Corps meant joining something bigger than myself, but I didn't understand the entirety of my reasoning until I experienced the brotherhood between U.S. Marines. When your military experience is over, you become part of an even larger brotherhood as a Veteran. Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, and Marines share stories of their time in service. We respect the decision we each made and thank each other for their service. All vets are equal, no matter their experience, their missions, or their sacrifice. All gave some, some gave all.

We hope our veteran neighbors are able to take advantage of this special weekend. We are offering a discounted rate of \$20/night for all veterans. Call us or go to our website: www.poorfarmerrvs.com to make your reservation. Use promo code Veteran20 to take advantage of this offer. From one vet to another, Let's Go Campin'!

Veterans Appreciation Weekend Schedule

- 1st** 7pm **Karaoke w/ Bill Miller!** This will kick off the 2026 Krazyoke Contest for Poor Farmer's.
- 7pm **KUW Wrestling** at the Coachman Shelter!
- 2nd**
 - 9:00am **Ice Cream Breakfast!** Sponsored by Ullery's Homemade Ice Cream. Bring \$ for donation.
 - 1pm **Cornhole Tournament** \$5 entry per team. **Winner-take-all!**
 - 4pm **Candy Bar BINGO** \$.50/card (10 player minimum)
 - 5:30pm **Veteran Dinner Provided by Operation Veteran and Caregiver Support**
 - 7pm **ENTERTAINMENT! STEVEN "CRASH" WORLEY (NAVY VETERAN)**
- 3rd**
 - 1:00pm **Poor Farmer's Golf Scramble** at Lakeland GC in St. Paris. Sign up in the camp store.



New and Improved!

Occasionally, the money you spend to enjoy camping gets spent on something other than Mike's golf habit and Star Wars collection. This year we invested in a few improvements, both functional and aesthetic, like our new sign.

The two biggest expenditures are the new roof on the office and the WIFI set-up through the campground. The roof took a day, the WIFI is taking a bit longer due to the overall cost of the equipment and the time it takes to get it online. We have phase one complete which supplies internet to most everyone on the main side of the creek. Now we just need to get through the trees.

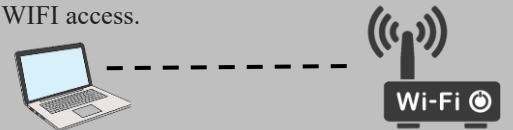


F.B. Wise Builder's Roofing replaced the roof on our office this Spring. They did a great job in just one day and we are pleased with the work they did. If you would like to contact them, the number is (937) 440- 9473.



Our mascot "Carl" now graces the entrance of Poor Farmer's on this wonderfully made sign by Quint's Signs of Piqua. The frame for this sign was built by our own Tim Fields, who did a remarkable job. As you exit the campground, Carl is there to say "Thank You & Safe Travels" along with some friendly reminders.

As we supply different areas of the campground with WIFI, we will be offering it for free while we finish. So, some of you will have it and some won't for periods of time. As you use the WIFI, please let us know how it is working. Once we have the campground covered and working at maximum efficiency, we will have small WIFI receivers that you will be able to purchase to allow you a clean and strong internet connection. Overnight campers will receive a password for their WIFI access.



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The Marines



The 3rd Annual MCAS Tustin PMO Reunion was the last weekend in April. We were blessed with beautiful weather and a grand total of 25 Marines from every corner of the country. There were Jarheads from California, Texas, Florida, Louisiana, New England, Minnesota and one Marine from the Philippines.

For one weekend we slap our Lance Corporal chevrons back on our sleeves, teleporting us to that magical place we all served at together, MCAS Tustin in beautiful southern California. The USMC's best kept secret... until we shut it down in 1999.

I served at Tustin from January of 1995 to July of 1998. My entire enlistment after Boot Camp and MP School was served there. I was fortunate enough to work with almost every Marine in the picture to the left, and even more, to be able to stay connected with them today.

Last year our beloved Corps turned 250 years old. Since we weren't all together last November, we decided to celebrate the Marine Corps Birthday. My good friend, and fellow Marine MP BJ Curtis, hosted the ceremony at his family farm southeast of Troy.

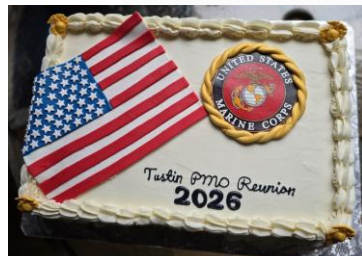
There we watched the Commandant's inspiring birthday message, recognized the oldest Marine (Michael Johnson-77) and youngest Marine (B.J. Curtis-46) with a cake cutting, and to close we enjoyed *Amazing Grace* and *The Marines Hymn* played on violin and bagpipes. Talk about goosebumps! Once the ceremony was complete, we held a Texas Holdem' tournament which was won by Tony Paone.

One thing you need when you have a meeting of Marines is food. I would like to thank Steve Clark for smoking the tri-tip, Jeff and Shelby Argrave for bringing the supplies and ingredients for a crawfish boil, and BJ for the well putt together baked potato bar Friday night. Most of all I would like to thank Grandma Springer for inviting us into her home for a hardy spaghetti dinner, assisted by Larry Maples and Steve Clark. You are everyone's Grandma.

If you were camping during this weekend, you would have heard our group doing one thing that all Marines love to do... shoot our guns. During our shoot, I organized a pistol competition which was won by Matt Steffens, recently retired from The Hennepin County Sheriff Dept. in Minnesota after 28 years of service.

I would like to personally thank every Marine that made the journey to Poor Farmer's. There is no better place on Earth to gather a group of Marines that served at a magical place like MCAS Tustin, than a magical place like Poor Farmer's.

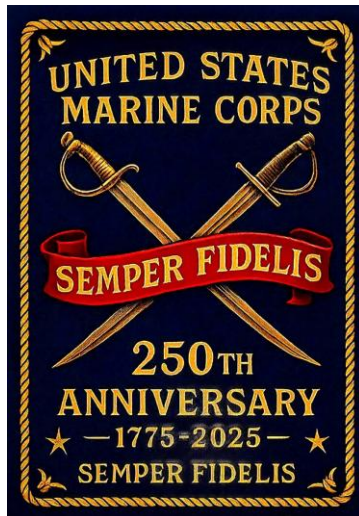
Thank you to Mom and Dad for letting us have this time. Thanks to my staff, the campers, BJ & Melissa, and most of all, my wife Andrea. She works hard to make this happen and knows that for one week of the year, I may be present, but my mind is at MCAS Tustin with my Marine Corps brothers and sisters. Love you babe!



This beautiful cake was designed and made by my good friend Tiffany Maxson.



Oldest and Youngest cutting the cake



A special thanks to Mike Peacock, Steve Clark and Larry Maples for the fireworks show. Each year you cap off our time together in the most amazing fashion. Most of all thanks to Mike's sister who lets him bring the good stuff.





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Memorial Day Weekend Schedule

May 22nd – 25th

Friday, May 22nd

8pm- *New Event* *Euchre Tournament* \$5 entry

Saturday, May 23rd

10am- Golf Cart Show, Obstacle Course, and Parade \$5/driver. Awards will be given before the Blind Auction.

6pm- Spaghetti Dinner.
Sign-up in the Parts Store by May 16th.

7:30pm- Blind Quarter Auction

Sunday, May 24th

2pm- 13th Annual Poker Run. No cost. Meet at Camp Office.

4pm- Patriotic BINGO \$.50/card (10 player minimum)

7pm- 80's Themed Karaoke. Dress like Pat Benatar or any other 80's fashion to add points to your *Krazyoke* score.

Monday, May 25th Memorial Day!

1pm- Fletcher Parade Meet in the front lot at noon with your golf cart to be in the parade with us.

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June 4th - 7th

September 17th - 20th

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Flea Market Only spots will be available at
8am on Monday before the show.

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- Kiddie Tractor Pull
- Food Vendors
- RV Sales Deals
- Blacksmith Shop

Poor Farmer's Tractor & Engine Show has been a staple in Miami County for over 50 years. Every Spring and Fall we offer you a taste of the past, mixed with flavors of today. We have over 70 reservable campsites from which you will be able to set up and sell your fleas, as well as over 30 vendor-only sites. Food vendors will have a variety of options for lunch, dinner and dessert. The Miami County Antique Power Association will entertain us with tractor pulls on our lighted pull track, and their display of antique tractors will teleport you into the past. Get your reservations in now before campsites fill up!





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SITE OF THE MONTH

Site #217 Bill and Lora Long

The first Site of the Month for 2026 belongs to Bill and Lora Long. Their efforts to create a serene, peaceful campsite have been noticed. The site is adorned with a small colorful flower bed that welcomes you to their space. A swing and picnic table provide plenty of seating for friends with a nicely placed firepit in the back for roasting marshmallows. The campsite's centerpiece is a beautiful Salem fifth wheel. Thanks to Bill and Lora for creating a little slice of heaven within a little slice of heaven. For your efforts, you will receive free dumps for the month of May or if you are signed up for yearly dumps you will get a \$50 Poor Farmer's gift certificate.



2026 5K RUN/WALK FOR AUTISM AWARENESS

Amy Miles has organized this event for many years and has done a great job with it. She has helped raise thousands of dollars to donate to Autism Awareness. An organization whose goal is to create awareness about Autism and better ways to understand what we can do to support those with Autism.

Those who live in the spectrum, are not less... they are different. As the parent of an autistic son, Autism Awareness has helped me with understanding what the spectrum is and what I can do to change my way of thinking to better help communicate, inspire, and ultimately, increase my son's quality of life.

Thanks to all who participated in the 5K and to those who helped to manage the event. Most of all, thank you to the sponsors. If not for you, we would not have raised the money needed to spread awareness.



- **The Bitcoin network is launched as the first block of the digital currency.**
- **Al Gore's book "An Inconvenient Truth" wins a Grammy Award**
- **U.S. Navy rescues captain Richard Phillips, killing three pirates and capturing a fourth**
- **Video game Minecraft is first released to the public while still in development**
- **General Motors files for Chapter 11 bankruptcy in the fourth largest bankruptcy in US history**
- **Coordinated bombings in Baghdad, Iraq, kill 127 people and injure 448**
- **US President Barack Obama accepts the Nobel Peace Prize in Oslo**
- **Microsoft releases Windows 7**