



ASHLAND OPTIMIST CLUB
Meeting Saturday Mornings @ 7:30 A.M.
Optimist Drive, Ashland, MO 65010

July 31, 2021

"You cannot do all the good the world needs, but the world needs all the good you can do."

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COMING UP

Board Meeting:

August 12, 2021 7:00 p.m.

**TAKE A MINUTE TO REMEMBER
 THOSE WHO MADE US STRONG:**

- Carroll Sapp – 1987
- “Buddy” Glascock – 1988
- William Burnett – 1992
- Remus James – 1994
- Ron Marley – 1997
- Cecil Vaughn – 2001
- Billy Jo Sapp – 2004
- Marvin Sappington – 2004
- Arcie Sapp – 2005
- Kenneth Nichols – 2006
- Lahmon Wren – 2007
- Joe Smith - 2009
- Jimmy Jo Calvin- 2009
- Bob Sappington – 2010
- Clifford Caldwell-2013
- Mel Rupard-2013
- Ernest Woods—2013
- John Johnson—2013
- Michael Dalton--2013
- Jim Moore--2016
- Carl Long--2016
- Don Jones-2017
- Clay Austin-2017
- Sharon Donley-2017
- Ben Nieman- 2017
- Nick Kimbler- 2018
- Barbara Perry- 2018
- Jacob Zagorac- 2019
- Joy Woods- 2021

**Next week: Breakfast: Aug. 7- Bern Bonderer, John Travelos, and Robert Blake
 Program- Brian Flowers with Missouri Conservation**

Bernie Bartel provided a tasty breakfast this morning with help from Ernie Stewart. which was enjoyed by our regulars and Mary Dewey, who is the Lt. Gov. for Zone 2.

Our program was provided by S/Sgt Dylen Hale and Lt Nathan Butcher. They started with some history and information about the Marine Corps, The Marines started on Nov. 10, 1775 to provide Guardsmen for naval forces. during the Revolutionary War. The Marines now provide assistance on land and in the air, in addition to on the water. The Marines are used for peacetime activities, as well as being utilized during times of war. Their present motto is "A certain force for an uncertain World".

Because the Marine Corps believes that a better education makes for an even more capable Marine, there are different paths that Marines can take to receive an education. Lt Butcher went straight to college through the Navy ROTC program at University of Missouri. To be qualified, a candidate must meet all of the physical fitness requirements of a full duty Marine and achieve high enough test scores. In addition, once they are accepted into the ROTC program, the student must keep up with all of their coursework. ROTC does not pay for college classes and remaining in the ROTC program is not automatic. There are no specific degrees preferred for the ROTC program, but STEM (Science, Technology, Electronics, and Math) degrees may help officers in the future.

Another option is the E2O program. This is for soldiers who have been full-time Marines that decide to go back to college after already serving as enlisted. This is the path that S/Sgt Hale is currently on. Because he was already on active duty, he was eligible for the MECEP (Marine Corps Enlisted Commissioning Education Program), which allowed him to attend a four-year college full-time, while maintaining active-duty status and pay. Some of the qualifications include the regular fitness requirements as well as having your application submitted by an Officer Selection Officer.

After the speakers had finished speaking, they drew for the Attendance drawing, with Ernie Stewart being the winner. Since it was the last meeting of the month, the Poker Pot was also awarded, and it went to Bernie Bartel.

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