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Detachment/Auxiliary Meeting

The next monthly meeting will be at the Navy Operational Support Center/Marine Corps Reserve Center, 2101 Alcoa Hwy., on Tuesday, 2/25/2014. Social hour begins at 1730 followed by a business meeting starting at 1830.

Detachment Officers **Commandant**

Laimon Godel (865-566-4949)

Junior Past Commandant

Virgil Young (865-675-4004)

Senior Vice Commandant

Lee Rhinemiller (865-474-9249)

Junior Vice Commandant

Howard Raines (865-577-4745)

Adjutant

Eric Nash (865-693-5711)

Paymaster

Jeff Tegzes (865-988-6247)

Chaplain

Leroy Brown (865-806-2837)

Judge Advocate

David Cates (865-548-4088)

Sergeant-at-Arms

Jim Williams (423-337-0120)

New Editor Needed Now

After four years of dedicated service as our newsletter editor, Roy Ashley retired in December. The detachment is in great need of his replacement. This issue is an abbreviated one prepared by a few of your officers. We need a volunteer. What is needed most is short articles that the editor can insert into the newsletter. As editor, all that is needed is to place the content in the template. Volunteer now by giving Laimon a call at 865-566-4949

Officer Election in February

If you would like to be considered for one of the Detachment's elected officer positions, please contact Junior Past Commandant Virgil Young at (865) 414-9550 or at vlyoung@chartertn.net before the election. However, remember at the 25 February meeting you can also make nominations from the floor. We already have some officer nominees but still need a nominee for Detachment Senior Vice Commandant and Detachment Judge Advocate. Both of these positions require very little time on your part so now is the time to step up and call Marine Young before they are taken.

Here is the current list of nominees:

Det. Commandant Candidate – Howard Raines

Det. Senior Vice Commandant – OPEN

Det. Junior Vice Commandant – Russ Dineen

Det. Paymaster – Jeff Tegzes

Det. Judge-Advocate - OPEN



Commandant's Message

-By Laimon Godel

Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow. Was that from a song or is there someone out there making us cancel our January meetings? Best I recall this is the first time we had to cancel both the detachment and officers meetings in January because of snow and icy road conditions. If this keeps up I am going to go back to the studied tires I used when I lived in the mountains of West Virginia. Just a reminder, if Knox County schools have closed for the day **and the weather has not changed to**



eliminate icy roads, our meeting will be cancelled.

Sign up now for the March 15, 2014, Dine In. Tickets are available on our website. The festivities will start at 6:00 pm (1800) with an open bar. The ceremony will commence at 7:00 pm (1900); with the seating of the Guest of Honor and the Mess President. After the Mess President has recognized Past Detachment Commandants, Distinguished Guest and our veterans, dinner will be served. After dinner the Guest of Honor will speak. The Detachment and the Auxiliary awards will be presented to the recipients. After the appropriate toasting is completed, the Mess President declares that the fun can begin. I hope you will be able to attend this fun event.

Young Marines

OF THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

By: Virgil Young

In January 2014, Registered Adult Leaders (RALs) from the Lt. Bonnyman Unit took the unit's first step toward starting a unit rifle team by attending a two-day NRA Rifle Coach Level I course. Some North Knoxville Unit RALs will also attend the same course in the near future. Now, we are scheduling a Range Safety Officer course to make sure that we have enough people trained to run a safe rifle competition. Also in January, some of the RALs and YM from the Lt. Bonnyman Unit sold yard flags at the RK Gun Show at Chilhowee Park. We made a lot of good contacts there and raised some needed funds. Each unit would like to have a unit rifle team up and running in

time to participate in the Regimental Rifle Match scheduled for August at the Civilian Marksmanship Program range in Anniston, AL.

Both units held their Parent Orientation meetings on 1 February and signed up kids for their 2014 Recruit Classes. The Lt. Bonnyman Unit Recruit Training will start on 22 February and the North Knoxville Unit will begin its Recruit Training on 1 March. It looks like both units will have smaller Recruit Classes than in the past.

As required by our Registered Adult Manual, RALs from each of the units held their elections in

February to elect a Unit Commander and Unit Executive Officer to take office on 1 March and serve for a two-year term from that date. The RALs in the North Knoxville Unit elected James R. (J.R.) Scott, a Marine father of one of the unit's Young Marines, as the new Unit Commander and elected Charles M. (Monty) Walker as the new Unit XO. The RALs of the Lt. Bonnyman Unit re-elected me as the Unit Commander and re-elected Joe McCarter, Sr. as the Unit XO.





Marine Corps League Auxiliary

By Connie Sexton

Greetings to all members. We missed the last meeting. Misty was ready with cookies so she and I will make cookies for Feb. We missed the elections and installation of officers so we will do that at this meeting. Don't forget that the Dine-In is coming up March 15. The VA Hospital at Johnson City has sent a letter covering current business and it indicates that the VA clinic in Sevierville will be expanded in the near future.

The selection of Unit Person of the Year will also be made at the February meeting. Please submit any recommendations to Gen, Charlotte, or myself.

See you at the meeting.
Connie Sexton, President



The Marine Corps War Memorial, also called the Iwo Jima Memorial, is a military memorial statue outside the walls of the Arlington National Cemetery, in Arlington, Va. The memorial is dedicated to all personnel of the United States Marine Corps who have died in the defense of their country since 1775.

Let us not forget that ferocious battle fought from 19 February to 26 March 1945 and the Marines who were there. It was 69 years ago.



By: Howard Raines

Easter is not Far Away

The next safety break will be Easter weekend, April 18, 19 and 20, 2014. It seems like a long time but it's time to start planning for the year ahead.

Winter is on the way, or is it here? You know it could be worse. It could get cold, or even colder! Snow covered everything with a white coat of beauty. The kids were sliding on the hills and making snow men or snow angels. Don't forget the old silk hat that made Frosty come to life. Go ahead, let your imagination go, its all in fun. Pick your shift now and let me know at the February meeting.

Veterans' Diseases Associated with Agent Orange

VA has recognized certain cancers and other health problems as presumptive diseases associated with exposure to Agent Orange or other herbicides during military service. Veterans and their survivors may be eligible for benefits for these diseases. Only those diseases that did not require onset within one year of exposure are listed here.

AL Amyloidosis A rare disease caused when an abnormal protein, amyloid, enters tissues or organs

Chronic B-cell Leukemias A type of cancer which affects white blood cells

Diabetes Mellitus Type 2 A disease characterized by high blood sugar levels resulting from the body's inability to respond properly to the hormone insulin

Hodgkin's Disease A malignant lymphoma (cancer) characterized by progressive enlargement of the lymph nodes, liver, and spleen, and by progressive anemia

Ischemic Heart Disease A disease characterized by a reduced supply of blood to the heart, that leads to chest pain

Multiple Myeloma A cancer of plasma cells, a type of white blood cell in bone marrow

Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma A group of cancers that affect the lymph glands and other lymphatic tissue

Parkinson's Disease A progressive disorder of the nervous system that affects muscle movement

Prostate Cancer Cancer of the prostate; one of the most common cancers among men

Respiratory Cancers (includes lung cancer) Cancers of the lung, larynx, trachea, and bronchus

Soft Tissue Sarcomas (other than osteosarcoma, chondrosarcoma, Kaposi's sarcoma, or mesothelioma) A group of different types of cancers in body tissues such as muscle, fat, blood and lymph vessels, and connective tissues

March Calendar



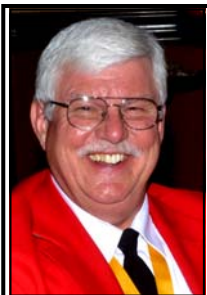
3rd MODD Growl
 12th Officers Meeting
 15th Marine Dine In
 18th Marine Breakfast, Loudon
 25th Marine Breakfast, Oak Ridge
 25th MCL/Aux Meeting
 26th Marine Breakfast, South
 31st Medal of Honor: A History
 Premier Screening

**Always check the
 online calendar at
www.MCLknox.org for
 the latest up to date
 dates, times and loca-
 tions of meetings**



April Calendar

9th Officers Meeting
 15th Newsletter Deadline
 15th Marine Breakfast, Loudon
 22th Marine Breakfast, Oak Ridge
 23th Marine Breakfast, South
 29th MCL/Aux Meeting



Chaplain's Message

-By Leroy Brown

Greetings to Everyone

How about all this snow. Hope everyone is staying warm and safe.

Several of our members are still on the sick list. Put them on your prayer list and also remember our troops.

If I can be of assistance let me know. 865-806-2837 or 865-816-7980 lbrown2222@aol.com

Semper Fi

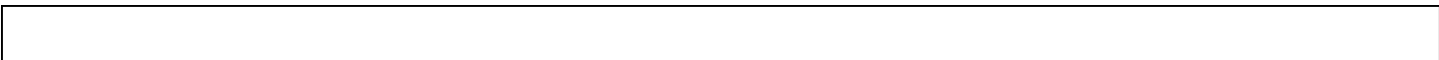
Leroy Brown

Devil Dogs Set 2014 Schedule

At their December Growl the Smokey Mountain Pound, Military Order of the Devil Dogs set their schedule for 2014. So before you curl up by the fire for the winter don't forget to mark your calendar for next year's growls that will be held on **March 3rd**, June 2nd, September 8th and December 1st. All growls will be held in Knoxville at Calhoun's Restaurant on Bearden Hill.

There will also be MODD Growls at the Southeast Division Conference in March and the Department of Tennessee Convention in June. And don't forget that

2014 is the 75th Anniversary of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs and there will be a special dog tag issued to those that attend the Supreme Growl at the August National Convention in Charleston, West Virginia.



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Have you ever been convicted of a felony? () YES () NO *If yes is checked, I agree to waive my rights under the Privacy Act and disclose the nature of my felony conviction for consideration of membership in the Marine Corps League.*

I hereby apply for membership in the Lt. Alexander Bonnyman Detachment, Marine Corps League, Department of Tennessee, and enclose \$28.00 for one year's membership that includes a year's subscription to the Marine Corps League quarterly magazine.

I certify that I am currently serving or have served honorably in the U. S. Marine Corps, on active duty, for not less than ninety (90) days and earned the Eagle, Globe and Anchor,* or have served or am currently serving in the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve and have earned not less than ninety (90) Reserve Retirement Points or that I have served or am currently serving as a U. S. Navy Corpsman who has trained with Marine FMF Units in excess of ninety (90) days and earned the Marine Corps Device or Warfare Device worn on the Service Ribbon authorized for FMF Corpsman. If discharged, I am in receipt of a DD Form 214 or Certificate of Discharge indicating "Honorable service." ("Honorable Service" will be defined by the last Form DD 214 or Certificate of Discharge that the applicant received). *General discharge under Honorable Conditions is acceptable.* By signature on this application, I hereby agree to provide proof of honorable service/discharge upon request. I hereby authorize the National Executive Director, Marine Corps League to obtain an un-redacted copy of my latest DD Form 214 from the Marine Corps custodian of Official Military Personnel Files (OMPF), and/or verification of honorable service if deemed necessary to verify my eligibility for regular membership in the Marine Corps League. I understand the DD Form 214 may contain information such as military awards, training, and character of service.

*(Korean War Era Marines See National Bylaws, Article 6, Section 600)

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