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Detachment/Auxiliary Meeting

We meet monthly on the last Tuesday of the month at the Navy Operational Support Center/ Marine Corps Reserve Center, 2101 Alcoa Hwy (rt129) Knoxville TN 37920. Social hour begins at 1730 followed by a business meeting starting at 1830.

Detachment Officers

Commandant

Howard Raines (865-577-4745)

Junior Past Commandant

Nolan Sharbel (865-694-4111)

Senior Vice Commandant

Lee Rhinemiller (865-414-3460)

Junior Vice Commandant

Russ Dineen (865-680-3208)

Adjutant

Eric Nash (865-693-5711)

Paymaster

Laimon Godel (865-566-4949)

Chaplain

Leroy Brown (865-806-2837)

Judge Advocate

Virgil Young (865-675-4004)

Sergeant-at-Arms

Scott Bailey (865-765-6644)

From the Commandant



Here we go into another year and much to do. **Get Ready.**

This month we elect Detachment Officers. You must be at the meeting on the 27th to vote. We will also discuss new business for the year.

On January 26 and 27 we will be at a meeting of the Tennessee Veterans Business Association (TVBA) at the Holiday Inn at Worlds Fair Park. C'mon down and spend a few minutes getting acquainted. We will be looking for new members, meeting veterans, and talking to Knoxville business representatives.

Our first Safety Break is Easter weekend, April 3, 4, and 5.

Mud Run isn't until September, but its time for all members to volunteer for a committee to work through the Mud Run.

Our annual Dine-In is just around the corner, February 21st. It is a sit-down dinner to present awards and enjoy a night of fun and camaraderie. Get your tickets at MCLKNOX.ORG. See you there for the fun!

The Young Marines have a new bus for their outings. Thanks to Larry Winters, it is ready to roll, wrapped with Marine and Young Marine stickers to clearly identify it. Thanks Larry for all the hard work.

Congratulations to Tyler Ward, our Young Marine of the Year for the Southeast Division. I was proud to present him this award on the 10th of January and recognize his hard work. We are looking forward to his future accomplishments.

And the last line:

Numbers:

A chapter in the Bible, a score in a game,

The distance in a trip, the letters in a name,

The days in a year, and minutes in a day,

Such Regimented lines, and all the memories along the way.

GUEST SPEAKER AT THE JANUARY MEETING: SPECIAL AGENT EDWARD REINHOLD

Edward Reinhold is currently the FBI Special Agent in Charge of the Knoxville Field Division. SAC Reinhold served in the Marine Corps for six years, including time as an infantry officer in the 2nd Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment. After completing FBI New Agent Training in 1987, he was assigned to the Las Cruces Resident Agency of the Albuquerque Field Division. In 1997 he was promoted to a Supervisory Special Agent position at FBIHQ in the Criminal Justice Information Services Division. In that position, he supervised the Education/Training Services Unit, responsible for training law enforcement agencies throughout the world. In 2000, he assumed duties as the Supervisory Senior Resident Agent in the Augusta, Georgia Resident Agency where he supervised all investigations in Southern Georgia. In 2007, he was promoted to Assistant Special Agent in Charge of the Omaha Field Office where he oversaw all criminal, cyber, and administrative matters within the Division. In 2012, he was transferred again to FBIHQ and promoted to Section Chief of the National Name Check Program, where he led a team of 300+ employees in the conduct of over 4 million name checks annually. In 2014, he was promoted to his current position in the Knoxville Division where he is responsible for the conduct of all investigations in the eastern 41 counties of Tennessee.

SAC Reinhold is married and he and his wife, Mary, have a daughter, Caitlyn.

SAC Reinhold will speak to the Detachment during the social hour of the January meeting. He will talk about his time in the Corps and what is going on with the FBI in East Tennessee.

The election of Officers will be held at the January meeting

The 2015 Officer Nominating Committee proposes the following nominees for calendar year 2015 on behalf of the Lt. Alexander Bonnyman Detachment No. 924.

- Detachment Commandant_____ Marine Jim Williams**
- Detachment Vice-Commandant___ Marine Lee Rhinehart**
- Detachment Jr. Vice Commandant_ Marine Scott Bailey**
- Detachment Paymaster _____ Marine Laimon Godel**
- Judge Advocate _____ Marine Virgil Young**

The by-laws require that nominations are to be solicited from the floor of the regular monthly meeting. Only members with up to date dues may vote!

MCL Mid-winter Conference

Park Marriot, 311Fairview Park Drive, Falls Church ,VA, 22042

The room rate is \$99 per night, single or double. Please make your reservations directly to the hotel no later than January 12, 2015 Phone number .. [703-849-9400](tel:703-849-9400)

YOUNG MARINES REPORT BY VIRGIL YOUNG

During December, each of the Knoxville-area units worked on separate activities related to the Christmas Holidays. The North Knoxville Unit collected toys and funds for Toys for Tots at the Clinton Wal-Mart, the Halls Wal-Mart, and Big Lots. They also had 2 collection boxes at Norwood Elementary School and another at the Powell Middle School. In all, they collected 6 buggies of toys and a little over \$1,300 in donations to turn over to the Reserves.

Young Marines and Registered Adults of the Lt. Bonnyman Unit worked on Wreaths Across America this year. They sold wreaths as a fund-raiser during the fall and then helped with parking and with wreath distribution after the ceremony on 13 December at the new Tennessee Veterans Cemetery on Gov. John Sevier Highway.

Both units are now focusing on recruiting for our 2015 Recruit Classes. We will each have an Orientation Meeting on Saturday, 7 Feb., for interested parents and kids to learn about our program. The Lt. Bonnyman Unit's Orientation Meeting will start at 1000 (10am) at the Navy/Marine Corps Reserve Center, 2101 Alcoa Highway. The North Knoxville Unit's Orientation Meeting will start at 1700 (5pm) at the Halls-Powell Boys & Girls Club, 1819 Dry Gap Pike. Each unit will conduct its own Recruit Training, starting in late February/early March and graduating in April. If you know any parents who might be interested in getting their children into one of the recruit classes, please have them attend one of the Orientation Meetings.

Our new YM Bus is now basically ready for use, though we're still waiting for one minor part from Freightliner as well as a seat to add in the "Navigator" position. I have attached several photos of it – note the YM decals we added. We currently have two Registered Adults who are qualified to drive it (it requires a TN Commercial Driver's License plus a Passenger Endorsement) but I and others will be taking the written and driving tests to get the required licenses/endorsements in the near future. My goal is to have about 6 Registered Adults licensed and able to drive the bus. In the next several months, we'll be using it for such things as to transport our Rifle Team to practices. Our first major excursion with the bus is probably going to be taking a full load to the TN Regiment Field Meet in Smyrna in late April.

**ANNUAL DETACHMENT AWARDS**

The Detachment Marine of the Year and Semper Fidelis Awards will be presented at the Detachment Dine-In on February 21. All past Marine of the Year award recipients will meet at 1730, prior to the January Detachment Meeting, to select the 2014 MOY recipient. All past Detachment Commandants will meet at 1745, prior to the January Detachment Meeting, to select the 2014 Semper Fidelis Award recipient.

Howard Raines, Commandant



Marine Corps League Auxiliary

By: Connie Sexton, Unit President

January and a new year is here. Last year was rough for us. We lost Jean Marie, Ruby, and Brenda. It was wonderful to see the many Auxiliary members and Detachment members who came to Brenda's funeral. We will miss her sorely. The Detachment will miss her too. She did a great deal of work for the picnic, pistol and rifle matches, etc. She was always there for the gatherings, events, and work details. There will be a Memorial Service at the January meeting for Brenda.

I want to thank the members who helped with the Wreaths. We were able to join the Henson family laying a wreath for Ruby on the day of Wreaths Across America. Thank you to all the members who participated; Kathy Winters, Patty Mullins, Jayne Taylor, and also to Ollie and Ruby Stewman, Virgil Young, Frank Waller, and George Sexton. We put wreaths out for the Bonnyman Memorial and Gordon Bonnyman at Highland Memorial, Bill Gerst at Lynhurst, Jim Ferrell at Highland South, and several on the graves with no wreaths, Marines at Lyon's View. Ralph Lewis at Lyon's View also had no wreath so we covered that as well. In addition we sent wreaths for Mitchell Stout and Buddy White at Virtue. Thanks especially to Kathy Winters and Bernie Koprince for making it happen and to Jayne Taylor for the idea for the project.

Elections will be finalized this month. We need to discuss the Convention in June which will be held at Pigeon Forge. Smoky Mtn Detachment will be looking to us to help with their hospitality room. Cookies will be by Eric Nash's daughter Whitney.

Connie Sexton, Unit President

DETACHMENT CHAPLAIN



Greetings to All

It is with sorrow that I report the loss of Marine Tommye Kelly, Marine Charles Blackmore, and Brenda Williams, Auxiliary Member and wife of Marine Jim Williams. We also lost Marine David McMillan's Mother Mary Margaret Ballard ("Miss Mom" McMillan). Our condolences and Prayers to the families.

Mattie and I delivered Christmas fruit baskets to Ted Bernard, Sidney Stetson, and the Ben Atchley State Veterans Home.

Marines, I need to be notified when something happens to anyone in our Marine Families.

I would like to thank Connie and George Sexton and Jim Williams for all the help with the Chaplains duties.

Remember our Marine families who have lost love ones, those who are sick, and our troops in your prayers.



2015 Marine Mud Run is scheduled for Saturday, September 26, 2015. Registration to open March 1.

Preliminary 2015 Marine Mud Run meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 27 at 1630 at the Navy Marine Operations Center, Conference Room. Every effort will be made to hold time to 30 minutes - once around the room.

All 2014 committee chairs, interested volunteers, and curious souls are invited to attend.

February Calendar	
Officers Meeting 6pm	11
MCL Mid Winter National Staff conference	12-13
Newsletter Deadline	15
Tanasi Breakfast 9am	17
Dine In 5:30 pm	21
South Knox Breakfast	23
Detachment Meeting	24

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



March Calendar	
Devil Dog Growl	2
Officers Meeting	11
Newsletter Deadline	15
Tanasi Breakfast	17
SE Division Conference	26-29
South Knox Breakfast	30
Detachment Meeting	31

DEVIL DOGS SET 2015 GROWL SCHEDULE

At the December Growl, the Smokey Mountain Pound, Military Order of the Devil Dogs, set their schedule for 2015. Before you Dogs curl up for the winter, mark your calendars for this year's Growls: 2 March, 1 June, 31 August, and 7 December. All Growls will be held at Calhoun's Restaurant in Bearden Hill at 1800 hours.

There will also be a Growl at the Southeast Division Conference, 26-29 March at the Hilton/Altamonte Springs, 350 S. Northlake Blvd., Altamonte Springs, FL 32701 and at the Department of Tennessee Convention, 18-21 June, at the MainStay Suites, 410 Pine Mountain Rd, Pigeon Forge, TN.

ENHANCED NEWSLETTER

This newsletter is also available at MCLKNOX.ORG, The Detachment web site. Just click on the "Newsletter" link and you will be able to turn pages with a click of a mouse. By doing this we will be able to include more information and when there are photos they will be in color. The newsletter link is there and there are past Newsletters. Take a look; I am sure you will enjoy what you see.

QUANTICO BUS TRIP

Volunteers are needed for a Trip Committee to plan and coordinate the Quantico bus trip approved by the Detachment. All costs are to be paid by the members participating in the trip and will be determined by the Trip Committee. Three members should be sufficient to share the burden. Who will step up and head the committee to make this trip happen?

Howard Raines, Commandant

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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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