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MCLknox.org

Detachment and Auxiliary Meetings

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.

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FINAL HONORS FOR MARINE RUSS DINEEN

Our Junior Vice Commandant, Marine Russ Dineen was laid to rest on 28 January at the Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery. Members of the Detachment participated in the funeral service and provided full military honors for Russ and his family. Marines of the I-I Staff of D Company, 4th CEB also participated in the ceremony. During his short time with the Detachment, Russ provided a joyful presence and a willingness to serve at every opportunity. We will miss him and pray for his family.



Semper Fi Russ!

HONOR AIR FLIGHT SET FOR 15 APRIL

The next Honor Air flight to Washington D.C. for WW2 and Korean War Veterans will be on 15 April, 2015. Applications are available online at honorairknox.com. **None of our Korean War or WW2 League Members should miss this trip!** Lets get the word out to our members and families ASAP.

FROM THE JR PAST COMMANDANT'S CLOSET

My last line.....

Since February of last year I have acquired many memories. I only remember the good ones. Thank you to all who worked so very hard over the past year.

Howard Raines, Junior Past Commandant



PARRIS ISLAND TRIP

All League members are invited to attend this year's Drill Instructor Reunion from 9 to 12 April. Members attending will be guests of Marine David Hatfield and must provide their own transportation to and from Parris Island and their own hotel accommodations. Reunion events include: Recruit Graduation Ceremony, bus tour of the Depot, Picnic at Elliotts Beach, Cadence Call Contest, Ladies tour of the Women Marine Battalion, and an evening Banquet/Luau. The cost for these events is \$67.50 and reservations must be made by the February League Meeting. Contact Marine David Hatfield for more information.

FOUR DETACHMENT COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

Four very deserving young men and women were awarded college scholarships by the Alexander Bonnyman Detachment. The Detachment Scholarship Committee selected Claire Huffman, Bryce Hatfield, Amanda Furrow, and Elizabeth Box to receive scholarships after a thorough review of all applications. Scholarships are awarded for demonstrated academic performance and a commitment to a four year college degree. Our heartiest congratulations go out to each of the recipients and we wish them the best of luck and continued success in their college careers.

DETACHMENT RIFLE AND PISTOL MATCHES

The 2015 schedule for the Detachment rifle and pistol matches has been set. The Jim Peacock Memorial Pistol Match for center fire and .22 pistol shooters will be held on 11 April. The Jack McGiveny Memorial Pistol Match will be held on 24 October. The William H. Gerst Memorial Rifle Match (M1 & M1A) will be held on 9 May and the Jim Putman Memorial Rifle Match will be held on 10 October. All matches will take place at the TWRA Range on Rifle Range Road. Gates open for shooters at 0715 and close at 0730 for all matches. **Shooters must be on time to get in!** These matches are organized by Marine Jim Williams, Marine Scott Bailey, and Gary Miller. Any questions should be directed to one of these three members.

MARINE MUD RUN SET FOR SATURDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER

Registration is scheduled to begin on 1 March. Marine Nolan Sharbel will continue to serve as the chairman of the Mud Run Committee. The first meeting of the committee will take place at 1630 in the Reserve Center conference room on 24 February, prior to the Detachment meeting. Anyone interested may attend. **It is never too early to recruit Mud Run Supporters from local businesses and organizations.** There is a 2015 Supporter Information Flyer at Knoxmud.org that describes the levels of financial support available. A great selling point is that the names of supporters/businesses will be continuously listed at Knoxmud.org. The Mud Run Facebook page now has over 2,200 "likes"!

DETACHMENT BALL CAPS AVAILABLE NOW

The Supply Officer/Quartermaster, Marine Jerry Moats, has red caps with the Detachment logo available for purchase at the monthly detachment meetings. The cost is \$5.00 and all proceeds go to the detachment general fund. There are plenty on hand, so get as many as you need!



Young Marine Report – by Virgil Young

Both units had a good Orientation Meeting on Saturday, 7 February, for interested parents and kids to learn about our program. However, it's still not too late to register interested children - registration is still open until the 25th of February. Each unit's Recruit Training will begin on Saturday, 28 Feb. If you know any parents who might be interested in getting their children into one of the recruit classes, please have them contact me for registration in the Lt. Bonnyman Unit at (865) 414-9550 or by e-mail at vlyoung@chartertn.net or Barbara Tassej for the North Knoxville Unit at (865-947-9215) or by e-mail at btassej@frontiernet.net.

I was recently appointed by the Division Commander John Gionet to serve as the Assistant Division Commander for the 3rd Young Marine Division, which is one of the six YM Divisions and is made up of a total of 55 units in 5 regiments covering Florida, South Carolina, North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Tennessee. I look forward to working with him to make the 3rd Division the best in the nation.

DETACHMENT 1206 QUANTICO-MUSEUM TRIP

The Smoky Mountain Detachment #1206 is planning a bus trip to Quantico Va. for the weekend of April 24, 2015. We will be taking a 40 passenger bus and would like to extend an invitation to members of the Alexander Bonnyman Detachment and to the Elbert Kinser Detachment to join us on a trip to the "MARINE CORPS MUSEUM" in Quantico. We will leave on a Friday morning, 24 April and return on Sunday night, 26 April. The trip is being set up through a travel agent and the more people that go the cheaper the fare will be. We are still in the planning stage at this time and will send info as we get it set up. If any one has any questions they can e-mail me: smokymtnterry47@gmail.com or call my cell @ [865-742-9959](tel:865-742-9959)

Terry Witt, Commandant Detachment 1206



FINAL HONORS FOR MARINE RUSS DINEEN

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AUXILIARY

February greetings to everyone. We held elections in January and swore the officers in. In the next column a list of officers will be published, Please let me know if you wish to order anything from National office as I am putting together an order now. The Mid Winter Conference in Washington will be over by the next meeting. The Southeastern Conference in Orlando, Florida is March 26-29. Keep in mind that the June Department Convention will be held in Pigeon Forge and will be sponsored by the Smoky Mountain Detachment. We are the closest Unit to them and will need to render all the assistance we can with food for their hospitality room and registration. Any ideas for food please let me know so I can forward a list to them. I would like to see as many members as possible attend the Convention since it is so close.

Most of our members know Bernie Koprince, Gold Star Mother, who has attended our meetings and manages the Wreaths Across America program for the John Sevier Cemetery. Her apartment burned and they lost just about everything including mementos from her son. Please keep Bernie in your thoughts and let's see if any help can be rendered to her.

Cookie schedule for this year: February-Connie Sexton/Betty Little, March-Barbara Voight, April-Susan/Cathy, May-Charlotte Helton, June-Patty Mullins, July-Abbe Tegzes, August-Lois Reiniche, September-Barbara Tassej, October-Ginger Huffman, November-Connie/Betty.

Thanks to Whitney Nash for starting the year off with such great cookies.



Connie Sexton, President

DETACHMENT CHAPLAIN

Greetings Marines and Auxilliary

Marine Russ Dineen departed for his final duty station on January 22nd 2015. Russ will be sadly missed by the Bonnyman Detachment and his many friends and family. Semper Fi Russ.

Mattie and I attended the South Knoxville Marine Breakfast and had enjoyable time. These Breakfasts are fun, so check the Gazette and web site for time and place.



We have several members who are on the sick list and need your prayers and, as always, remember our troops.

If I can be of assistance please call [865-806-2837](tel:865-806-2837). lbrown2222@aol.com

Marine Leroy Brown, Detachment Chaplain

UPCOMING MCL CONVENTIONS

The MCL South East Division Spring Conference will be held 26-29 March in Orlando/Altamonte Springs, Florida. The MCL Department of Tennessee State Convention will be held 18-21 June in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. For more information, see the Department of Tennessee website (link to calendar) at: godel.com/html/mcltn.htm or call Laimon Godel at 865 566-4949.

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

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



April Calendar	
Easter Safety Break	3-5
Officers Meeting	8
Newsletter Deadline	15
Tanasi Breakfast 9am	21
South Knox Breakfast	27
Detachment Meeting	28

DEVIL DOGS GROWL IN MARCH

Scratches from the claws of the Barking Dog:

Listen up all you Devil Dogs. Smokey Mountain Pound, Military Order of the Devil Dogs Growl is on 2 March at Calhoun’s Restaurant in Bearden Hill. As usual, ceremonies will begin at 1800 but come early to enjoy dinner with fellow dogs and, who knows, someone may come up with a sea story or two. Do not forget to bring plenty of bones. For you dogs that have forgotten the way, Calhoun’s is located at 6515 Kingston Pike near the I-40 Papermill Road Exit in West Knoxville.

Do not forget to mark your calendars for 2015 Growls: 1 June, 31 August, and 7 December. All Growls will be held at Calhoun’s Restaurant. 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 Road, Pigeon Forge, TN.

ENHANCED NEWSLETTER

This newsletter is also available in color 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. 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?

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Type of Application- New () Renewal () Type of Membership- Regular Member () Associate () Dual ()

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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Applicant's Signature