

The Bonnyman Gazette is the official newsletter of the Lt. Alexander Bonnyman Detachment #924 Marine Corps League, PO Box 145, Knoxville, TN 37901. Articles and photos are due to the Editor no later than the 15th of each month. The Editor is Jeff Tegzes, ntegzes@gmail.com, (865) 809-1585.

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Detachment & 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 (Rt 129) Knoxville, TN 37920. Social hour begins at 1730 followed by a business meeting at 1830.

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Our newest member, Marine Travis Bryan, transferred from the Blue Ridge Detachment #848 and was sworn in at the July meeting.

DETACHMENT 20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION RESCHEDULED

The Detachment's 20th Anniversary Celebration, originally scheduled for August, has been moved to Saturday, 17 October 2015. Check out the details on page 5 of this issue and make plans to attend.



Larry Baldwin, Life Member!

COMMANDANT'S CORNER

Big Jim is out of town for the National Convention in Arizona and some vacation time out west. He will be back for the next League meeting.

2015 MARINE MUD RUN MEETING

Commencing 1630, 25 August, a Marine Mud Run Meeting will precede the monthly Marine Corps League Meeting at the Navy-Marine Corps Operation Center. Mark your calendars for 0 dark thirty, Saturday September 26, 2015 for the Mud Run.

DETACHMENT CHALLENGE COINS

New Detachment challenge coins will be available at the June meeting for \$10.00 each. The coins are similar to the last coins available and feature the same Lt. Bonnyman and Medal of Honor image.

Always check the online calendar at www.MCLknox.org for the latest information on dates, times, and locations/maps for League meetings and events.



NEW MEMBERS NEEDED FOR THE DETACHMENT HONOR GUARD

The Detachment Honor Guard/Firing Detail is looking for new members to provide honors and salutes at memorial events and funerals. Members must be able to handle the M1 Rifle (9.5 pounds) and will need the League undress uniform (white SS shirt and Dress Blue trousers). Expert training will be provided and no experience (other than Boot Camp) is necessary. Contact Marine Lee Rhinemiller for details.

LT ALEXANDER BONNYMAN'S RETURN AND BURIAL PLANS

We were pleased that Clay Bonnyman Evans, the grandson of Lt. Bonnyman, was able to come to Knoxville for a few days in mid-August to meet with some Detachment members and others who are helping to plan the activities surrounding the return of Lt. Bonnyman's remains to Knoxville. Clay is coordinating all the activities for the Bonnyman family and Berry Highland Memorial is handling the funeral arrangements.

While a lot of the details are still being worked out, it looks like the general outline of the activities that weekend will include: flying the casket in to McGhee-Tyson airport on Friday, 25 September or possibly Thursday, 24 September; a procession from the airport to the funeral home after the arrival; a "Lying in Honor" event during the afternoon of Saturday, 26 September, at which organizations like the Marine Corps League and the Young Marines can present wreaths and other members of the public can pay their respects; a memorial service at the burial site in Highlands Memorial Cemetery on Sunday, 27 September; and an "invitation only" reception at the funeral home for family and invited guests shortly after the memorial service. Two Bonnyman family members who are clergy will lead an ecumenical service and of course, the casket will have a Marine Corps escort by Marines (probably from Marine Barracks, 8th and I) will perform military honors, including a rifle salute. We don't know yet exactly what, if any, role there will be for Marine Corps League members to perform during the memorial service. However, we can anticipate that there will be numerous Marine Corps dignitaries, as well as other military, local, state and federal dignitaries, including at least a few Medal of Honor recipients, attending the various events.

I anticipate having other details to share at the time of our Detachment meeting on 25 August and will certainly have all the event information in time to publish them in the September edition of the Bonnyman Gazette. With the 12th Annual Marine Mud Run falling right in the middle of the Lt. Bonnyman burial events, I can guarantee you that it will be a busy weekend requiring the participation of every Marine Corps Leaguer! Semper Fi!

Marine Virgil Young

DETACHMENT PICTURES NEEDED

Greetings Marines and Auxiliary Members

As you are aware the Detachment is in the planning stage of our upcoming **20th Anniversary Celebration**. We are in need of pictures for a slideshow consisting of various memorable events. Approximate time frame for the pictures would be very helpful. If you have any pictures to contribute to this slideshow, please let Patty Mullins know at 865-579-0859 or patriciam69.pm@gmail.com. If you wish for your pictures to be returned, please make sure you are able to identify them. They will be returned to you at the regular Detachment meeting in October.

Patty Mullins

CHAPLAINS REPORT

Greetings Marines and Auxiliary Members

Remember Master Sergeant F.L. "Gus" Aikens. Gus reported to his final duty station July 21, 2015. He will be sadly missed by family and friends. Semper Fi and rest in peace Gus.

Please remember our troops and our Detachment and Auxiliary members who are very ill. Keep them all in your prayers.

September is coming up fast and we have a busy schedule. We need plenty of volunteers to make our projects work. SO SIGN UP!

If I can be of assistance call 865 806-2837
lbrown2222@aol.com



Semper Fi, Leroy Brown, Chaplain

2015 MARINE CORPS BALL

The 2015 Knoxville Marine Corps Ball will be held on 21 November at the Hilton Hotel in downtown Knoxville. Ticket information will be published when available.



Detachment ball caps are available for sale at League meetings. See the Supply Officer.

MCL AUXILIARY

Greetings to all members and friends. Thank you for your good wishes and prayers regarding my brother John who passed away August 1st. Please join us at the Detachment Picnic on September 19 at Lenoir City Park. If you would, please use the following as a guideline for food at the picnic, that way we should have enough variety:

A-E...casseroles, baked beans, etc.

F-I...salads

J-N...desserts

O-R...fruit salads, watermelon, etc.

S-V...chips and dips

W-Z...finger foods, snacks, etc.



Keep in mind the Mud Run is September 26. Everyone is needed as a volunteer. Be sure you have signed a "Volunteer Waiver" form. See me or Nolan Sharbel to obtain one.

August cookies will be by Lois and September cookies by Barb Tassey. See you at the meeting.

Connie Sexton, Unit President

SHARPS RIDGE VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK NEEDS HELP

Did you know that Sharps Ridge Memorial Park was originally created as a Veterans Memorial Park? The Women Veterans of America has partnered with the City of Knoxville to develop a plan that will clean up and improve the park. Some of the improvements include:

- A new overall Veteran theme throughout the park
- A new stone wall and signage on Broadway
- Clearing the panoramic view
- Improvements to the picnic areas
- Addition of a playground
- Increased parking space
- ADA/Handicap accessibility
- New overlook with flags and veteran monuments

Contact: commander@wvachapter44.org. The next meeting will be at the American Red Cross office on Middlebrook Pike on 27 August. Donate at: go-fundme.com/sharpsridge.

September Calendar	
Labor Day Safety Break	4-7
Officers Meeting	9
Newsletter Deadline	15
Tanasi Breakfast 9am	15
Detachment Annual Picnic	20
Marine Mud Run	26
Bonnyman Burial	27
South Knox Breakfast	28
Detachment Meeting	29

October Calendar	
Jim Putman Rifle Match	10
Officers Meeting	14
Newsletter Deadline	15
20th Anniversary Dinner	17
Tanasi Breakfast 9am	20
Jack McGiveny Pistol Match	24
South Knox Breakfast	26
Detachment Meeting	27

November Calendar	
Detachment B'day Lunch	10
Veteran's Day Parade	11
Officers Meeting	12
Newsletter Deadline	15
Tanasi Breakfast 9am	17
Marine Corps Birthday Ball	21
Bonnyman Memorial	22
South Knox Breakfast	23
Detachment Meeting	24



SCRATCHES FROM THE CLAWS OF THE BARKING DOG

Mark your calendars for the remaining Devil Dog Growls... 31 August and 7 December. All Growls will be held at Calhoun's Restaurant in Bearden Hill. Calhoun's is located at 6515 Kingston Pike near the I-40 Papermill Road Exit in West Knoxville. We meet in the private dining room on the left. Opening ceremonies will begin at 1800. PDD David Hatfield and PDD Jim Williams are representing the Smokey Mountain Pound this month at the National Growl in Scottsdale Arizona.

Frank Waller, Barking Dog

YOUNG MARINES TO PARTICIPATE IN FRIENDS OF THE NRA BANQUET & AUCTION

Our Young Marines will present the colors at the Annual East Tennessee Friends of the NRA Banquet in Knoxville. The Banquet and Auction will be held on 29 August, 2015 at Rothchilds Banquet and Catering. Tickets for the event can be purchased through friendsofnra.org: \$45.00 for single ticket, \$80.00 for couples ticket, \$400.00 for an 8 person table. POC: Jim Yearwood, Yearwood@comcast.com. The East Tennessee Friends of the NRA has supported our Young Marine shooting events with grants totaling \$5000.00 over the last two years and helps carry on the endless fight for our 2nd Amendment Rights. League Members are encouraged to attend. **GREAT FOOD AND GREAT AUCTION ITEMS!**

MEMBERS DUE FOR RENEWAL

The following members are due for membership renewal in September 2015:

John Bell, Rick Fretage, Donald Kimbrel

8 other members are overdue and may be dropped from the membership roles. Are you one of them?

Young Marine Report — by Virgil Young

The Lt. Bonnyman Unit had two big disappointments in July. The first related to my decision to cancel our participation in the Gatlinburg Midnight 4th of July Parade because of the weather forecast of thunderstorms throughout the evening. The Young Marines were really looking forward to participating in the parade but I just was not willing to take the risk of having 30 Young Marines possibly caught in a thunderstorm during the parade with nowhere to go. The second disappointment was the cancellation of our planned weeklong trip to Washington, DC. Unfortunately, our bus driver had to be taken to the hospital early on the morning when the trip was scheduled to start and our back-up driver was out of town working so we had to cancel the trip (the YM bus requires a Commercial Drivers License with a Passenger Endorsement.) The bus driver recovered after a few days in the hospital but we weren't able to reschedule the trip because it was scheduled so late in the summer vacation period for local schools. It would have been an awesome trip and it was a huge disappointment for all of us when we had to cancel it.

On a brighter note, Young Marines from both Knoxville-area units had a great time at the 2015 TN Regiment Leadership Schools in Smyrna, TN from 24-31 July. 7 YM from the North Knoxville Unit and 5 YM from the Lt. Bonnyman Unit participated as students in either Junior Leadership School (JLS) or Senior Leadership School (SLS) and each unit provided two of their senior YM as YM Instructors for the schools. I served as the Schools Director and Lt. Bonnyman Unit Registered Adult Laurie Alford did another amazing job as the Schools Adjutant handling all the administrative details. We ended up graduating 20 students from SLS and 41 students from JLS. YM from 21 Units in 10 states participated as students or YM staff, including 10 of the 11 units in the TN Regiment. In spite of having to contend with the hot weather, brief thunderstorms, and other such challenges, it was a fantastic week for all of us. It certainly added to our reputation as one of the best YM leadership schools in the country.

We're now getting ready for the 2015 TN Regiment Shooting Competition at the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) range in Aniston, AL on 15 August. 5 YM from the North Knoxville Unit and 9 YM from the Lt. Bonnyman Unit will take the YM bus to Aniston on the 14th, stay over night in a hotel, and compete the next day. It should be a fun trip and both units hope to come home with some shooting trophies.

**KNOXVILLE MARINES AND GUESTS ARE INVITED TO
THE SCARLET AND GOLD CELEBRATION
OF**

The 20th Anniversary of the Lt Alexander Bonnyman Detachment

Saturday, 17 October 2015

**1700-2200 at The Grand Ballroom of Rothchild's Catering and
Convention Center, 8807 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, Tennessee**

Attire: Formal (Same as our Dining In)

Cost will be \$25.00

Register on the Detachment Web site through Eventbrite

on or before 13 October, 2015

Be there to share 20 years of memories of our Detachment

THE BONNYMAN GAZETTE

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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 no 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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