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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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DETACHMENT RECEPTION FOR BONNYMAN FAMILY

There are going to be large crowds around the Bonnyman family members at most of the events related to 1st Lt. Alexander Bonnyman's reinterment on 27 Sept. In response to a desire to have some "private time" with the Bonnyman family members for our Detachment members, Auxiliary members and Young Marines, we have made arrangements for a reception with them before the rest of the activities begin. The reception will be held on Thursday, 24 Sept., from 1800-2000 (6-8pm) at Rothchild's Catering, 8807 Kingston Pike.

We are inviting all Bonnyman family members, Detachment & Auxiliary members (and their families), as well as the Young Marines, Registered Adults (and their families) to attend. We know that Lt. Alexander Bonnyman's two surviving daughters, Fran Evans and Alix Prejean, as well as Clay Bonnyman Evans, his grandson, will attend. An invitation to other Bonnyman family members has been extended.

The Bonnyman family did not want a formal, sit-down dinner so we will have an assortment of "heavy" appetizers. Water, iced tea and coffee are free. For other drinks (soft drinks, beer, liquor) there will be a cash bar. This will be an informal event so males should wear trousers and a polo shirt and equivalent dress for women (Wear your MCL red polo shirt if you have one). We will have MCL/Auxiliary/Young Marine display tables showcasing what we have done over the last 20 years to keep Lt. Alexander Bonnyman's memory alive in the Knoxville Community.

We're asking every attendee (except Bonnyman family members) to pay \$10.00 per person to attend to help us keep the cost to the Detachment down. Reservations must be made on line by going to our website (www.MCLKnox.org), click on the blue "SIGN UP NOW" ball and then pick "Bonnyman Reception" from the list. Credit card payment is preferred, there will be no "pay at the door" as we must give a head count to Rothchild's Catering on 21 Sept. so everyone planning on attending must make reservations by 20 Sept.

COMMANDANT'S CORNER

First of all, thanks to all the Marines who have either stood a shift at the coffee break, helped me out at the picnic, helped with the mud run, or attended and helped with the Lt. Alexander Bonnyman events. In other words, this has been a heck of a Month for our Detachment. Thanks isn't enough but that's all I can say or do. I think we have the greatest Detachment in the whole Marine Corps League. It's also outstanding to know that on every November, from now on, when we get together at the Bonnyman Memorial to give honor to our name sake, he will be there with us. This is to the Bonnyman Family; We were proud to have helped in anyway to participate in placing Lt. Bonnyman at his final resting place.

The tally for the Labor Day coffee break was \$1,788.82.

Great work Marines!

Jim Williams, Commandant



BURIAL OF LT ALEXANDER BONNYMAN – by Virgil Young

Below is an up-date on the activities related to the re-interment of Lt. Bonnyman's remains in Knoxville. Some details are still not fixed so watch the local news closely for additional details. I anticipate that all the re-interment schedule details will be published in local newspapers and on local TV stations no later than early the week of 21 Sept. As indicated below, we will send out additional information as we get it. Here's what I know now:

Thursday, 24 Sept. – Detachment 924/Bonnyman Family Reception (see details on front page).

Friday, 25 Sept. – The casket containing the remains of Lt. Bonnyman will be flown into McGhee-Tyson airport on a commercial airliner, though we are still awaiting information about the flight # and time. (We will send out an e-mail as soon as we receive that information.) The Marine Colonel escorting the casket will oversee the dignified transfer of the casket to a hearse from the funeral home; the I&I Staff Marines from the Reserve Center will conduct the transfer. Only a very small number of family members will be allowed in the official party on the tarmac to witness the transfer. A police escort will then lead the official party out of the secure tarmac area for the procession north on Alcoa Highway before turning left on Kingston Pike to the Berry Highland Memorial Funeral Home. Others wishing to join the procession when it comes out of the secure airport area will be able to stage along the road beside the Hilton Hotel at the airport and in the hotel parking lot. The Patriot Riders and others are expected to participate in that procession.

Saturday, 26 Sept. – The casket will be brought to a “Lying in Honor” event that will be at the East Tennessee Veterans Memorial in World's Fair Park. (Parking will be available in the parking lot beside the Museum of Art where we parked in the past for events at the Foundry.) There will be a half-hour-long ceremony starting at 1430 (2:30pm) during which organizations like the Marine Corps League and the Young Marines will present wreaths. Detachment Commandant Jim Williams and several Detachment members who are WWII veterans will present the wreath for our Detachment. Clay Bonnyman Evans, one of Lt. Bonnyman's grandsons, will be the primary speaker. After the ceremony, other members of the public will be able to pay their respects. On display will be the casket with Lt. Bonnyman's remains, the original Medal of Honor presented to Lt. Bonnyman's then 12-year-old daughter, Fran Bonnyman Evans, by Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal in 1947, and several pictures & portraits of Lt. Bonnyman. The “Lying in Honor” event will conclude at 1800 (6pm) or earlier, depending on the number of people who show up to pay their respects. A limited number of challenge coins and buttons commemorating the event will be available for a donation at the ETVMA site but we will also discuss at our 29 Sept. Detachment meeting how you can get one of those mementos if you cannot attend the “Lying in Honor” event.

Sunday, 27 Sept. – There will be a graveside service at the Bonnyman Family plot in the Berry Highland Memorial Cemetery. At precisely noon, a horse-drawn caisson carrying the casket with Lt. Bonnyman's remains will lead a procession from the Berry Highland Memorial Funeral home to the burial site. The procession will include “The President's Own” United States Marine Band and a marching platoon from Marine Barracks, 8th and I, Washington, DC. The procession will take about half an hour to arrive at the burial site. When the casket and the family are in place, there will be a fly-over by Marine aircraft to begin a short ecumenical burial ceremony. Marines from Marine Barracks, 8th and I, will perform the military honors at the service, including the firing detail.

The service is open to the public but no private vehicles will be allowed to park in the cemetery for the service. Starting at 1000 or 1030 (10am or 10:30am), shuttle buses provided by Gentry Trailways Bus Line will pick up people at several area parking lots and shuttle them to the burial site. The shuttle buses will also be running after the service. However, the funeral home is still working on getting approvals to use specific parking lots for the shuttle service. In addition, the 8th and I Marines have asked our Detachment members to help secure certain areas of the cemetery before and during the ceremony, though we don't yet know the details of that request. As soon as we know the parking arrangements and exactly what the Marines want us to do, we will send out an e-mail with that information. However, every Detachment member should plan on attending in his/her red blazer, black trousers, white shirt, black tie, black socks, spit-shined black shoes, and MCL red cover. There will be an “invitation only” reception at the Berry Highland Memorial Funeral Home from 1400-1600 (2-4pm) after the burial service concludes. Our Detachment has been given 15 slots at that reception – let Detachment Commandant Williams know if you would like to be one of those attendees.

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. We have several members who are ill. Remember them in your prayers. Also remember the men and women serving in the Armed Forces.

Thanks to all who worked at the Labor Day Safety Break. You did an outstanding job!

If I can be of assistance give me a call at 865 806-2837 or email at lbrown2222@aol.com

Semper Fi,
Leroy Brown, Chaplain



MCL AUXILIARY

Hello to all members. By now we should be through the Mud Run and the Bonnyman burial ceremonies. Thanks to all who participated. The picnic will be over too which is always a good time with friends. The food is usually great too. Don't forget the 20th anniversary dinner coming up on October 17. We should have a great time looking at all the old pictures and talking about the events that have shaped the Detachment over the years. Hope to see many of you there. The tickets are on Eventbrite. There is still discussion of a separate Ball in Pigeon Forge this year, details to follow.

September cookies by Barbara Tassej. October cookies by Ginger and Jayne.

Hope Barbara Tassej is doing great with the knee, Ginger seems to be doing very well after the transplant.

Welcome to our two new members Joann Bryan and Barbara White.

Keep up the great work everyone. See you at the meeting.



Connie Sexton, President

OCTOBER RIFLE AND PISTOL MATCHES

The Jim Puttman Memorial Rifle Match will be held on 10 October at the Volunteer range on Rifle Range Road in Knoxville. THE GATE WILL OPEN AT 0700 AND CLOSE AT 0730. NO ONE WILL BE ALLOWED IN AFTER THE GATE IS CLOSED. Be there early. You will need 35 rounds to shoot the match with ANY military rifle you choose (no 50 cal). If you want to shoot but do not have a military rifle, the club will let you shoot one of their M-1s. You just have to buy the rounds for this rifle from the club. The Young Marines will be pulling targets so you will not have to go to the butts. Awards will be given. The cost is \$20.00 to shoot the match. All strings of fire will be from the 200 yard line.

The Jim Peacock Memorial Pistol Match will be held on October 24th, also at the Volunteer Range on Rifle Range Road. Registration will start at 0800 and firing will start at 0900. You will need 45 Rounds to shoot the center fire pistol match. If you also sign up for the .22 match, you will need 45 little bitty rounds. The cost is \$20.00 for the center fire match and \$20.00 for the .22 match. Good food will be served at this match, so come out and shoot, eat, and have some fun.

Any questions on either match, call or email Jim Williams [423-337-0120](tel:423-337-0120)---bigjimusc69@charter.net. All kinds of awards will be given out for the winners.

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.

October Calendar		November Calendar		December Calendar	
Jim Putman Rifle Match	10	Detachment B'day Lunch	10	Christmas Breakfast	6
Officers Meeting	14	Veteran's Day Parade	11	Devil Dog Growl	7
Newsletter Deadline	15	Officers Meeting	12	Officers Meeting	9
20th Anniversary Dinner	17	Newsletter Deadline	15	Newsletter Deadline	15
Tanasi Breakfast 9am	20	Tanasi Breakfast 9am	17	South Knox Breakfast	28
Jack McGiveny Pistol Match	24	Marine Corps Birthday Ball	21		
South Knox Breakfast	26	Bonnyman Memorial	22		
Detachment Meeting	27	South Knox Breakfast	23		
		Detachment Meeting	24		

SCRATCHES FROM THE CLAWS OF THE BARKING DOG

Mark your calendars for the remaining Devil Dog Growl on 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.



Frank Waller, Barking Dog

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

MEMBERS DUE FOR RENEWAL

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

Harry Cate, William Dunaway, Kevin Kuklok, Jessie Parker, Darrell Smith

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



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

Young Marine Report — by Virgil Young

Both Knoxville-area units competed in the 2015 TN Regiment Shooting Competition at the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) range in Anniston, AL on 15 August. 5 YM from the North Knoxville Unit and 8 YM (5 team shooters and 3 individual shooters) from the Lt. Bonnyman Unit took the YM bus to Anniston on the 14th, stayed over night in a hotel, and shot the next day. 31 shooters from five TN Regiment units participated in the 4-position competition and the level of shooting was even higher than in previous years. In an awards ceremony after the completion of shooting, the Lt. Bonnyman Unit Team was awarded the 1st Place Team Trophy for the highest total score for the 5 team shooters and the North Knoxville Unit was awarded the 3rd Place Team Trophy. Three of the Lt. Bonnyman Unit Team shooters also won 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place Trophies for high scores among the experienced shooters: 1st -YM/GySgt Seth Gates; 2nd - YM/LCpl Austin Price; 3rd - YM/PFC Christopher Chambers.

The Lt. Bonnyman Unit provided two Color Guards during August; one at the Blount County Commission meeting in Maryville on 20 August and one at the Friends of the NRA Banquet on 29 August. Members of the Unit Rifle Team presented the colors at the Friends of the NRA Banquet, where they also had a display table and answered questions about the Young Marines from the other attendees.



**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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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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