

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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Virgil Young (865) 675-4004

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THREE NEW MEMBERS IN SEPTEMBER

Gregg Crawford (left) and Brian Gard (right) were sworn-in as new members at the September meeting. Gregg is a UT student and served as a LVT mechanic from 2009-2013. Brian is a retired Marine and a former member of the I-I Staff in Knoxville. Our Detachment also received Bob Peal, as a transfer from a detachment in Michigan. Bob served from 1963-1969. Welcome to all three!

COMMANDANT'S CORNER

Marines, we have two more meetings this year and its time to think about what you want for the next year, 2016. We still have a lot to do in the mean time. I hope everyone who went to the Scarlet and Gold Celebration had a great time. Twenty years is our first milestone and I hope there are many more. We have a Pistol Match on the 24th and I hope to see a lot of Marines out for that. Remember, pulled pork will be there for lunch. Then we have November; the Marine Corps Birthday Lunch, Veteran's Day parade and luncheon, and the Marine Corps Ball. Check the web site and sign up for everything you can. Let's have a good November. See you all at the Monthly meeting.

Semper Fi,

Jim Williams, Commandant



ARE YOU A MEMBER?

Are you an active member? The kind that would be missed;
Or are you just content that your name is on the list?

Do you attend the meetings and mingle with the flock;

Or do you just stay at home to criticize and knock?

Do you take an active part to help the work along;

Or are you satisfied to only just belong?

Do you work with your committee and get insight and mix;

Or leave the work to just a few and talk about the "CLIQUES"?

Think this over MEMBER, you know right from wrong;

Are you an active member? Or "DO YOU JUST BELONG?"

POWELL BRIDGE TO BE NAMED FOR KOREAN WAR MARINE

The Connor Road bridge in Powell will be named in honor of CPL Lawrence E. Lett, USMC. CPL Lett was killed in action during the Korean War. The dedication will take place on Tuesday, 27 October at the Sunny View Baptist Church, 808 East Brushy Valley Road, Powell, TN at 10:30. League members are encouraged to attend. The uniform is black trousers, white shirt, tie, and red satin jacket or red blazer.

INCORPORATION OF THE MUD RUN?

During the October meeting, the League membership will be asked to discuss the possibility and desirability of establishing the Marine Mud Run as a separate 501C3 corporation. Incorporation could serve to protect the Detachment from legal actions and separate Mud Run finances from the Detachment budget.

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF SUCCESS

To measure the resounding success for the first twenty years of the Lt. Alexander Bonnyman Detachment, one only needs to look at the statistics since its founding in 1995:

1. In just two years the Detachment grew to be the largest in Tennessee.

2. Unit Awards:

a. Meritorious Unit Commendations
2 Department level awards
2 National level awards

b. National Americanism Awards (Det's with 100+ members)
2 'Gill Gray' awards (best overall through Nation)
2 '1st Place' awards

3. Individual Detachment Member Achievements (Marine Corps League)

a. Department level Commandants
5 members elected
11+ years of service

b. Department level 'Marines of the Year'
6 members selected

c. South-East Division level 'Marines of the Year'
5 members selected

(Note: Since 1995 only 1 other SEDiv. Detachment has had 2 members selected)

4. Individual Unit Member Achievements (Marine Corps League Auxiliary)

a. Department level Presidents
2 members elected
3 years of service

b. Department level 'Members of the Year'
8 members selected

c. South-East Division level 'Members of the Year'
5 members selected

PROPOSED DETACHMENT BYLAW CHANGES

by Detachment Judge Advocate Virgil Young

At the last two monthly staff meetings, the Detachment Board of Trustees reviewed and voted to recommend to the Detachment members some changes to the Detachment Bylaws. Some changes are simple corrections to correct spelling errors but others are more serious. Because detailed explanations would take up too much space in the monthly newsletter, the proposed changes are being presented on our Detachment website (www.mclknnox.org) for review by Detachment members with a short summary of the reason(s) for the change. We will discuss these changes at the Detachment meeting on 27 October. Since our Bylaws require that Detachment members be given at least 30 days to consider any proposed changes, the vote on these proposed changes cannot take place until the November Detachment meeting.



LT ALEXANDER BONNYMAN LAID TO REST IN KNOXVILLE

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

Greetings Marines and Auxiliary Members. The Mud Run was a success thanks to all the volunteers. Lt Bonnyman is finally back in the U.S.A. and was welcomed home by the great state of Tennessee. He was laid to rest in Berry Highland Memorial Cemetery. Honors were provided by the Marine Corps. May he rest in peace. The election of officers is coming up and we need a few good men and women. Several of our members are on the sick list. Remember them in your prayers and also our men and women in uniform.

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



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.

MCL AUXILIARY

Hello to all members and friends. The Bonnyman services are over and wasn't that a tremendous tribute to him? Thanks to all who participated and worked so hard to make it a beautiful and memorable occasion. Patty Mullins took some great photos so we can look at those during the meeting. Deborah Evans, National President and a member of the unit, attended the Lying in Honor and the funeral.

The picnic was great this year. Thanks to Jim Williams and his family and friends who worked so hard on the meats and basics. Everyone had a great time and all the food was wonderful, as usual. The Mud Run is over and did better than expected. Thanks to all the volunteers.

The 20th Anniversary Dinner is on the 17th, so we will have a report on that at the meeting. November events are fast approaching. November 22 will be the first Bonnyman Memorial Service at the cemetery since he was actually buried there. The Knoxville Birthday Ball will be November 21. There will not be a separate MCL Ball this year.

We can start to discuss next year's officers and nominate candidates in November. A new cookie list will also be done in November although some members are signing up now. Let me know if you have a preference on cookie month. Cookies this month are by Ginger and Jane. November cookies by Barbara Tasse.

See you at the meeting,
Connie Sexton, Unit President



November Calendar		December Calendar		January Calendar	
Detachment B'day Lunch	10	Christmas Breakfast	5th @	Officers Meeting	13
Veteran's Day Parade	11	Devil Dog Growl	7	Newsletter Deadline	15
Officers Meeting	12	Officers Meeting	9	South Knox Breakfast	25
Newsletter Deadline	15	Newsletter Deadline	15	Detachment Meeting	26
Tanasi Breakfast 9am	17	South Knox Breakfast	28		
Marine Corps Birthday Ball	21	NO DEC. DETACHMENT MEETING			
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 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 November 2015:

William Eichhorn, Robert Evilsizer, Dean Keck, Stacy Redwine, Theodore Scotese.

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

I'm sorry to have to report that long-time Young Marine Registered Adult Kyle Lawson passed away on September 22nd at his home in Alcoa, TN. Kyle had many medical problems in the last few years but battled them courageously. He was the father of Young Marine Patrick Lawson, who was our unit, battalion, and regiment Young Marine of the Year before he graduated from high school about 5 years ago. I was honored to be asked to say a few words about Kyle's dedication to the Young Marines and his generosity at a memorial service on 25 September.

As they have in the past, both Knoxville-area Young Marine Units provided many volunteers at the 2015 Marine Mud Run on 26 September. The Young Marines, Registered Adults, YM siblings and YM friends who volunteered at the event added up to more than 60 bodies, with many working all day. Both Knoxville YM Units had teams run in the event, as did the Bluegrass Unit whose members came down from outside Lexington, KY to participate in the race. The YM volunteers helped in all areas, from registration and parking to food preparation and picking up trash.

On Sunday, 27 Sept., we attended the re-interment of Lt. Alexander Bonnyman's remains at the Berry Highland Memorial Cemetery.

Over the weekend of 16-18 October, the Lt. Bonnyman Unit participated in the Wears Valley Fall Fest. We sold flags and smoked meat sticks, helped with parking, ran a small obstacle course and supervised several "bounce houses" for kids. The Fall Fest organizers asked us to stage a short "Celebrate America" activity on Saturday morning, at which our Young Marines presented the colors and read various patriotic scripts. The MCL Detachment Honor Guard did their usual impressive job firing a rifle volley at the end of the ceremony in honor of all military veterans. In addition, we were able to get out a lot of information about the upcoming Red Ribbon Week anti-drug campaign (25-31 October) and talk to parents and kids in the Wears Valley/Sevierville/Pigeon Forge area about the Young Marines and our plans to start a Young Marine unit in that area in the near future. I'll provide more information about that effort in next month's newsletter article.



GREAT CHOW AT THE DETACHMENT PICNIC

SEATS STILL AVAILABLE FOR NOVEMBER EVENTS

Seats are still available for the 10 November Detachment Birthday Luncheon and the 11 November Veteran's Day Luncheon after the parade. Sign up at mclknnox.org. Also, don't forget the Knoxville Marine Corps Ball on 21 November. Purchase Ball tickets through SGT Tony at the D Company, 4th CEB office.

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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