

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.

CATCH US ON THE WEB AT:

MCLknox.org

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.

Detachment Officers

Commandant

Jim Williams (865) 740-4155

Junior Past Commandant

Howard Raines (865) 577-4745

Senior Vice Commandant

Eddie Knoebel (808) 391-4618

Junior Vice Commandant

Scott Bailey (865) 765-6644

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

Tim Eichhorn (865) 368-6559

DETACHMENT OFFICER ELECTIONS IN JANUARY

The Detachment will hold elections at the January Member's meeting to select Detachment Officers for 2016. The Detachment Nominating Committee has proposed the following slate of officers for consideration by the membership.

Commandant: Jim Williams

Senior Vice Commandant: Eddie Knoebel

Junior Vice Commandant: Howard Raines

Adjutant: Eric Nash

Paymaster: Lee Rhinemiller

Judge Advocate: David Cates

Sergeant-at-Arms: Bill Mullaly

Any member may make nominations from the floor during the election if they believe that other members should be considered for any office.

COMMANDANT'S CORNER

Marines,

We start a new Year in the League and by the looks of what is planned so far, it is going to be a great and full year. I am looking forward to the challenges this year to help grow the League and I hope you are too. This month is a very important because it is election time. The election of Officers will be held at this Month's meeting so I ask as many members as possible show up to elect the Officers that you want to lead the detachment this year. This is the most important month of the year plus there will be pulled pork to eat. Come ready to eat and elect.

Be sure to check online for events that have already been set for this year such as the picnic and shooting events. I hope to see you at the meeting.

Semper Fi,

Jim Williams, Commandant



RIFLE AND PISTOL MATCH SCHEDULE

The Detachment Rifle and Pistol Match schedule is set for 2016 and includes the usual two rifle and two pistol matches.

Jack McGivney Pistol Match: 9 April

Bill Gerst Rifle Match: 14 May

Jim Putman Rifle Match: 10 September

Jim Peacock Pistol Match: 15 October

All matches are on a Saturday morning and will take place at the TWRA range complex on Rifle Range Road in North Knoxville. Information on individual matches will be posted in the Gazette.



VETERANS SERVICES ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE IN KNOXVILLE

The Knox County Veterans Service Office will be available at senior centers across Knox County during the month of February to provide one-on-one assistance to Veterans and family members. Office members will explain VA benefits, answer questions, and assist Veterans and family members with filing for their VA benefits. Times and locations in Knox County will be available at the January meeting or call the office at 865-215-5645 to find a convenient location in your area. You can also email: veterans@knoxcounty.org



Detachment Chaplain Leroy Brown delivers fruit baskets to the Ben Atchley State Veteran's Home

RED BLAZERS AVAILABLE

Marine Corps League type 2 button red blazers are available at uniformalwearhouse.com for \$59.95-\$69.95. This company offers good quality at great prices. Official MCL buttons must be purchased from the MCL National Ship's Store and installed by you or your tailor.



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.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

Greetings Marines and Auxiliary,

I hope everybody enjoyed the Christmas Holidays. Christmas fruit baskets were delivered to the Ben Atchley Veterans Home and to Marine Ted Bernard. I had hernia surgery on 5 January and my recovery is going well. I will also be having surgery on my right knee on 4 February at Park West Hospital. I didn't know that you must attend classes to have surgery, so I am learning the do's and don'ts and other things I need to know before and after surgery. I will be out of commission at the NHC for a few weeks during recovery.

Remember the members who are ailing, the families who have lost loved ones, and the men and women who are serving our country. I would also appreciate your prayers.

Semper Fi,

Leroy Brown, Detachment Chaplain



Leroy Brown and Ted Bernard

MCL AUXILIARY

Hello everyone,

As some of you probably know, I have been having some medical problems. I had a heart stent in December for a blocked artery and have had complications since then. By the meeting I hope to have some answers and treatments too correct some of the problems.

We will do elections and installation of officers this month and the new officers will be listed next month.

Jim Williams is bringing pulled pork and we will have sandwiches at the meeting.

My mother, Betty Little, seems to be doing better after her stint in the hospital with another blood clot.

Hello to Pat and Fred Gettings in Greenville. We miss you guys and hope you are doing well.

I will bring cookies to the meeting. Thanks for your good wishes and prayers.

Connie Sexton, Unit President



DETACHMENT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

The deadline for members to submit applications for the Detachment Scholarship Program has been extended to 1 February, 2016. Scholarship information and the application is available under "News and Events" at the Detachment Website: mclknnox.org. Applications should be mailed to the Detachment mailing address after they receive the required signatures from Detachment Officers.

DETACHMENT PICNIC

Mark your calendars for the annual Detachment Picnic at Lenoir City Park. The picnic will be held on Sunday, 25 September at the Area 1 Shelter.

February Calendar		March Calendar		April Calendar	
Officers Meeting	10	Mid-Winter Conference	3-5	Department Conference	2
Newsletter Deadline	15	Detachment Dine-In	12	Pistol Match	9
Rarity Bay Breakfast	16	Devil Dog Growl	7	Officers Meeting	13
South Knox Breakfast	22	Officers Meeting	9	Newsletter Deadline	15
Detachment Meeting	23	Newsletter Deadline	15	Smokey Mt. Air Show	16-17
		Rarity Bay Breakfast	19	South Knox Breakfast	25
		SW Division Conference	24,25,26	Detachment Meeting	26
		Safety Break	25,26,27		
		South Knox Breakfast	28		
		Detachment Meeting	29		

SCRATCHES FROM THE CLAWS OF THE BARKING DOG

Mark your calendars for the 2016 Devil Dog Growls: 7 March, 6 June, 12 September, and 5 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 January 2016:

Jason Winger, Lindsay Long, Jack Diemer, Jesse Mitchell, Travis Bryan, Clayton Narveson.

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

Four other of our Registered Adults (RAs) and I attended a Unit Management Course in Atlanta, GA on Saturday, 16 January, put on by YM Headquarters staff. The new YM National Executive Director, Col. Bill Davis, USMC (Ret.), spoke to us briefly in the morning before leaving for another appointment. Deputy Director Joe Venable and Patricia Guiles, the Director of Administration, stayed with us for the rest of the day and went over everything from how to register new recruits and updating information in the YM database to what is expected from each officer in a YM Unit. They answered a lot of our questions and gave us good guidance. Almost 100 Registered Adults from throughout the 3rd Division attended the meeting – it was good to see many old friends and to make some new ones.

Our unit will begin its 2016 Recruit Class in late February. We will hold a Parent Orientation Meeting on Saturday, 6 February at Eagleton Elementary School, 708 Sam Houston School Road, Maryville, TN, to tell interested parents and kids about our program. The briefing will begin at 0900. If you know of any kids between the ages of 8 and 18 who might be interested in being in this recruit class, have them contact me at vlyoung@chartertn.net or just show up for the meeting. The first training day for our unit's 2016 Recruit Class will be on Saturday, 27 February, and graduation is planned for 9 April. (If you want information about the North Knoxville Unit Orientation Meeting or its recruit class, call Barbara Tassej at 865-947-9215 or send her an e-mail at: btassej@frontiernet.net.)

During February of even-numbered years, the RAs in each unit must hold elections to select the Unit Commander (UC) and the Unit Executive Officer (XO) to serve for the next two years. As a result, our unit will hold the required elections at our monthly staff meeting on Thursday, 4 February. The new Unit Commander will then take charge on 1 March.

LT ALEXANDER BONNYMAN UNIT YOUNG MARINE ELECTIONS AND CHANGE OF COMMAND

The Young Marines Adult Leaders have elections every two years to select their Unit Commander and Executive Officer. Marine Virgil Young has been the Unit Commander for Lt. Alexander Bonnyman Young Marines for thirteen years. He announced last month that he will not be running for re-election in February. A new Unit Commander will be elected at our meeting, 4 February 2016 and will assume command on 1 March, 2016. **The Lt Alexander Bonnyman Unit of the Young Marines will have a Change of Command Ceremony on 5 March, 2016, at 1400 hours at Eagleton Elementary School, Maryville. We invite the members of the Marine Corps League and Auxiliary to attend.**

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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