

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.

Detachment Officers

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Senior Vice Commandant

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Lee Rhinemiller (865) 414-3460

Chaplain

Leroy Brown (865) 806-2837

Judge Advocate

David Cates (865) 548-4088

Sergeant-at-Arms

Bill Mullaly (865) 966-4532

DETACHMENT OFFICERS ELECTED IN JANUARY



The elected and appointed Officers of the Alexander Bonnyman Detachment have been sworn-in and are ready to take charge for 2016. Marine Jim Williams will serve another year as Commandant and several of the leadership positions have changed hands. The Detachment Officers will continue to count on all members of the detachment to step up and fill spots in the various committees that are vital to accomplishing our goals for the year.

COMMANDANT'S CORNER

Well, the first of the month has come and gone. I was told that there are 15 members who are about to be dropped from the rolls of the League because their dues have not been paid for a long, long time. Marines, you know when your dues are due. Call the Paymaster if you are in doubt. I looked through the roster and found that a lot of members are just late. Please at least call the Paymaster and let him know what you are planning to do one way or another.

We have a couple of things that have to be taken care of now. The League needs a chairperson for the Mud Run. This is not a simple job, but it is vital and fulfilling. We need a volunteer by the February meeting. We also need a Hospitality Chairperson to handle our social events. Please let me know ASAP if this job is for you.

As you can see, the new year brings new challenges. The Dine-in is March 12th. We will have a signup at the website ASAP.

Hope to see you at the next meeting.

Semper Fi,

Jim Williams, Commandant



APRIL PARRIS ISLAND TRIP

All League members are invited to attend this year's Drill Instructor Reunion from 21-24 April. Members attending will be guests of Marine David Hatfield. Retired Marines can reserve accommodations at the Osprey Inn on base (843) 228-2744. A "convoy" will depart from the Reserve Center on Thursday, 21 April and will consist of the Young Marine bus and anyone wishing to drive in their own vehicle. The fuel costs for the bus will be split among those riding in the bus. The return trip will be on Sunday, 24 April. Event costs are:

Registration Fee: \$20.00 (single), \$30.00 (couple)

Welcome Breakfast: \$3.45 per person

Picnic: \$15.00 per person

Banquet: \$30.00 per person

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.

Reservations must be made by the February League Meeting and must include a name and date of birth for each person attending. Contact Marine David Hatfield to register and for more information.

Make your own hotel reservations at the Host Hotel Quality Inn Town Center (843) 524-2144. Mention the Drill Instructor's Association for a special rate of \$59.95 per night.

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.



NEW MEMBERS IN JANUARY

Marine David Hatfield swears-in two new members during the January meeting. At left is James Horton who served from 1988-1992 as an Anti-tank Assault man. On the right is Timothy Schmidt who served as a Radio Technician from 1976-2000. Welcome Aboard!



THANKS FROM PATTY LEWIS

Marine Howard Raines passed the hat for Patty Lewis at the January meeting and recently mailed her the proceeds of your generosity. Patty was very touched and very grateful. She has been a supporter of service members deployed in war zones for many years and is now struggling with health and family issues. Patty is famous for the hundreds of care packages delivered overseas that show our troops that they are not forgotten. Thank You Patty!

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

Greetings Marines and Auxiliary,

I had a total knee replacement on 4 February and came through the surgery very well. I am home now and doing well. I will be out of commission for a while, but well on the way to recovery.

Marine Dan Pursglove is out of rehab and is doing well.

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



MCL AUXILIARY

Greetings to all members and friends. I certainly have had enough snow and ice for one winter. Hopefully we will have spring weather soon. We elected our officers for this year at the January meeting. They are as follows: President Connie Sexton, Sr. Vice President Patty Mullins, Jr. Vice President Gen Vadeboncoeur, Judge Advocate Lois Reiniche, Secretary Joann Bryan, Treasurer Ginger Huffman, Chaplain Barbara Tasse, Guard Charlotte Helton, Historian Whitney Nash, Trustees Charlotte Helton & Kathy Winters, Jr. Past President Barbara Vought.

We also made a cookie list for this year. If you have any problems, let me know: Jan-Connie, Feb-Barbara V., March-Whitney, Apr-Susan & Kathy, May-Charlotte, June-Patty, July-Abbe, August-Lois, Sept-Barb T., Oct-Ginger & Jayne, Nov-Gen.

The Dine-in is scheduled for March 12 at Rothchild's. More details later. See you at the meeting.

Connie Sexton, Unit President



FIRST MUD RUN MEETING

The first Mud Run Meeting of the year will be held in the Reserve Center Conference Room at 1630, prior to the monthly League meeting, on Tuesday, 23 February. Any League member volunteering to be a coordinator for Mud Run planning and execution should be there. **A League Member is needed to lead the Mud Run Committee for 2016.**

2015 MARINE OF THE YEAR SELECTION

The Marine of the Year Selection Committee will meet at the Reserve Center Conference Room at 1730, prior to the monthly League meeting on Tuesday, 23 February. The committee will select the 2015 MOY and consists of any Detachment member who has been selected as Detachment Marine of the Year.



TENNESSEE VOTES IN THE MARCH 2ND "SUPER TUESDAY" PRIMARY ELECTION. CHECK FOR EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS IN YOUR AREA.



YOU MUST VOTE!

March Calendar		April Calendar		May Calendar	
Mid-Winter Conference	3-5	Department Conference	2	ETVMA "MOH Evening"	2
Detachment Dine-In	12	Pistol Match	9	Officers Meeting	11
Devil Dog Growl	7	Officers Meeting	13	Rifle Match	14
Officers Meeting	9	Newsletter Deadline	15	Newsletter Deadline	15
Newsletter Deadline	15	Smokey Mt. Air Show	16-17	Rarity Bay Breakfast	16
Rarity Bay Breakfast	19	South Knox Breakfast	25	South Knox Breakfast	23
SE Division Conference	24,25,26	Detachment Meeting	26	Detachment Meeting	31
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 March 2016:

Keith Lyman, Stanley LaDuke

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

RED BLAZERS AVAILABLE

Marine Corps League type 2 button red blazers are available at uniformalwarehouse.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.



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

YOUNG MARINE REPORT BY Virgil Young

I am pleased to tell you that at our monthly staff meeting on 4 Feb., the Registered Adults in the unit elected Larry Winters to serve as the new Unit Commander for the next two years. I know he will do an outstanding job. Joe McCarter, Sr. was re-elected as the Unit Executive Officer. Larry's term of office will officially start on 1 March. **The Change of Command will take place on 5 March at 1400 at the Eagleton Elementary School, Maryville. All Marine Corps League members are invited to attend.** I am also pleased to announce that Chris Keller has been approved by YMHQ as a new Registered Adult for our unit. Chris is a former Navy Corpsman who joined the Marine Corps League two months ago. I know he will be a tremendous asset for our YM Unit as well as for the League.

Our unit will begin its 2016 Recruit Class in late February. We signed up some new recruits at the Orientation Meeting on 6 February but **there is room in the 2016 Recruit Class for more recruits.** 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 vyoung@chartertn.net or (865) 414-9550 and I'll lead them through the registration process. They must be registered before the 1st day of Recruit Training on Sat., 27 February. (If you want information about the North Knoxville Unit's recruit class, call Barbara Tassey at 865-947-9215 or send her an e-mail at btassey@frontiernet.net.)

Over Saturday and Sunday, 13-14 February, Chris Keller and I took some of our YM down to Sweetwater to participate in the Lost Sea Adventure Wild Tour. The Wild Tour includes the public tour, with its boat ride and feeding the fish in the 2nd largest non-subglacial underground lake in the world, as well as slithering through various cracks and crevices in the cave for a few hours and sleeping in the cave overnight. After all the slithering, the YM were almost as muddy as they get at our Mud Runs! (See photo below!) Sleeping on the uneven ground (rocks) in a huge cavern was not one of the most enjoyable experiences I've had recently. We all learned that a moist 58 degrees – the cave remains at that temperature year-round - is still cold. I learned that the damn rocks can shift slightly, or at least they seemed to, to poke at a different part of my anatomy just as I thought I was getting comfortable. Anyway, some of us got a least a little sleep before walking out into a frigid morning. Young Marines and RAs from the SouthEast TN Area (SETA) YM Unit were also there and our kids got together at the end of the day to discuss how they'd like to do more "outdoorsy" things at the battalion level (both units are part of the 2nd Battalion of the TN Regiment.) They came up with some great ideas and I know new Unit Commander Larry Winters will make them happen. (I can feel the burden of responsibility lifting off my shoulders already!)



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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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