

The Bonnyman Gazette is the official newsletter of the Lt. Alexander Bonnyman Detachment #924 Marine Corps League, PO Box 53293, 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.

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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JUNE DETACHMENT BUDGET VOTE

The 2017 Fiscal Year for the Detachment begins in July. The Detachment membership will be presented with a proposed FY 2017 budget during the June Detachment meeting. The budget will include a summary of anticipated income from all sources including the Mud Run. The budget will also include proposed expenses to support detachment activities and support for other organizations. Members will be asked to vote on the 2017 budget with any necessary changes.

COMMANDANT'S CORNER

Marines,

Finding ourselves starting summer and enjoying East Tennessee weather. Except for the May meeting at which weather made itself known in a flood like way at the pavilion and grounds at Faragut. Thanks for braving the weather that night. It was a good time. June meeting will also have the opportunity to eat and enjoy fellowship as we tackle a couple of things: 1. approve the next year's budget and 2. hear from the delegates to the Department meeting and 3. brisket sandwiches. Remember, next year we will be hosting that same Department Convention. Bubbling to the surface right now is the Mud Run. Full-on planning is occurring and runners are beginning to pop on the website.

The Safety Break over Memorial Day was well manned-thanks to all who participated. There are three days available over the weekend of the 4th, Fri, Sat, Sun--find a spot to serve.

On a longer view, we are just now walking into a strategic plan to assist in recruiting. This is a long term issue for many organizations, certainly us--your participation and efforts are needed to continue the work of the MCL in the next generation. How can I help you might ask--get and stay involved. That is critical. Also, listen and look for Marines in the community and get them here to the meetings. It is not someone else's job to lead the way in recruiting--it is a job for all of us! More to come on this as it shapes up.

Thanks again to all who serve the MCL and thereby the individual Marines in the community. Find a place to serve and run with it--Gung ho!

Tim Eichhorn, Commandant



4th OF JULY SAFETY BREAK

This is a three day weekend including: Friday, June 30th, Saturday, July 1st, and Sunday, July 2nd. Call me at 865 577 4745 or (cell) 865 919 2820. Send a text if you please. This is a very important weekend for us. We need your help to make it a success.

.Semper Fi, Howard, Tunnel Rat



Associate Detachment Member and Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett addresses those assembled for the Memorial Day Service at the East Tennessee Veterans Cemetery. Marine Eric Nash also attended the service.



100 YEARS AGO:

MARINES IN THE GREAT WAR

June 1917: 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines and 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines was organized in Philadelphia from more Marines returning from the Caribbean islands and soon followed the 1st Battalion to New York. By mid-month, 5th Marines was embarked on several ships, including the USS Henderson, and headed for France. They were accompanied by other ships carrying the U.S. Army's 1st Division. Together, the Marines and the 1st Division represented the bulk of America's professional ground combat power. Millions more would follow in the coming months. The first group of Marines arrived at the French port of Saint-Nazaire on 26 June. Belleau Wood was still a year away.



CAMP BONNYMAN PISTOL MATCH

The first Pistol Match held at Camp Bonnyman is in the books and all in all it was a good match. Firing went smoothly and every body had a good time. The reviews I received were great and the people that shot will be back again. The only problem that was encountered was we had a total of 25 signed up, but only 13 showed up to shoot, If you sign the sheet to shoot please show up if not call some one. Food is bought according to the number of people signed up. I call it a commitment, I guess some don't. Every body shot in the 300s however Gary Miller won the match with a 382--14Xs. Thanks to the Young Marines for their work and Kathy and Larry Winters for opening up the range for our use. **THERE WILL BE A MATCH ON SATURDAY 15 JULY AND SATURDAY 19 AUGUST.** The next two matches will include .22 rimfire along with center fire. The cost will be \$20.00 each. Come out and support the Rifle and Pistol Matches. Remember the address is: 1010 Boling Road, Seymour, Tn.

Jim Williams, Jr. Past Commandant



GARRY MILLER, CAMP BONNYMAN MATCH WINNER

MCL AUXILIARY

Greetings to all.

What a wet meeting we had last month, but the food was great and the spirit was good as well. Thanks to Jeff and Lee and Charlotte for the great food.

I have received report info from almost everyone. I will be doing the reports this week.

Patty Mullins, Department President, Charlene Cotton and I will be attending the Department of TN Convention in Memphis next week. We will give you a complete report at the June meeting.

Have a great summer. Cookies by Barbara Voight in June.



Constance Sexton, Unit President



Marine David Cates presents a wreath at the SGT Mitchell Stout Memorial Cemetery during the Detachment Memorial Day ceremony.

KNOXVILLE JOINT OPERATION

On July 19, 2017 a "Joint Operation" will be held at the Jacobs Building at the Knox County Fairgrounds. The purpose of the operation is to provide information about services and resources available to East Tennessee Veterans and their families. The hours are 0900 to 1400. Veterans and members of veteran's organizations are encouraged to attend. Bonnyman Detachment members are encouraged to attend in uniform if possible. **Be ready to locate Marines and talk about the League!**

July Calendar	
Safety Break	6/30-7/2
Officers Meeting	10
Detachment Meeting	25

August Calendar	
MCL National Convention	6-14
Officers Meeting	14
Detachment Meeting	29

September Calendar	
Officers Meeting	11
Mud Run	16
Detachment Picnic	24
Devil Dog Growl	25
Detachment Meeting	26

SCRATCHES FROM THE CLAWS OF THE BARKING DOG



The 2017 Growl schedule is set! Growls will be held on Monday, 25 September and 4 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.

Barking Dog

STATUS OF mclknnox.org

The Detachment website is currently being rebuilt by Marine Tim Shea. mclknnox.org, is up and will be updated to post events or news. The Bonnyman Gazette will continue to be posted in color on the website.

RED BLAZERS AVAILABLE

Marine Corps League type 2 button red blazers are available at uniformalwear-house.com for \$59.95-\$69.95. This company offers good quality at great prices. Official MCL buttons can be purchased through the Detachment Quartermaster and installed by you or your tailor.



MEMBERS NEEDED FOR THE 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.

RIFLE AND PISTOL MATCH

SCHEDULE:

15 July

Camp Bonnyman Pistol Match

19 August

Camp Bonnyman Pistol Match

9 September

Jim Putman Memorial Rifle Match

(TWRA Range)

21 October

Jim Peacock Memorial Pistol Match

(TWRA Range)

USMC SUPPORT OF MARINE FUNERALS

Family members of deceased Marines can request military honors for a funeral through the following Headquarters Marine Corps hotline: **(866) 826-3628**

Do not call Marine Reserve Centers directly! They cannot provide honors without direction from Headquarters Marine Corps.

YOUNG MARINE REPORT by Kathy Winters

Lt. Alexander Bonnyman Young Marines hosted a Regimental Encampment at Big Ridge State Park on May 19th through the 21st. It was attended by other Units from Tennessee and Alabama. The Young Marines had a great time, just being kids: games, swimming (yes, it was beastly hot), archery, campfires and smores. Saturday night, we were under a tornado warning, receiving several test alerts after midnight, and decided to move the Young Marines and Adult Leaders into the Community Room, which is 'a real building' rather than the bunkhouses. Thanks to our Adult Leaders, especially Stephanie Bailey, who prepared all the food, Marine Scott Bailey as well as other parents who helped us.

On Memorial Day weekend, we attended the Smoky Baseball Game. It was Salute to Heroes Night honoring all Veterans. Three of our Young Marines were chosen to participate in the off-field games. YM PVT Chris Vineyard was so strong in his event, they kept moving the goal and telling him that he was going too fast.

The next weekend we went to Island Home Airport for Salute to Service of the Forgotten Wars sponsored by Remote Area Medical. The Young Marines participated in the ceremony and helped the Viet Nam Veterans of America pay tribute to World War II and Korean War Veterans. There were many static displays from veteran's organizations. Marine Wayne Jones received a Viet Nam Service pin, with his Young Marine grandchildren proudly watching. RAL XO Joe McCarter also received the honor.

On 10 June 2017, we hosted a pistol match at the Young Marine Range at Camp Bonnyman, predominately for Marine Corps League members. The Young Marines and Adult Leaders were there to arrange and score targets and serve lunch. YM Rifle Team practiced followed. We challenged the MCL but when they discovered we shoot from four positions, they opted out.



For the next month, we are getting back to basics, preparing for the challenges of the new fiscal year, leadership schools and special programs. But this all starts after we present the Colors for the Blount County Commission tonight.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR ANNUAL DUES PAYING MEMBERS

If your name appears below your dues of \$14.00 are due on the date listed. Your payment of \$14.00 will advance you to 9/1/2017 in compliance with Nationals decision to convert all members due date to 9/1/2017.

	Due date	Paymt	New Due date
Winger	1/1/2017	14.00	9/1/2017
Horton	3/1/2017	14.00	9/1/2017
Keller	3/1/2017	14.00	9/1/2017
Zachary	3/1/2017	14.00	9/1/2017
Gard	4/1/2017	14.00	9/1/2017
Scarborough	4/1/2017	14.00	9/1/2017
Taylor Wilson	4/1/2017	14.00	9/1/2017
Glumac	5/1/2017	14.00	9/1/2017
Banks	6/1/2017	14.00	9/1/2017
Betterton	6/1/2017	14.00	9/1/2017
Burnett	6/1/2017	14.00	9/1/2017
Farrar	6/1/2017	14.00	9/1/2017
Fugate	6/1/2017	14.00	9/1/2017

All dues due after 6/30/2017, revert to \$28.00

Any questions for the Paymaster, direct to Lee Rhinemiller, rhinemiller @comcast.net



Commandant Tim Eichhorn at the East Tennessee Veteran's Memorial on Memorial Day.



Young Marine at the Island Home Airport for the "Salute to Service"

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 not 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)

Sponsor (where applicable)

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