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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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Larry Winters, Jim Williams, Tim Burchet, and Jeff Tegzes at the "Joint Operation" in Knoxville. Tim is the Knox County Mayor and an Associate Member. His father, the late Charlie Burchet, was a Charter Member of Detachment #924.

COMMANDANT'S CORNER

Marines,

We are fast approaching the Mud Run. Find your place to serve leading up to and for certain on that day. The work leading up to the big day is one thing, the work on the day is another and finally the work on the clean up is yet another task. There is a place for everyone. Sign up at the August meeting!

We have come to a place where we are seeing things happen in our current day force that might be attributable to the long fight that our nation has endured against terrorism. Some of those things are showing up in worn out gear, seasoned veterans stepping aside and perhaps a nation slowly turning away from the constant drone of a far off war. These might be a slow burn effect unlike the flash of emotion that swept our nation, our military and of course our Corps in the Vietnam Era. There are a number of our brothers and sisters that need appreciated for their service then. If you are a Vietnam era vet or know someone that is, encourage them to sign up for the HonorAir Knoxville Flight program. Visit "The Wall That Heals" October 4-8 here in Knoxville. Both of these events are dedicated and focused on the service that a generation of Marines and veterans sacrificed in their young lives for our country. We thank them now and forever, and if late, certainly heartfelt and sincere gratitude now.

Respectfully,

Tim Eichhorn, Commandant



AUGUST PISTOL MATCH



Seven Detachment members participated in the August 19 Camp Bonnyman Pistol Match in Seymour, Tennessee. The match winner was Jay Holmes. Other Detachment shooters were; Jeff Tegzes, Larry Baldwin, Ray O'Day, Jim Williams, Keith Lyman, and Wayne Jones. The match was hosted by the Alexander Bonnyman Young Marine Unit.



100 YEARS AGO:

MARINES IN THE GREAT WAR

August 1917: The Marine Corps "Base Detachment" deployed to France from Quantico to provide additional machinegun companies and replacements for the 5th Marines. Two companies of the Base Detachment also provided guards for General Pershing's Headquarters in Chaumont, France. 6th Marines continued to assemble at Quantico with the goal to begin deploying to France by mid September. The final element of the Marine Brigade destined for France was organized at Quantico during August as the 6th Machinegun Battalion. It would consist of four machinegun companies equipped with 16 Lewis machineguns and carts and a headquarters detachment.

Marines in France continued to train under French supervision and at newly established AEF/Army schools for officers and enlisted. Much of the training from the French was in the conduct of trench warfare, although this would soon change. General Pershing and General Petain, Commander of French Forces, Inspected the 5th Marines and were very pleased. Pershing commented that the 5th Marines "were the finest body of men under my command".



Marines arrived in France during the summer of 1917 wearing "field hats", leggings, and P1912 USMC field uniforms. This would soon change with the realities of 20th Century warfare and assignment to an Army Division.



Marilyn Childress, President of the Veterans Heritage Site Foundation gave a presentation to the Detachment at the July meeting. The Foundation is currently working on the Sharps Ridge Veterans memorial Park in Knoxville. The Park was established in 1953, but is in need of a major effort to restore it to a place Knoxville can be proud of. You can join the Veterans Heritage Site Foundation or make a donation at their website: VeteransHeritageSiteFoundation.org. The mailing address is: 3329 Shopshire Blvd., PO Box 873, Powell, TN 37849.



HOW ARE YOU HELPING?

MCL AUXILIARY

Greetings to all Unit members and League members. We are looking forward to the Mud Run on September 16. Please make sure you have your waiver and t-shirt size turned in by the August meeting date. We should have an update from the National Convention by the meeting date. We are hoping that our amendment will pass this year, which would restore the open membership window to the by-law change period. It looks as though the by-law change period may well be amended to one year. We look forward to the news from the Convention. PNP Deborah Evans is representing the Unit and will try to get the word out about our amendment proposal. Don't forget that dues need to be paid to Ginger.

A hello out there to Pat Gettings who is recovering from knee surgery. We send our thoughts and prayers to Lorraine Valentine who lost Ken recently. I will personally miss Ken a lot as I have known him a long time and had great respect for him as a Marine and as a person. Cookies this month by Connie Sexton. See you at the meeting,

Connie Sexton Unit President



Young Marines meet with Durwood Swanson at the Knoxville Joint Operation in July. Mr Swanson was a survivor of the attack on Pearl Harbor and a B17 crash at the Battle of Midway.

September Calendar

Labor Day Safety Break	1-4
Officers Meeting	11
Mud Run	16
Detachment Picnic	24
Devil Dog Growl	25
Detachment Meeting	26

October Calendar

Department Staff Meeting	7
Officers Meeting	9
Jim Peacock Pistol Match	21
Detachment Meeting	31

November Calendar

Veteran's Day Parade	10
Detachment Birthday Dinner	10
Officers Meeting	13
Detachment Meeting	28

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 mclknnoxville.org

The Detachment website is currently being rebuilt by Marine Tim Shea. mclknnoxville.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.



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.

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.

RIFLE AND PISTOL MATCH SCHEDULE:

9 September

Jim Putman Memorial Rifle Match
(TWRA Range)

21 October

Jim Peacock Memorial Pistol Match
(TWRA Range)

DETACHMENT MEMBER LOOKING FOR PART-TIME WORK

Gerald "Bud" Madden is looking for part-time, light duty work. He is available for 20 hours work per week. Bud can do desk of-ice work or automobile driving. Contact Bud at 917 676-8665.

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

The week of July 15th through the 22nd kept us very busy. We hosted the Marine Pistol Match at Camp Bonnyman, and will do again on the 19th of August. If everyone who has signed up is there, the number of shooters has almost doubled in three months. That's great for all of us. After the Pistol Match, Lt. Alexander Bonnyman Young Marines will attend the Friends of the NRA Banquet.

On July 18th we had a Flag Retirement Ceremony at the Seymour Volunteer Fire Department. The Young Marines have a dedicated ceremony which the Young Marines conducted flawlessly. It was attended by the Seymour Community. We appreciate the invitation to be there. The next day, we were at Chilhowee Park for Joint Operation, an educational opportunity for all local Veterans and their families. We made some good contacts, and have several prospective youngsters for our next Recruit Class. And, of course, a photo op with Mayor Burchett.

We had a regular drill day on the 22nd. We received some sad news: RAL SgtMaj Charles Wright has taken a leave of absence. Air Force TSgt Jon Crawford, a Young Marine dad, has agreed to act as Training Officer in his absence. Mr. Crawford has been a volunteer with us for some time including taking several overnight trips and conducting training classes. He is a trained survival and rescue instructor. His application has been accepted by National Headquarters. We are very confident in his abilities.

Unfortunately, the Regimental Shooting Competition has been postponed. Our team was ready for a fourth 1st Place Trophy. So we went to the Aquarium of the Smokies instead. We also were also at Back to School Bash at the Knoxville Expo center, getting a head start on Red Ribbon Week.

Now that all of our Young Marines have started back to school, our week day activities will be less. But our weekends are full. Please plan on joining us at Seymour Air Park Aviation Day, from 1000 to 1300, Saturday, September 9th.



Young Marines at the aquarium in Gatlinburg, conducting a flag retirement ceremony, and with Mayor Burchet at the Joint Operation.



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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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