

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, [jntegzes@gmail.com](mailto:jntegzes@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.

## **Detachment Officers**

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### Web Sergeant: [MCLknox.org](http://MCLknox.org)

Tim Shea

### Detachment Quartermaster

Jerry Moat (865) 357-1261

## **CHANGE OF LOCATION FOR MAY LEAGUE MEETING**

The May Detachment meeting will not be held at the Marine Corps Reserve Center. The Detachment meeting will take place on 30 May at the Longstreet Pavilion, Campbell Station Park in Farragut. The park is located on Campbell Station Road, next to the Farragut Public Library. The meeting will begin at 1730 with cookout style food provided. The regular order of business will start at 1800. Seating is limited at the pavilion, so you will need to bring a chair. The meeting location was changed at the request of the Marine I-I Staff to allow for a well deserved all hands 96 hour liberty.

## **COMMANDANT'S CORNER**

Marines and Detachment Family,

It is amazing when you read through here and see the things that get done because of the efforts of you along side your fellow Marines--Gung-Ho! lives on in the Bonnyman Detachment. The Young Marines, both North and South, are coming to the close of the school year-the values and the mentoring that they get will make better citizens. The Safety Break served its purpose over Easter. There are opportunities to serve and participate in so many different areas. At our last officers meeting we began the honing in on a strategy to increase the membership and get in front of Marines as they are coming out of the service. Recruiting is a never ending task and it is carried out with our actions and our invites to other Marines. This unit has the reputation for getting things done that is what I mean by our actions. We need to speak up and tell others and invite them to join us in our actions. More to come on this...

A shout out to Colonel Joe Eddleman who is recovering and should be home from the Ben Atchley facility by the time that you receive this. Pearl Rich, Detachment Chaplain, is doing a great job of looking after our members. Please keep her informed of illness or hospitalization. Connie Sexton also has a wonderful network with the Auxiliary and she too keeps tabs on everyone.

Semper Fi,

Tim Eichhorn, Commandant



## MEMORIAL DAY SAFETY BREAK

This is a FOUR day weekend starting on Fri, May 26th and working through Monday, May 29th, Memorial Day. 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.

Next Safety Break is 4th of July weekend... 5 days starting Friday June 30th and ending 1800 on the 4th of July..... still time to make it to the fireworks.

.Semper Fi, Howard, Tunnel Rat



## TWO NEW MEMBERS IN APRIL

New members were sworn in during the April meeting. They are Heather Stevens-White who served from 1990-2012 in aviation maintenance and Russ Ray who left the Marine Corps in 1968. Welcome Aboard Heather and Russ!



Gene Furrow accepts a Bonnyman Detachment Scholarship check from Commandant Tim Eichhorn on behalf of his daughter Amanda, a Business Major at UT.

## 100 YEARS AGO:

## MARINES IN THE GREAT WAR

**May 1917:** President Woodrow Wilson Issued an order that a Regiment of Marines will be sent for duty with the first elements of the AEF going to France. A large group of Marines, recently returned from Haiti, Santo Domingo, Cuba, off many ships of the fleet, and some reservists, assembled at the Philadelphia Navy Yard. This group would be formed into the First Battalion of the 5th Regiment of Marines. The Regiment would consist of three battalions of infantry, a headquarters company, and a machinegun company. Colonel Charles A. Doyen, USMC was the Regimental Commander. Major Julius S. Turrill would command the First Battalion. Many more Marines from Navy ships, posts in the U.S., and the first boot camp graduates joined the Regiment in Philadelphia. Marine Corps strength rapidly increased from the pre-war strength of around 20,000 officers and enlisted to well over 40,000.





## CHAPLAIN'S REPORT



Chaplain Pearl Rich draped the Charter in black and lead the Detachment in a final tribute to Marine Paul Vadeboncoer at the April Detachment meeting.

## DEPARTMENT OF TENNESSEE 36TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

This year, the Sgt Walter K. Singleton Detachment #476, will host the Department Convention at the Hilton Hotel in Memphis, Tennessee. The Convention will take place from 22-25 June. Room rates are \$99.00 plus tax per night and reservations should be made no later than 26 May, 2017. Contact the hotel directly at (901) 684-6660 or 1-800-445-8667 to make reservations. The cost of the banquet will be \$50.00 per person with a choice of a chicken or beef entrée. A registration form is available via email. Anyone from the Bonnyman Detachment attending the convention should inform the Detachment Paymaster so that all delegate fees can be paid by the detachment.

## DETACHMENT MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

Members of the Detachment will conduct a Memorial Day ceremony on 29 May at the SGT Mitchell Stout Memorial Cemetery. The ceremony will begin at 1100 and last about one hour. The cemetery is located at 12420 Evans Road, Knoxville (Farragut). Detachment members and family members are encouraged to attend. Anyone wishing to participate in the ceremony should contact Marine David Cates.

## MCL AUXILIARY

Hello everyone.

Spring weather is finally here most days. We will have an outdoor meeting Tuesday May 30 at Anchor Park in Farragut. The Park is on Campbell Station Rd. There will be burgers served so be there by 5:30 and the joint meeting will start at 6 pm. See the Gazette for complete details. A few extra chairs could be needed so bring lawn chairs if you wish. There is seating at the park and cover in case of rain.

Charlotte has the cookies for this month.

We will collect any final worksheets for reports.

The Convention in June is almost here. If you are going to Memphis for this event please let me or Patty know.

See you at the park.



Connie Sexton, Unit President



The Bill Gerst Memorial Rifle Match was held at the TWRA Range on 13 May. Gary Miller was the match winner, David Fugate was 1st Place Expert, Jeff Tegzes was 2nd Place Sharpshooter, and Jim Williams was 3rd Place Marksman.

**June Calendar**

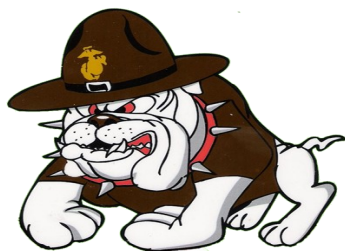
Devil Dog Growl	5
Officers Meeting	12
Department of TN Convention	22-25
Detachment Meeting	27

**July Calendar**

Safety Break	6/30-5/4
Officers Meeting	10
Detachment Meeting	25

**August Calendar**

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

**SCRATCHES FROM THE CLAWS OF THE BARKING DOG**

The 2017 Growl schedule is set! Growls will be held on Monday, 5 June, 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.

**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.

**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.

**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**

**21 October**

**Jim Peacock Memorial Pistol Match**

All matches will be held at the TWRA Range complex on Rifle Range Road. Details for each match will be posted in the Bonnyman Gazette.



## YOUNG MARINE REPORT by Kathy Winters

On 22 April 2017, we initiated Camp Bonnyman, acreage set aside at Seymour Air Park for their use. We worked on outdoor skills and started construction on the obstacle course. With the help of Young Marine Dad Jon Crawford, an Air Force NCO with great survival training and skills, the Young Marines build 'hasty' shelters and learned other important elements of life in the woods. They completed a land navigation course. Between the raindrops, the Adults worked on the Obstacle Course building a climbing wall, a rope course, and other obstacles. Of course, the younger kids were more interested in climbing the huge pile of dirt that came off another job site that Mr. Winters is working on. Much thanks to Marine Scott Bailey, and other adults who worked all day helping us.

On 29 April, Unit Commander Larry Winters and XO Joe McCarter conducted our first rifle practice of the season. It was held at the new range and range house at Camp Bonnyman. There were eleven shooters. They will continue to compete for a place on the team that will go to the Tennessee Regimental Competition in Anniston, Alabama in August 2017.

Our Young Marines graduating from High School are required to leave the program. We held our ceremony on 13 May 2017 at 1500. We have five high school seniors retiring (leaving the program with more than 5 years or more). They have been great examples for our Community. They are: YM MGySgt Seth Gates (9 years), YM Msgt Gillem McMillen (5 years), and YM Staff Sergeant Alexander Farr (8 years). Those with less than five years in the program are honorably discharged. They include YM Sergeant Autumn Cox (2 years) and YM PFC Donovan Lowery (3 years). Collectively, they leave a big hole in our upper ranks. They will be missed and we wish them well in their future endeavors.



2017 YOUNG MARINE RETIREES

## 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

## Happy Spring (well...almost) from the Tennessee Smokies!

You are invited to attend SALUTE TO HEROES NIGHT with the Tennessee Smokies, scheduled for Saturday, May 27, 2017. All veterans, active-duty military, reserves and guard members, as well as Gold Star and Blue Star Families, will be eligible for up to four (4) FREE tickets to the May 27th pre-game ceremony and Smokies-Shuckers game. \*Valid proof of service/membership is required.

This year's sub-theme is PTSD Awareness and the local resources available to those affected by the disorder. More details will follow closer to the date, but in the meantime, feel free to reach out to me with questions. Please join us!

Best regards, Matt Strutner, Tennessee Smokies 865-286-2331direct

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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 "Honorably service." ("Honorably 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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Applicant's Signature

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