

The Bonnyman Gazette is the official newsletter of the Lt. Alexander Bonnyman Detachment #924 Marine Corps League, PO Box 53293, Knoxville, TN 37950. Articles and photos are due to the Editor no later than the 15th of each month. The Editor is Jeff Tegzes, [ntegzes@gmail.com](mailto:ntegzes@gmail.com), (865) 809-1585.

## Detachment & Auxiliary Meetings

We meet monthly on the last Tuesday of the month at the Karns Community Club Youth Center, 6616 Beaver Ridge Road, Knoxville, TN. Social hour begins at 1730 followed by a business meeting at 1830.

## Detachment Officers

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### Ladies Auxiliary President

Charlene Cotton ((865) 279-4652

## NEW OFFICERS SWORN IN AT THE JANUARY MEETING



The roster of the 2020 Detachment Officers is updated on this page.

## COMMANDANT'S CORNER

It is with great pleasure I thank the membership for electing me to lead the Detachment. We have a lot to do and few to get things done; please, I am asking you to lend a hand. The elected officers are ready and willing to move forward with the task. We need new members, and in the coming months, it will be one of our priorities. Each of us is an ambassador for MCL, and I ask that the new trifold and membership applications get circulated every chance you get.

Regarding our dining-in, MARCH 14, 2020, this is giving back for your membership. You may bring your wife or significant other or just yourself. Enjoy getting out for the evening for an excellent shrimp and steak dinner WOW, a secret speaker WOW-WOW, and a wonderful Chaplain WOW-WOW-WOW! The blessings and awards will be part of the evening, at \$15 pp, including tip and tax. That's crazy; you get back your membership money by just attending! Don't sit home and eat SPAM, join us. Lee said he's even kicking in the wine!

The Officers are moving forward with guest speakers for the coming month's meetings, so get out of the house; refreshments will be there; I hope you will too. (Last Tuesday of the month) The more you sit in your chair at home, the slower you get. We care!!!!!! We want you at the meetings for the brotherhood and the league.

Semper Fi!

Ken DeBoer, Commandant



## FROM THE CHAPLAIN

### WE'RE SURROUNDED

"In the LORD put I my trust: how say ye to my soul, Flee as a bird to your mountain? For, lo, the wicked bend their bow, they make ready their arrow upon the string, that they may privily shoot at the upright in heart. If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?" Psalm 11:1-3 In this Psalm David is serving in Saul's court after his victory over Goliath. Saul did not have a more loyal supporter than David; but Saul felt inferior to David. This insecurity caused him to consider David as a rival and as a result Saul tried to kill him on several occasions. David was "Upright in heart." A Department Chaplain once gave a quote from the Guidebook for Marines, "A Marine with the morals of an alley cat will never command the loyalty and respect of other Marines. A combat leader must also be a moral leader." David was such a man. David said, "If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?" The word foundations come from a Hebrew word that means, "the settled order of things." David likened society to a building.

The foundation of society is law and order, justice and truth. If law and order, justice and truth are undermined in a society then what can the righteous do? In the original text the form of the question is such that David can find no answer. The foundations that are being destroyed in western society today are law, order, truth, justice, morality, decency and integrity. Humanist and libertarian views prevail in our schools, our courts, our government, and the media. A determined attack is being mounted against everything decent and moral in our society. The foundations are being destroyed as we observe our society being attacked from every side.

We're surrounded! Chesty Puller said, "We're surrounded. That simplifies the problem!" "All right, they're on our left, they're on our right, they're in front of us, they're behind us... they can't get away this time." Let's band together, and hold this sacred ground that has been defended with blood and valor since the founding of the Republic, and preserve the foundations of freedom for God, Country, and Corps. The Marine Corps League makes a tremendous difference in our society. Service, faithfulness, high principles, and worthy purposes. Marines get the job done!

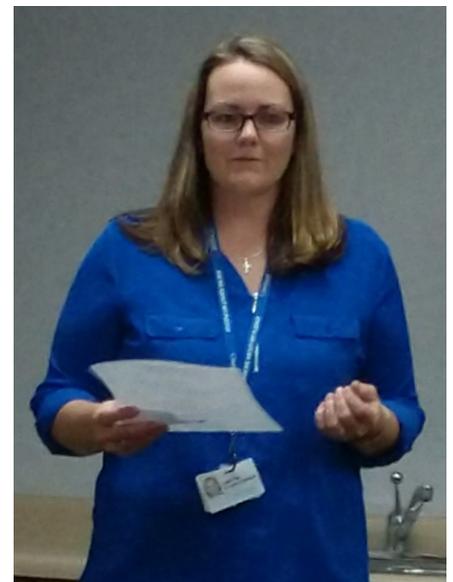
Semper Fidelis,

Ron Naugle, Detachment Chaplain



## COVENANT HOSPICE VET TO VET PROGRAM

Covenant Hospice Representative Cindy Winterberger delivered a brief at the February Officer's Meeting on their new Vet to Vet Volunteer Program. The program is designed to assist veterans in hospice care through direct interaction with other veterans. Qualified veteran volunteers would meet with hospice veterans to swap sea stories, distribute pins and certificates at ceremonies and attend organized community events. Volunteers will be required to have a flu shot, TB skin test, a background check, all provided through Covenant Health. Volunteers would also attend 6 hours of training. For more information contact Cindy at [cwinterb@covhlth.com](mailto:cwinterb@covhlth.com) or go to their website [covenanthomecareandhospice.com](http://covenanthomecareandhospice.com)



Cindy Winterberger, LMSW

## DETACHMENT DINE-IN CELEBRATION

This year's Detachment Dine-In and Awards Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, 14 March at the Bearden Banquet Hall on Kingston Pike. A steak and shrimp dinner will be served. A special guest speaker will address the Detachment. Awards presented will include the Sgt Maj Hatfield Marine of the Year Award and the Semper Fidelis Award. The cost will be \$15.00 per person. Uniform is Casual or Formal (red blazer if you have one). Point of contact for reservations and payment is the Paymaster, Lee Rhinemiller.

## NEW DETACHMENT BYLAWS

The Detachment Judge Advocate has been working tirelessly over the past few months to rewrite the Detachment Bylaws. The new proposed Bylaws will incorporate years worth of changes at the Detachment, Department, Division and National levels of the Marine Corps League. The proposed Bylaws consist of 9 separate articles concerning our Detachment Name and Organization, Detachment Meetings, Membership, Board of Trustees, Detachment Staff, Detachment Committees, Finance, Affiliated Organizations and Administrative Procedures.

Simply stated, the Detachment Bylaws are our "Constitution" and provide the legal structure for everything that we do. Detachment Officers are currently reviewing the draft bylaws, but proposed changes are not limited to the Board of Trustees. All members are encouraged to participate in the process of finalizing the bylaws. A vote by the Members will be required to accept or reject them after a 30 day period for review and consideration. The new bylaws presented to the members at the February meeting would be voted on at the March meeting. All proposed changes should be delivered to David Hatfield, Detachment Judge advocate.

## DEPARTMENT OF TENNESSEE CONVENTION

The Captain Jack Holland Detachment 735 is hosting the 39th annual Department Convention June 11th -14th and cordially invites all members of the Marine Corps League and Marine Corps League Auxiliary to Jackson, Tennessee!

The Convention will be held at the DoubleTree by Hilton 1770 Hwy 45 Bypass Jackson, Tennessee 38305. Room rates for the convention are \$114 + tax/per night. Book your reservation by calling 731-664-6900. Reservations must be made by 12 May to guarantee your room and mention the Marine Corps League or MCL while booking to insure you get the guaranteed room rate. There are 2 entrée choices for Saturday's banquet, Grilled Flank Steak and Roasted Airline Rotisserie Chicken. Banquet dinners are \$55.

## MCL AUXILIARY



Hello, Ladies,

We will have Installation of Officers at the 25-February meeting.

The Auxiliary Member of the Year will be announced at the Detachment Dine-In on 14-March.

Convention season is on the horizon. The Southeast Division Convention is 26-29 March 2020 in Warner Robins, Georgia. <http://sediv.org/conference.php>

Auxiliary meetings are scheduled for Friday and Saturday, 27 & 28 March. (29-March is the opening date of the Cherry Blossom Festival in nearby Macon, GA.)

The Department of Tennessee Convention is 11-14 June in Jackson, TN. Your Community service reports for May 2019 – April 2020 will be due at the April meeting so we can prepare the Unit report in a timely manner.

Patty is in charge of snacks for the February meeting.

See you soon,

Charlene Cotton, President



## 2020 DETACHMENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The application for a Detachment sponsored college scholarship is available now at the Detachment website. The Detachment's scholarship program has seen significant changes that are designed to make scholarships more accessible to League Members and their families. The deadline for submission of the application and required documents is 2 April, 2020. Don't miss this opportunity for you and your family!

March Calendar		April Calendar		May Calendar	
Officers Meeting	9	Department Staff Meeting	4	Medal of Honor Evening	4
Detachment Dine-In	14	Safety Break	10-13	Officers Meeting	5
SE Division Conference	26-29	Officers Meeting	13	Rifle Match	9
Detachment Meeting	31	Detachment Meeting	28	Safety Break/Memorial Day	22-25
				Detachment Meeting	26



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

The schedule for Pound Growls has not yet been determined. Growls will no longer take place at Calhoun’s Restaurant in Bearden. Standby for word on the new dates and location.

**mclknnoxville.org**

The Detachment Webmaster is 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.

**RIDING TO THE WALL**

Lt Alexander Bonnyman Young Marines and local Marines will be hosting fifteen to twenty Marines “riding to the wall” for Memorial Day celebrations. They are starting on the West coast. The group will arrive around 1400 on 20 May 2020 and spend the night at Camp Bonnyman. They want to use the range. We have promised them a big barbeque cook out for dinner and many of you are needed to help. We will also have breakfast on the 21st before they head on out on their motorcycles. The “leader of the pack” is Sergeant Major Gene Overstreet, 12th SgtMaj of the Marine Corps. Come support the effort to give these Marines a good time.

**SAVE THE DATE!**



**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. **A coordinator for the Honor Guard is also needed to plan events.** Contact Marine Lee Rhinemiller for details.

**RED BLAZERS AVAILABLE**

Marine Corps League uniform 2 button red blazers are available at **uniformalwear-house.com** Prices range from \$69.95 to \$79.95, depending on size. Red blazers are also available at **J.C. Penney** as the “Stafford Blazer” Official MCL buttons can be purchased through the Detachment Quartermaster and installed by you or your tailor.

**YOUNG MARINES ALEXANDER BONNYMAN UNIT REPORT**

January 22, 2020 was a bittersweet day as we bid YM Staff Sergeant Jesse Ford farewell as he left us to go to Parris Island for the 'real' Marines. We were able to plan a discharge ceremony and reception. An American flag, that flew over our Nations capital was presented, a gift from TN2 Congressman Tim Burchett.

We are starting a new recruit class on 02/22/2020. Gunny McCarter, a former Young Marine and now a deputy in the Blount County Sherriff Office, will be the adult leader in charge. There are several youngsters already signed up for the class. If you know a boy or girl between the age of 8 and graduation from high school, have them contact us.

Our Adult Leaders who were on the sick list last month continue to improve. But they are up and coming to drill.

As we look towards spring, our next adventure is hosting twenty Marines at Camp Bonnyman overnight. They are "riding to the wall". We need volunteers to make this a success. We are planning for 100 people. We will have a cook-out on the 20th. For breakfast, Mimi's Restaurant is donating muffins. David Hatfield has volunteered the Concession Trailer for the event. Plan to be there.

Our Unit trip is tentatively going to Washington, DC to march in the National Memorial Day Parade and tour Washington.



**CONGRATULATIONS ELIZABETH CARR, LIFE MEMBER!**

New member, Dan Davis, was sworn in at the January meeting. Dan is also a member of the Crossville Detachment. Welcome aboard Dan!



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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**



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**Lt. Alexander Bonnyman Detachment 924, Marine Corps League, Application for Membership**

**PLEASE PRINT IN PEN**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_+\_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Service/Social Security No \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Date of Enlistment/Commissioning \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Date of Discharge/Retirement \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

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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Sponsor (where applicable) \_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature  
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