

# THE BONNYMAN GAZETTE

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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 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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**Jerry Moat (865) 357-1261**

## **COMMANDANT'S CORNER**

Marines,

Congratulations Marines on the completion of an outstanding run of activities. From The Peacock Memorial Pistol Match to the celebration of our Corps' 242nd Birthday, we were a busy unit. The Mud Run looks to be a net gain of about \$20,000 when all is finished being counted. We will have the final number as we come into the January mid year budget review and the straggler invoices and payments make their way into us. BZ to the Detachment and all who worked so hard on this flagship interaction with the public. Because of this unit's efforts at raising funds, here is a partial list of the organizations that benefited from checks written in October as support outside of our Detachment:

\$3,000 to Wounded Warrior Regiment (Quantico Va.)

\$2,000 to Young Marines North

\$2,000 to Young Marines Bonnyman Detachment

\$500 to Wreaths Across America

\$1,000 split between MCL Disaster Fund and Red Cross Disaster Fund (FL) (a matching gift of \$1,000 total was directed to TX following the Houston Floods in September). Various other activities outside of our Detachment received from \$125 to \$500 per our annual budget. At the October meeting, we distributed a total \$10,625 to organizations outside of the unit--That is just that month. Our support to organizations moves along throughout the year! Well Done!

Please make plans to attend the Christmas Breakfast at Bearden Banquet Hall on Saturday 12/2 at 900am. Bring a toy or two for the Toys for Tots Campaign as Marines will be on hand to collect for the program. Contact Lee Rhinemiller to sign up so we can order enough SOS for the breakfast!

We will be hosting the State Department Convention in June. As your Commandant, I am asking you now to participate in that convention with your attendance at the business meetings and the banquet Saturday night. Details will follow; participation in this is important to the success of the convention and our reputation as the "best damn" Detachment in the South--Look forward to seeing you there.

If nothing else sticks with you, please pay attention here: There is a strong possibility of our help being needed with support to Delta Company in 2018--More to follow on this, but know that every hand will be needed on deck if the winds that blowing come to fruition--stand by for the word--

As is the tradition of our Corps, you as a Detachment are doing exemplary work--Thank you and keep it up!!!

Semper Fidelis

Tim Eichhorn, Commandant





The winners of the annual Jim Peacock Memorial Pistol Match were presented with their trophies and medals during the October League Meeting.



The North Knoxville and the Bonnyman Units of the Young Marines were both presented with \$2000.00 from the Detachment Commandant demonstrating the Alexander Bonnyman Detachment's continuing commitment to the Young Marine Program



Our two newest members, Marilyn Childress (Hospital Corpsman 1972-1975) and Larry Montoya (Active duty from 1957-1966) were sworn in during the October meeting.

## 100 YEARS AGO:

### MARINES IN THE GREAT WAR

**November 1917:** Colonel Albertus Catlin, USMC, commanding the 6th Marines, arrived, with some of his staff, in France on 1 November. On 10 November, General Pershing wrote a letter to the Commandant, General George Barnett, explaining why the 5th Marines were being used along the lines of communication in France, among other onerous tasks. Pershing took great pains to complement the Marines on their conduct, appearance, discipline, and state of training, and stated that it was the "natural" thing to do to use them in rear areas.

While Pershing was assembling the lead U.S. divisions in France, The British and French High Command were trying to figure out how to get their hands on all the fresh American troops. The British wanted to use American troops as replacements in British Divisions to restore their depleted combat power. The French wanted American units under French command to relieve their exhausted divisions in the trenches. Pershing would have none of it and insisted that American troops would be organized into an American Army and would fight as an American Army. The pressure was intense from the British and French, but Pershing held firm. Pershing was determined that the American Army would not rot away in the trenches but would fight in the open to attack and destroy the German Army and so end the war.







Detachment Marines attended the Annual Marine Corps Ball at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Downtown Knoxville on Saturday, 11 November. The Ball was hosted by D Company, 4th CEB.



Joe Eddlemon attended the Annual ETMAC Veteran's Day Luncheon in Knoxville along with other Detachment members. Joe is currently recovering at the Ben Atchley State Veterans Home.



Commandant Tim Eichhorn addresses League members at the Detachment Birthday Dinner on 10 November.

## MCL AUXILIARY

Hello everyone. Hope all our members and League members are having a great November. The Birthday dinner went very well and everyone seemed to have a good time. None of our members were able to go to the parade this year but the Detachment made a good showing. Hopefully everyone had a good Veteran's Day.

We have the Wreaths Across America ceremony next month on the 16th, the Christmas Breakfast on the 2nd and Toys for Tots. Don't forget the Bonnyman Memorial on November 22 also.

At the meeting this month we will discuss upcoming events, plan for next year and discuss officers for the January election. There will not be a meeting in December.

Cookies will be by JoAnn and Charlene.

See you at the meeting,

Connie Sexton, Unit President



Detachment Marines line up to participate in the Knoxville Veterans Day Parade down Gay Street. The parade took place on Friday, 10 November and was well attended by many Veterans groups, local high schools, and other Knoxville service and patriotic organizations.

## December Calendar

Christmas Breakfast	2
Devil Dog Growl	4
Officers Meeting	11
Wreaths Across America	16
<b>No Detachment meeting this month</b>	

## January Calendar

Mud Run & Officers Meeting	9
Detachment Meeting and Elections	31

## February Calendar

Officers Meeting	12
Detachment Meeting	27

## SCRATCHES FROM THE CLAWS OF THE BARKING DOG



The last Growl of 2017 will be held on Monday, 4 December 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.

## 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.



## WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA 2017

The Wreaths Across America campaign has begun. Wreaths are \$15 each; \$5 of that goes to the Lt Alexander Bonnyman Young Marines if purchased from them. These will be placed at the Tennessee Veterans Cemetery at John Sevier. The number of graves has increased to 1993 as of 9 October 2017. The Cemetery has an average of 15 services per day. So we definitely have our work cut out for us if we want to place a wreath on every grave. Kathy Winters started this campaign for the Young Marines five years ago. The Alexander Bonnyman Detachment has already donated \$819.00 to purchase wreaths. Please see Kathy to donate. Checks should be made to Wreaths Across America. Wreaths will be placed on 16 December 2017.

**Adult volunteers are needed at the John Sevier Cemetery to unload the truck delivering the wreaths at 0900 on 16 December.**



## YOUNG MARINE REPORT by Kathy Winters

This has been a very good month for the Young Marines. We attended the Tennessee Regimental Adult Leader Conference. East Tennessee made a clean sweep. YM Joseph Sheppard, from North Knoxville, was selected as the Regimental Young Marine of the Year. Stephanie Bailey, from Bonnyman, was selected as the Regimental Adult Leader of the Year. Lt Alexander Bonnyman Unit was selected as the Regimental Unit of the Year. Now we will proceed to Divisional competition. Wish us well.

There was a very good turn-out for the Jim Peacock Memorial Pistol Match at Camp Bonnyman on October 21st. We also celebrated the Young Marine Birthday with a modified ceremony and cake cutting. It was a very informal affair. But it was great that so many of the League members were there to join us. The Young Marines played "kids games" after lunch and had an old-fashioned Birthday Party. As usual, everything was planned by Stephanie Bailey, who was also awarded the Adult Leader of the Unit.

We were invited to attend "Hoot and Holler" at Blount Community Church, on October 29th. This is an event! Each group decorates their space and provided Trick or Treat. It is a great Fall festival. Of course, we were Camp Bonnyman, complete with a rustic sign and a sandbag bunker. And lots of treats for over 500 children. We also handed out Red Ribbon Week ribbons to each child, as part of Drug Demand Reduction efforts. The I and I Staff and Marine Reserves joined us and brought big trucks and humvees as a static display. Together we were an impressive unit. We collected five Toys for Tots boxes full of toys and monetary donations as well.

Starting off a long Veterans week, we presented the colors at Seymour Salutes Veterans. All of our Young Marines were there as part of Red Ribbon Week and helping were needed. It's a great opportunity to interface with other Veteran's groups.

On the 9th of November, we again presented the colors at a Veterans Choir Program. And joined everyone at the Knoxville Veterans Parade on Friday, followed by the Marine Corps Ball on Saturday, which was attended by some Adult Leaders and grandparents of our great Young Marines.



## 2017 TOYS FOR TOTS

The Toys for Tots coordinator for D Company, 4th CEB is SGT Xiong. At the October League Meeting, SGT Xiong asked the Detachment for help with this year's toy drive. The search is on for a large warehouse (8000 to 10,000 square feet) to store and sort toys collected. Help will also be needed from detachment members to place toy boxes and sort toys at the warehouse. SGT Xiong is a member of the I-I Staff at the Reserve Center and can be reached there.

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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 "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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