

THE BONNYMAN GAZETTE

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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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YOUNG MARINES CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION

Larry Winters presented Certificates of Appreciation to Patti Mullins, Frank Waller, Howard Raines, Scott Bailey, Karl Ekstrom, and Wayne Jones for their work in support of the Young Marine Program.



COMMANDANT'S CORNER

Marines,

Just returned from So California and Camp Pendleton. Our daughter and her husband are Marines stationed there. She is an adjutant and he is a helicopter pilot. The weather there is what we all likely remember, perfect. Even better is the drive around and the meeting with today's Marines at their workstations throughout the base. Things have changed, but The Corps and Marines have not.

As you see throughout this edition of the Gazette many of our compatriots were honored for their service and actions in support of the MCL and The Detachment. This extends of course to our two fine Young Marine Detachments. We should all be so thankful for the efforts and results of our Detachment through the many seen and unseen actions of our members.

Thanks also to Lee Rhinemiller and David Hatfield for putting together the various budget requests and then presenting for the officers' review and approval of the upcoming year's budget. Thanks also for the membership in approving it.

Eric Nash is again out front with Americanism and documentation of our Detachment. His work brings in accolades at all levels of The League.

The Mud Run is nearly here. Get involved--you are needed!!

See you at the meeting--

Respectfully,

Tim Eichhorn, Commandant





Our newest member, Bill Paolorico, was sworn in at the June meeting. Bill was a FMF Corpsman in 1978. He served with the Corps on Okinawa and at Camp Lejeune. Welcome Aboard!



Jr Past Commandant Jim Williams presented the 2016 Detachment "Semper Fidelis" Award to Kathy and Larry Winters and Gene Collins at the June meeting.

100 YEARS AGO:

MARINES IN THE GREAT WAR

July 1917: President Wilson authorized through the Secretary of the Navy that another Marine Regiment be raised for service with the AEF. With the 5th Marines already in France, the 6th Marine Regiment was formed at Quantico under the command of Colonel Albertus Catlin. Catlin had been in command of the base at Quantico, but was relieved by Brigadier General John A. LeJeune. The same process of recalling Marines from around the world to build the 5th Marines was used to man the 6th Marines although by this time, graduates from the recruit depot at Parris Island would be necessary to fill out the Regiment. The biggest problem was the shortage of trained junior officers. A good number of experienced NCOs were commissioned, but both regiments would struggle to fill the billets for company grade officers. In France, it was not uncommon to find Army officers assigned to Marine rifle platoons and companies until the Marine Corps officer training program caught up to the needs in the field.

The 5th Marines in France was not assigned to an Army division immediately and was given non combat duties like unloading ships and guard duty. By the end of July, all the battalions were moved by train to training areas east of Paris and began an intense training program with the famed "Blue Devils" the French Alpine Chasseurs as instructors.

The Marines were heartily welcomed wherever they went by the civilian population and soon became acquainted with the "vin rouge" and "vin blanc" offered by their French hosts.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

Hello Everyone,

Just a brief message from your Chaplain. I have not been able to keep up with news about the status of our membership due to my own health issues. I have been told that our own Joe Eddleman has not been released from the Ben Atchley Home. I am going to try to get to see him before my next procedure is done. In the meantime pray for Joe to be coming home soon.

I did check on Howard Rains and was told that his recovery from surgery is going very well. Glad things are happening for you Howard.

If I have left anyone out please forgive me as I am not able to do much right now.

A bit about me. I want everyone to know how overwhelmed I have been with all the cards, visits and good thoughts that have come to me through email. Thank you so much everyone! It is a great feeling to have so many friends and wonderful relationships from a group of my brothers and sisters who truly care about each other. What an honor indeed!!

I will be having my next cardiac procedure on the 19th at 1:00 PM at Parkwest Hospital. Dr. Ramon, a specialist in this type of Cardiac Surgery, comes highly recommended and I feel fortunate to have his expertise. Hopefully I will then be able to get my strength back and return to my duties. However, if you have requests or need anything at all please contact me and I will pass the information on so that we can continue to be of assistance.

God Bless and Keep You Safe in his Loving Arms.

Pearl Rich, Detachment Chaplain



MCL AUXILIARY

Hello everyone and a great summer to all.

Glad to see a good turnout of members at the last meeting. Congratulations to Ginger Huffman who received the Deborah Evans Award at the Department Convention in Memphis. The Convention went very well. The regular meeting was handled capably by Patty Mullins, Department President. Patty has agreed to serve another year as President. A program outlining the activities and makeup of the Auxiliary was presented by Patty and myself at the Joint Meeting at the beginning of the Department proceedings. Patty put together a great slideshow of activities to show the League members. Thanks to David Hatfield for his great introduction and kind words. We also provided handouts which detailed how to form an Auxiliary Unit.

Do not forget that the Mud Run is coming up fast. We need everyone to participate. If you need a waiver form still or want to sign up please let me know.

Dues are to be paid in August. Please bring your dues money to the meeting or send it to Ginger Huffman at 618 Old Sevierville Pike, Seymour, TN 37865.

Cookies in July are by Patty Mullins.



Constance Sexton, Unit President

WE HAVE A NEW POST OFFICE BOX

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY THE RETURN ADDRESS FOR THE BONNYMAN DETACHMENT SHOULD INCLUDE P O BOX 53293. PLEASE MAKE A CONCERTED EFFORT TO USE THE NEW NUMBER AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, IN THE EVENT YOU HAVE OR RECEIVED ANY DOCUMENTS THAT HAVE THE OLD NUMBER (145), PLEASE SAVE THE DOCUMENT AND BRING IT TO THE NEXT MEETING OR GET IT TO ME TO HAVE IT CORRECTED AND/OR ORDER NEW PRINTED MATERIALS.

THIS TRANSITION WILL TAKE SOME AMOUNT OF TIME AND EFFORT TO COMPLETE, SO YOUR HELP IS NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH THE TASK. IN THE INTERIM, WE WILL MAINTAIN BOTH THE OLD AND NEW BOXES TO ENSURE WE MAINTAIN GOOD CONTACT WITH OUR MEMBERS, FRIENDS AND CLIENTS.

PLEASE DIRECT ANY QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS TO: LEE RHINEMILLER, 865 414 3460, or rhinemiller@comcast.net

August Calendar

MCL National Convention	13-18
Officers Meeting	14
Pistol Match	19
Detachment Meeting	29

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

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.



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:

19 August

Camp Bonnyman Pistol Match

9 September

Jim Putman Memorial Rifle Match

(TWRA Range)

21 October

Jim Peacock Memorial Pistol Match

(TWRA Range)

YOUNG MARINE REPORT by Kathy Winters

The last month has been one of our slowest months on record. But we are making up for it in the next six weeks. The 4th of July gave us a good break, the time to be with friends and family.

We had a regular drill on the 17th of June and the 8th of July. We worked on the biannual requirements, worked on Guide Books, and readied some of our Young Marines for promotions. The Adult Leaders received a mandate from National to take the RAM (Registered Adult Manual) modules at the Young Marine University. These must be completed to reregister. They are very time consuming and intense.

Lt Alexander Bonnyman Unit presented Certificates of Appreciation to several members of the League at the last meeting: MCLA Patricia Mullins, Marines Scott Bailey, Karl Ekstrom, Wayne Jones, Howard Raines, and Frank Waller, for their continued support of the Young Marines. Larry and Kathy Winters went to Ben Atchley Veterans Home to visit Joe Eddelmon. We presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation as well as a Proclamation that was made at our Regimental Encampment and signed by all the Young Marines and Registered Adults in attendance.

On the 12 of July, the Unit went swimming at the Sevier County Pool. Those who were able to attend had a great time on such a hot day.

On the 15th of July, the Young Marines again hosted the MCL and visitors for a pistol match at Camp Bonnyman. The number of shooters increased. Lunch was prepared by Connie Sexton and Susan Jones, MCLA members.

This coming week we have three activities: a Flag Retirement Ceremony for the Seymour Volunteer Fire Department, display at Joint Operations at the Jacob Building at Chilhowee Park, and Drill on Saturday. We have something planned every Saturday in August, so it's a good thing we rested in July.



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



MCLA Member Ginger Raines received the Debra Evans Award as the MCLA Department Person of the Year. Congratulations Ginger!

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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 "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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