

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, (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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MUD RUN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



Volunteers are still needed to work during the week prior to the race, 7-14 September and on race day, 15 September. Jobs include; building the course, laying out the parking area, directing parking on race day, putting up tents, picking up supplies around Knoxville, and distributing food and water on race day. Contact Larry Winters for information and assignments ASAP!

COMMANDANT'S CORNER

Marines of the Lt Alexander Bonnyman Detachment,

Welcome to August Marines! As we have said before, rust never sleeps and we are about to enter a period of time with that will bear that out for us.

A safety break is in place for the Labor Day weekend – even if you are not yet signed up, take some time to come out and join in the fellowship and the task of providing the motorists with the friendly faces of Marines serving our citizens. The more the merrier at each hour.

The Mud Run is shaping up for September 15th. Participants are signing up and the course has been re-laid and re-designed to incorporate new obstacles and challenges. Jeff Tegzes and David Hatfield once again came through with those added features. Be certain to contact or see Larry Winters to sign up to serve that day. Hands are also needed the week of the race for construction and course lay out.

The Detachment picnic at the Lenoir City dock/park pavilion is scheduled for Sunday 9/30. Jim Williams has offered to provide bar-b-que. All we must do is provide the side dishes and our happy faces—please bring spouses so that the side dishes are tasty and that we truly do have happy faces!

Hats off to Harold “Tunnel Rat” Raines. He is stepping back from some of his duties most notably with the safety breaks. When you see him, tell him thanks for his service. When I think of him and of others that serve so well here in the detachment and in other places in our community, one of the 11 Leadership Principles that we were all taught and expected to live out comes to mind, namely; “Set The Example- A leader who shows professional competence, courage and integrity sets high personal standards for himself before he can rightfully demand it from others.

Thanks Tunnel Rat!

See you at the meeting and as we have said many times before, find a place on the rope and start pulling!

Semper Fidelis, Tim Eichhorn, Commandant



100 YEARS AGO:

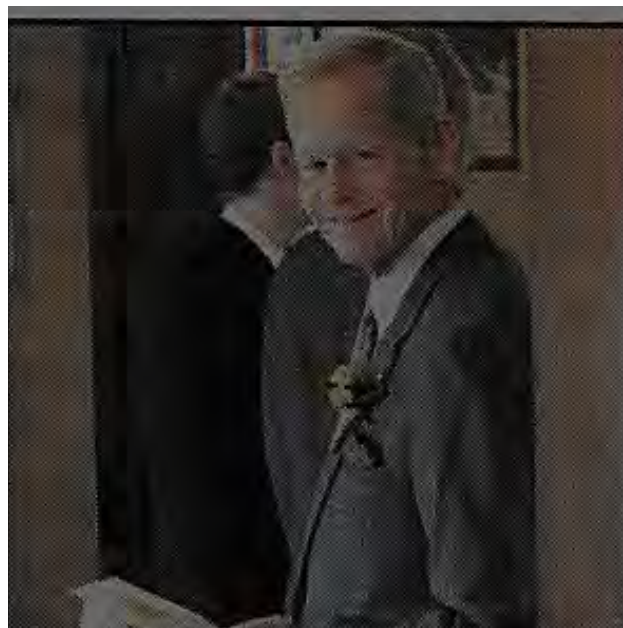
MARINES IN THE GREAT WAR

August 1918: After being pulled off the line around Soissons, the 2nd division was moved to a rest area near the beautiful city of Nancy for R & R. The Marine Brigade took into its ranks 2000 much needed replacements. By 8 August, the 2nd Division was moved back into the line at the quiet Marbache Sector to relieve a French Division. During this period, Marines were authorized to wear the Eagle, Globe, and Anchor device on their Army uniforms although it would take some time to get the new round bronze EGA collar devices made. The 2nd Division was directed to make enough noise in their sector to convince the Germans that a major attack was coming in order to distract the Germans from the Saint-Mihiel Sector where the next attack would come. Marines in the sector were subjected to German raids and artillery attacks, but suffered very few casualties. Late in August, the 2nd Division moved off the line. The Marine Brigade moved to Faviere and began weapons and small unit training to keep the old-timers sharp and to bring the replacements up to Brigade standards. On 30-31 August the entire division held maneuvers in preparation for the next big American offensive around Saint-Mihiel.



The first Eagle, Globe and Anchor collar device authorized for wear by enlisted Marines from 1918 to 1920. These discs were manufactured in the U.S., France and in Germany after the Armistice.

BURIAL HONORS FOR MICHAEL CURRY



The Alexander Bonnyman Detachment provided a funeral service and burial honors for Michael Curry on 17 August, 2018. Mike was a Marine Corps Sergeant and served from 1963 to 1967, including a tour in Vietnam. He was a Marine Corps League Life Member and a member of the Alexander Bonnyman Detachment. He died at the age of 73 in Indianapolis, Indiana.



SEPTEMBER 2018 RIFLE MATCH

Match will be held at the TRWA Range complex on Rifle Range Road, North Knoxville. Be at the main gate by 0700. No one will be able to get in after 0730. This match is the **Jim Putman Memorial Rifle Match**: open match, any rifle with open sights, held on Saturday, 8 September, alternate date in case of rain is Saturday 13 October.

Price of the match will be \$20.00.

The TWRA Range will be open for practice on the second Tuesday of each Month.

Semper Fi, Jim Williams

CHAPLAINS REPORT

We have several of our members who are ill and in need of our prayers and support. Just a note, card or phone call just letting them know we are thinking about them does wonders to uplift someone's spirit so if you can take a few minutes out of your day to communicate with those who are ill please do so.

Although I do not have an update on Gene Collins please remember him in your thoughts and prayers. Any support you may give I am sure would be appreciated through a card, email, or phone call to see how you may help Gene and his family.

I am very pleased to report that Lois Eddleman has been released from the hospital and is back home. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

Ginger Hoffman has started a new treatment regimen and will be doing this at specific regulated intervals throughout the next several months. She needs our prayers so that she will be able to remain strong as she goes through this process. Let's please keep her in our prayers and let her know that we are supporting her every step of the way.

Louis Montoya has had surgery on August 14, 2018. The surgery was done on an outpatient basis and entailed reconstruction of the right ring finger tendon from an injury received in 1962. When I spoke with Louis after the procedure he indicated that he was in a lot of pain. Hopefully, that has subsided over the course of time. Your thoughts and prayers are much greatly appreciated as is any other support you can give him. I also learned that he has had some other incidents during the course of the past several months. He has had a tree fall on his roof and several other mishaps because of the intense weather storms. If anyone would like to render help please contact him and see what he may need.

Lastly, I am pleased to report that I did have my defibrillator/pacemaker device inserted two weeks ago. The procedure went very well as anticipated. I returned this week and adjustments were made to make it more efficient. I am breathing much better now and that is a blessing. Hopefully, I will be much stronger in the next several months as I can now do some things that were forbidden in the past. I am pleased with the improvements thus far and confident I will continue to improve.

If there are any other members of our league who are ill and you have not been mentioned, please forgive me. As always, I welcome all communication regarding our members who are in need of prayer and support. Please contact me by phone at (865) 306-6744 or email me at Chaplain.924@gmail.com

Thank you again for your continued support. Be safe and God bless and keep you in his loving arms.

Pearl Rich, Chaplain

MCL AUXILIARY



Ginger sends a reminder that the annual membership fee of \$28 is due in August.

Lois Eddleman is back at home after hospitalization and rehab for heart problems.

Susan Jones made the trip to Johnson City VAMC to attend the Veterans Administration Volunteer Services Meeting in July, and provides this summary:

Mr. Dean Borsos, Medical Center Director, reported the Medical Center is growing. New or expanding services include:

New sleep clinic, partnered with pain management plus acupuncture and chiropractic service

More space in the Mental Health suite, with "whole health" initiative – treating for optimal physical and mental health.

Added two neurologists and looking for two more.

Looking for "eminently qualified" candidates to fill slots for two new psychologists, two new psychiatrists, and two social workers. Apply at USAjobs.gov

Long-distance/telemedicine access for specialty consultations that are not available on campus

The Alexander Bonnyman Unit of MCLA received special recognition for our financial support toward the coffee fund. Our check arrived the day before the meeting and they were most happy to receive it. There was a great need for volunteers in almost every department and for every one of the special events they hold.

A special request was made for packages of extra-large t-shirts and reading glasses of all available magnifications. These are especially needed by veterans in residence at the facility.

Ladies, start now to keep up with your volunteer and community service activities for the 2019 report.

Susan Jones is providing cookies for the August meeting.



Charlene Cotton, President

September Calendar

Safety Break	2-3
Jim Putman Rifle Match	8
Officers Meeting	10
Marine Mud Run	15
Detachment Meeting	25
Detachment Picnic	30

October Calendar

Lt. Pilkerton Bridge Dedication	2
Officers Meeting	8
Pistol Match	20
Marine Corps Birthday Ball	27
Detachment Meeting	30

November Calendar

Knoxville Veterans Day Luncheon	8
Knoxville Veterans day Parade	9
Detachment Birthday Dinner	10
Officers Meeting	12
Bonnyman Memorial Ceremony	21
Detachment Meeting	27



SCRATCHES FROM THE CLAWS OF THE BARKING DOG

The remaining 2018 Growl schedule is: 24 September and 3 December. All Growls will take place at Calhoun's Restaurant in Bearden Hill.

Barking Dog

mclknoxville.org

The Detachment Webmaster is Marine Tim Shea. **mclknoxville.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 uniform 2 button red/scarlet blazers are available at:

uniformalwearhouse.com

Prices range from \$69.95 to \$79.95, depending on size. This company offers good quality at reasonable prices. Official MCL buttons can be purchased through the Detachment Quartermaster and installed by you or your tailor.



Larry Winters and Gene Overstreet, 12th Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps.

SAFETY BREAK SCHEDULE

The Labor Day Safety Break will be 2 and 3 September. **Contact Howard Raines to fill an open slot for the Labor Day Break.**

YOUNG MARINE REPORT by Kathy Winters

The Lt Alexander Bonnyman Young Marines is very proud of our Junior Leadership graduates: YM LCP Jesse Ford, YM LCP Luke Jones, YM LCP Brock Runyan, YM CPL Natalie Throckmorton, and YM CPL Robert Throckmorton. Natalie Throckmorton also received the Molly Marine Award for being the graduating female with the highest Physical Fitness Test score. YM LCLP Luke Jones also attended the National Flight Academy at NAS Pensacola. Kudos also to YM PFC Riley Overholt for earning his Community Service Award. He graduated in March from Recruit Training, he completed his 50 hours requirement in July which included many hours at a horse rescue farm.

We have accepted a transfer of a Young Marine from San Diego Unit. We are also doing a pilot program starting one Young Marine recruit and integrating him into the Unit with another Young Marine mentor responsible for his training.

Having just returned from Drill and Ceremony School, UC Larry Winters led the Unit at Drill practice on August 4th. Whew! Things they are a changing. But the YMs were with him all the way and anxious for the next Regimental Drill Competition. Mr. Winters told them that the school was Brutal. But he had great fun spending the week with the 12th SgtMaj of the Marine Corps Gene Overstreet.

The Unit was introduced to the SASP. This is a nationwide venue for youth shooters. We have registered Lt. Alexander Bonnyman Unit in the SASP (Scholastic Action Shooting Program), a new venture for the Young Marines. SM Overstreet is spear heading this program. Twelve RA from throughout the United States went to training in Ohio. The emphasis is on training other Units to start their own program. Mr. Winters earned additional NRA Certifications and will be active in this endeavor. We will continue with our rifle team as well.

See everyone at the Mud Run!

GENERAL CLIFTON CATES SCHOLARSHIP

Our Inaugural Annual Gen. Clifton Cates Scholarship Dinner will raise money for a student scholarship fund for the University of Tennessee College of Law. Our dinner will honor the memory and legacy of a true Tennessee Volunteer hero: General Clifton B. Cates, USMC. Among General Cates' many accomplishments, he was a graduate of the University of Tennessee College of Law (Class of 1916), a lineman for Tennessee Vols football team, and rose through the ranks of the military to earn the rank of four-star General (the first Tennessean in history) and the 19th Commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps. As one of the most decorated officers during World Wars I & II, General Cates' legacy speaks volumes to the high-caliber graduates the College of Law produces; preparing students, not only for the court room, but for the lives they will change.

Cannot attend the Event? Or looking for additional ways to support the Gen. Clifton Cates Scholarship Dinner and Vols for Veterans? Please seriously consider making a Donation this will go directly to the Event Coordination and Scholarship Fund. Just click on the "Tickets" link. There you will find the option to "Donate." Thank you!

Tickets are available at eventbrite.com

Date of the Dinner is 11 October, 2018

6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Location is the Cherokee Country Club, 5138 Lyons View Pike, Knoxville, TN 37919

Company D, 4th Combat Engineer Battalion
United States Marine Corps

Birthday 243rd Ball

Saturday, October 27, 2018 Knoxville Convention Center
The Marine Corps Ball is in honor of the sacred history and memory of the men
and women who have given their lives in service to this nation.

Tickets are now on sale for \$50 per person and include a choice of:
Chicken or Sliced Ribeye Dinner, Cash Bar, Live Music, Dancing, and Comradery.

TICKET SALES @ Ticketbud.com event name: 2018 Marine Corps Ball Knoxville, TN

Cocktail hour will commence at 5 PM with the ceremony beginning at 6 PM followed by
the cutting of the traditional Birthday Cake at 7 PM.

The Uniform for this event is the Blue Dress "A" uniform. Guests are encouraged to
wear appropriate Formal Attire (i.e., Suit, Sport Coat or Formal Evening Gown).

There will also be a Toys for Tots drive at the event. Please
bring any unwrapped, new toys (Valued \$30 or less) or a
CASH donation can be made.

For any questions regarding this event contact
1stSgt Gabriel A. Burns
Office: (865) 522-2414
Email: gabriel.burns@usmc.mil

TOYS FOR TOTS

701 Henley Street, Knoxville, Tennessee (865) 522-5669 www.kccsmg.com

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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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