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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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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

COMMANDANT'S CORNER

Marines of the Bonnyman Detachment,

Welcome to the New Year! I need you now more than ever to commit to your presence at our meetings and our activities. I really need you to look inwardly and grade yourself on attendance. Did you make at least half of the detachment meetings? Did you come to more than one special event? Did you participate in planning and conducting an event like Safety Break or Dining In or USMC Birthday Dinner Celebration or the Mud Run? I hope that the answer is yes to those questions and that you are a Marine lending your hand in true gung-ho fashion. If you are not on the green side up of those questions, make 2018 the year that you bounce back!

We will be launching into this year with several tried and true activities that help to raise funds and awareness. We need your help on the Mud Run. While Nolan Sharbel has taken the helm and will guide this ever important function of our detachment, Marines who have run this event over the years are stepping back as time catches up with them. There is much work that needs done on our biggest fund raising activity. More to come on that.

We have two wonderful opportunities for celebrating as Marines together just in the first half of the year:

The SE Divisional Convention will be taking place in Pigeon Forge from March 22nd through March 25th.

Our Detachment will host the Tennessee Department Convention on June 21st to 23rd.

We all should plan to turn out for the Department Convention especially for the crowning event of the convention with Saturday night's banquet. I am asking you all personally, as members of the Detachment, to represent well at that event. Camaraderie is important and showing the local colors will again send the message to the State about who the big dog in the yard is!

So grab a hold on the rope, there is much pulling to be done and you are needed!

Semper Fidelis

Tim Eichhorn, Commandant



2018 OFFICER ELECTIONS

Elections will be held during the January 2018 Detachment meeting to put in place a slate of officers for the rest of the year. The Nominating Committee has submitted the following proposed slate of nominees for election:

Detachment Commandant: Tim Eichhorn

Senior Vice Commandant: Travis Bryan

Junior Vice Commandant: Sam Ruble

Judge Advocate: David Cates

Paymaster: Lee Rhinemiller

Any member will be given the opportunity to make additional nominations for any of the five elected offices.

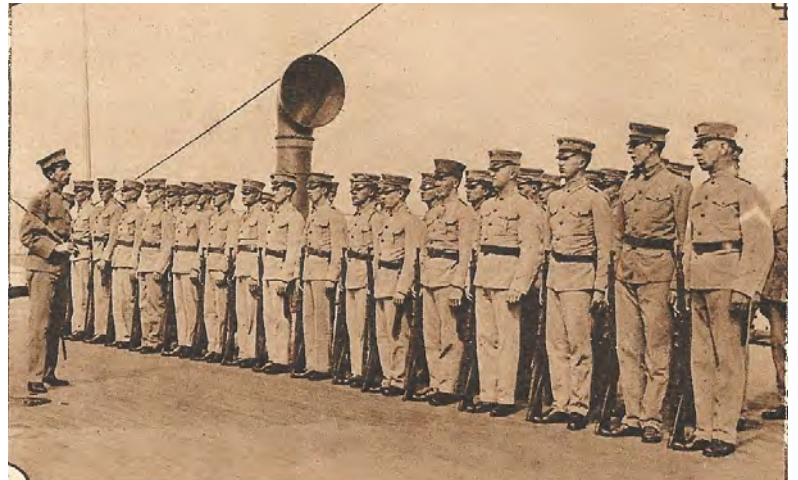
2018 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

The 2018 Department of Tennessee 37th Annual Convention will be held at the Knoxville Airport Hilton from 21 to 23 June. The Alexander Bonnyman Detachment is hosting the convention and will publish a convention registration package on 1 January, 2018 to get the ball rolling. Bonnyman Detachment members will be needed to sell ads to local businesses to be published in the convention program book. Selling ads is an essential part of financing the convention without placing a financial burden on the host detachment. Detachment members will have until 24 May, 2018 to give businesses the opportunity to support the convention. Help from members will also be needed to collect promotional and other give-away items to be included in the "goodie bags" given to convention attendees from around the state. **PLAN ON BEING THERE IN JUNE!**

100 YEARS AGO:

MARINES IN THE GREAT WAR

January 1918: Although most of the attention was on the Marine Brigade in France, most of the Marine Corps was busy with more traditional missions around the world. The Corps continued to provide detachments to Navy ships in the fleet, now largely deployed to England. Marines also had a large presence in the Caribbean region securing American resources and fighting banditry and instability in troubled nations. Several Marine Regiments were deployed in the area although only as battalion sized units and separate companies. The 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Marine Regiments were deployed to the Dominican Republic to stabilize that country. The 7th and 9th Regiments were deployed to Cuba. The 8th and 9th Regiments were deployed to Galveston, Texas to secure the southern border. The 10th Marines was formed in Quantico as a heavy artillery regiment scheduled for deployment to France in 1919. Another infantry brigade was also being formed at Quantico for deployment to France in late 1918.



The Marine Detachment aboard the Battleship U.S.S. Oklahoma in 1918.



Marine MP in Paris having a discussion with an Army Officer



2018 RIFLE MATCH SCHEDULE

We have dates for the Detachment Rifle Matches for 2018. These Matches are held at the TRWA Range complex on Rifle Range Road, North Knoxville. You have to be at the main gate by 0700. The gate closes at 0730 and no one will be able to get in after 0730.

Bill Gerst Memorial Rifle Match: M-1/M-1A rifles only, held on Saturday, May 12th, alternate date in case of rain is Saturday, June 9th.

Jim Putman Memorial Rifle Match: open match, any rifle with open sights, held on Saturday, September 8th, alternate date in case of rain is Saturday October 13th.

Price of the matches will still be \$20.00. Awards are yet to be determined.

Young Marines will pull and score targets.

Starting in March, the TWRA Range will be open for practice on the second Tuesday of each Month.

MCL AUXILIARY

Hello to everyone during this cold January.

As I mentioned in my last column, Charlene Cotton has been elected as the new President of the Unit. It has been a real pleasure serving as your President for these many years. I know everyone will support Charlene as well as they always have our past presidents.

Our dear friend and Past President Gen Vadeboncoeur died in December. Many thanks to the members who attended her burial and participated in the Unit ceremony. Gen did want the Unit to be there and her family appreciated it too. Likewise thanks to the members and Detachment members who attended the funeral and the calling hours.

A Charter ceremony will be held at the meeting in January. We will have an Installation ceremony for the new officers and also a new member ceremony. Please be there and if you have a cover please bring it as we need to measure for sizes for Charlene.

The mud run planning will start soon. The Dine In has been scheduled for March 17. We also need to get started on Convention planning. Don't forget that the S/E Conference is in Pigeon Forge March 22- 24.

Cookies by Patty Mullins

Stay warm, see you at the meeting.

Connie Sexton, Unit President



2018 PISTOL MATCH SCHEDULE:

Jack McGivney Memorial Pistol Match, 14 April

May (TBD)

16 June

4 July

18 August

22 September

Jim Peacock Memorial Pistol Match, 20 October

All matches will be held at the Camp Bonnyman Pistol Range

February Calendar

Officers Meeting	12
Detachment Meeting	27

March Calendar

Devil Dog Growl	5
Officers Meeting	12
Detachment Dine-In	17
SE Division Conference	22-25
Detachment Meeting	27

April Calendar

Officers Meeting	9
Pistol Match	14
Spring Department Conference	14
Detachment Meeting	24

SCRATCHES FROM THE CLAWS OF THE BARKING DOG



The 2018 Growl schedule is out: 5 March, 4 June, 24 September, and 3 December. All Growls will take place 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

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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.



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.

VETERANS IDENTIFICATION CARD

On July 20, 2015, the President signed into law the Veterans Identification Card (VIC) Act of 2015, Public Law (PL) 114-31, which requires that the Department of Veterans Affairs issue an identification card to Veterans that request a card and meet other eligibility requirements. The VIC is a portable and secure alternative to a DD-214 that can be used to obtain discounts on promotional goods and services offered to veterans. Veterans who served a minimum obligated time in service but, did not meet the retirement or medical discharge threshold may be eligible to receive a VIC. Starting in November 2017, individual's that do not have a Veterans Health Identification Card (VHIC) or retirement card issued by the Department of Defense will be able to apply for a VIC online using www.vets.gov

YOUNG MARINE REPORT by Kathy Winters

After a busy November and the first half of December, we were thankful for a school vacation. But here we go again!

Wreaths Across America was a good day, although really cold. It was disappointing to not have a wreath for every grave. An anonymous donor provided 400 wreaths from a local grower which helped enormously. Thanks to Marine Howard Raines and Marine David Hatfield for their help. David has provided the sound system for the ceremony every year at John Sevier. Larry Winters was asked to present the Service Flag for the Marine Corps. "Mr. Lincoln" was a welcome addition. He is a 17 year old bald eagle from the Eagle Sanctuary in Pigeon Forge. His handlers were generous with their time and took photos for anyone who asked.

With a whirlwind trip to Pensacola for the Winters, we have planned and received confirmation of our Unit Trip. This will be the first weekend in June. We will be staying on NAS Pensacola and enjoying the NAS Museum, the National Flight Academy, and the USS Alabama for our highlights.

At drill on January 6th, we promoted one Young Marine and accepted the transfer of two Young Marines from another unit in Tennessee. Great additions to our Unit.

Larry has been asked to represent Young Marine Division 3 at the National Scholastic Steel Challenge Instructors Course in Arizona. He will be going in July. This is in addition to his other NRA credentials. There are twelve YM Adult Leaders accepted from throughout the United States. The Young Marines have partnered with the Scholastic Steel Challenge Program. We have applied for an NRA grant to partially cover the cost of new pistols and targets.

Our new Recruit Class will start on February 3, 2018. Our parent orientation will be on January 20th at 0900 at Eagleton Elementary School. If you know a youngster who would like to join our program, please have them email youngmarinesbonnyman@gmail.com, and we will get back to them.



Bald Eagle named "Mr Lincoln"



Young Marines and volunteers help place "Wreaths Across America".

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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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