

# 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.

## Detachment Officers

### Commandant

**Jim Williams (865) 740-4155**

### Junior Past Commandant

**David Hatfield (865) 803-3169**

### Senior Vice Commandant

**Eddie Knoebel (808) 391-4618**

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**Howard Raines (865) 577-4745**

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**Eric Nash (865) 693-5711**

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**Lee Rhinemiller (865) 414-3460**

### Chaplain

**Leroy Brown (865) 806-2837**

### Judge Advocate

**David Cates (865) 548-4088**

### Sergeant-at-Arms

**Bill Mullaly (865) 966-4532**

## DETACHMENT DINE-IN CELEBRATION AT ROTHCHILD'S



## COMMANDANT'S CORNER

Semper Fi Marines,

Another month has come and gone and before you know it, December will be here again. I was sitting, thinking about how we can keep an eye on Marines who forget to pay their dues. If you sponsor a Marine, please keep up with him or her. We all have that little problem with CRS. I have talked with several Marines that we were fixing to drop and it turned out that they just forgot. We are going to change a few things to try to keep that from happening again.

We will discuss what happened at the Mid-Winter Conference and get the word out on what is happening with the MCL in DC.

Shooting matches start in April. Find out about the matches in the Gazette and come out and shoot.

Hope to see you at the next meeting.

Semper Fi,

Jim Williams, Commandant





## APRIL PARRIS ISLAND TRIP

Space is still available for this year's Drill Instructor Reunion from 21-24 April. Members attending will be guests of Marine David Hatfield. Retired Marines can reserve accommodations at the Osprey Inn on base (843) 228-2744. A "convoy" will depart from the Reserve Center on Thursday, 21 April and will consist of the Young Marine bus and anyone wishing to drive in their own vehicle. The fuel costs for the bus will be split among those riding in the bus. The return trip will be on Sunday, 24 April. Event costs are:

Registration Fee: \$20.00 (single), \$30.00 (couple)

Welcome Breakfast: \$3.45 per person

Picnic: \$15.00 per person

Banquet: \$30.00 per person

Reunion events include: Recruit Graduation Ceremony, bus tour of the Depot, Picnic at Elliotts Beach, Cadence Call Contest, Ladies tour of the Women Marine Battalion, and an evening Banquet.

**Reservations must be made by the March League Meeting** and must include a name and date of birth for each person attending. Contact Marine David Hatfield to register and for more information.

Make your own hotel reservations at the Host Hotel Quality Inn Town Center (843) 524-2144. Mention the Drill Instructor's Association for a special rate of \$59.95 per night.

## NEW MEMBERS NEEDED FOR THE DETACHMENT 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.

## APRIL LEAGUE PISTOL MATCH

The Jack McGivney Memorial Pistol Match will be held on Saturday, April 9th. This is a big gun (center-fire) and little gun (.22 rim-fire) match. Registration will start at 0800 at the TRWA range on Rifle Range Road. As soon as we get a full relay ready, we will start shooting. The first match will be center-fire pistols. The second match will be for our .22 cal. shooters. Both matches require 45 rounds to complete. The cost will be: \$ 20.00 for center-fire and \$15.00 for the .22 match. We will have some good old burgers, bratts, and dogs for eats. Come on out and enjoy some shooting, fellowship, and food. Pass the word to your friends and bring them along. If you need directions call me 1-423-337-0120 and I will tell ya where to go. See you all there.....Jim Williams



## RIFLE AND PISTOL MATCH SCHEDULE

The Detachment Rifle and Pistol Match schedule is set for 2016 and includes the usual two rifle and two pistol matches.

**Jack McGivney Pistol Match: 9 April**

**Bill Gerst Rifle Match: 14 May**

**Jim Putman Rifle Match: 10 September**

**Jim Peacock Pistol Match: 15 October**

All matches are on a Saturday morning and will take place at the TWRA range complex on Rifle Range Road in North Knoxville. Information on individual matches will be posted in the Gazette.



## CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

Greetings Marines and Auxiliary,

My recovery from knee surgery is going well. I have four more weeks of physical therapy.

We wish Herman Queener and Ginger Huffman a speedy recovery.

The Dine-in was a great success. Everybody enjoyed themselves, the good food, and the fellowship.

Congratulations to the 2015 Marine of the Year, Eddie Knoebel and the Semper Fidelis Award Winner, Bryan Hudgins. They are two well deserving Marines.

Remember our Armed Forces and each other in our prayers.

Semper Fi,

Leroy Brown, Detachment Chaplain



## MCL AUXILIARY

Easter greetings and happy Spring to everyone. The Dine-in was a great time made even better by an interesting and fun guest speaker.

Our cookie list has been slightly altered: March-Whitney, Apr-Susan & Kathy, May-Charlotte, June-Barb V, July-Abbe, August-Lois, Sept-Barb T., Oct-Ginger & Jayne, Nov-Gen. Let me know if more changes are needed and thanks again ladies for your continuous support for this project.

The Mud Run Committee is up and running. Several members have already volunteered to help. Volunteer sign-up will take place a little later in the year, but thanks for your continued interest.

The Detachment has signed up for a food booth at the Air Show in April. If you are going to the show, stop and support the guys. They may have enough volunteer help now, but if you have questions, talk to Eddie Knoebel.

The Department of TN MCLA will hold a staff conference on April 2, 2016 at Crossville, TN. It will be at noon at the Ryan's Steak House. If you are interested in going, let me know and I'll get you the directions.

Hopefully the the good weather will hold and we will see you at the meeting March 29th.

Connie Sexton, Unit President



## MUD RUN COORDINATION MEETING

A Mud Run Coordination Meeting will be held in the Reserve Center Conference Room at 1630, prior to the monthly League meeting, on Tuesday, 29 March. Any League member volunteering to be a coordinator for Mud Run planning and execution should be there.

**A League Member is needed to lead the Mud Run Committee for 2016.**





April Calendar		May Calendar		June Calendar	
Department Conference	2	ETVMA "MOH Evening"	2	Dept of Tennessee Convention	3-5
Pistol Match	9	Officers Meeting	11	Devil Dog Growl	6
Officers Meeting	13	Rifle Match	14	Officers Meeting	8
Newsletter Deadline	15	Newsletter Deadline	15	Secret City Festival	11
Smokey Mt. Air Show	16-17	Rarity Bay Breakfast	16	Newsletter Deadline	15
South Knox Breakfast	25	South Knox Breakfast	23	Rarity Bay Breakfast	
Detachment Meeting	26	Detachment Meeting	31	South Knox Breakfast	27
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## SCRATCHES FROM THE CLAWS OF THE BARKING DOG



Mark your calendars for the 2016 Devil Dog Growls: 6 June, 12 September, and 5 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

**Always check the online calendar at [www.MCLknox.org](http://www.MCLknox.org) for the latest information on dates, times, and locations/maps for League meetings and events.**



**DON'T FORGET EASTER SAFETY BREAK!**



Detachment ball caps are available for sale at League meetings. See the Supply Officer.

### RED BLAZERS AVAILABLE

Marine Corps League type 2 button red blazers are available at [uniformalwearhouse.com](http://uniformalwearhouse.com) for \$59.95-\$69.95. This company offers good quality at great prices. Official MCL buttons must be purchased from the MCL National Ship's Store and installed by you or your tailor.



## YOUNG MARINE REPORT by Kathy Winters

The Change of Command Ceremony was held 5 March 2016. Larry Winters, USMC, Retired, is officially the Lt. Alexander Bonnyman Unit Commander for the next two years. Larry and Virgil have been working closely this past year. The Young Marines, under the direction of SgtMaj Charles Wright, USMC, Retired, did an outstanding job. They performed a flag ceremony, passing each other a flag, which had flown over our Nation's Capitol, a gift from Congressman Duncan. The flag went from a YM Private, up each rank, to the YM MSgt, who then presented the flag to Mr. Young. The two leaders exchanged the Unit Guidon. Mr. Winters gave Mr. Young a plague commemorating his service as the Unit Commander from 2013-2016. Thank you to those League members who took time from their weekend to join us. A reception followed the ceremony.

We started our new YM Recruit Class on 27 February 2016, and had an unexpected line outside the office door. We started with 29 new YM Recruits. Our second Recruit Day lasted 29 hours, an over-night experience at Eagleton Elementary School. They learned how to build a fire, set up shelter halves, and how to eat MRES, in addition to their regular classes. The Recruit Class will graduate on 9 April 2016 at 1430. Please join us at Eagleton Elementary as they become Young Marines.

The rest of April is a full schedule. We have Honor Air, the Air Show, a Soldiers Journey Home, and a weekend at Norris Dam for all of our Young Marines. We expect 50+ kids plus adults. On 7 May 2016, we will have a Fly-In and YM Aviation Day at Seymour Airpark.

On 13 March 2016, Mr. Young was re-elected as the Tennessee Regimental Commander. We are very fortunate to still have him in the Bonnyman Unit.



## MEMBERS DUE FOR RENEWAL DURING NEXT THREE MONTHS

Heads up for the members listed below. Please note that we are now showing our members due during the next three months. We are doing this to overcome the problem of MCL National showing a member as being late when his or her dues have actually been paid, but have not been processed by National. We tend to get out of sync with National. You can help us by paying dues as early as possible which will save us having to research and reconcile differences. This will go far toward improving our standing with National as an outstanding, well managed detachment.

Members with dues due prior to 30 June 2016 are: Robert Banks 6/1/16, Dale Betterton 6/1/16, David Fugate 6/1/16, Brian Groenhout 4/1/16, John Lambert 6/1/16, William Mullaly 6/1/16, Pearl Rich 4/2/16, Walter Taylor 6/1/16, Wilson Taylor 4/1/16, Joseph Williams 6/1/16



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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 "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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Applicant's Signature

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