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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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MEMBERS AND FRIENDS CELEBRATE AT THE ANNUAL DETACHMENT PICNIC

Good friends and good food were in great supply at the Detachment Picnic on 25 September at Lenoir City Park. Everyone enjoyed a well deserved reward for another successful year capped-off by a spectacular Mud Run. Special thanks to Jim Williams for the award winning BBQ!



COMMANDANT'S CORNER

It's October and I hope the temps are cooling down finally. Only two Months left in 2016. Time is flying and there is still a lot left to do. Rick Snow will be giving a presentation on the recovery of Lt. Bonnyman at the October meeting, which I am looking forward to very much. Remember to be there by 1715. We have completed the Jim Peacock Memorial Pistol match with a great turn out of league members. If everyone who has paid shows up it, will be the most attended Birthday Ball we have ever been part of. Happy early 241st Birthday. Getting into November a little, the Marine Corps Birthday Luncheon at Rothchild's will be discussed at the October meeting. I expect the usual great turn out. The next day is the Veterans Day Parade and luncheon and I hope to see a bunch of us on our float. More about these events at the meeting.

Over the next few months, I will be writing a few lines about my experiences sitting at the head table. This will come from my heart (if I can find it). I really have enjoyed being the Commandant of our Detachment for the past two years. We have had our ups and downs like all Marines. You all helped me get through the loss of Brenda and I thank you all for being there during this bad part of my life. It has been a real trip.

Semper Fi,

Jim Williams, Commandant



WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA 2016

The Wreaths Across America campaign has begun. Wreaths are \$15 each; \$5 goes to the Young Marines. Last year, our team was able to place wreaths on every Veterans grave at the Veterans Cemetery at John Sevier. We also had additional wreaths to donate to Lyons View and the National Cemetery in Knoxville. Several League Members bought individual wreaths to place at Stout Memorial and the Lt. Alexander Bonnyman Memorial, and their own family members. Kathy Winters started this campaign for the Young Marines four years ago. Please see her to donate a Wreath. Checks should be made to Wreaths Across America. All Wreaths will be placed across the United States on 17 December 2016.



MEMBER DUES DUE BEFORE 31 DECEMBER

Gregg Crawford Robert Evilsizer
 Harry Cate William Dunaway
 William Eichorn Walter Gang
 Kevin Kuklok Joseph Gugliamucci
 Dean Keck Edgar McDonald
 Edgar McDonald Stacy Redwine
 Theodore Scotes



JIM PEACOCK PISTOL MATCH WINNERS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY MARINES !

Yes, our 241st birthday is coming soon.

Our birthday luncheon is scheduled for:

WHEN.... Thursday, November 10th

TIME..... 1130 hours (11:30 am)

WHERE.. Rothchilds Catering & Convention Center,
 8807 Kingston Pike, Knoxville ,TN

COST..... \$10.00 per person. **Pay in advance. No money collected at the door.**

I will be collecting payments at the Regular League meeting Oct 25th **OR**

Mail your check to:

Howard Raines

618 S.Old Sevierville Pike

Seymour,TN 37865

ETVMA SPORTING CLAYS

The East Tennessee Veterans Memorial Association will present a Sporting Clays Shootout on Friday, October 28th, 2016 at the Chilhowee Sportsman's Club. Three flights are scheduled for 9am, 12pm, and 3pm. Lunch will be provided and awards will be presented. Cost is \$500 per team of 4, \$125 for individuals. For more information contact Marine Tim Eichhorn at :

865-218-8408 or
 teichorn@rkcapital.com

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

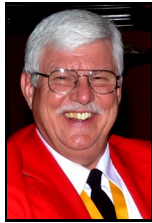
The Pistol match was a big success. Burnt a lot of powder, killed a lot of paper, but won no medals. It was a great turn out. Commandant William's BBQ was superb as usual. The Young Marines did a great job on the targets. It was good to see Marine Gene Collins and all who came out.

I called Lee Buckner and he said he is doing ok. William Taylor (Remi) is having medical problems. Getting older is not easy.

Remember our men and women who are serving in our armed forces and all our ailing members in your prayers.

If I can be of assistance call me at 865-806-2837 or email me at lbrown2222@aol.com.

Semper Fi
Leroy Brown, Chaplain



SAFETY BREAK SCHEDULE

Our one and only Safety Break for the year was a success, WHOOPEEE !

Now we make preparations for 2017. I am going to apply for permits for 5 weekends for the year. We start with Easter in April and finish with Columbus Day in October. They are 3 and 4 day weekends, except July 4th. We could have 5 days of donations. Independence day is on Tuesday ! The days I will apply for are Easter (3 days), Memorial Day (4 days), Independence Day (5 days), Labor Day (4 days), and finally Columbus Day (4 days) That gives us a total of 20 days.

We always have good time and good conversations with the passing public and meet many Marines as they are travelling. I hope the Marines of the detachment will go look at their calendars then call me to say they want to be put on the schedule for one of these weekends. Sign up early and get the slot/day you want.

Thank you very much in advance for all your efforts.

Semper Fi,
Howard Raines, Senior Vice Commandant &
Safety Break Coordinator

MCL AUXILIARY

Hello to all members and Marines and families. We were glad to see everyone who came to the picnic. The weather was great, the food excellent as usual thanks to Jim Williams and the good feelings prevalent. The Mud Run went pretty well at the on-site registration area. Thanks to all who volunteered. Thanks to all the members who worked and most of all to all the guys who worked so hard to bring it off at the last minute. The Young Marines did a great job at our post also. We will have a report on the State Fall Conference at the October meeting. Patty Mullins, Department President will brief us on the Conference and share some thoughts on the future of the Department. We will discuss the committee for by-law changes also. Lois Reiniche will head that committee. There are many events planned for the next few months, keep them on your calendar. A few include the trip to the VAVS meeting at VA Mountain Home 10-24, the Reserve Ball 10-29, the Birthday Lunch 11- 10, the Veteran's Day Parade and lunch 11-11, the Bonnyman Memorial 11-22, and the Christmas Breakfast 12-10. Cookies this month are by Ginger and Jayne. Hope to see you at the meeting.



Connie Sexton, President



PISTOL MATCH SIGN UP

November Calendar

Officers Meeting	8
Detachment Birthday Lunch	10
Veteran's Day Parade	11
Newsletter Deadline	15
Bonnyman Memorial	22
Detachment Meeting	29



December Calendar

Devil Dog Growl	5
Christmas Breakfast	10
Officers Meeting	13
Newsletter Deadline	15
(no Detachment meeting this month)	

January Calendar

Officers Meeting	10
Newsletter Deadline	15
Detachment Meeting &	
Elections	31

SCRATCHES FROM THE CLAWS OF THE BARKING DOG



The last Growl is 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 for the latest information on dates, times, and locations/maps for League meetings and events.

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 must be purchased from the MCL National Ship's Store and installed by you or your tailor.

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.

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.

YOUNG MARINE REPORT by Kathy Winters

This month we have been very busy supporting the activities of the Marine Corps League. During the Mud Run, Young Marines, families and Adult Leaders supplied 652 hours of assisting at the Event, not including those activities and hours getting ready for the Run. Nine Young Marines and their families, and five Adult Leaders, attended the MCL Picnic at Lenoir City Park. We were also the last to leave making sure everything was left in a satisfactory manner. Five Young Marines members of our award winning Rifle Team, and an Adult Leader, assisted with the Jim Peacock Memorial Pistol Match, putting up targets, repairing the targets for the next round of fire, and assisting with the scoring of the match. Donations received at that event will help to support our Rifle Team.

We started a new Recruit Class. Although not as large as most, the new recruits are dedicated and have great attitudes. They are progressing faster than most classes, including joining the Unit in obtaining First Aid and CPR certification, which is a requirement for all Young Marines and Adult Leaders. They will graduate on 29 October 2016 at 1500. Please join us at Eagleton Elementary School to celebrate their accomplishment.

Six Young Marines earned promotion this month. YM CPL Autumn Cox was selected as the Unit Young Marine of the Year. She represents all that is good in our Unit. She has been nominated for Battalion Young Marine of the Year.

The last week in October is Red Ribbon Week, a National campaign sponsored by the Drug Enforcement Agency, in memory of Kiki Camarena, an agent killed in drug enforcement activities. The Young Marines will be doing public and school presentations warning other children on the dangers of drugs. As we enter the busy month of November, we look forward to recognizing our Veterans in the many activities we have planned. We are scheduled for four color guard presentations alone, including the annual Knoxville Veterans Luncheon.



PISTOL RANGE CREW HAVING FUN



VETERANS HERITAGE RIDGE RUN

The Veterans Heritage Site Foundation (VHSF) invites you to participate in the inaugural running of the Veterans Heritage Ridge Run on 5 November 2016.

The Ridge Run is a fundraiser for the construction and upkeep of the new Veterans Park at Sharps Ridge and will kick-off Community Veterans Week activities in Knoxville.

The race will begin at Lincoln Park Technology Trade School, 535 Chickamauga Ave, and proceed in a loop on the hiking trails of Sharps Ridge. The course is made up of well-marked trails through largely wooded and hilly terrain. We encourage you to form a team and challenge other teams or just run on your own! There are many categories in which you can win bragging rights and awards! If you are not up to a 5K, we are also offering an option for a less challenging 1 mile fun walk. This is a great opportunity for families!

START TIME: 9:00am EDT

PRICE: \$25.00 Race Fee + \$3.00 Sign Up Fee

REGISTRATION: Price increases to \$30.00 after October 7, 2016 at 11:59pm EDT

Your online registration fee includes an awesome T-shirt! Registration closes 10/27/16!

To Register Click here: <https://runsignup.com/Race/TN/Knoxville/TheVeteransHeritageRidgeRun5K>

Share our event on your facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/933188733469969/>

We are seeking sponsors so if you or anyone you know may be interested in sponsoring a water table, donating fruit, donuts or bagels or want information on becoming a financial sponsor please be sure to email ridgerunknoxville@gmail.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 "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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