

THE BONNYMAN GAZETTE

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Detachment & Auxiliary Meetings

We meet monthly on the last Tuesday of the month at the VFW Post 5154, 2561 Hobbs Road, Louisville, TN 37777. Social hour begins at 1730 followed by a business meeting at 1830.

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NEW OFFICER SWORN IN

Marine Mike Napierkowski was sworn in as the New Detachment Judge Advocate at the June meeting. The Judge Advocate is appointed by the Commandant and not elected by the membership. Congratulations Mike!

COMMANDANT'S CORNER

Hello Marines,

I hope all is well with you and your family. A big thank you for all who attended last month's meeting - a great turnout. The meeting location changed due to Knox County shutting down club licensed premises due to COVID. Everything is ok now; therefore, sessions will be at VFW hall 5154 on Hobbs road at 5:30 PM. I'm sure some of you are still not sure about coming out. We are all Marines and have been through hard times and good times. You do what you think is best for you. We only ask that you try to attend the meetings.

This month we lost a brother, Wayne Robbins, after a long illness. He was very active in the detachment while he was able. Thank you, Wayne, and God Bless you. Larry Winters is still not feeling tiptop, waiting for tests, and hoping for answers. Get well, Larry. Our excellent Chaplain Ron Nagle is down, having had a knee replacement. Get better soon.

We have increased activity in the detachment over the next couple of months with the Mud Run, the Marine Rose fundraiser, and the Marine Corps Birthday. We need members to step up, not just belong. I sincerely hope to see you at the next meeting on July 28 at 5:30.

Semper Fi,

Ken DeBoer, Commandant



CLOSE COMBAT

"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." Ephesians 6:12

The word "wrestle" translates "pale" and refers to a contest between two opponents, in which each endeavors to throw the other, and the match is decided when the victor is able to hold his adversary down with his hand upon his neck. The term can be transferred to every individual of faith and to our nation that was founded upon religious principles, and application can be made to our ongoing struggle with the opposing powers of evil. Among the hundreds of books in my library, there are at least three volumes that explain and illustrate fighting techniques, both armed and unarmed, that are designed to overpower the enemy. The first two books use Jujitsu and Judo and they bear the nickname 'dirty' fighting. Close Combat (Line Training), is a U. S. Marine Corps publication, by the direction of Lieutenant General J. E. Rhodes, Marine Corps Combat Development Command. The other book is the well-known classic on physical training and hand-to-hand combat, Combat Conditioning. The two books continue to be the center of debate concerning the foundational approach for modern training. The third volume referred to is the Holy Bible and also gives instructions concerning how to win the battles that we face every day. "...We wrestle not against flesh and blood...." When we are attacked by someone because of our faith, political views, for a perceived injustice, or for no apparent reason at all, we are not to wrestle with that person. Our fight is not with flesh and blood. Our struggle is with the evil forces of the unseen world, and Paul by inspiration of God clearly sets forth the truth in principle, that this would not be the right course to take. The warfare is real, but it is against an enemy that we cannot see. However, we can detect the works of the 'pseudo-god of this world' in ourselves and others. The Marines on Iwo Jima could not see the tunneled enemy, but they saw the effects of their presence lying lifelessly on the beaches. We cannot see the wind, but we can see the effects that it has on the trees. How do we fight in this warfare? Prayer seeks the help of the Lord in this battle. The Bible gives us the right way to act when under attack. Taking this kind of action is directly engaging the enemy and trusting the Lord to take care of the outcome of the conflict. In Romans 12:19, the Apostle Paul says, "Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord."

The following are those with whom we are engaged in close combat. When one crisis is over, we move on to a different one, because the struggle is ongoing! Principalities are the evil spirits who have the oversight of nations. They would correspond to the rank of generals. Powers are the privates who are wanting to control the lives of human beings through anarchy, spinning truth and world opinion, and through every other sinister means possible. The rulers of the darkness of this world is an indicative emblem of ignorance, misery, and sin; and no description could be more accurate than that of representing these malignant spirits as ruling over a dark world. Spiritual wickedness in high places are evil spirits that are supposed to occupy the lofty regions of the air, and thence to exert a baleful influence on the affairs of man. "It is against such spirits, and all their malignant influences, that we have been called to contend. In whatever way their power is put forth - whether in the prevalence of vice and error; of superstition and magic arts; of infidelity, atheism, or antinomianism; of evil customs and laws; of pernicious fashions and opinions, or in the corruptions of our own hearts, we are to make war on all these forms of evil, and never to yield in the conflict." Albert Barnes, First Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, (1830-1868).

The comedian Flip Wilson, used to say, "the devil made me do it." He was right! Satan has a well-organized army, and his soldiers are manipulating circumstances in this world right now. The pain, heartache, suffering, confusion, and all of the tragedies of life are the work of Satan operating in the background. He is the cause of the great problems that exist in the world today.

"Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: Praying always...." Ephesians 6:13-18a

As the world comes unglued with the destabilization of society; the dismantling of law-enforcement; the systematic destruction of our ancient landmarks; the re-writing of our history; imposed double-standards and constant spin from a biased media, the entertainment industry, and Silicon Valley; let God lead in the battles... and keep a good supply of ammunition for backup!

Semper Fidelis, Always Faithful FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Chaplain Ron



LOCATION FOR JULY MEETING

The Detachment member's meeting scheduled for 28 July will be held at the **VFW Post 5154**, 2561 Hobbs Road, Louisville, TN 37777. Follow Airbase/Callahan Road to find Hobbs Road, go passed the Air National Guard Main Gate. Food and drinks will be available to purchase. Do not hesitate to wear face masks if you like.

FROM THE HISTORIAN

I have been working on a project to document all the Mud Run t-shirts. There are a few I do not have. If you have one of these shirts I would like to photograph it and put it our archives. I need: 1st Mud Run 2004, 2nd Mud Run 2005, 3rd Mud Run 2006, and 7th Mud Run 2010 (I have a copy of the yellow but I need a copy of the light blue.) I also need: 8th Mud Run 2011, 9th Mud Run 2012 and 10th Mud Run 2013. Any and all help will be appreciated. If you want your own 2020 Mud Run t-shirt, sign up to volunteer at this year's Mud Run with Marine Elizabeth Carr. Some jobs only require sitting and watching.

Eric Nash

2020 MUD RUN PLANNING

In spite of the disruption caused by the Anti-Corona measures, the 2020 Mud Run is still on for 12 September. Significant reductions to the total number of runners allowed to register and the number of runners per flight may be necessary to provide a safe environment for this event. Other measures may also be taken to reduce the cost to the Detachment to minimize any lost revenues. Marine Elisabeth Carr, will be the Volunteer Coordinator this year. All members should be thinking about what their Mud Run job will be this year. Get your name and job preferences to Elisabeth beginning at the July Meeting.



MCL AUXILIARY

Hello, Ladies,

Happy Anniversary!

The Lt Alexander Bonnyman Unit of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary was chartered in July 1996.

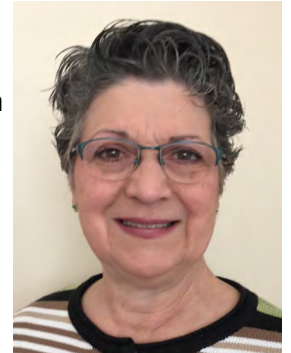
We will celebrate this anniversary at the July 28 meeting. Please bring photographs of MCLA events from past years. We will call the roll of Charter Members and remember those members who are no longer with us.

Ladies, please wear your cover, white blouse with MCLA devices (or collared shirt with MCLA logo) and navy/dark trousers. Masks, if you wear one, will be removed just long enough to get a group photo.

We will collect donations to St Jude's Children's Medical Center in memory of Doris Eckstrom.

Volunteer forms for the MUD RUN, Sept 12, are available on www.mclknoxville.org and will be available at the meeting.

See you soon, Charlene



AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Auxiliary Members!!

It's that time again! Time to renew your membership with the Lt. Alexander Bonnyman Unit, MCLA. You have until August 31 to submit for renewal. Your Membership is the heart of our organization. Your commitment and involvement is extremely important to us and very much appreciated. If you have already renewed, thank you! Haven't yet....there's still time....by mailing your check in the amount of \$28.00 payable to MCLA. Mail to Patty Mullins, 7617 Konda Drive, Knoxville, TN 37920.

Patty Mullins, Treasurer



MARINE ROSE PROGRAM

The Alexander Bonnyman Detachment will be participating in the Marine Rose Program during this coming Veteran's Day. Stand by for details!

August Calendar

National Convention

CANCELLED

Officers Meeting 10

Detachment Meeting 25

September Calendar

Mud Run 12

Pound Growl 14

Officers Meeting 8

Detachment Meeting 29

October Calendar

Gene Collins Rifle Match 10

Officers Meeting 12

Jim Peacock Pistol Match 24

Detachment Meeting 27

**SCRATCHES FROM THE CLAWS OF THE BARKING DOG**

Smokey Mountain Pound 271 Growls are currently being held at Shoney's in Alcoa (Rt 129 at the airport). Growls will be at 1800 on 14 September and 7 December. Woof Woof!

mclknnoxville.org

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). The "U.S. Marines" Red Satin jacket is also worn in cold weather. Expert training will be provided and no experience (other than Boot Camp) is necessary. Contact Marine Larry George for details.



Congratulation to Marine Lee Rhinemiller, Smokey Mountain Pound Dog of the Year!



Marine Clayton Narvison (96) was presented with a hand made quilt from "Quilts of Valor" by Dennis Taylor at the June meeting. He was accompanied by his wife Betty. Clayton has been a Detachment member for many years and is a veteran of the attack on Pearl Harbor and the battle for Iwo Jima. Thanks for sharing the moment with us Clayton!

ALEXANDER BONNYMAN UNIT REPORT

The Lt Alexander Bonnyman Unit had a meeting on 20 June 2020 to assure preparedness for Unit Encampment. We had several who had never been on an 'overnight' never mind for a week. A few had never been away from home overnight. We got a few bookkeeping chores done and assured ourselves that we were ready. Several Adult Leaders worked that entire week to prepare for the trip.

Unit Encampment at Whispering River Resort in Walland was a great success. We measured that by 'no illnesses' and 'no injuries' and a lot of fun. We were right on the Little River. In fact, we did swim qualifications in the River. Kayaking, tubing and lots of swim time was the best. We

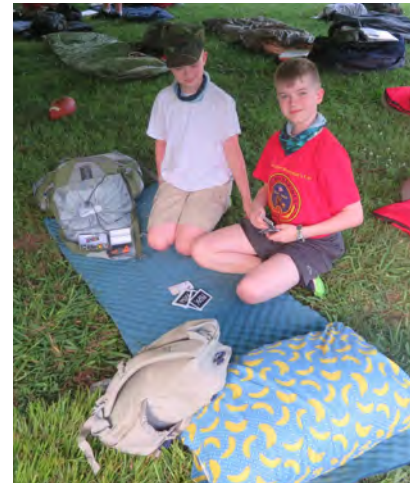


also completed Map and Compass, knot tying and other outdoor skills. We slept in tents, posted colors every morning, and ate and ate and ate. With the help of other adults, Mrs. Cotton controlled her kitchen and was responsible for preparing all the meals. The Winters had done all the shopping. We used the Marine Corps League trailer to serve coffee for the adults, and water and lemonade all day long. Thanks to Marine Tunnel Rat for transporting it for us. The trailer is currently housed in a hanger at Seymour Air Park.

Due to the generosity of several donors, all of our active Young Marines attended Unit Encampment. Some of our Parents have lost jobs during this pandemic. Wesley

Woods Camp is closed for the remainder of the year. They donated meat and other food for the Unit. Blessings to the Lea family.

Saturday, the 11th, brought us back to the Boys and Girls Club and some semblance of order. The senior Young Marines did leadership and DDR classes. Guide Books were signed off. The four Young Marines going Regimental Leadership Schools are ready to leave on the 25th for a week of leadership learning. While they are gone, the Adult Leaders will make sure the Recruits are ready for their upcoming graduation. And we are back to school for all of our Young Marines, so summer is over and we are back to a somewhat normal schedule. Whatever that is!



NEW MEMBERS JOINED AT THE JUNE MEETING



MIKE MURIELLO



STEVE JAMES



DAN STRANGE



JONATHAN NEWPORT

WELCOME ABOARD!

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Lt. Alexander Bonnyman Detachment 924, Marine Corps League, Application for Membership

PLEASE PRINT IN PEN

Name _____ Phone (_____) _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____+_____

E-Mail _____ Service/Social Security No ____/____/____

Date of Birth ____/____/____ Date of Enlistment/Commissioning ____/____/____ Date of Discharge/Retirement ____/____/____

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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