

The Bonnyman Gazette is the official newsletter of the Lt. Alexander Bonnyman Detachment #924 Marine Corps League, PO Box 145, Knoxville, TN 37901. 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.

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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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OUR NEW DETACHMENT MEMBER, MARINE ZACH FARRAR, IS SWORN IN AT THE MAY DETACHMENT MEETING

JROTC AWARDS

Detachment members presented Certificates of commendation to JROTC Cadets at Knoxville area high schools in May. Shown here is Marine David Hatfield with Cadet Ensign Rebecca Vargas at the Bearden High School JROTC awards ceremony.



COMMANDANT'S CORNER



Commandant Jim Williams and several other Detachment members attended a funeral service for several homeless veterans from the Knoxville area at the East Tennessee Veterans Cemetery. Other veterans groups attended to make sure that no veteran is ever forgotten.

Lt. Alexander Bonnyman Auxiliary Unit 1996 - 2016 20th Anniversary Celebration

We will pass another milestone in the history of our unit on July 29, 2016. Our unit was established 20 years ago on July 29, 1996. To celebrate this occasion, Lt. Alexander Bonnyman Marine Corps League Auxiliary Unit, wishes to invite its members and League members to join us for a Dinner on Tuesday, August 23, 2016 from 6:00 – 9:00p.m. at Bearden Banquet Hall, 5806 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37919. Doors will open at 5:30p.m. Everyone should be seated at 6:00p.m. for a brief welcome and introduction. Immediately after we will commence our buffet style dinner with the program to follow. The cost is \$12.00 per person. Attire: Business Casual – Tickets will be for sale at our June and July meetings. Or order by mail with check payable MCLA to Ginger Huffman 618 Old Sevierville Pike, Seymour, TN 37865. Tel: 865-577-4745. The deadline for reservations is August 10th . Tickets will not be available at the door.

KNOXVILLE SUBMARINERS TOLLING OF THE BOATS

The Detachment Honor Guard participated in the Knoxville Submarine Veteran's "Tolling of the Boats" at 1000 on Saturday, 11 June 2016. This event commemorates all U.S. Submarines lost at sea by reading out the name of each boat and the circumstances of it's loss. This event is held annually in conjunction with the Oak Ridge Secret City Festival. League members participating were: Bob Brown, Karl Ekstrom, Wayne Jones, Franklin Waller, David Hatfield, Jeff Tegzes, Dave Terwell, Bill Mullaly, George Helton, Stony Saathoff, and Virgil Young.



WILLIAM C. KOPRINCE AWARD

At the Young Marine graduation this year, Young Marine Caleb Murphy was awarded the Koprince Award. William C. Koprince, Jr. was a Marine. He went to work everyday, and did his job. Billy was killed in Iraq after a tour in Africa and a second tour in Iraq. He grew up in Lenoir City, liked the outdoors, and he liked to travel. He is remembered as a protector, compassionate about protecting the underdog. He played the drums in high school. He was a quiet, gentle man who didn't speak often or loud. We have a Young Marine who reminds us of Billy Koprince. He was raised in Tellico Plains, he like the outdoors, and likes to travel. He plays the guitar, bass and classical. He is a gentle man who doesn't speak often or loud. He is a great Young Marine. He does his job. He is a leader, watching out for the younger Young Marines at every opportunity. He has over 850 documented hours of community service in his Young Marine career, breaking all records in the Bonnyman Unit. The Lt. Alexander Bonnyman Young Marines are proud to have awarded the William C. Koprince, Jr. Award to Young Marine Caleb Murphy.



CALEB MURPHY RECEIVES THE WILLIAM KOPRINCE JR AWARD

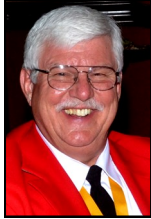
DETACHMENT PICNIC

Mark your calendars for the annual Detachment Picnic at Lenoir City Park. The picnic will be held on Sunday, 25 September at the Area 1 Shelter.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

Greetings Marines and Auxiliary,

Hope everyone has enjoyed the warm weather that we have had and it is not even summer yet. Marine Jim Coogan has survived a motorcycle accident and is doing well. We have several members on the sick list and we wish them well. Remember them in your prayers and remember our men and women who are serving our nation.



Semper Fi,

Leroy Brown, Detachment Chaplain



DEPARTMENT CONVENTION BANQUET

MUD RUN COORDINATION MEETING

A Mud Run Coordination Meeting will be held in the Reserve Center Conference Room at 1700, prior to the monthly League meeting, on Tuesday, 28 June. Any League member volunteering to be a coordinator for Mud Run planning and execution should be there.

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. If you have paid your dues recently and your name appears below, it is without a doubt that your payment and our listing have crossed in the mail or are caught up in the time span it takes to receive and update your record. Members with dues due prior to 30 September 2016 are: John Bell, Charles Cardwell, Donald Kimbrell, Richard Biasetti, William Cole II, Edward Foley, C.C. Hatcher, David Hodson, Weldon Humphries, John Lambert, John Luethke, Laura Luethke, James Martin, Gary Miller, Dennis Sears, Edward Simpson, William Todd, Joseph Williams, Larry Winters, Michael Wise.

MCL AUXILIARY



Patty Mullins was installed as the MCLA Department President at the Department Convention in June. Patty also received the Deborah Evans Award for outstanding service. Congratulations Patty!



SAFETY BREAK CANCELLED

The Fourth of July Safety Break will not be held this year due to scheduling conflicts with TDOT. Stand by for word on future safety breaks.

July Calendar		August Calendar		September Calendar	
Officers Meeting	13	National Convention	7-12	Devil Dog Growl	12
Newsletter Deadline	15	Officers Meeting	10	Officers Meeting	14
South Knox Breakfast	25	Newsletter Deadline	15	Newsletter Deadline	15
Detachment Meeting	26	South Knox Breakfast	22	Marine Mud Run	17
		Detachment Meeting	30	Detachment Picnic	25
				South Knox Breakfast	26
				Detachment Meeting	27

SCRATCHES FROM THE CLAWS OF THE BARKING DOG



Mark your calendars for the 2016 Devil Dog Growls: 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 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 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.

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.



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

YOUNG MARINE REPORT by Kathy Winters

Eighteen Young Marines and five Adult Leaders recently returned from Washington, DC. It was an adventure. The Young Marine bus got us there and back without any trouble. Monday, we marched in the National Memorial Day parade. Our Unit carried 11 banners. Unfortunately, one of our Young Marines collapsed on the parade route and eventually had emergency surgery for an appendectomy. He was a trooper. Headquarters Young Marines staff were there and could not have helped or cared more for our Unit and our Young Marine than they did. It was great to know we had their back-up and their help. We toured the Navy War Museum, the Reagan Building, Quantico, Arlington, the Naval Academy World War II, Korea, Viet Nam, Iwo Jima memorials to name just a few. Congressman Duncan's office arranged a tour and pictures at the Freedom Statue and a tour of the Capitol Building. Starting a new Bonnyman tradition, we lost another baby tooth. We greatly appreciate Marine Betty Jean Berry for all her hard work and dedication in planning this trip for us. July and August are stacking up to be busy months with Schools, SPACES, Divisional Encampment, an overnight to the Ocoee River, and rappelling at the Eagle's Nest in Cleveland, TN.

The 2nd Tennessee Battalion held an Encampment and Highland Games at Norris Dam State Park, Tennessee on 14-15 May 2016. It was hosted by Lt. Alexander Bonnyman Unit and attended by North Knoxville. Blue Grass, Kentucky Young Marines came as special guests. We had met them before at other events. There were 58 Young Marines camping out overnight along with their Adult Leaders. Norris Dam is part of the TVA system controlling the rivers of the mountains of East Tennessee. The Young Marines erected shelter halves for sleeping. They ate outdoors, enjoyed friendships, and met new friends. They ate and ate and ate. We hiked the river trails and completed a two mile run. Some of trials included a lost baby tooth and a squirrel that ate a Young Marine's lunch. We sat by the evening fires and told stories. The wild life was in abundance, especially at dusk. We were told the following morning that there was a bear in the park, but he never ventured near us. At least no one claims to have seen him. One parent later called and wanted to know if Young Marines were going to sleep in "half a tent" at Divisional Encampment. We assured the parent that a shelter half was not half a tent. Sometimes, parents need to be educated too. We learned about Scottish Highland Games. We had made friends with ranked Highland Athletes at a previous outing and they joined us each day. We learned how to stone throw, a caber toss, a hammer throw (watch out!), tug-a-war and sack races. We challenged each other to be the best. Fifty plus Young Marines can beat 7 300 pound athletes in tug-a-war. In turn, we showed them our archery skills. The athletes were happy to share their sport with us. In return, we "shagged" for them (that's running after their stuff) at the Smoky Mountain Scottish Rites at Maryville College the following Sunday. All of the Young Marines wore tartan colors and some even wore kilts.



2016 MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY BALL

The Marines and Sailors of Delta Company, Fourth Combat Engineer Battalion will gather on Saturday, 29 October 2016 at the Hilton Knoxville in Knoxville Tennessee to celebrate the 241st Birthday of the United States Marine Corps. We would be delighted if all Marine Corps League Members would attend this great celebration. Ticket prices and hotel reservation information is available at the following link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/241st-united-states-marine-corps-birthday-ball-tickets-22710129609>

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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 "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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