

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.

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

Tim Eichhorn (865) 368-6559

Junior Past Commandant

Jim Williams (865) 740-4155

Senior Vice Commandant

Travis Bryan (704) 363-4395

Junior Vice Commandant

Jim Cotton (865) 279-4652

Adjutant

Eric Nash (865) 693-5711

Paymaster

Lee Rhinemiller (865) 414-3460

Chaplain

Pearl Rich (865) 306-6744

Judge Advocate

David Cates (865) 548-4088

Sergeant-at-Arms

Stony Saathoff (865) 556-6524

Web Sergeant: MCLknox.org

Tim Shea

NEW DETACHMENT COMMANDANT ELECTED



Marine Tim Eichhorn accepts the Detachment colors from Jim Williams after being elected to serve as the Detachment Commandant for 2017.

COMMANDANT'S CORNER

Marines of the Detachment,

Thank you for your vote of confidence in electing this coming year's slate of officers. We aim to do the Detachment right! Another shout out to Jim Williams who made much of the past two years and how the Detachment is better for it. Thanks Jim and thanks to the dedicated officers that served with him.

As we move into this year we all have much to accomplish. Our guiding principle will be the simple yet compelling "Mission first, troops always!" As your officers this year we pledge to provide the clarity of mission, the support to get the mission completed and the opportunities for service and participation for all Marines. Your duty is to be in attendance for meetings, but also be in attendance for the social events and opportunities to serve. It is hard to keep a Marine from getting his or her job done. It is impossible to keep a group of them from accomplishing the mission.

Pay attention to the calendar and see you soon!!

Tim Eichhorn, Commandant

2016 DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN AWARDS

The following Detachment members were awarded the Distinguished Citizen Medal-Bronze for meritorious service during 2016:

Howard Raines Frank Waller Lee Rhinemiller

David Cates Leroy Brown Eric Nash

Bill Mullaly Jeff Tegzes Bryan Hudgins

Gene Furrow George Sexton Joe Eddlemon

Connie Sexton (Distinguished Service Award)

Awards were presented by Commandant Jim Williams.



SNOW EMERGENCY PLAN

In the event of a major snow or ice event in our area on the day of a Detachment monthly meeting that causes Knox County Schools to close, the meeting will be cancelled. **If Knox County Schools are closed due to weather, there will be no Detachment meeting.**

DETACHMENT COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Our Detachment has budgeted \$2000.00 for college scholarships to be awarded during 2017. The Detachment Scholarship Committee is currently accepting applications for college scholarships. Scholarships are available to league family members, local Marine Reservists, and local active duty Marines. Scholarship recipients must be currently enrolled in a college degree program, be registered for 12 credit hours during the 2017 spring semester, provide official transcripts indicating a cumulative 3.0 GPA from the previous semester, and provide a letter of enrollment from the college being attended. **Applications must be received no later than 1 April, 2017.** Contact David Hatfield or David Cates for application information.



DRILL INSTRUCTOR CONVENTION

The 2017 East Coast Drill Instructors Convention will take place at MCRD Parris Island from 20 to 23 April. Any League member wishing to attend as a guest, must contact David Hatfield no later than the February Detachment meeting.

DETACHMENT DINE-IN

The Detachment's annual formal dinner and awards ceremony will be on Saturday, 25 March at the Bearden Banquet Hall. A social hour begins at 1800 followed by dinner and Detachment and Auxiliary Awards presentations. Dress in your best! Contact David Hatfield or the Paymaster ASAP to reserve your seats. Cost is \$10.00 per person.



EASTER SAFETY BREAK

There are still openings for shifts during the Easter weekend Safety Break. Shift hours are **0800 to 1300** and **1300 to 1800, April 14, 15 & 16.**

Call me, I will put you on the list [865 577 4745](tel:8655774745)

Semper Fi, Howard, Tunnel Rat

NEXT SAFETY BREAK...MEMORIAL DAY, May 26,27,28,29

MEDAL OF HONOR EVENING

The East Tennessee Veterans Memorial Association will celebrate the life of World War 1 Medal of Honor recipient Sergeant James E. "Buck" Karnes, United States Army on Monday, May 1st, 2017. The seventh annual event will take place at the historic Foundry Building at 747 World's Fair Park Drive, Knoxville TN. Social Hour begins at 5:30 pm, followed by dinner and presentations at 6:30. The Detachment will buy a table. Interested members will then purchase a reduced rate ticket from the Detachment at \$62.50 (\$75.00 regular price). See the Paymaster, Lee Rhinemiller, to reserve and pay for a seat at our table. Business sponsorships are available at www.etvma.org

HOSPITALITY COORDINATOR NEEDED

Our Detachment is in need of a member to serve as the coordinator for social events and meals during the current year. Events would include the Detachment Picnic, monthly meeting social hour meals, and any other Detachment events requiring food or entertainment. The Hospitality Coordinator would supervise the spending of Detachment funds for budgeted events, delivery of food, and clean-up after meals. The Hospitality Coordinator should also be available for monthly Officer Meetings. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact the Commandant or Senior Vice Commandant ASAP.

MCL AUXILIARY

February greetings to everyone. Our officers were installed at the January meeting.

The cookie list is as follows: Feb, Patty Mullins; March, Charlene Cotton; April, Charlene C. and Kathy Winters; May, Charlotte; June, Barbara Voight; July, Patty Mullins; August, Lois; September, Barbara Tasse; October, Ginger and Jayne; November, Ginger. If any corrections are needed, please let me know. If you need help with cookies or delivery or you run into conflicts for the month just let me know and I will cover it. Thanks to all.

The Charter was draped in memory of Liz Roberts. Bill has returned to Memphis with the family and we wish him well. A report on the wreath distribution was given. Per Kathy Winters none of the cemeteries were completely covered. We discovered this also and had to cover Ralph Lewis at Lyons View.

The Detachment asked for our input on the menu for the Dine-In which is at Bearden Banquet Hall on March 25. Tickets are \$10.00. Money should be given to Lee Rhinemiller.

The Detachment and Auxiliary intend to make a bid for the Department Convention in 2018. We will need everyone's help to make it a great Convention. We discussed our proposed National By-Law amendments and voted to send them forward as soon as the language is perfected. Hope to see you in February, remember that if Knox County schools are closed (for weather) there will not be a meeting.



Connie Sexton, Unit President

TWO NEW MEMBERS JOIN IN JANUARY

Our two newest members, Ken Foust and Gerald Madde, were sworn in during the January meeting. Ken served from 1962-1965 in the Western Pacific and Camp Pendleton. Gerald served from 1960-1967 at Camp Pendleton and Okinawa. Welcome Aboard!



March Calendar

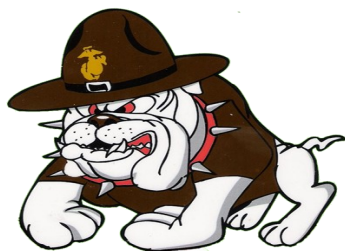
Devil Dog Growl	6
Officers Meeting	14
Detachment Dine-In	25
Detachment Meeting	28

April Calendar

McGiveny Pistol Match	8
Officers Meeting	11
Detachment Meeting	25

May Calendar

Officers Meeting	9
Detachment Meeting	30

SCRATCHES FROM THE CLAWS OF THE BARKING DOG

The 2017 Growl schedule is set! Growls will be held on Monday, 6 March, 5 June, 25 September, and 4 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

STATUS OF MCLknox.org

The Detachment website is currently being rebuilt from scratch by Marine Tim Shea. The old site, MCLKnox.org, will still be up for some time, but will not be updated or used to post events or news. Look for the word when the new website is up and running.

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 can be purchased through the Detachment Quartermaster 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.

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.

RIFLE AND PISTOL MATCH SCHEDULE

8 April

Jack McGiveny Memorial Pistol Match

13 May

Bill Gerst Memorial Rifle Match

9 September

Jim Putman Memorial Rifle Match

21 October

Jim Peacock Memorial Pistol Match

All matches will be held at the TWRA Range complex on Rifle Range Road. Details for each match will be posted in the Bonnyman Gazette.

YOUNG MARINE REPORT by Kathy Winters

Thanks to the cooperation of Sevier County Parks and Recreation, the Bonnyman Unit completed their Swim Qualifications on 21 January 2017. Twenty Young Marines earned their Swimming Awards. Adult leaders spent their time in the water instructing the Young Marines. Two of our Young Marines are certified Lifeguards, YM GySgt McMillan and YM MSgt Gates, who helped with teaching and safety. These two outstanding Young Marines have been accepted into the Merchant Marine Academy (McMillan) and nominated to the Naval Academy (Gates). Many thanks to Adult Leader Stephanie Bailey, wife of Marine Bailey, for making this day a successful event.

The Unit visited the Blount County Correctional Facility on 4 February 2017. We took the Young Marine bus from our normal drill site to the Facility. It is quite an eye opener for our Young Marines to tour such a facility. Most importantly, they learned they do not want to be in jail. The Blount County Officers take their time to teach the Young Marines about life in the system and the reasons many of the prisoners are there; most are drug related in some way. Drug Demand Reduction is a major part of our program, and this enforces our teaching.

Bonnyman Young Marines will have a recruit class this spring. Parent Orientation will be held on February 25th at Eagleton Elementary School, Maryville, and class will start on March 11th. If you know of a child interested in Young Marines, please have them call Unit Commander, Larry Winters (865-388-7578) or go to our website at youngmarines.com for more information.

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR DUES PAYING MEMBERS

Marine Corps League National has initiated a procedure to make all member dues due 09/01 annually. Please note, to keep the playing field level some will pay a reduced rate of \$ 14.00 the first year, one time only. Those due in Jan thru June will pay \$ 14.00 one-time only. Those currently due are listed below with their current due dates and the resulting due date by paying \$14.00. If your dues are due prior to 1 July 2017, you may pay \$ 14.00 in advance at any time to complete the transition.

Currently due:

	<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>New due date</u>
BAILEY	01/01/2017	\$14.00	09/01/2017
BRYAN	02/01/2017	\$14.00	09/01/2017
CAMPBELL R	02/01/2017	\$14.00	09/01/2017
STROTE	02/01/2017	\$14.00	09/01/2017
FRYE	03/01/2017	\$14.00	09/01/2017
HORTON	03/01/2017	\$14.00	09/01/2017
KELLER	03/01/2017	\$14.00	09/01/2017
WINGER	01/01/2017	\$14.00	09/01/2017
WILLIAMS JAMES	03/01/2017	\$14.00	09/01/2017
ZACHARY	03/01/2017	\$14.00	09/01/2017
LYMAN	03/01/2017	\$14.00	09/01/2017
GARD	04/01/2017	\$14.00	09/01/2017
GROENHOUT	04/01/2017	\$14.00	09/01/2017
RICH	04/01/2017	\$14.00	09/01/2017
SCARBROUGH	04/01/2017	\$14.00	09/01/2017
TAYLOR	04/01/2017	\$14.00	09/01/2017

Lee Rhinemiller, Paymaster, rhinemiller@comcast.net or 865 414 3460

THE BONNYMAN GAZETTE

Lt. Alexander Bonnyman Det. # 924

Marine Corps League

Post Office Box 145

Knoxville, TN 37901

NONPROFIT ORG

US POSTAGE PAID

KNOXVILLE, TN

PERMIT NO. 549

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Lt. Alexander Bonnyman Detachment 924

Marine Corps League



Name _____ Phone (_____) _____

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

Date of Birth ____/____/____ E-Mail Address _____ Service/Social Security No _____

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 "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)

Sponsor where applicable)

Applicant's Signature

© 2015 Marine Corps League, Inc.

Official Marine Corps League use only

All other use prohibited