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CATCH US ON THE WEB AT:

MCLknox.org

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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NEW DETACHMENT MEMBERS TRANSFER IN

Marine Jim Cotton (left) transferred from Alabama in July. Marines Ken DeBoer (2d from left) from Florida, Tim Shea (2d from right) member at large, and Cory Stewart (right) from Minnesota will be transferring over the next few months. WELCOME ABOARD!

COMMANDANT'S CORNER

Marines, I thought about making this a letter of resignation. It seems like what I have been trying to do for the past year and a half is to bring us together, but I have failed and there is no other way to put it. It seems to me that with everything we do, fewer and fewer of our members show up. I feel that this falls on me as your Commandant. We had a family day at the reserve center with D Company, 4th CEB last Saturday which was also supposed to be a recruiting drive for us. MCL National is pushing to get active duty and reserve Marines to join the League. We had a fair amount of young Marines asking questions. I only had two other league members with me and I thank them for being there. Sunday was a D Company picnic with free BBQ and a chance to get to know the Marines who are going to build our mud run for us. I was surrounded by young reservists asking questions about us and our history. Only one other League member was there with me.

There will be a sign-up at the next meeting for the 10 September Rifle Shoot and for our annual picnic on 25 September. I hope to see a big turnout for both events. We also need a great turnout for the Mud Run on September 17 as this is our big fundraiser for the year.

Semper Fi,

Jim Williams, Commandant



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>

YOUNG MARINE SHOOTERS WIN AGAIN

For the third year in a row, Lt. Alexander Bonnyman Young Marines have won the overall first place trophy in the Tennessee Regimental Rifle Competition. The competition was held on Saturday, 13 August 2016, by the CMP (Civilian Marksmanship Program) in Anniston, Alabama. Ten of our Young Marines competed as individuals, seven as part of the team. The team is led by Head Coach Larry Winters, and assisted by Coach Joe McCarter. Eleven Young Marine Units participated in the event. In her first time participating, YM PFC Mackensy McCoy won the third place individual trophy. This was made possible by the grants received by the Friends of the NRA. We will provide a color guard for their upcoming banquet on Saturday, 20 August 2016.



BONNYMAN YOUNG MARINES SHOOTING TEAM

BONNYMAN DETACHMENT WINS NATIONAL AMERICANISM AWARD

Our Detachment took First Place in the Large Detachment Category of the National Americanism Award Contest. The award was presented at the August National Convention. Marine Eric Nash is our Detachment Americanism Chairman and is responsible for the year-long process of assembling and submitting the Americanism Book at the National Convention. Eric did his usual outstanding job and has earned great credit for himself and our Detachment. The Americanism Book presents in words and pictures our Detachment's activities and accomplishments during the year. The award clearly recognizes our Detachment as one of the most active in the country. Eric has done a terrific job telling our story to the rest of the country.

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.

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 teichhorn@rkcapital.com

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

Greetings Marines and Auxiliary,

Hope everyone has been keeping cool. It has been tough keeping the weeds mowed.

Mattie and I will be celebrating 50 years of marriage on Saturday, September 10th from 1pm to 4pm at Grassy Valley Baptist Church, 10637 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, Tn. Everyone is invited. No gifts please. RSVP by Sept 5th at 865-806-2988 or email: lbrown2222@aol.com.

Remember our ailing members and our men and women in uniform in your prayers.

Leroy Brown, Chaplain



RENEWAL OF ANNUAL DUES

Stand by for new word for those members paying annual membership dues. Actions at the August National Convention will make changes to how and when annual dues will be paid.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

MCL AUXILIARY

Hello everyone. Our 20th Anniversary Dinner should be over by the time we are reading this. It should be a great occasion and one we will long remember.

Don't forget that dues need to be turned in to Ginger this month. We want to make our St. Jude's contribution this month also. If you would like to be a deputy on the VAVS representation team let me know by the August meeting.

We should have a preliminary report on the activities at the National Convention by the meeting date.

We had a brief discussion at the July meeting of possible by-law changes we want to propose for next year. We will go into that more at the August meeting and see what language we propose for the membership eligibility by-law. Any other proposals should be brought up as early as possible so that we have time to work on our language.

Don't forget the Mud Run coming up 9-17 and the picnic 9-25. See you there.

Connie Sexton, Unit President



COMMANDANT JIM WILLIAMS WITH D COMPANY MARINES

September Calendar

Jim Putman Rifle Match	10
Officers Meeting	13
Newsletter Deadline	15
Marine Mud Run	17
Detachment Picnic	25
South Knox Breakfast	26
Devil Dog Growl	26
Detachment Meeting	27

October Calendar

Officers Meeting	12
Newsletter Deadline	15
Jim Peacock Pistol Match	15
South Knox Breakfast	25
Detachment Meeting	25
Marine Corps Birthday Ball	29

November Calendar

Officers Meeting	8
Newsletter Deadline	15
South Knox Breakfast	22
Detachment Meeting	29

SCRATCHES FROM THE CLAWS OF THE BARKING DOG



Mark your calendars for the 2016 Devil Dog Growls. The September Growl has been changed to 26 September. 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

The end of July saw us heading to Third Divisional Encampment in Mount Rainey, Georgia, a week long campout in the Georgia Mountains on Lake Toccoa. Twenty Young Marines and three adult leaders joined over 320 Young Marines from all over the Southeast United States. They enjoyed hiking, swimming, shooting, archery, crafts, fishing, boating, and nature classes. Many earned Young Marine ribbons in Qualified Field (with an overnight in the woods), Marksmanship, Seamanship, Map and Compass, and Swimming. But mostly, they learned how to be kids, with no electronics or telephones. Young Marine CEO Colonel Bill Davis, USMC Retired, joined us for a day.

Three Senior Young Marines enjoyed SPACES, the last for 2016. They completed a Sailing Adventure on the Chesapeake Bay, ORME Academy in Arizona, and Flight School in Pensacola where YM SGT Dylan White achieved the highest scores, breaking the previous school records.

Continuing to support our Veterans, the Young Marines attended and assisted with the Dedication of the Michael H Ferschke, Jr. Memorial, at the Blount County Library on Saturday, 13 August 2016, at the personal request of the Ferschke Family. Marine Sergeant Ferschke was killed in Anbar Province, Iraq on a reconnaissance mission. The Memorial is on permanent display at the Library.

The end of this month will find us at the Ocoee River. We will join the SETA Young Marines in a day of zip lining and an overnight camping experience. We plan to teach outdoor skills, needed for promotions on Sunday before returning home. We are also gearing up for a new Recruit Class in October.



YM THIRD DIVISION ENCAMPMENT, LAKE TOCCOA, GA



YOUNG MARINES DEDICATE SERGEANT FERSCHKE MEMORIAL



LOUDON COUNTY MARINES AT THEIR MONTHLY BREAKFAST



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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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Applicant's Signature

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