

THE BONNYMAN GAZETTE

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Detachment & Auxiliary Meetings

We meet monthly on the last Tuesday of the month at the Karns Community Club Youth Center, 6616 Beaver Ridge Road, Karns, TN. Social hour begins at 1730 followed by a business meeting at 1830.

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Detachment Quartermaster

Larry George (865) 789-6535

Ladies Auxiliary President

Charlene Cotton

NEW MEMBER JOINS IN AUGUST



Marine Gerry Wright was sworn in by David Hatfield at the August Detachment meeting. Welcome aboard Gerry!

COMMANDANT'S CORNER

Marines,

Commandant Jim Williams has been working through some serious health issues recently. It has been very difficult for Jim to get around and participate in Detachment activities. Please keep him in your thoughts and offer whatever help you can.

The September Detachment Meeting on 24 September will not be held at the Karns Community Club Youth Center as usual. The meeting will be held at the regular time at the picnic pavilion at Melton Hill Park (the Mud Run site) on Williams Bend Road.

The reason for the change is to make it possible for the Detachment Members who will be working on constructing the Mud run course on that day to attend the meeting.



Jim received the Military Order of Devil Dogs Pack Dog of the Year Award from Ron Russel at the September Growl. Congratulations Jim!



Alexander Bonnyman Detachment shooters and award winners at the Bill Gerst Memorial M-1 Rifle Match. The match was held at the TWRA Range Complex on 14 September.



Bob Brown and Jeff Tegzes shoot off-hand at the Bill Gerst Memorial Rifle match.



Eric Nash received the Marine Corps League Distinguished Citizen Award, Silver from the Department of Tennessee. Bob Willis, Lee Rhinemiller and Wayne Jones received the Marine Corps League Community Service Award for assistance given to Marine Bill Turner during a critical time of need.



David Hatfield received the Marine Corps League Distinguished Citizen, Gold from the Marine Corps League National Commandant. The award was in recognition for rendering life-saving assistance to Commandant Jim Williams during a League event in Virginia. Nice work David!

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.



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MUD RUN VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION

Registration for League members and anyone interested in working at the 2019 Mud Run has begun. A registration form/waiver is available at the website. Bette Jean Berry is assembling and coordinating all volunteer information and is accepting Volunteer Registration forms by mail. **THERE IS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE TO DO BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER THE RACE.** Assembling a large group of volunteers is always the most difficult part of a successful Mud Run. Get your information and preferences to Betty Jean as soon as possible.



Jeff Tegzes and Bob Brown prepare chow at the Detachment Picnic at Lenoir City Park on 15 September.



MCL AUXILIARY

Greetings, Ladies.

The Auxiliary will not meet on Tuesday, Sept 24, because the Detachment meeting will take place at Melton Lake Park. I will be there if you want to join me in

a preview of the redesigned course. The Mud Run is Saturday, Sept 28.

Sick call has been a busy place this month. Most folks are on the mend.

Charlotte and Kathy attended the picnic today after having major "procedures" in the past month. Home care nurses George Helton and Larry Winters deserve applause for their successes.

Leroy Brown also attended the picnic and says he continues to improve, with Mrs. Brown's loving attention.

Commandant Big Jim was unable to attend the picnic. He and his pizzazz were missed. Oh, and his barbecue was missed as well, but we will be happy to see him, with or without barbecue. Reach out to him with a phone call, email or Facebook.

Patty and Frank have been traveling to attend sick family members.

Travis will be having some additional repair work at the Hospital in October. Please lift your prayers for a quick recovery so he can stay on schedule with his class work at UT.

See you soon,

Charlene Cotton, President



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DISCOVER THE POWER OF CONNECTION

October Calendar

Rifle Match	12
Safety Break	12,13,14
Officers Meeting	14
Detachment Meeting	29

November Calendar

Detachment Birthday Dinner	1
Veteran's Day Parade	11
Officers Meeting	12
Detachment Meeting	26
Safety Break	29,30,&1

December Calendar

Devil Dog Growl	2
Christmas Breakfast	7
Officers Meeting	9
No Detachment Meeting this month	



SCRATCHES FROM THE CLAWS OF THE BARKING DOG

The last Pound Growl for 2019 is on 2 December. Growls will no longer take place at Calhoun's Restaurant in Bearden. Standby for word on the new location.

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). Expert training will be provided and no experience (other than Boot Camp) is necessary. **A coordinator for the Honor Guard is also needed to plan events.** Contact Marine Lee Rhinemiller for details.

LABOR DAY SAFETY BREAK



SAFETY BREAK SCHEDULE

2019 Safety Breaks will be held on the following days:

12, 13 and 14 October

29 and 30 November, 1 December

Sign up at the next meeting!

RED BLAZERS AVAILABLE

Marine Corps League uniform 2 button red blazers are available at **uniformalwear-house.com** Prices range from \$69.95 to \$79.95, depending on size. Red blazers are also available at **J.C. Penney** as the "Stafford Blazer" Official MCL buttons can be purchased through the Detachment Quartermaster and installed by you or your tailor.

YOUNG MARINES ALEXANDER BONNYMAN UNIT REPORT by Kathy Winters

The pavilion at Camp Bonnyman is nearing completion. It will get us out of the sun and rain. We will have a dedication in the near future. We will also be dedicating the Rifle Range and the Rifle House to the memory of our beloved Colonel Joe Eddlemon. We are trying to coordinate dates with Lois and will keep you advised. The sign has already been approved.

Now, we enter back to the seriousness of the Program, completing our mandatory requirements, back to learning, and promotions. We will have a large presence at the Mud Run, work on Red Ribbon Week, and Wreaths Across America.

We promoted three Young Marines in September as they complete their requirements. One promotion was held over as he was absent due to illness.

As we enter October, we celebrate the 60th Birthday of the Young Marines. Lt. Alexander Bonnyman has the privilege of having three generations of McCarter. Mr. McCarter, our XO has been with us over 18 years, Gunny McCarter was a former Young Marine and is now our Training Officer, and YM PFC Jonah McCarter was our Honor Graduate from our last recruit class. They will be featured in the Esprit Magazine, the National quarterly publication by the Young Marines, for the Young Marines.



Three generations of McCarter



Promotion of Caitlin Lea to YM LCPL



Promotion of Malachi Curtis



Promotion of Keiona Lillrose to YM LCPL



Detachment Members manned an information table at the Expo Mart Gun show in August and received a surprise visit from Congressman Tim Burchett.

Kid's Fun Day!

FREE GAMES, FOOD, HAYRIDES

Saturday, October 19, 2019
9 am - 5 pm
Sevier County Fairgrounds

Admission - \$10.00
 Ages 5-12 yrs - \$5.00

TOYS FOR TOYS

Lt. Alexander Bonnyman Det. # 924
Marine Corps League
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Knoxville, TN 37950-3293

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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