

The Bonnyman Gazette is the official newsletter of the Lt. Alexander Bonnyman Detachment #924 Marine Corps League, PO Box 53293, Knoxville, TN 37950. Articles and photos are due to the Editor no later than the 15th of each month. The Editor is Jeff Tegzes, [tntegzes@gmail.com](mailto:tntegzes@gmail.com), (865) 809-1585.

## 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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Our newest Detachment member, Ron Naugle, was sworn in at the March meeting. Ron is a former FMF Corpsman. Welcome aboard!

## COMMANDANT'S CORNER

I hope everyone enjoyed the Dine-In and for those of you that didn't come, you missed a good time and some real good food. Congratulations to our Semper Fidelis Award winner, Marine Lee Rhinemiller and our newest Marine of the Year, Sam Ruble. Lee and Sam are two very deserving Marines and I thank them for the work that you do for the League.

This Month formally begins Our Detachment's preparation for the Mud Run in September. There is lots to do and we need lots of Marines to come forward and get to work for the League. We will have our first Mud Run Meeting before the monthly Detachment meeting. If you want to get involved be at the Monthly Meeting one hour early so we can start getting the program kicked off. Lets have a big year, more runners, more and new obstacles and a longer course. We need Marines to make this work!

Don't forget the Pistol Match on the 27th at the Wind Rock Range. 45 rounds and a great time plus you get to put the feed bag on. The Rifle match is May 11th, M-1 and M1As only.

One other thing I would like to remind everyone about is that we are all RECRUITERS, when you meet another Marine tell him about us and invite him or her to the next meeting.

Jim Williams, Commandant



CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

Greetings Marines!

As I write this, our Detachment has just concluded our annual Dine-In event at Bearden Banquet Hall. It was well attended, and I think everyone enjoyed the excellent food. This evening is usually devoted to socializing (meeting spouses) and presentation of awards by the League and the Auxiliary. Numerous awards were presented to members who have excelled in service during this past year.

Col. Joe is still in the VA facility, and has been visited by several members. He remains cheerful and always enjoys the comradery. If there are illnesses I am unaware of, please let me know using the contact information below. An email or call will be appreciated.

This month, I want to call your attention to the term "alien." In Science Fiction, an alien is usually an invader from another planet or world. In our form of government, an alien is someone who is not a citizen of this country. We find this passage in Holy Scripture: 11 Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands; 12 That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world. (Ephesians 2:11-12 KJV)

Aliens are travelers, strangers.... on the move. They have no citizenship. To use an analogy, a follower of Jesus has no earthly passport; his passport is that of the world to come. We are citizens of heaven, not of earth. As the saying goes, if we are too heavenly minded, we are of no earthly good. The Apostle Peter wrote in his epistle, "Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who reside as aliens, scattered throughout ... Asia... There are three types of travelers:

Resident—a person who lives somewhere permanently or on a long-term basis.

Tourist—a person who is traveling or visiting a place for business or pleasure

Alien—a foreigner, especially one who is not a naturalized citizen of the country in which they are living.

Jesus Christ calls us to live like aliens—to fix our minds on radically different priorities than the world around us. Do you find this to be true in your life??

Author Ken Gire, in his book, Windows of the Soul, writes: "Within us the dust of the earth and the breath of heaven are joined in a mysterious union only death can separate. But that relationship is often a strained one, for while the BODY is fitted for a terrestrial environment—with lungs to breath air and teeth to chew food, and feet to walk on dirt—the SOUL is extraterrestrial, fitted for heaven. It breathes other air, eats other food, walks on other terrain. ...We have a...mingling of blood within us from a lineage that is both HUMAN and DIVINE.

Our Supreme Commandant is calling us to live with an eye toward eternity.... As the saying goes, "yours is not to reason why, but to do or die." Citizens of heaven, like Marines, keep their eye on the prize, or the objective. We call that the MISSION. We have a mission, a calling. Keep your eye single for accomplishing God's mission or purpose in your life!

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COMMANDANTS RON RUSSEL AND JIM WILLIAMS AT THE DEPARTMENT MEETING IN SMYRNA



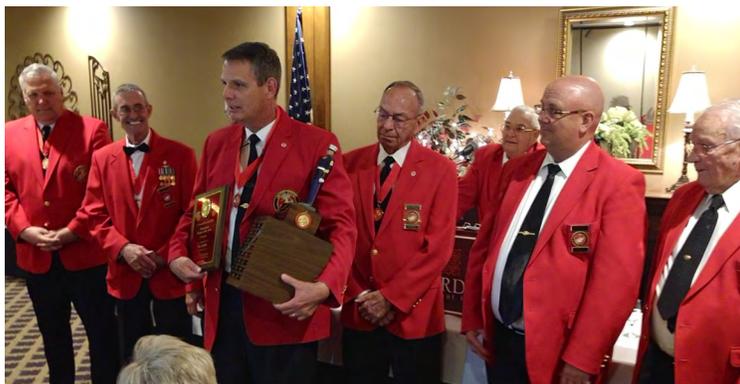
BOB BROWN AND TIM SHEA AT THE ANNUAL VIET NAM VETERAN'S OBSERVANCE DAY

### 2019 ETVMA MEDAL OF HONOR EVENING

The East Tennessee Veterans Memorial Association presents the 9th annual Medal of Honor Evening, honoring World War II Medal of Honor recipient SGT Elbert Kinser, USMC. The event will be held Monday, May 6th, 2019 at the historic Foundry Building at 747 Worlds Fair Park Drive, Knoxville, TN. Social hour begins at 5:30 PM, followed by dinner and presentation at 6:30 PM. The Detachment will purchase several tables for this event in advance. Pay for your tickets through Tim Eichhorn.



Lee Rhinemiller receives the 2018 Semper Fidelis Award from Commandant Jim Williams at the Detachment Dine-In. Congratulations Lee!



Sam Ruble is selected as the 2018 Detachment Marine of the Year. He is flanked by other Marine of the Year award recipients at the Detachment Dine-In. Congratulations Sam!

### SAFETY BREAK SCHEDULE

The next Safety Break of 2019 will be held over Memorial Day weekend at the northbound rest stop on I-40 in Jefferson County. The memorial Day Safety Break will be over 25, 26 and 27 May. Shifts for the weekend will be two per day; 0800-1300 and 1300-1800. Contact Howard Raines at (865) 919-2820 to sign up for a shift.

### MCL AUXILIARY



Greetings, Ladies.

Our meeting on April 30 will include presentation of special awards to two members. These presentations were not made at the Dine In because the recipients were not able to attend. We will be making photographs for the Detachment website so come ready to smile and say "whiskey"! Although the evening traffic through Karns is still unfamiliar for some of us, the April 30 meeting will make the drive worth the effort.

Patty plans to attend the VA Volunteer Service meeting on April 16 in Johnson City at Mountain Home VA Medical Center. Thank you to Patty and Susan for their past and future commitment to represent the Marine Corps League Auxiliary for all of East Tennessee at these interdisciplinary meetings about services provided at Mountain Home.

Thank you for honoring me with recognition as the 2018 Member of the Year. In addition to the Mud Run, the Department Convention posed an extra challenge last year. We pulled together and the Detachment had a successful year.

Connie Sexton continues to take the prize for recruiting. Kellie McCoy, Connie and George's granddaughter, has joined our Unit.

Barbara Tassej is providing snacks for the April 30 meeting.

Charlene Cotton, President



### DEPARTMENT OF TENNESSEE 38TH ANNUAL CONVENTION 29 MAY-3 JUNE

The LCpl Andrew P. Carpenter Detachment #1286 will host the Department of Tennessee Annual Convention at the Double Tree Hilton Hotel in Murfreesboro, TN, 29 May-3 June. Information on convention registration and hotel reservations is available at the Department website: [mcldepttn.org](http://mcldepttn.org). Follow "Website Links" to "Calendar of Events" to "2019 Department of Tennessee Convention".

May Calendar	
Bill Gerst Rifle Match	11
Officers Meeting	13
Safety Break	25,26,27
Memorial Day Ceremony	27
Detachment Meeting	28

June Calendar	
Officers Meeting	10
Detachment Meeting	25
Department Convention	5/30-6/1

July Calendar	
Officers Meeting	8
Detachment Meeting	30



## SCRATCHES FROM THE CLAWS OF THE BARKING DOG

The schedule for the 2019 Growls is set: 7 May, 9 September and 2 December. All Growls will take place at Calhoun's Restaurant in Bearden Hill, beginning at 1800.

### 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.



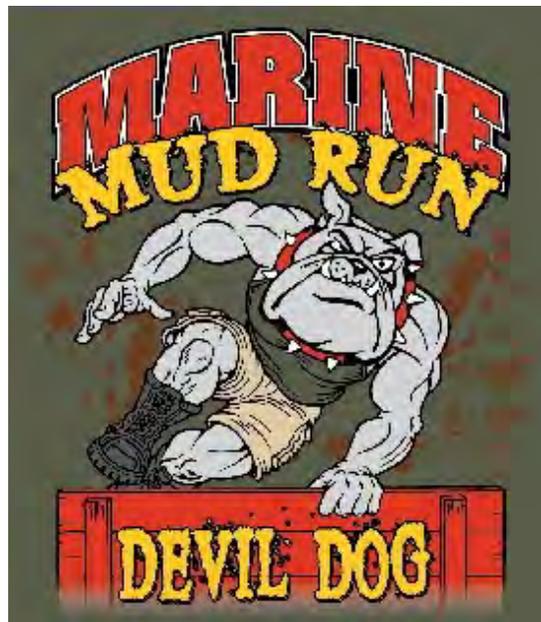
### MEMBERS NEEDED FOR THE HONOR GUARD

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.

### 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.



### MUD RUN 28 SEPTEMBER

**New members are needed to join the Mud Run Committee to plan and execute this event!**

### 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

Our recruit class is scheduled to graduate on 4 May 2019. They received their uniforms yesterday so they can get them inspection ready. We had to postpone our original date as we had to cancel their overnight adventure at Camp Bonnyman. As young as they are, they are doing well and coming along. It's a lot to absorb when you are eight. We have resorted to written homework assignments, which they all have turned in. Whoopee! The Unit has completed their Swimming Qualifications and their First Aid Training. Enrichment Federal Credit Union annual meeting again had the Lt. Alexander Bonnyman Young Marines Color Guard. We also attended Honor Air #28, greeting veterans returning on their trip to DC. And managed a photo op with Mayor Jacobs.

Our Field Day is now scheduled for April 27 and overnight into April 28th. Please join us in the morning to help clean and build new obstacles and make the rifle range ready for use. We will have a cook-out for lunch. That day we will also start our Rifle Team practice for the season. And continue to transition to 22 Rifles for our SASP. We have received an NRA grant for the purchase of the steel targets we need for this program.

We are proud to have been asked to Present the Colors at the ETVMA Medal of Honor Evening 2019, in honor of Elbert Kinser, Sgt United States Marine Corps, WWII, Medal of Honor Recipient, on May 6th at the Foundry.

Our Unit is moving. We will no longer meet at Eagleton Elementary School. Starting in May, we will tentatively meet at Seymour Heights Christian Church and alternate that with Camp Bonnyman. In order store all of our equipment; we have had to purchase a portable storage building at a cost of almost \$3000, which is now at Camp Bonnyman, Seymour Air Park. We still will need a permanent home in the Maryville area. We have Young Marines from 5 counties. We had been at the School for 15 years, and we accumulate lots of stuff for all our activities. This certainly will not be as convenient and the Young Marines will need to anticipate their needs before they come to drill. We have spent days moving and now the re-organization begins.

Semper fi! Happy Easter.



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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 not 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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