

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, 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.

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MAY DETACHMENT MEETING RESCHEDULED

The May Detachment Meeting, originally scheduled for 29 May, has been rescheduled to 5 June. The meeting on 5 June will be at the Marine Corps Reserve Center at the regular times; 1730 Social Hour, 1830 Business meeting. The meeting was rescheduled to accommodate the special liberty planned for the D Company I&I Staff during the Memorial Day weekend.

COMMANDANT'S CORNER

Marines of the Lt Alexander Bonnyman Detachment,

It is said that rust never sleeps. Nor does your detachment. We have more things going on than we can shake a stick at.

On Memorial Day the Detachment led by The Young Marines will celebrate at Virtue Cemetery in Farragut. This is the resting place of one of our local Medal of Honor Recipients, Sgt Mitchell W. Stout, US Army, of Knoxville. At the age of 20 as a soldier in Vietnam in 1970, he hurled himself upon a thrown grenade and tried to remove it from the bunker that he and his fellow soldiers were fighting from. It exploded killing him in the doorway while saving his comrades. This service is a long standing tradition in our Detachment. If you are looking for someplace to pay your respects to our fallen at Memorial Day, you will not go wrong attending here.

In June we host the State or Department Level annual convention. This has been long time in planning and the fruits of a great conference are there for us to enjoy. Patty, David, Jeff, Connie, Lee are among those again out front on this. Sign up and be there--you will not be disappointed.

Underneath all of this is the Mud Run prep going on and the direction forward for the unit's largest undertaking each year. This year looks to be something special with new faces already joining the work flow and the ideas to enhance the run. The issue will be of course to get the necessary work force in place to make it happen. You will have the chance to help with this-as with anything that the Detachment takes on, there is a place for everyone to serve. Come out to the monthly regular Detachment meeting and put your hands on the rope. There is a spot for everyone to be rowing!

As a final reminder, you will see it elsewhere, we will meet on the first Tuesday of June instead of our regular last Tuesday of May meeting to accommodate the drill staff.

Thanks and Semper Fidelis,

Tim Eichhorn, Commandant



NEW MEMBERS IN APRIL



Our Detachment's two newest members, David Prinze and Joe Esway, were sworn in at the April meeting. Welcome Aboard!



The Alexander Bonnyman Detachment table at the ETVMA Medal of Honor Evening on 7 May at the Foundry Building in Downtown Knoxville.

CONVENTION AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED

Members are encouraged to bring any items that they would like to donate for the convention silent auction to the 5 June Detachment meeting. Please get these items to Charlene Cotton ASAP.

FALLEN MARINE PROGRAM

Past Commandant Jim Williams is heading up the Detachment's Fallen Marine Program to honor any and all Marine that pass away in the Knoxville area. Any member with information about a deceased Marine in the area should contact Jim at 865 740-4155 or bigjimusc69@gmail.com

**ALL DUES FOR ANNUAL MEMBERS
ARE DUE BY 1 AUGUST 2018**

100 YEARS AGO:

MARINES IN THE GREAT WAR

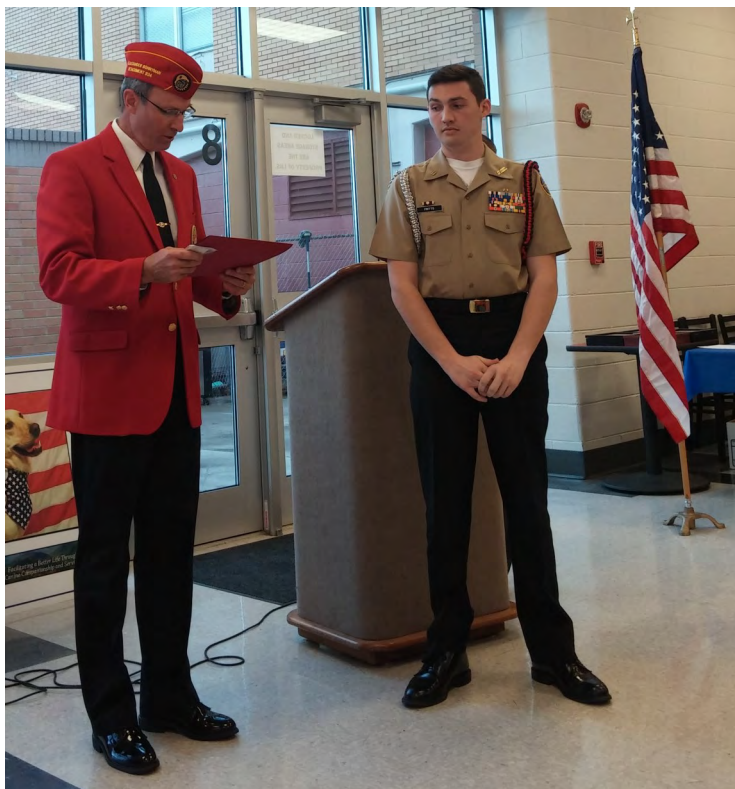
May 1918: By 14 May, the 2nd Division and the Marine Brigade were relieved entirely from the trenches of the Verdun Sector. They moved by train and road march to a new training area north and west of Paris. The Marines made good use of the time to refit and retrain and were in a great position to respond to the coming crisis.

On 27 May, the Germans launched another in a series of spring offensives in the Aisne River region. With few reserves in the area, the French Army was overwhelmed and Paris was threatened. The only divisions available to stop the German advance were the U.S. 2nd and 3rd Divisions. The Germans drove the attack south for four days and did not slow down until they reached the Marne River. On 31 May, the Germans attempted to cross the Marne River at Chateau-Thierry and were stopped cold by the Machine Gun Battalion of the 3rd Division. On 30 May (Memorial Day) the Marines were enjoying a day of rest that was interrupted by orders from the French Army to move north to relieve the U.S. 1st Division that had been fighting around Cantigny. Those orders quickly changed and by the morning of the 31st, the Marines were formed up on the streets at dawn, gulped down a quick breakfast, and boarded trucks for a trip east toward the Marne River Valley.

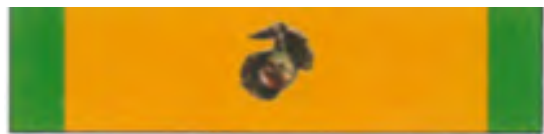


As the Marines headed east, remnants of the defeated French Army and masses of refugees headed west to escape the Germans who were now also moving to the west, toward Belleau Wood, after failing to cross the Marne River at Chateau-Thierry.

NJROTC AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS



Detachment members presented the Marine Corps league Community Service Ribbon to outstanding Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets at high schools throughout the area during April and May. Awards were presented during awards ceremonies at Austin-East, Bearden, Central, Fulton, Farragut, South Doyle, West, Loudon County, and Oak Ridge. Some cadets will be eligible for a Bonnyman Detachment Scholarship when they become full-time college students in the fall.



MEMORIAL WEEKEND GRAVE DECORATION

Young Marines and volunteers will place flags on the graves of veterans at the East Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery on Lyons View Road and Governor John Sevier Highway. Flags will be placed on Saturday, 26 May starting at 0830. All volunteers are welcome to help.

MCL AUXILIARY

Charlene Cotton, President

Patty will preside at the June 5 meeting because I will be in Pensacola with the Bonnyman Young Marines. Connie is preparing the annual report of volunteer activity. Please send your report to her or bring it to the meeting. Charlotte Helton is bringing cookies for the League.

We had a lunch gathering in April. It was good to visit with Lois Reiniche-Eddleman and Terri Cates. Colonel Joe is holding the fort at Ben Atchley Vet Home.

The Department Auxiliary will meet with the League for Department Convention opening ceremonies at 0900 Saturday June 23, then meet separately for the Auxiliary Business Meeting.

The Hospitality Room will be open Friday and Saturday afternoon, June 22 & 23. Karl Ekstrom is in charge of the food, and we will have a sign-up sheet at the June 5 meeting. The plan is for snacks, not a buffet meal. If you have items for the Silent Auction, please bring them to the meeting. Patty and Connie will collect them, and send them home with Jim Cotton.

Charlene Cotton, President



MUD RUN MEETING

An organizational & budget meeting for the 2018 Marine Mud Run will precede the 5 June Detachment meeting commencing at 1630 June 5th, 2018, in the large conference room across the hall from the Delta Company offices. Contact Marine Nolan Sharbel, PDC, with any questions & input at (865)385-1221.

The Mud Run is scheduled for Saturday, 15 September. **New members are needed to join the Mud Run Committee to plan and execute this event!**



June Calendar

Devil Dog Growl	4
Detachment Meeting	5
Officers Meeting	11
TN Department Convention	22-23
Detachment Meeting	26

July Calendar

Safety Break	1-2
Officers Meeting	9
Detachment Meeting	31

August Calendar

Officers Meeting	13
Pistol Match	18
Detachment Meeting	28

SCRATCHES FROM THE CLAWS OF THE BARKING DOG



The 2018 Growl schedule is: 4 June, 24 September, and 3 December. All Growls will take place 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

mclknoxville.org

The Detachment Webmaster is Marine Tim Shea. **mclknoxville.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.

**MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY**

The Alexander Bonnyman Detachment and The Bonnyman Unit of the Young marines will hold a Memorial Day ceremony at the Virtue Cemetery on Evans Road in Farragut on 28 May. The Honor Guard will assemble at the Virtue Church on Virtue Road at 0930. The ceremony will begin at 1100 and last about one hour.

RED BLAZERS AVAILABLE

Marine Corps League uniform 2 button red/scarlet blazers are available at:

uniformalwearhouse.com

Prices range from \$69.95 to \$79.95, depending on size. This company offers good quality at reasonable prices. Official MCL buttons can be purchased through the Detachment Quartermaster and installed by you or your tailor.

SAFETY BREAK SCHEDULE

There will be a total of three Safety Breaks this year beginning 27 and 28 May for the Memorial Day weekend. The 4th of July Safety Break will be 7 and 8 July. Finally, the Labor Day Safety Break will be 2 and 3 September. **Contact Howard Raines to fill an open slot for the Memorial Day Break.**

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.

VETERANS IDENTIFICATION CARD

The VIC is a portable and secure alternative to a DD-214 that can be used to obtain discounts on promotional goods and services offered to veterans. Individual's that do not have a Veterans Health Identification Card (VHIC) or retirement card issued by the Department of Defense will be able to apply for a VIC online using **www.vets.gov**

YOUNG MARINE REPORT by Kathy Winters

The Young Marines finally had a regular drill where we were able to complete PFTs (Physical Fitness Tests) and it did not rain or snow. We also worked on DDR (Drug Demand Reduction) projects.

Our Pistol Match season began the 28th of April. We had a great turnout with almost 30 shooters. Our adult leaders, parents, volunteers and adult leaders worked hard. Our thanks to Mary and Clyde Furr for scoring the match.

On the 21st, we were able to complete our Basic First Aid ribbon requirements. Paramedics Marty Young and Roger Badger taught the class. They have been loyal volunteers for several years. We had squad leading training to get our six Young Marines ready for JLS this summer. It is a requirement that they must be able to complete at JLS.

Larry and Kathy Winters went to San Antonio last week for Young Marine Adult Leader Conference. We had four days of classes to update us on changes and programs to improve our units. Getting together with Adult Leaders from all over the country and being able to share experiences is an important part of the week.

Memorial Day Weekend will see us out in the Community. We will be putting out flags on the graves at Lyons View and conducting the Stout Memorial Ceremony on Monday, the 28th. We hope that you will be able to join us at both events.

Pensacola here we come! We leave on June 2nd for a week of fun and learning. We have barracks on the Naval Air Station and have arranged some great activities for the entire week including seeing the Blue Angels, the NAS Museum, the USS Alabama, Fort Barrancas and whatever else we can fit into the schedule. We will also be having a beach night with the Pensacola Young Marines. Wish us a safe journey.



Young Marines and Adult Volunteers score and service targets at the pistol match on 28 April.



Detachment member winners of the Bill Gerst Memorial Rifle Match held on Saturday, 12 May at the TWRA Range in North Knoxville. David Fugate was the Match Winner.

2018 PISTOL MATCH SCHEDULE:

16 June

14 July

18 August

22 September

Jim Peacock Memorial Pistol Match, 20 October

All matches will be held at the Camp Bonnyman
Pistol Range



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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.

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