

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 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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THREE NEW MEMBERS IN JUNE



Three new members were voted on and sworn in at the June meeting by David Hatfield. From left to right in the picture above, they are: Eddie Mays, Carlos Reyes, and Jeffery Lane. Eddie served in Viet Nam and Thailand. Carlos served for 13 years in Hawaii, Pendleton, Beirut and Desert Storm. Jeffrey served 8 years in Hawaii and Camp Lejeune in motor transport.

COMMANDANT'S CORNER

Marines,

Another Month has gone by which makes the Mud Run closer. We have to get to work and make this happen. There is still a need for volunteers before during and after the Mud Run. Remember, there is a place for everybody no matter your skill or health. We need all hands on deck to have a successful Mud Run, not to mention the fun you can have watching people get a kick out of running through mud and paying for it. If you haven't signed up and don't come to the Monthly meetings, go to the web site and download the release form and mail it to Betty Jean Berry and get involved.

I am asking for as many members as possible be at this month's meeting. We will be discussing a lot of things that are coming up in the near future and your input is very much needed. I am nothing but a figure head--YOU ARE THE LEAGUE

Jim Williams, Commandant



CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

Greetings Marines!

There is an interesting verse in the Book of Exodus which says, "But Moses said to God, 'Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the sons of Israel out of Egypt?' And He said, 'Certainly I will be with you..'"

I want to compare this great Prophet of Israel with a modern-day Church Leader: Dwight L. Moody (the founder of Moody Bible Institute in Chicago). There was a reason that Mr. Moody (1837-1899) led more people of of spiritual bondage into freedom in Christ than any other evangelist of his day; traveled more than a million miles in ministry; spoke to more than 100 million people; established schools for boys and girls; a Bible Institute for the training of ministers; and publishing houses for the printing of evangelistic materials. But the reason was not because of his background, training, or eloquence.

Dwight Moody was one of nine children under the age of 13 left fatherless by the death of his alcoholic father. With only a fifth grade education he left home to work in a shoe store in Boston. Because he was spiritual illiterate, he was denied church membership. So, he began to educate himself in the Scriptures, and he advanced in business. He eventually began to preach the gospel. In 1873 a friend in England challenged him with what has become Moody's signature quotation: "The world has yet to see what God can do with a man fully consecrated to him." Moody's response: "By God's help, I aim to be that man." God's help was the reason behind the accomplishments of Dwight L. Moody.

Another man, born of even more humble means, discovered the same thing Moody did—but in a different way. Born a slave in Egypt, Moses grew up in poverty under the tyranny of Pharaoh until he escaped to the land of Midian. There, God called him to lead the rest of the Hebrews out of bondage into Freedom. But Moses protested, saying he was not eloquent enough to speak God's words for Him.

"I made your mouth," God responded. "Therefore, I will help you to speak. I will teach you what to say when you need to say it." (Exodus 4:11-12). And God did exactly that.

Moses and Moody—both born in humble circumstances, both helped by God to accomplish great things for him. None of us are born without need of God's help; it's just a matter of discovering where we need it most. Seeing the need for help, then God's willingness to give it, are the secrets to being used by Him.

Marines are trained to be self-sufficient, yet interdependent on members of his team or unit. Self sufficiency is simply confidence in our training. Interdependence is reliance on the same training in others.

The USMC enjoys the highest degree of camaraderie of any branch of the U.S. Military. We are legendary in our spirit of brotherhood (once a Marine....), right? We, like Moses and Moody, come from humble beginnings. We join a Band of Brothers, and give and receive help from one another. In combat, that SAVES our lives. In life, we need God's help and the help of the brotherhood.... That ENABLES our lives. I need you, and you need me. I draw strength from that bond, how about you?

On the journey with you,

Chaplain Gordon Adams

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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. Betty Jean Berry is assembling and coordinating all volunteer information and is accepting Volunteer Registration forms at the June meeting or 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.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS



COMMANDANT JIM WILLIAMS PRESENTED THE MCL COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD TO DETACHMENT MEMBERS WHO GAVE 3 DAYS OF HARD WORK TO MOVE A DISABLED MARINE IN DISTRESS OUT OF HIS HOME ON VERY SHORT NOTICE.



MCL AUXILIARY

Greetings, Ladies.

Ginger Huffman sent this message on July 6:

Would you be so kind as to add a note from me to the auxiliary members in the upcoming issue of the Gazette. I would



like to thank all of them for their cards, prayers and visits while in the hospital. My journey down this cancer road is getting more and more difficult, more labs, more hospital visits, but I am not quitting. I have been doing this cancer thing since 2004 and am not stopping until I am "called home". With all the support I have been receiving, I am looking for "God's Miracle". Thank you all. What a support system I have been blessed with.

Best regards, Ginger

Her message is one more example of her indomitable spirit and the leadership she has shared with the Lt. Alexander Bonnyman Unit of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary.

The Bonnyman Auxiliary recognizes Ginger's extraordinary leadership and contributions as a member and Treasurer by conferring the Doris Eckstrom Leadership Award for Distinguished Service to the Unit. Ginger's ongoing health problems prevented her from receiving this award at a monthly meeting.

At the July 30 meeting, we will celebrate the 22nd anniversary of the Lt Alexander Bonnyman Unit of the MCL Auxiliary. There will be cake! We hope to get good photos to post on www.mclknoxville.org

Unit members are active locally as well as in the Department of Tennessee. As your Unit President and Department Junior Vice President, I was honored to receive the Department's 2019 Deborah Evans Award. Connie Sexton, Patty Mullins, Deborah Evans and others have guided me for the past 18 months as I learned MCLA traditions, Bylaws and Procedures. I offer humble thanks to each Auxiliary and Detachment member who encouraged me and helped me attain the standards of the Bonnyman Unit.

Patty will report on the VAVS Council meeting scheduled for July 16 in Mountain Home.



Charlene Cotton, President

Reminder: Please submit your \$28 dues renewal before August 31st deadline. Bring your payment to the meeting on July 30, or mail to Patty Mullins, Treasurer, 7617 Konda Drive,

August Calendar		September Calendar		October Calendar	
MCL National Convention	4-9	Officers Meeting	9	Rifle Match	12
Officers Meeting	12	Detachment Meeting	24	Safety Break	12,13,14
Detachment Meeting	27	Picnic	15	Officers Meeting	14
Safety Break	31,1&2 Sept	Pistol Match	21	Detachment Meeting	29
		MUD RUN	28		



SCRATCHES FROM THE CLAWS OF THE BARKING DOG

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

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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.



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.

NEW SAFETY BREAK SCHEDULE

2019 Safety Breaks will be held on the following days:

- 31 August, 1 and 2 September
- 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

Our fundraising weekend was very successful for the Young Marines. We raised \$3350 for Wreaths Across America. Long hours were spent by our Adult Leaders and several Young Marines. There are still over 7,000 wreaths needed for the Knoxville veteran cemeteries so there is a Wreath on every headstone in those cemeteries. It is a big goal for the Community.

The next drill weekend, we met at the Boys and Girls Club. We attempted to promote a few Young Marines. Kayla Dobbins was promoted to YM Lance Corporal. She did not miss one question on her Boards and was disappointed that she wasn't asked more questions. We then shifted to the Rifle Range at Camp Bonnyman for Rifle Practice. The Young Marines competed and we now have a seven member team with three alternates.

We had planned a work party for setting trusses on the Pavilion. We are building the pavilion with donated funds. It will give us a place out of the sun for classes, picnics, and other activities. But....Mr. Winters changed the date by breaking his ankle. We are trying for a regular drill on Saturday, the 20th.

National Programs have started. YM Sgt Robert Throckmorton completed the course of study at National Flight Academy. YM Sgt Ford graduated from Drill and Ceremony School at San Diego Recruit Depot. We have one more Young Marine going on a National trip as well as six Young Marines going to Leadership Schools starting July 26th. We expect great things from all of them.



YM LCPL KAYLA DOBBINS



YM SGT FORD



YM SGT ROBERT THROCKMORTON



Welcome to the newest detachment in the Department of Tennessee; Crossville Detachment #1467. Several of our Detachment members were present as the Crossville Detachment received it's charter and were very helpful in getting the new detachment established.

THE BONNYMAN GAZETTE

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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 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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