

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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Senior Vice Commandant

Travis Bryan (704) 363-4395

Junior Vice Commandant

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Paymaster

Lee Rhinemiller (865) 414-3460

Chaplain

Pearl Rich (865) 306-6744

Judge Advocate

David Cates (865) 548-4088

Sergeant-at-Arms

Stony Saathoff (865) 556-6524

Web Sergeant: mclknoxville.org

Tim Shea

Detachment Quartermaster

Larry George (865) 789-6535

DETACHMENT OFFICERS FOR 2018 SWORN IN



COMMANDANT'S CORNER

Marines of the Lt Alexander Bonnyman Detachment,

Greetings and warm wishes from the wet of East Tennessee winter.

Your Detachment is hard at work going into the 2018 calendar year. Thanks so much for the vote of confidence with the slate of officers. We have already been through the business of the first officers meeting and everyone is pulling their weight to get things aligned and smoothed out so that we all may participate.

I especially want to thank Jim Cotton for his efforts and answers as Junior Vice over the past year. An old company commander of mine used to say that "a Marine's heart can take him a long way" and that is the case with Cotton. He began the arduous task of untangling the knots that had become our alpha roster. Compounded by the Marines who, for what ever reason, no longer participate. The dues change in the past year was a multiplier on this task for difficulty. I personally appreciate Jim and his efforts.

We also want to welcome back into the Chaplain's seat, Pearl Rich. She has been missed and we are all glad that she is feeling better. Many thanks to Leroy Brown for being the supernumerary and making certain that we did not slip up there.

Mud Run Planning begins in earnest at 4:30pm on Tuesday 2/27 prior to our regular meeting. You are needed.

Dining In event on Saturday 3/17, St Patrick's Day, is an evening that you will not want to miss. The very next week the South East Conference is in Gatlinburg.

Rifle and pistol matches are set to regain their schedules.

May brings ETVMA Dinner honoring SGT York, US Army, Memorial Day celebration at Virtue Cemetery and the first of 2018 Traffic Safety Breaks.

Plenty of opportunities to be involved. You are needed to lend a hand.

Semper Fidelis

Tim Eichhorn, Commandant



2018 OFFICER ELECTIONS

Elections were held during the January 2018 Detachment meeting to put in place a slate of officers for the rest of the year. Members approved the Nominating Committee recommendations for a slate of elected officers by unanimous vote:

Detachment Commandant: Tim Eichhorn

Senior Vice Commandant: Travis Bryan

Junior Vice Commandant: Sam Ruble

Judge Advocate: David Cates

Paymaster: Lee Rhinemiller

Several appointed officers were also retained in their current posts including:

Detachment Chaplain: Pearl Rich

Sergeant-at-Arms: Stony Saathoff

Web Sergeant: Tim Shea

The new **Detachment Quartermaster** is **Larry George**.

2018 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

Bonnyman Detachment members will be needed to sell ads to local businesses to be published in the convention program book. Selling ads is an essential part of financing the convention without placing a financial burden on the host detachment. Detachment members will have until 24 May, 2018 to give businesses the opportunity to support the convention. **A form for program book ads is available at mclknnoxville.org under Dept of TN 37th Annual Convention.** Help from members will also be needed to collect promotional and other give-away items to be included in the "goodie bags" given to convention attendees from around the state. **Members are also encouraged to donate items to be sold via "silent auction" at the convention.**

100 YEARS AGO:

MARINES IN THE GREAT WAR

February 1918: The last Battalion of the 6th Marines, 2/6, finally arrived in France early in the month and moved to the Brigade training area around the town of Bourmont to join the Regiment. The Headquarters of the American Expeditionary Force was in the town of Chaumont and American Army and Marine units occupied training areas in the country side around the town. By mid-month, brigade training began in earnest in preparation for deployment to a combat zone in March. Along with other new weapons and equipment, the machinegun companies would have to master the 8mm French Hotchkiss machineguns that replaced the beloved Lewis Guns brought from the U.S. Each company was issued 12 Hotchkiss guns and ammunition carts to go with them. These guns would remain with the Brigade throughout the war. Marines would also have to deal with the miserable, wet and snowy French winter in their efforts to get ready to face the Germans and take some pressure off of their exhausted French allies.



Marines man a French M1914 Machinegun. The Hotchkiss gun was heavy and bulky, but also reliable and accurate.

DETACHMENT DINE-IN RESERVATIONS

The annual Detachment Dine-in will be held on Saturday, 17 March at the Bearden Banquet Hall. The festivities will begin at 1800 with a cocktail hour, followed by dinner and an awards ceremony. The cost is \$10.00 per person. Contact Sam Ruble, Junior Vice Commandant to make reservations.

2018 RIFLE MATCH SCHEDULE

Matches are held at the TRWA Range complex on Rifle Range Road, North Knoxville. Be at the main gate by 0700. No one will be able to get in after 0730.

Bill Gerst Memorial Rifle Match: M-1/M-1A rifles only, held on Saturday, April 14th, alternate date in case of rain is Saturday, June 9th.

Jim Putman Memorial Rifle Match: open match, any rifle with open sights, held on Saturday, September 8th, alternate date in case of rain is Saturday October 13th.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

First, I would like to thank Marine Leroy Brown for agreeing to step in as Chaplain while I was recovering. I also want to thank all of you for your love, support, cards and prayers during my long illness. The battle is not over yet but I am well on my way to returning to normal. I am grateful that you are allowing me to continue as your Chaplain and I promise to do the best job I can to make you proud of your Chaplain.

I ask that you continue your prayers and support for Ginger Huffman as she continues to respond to new medication. Ginger, know that we are all there to help if and when you need it.

By the time you receive this issue of the Gazette, Jim Cotton will have had shoulder replacement surgery at the UT Medical Center. His surgery was scheduled on February 14, 2018. I have spoken with him and let him know our prayers are with him. With our thoughts, prayers and support I know Jim will have a speedy recovery. If you can, please communicate with him and let him know he is in our prayers. Just hearing from those who care about you can make all the difference to someone.

If there are others in our League that are ill and I have not mentioned you, please forgive me. I welcome your communication to let me know who is in need of our prayers and support. Please contact me by phone or email me at Chaplain.924@gmail.com.

Thank you for your continued support.

Pearl Rich, Detachment Chaplain



MCL AUXILIARY

Greetings and thank you for the privilege to serve as MCLA President. Please contact me with your interest, concerns or questions about Auxiliary activities, charlenecotton839@gmail.com, cell 334-399-7096, (or Jim's phone 865-279-4652). Thank you to Connie, Ginger, Patty, Jane, Barbara Jean, Kathy and Charlotte for their guidance and encouragement this past month. Auxiliary Officers, there will be a photo session at the February 27 meeting, at the request of Tim Shea, Webmaster. Get ready to SMILE!

Condolences to Patty Mullins on the death of her brother and nephew in Kentucky. Her mother's health is frail and continues to decline. In addition to her duties as Department President, Patty is collecting ads for the Dept. Convention program. As Commander Tim stated, Detachment members have until 24 May to "give businesses the opportunity to support the convention" by advertising in our program and/or providing items for Silent Auction and "goodie bags."

The League is forming ranks for Spring and Summer events, and MCLA is pitching in. Beth Eichhorn and Connie George are assisting new Jr Vice Commandant Sam Noble in final plans for the Dine-In on March 17.

The Bonnyman MCLA is assisting the Tennessee Department Auxiliary at the SE Regional Conference in Pigeon Forge March 22 – 24. We've been asked to stand watch at the Silent Auction or the Hospitality Room for 2-3 hour duty periods. Please check your email for my message with a duty schedule. If you wish to provide a tray of light snacks for the Hospitality Room, please let me know.

Cookies for February: Patty Mullins

Here's hoping for fair weather on Feb 27. See you at the meeting.

Charlene Cotton, President

FEBRUARY MUD RUN MEETING

The First organizational & budget meeting for the 2018 Marine Mud Run will precede the February Detachment meeting commencing at 1630 Feb. 27, 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!**



March Calendar		April Calendar		May Calendar	
Devil Dog Growl	5	Officers Meeting	9	Pistol Match	12
Officers Meeting	12	Rifle Match	14	Officers Meeting	14
Detachment Dine-In	17	Spring Department Conference	14	Safety Break	25, 26, 27, 28
SE Division Conference	22-25	Detachment Meeting	24	Memorial Day Ceremony	28
Detachment Meeting	27	Pistol Match	28	Detachment Meeting	29

SCRATCHES FROM THE CLAWS OF THE BARKING DOG



The 2018 Growl schedule is out: 5 March, 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

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.

RED BLAZERS AVAILABLE

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

uniformalwarehouse.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.



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.

SAFETY BREAK SCHEDULE

There will be a total of three Safety Breaks this year beginning 25 to 28 May for the Memorial Day weekend. The 4th of July Safety Break will be from 4 to 7 July. Finally, the Labor Day Safety Break will be from 31 August through 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

Lt Alexander Bonnyman Unit has started a new recruit class. We welcomed nine new recruits on February 3rd. They are a great bunch of kids and will be great additions to our unit. They have already become great friends forming a cohesive unit. Let's see what happens this weekend at our overnight campout. I wish the rain would cooperate, but it sure doesn't look that way. Their graduation is March 3rd; so put that on your calendar.

Larry Winters was re-elected as our Unit Commander for the next two years. And Joe McCarter will continue to fulfill the Executive Officer position. Battalion elections will be held in Smyrna during Regimental Drill Competition on the weekend of March 16 through the 18th. We have not had a Regimental Drill Competition the last two years so very few have had that experience.

We have eight Young Marines going to Leadership Schools this summer. In addition, one will go to National Flight Academy and one to Drill and Ceremony School in San Diego, along with Larry Winters.

In April we will assist ETMAC in the Mountain Men March in Gatlinburg. That month we also have Swim Qualifications and the start of our Pistol Match season. And don't forget Honor Air Flight on April 11th. May will send some of us to San Antonio for the Young Marine Adult Leader Conference.

And then comes summer!!!!



Past President, Connie Sexton passes the gavel and installs the new Marine Corps League Auxiliary President, Charlene Cotton. Congratulations Charlene!



ETVMA MEDAL OF HONOR EVENING

The East Tennessee Veterans Memorial Association presents the 8th Annual Medal of Honor Evening, Honoring World War I Medal of Honor Recipient Sgt. Alvin C. York, United States Army. The event will be held **Monday, May 7th, 2018** at The Historic Foundry Building at 747 World's Fair Park Drive, Knoxville TN. Social hour begins at 5:30pm, followed by dinner & presentation at 6:30pm. The first table reserved for the Alexander Bonnyman Detachment is nearly full, but an additional table can be reserved if needed. Contact the Adjutant if you want to reserve a seat. Purchase tickets at the ETVMA website etvma.org.

2018 PISTOL MATCH SCHEDULE:

Jack McGivney Memorial Pistol Match, 28 April

12 May

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 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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