

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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Commandant

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Jim Williams (865) 740-4155

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Adjutant

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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

2019 DETACHMENT OFFICER ELECTIONS

The Nominating Committee has assembled a proposed slate of officers to lead the Detachment in 2019.

Commandant: Jim Williams

Senior Vice Commandant: Pearl Rich

Junior Vice Commandant: Tommy Webb

Adjutant: Eric Nash

Paymaster: Lee Rhinemiller

Chaplain: Gordon Adams

Judge Advocate: David Cates

Sergeant-at-Arms: Stony Saathoff

Elections will be held during the January 2019 Detachment Meeting. Detachment members may also nominate for any elected office any other member in good standing during the nominating process.

COMMANDANT'S CORNER

Marines,

We come to the end of 2018. Thank you for your support of your fellow Marines and of the Detachment.

It was not a perfect year. but a good one none the less.

All in all it was a busy and productive year for Bonnyman Marines.

Oh sure, we hosted a Department level conference and the Mud Run went off well, but we did a bunch more than that.

We shook hands and laughed at old lies we tell each other as Marines.

We called and checked in on each other when we were laid up.

We went to visit each other in the hospital. We buried a few of us.

We shared meals together.

We taught Young Marines how to lean into Corps/Core values and to shoot and to put up a tent.

We helped to make Christmas a good thing for local children.

We sent support to the Wounded Warrior Regiment and to our brothers and sisters in storms.

We looked after one another and we lived Semper Fidelis out in our actions for our God, our Country and our Corps.

Thanks to each of you and have a wonderful New Year.

Tim Eichhorn, Commandant

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

Happy New Year to All! My prayer for you this new year is that each of you enjoy good health, be surrounded by those who love you, peace, joy and much happiness around you each and every day of the New Year.

I am happy to report that Travis Bryan is recovering well from his knee surgery and is well on the road to recovery. If you get time please give him a call and let him know you are thinking of him. I would like to give thanks to Charlene Cotton for sitting with Travis while his wife spent the day doing things she needed to do away from home. I know Travis appreciated us coming to help.

It has come to my attention that there has been a request from the family of Lois Eddlemon asking that she not receive any visitors. However, that does not mean that she cannot receive cards and special prayers. So, lets all keep her in our thoughts and prayers as she copes with her health issues.

Our websgt. Tim Shea has recently undergone shoulder surgery. I spoke with him today and he will be starting therapy within the next several weeks. I know he would appreciate a call, prayer, card or text message to let him know we are thinking of him. He is unable to drive at this time but has made arrangements to be at the next Detachment Meeting. Way to go Tim. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

We still have members who are in need of our prayers so please keep sending messages to our God to keep all in his loving hands as they go through a difficult time. He will provide the courage and strength they need at this difficult time in their life. If I have left anyone out of this report please forgive me and know it was not intentional. I have tried to be as inclusive as possible with every newsletter report.

I would like to thank each and every one of you for such a magnificent job with the Toys For Tots Drive this year. I can report that there were 450 toys collected in the name of the Marine Corps League and I was able to document well over 100 volunteer hours over the entire campaign. How wonderful!! We need to give ourselves a pat on the back for such wonderful work.

With many mixed emotions and ,much regret I must report to you that this will be my last Chaplain's report. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all the wonderful support you gave me over the past several years. Without you I could not have been able to my job. I have enjoyed my time as Chaplain and will miss the communication I have had with each of our membership.

Thank you again and I look forward to perhaps serving you in another capacity. May God bless and keep you ever near.



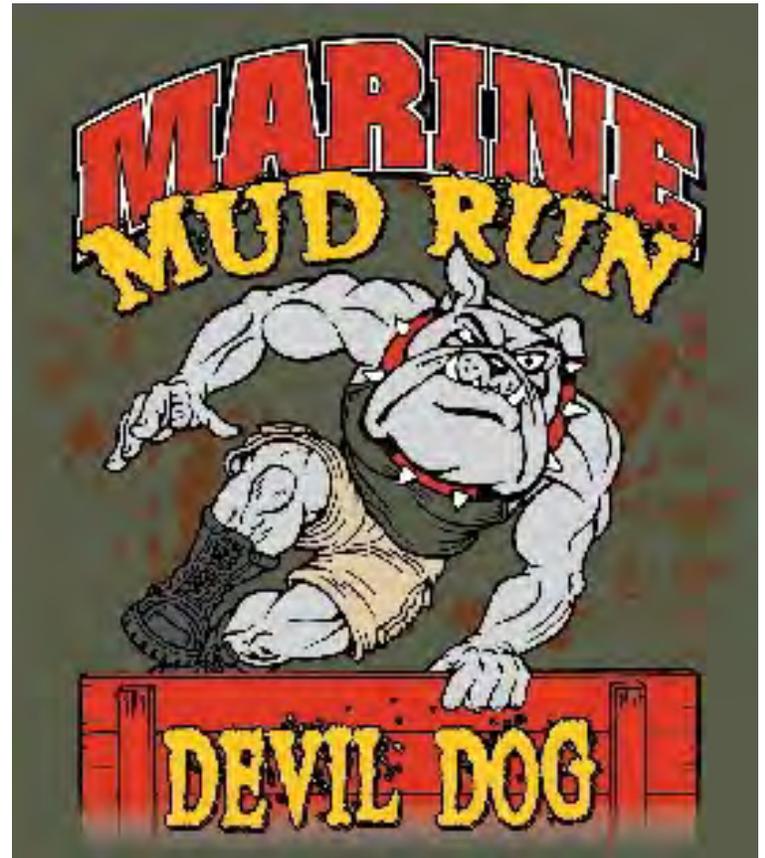
Pearl Rich, Chaplain

SPRING PISTOL MATCH

Jay Holmes has announced that the Jack McGivney Memorial Pistol Match is scheduled for Saturday, 27 April. The match will be held at the Windrock Shooting Range in Oliver Springs, TN. Look for details in future Bonnyman Gazettes and the website.

CHOW AT THE JANUARY MEETING

Jim Williams will provide a BBQ supper at the January meeting. Come early and bring an appetite!



MUD RUN SCHEDULED FOR 28 SEPTEMBER

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

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 the Detachment Paymaster. Cost per ticket and deadline to be announced.



SGT Elbert Kinser, USMC

DONATION TO WOUNDED WARRIORS

The Alexander Bonnyman Detachment donated \$2000.00 to the Marine Corps Wounded Warrior Battalions at Camp LeJeune and Camp Pendleton. The money came largely from donations collected during 2018 Mud Run registrations. The Wounded Warrior Battalions provide rehabilitation, counselling and physical training for Marines and Sailors wounded in combat.



MCL AUXILIARY



Are you a “winter” person? The soul who loves to bundle up in sweater, scarf, gloves, heavy coat, thick socks and big boots to go

out and breathe cold fog or brisk winter sunshine. No, not you? So you would rather “cocoon” near the fire and wait for spring. Either way, I hope you will step out on January 29 for the Auxiliary meeting. Officer elections and new member installation are on the agenda.

Jim Williams is providing barbeque for our social hour so bring your appetite.

We will miss Ginger and Susan who are basking in Florida sunshine for a few more weeks.

Sick Bay has been busy for several weeks. Lois Eddleman is still at home with Bell’s Palsy. Please send cards.

Connie is bringing cookies on January 29. See you there!

Charlene Cotton, President



February Calendar		March Calendar		April Calendar	
Officers Meeting	11	Devil Dog Growl	4	Officers Meeting	8
Detachment Meeting	26	Officers Meeting	10	Detachment Meeting	30
		Detachment Dine-In	(TBD)		
		Detachment Meeting	26		



SCRATCHES FROM THE CLAWS OF THE BARKING DOG

The schedule for the 2019 Growls is set: 4 March, 6 May, 9 September and 2 December. All Growls will take place at Calhoun’s Restaurant in Bearden Hill, beginning at 1800.

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.



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.

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 MARINES ALEXANDER BONNYMAN UNIT REPORT by Kathy Winters

We wonder where 2018 went?! But when we look back at our calendar, we know. Regular meetings, color guards, SPACES, schools, trips to Anniston Alabama and Pensacola, Florida, Adult Leader Conference in San Antonio, lots of Veterans activities, Toys for Tots and parades, new recruits and the blessing of five transfers from other units. As we finished with a full December of activities, we have started 2019 the same way we left 2018.

We held our traditional Christmas party this year with Dirty Santa, pizza and games. But we added a twist. We started off with the Graduation of two recruits and an awards ceremony. Charlene Cotton was awarded Adult Leader of the Year. We promoted two Young Marines and acknowledged several Young Marines for the Outstanding Salesmanship in Wreaths Across America. One Young Marine, Bradley Early, will be awarded Salesman of the Year, with 105 sponsorships for Wreaths at John Sevier Veterans Cemetery.

We are currently in the process enrolling for SPACES, our summer programs, and leadership schools for 2019. We have requested space for four Young Marines to attend summer programs. An additional two will go to SLS (Senior Leadership School) and we will request enrollment for three to go to JLS (Junior Leadership School) in Smyrna.

And we took a short break for Christmas and New Years. We met last Saturday, and our paramedic friends conducted a CPR class. Seventeen Young Marines, five Adult Leaders, and four additional parents were certified.

Our next formal Recruit Class will start February 23rd. There will be a brief parent meeting for new recruits on February 2nd at 0900. If you know of a child interested in our program please have them contact us by email (youngmarinesbonnyman@gmail.com) and we will send them the information that they need.



Young Marines recognized for leading by example as Outstanding Salesmen for Wreaths Across America in 2018.

Charlene Cotton is recognized as the Young Marines Adult Leader of the Year.

Great work Charlene!



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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