

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](mailto: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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### Ladies Auxiliary President

Charlene Cotton

## BIRTHDAY AND VETERANS DAY CELEBRATIONS



Bill Voight delivered the Birthday cake at the Detachment Birthday Dinner at the Bearden Banquet Hall. The Detachment float, manned by members and friends, was part of the Knoxville Veterans Day Parade accompanied by both marching Young Marine Units. Leaguers also attended the ETMAC Veterans Day Luncheon downtown.



## COMMANDANT'S CORNER

Well, Marines, we only have one more Month to go in this Year, but we still have a lot to do. I hope we can get as many of us at the Ben Atchely Veterans home for our Birthday cake cutting at 1400 on the 18th of November. Remember, we have two members there and I know one who is really looking forward to this. We have a great time so please be there in your red polo shirt. On the 22nd we have the Bonnyman Memorial. We need to have more Marines than usual show up to honor our name sake. On December the 7th we will have our Christmas Breakfast. The social hour starts at 0800 and we will eat good old SOS and all the rest that goes with it at 0900. Sign up at the November meeting and we will all enjoy some holiday cheer, good music and great camaraderie.

Jim Williams, Commandant



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**CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**

Greetings Marines!

I thank you again for the privilege of serving you as your Chaplain. I recently paid a visit to two Marines who are at the Veterans Home: Jerry Moat and Lee Buckner. Jerry faces the prospect of the amputation of his right arm. They are still assessing the situation. Lee, confined to his bed, is weak and can barely speak. I leaned in closely to talk to him and pray for him. Remember these brothers in your prayers.

I think if I were to ask any of you, you would say that you desire to live a life of influence. Meaning, I think, positive influence on our children, grandchildren, and fellow Marines. What would that entail? I propose at least these three things:

A life of faith. It can be active or quiet. The Holy Bible teaches, "without faith, it is impossible to please God."

A life of humility. We are proud to be Marines, and rightfully so. But we serve humbly those who are needy, simply because it is the right thing to do.

A life of devotion. I've never really met a Marine who was not devoted to his family, the Corps and our country.

Our manner of life—the way we live—communicates who we are, and the values we embrace. I don't think any Marine wants to dishonor the Corps or the League by engaging in questionable actions or practices. Yes, we are passionate about a lot of things, but moderation ought to govern our actions. We still live by a code of conduct most people do not. When confronted with dubious choices, our decisions should be obvious.

I think it might be appropriate for us, from time to time, to examine closely our actions and aspirations. Our intentions may be admirable, but do they always match the way we live? Remember, we are as responsible for our impressions as well as our behavior. As Marines, we ought to be accountable to one another, because, as a brotherhood, the actions of one reflect on us all.

Our self-respect is dependent on the quality of our exploits. I would hope that each of us would be quick to alert a brother of perceived questionable conduct. Here, we don't want to live on the edge.

Faith, humility, devotion: these are traits or qualities to which I constantly aspire. I somehow feel I am not alone in this. Semper Fi.

On the journey with you,

Chaplain Gordon Adams

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**INVITATION TO THE CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST**

First, let me say how great the food was at the Birthday Dinner. The steak and shrimp was just outstanding. On December 7th at 0900, the same people will be fixing breakfast for us and we know they know how to cook that great gravy we call "SOS". I know we will have a fine time, so bring a new toy for Toys for Tots and voices for some Christmas music. We will also be remembering Pearl Harbor. Dress is "Christmas Casual". There will be a sign up sheet at the November meeting, but you can also email or give Lee Rhinemiller a call to let him know who is coming and how many. The cost is \$10.00 each. We do need your money at the meeting or before. Let's get as many as possible of you and your families to the Breakfast. This will be our last get together this year so let's go out with a bang for a good cause.

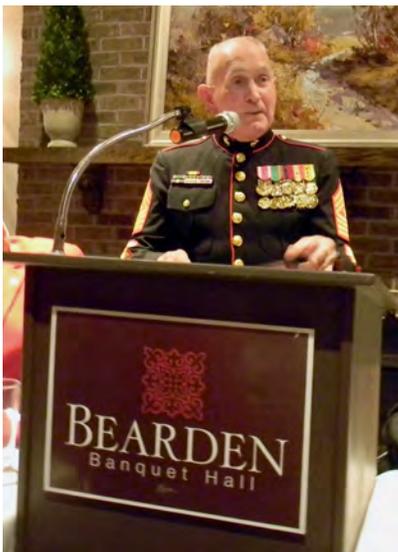
-Jim Williams



Holiday season service projects include **Wreaths Across America** and **Toys for Tots**. Both projects need our support. Find out how!



20 YEAR MEMBERS RECOGNIZED AT THE BIRTHDAY DINNER. CONGRATULATIONS!



DAVID HATFIELD AT THE DETACHMENT BIRTHDAY DINNER.



**MCL AUXILIARY**

Greetings, Auxiliary and Marine Corps League members.

The Lt Bonnyman Marine Corps League Auxiliary provides certified representatives to the Mountain Home VA Volunteer Service Com-

mittee. Currently, Patty Mullins is the Representative and Susan Jones is Deputy. One or both of them attend the quarterly meetings of the VAVS Committee in Johnson City. Dean Borsos, Medical Director of Mountain Home VA, meets with the Committee to provide information and to receive feedback and questions from the Representatives.

As the VA expands its community-based care and under some circumstances allows Veterans to access private local medical providers, there are new regulations on Veterans and Local Providers. If you are receiving care from a local provider, ask your VA Care Team to review the regulations with you. If you have problems getting medications, supplies or treatments that were ordered by a local provider, contact your VA Care Team and YOUR County Veteran Service Officer. The VA has staff members who only job is to review "failures" in care delivery and solve the problems. If the problem-solving staff aren't successful, report your problem directly to Dean B. Borsos, MHSA, Medical Director, Mountain Home VA Medical Center, 423-926-1171 Ext. 7102.

One Bonnyman Detachment member did not receive medications after the prescription was faxed from the local specialist, as required, to the VA Pharmacy. Several contacts were necessary to confirm the delivery of the faxed prescription, update the specialist's VA credential, and match those with the Veteran's approval to see the local specialist.

Member concerns: Patty and Frank are on the road again attending a gravely ill family member.

Barbara Jean is in charge of snacks for the November 26th meeting.

See you soon,  
Charlene Cotton, President



December Calendar	
Devil Dog Growl	2
Christmas Breakfast	7
Officers Meeting	9
<b>No Detachment Meeting this month</b>	

January Calendar	
Officers Meeting	13
Detachment Meeting	28
<b>Detachment officer elections, look for proposed slate in December issue of the Gazette</b>	

February Calendar	
Officers Meeting	10
Detachment Meeting	25



## SCRATCHES FROM THE CLAWS OF THE BARKING DOG

The last Pound Growl for 2019 is on 2 December. Growls will no longer take place at Calhoun's Restaurant in Bearden. Standby for word on the new location.

### [mclknnoxville.org](http://mclknnoxville.org)

The Detachment Webmaster is Marine Tim Shea. [mclknnoxville.org](http://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.

### NOVEMBER SAFETY BREAK

#### CANCELLED

The Safety Break scheduled for 29 November to 1 December has been cancelled.

### RED BLAZERS AVAILABLE

Marine Corps League uniform 2 button red blazers are available at [uniformalwear-house.com](http://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.



### 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.



**Carlos Reyes** was recognized as the 2019 Mud Run MVP for tireless work "above and beyond" before, during and after the race.

### YOUNG MARINES ALEXANDER BONNYMAN UNIT REPORT by Kathy Winters

We promised our Young Marines a busy fall schedule and we delivered. But we are not done yet. We still have Ben Atchley, a regular Drill and then the Bonnyman Memorial. Then we can eat turkey and be thankful for all of our Young Marines, parents and Adult Leaders. Then comes Christmas.

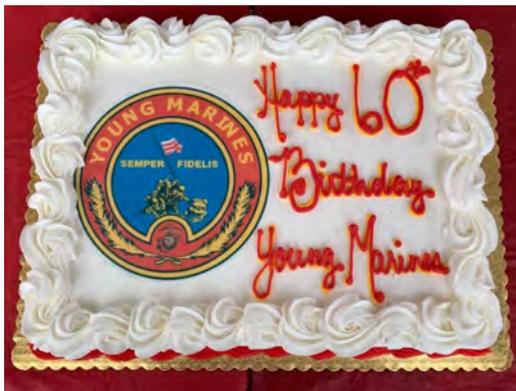
Tonight will be a nail biter for three of our Young Marines. The Battalion Young Marine of the Year will be decided. Five of our Young Marines qualified for the honor, three completed the requirements, which included a 500 word essay. But we can guarantee that it will be a Bonnyman Young Marine. Will it be YM Sgt. Ryan Koza, YM Sgt Brock Runyan, or YM Sgt Robert Throckmorton.? Out of the entire Battalion we were the only Unit that had Young Marines qualify. That is quite an accomplishment.

Our regular Drill on the 19th of October was a full-day affair. Everyone was able to shoot at the Bonnyman Range. Our new Adult Leader Marine Mark Pursel was great on the range. He is also a Retire LAPD Officer. The more experienced Young Marines moved up to the 22's and steel targets. After time at the range, we ran a DDR Dash using our obstacle course and the woods. Trying it out who would get lost. That afternoon, we dedicated the new Pavilion to Lt Colonel Ed Penico, USMC Retired, a four war Veteran (WWII, China, Korea, and Viet Nam). Our Young Marines spoke about each of those phases of his career. Both Ed and his wife were able to attend.

On the 29th, we brought the Young Marine Birthday to the Marine Corps League. A few of our Senior NCOs' were able to attend and help serve birthday cake. It celebrated the 60th Birthday of the Young Marines. But don't forget our color guard at the Marine Corps Ball at the Foundry. Three of our young ladies were great having never done a color guard before, under the direction of new Color Sergeant Ryan Koza. But Mr. and Mrs. Winters did make them dance. They were better at color guard.

Veterans Weekend was BUSY. We put out flags at the John Sevier Cemetery in honor of those buried there. It is such a beautiful site. And the eagle flew. We joined in the parade. Most of our Young Marines had school that day and had tests scheduled is they were leery of missing class. The crowd loved the Veteran meet and greet.

We finished the weekend with a Dedication of the Bonnyman Rifle Range to our own Colonel Joe Eddlemon. Joe was always a great supporter of the Bonnyman Young Marines. We all miss him. His wife, Lois, son Gerald and several other family members were in attendance. Thanks to all the League members who were there.



Bonnyman Unit at the Veterans Day Parade

North Knoxville Unit at the Veterans Day Parade



JERRY MOATS AT THE BEN ATCHELY VETERANS HOME.

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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**



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**Lt. Alexander Bonnyman Detachment 924, Marine Corps League, Application for Membership**

**PLEASE PRINT IN PEN**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_+\_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Service/Social Security No \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Date of Enlistment/Commissioning \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Date of Discharge/Retirement \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

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 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.

\*(Korean War Era Marines See National Bylaws, Article 6, Section 600)

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Sponsor (where applicable) \_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature  
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