

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 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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## **JUNE DETACHMENT MEETING AS SCHEDULED**

The June Detachment Meeting will take place as scheduled on 26 June. The meeting will be at the Marine Corps Reserve Center at the regular times; 1730 Social Hour, 1830 Business meeting. Items to be discussed will include the next fiscal year detachment budget.

## **NEW MEMBER IN MAY**



Our Detachment's newest member, Gordon Adams, was sworn in at the May meeting. Welcome Aboard!

## 100 YEARS AGO: MARINES IN THE GREAT WAR: LES MARES FARM-HILL 142 BELLEAU WOOD-BOURECHES

**June 1918:** On 2 and 3 June the Marines of 2/5 defended Les Mares Farm, the last organized defense between the Germans and Paris. Lacking most of their machineguns and artillery support, 2/5 held the position with rifle fire and bayonets. Over the next few days, the Marine Brigade continued to organize the defense of the left flank of the 2nd Division, centered on Lucy-le-Bocage and pass the shattered French forces to the rear.

The French Army Command ordered the 2nd Division to attack the Germans on Hill 142 to the north, Belleau Wood and the town of Bouresches on 6 June. On the morning of 6 June, two companies of 1/5 attacked and drove the Germans off of Hill 142, securing the Brigade's left flank. 3/5 would attack the west side of Belleau Wood later in the afternoon against what was expected to be light resistance. 3/6 would attack the southern part of Belleau Wood and Bouresches at the same time. The attack by 3/5 across the wheat fields ran into heavy German machinegun fire from the woods. Three companies were cut to pieces and fell back while one gained a small foothold in the woods. 3/6 fared somewhat better gaining a foothold in the southern part of the woods and chasing most of the Germans out of Bouresches. Losses were very heavy.

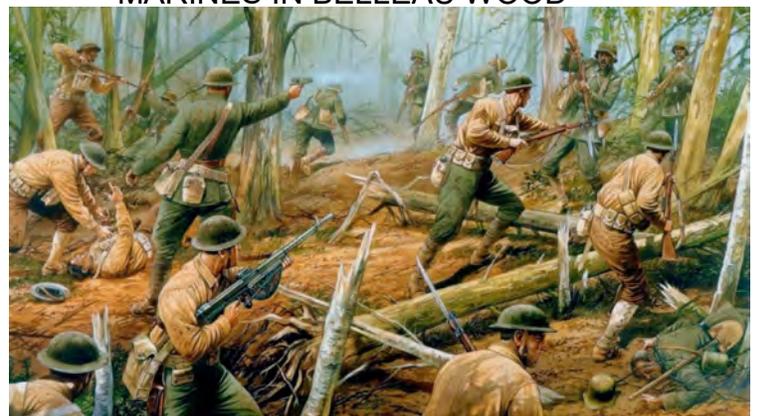
The grim fight for Belleau Wood continued for several days and bogged down into a bloody stalemate. The Marine Brigade would try again on 10 June to take the woods with 2/5 attacking across the wheat fields where 3/5 had failed and 1/6 attacking from the south. The attacks of the 10th were more successful, but did not force the Germans out of the woods. Another stalemate was in place by the 14th when the Germans launched a massive gas and artillery attack. By the 15th, the exhausted Marine Brigade was finally relieved by the 7th Infantry Regiment, U.S. Army.

By 21 June, the 7th Infantry was ready to attack to push the Germans out of the woods. The Army attack failed miserably and the 2nd Division began planning a new attack with the rebuilt and rested Marine brigade.

On 23 June, the Marines were back in Belleau Wood, relieved the 7th Infantry on the 24th and began the final attack. 3/5, 2/5, 2/6 and 1/6 were all committed. By the 26th, 3/5 had driven the Germans out of the north end of the woods and reported: **"BELLEAU WOODS NOW U.S. MARINE CORPS ENTIRELY"**.



MARINES IN BELLEAU WOOD



## CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

It has been several months since I have been able to give a report on the status of our League and Auxiliary Members. I thank you for your prayers and continuing faith in me.

Last week I received a request regarding Al Descouro who is going through some difficult times. We should all keep him in our thoughts and prayers and let him know he is not alone. It would be very nice if some of us could give him a call or send him a card. It is amazing what a simple card or phone call can do to lift someone's spirits. We could all use a bit of cheering now and then.

It has been awhile since I have visited Joe Eddleman because of my illness. I was told that Joe was in isolation in his room and anyone who visits is required to dress in isolation attire. I declined because of an upcoming hospital procedure. We did say a few words to each other through the doorway before I had to leave. If anyone is able to visit he is in room 209. I know he would be glad to see you.

Now a word about me. I did see the heart doctor in Johnson City. I was evaluated and agreed to receive placement of a defibrillator/pacemaker. I was told there are many benefits as well as disadvantages. After placement there will be things I do now that will no longer be allowed. The procedure will be done at the VA Hospital in Johnson City and it will be an overnight stay. Please continue to keep me in your thoughts and prayers.

If you are ill or know of anyone who is ill and in need of a visit, phone call, prayer or just would like to talk please contact me to let me know how I can be of service to our members. I can be contacted at Chaplain.924@gmail.com or by telephone (865) 306-6744.

Thank you and God Bless each and everyone in our wonderful organization.



Pearl Rich, Chaplain

## MCL AUXILIARY

Ladies,

Welcome home, Ginger!! We know you had a great visit with your family in Florida, and we want to hear all about it. See you at the Tennessee Department Convention, Friday and Saturday, 22 & 23 June, at the Airport Hilton.

The Auxiliary will be meet Friday at 9:00. On Saturday, we will attend Opening Ceremonies with the League at 9:00, and convene the Auxiliary meeting afterward. At the Banquet on Saturday evening, Patty and Connie will present information about the Auxiliary.

Thank you for your support of the Hospitality Room and contributions to the Silent Auction. Bidding will close at noon on Saturday.

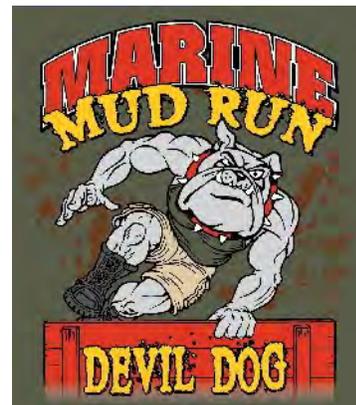
Remember, the Detachment will meet as usual, Tuesday, June 26. Susan Jones will bring cookies for the meeting.



Charlene Cotton, President

## MUD RUN MEETING

An organizational & budget meeting for the 2018 Marine Mud Run will precede the 26 June Detachment meeting commencing at 1630 June 26th, 2018, in the large conference room across the hall from the Delta Company offices. 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!**



July Calendar	
Safety Break	1-2
Officers Meeting	9
Pistol Match	14
Detachment Meeting	31

August Calendar	
Officers Meeting	13
Pistol Match	18
Detachment Meeting	28

September Calendar	
Safety Break	1-2
Jim Putman Rifle Match	8
Officers Meeting	10
Marine Mud Run	15
Detachment Meeting	25

**SCRATCHES FROM THE CLAWS OF THE BARKING DOG**



The remaining 2018 Growl schedule is: 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:

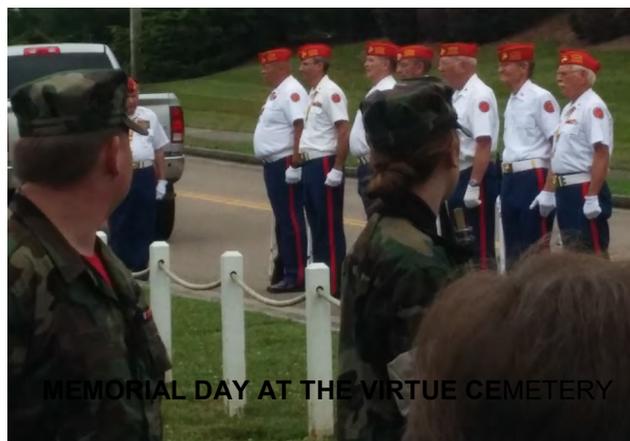
**uniformalwarehouse.com**

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.



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

**SAFETY BREAK SCHEDULE**

The 4th of July Safety Break will be 1 and 2 July. The Labor Day Safety Break will be 2 and 3 September. **Contact Howard Raines to fill an open slot for the Memorial Day Break.**

### YOUNG MARINE REPORT by Kathy Winters

Memorial Day weekend found Lt Alexander Bonnyman Young Marines out doing great things for the Community. We put out flags at the East Tennessee Veterans Cemetery at Lyons View. Then we conducted the Memorial Day Service honoring Medal of Honor recipient Mitchell W. Stout. There was a good turn-out including a reporter from the Farragut Press, and dignitaries from the local area. Our sincere thanks to Major General John R. D’Araujo, Jr., US Army Retired, for his participation in the ceremony. See pictures on the MCL website photo album.

The following Saturday morning, we left for NAS Pensacola. There were fourteen Young Marines and three Adult Leaders on the Young Marine bus for a week of fun and learning. No one at the base could miss us as we toured the facility. Everyone there was so welcoming and hospitable. They could not have been greater, from Unaccompanied Housing to the Chow Hall. True to Navy tradition, the Young Marines had to salute the Quarter Master for Permission to Come Aboard and Permission to go Ashore. That’s a lot of salutes. We stayed in open barracks, one male and one female. Marines from Tennessee were very happy to see someone ‘from home’, spending time with us after evening chow most nights.

Unfortunately, the day the Blue Angels were scheduled to practice, we had thunder storms and rain. It was a perfect day to see the NAS Museum. We march to Chow in formation every morning (great fun!!!) led by a Young Marine preparing for Junior Leadership School this July. Each perspective student had a day to be squad leader. For those of you who are “not so lean and mean”, it was about 4 miles round trip before morning coffee. One morning, the Young Marines were greeted by US Marines with a big ‘make way’ as we passed through. They showed our kids great respect. And an invitation to join them for Physical Fitness in the morning at 0430. No!!!!

Our very shy (Ha!!)Unit Commander was able to make special arrangements with the Powers on base, to allow us to use their private beach. We found mornings to be the best time before it was too hot. The pool was also open to us at special times. But it seems the Young Marines best liked the Marine Obstacle Course after chow on a nightly basis.

Yesterday was Flag Day, which is the preferred day to retire worn American Flags. The Seymour Volunteer Fire Department again invited us to conduct the Young Marine Flag Retirement Ceremony. Marine Larry Winters was the guest speaker. The Fire Department collects flags all year round. It becomes a bigger event each year. SVFD has become a great friend of the Lt. Alexander Bonnyman Young Marines.



PENSACOLA



FLAG RETIREMENT



MEMORIAL DAY



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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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