

THE BONNYMAN GAZETTE

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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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ANOTHER GREAT MUD RUN IN THE BOOKS!

Around 1100 runners signed up for this year's Marine Mud Run at Melton Hill Park on 15 September. All of the hard work by volunteers provided good messy fun for runners of all ages.



COMMANDANT'S CORNER

Hats off to the membership for the effort and the results from the Mud Run! Right at 1100 runners participated. We have been holding relatively steady at that level for a couple of years. Jeff and his team of volunteers re-laid the course and mixed up the obstacles providing a new and refreshed course that garnered a good bit of enthusiasm from the runners--that kind of energy will hopefully be the ignition for a resurgence of the runner count. This made the 15th annual run the Detachment has hosted and with some averages used from years gone past, that is somewhere likely north of \$500,000 that has been raised in the process. No injuries, terrific volunteer turn out, outstanding weather all made for a great day--Now let us get to getting those funds put to use for good causes in support of our brother and sister Marines, Corpsman and their families!

Items quickly upcoming include the picnic on the last Sunday of September at the Marina Park in Lenoir City with the famous Jim Williams bar-b-que. Don't miss that--be certain to sign up at the September meeting. Then we are staring at the USMC Birthday and Veterans Day activities--before you know it another year will be in the books.

Nice work Marines--several of you have a right to be tired for a job well done!

Semper Fidelis, Tim Eichhorn, Commandant



100 YEARS AGO: MARINES IN THE GREAT WAR

September 1918: General Pershing finally had enough trained divisions in France to form the American 1st Army ready for a major offensive. The target would be the German salient around Saint-Mihiel. The 1st Army, consisting of two Corps, would attack from the south to force the Germans out of the salient. The 2nd Division and the Marines were assigned to the 1st Corps for the attack on 12 September. The 3rd Brigade would lead the 2nd Division attack with the Marine Brigade in trace, ready to pass through and continue the attack. The 3rd Brigade attack was a complete success and on the 13th, they were being relieved by the Marines who continued a much more limited attack on the 14th. As the Marines got closer to the heavily fortified "Hindenburg Line", German resistance began to stiffen and casualties began to mount. By the 16th, all Army objectives had been met and the 2nd Division was relieved. The Division was moved to a training area south of Toul and by the 25th was moved by rail to another area south of Chalons-sur-Marne. Marine casualties had been fairly light compared to earlier battles and Saint-Mihiel was more of a dress rehearsal for the American Army. Pershing proved that the American Army could fight on its own and was ready for a more decisive attack in a critical sector. September would also see the start of the great influenza epidemic made worse by the constant movement and the rainy weather.

AMERICANISM AWARD

The Alexander Bonnyman Detachment Americanism Book was awarded First Place for Battalion Level Detachments at the National Convention in August. This award recognizes our Detachment as one of the most active and accomplished of the large detachments in the country. This year's book, as with many from previous years, was assembled and edited by Eric Nash, Detachment Adjutant. His hard work and dedication to this project insures an accurate historical record of our Detachment's many activities throughout the year. Another outstanding job Eric!

2018 MUD RUN OBSTACLE UNDER CONSTRUCTION BY BONNYMAN DETACHMENT MEMBERS



LT CHARLES PILKERTON BRIDGE DEDICATION

A bridge on Northshore Drive in Knox County will be dedicated in honor of Lt Charles (Chip) Pilkerton, USMC on 2 October, 2018. Lt Pilkerton was killed in action north of Danang in 1969 while evacuating wounded Marines from a listening post. He attended Bearden High School and the University of Tennessee. The dedication will start at 1400. The bridge is located on the west side of Concord Park. Detachment members are encouraged to attend wearing red covers, red blazers if possible.

JIM PUTMAN RIFLE MATCH WINNERS





GySgt John J. (Stony) Saathoff USMC (Retired) presenting a \$100 bill in the name of the Alexander Bonnyman Detachment to GySgt Wesley Roy Brady Jr. USMC (Retired) who is walking across America (again) to raise awareness of combat wounded servicemen, particularly those suffering from Traumatic Brain Injury and Post Traumatic Stress. Gunny Brady, whose brother and a Marine friend both took their own lives, is participating in the Combat Wounded Veteran Challenge to 'spread the word' about these terrible issues. He started his walk on March 5th 2018 in Oceanside, CA, home of Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton. He will finish his walk at the grave of his Marine Brother in Trenton, NJ. You can read much more about Gunny Brady's walk at CombatWounded.org/

MCL AUXILIARY



Loving a Marine is source of pride among the strong-hearted ladies of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary. The Lt Alexander Bonnyman Unit of the MCLA has flourished in the leadership and camaraderie they provide. Virginia "Ginger" Huffman serves the Unit as Treasurer and has been a faithful participant for several years. Her valiant and conscientious service, despite extended cancer treatment, was recognized by the Unit and the Department of Tennessee as Member of the Year in 2016-17. In addition to her skill as our Treasurer, her sharp sense of humor provides "zingers" during our deliberations in the small conference room. The Marines in the big hall should be so lucky to hear her one-liners.

Ginger continued as Treasurer in 2018, although she advised us to find a replacement. It's been a rough year for Ginger and Howard. On Sept 17, Ginger celebrated her birthday by getting a blood transfusion. We hope it puts some zip in her step, and as Ginger would say, some oxygen in her brain! After years of accurate (!) service, she has held up the "STOP" sign and she's handing over the check-book.

So, ladies, the office of Treasurer is open for volunteers or nominations. Step forward at the September meeting.

Mud Run 2018 is behind us. Thank you to each person who helped pull it together and make it happen. It's time to celebrate! The Unit Picnic is set for Sunday, September 30, at Lenoir City Park. Please come and bring a side dish or dessert. Meat and drinks are provided.

Barbara Tasey will provide cookies for the September 25 meeting.

See you there,
Charlene
334-399-7096



October Calendar

Lt. Pilkerton Bridge Dedication	2
Officers Meeting	8
Pistol Match	20
Marine Corps Birthday Ball	27
Detachment Meeting	30

November Calendar

Knoxville Veterans Day Luncheon	8
Knoxville Veterans day Parade	9
Detachment Birthday Dinner	10
Officers Meeting	12
Bonnyman Memorial Ceremony	21
Detachment Meeting	27

December Calendar

Toys for Tots Christmas Breakfast	1
Officers Meeting	11
NO LEAGUE MEETING THIS MONTH	



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.

Barking Dog

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.



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.

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.

ANNUAL DETACHMENT PICNIC

The Detachment Picnic for League Members, Auxiliary, Young Marines, and friends will be held on Sunday 30 September at 1230 at Lenoir City Park. BBQ will be provided by Jim Williams. Members attending are asked to bring side dishes or desserts. Please let Jim know ASAP how many will be with you at the picnic. He will need a good head-count.



YOUNG MARINE "TEAM BONNYMAN" AT THE MUD RUN

YOUNG MARINE REPORT by Kathy Winters

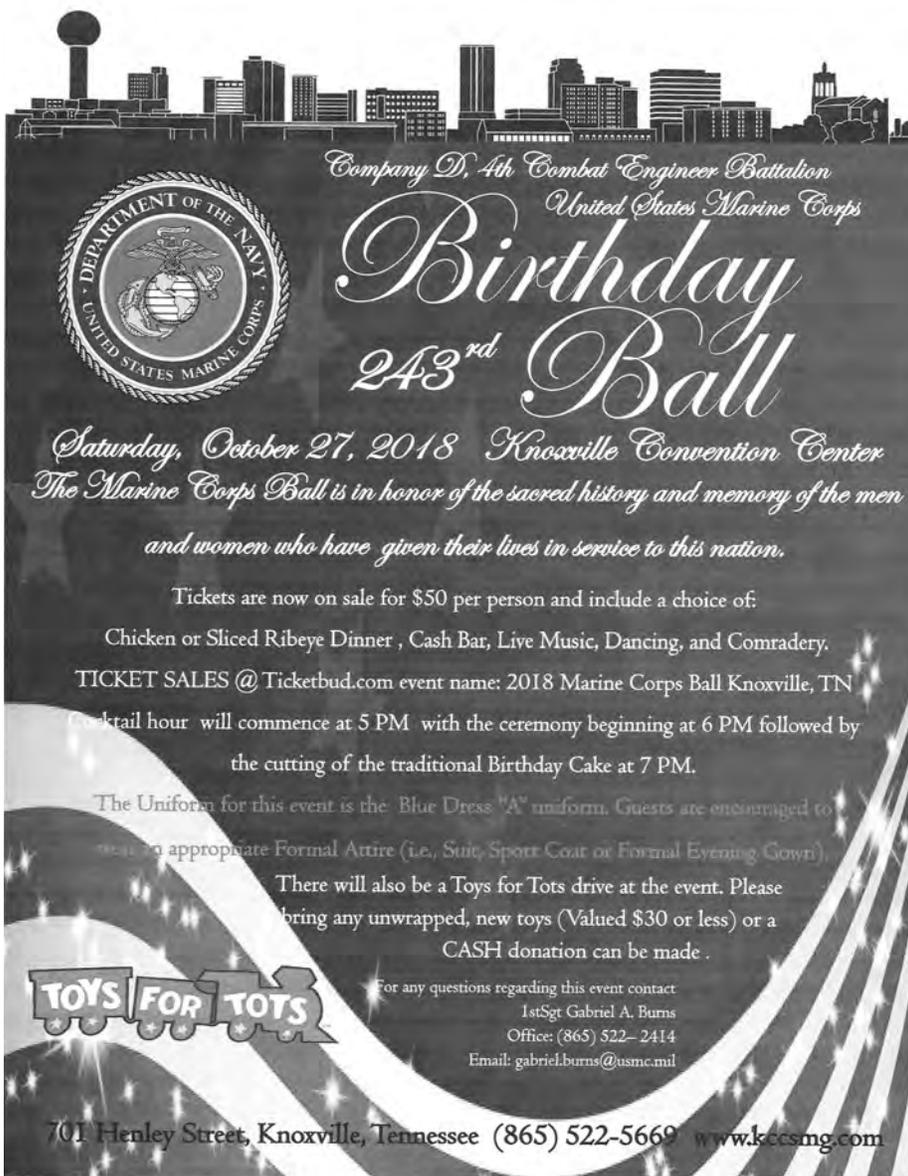
Although we had done 'recon' on the perfect spot overlooking the Tennessee Valley for learning map and compass skills, the rain decided otherwise. So we had a regular drill and updated skills at our mid-August meeting.

The Unit took the Labor Day weekend off but the rifle team practiced at our range at Camp Bonnyman. We also introduced those Young Marines to the practical aspects of SASP (Scholastic Action Shooting Program). We purchased a Smith and Wesson 22L Rifle and each of the Young Marines in attendance were able to practice shooting with live fire. We followed the rules that they would encounter at competition matches. Everyone who shot was able to hit the targets. Not bad for a first day for a new skill for a new program.

Lt Alexander Bonnyman Young Marines were out in force at the Mud Run. Everyone worked hard and had a good time. We had over 35 Young Marines, parents and grandparents in attendance. The Young Marines were the directional signals for the Kid's Run. At the Mud Run, we introduced and welcomed two new members who transferred from South East Wisconsin.

This Saturday, September 22, 2018, we will follow the new Young Marine protocol and begin the selection process for Unit Young Marine of the Year. Maryville Mayor Ed Mitchell is scheduled to sit on the Boards along with three Adult Leaders. We have several Young Marines who meet the minimum requirements. The successful candidate will be honored at the Young Marine Birthday Ball at Red Stone Arsenal in October.

Don't forget Honor Air on October 3rd., 1930, at McGhee Tyson Airport.



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Birthday 243rd Ball

Saturday, October 27, 2018 Knoxville Convention Center
*The Marine Corps Ball is in honor of the sacred history and memory of the men
and women who have given their lives in service to this nation.*

Tickets are now on sale for \$50 per person and include a choice of:
Chicken or Sliced Ribeye Dinner, Cash Bar, Live Music, Dancing, and Comradery.

TICKET SALES @ Ticketbud.com event name: 2018 Marine Corps Ball Knoxville, TN
Cocktail hour will commence at 5 PM with the ceremony beginning at 6 PM followed by
the cutting of the traditional Birthday Cake at 7 PM.

The Uniform for this event is the Blue Dress "A" uniform. Guests are encouraged to
wear appropriate Formal Attire (i.e., Suit, Sport Coat or Formal Evening Gown).

There will also be a Toys for Tots drive at the event. Please
bring any unwrapped, new toys (Valued \$30 or less) or a
CASH donation can be made.

For any questions regarding this event contact
1stSgt Gabriel A. Burns
Office: (865) 522-2414
Email: gabriel.burns@usmc.mil

TOYS FOR TOTS

701 Henley Street, Knoxville, Tennessee (865) 522-5669 www.kccsmg.com

GENERAL CLIFTON CATES SCHOLARSHIP

Our Inaugural Annual Gen. Clifton Cates Scholarship Dinner will raise money for a student scholarship fund for the University of Tennessee College of Law. Our dinner will honor the memory and legacy of a true Tennessee Volunteer hero: General Clifton B. Cates, USMC. Among General Cates' many accomplishments, he was a graduate of the University of Tennessee College of Law (Class of 1916), a lineman for Tennessee Vols football team, and rose through the ranks of the military to earn the rank of four-star General (the first Tennessean in history) and the 19th Commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps. As one of the most decorated officers during World Wars I & II, General Cates' legacy speaks volumes to the high-caliber graduates the College of Law produces; preparing students, not only for the court room, but for the lives they will change.

Cannot attend the Event? Or looking for additional ways to support the Gen. Clifton Cates Scholarship Dinner and Vols for Veterans? Please seriously consider making a Donation this will go directly to the Event Coordination and Scholarship Fund. Just click on the "Tickets" link. There you will find the option to "Donate." Thank you!

Tickets are available at eventbrite.com

Date of the Dinner is 11 October, 2018

6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Location is the Cherokee Country Club, 5138 Lyons View Pike, Knoxville, TN 37919

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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 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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