

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 Karns Community Club Youth Center, 6616 Beaver Ridge Road, Karns, TN. Social hour begins at 1730 followed by a business meeting at 1830.

Detachment Officers

Commandant

Jim Williams (865) 740-4155

Junior Past Commandant

Tim Eichhorn (865) 368-6559

Senior Vice Commandant

Travis Bryan (704) 363-4395

To Junior Vice Commandant

David Terwell (970) 531-8173

Adjutant

Eric Nash (865) 693-5711

Paymaster

Lee Rhinemiller (865) 414-3460

Chaplain

Gordon Adams (865) 310-1211

Judge Advocate

David Hatfield (865) 577-7303

Sergeant-at-Arms

Stony Saathoff (865) 556-6524

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Tim Shea (865) 408-7900

Detachment Quartermaster

Larry George (865) 789-6535

Ladies Auxiliary President

Charlene Cotton



Merry Christmas



and a Happy New Year!



NEW MEMBERS

David Hatfield swore-in two new Associate Members at the November meeting. On the right is Don Roland, former U.S. Army. On the left is Bob Luther, former U.S. Navy. Welcome aboard!

COMMANDANT'S CORNER

Marines,

Just got back from Florida (Orlando). Some advice... don't go, it's crazy down there. My term as Commandant will end soon and this is the last article I will write as your Commandant. We had a great year with a few ups and downs but mostly ups. I wish to thank my fellow Officers for doing their best for the League. Most of all I wish to thank you, the regular members, for putting a new Commandant in place. Give him or her the loyalty and support that you have given me. I wish every one a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a GREAT NEW YEAR. Thanks for letting me be your Commandant this year.

Jim Williams, Commandant



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Greetings Marines!

I thank you again for the privilege of serving as your Chaplain for the last few years (I don't remember when I was appointed). I am not standing for reappointment, so this will be my last Chaplain's Corner for the Gazette. It has been a joy to serve in this capacity; I feel it is a great responsibility as well as an honor and privilege. The respect this Detachment has for this office is obvious and I have been a recipient of that respect. I am deeply grateful the members of our Detachment have demonstrated a commitment to the spiritual welfare of our group as much as our commitment to serve one another, our Corps and our country. You are a fantastic Band of Brothers. I have enjoyed penning these letters to you. I appreciate your comments and your support. I pray we will be able to select a new Chaplain soon, and I stand ready to help in every way. My health is beginning to challenge me: knees and back, and what is called, "Moderate Cognitive Impairment." (Translation: fading memory.) I feel I am unable to fulfill all the duties and responsibilities of this office as well as I once was.

But enough of that! This is a Season of Joy. An oft-quoted verse from the Prophet Isaiah (9:6) says, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." It seems there is war raging at all times. So, the concept of PEACE is sacrificed on this altar. Whether personal peace, national peace, or global peace, we feel a puncture in our hearts, underscoring this gaping hole. Those of us who served in a recent conflict such as Viet Nam remember the beginning and the ending, which is often referred to as a "peaceful conclusion." I recently met a Navy Commander who had served in WWII, Korea and Viet Nam. He was 90+ and quite cogent. All of us who were there saluted him as one of the defenders of our freedom and peace. Christmas is many things to different people. But we all share many similar activities: church attendance, family traditions, special events. In our family, one of our traditions is for me to read an old illustrated book titled, The Littlest Angel. It is a tear-jerker and leads up to the birth of Jesus as he reaches out to mankind to offer us personal peace with God.

I sincerely hope and pray that each of our member Marines will experience in this season the joy and peace from God that is the central theme of the holiday, not the commercial, things-oriented, Santa Claus version offered by the World. Since we have no Detachment Meeting in December, I look forward to our January meeting. I will miss you all, my fellow Marines. Have a great CHRIST-mas. Wish people a Merry Christmas, not a Happy Holiday. The holiday greeting omits the "reason for the season"—as the saying goes.

On the journey with you,

Chaplain Gordon Adams

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MID YEAR BUDGET REVIEW

The Budget Committee is preparing a mid year review of the Detachment Budget. The Paymaster will present a summary of expenditures and income to date at the January Detachment Meeting. He will also make recommendations for changes to the budget. The membership will have the opportunity to discuss and vote on any changes.

MERRY CHRISTMAS MARINES!





Santa Claus (Eric?) congratulated Sam and Tim as the winners of the Christmas Breakfast Ugly Sweater Contest.

DETACHMENT ELECTIONS

The nomination and election of five Detachment Officers will be held during the January Detachment Meeting. The nominating Committee has prepared a proposed slate of officers for the five posts requiring election by the membership. The proposed slate of officers for 2020 includes:

- Detachment Commandant: Ken DeBoer
- Senior Vice Commandant: Carlos Reyes
- Junior Vice Commandant: Dave Terwell
- Paymaster: Sam Ruble
- Judge Advocate: David Hatfield

Members will have the opportunity to make nominations from the floor prior to a vote. All other Detachment Officers are appointed by the new Commandant.



MCL AUXILIARY



Greetings, Auxiliary and Marine Corps League members,

Merry Christmas!

Be of good cheer!

Best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year.

God bless us one and all.

The camaraderie of the Auxiliary and League arises from the command to "Love one another." The familiar greetings of the Christmas season and Yuletide offer encouragement during the cold cloudy days and long dark nights of December and January.

Congratulations to Travis and Joann Bryan upon his graduation from the University of Tennessee. Travis's positive attitude and sharp humor provide inspiration for each of us.

The Auxiliary provided Christmas wreaths for the gravesites of MCL members who are buried in local civilian cemeteries. We are gathering information on burial locations for a list of deceased members.

We offer condolences to Patty Mullins upon the death of her younger brother, following an extended fight with heart disease.

When we come together on January 28, we will confirm a slate of officers and make plans for 2020.

Connie is bringing cookies for the meeting in January.



Merry Christmas!

Charlene Cotton, President



January Calendar	
Officers Meeting	13
Detachment Meeting	28
Detachment officer elections	

February Calendar	
Officers Meeting	10
Detachment Meeting	25

March Calendar	
Devil Dog Growl	2
Officers Meeting	9
Detachment Dine-In	14
Detachment Meeting	31



SCRATCHES FROM THE CLAWS OF THE BARKING DOG

The schedule for Pound Growls has not yet been determined. Growls will no longer take place at Calhoun's Restaurant in Bearden. Standby for word on the new dates and location.

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. **A coordinator for the Honor Guard is also needed to plan events.** Contact Marine Lee Rhinemiller for details.



Santa with kids at the Christmas Breakfast. No crying!

RED BLAZERS AVAILABLE

Marine Corps League uniform 2 button red blazers are available at **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.

YOUNG MARINES ALEXANDER BONNYMAN UNIT REPORT

Congratulations to the 2019-2020 2nd Battalion Tennessee Young Marine of the Year. Three of our eligible Young Marines completed the requirements. All three of our Young Marines received at least one first place vote. The results of the Board: YM Sgt Robert Throckmorton is the Battalion Young Marine of the Year. Throckmorton was the Lt. Alexander Bonnyman Unit Young Marine of the Year last year.

Young Marines presented the Colors at the Lt. Alexander Memorial ceremony on the 22nd. We are grateful to our parents who were able to make sure their children were able to attend. It was a school day for public schools. Our young ladies stood in the pouring rain without moving a muscle during the entire ceremony.

December 14th was Wreaths Across America day. We helped unload the truck and distribute boxes of wreaths across the cemetery to be placed after the ceremony. The ceremony always begins at 1200 all across America. There were several league members in attendance. Marine David Hatfield, again, provided the PA system. Larry Winters presented the ceremonial wreath for the Marine Corps. YM Sgt Ryan Koza presented the ceremonial wreath for the Merchant Marines. That was in honor of a former Marine Gill McMillan, who is a midshipman at the Academy. Before the day began, Robert Throckmorton was promoted to YM Staff Sergeant.

From Wreaths Across America we loaded the bus and headed to the parade route for the Seymour Christmas Parade. This has become an annual event. The Young Marines marched the parade route wearing Santa hats. It was a very long day for all of us.

We wish all of our Young Marine families and friends, a Merry Christmas.



SEYMOUR CHRISTMAS PARADE



WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA



A VERY MERRY TIME AT THE CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



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)

Sponsor (where applicable)

Applicant's Signature