

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.

Detachment Officers

Commandant

Jim Williams (865) 740-4155

Junior Past Commandant

David Hatfield (865) 803-3169

Senior Vice Commandant

Howard Raines (865) 577-4745

Junior Vice Commandant

Frank Waller (865) 314-0885

Adjutant

Eric Nash (865) 693-5711

Paymaster

Lee Rhinemiller (865) 414-3460

Chaplain

Leroy Brown (865) 806-2837

Judge Advocate

David Cates (865) 548-4088

Sergeant-at-Arms

Bill Mullaly (865) 966-4532



League members celebrated the 241st Marine Corps Birthday at the Birthday Ball hosted by D Company, 4th CEB. This year's ball was the best attended by our detachment in many years and everyone enjoyed the traditional birthday ceremony, great food, and fellowship with Knoxville Marines, young and old. League member Tim Eichorn was the Guest of Honor and delivered a moving address.

COMMANDANT'S CORNER

Well, we are in November now, just one month left in 2016. Sometimes it dragged and sometimes it flew by. Anyway we are coming to the end of another year. We have had some good times and some not so good times but the sun always came up the next day. In other words Marines, thanks for the last two years as the Commandant of this great Detachment. I am looking forward to working with the next Commandant and moving our detachment to be an even better detachment than we have been in the past. I will try my best to help him or her move us into the future.

Before all this there are still things we have to take care of: the Bonnyman Memorial Ceremony on 22 November at 1300, and our annual Christmas Breakfast on 10 December at 0830, I'm really looking forward to the SOS. I will be bringing the sign up sheet at the next meeting so if you haven't signed up, you can at that time or call me and let me know. The money must be turned in by the 1st of December. The cost is only \$10.00, so let's come and have a good time. Remember to bring a new toy for Toys for Tots. I hope everyone has a great Christmas and a more better New Years. Again, thanks for letting me be the leader of this great Marine Corps League Detachment.



Jim Williams, Detachment Commandant

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA 2016

The Wreaths Across America campaign has begun. Wreaths are \$15 each; \$5 goes to the Young Marines. Last year, our team was able to place wreaths on every Veterans grave at the Veterans Cemetery at John Sevier. We also had additional wreaths to donate to Lyons View and the National Cemetery in Knoxville. Several League Members bought individual wreaths to place at Stout Memorial and the Lt. Alexander Bonnyman Memorial, and their own family members. Kathy Winters started this campaign for the Young Marines four years ago. Please see her to donate a Wreath. Checks should be made to Wreaths Across America. All Wreaths will be placed across the United States on 17 December 2016.

2017 SLATE FOR ELECTED OFFICERS

The Nominating Committee is in the process of developing a slate of elected detachment officers to serve during 2017. Elections will be held during the January Detachment meeting for the following elected officers:

Commandant

Senior Vice Commandant

Junior Vice Commandant

Adjutant

Paymaster

Judge Advocate

Sergeant-at-Arms

Any member interested in serving as an officer should contact the Junior Past Commandant, David Hatfield ASAP. Any member may make nominations from the floor during the election if they believe that other members should be considered for any office.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR DUES PAYING MEMBERS

Marine Corps League National has initiated a procedure to make all member dues due 09/01 annually. This will take some time to transition, but the group listed below due in January 2017 is set for the transition with a one time payment of \$14.00 annual dues. Other groups have already been transitioned to 09/01/2017 at the regular rate of 28.00. The complete transition will be completed in 2017 mid year. Please note, to keep the playing field level some will pay a reduced rate of \$ 14.00 the first year, one time only. Those due in Jan 2017 that will pay \$ 14.00 one time only are listed below with their current due dates and the resulting due date by paying \$14.00 now. If your name appears below, your dues of \$14.00 are due 1 January 2017. If your dues are due 1 February 2017 but prior to 1 July 2017, you may pay \$14.00 in advance at any time starting now to complete the transition. When the transition is completed all member dues will be due annually prior to 1 September (08/31) of each year at the annual rate of \$28.00. This action will result in a saving to the League in excess of \$40,000 annually. Dues currently due:

	Due Date	Amount	New due date
BAILEY	01/01/2017	\$ 14.00	09/01/2017
BUCKNA	01/01/2017	\$ 14.00	09/01/2017
EADES	01/01/2017	\$ 14.00	09/01/2017
HEIDBRINK A	01/01/2017	\$ 14.00	09/01/2017
HEIDBRINK J	01/01/2017	\$ 14.00	09/01/2017
HUMPHRIES T	01/01/2017	\$ 14.00	09/01/2017
LONG	01/01/2017	\$ 14.00	09/01/2017
SCHMIDT S	01/01/2017	\$ 14.00	09/01/2017
WINGER	01/01/2017	\$ 14.00	09/01/2017

CHAPLAINS REPORT



Detachment and Auxiliary members gathered at the Ben Atchley State Veterans Home on 8 November to celebrate the Marine Corps Birthday with the residents of the home. If I can be of any assistance, let me know. Remember our troops serving around the world. They make all of our celebrations possible .

Leroy Brown, Detachment Chaplain



CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST

On December 10th at 0830 we will meet at Rothchilds for our Marine Corps League Breakfast. The cost of this fantastic breakfast is \$10.00 per person paid to Jim Williams, preferably by the next meeting. If for some reason you don't come to the meeting, send it to me at 153 Poplar Ave. Sweetwater, Tn. 37874. I must have the money by the 1st of December so I can give a good count. The breakfast is always great because we will have SOS cooked both ways and the usual eggs, toast and a few other breakfast items. We will also have Christmas music and just a general great time. I will thank George and Connie Sexton now for a great program. George and Connie work hard at this every year so don't let them down. Come on out, eat some good food, and have a GREAT time. I guaranty you will leave full as a tick. One more thing, bring a new toy for Toys for Tots. We always have a great hall for the kiddies. I would like to have the whole Detachment show up for this event, the last of the year. Dress is casual. Just bring an empty gut. SEE YOU ALL THERE.

Jim Williams, Commandant

MCL AUXILIARY

Hello to everyone this holiday season. We have several events coming up this month which will probably be over by the time the Gazette comes out. The Reserve's Birthday Ball was very nice. Everyone seemed to enjoy it and appreciated Tim Eichorn's speech. We will have a trip to the Ben Atchley State Nursing Home on the 8th. Then the Birthday lunch on the 10th followed by the parade on the 11th.

I would like to have a 5:30 pm meeting of the By-law change committee ahead of the next meeting. So far the committee consists of Lois, JoAnn, Patty and myself. Anyone else who would like to attend please do so.

I talked to Pat Gettings. She is doing pretty well and she and Fred send their greetings. She says life is busy, busy, busy.

Toys for Tots is coming up. Volunteers are needed and don't forget the Christmas breakfast Dec. 10 when we collect our toy contributions.

We bought 10 wreaths again this year from Wreaths across America. We also contributed to the program for the John Sevier cemetery wreaths.

We need to decide on officers for next year as the election will take place in January. If you would like to try out an office please speak up at the meeting.

Best wishes for a great Thanksgiving Day celebration. November meeting cookies by Connie Sexton.

Connie Sexton

Unit President



December Calendar	
Devil Dog Growl	5
Christmas Breakfast	10
Officers Meeting	13
Newsletter Deadline	15
(no Detachment meeting this month)	

January Calendar	
Officers Meeting	10
Newsletter Deadline	15
Detachment Meeting & Elections	31

February Calendar	
Officers Meeting	7
Newsletter Deadline	15
Detachment Meeting	28



SCRATCHES FROM THE CLAWS OF THE BARKING DOG



The last Growl is 5 December. All Growls will be held 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

Always check the online calendar at www.MCLknox.org for the latest information on dates, times, and locations/maps for League meetings and events.

RED BLAZERS AVAILABLE

Marine Corps League type 2 button red blazers are available at uniformalwear-house.com for \$59.95-\$69.95. This company offers good quality at great prices. Official MCL buttons must be purchased from the MCL National Ship’s Store and installed by you or your tailor.

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.

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.

YOUNG MARINE REPORT by Kathy Winters



All in the Family

Young Marine Max Jones was promoted to YM Corporal at our Birthday Celebration. It was a special event, not only the date, but both of his Marine grandfathers were there to pin on his new chevrons. Marine Wayne Jones and Marine Jim Cotton, both members of the Lt. Alexander Bonnyman Marine Corps League, did the honors. A proud day for all.



YOUNG MARINES AT THE TANGER OUTLET VETERAN'S DAY CEREMONY



KNOXVILLE VETERAN'S DAY PARADE

MARINE CORPS RESERVE TOYS FOR TOTS PROGRAM

The D Company, 4th CEB Toys For Tots Program will be coordinated this year by HMC Shanna Pike, 4th CEB. Chief Pike has asked for our help locating warehouse space for storage and distribution of toys, donations of new toys, and placement of collection boxes. She can be contacted at ToysforTotsCoordinator@gmail.com or 865-233-6711. Marine Pearl Rich is the Detachment Toys for Tots coordinator. We should do everything we can to make this worthwhile program succeed and bring smiles to the faces of thousands of children in our area.

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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)

Sponsor where applicable)

Applicant's Signature