

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 a new location to be announced as soon as possible. Social hour begins at 1730 followed by a business meeting at 1830.

### **Detachment Officers**

#### **Commandant**

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#### **Junior Past Commandant**

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#### **Senior Vice Commandant**

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**Lee Rhinemiller (865) 414-3460**

#### **Chaplain**

**Gordon Adams (865) 310-1211**

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#### **Sergeant-at-Arms**

**Stony Saathoff (865) 556-6524**

#### **Web Sergeant: [mclknnoxville.org](http://mclknnoxville.org)**

**Tim Shea (865) 408-7900**

#### **Detachment Quartermaster**

**Larry George (865) 789-6535**

## **NEW MEETING LOCATION THIS MONTH**

**Monthly Detachment meetings will no longer be held at the Reserve center on Alcoa Highway.** Parking and security issues at the Reserve Center have forced us to locate a new place to hold our last Tuesday of the month meetings. Several possibilities are being considered and word on the location for the February meeting will be passed ASAP. If for some reason you don't get the word by email before Tuesday, 26 February, call one of the Detachment Officers to find out where to go. If you have an idea about where future meetings might be held, contact the Commandant.

## **COMMANDANT'S CORNER**

Marines, Corpsmen, Associates and Auxiliaries,

This is the first article for the Detachment I have written in a couple of years. I would like to thank the members for allowing me to be your Commandant again. I have some big shoes to fill. Marine Tim Eichhorn has done an outstanding job for the past two years. Our Detachment has grown and we have had two very successful Mud Runs. He departs the office of Commandant with money in the bank and a Detachment that is proud of their Past Commandant. Semper Fi Tim. I hope you remain active in the Detachment. Your opinions and leadership will be tapped by me.

Marines I know you have heard that we will no longer meet at the Reserve Center. We are looking for a place big enough for us to meet and we have a few places we are looking at. We will let you know before the next meeting where we will meet. I challenge every one of us to help find a place we can call home.

The challenges ahead of us have not changed. Like years past, we still have much on our plate. I have said many times before that we all are one Detachment and all need to contribute. If you have anything to bring to my attention for the good of the League, by all means bring it to me. Nothing is too small or too big. Get involved! Our first big event as a Detachment is the Dine-In on Friday, April 12th. We also have to get going on planning for the next Mud Run on September 28 which will be here before you know it. So, I ask every one to get ready and get involved in the Detachment and let's have a GREAT Year.

Jim Williams, Commandant



## CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

Greetings Marines!

New Year, New Officers, New Opportunities, but the same Corps and League. Some of you reading this have been in the League for many years, while others of us less. I am just over two years in the Detachment, and I am so fortunate someone made me aware of its existence. Let's all make an effort to alert every Marine we encounter about our very active group (over 164 members with well-attended meetings).

I have made calls to Lee Buckner, Frank Walker and Clayton Farrar. Clayton will try to be at our next meeting. Pray for Lee and Frank, unable to attend.

Two of our members have departed this earth: Gerald Madden and Gene Collins. Gene, a very active member, was a Life Member. Our sympathies to their families.

Our thanks to the outgoing Chaplain, Pearl Rich, for her years of service. I already feel the weight of responsibility she has carried. There is a great deal of activity and mental challenges attached to this position. Caring is a matter of the heart and cannot be manufactured artificially. We should all aspire to the highest level of compassion we are capable of.

"Semper Fi" is our motto as Marines. "Always faithful." That is quite a challenge. Always: at all times. Faithful: loyal and devoted. These character traits set us Marines apart from the crowd. That is why we actively care for our members whenever we can.

Let me give you a little background on myself. No one ever feels fully qualified for the challenges of our jobs. I served in the Corps from 1960-1964. I was in Aviation and served in VMF-232 (a Marine Fighter Squadron), stationed in Kaneohe, Hawaii. As an aviation electronics technician, I was familiar with communications and navigation equipment. I guess that is where my techie "geekiness" comes from.

I am an ordained Presbyterian Minister (over 50 years), and I have served as a "Minister at Large" – meaning the world is my parish, rather than a local congregation. I served as Chaplain for 13 years for the Knoxville Police Department and the Knox County Sheriff's office, so I am familiar with this paramilitary world. I did ride-a-longs with the officers and made many death notifications. These officers are very capable, and yet needy.

I am married to Marylyn, my wife of 54 years, and we have two grown daughters. They have given us three marvelous grandchildren, making this a delightful season of life. We lived in Colorado for five years before moving to Knoxville in 1976.

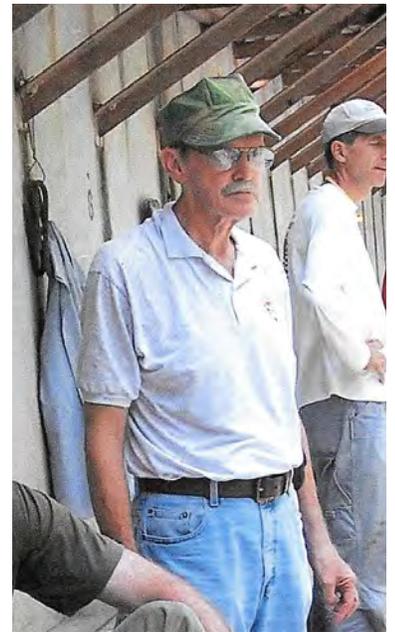
I am anxious to serve you and your families. Let's "do life" together as comrades. Please make note of my contact info, and feel free to contact me at any time.

Chaplain Gordon Adams



## DETACHMENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Applications for the Alexander Bonnyman Detachment 2019 College Scholarships are now being accepted. Scholarships are available to League Members, local Marines and Corpsmen and their families. Information on eligibility and requirements and the application is available now at the Detachment Scholarship Page at the Detachment website: [mclknnoxville.org](http://mclknnoxville.org). The deadline for applications is 2 April, 2019.



Gerald "Bud" Madden and Gene Collins recently reported for their final roll call. Both were good Marines, good friends and loyal League members. They will never be forgotten. Our prayers are with them and their families.

Semper Fi, Bud and Gene.



2019 ETVMA MEDAL OF HONOR EVENING

The East Tennessee Veterans Memorial Association presents the 9th annual Medal of Honor Evening, honoring World War II Medal of Honor recipient SGT Elbert Kinser, USMC. The event will be held Monday, May 6th, 2019 at the historic Foundry Building at 747 Worlds Fair Park Drive, Knoxville, TN. Social hour begins at 5:30 PM, followed by dinner and presentation at 6:30 PM. The Detachment will purchase several tables for this event in advance. Pay for your tickets through the Detachment Paymaster. Cost per ticket and deadline to be announced.



NEW MEMBER

Our newest member is Marine David Scruggs. David transferred from another detachment in January. Welcome aboard David!



2019 OFFICERS SWORN-IN AT THE JANUARY MEETING

JUNIOR PAST COMMANDANT, TIM EICHHORN IS RECEIVED BY 2019 COMMANDANT JIM WILLIAMS



MCL AUXILIARY

HEADS UP Ladies,

Our MCL and Auxiliary have hit some rough seas. Stand by for instructions as we navigate these changes.

We will no longer meet at the USMC Reserve Center due to changes in their security procedures. Commandant Jim and his team are on recon for a new location and the criteria include separate meeting space for the Auxiliary. Thanks, fellas, for the consideration.

Patty Mullins is bringing cookies on February 26.

The Annual Dining-In has been moved to FRIDAY, APRIL 12. (The Friday before Palm Sunday.) Travis Bryan has charge of the plans.

2019 Officers

- President: Charlene Cotton
- Sr Vice President: Patty Mullins
- Jr. Vice President: Jayne Taylor
- Judge Advocate: Susan Joes
- Treasurer: Patty Mullins
- Secretary: JoAnn Bryan
- Chaplain: Barbara Tassej
- Captain of the Guard: Connie Sexton
- Auditor #1: Charlotte Helton
- Auditor #2: (vacant)

If you need a copy of the membership roster, please contact me, 334-399-7096, or charlenecotton839@gmail.com

I will be absent from the Feb 26 meeting due to lumbar fusion surgery scheduled for Feb 19. If all goes well, I expect to be at the March meeting.

Semper Fidelis!

Charlene Cotton, President



March Calendar	
Devil Dog Growl	4
Officers Meeting	10
Detachment Meeting	26

April Calendar	
Officers Meeting	8
Detachment Dine-In	12
Pistol Match	27
Detachment Meeting	30

May Calendar	
Bill Gerst Rifle Match	11
Officers Meeting	13
Detachment Meeting	28



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

The schedule for the 2019 Growls is set: 4 March, 6 May, 9 September and 2 December. All Growls will take place at Calhoun's Restaurant in Bearden Hill, beginning at 1800.

**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.



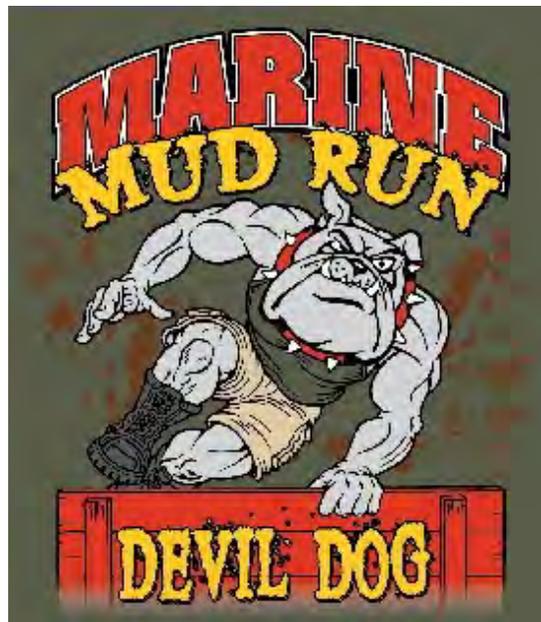
**MEMBERS NEEDED FOR THE HONOR GUARD**

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.



**MUD RUN 28 SEPTEMBER**

**New members are needed to join the Mud Run Committee to plan and execute this event!**

**RED BLAZERS AVAILABLE**

Marine Corps League uniform 2 button red/scarlet blazers are available at:

**uniformalwearhouse.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.

## YOUNG MARINES ALEXANDER BONNYMAN UNIT REPORT by Kathy Winters

Two long weekends in January and February can sure mess up a schedule. But we used the short time to get back to basics (DDR and PFT) and get our kids back on track. We finished everyone in PFTs until July.....but that doesn't mean they get out of shape. Our Young Marines love to run. "Mr. Winters, can we run?" And we make sure they have at least a half hour of free time every drill, which is usually in the gym. We were able to promote Young Marine Caitlyn Lea who is one to watch. She is one of the "dynamic seven", now that over one-third of our Unit are females.

We are currently in the process enrolling for SPACES, our summer programs, and leadership schools for 2019. We have requested space for four Young Marines to attend summer programs. An additional two will go to SLS (Senior Leadership School) and three have been accepted to JLS (Junior Leadership School) in Smyrna. So far two Young Marines have been accepted to National Flight Academy and Adventure Link in Arizona, an outdoor adventure with repelling and rock climbing (you go girl!).

Our next formal Recruit Class will start February 23rd. If you know of a child interested in our program please have them contact us by email ([youngmarinesbonnyman@gmail.com](mailto:youngmarinesbonnyman@gmail.com)) and we will send them the information that they need.

March will include Swim Qualifications at the indoor pool in Sevierville and a field day at Camp Bonnyman. We will begin our rifle training season and continue to grow the new rifle program (SASP). IF the weather cooperates, that will be an overnight at Camp Bonnyman.



PROMOTION OF YOUNG  
MARINE CAITLYN LEA

## NORTH KNOXVILLE YOUNG MARINES NEWS by Barbara Tassej

January and February have been very busy months for the Young Marines trying to dodge the flu bug. We have a recruit class going and hope to graduate the first part of March. Our YM/Sgt, Nikko LaRue, made the Honor Roll at his school. The YM made posters for Drug Demand Reduction and gave 5 minute talks about how they determined the theme for each poster. Some of them took their poster to school and gave the same talk. Their teachers were very impressed. The Young Marines hope everyone had a wonderful Valentine's Day and if you have any pogy bait left over, they know where to hide it.

North Knoxville Young Marines say "stay dry".

# THE BONNYMAN GAZETTE

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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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