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# The Newsletter of The Ohio Valley Marine Corps League Detachment No. 882

# WHAT'S NEW WITH THE 882

Detachment Meeting - Mar. 28th, at 7:30, at the Valley Vets Dist. 10 Mtg - Mar. 26th, at 1:00, at Allegheny Valley Det. 827, Springdale, PA Northeast Division Conf. - Mar. 31st - Apr. 1st, Crowne Plaza, Plainsboro, NJ

> "Be curious. Read widely. Try new things. What people call intelligence just boils down to curiosity." ~Aaron Swartz~

# ELECTED OFFICERS



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# APPOINTED OFFICERS



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**Call to Order** The meeting of the Ohio Valley Detachment 882 was called to order at 1930 by Past Commandant Gary Farole at the Valley Vets.

Officer's Roll Call Showed Commandant Nick Rymarchyk, Sr. Vice Tom Mann, and Chaplain Ray Tedford absent with Sgt. At Arms Carl Curtis on Vacation.

Introduction of Guests None.

# Application for Membership

None.

#### Minutes

A motion was made by made by Bob Wagner to accept the minutes of last month's meeting, 2nd by Keith Sheldon, motion carried.

Correspondence None.

**Report of the Paymaster** Marilou Farole gave the financial report for the month of January, a motion to accept was made by Jim Dempsey, 2nd by Deb McLaughlin, motion carried.

#### Report of Members Sick and in Distress

Gary Farole reported that member and Past Commandant Walter Emrich Jr. passed away at the age of 96. Detachment members provided a funeral service at the Funeral Home on Sunday February 26th .

#### Minutes of Ohio Valley Detachment 882 Detachment Meeting of February 28th 2023

The Marine Vets provided a burial detail on February 27th that the National Cemetery. Tom Mann was hospitalized with fluid on the lungs and heart issues. After draining his lungs and checking his heart he is now home resting. Gary will send a card on behalf of the Detachment

#### **Rifle Matches**

Gary Farole reported that the Millvale Club will have an offhand match on March 18th beginning at 9:00 AM. The Department rifle matches sponsored by Ohio Valley are set for April 29th and September 9th at the Millvale Club.

#### **Pistol Matches**

Pistol matches for the Department are set for 2023. Two matches at Millvale on July 13th and August 17th.

#### **Color Guard**

Sewickley Memorial Day activities on May 29th with firing detail requested.

#### Quartermaster

As always supplies and shirts are available in the Locker Box and if additional uniform parts are needed please inquire with Gary.

#### Devil Dogs

Jim Brown reported that the Growl is now scheduled for April 11th at 7:00 here at the club.

# Old Business None.

**New Business** 

District 10 meeting will be held on March 26th at the Allegheny Valley Detachment home at 1:00. Final plans for the Department Convention hospitality room will be discussed. Need to purchase two bottles of beverages to donate to the hospitality room. Detachment nomination and election of officers will be held at the March meeting with the installation in April. Gary Farole discussd the fundraiser suggested by Comdt. Rymarchyk which would be a \$500.00 Gift Card for Giant Eagle stores based on the PA Lottery of July 1st. With no objection Gary will proceed with the ordering of the tickets.

#### Good of the League

Gary Farole commented on a special thank you to the Scott McBride Family for their continued financial support for the Bob Beatty Fund.

#### Announcements

Next meeting is scheduled for March 28th, at 19:30, at the Valley Vets.

#### Adjournment

The regular Meeting adjourned at 2005. 12 members were on board.

#### April Birthdays

Don Brickner Jim Brown Ron Heitzenrater Eddie Marx Melvin Rizzo



#### Due\$ Due

This Member still owes dues (\$25) Parker Gresh

Made checks payable to Ohio Valley Det. 882 and send to: Paymaster, 654 Charette Place, Sewickley, PA 15143 or pay at the Detachment Meeting.

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#### MCL Activities Calendar



**Detachment Meeting** Tuesday, March 28th, 7:30 P.M.

Glenfield Valley Vets

**District 10 Meeting at Allegheny Valley Det. 827** March 26th at 1:00 838 Pittsburgh St, Springdale, PA

#### Northeast Division Conference

March 31st & April 1st Crowne Plaza Princeton, Plainsboro, NJ

## Upcoming Rifle and Pistol Shoots



**Rifle** The Millvale shooting schedule is:

April shoots: XTC - 2nd and 16th Offhand – 8th USMC Rifle League - 29th

#### Pistol

Two matches have been scheduled at Millvale for this year on July 13th and August 17th.

For shooting info, call Gary Farole at 412-741-7898 or Jim Dempsey at 724-266-7828.



#### National Marine Corps League News

The Northeast Division Conference

will be held on **March 31st and April 1st** at the Crowne Plaza Princeton, 900 Scudders Mill Road, Plainsboro, NJ (609) 936-4200. Room rate is \$115 / night (+tax) - Group Rate Block MCL Online registration at https://www.princetoncp.com/ Watch for more information @ http://nedmcl.org/

For any and all info, the national website is: www.mclnational.org/Home/tabid/569/Default.aspx

# <u>Pennsylvania State</u> <u>Marine Corps League</u> <u>News</u>



The **District 10 Meeting** will be held on **March 26th at 1:00 P.M.** at the **Allegheny Valley Detachment # 827**. The address is 838 Pittsburgh St, Springdale, PA.

For this and any Departmental info, use the PA Department website at: www.pamcleague.org



#### <u>Devil Dog Update</u> <u>Ohio River Devil Dogs</u> <u>Pound 133</u>

#### **Devil Dogs and Marines!**

Hey, Dogs, I know that we missed out

on that last Growl, so I plan to hold a Spring Growl on April 11th at the Valley Vets. Until then, enjoy this crazy weather and be careful out

enjoy this crazy weather and be careful out there.

DD Matt Popovich Pound Keeper - Pound #133



"Creativity grows out of two things: curiosity and imagination." ~Benny Goodman~

"If you can let go of passion and follow your curiosity, your curiosity just might lead you to your passion." ~Elizabeth Gilbert~

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#### <u>Passing</u> John A. "Bud" Williams

March 7, 1937 – April 14, 2021

Age 84 of Monroeville, PA, passed away on Wednesday, April 14, 2021. Born on March 7, 1937, he was the son

of the late John and Lillian (Ramming) Williams and the husband of Patricia (Ruckert) Williams for 62 loving years. John served our country in the United States Marine Corps. He spent time working as a police officer for the NYPD. He was a member of the Ohio Valley Marine Corps League Detachment #882, and one of his biggest joys in life was to spend time with his grandchildren. He enjoyed "singing the oldies, with his lifelong friends." Along with his wife he is also survived by his children, John Williams, Jeff (Tina) Williams, Dawn Ann (Tony) Rugh, Robin (Jeff) Cook; grandchildren, Jesse, Sean, Jenna, Ethan and Haley.

(Note: this is a late post due to no information during the pandemic.)

#### **Detachment Activities**

The nomination and election of Detachment officers will be held at the March meeting with the installation in April.

> "Be curious, not judgmental." ~Walt Whitman~

"Curiosity is the engine of achievement." ~Ken Robinson~

The Month of March in Marine Corps History



**2 March 1867:** Jacob Zeilin, Colonel Commandant of the Marine Corps from 30 June 1864, was this date promoted to the rank of Brigadier General Commandant, the first time Congress authorized this rank for the Marine Corps. The statute, however, was repealed in June 1874 so that the rank of Commandant would again revert to colonel upon Zeilin's retirement.

**8 March 1965:** The 9th Marine Expeditionary Brigade landed at DaNang, Republic of Vietnam as the first U.S. ground combat troops to be committed to that conflict. The 3,500 men arrived both across the beach with Battalion Landing Team 3/9, and at DaNang Airfield with Battalion Landing Team 1/3.

**11 March 1778:** Marines participated the action when the Continental Navy frigate BOSTON, enroute to France, sighted, engaged, and captured the British merchant ship MARTHA. As the drum of the BOSTON beat to arms, John Adams seized a musket and joined the Marines on deck until the frigate's captain, Samuel Tucker, sent him below for safety.

13 March 1943: The first group of 71 Women Marine officer candidates arrived at the U.S. Midshipmen School (Women's Reserve) at Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley, Massachusetts. The Navy's willingness to share training facilities enabled the Marine Corps to begin training Marine Corps Women's Reserve officers just one month after the creation of the MCWR was announced.
17 March 1967: The first woman Marine to report to Vietnam for duty, Master Sergeant Barbara J. Dulinsky, began her 18-hour flight to Bien Hoa, 30 miles north of Saigon. MSgt Dulinsky and the other officer and enlisted Women Marines that followed were assigned to the Military Assistance Command, Vietnam (MACV) based in Saigon. Most worked with the Marine Corps Personnel Section providing administrative support to Marines

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#### <u>The Month of March</u> in Marine Corps History (cont.)

assigned as far north as the DMZ, but two Lieutenant Colonels, Ruth Reinholz and Ruth O'Holleran, served as historians with the Military History Branch, Secretary Joint Staff, MACV.

**25 March 1945:** After 35 days of bitter fighting, the amphibious assault on the rocky fortress of Iwo Jima finally appeared over. On the night of 25 March, however, a 300-man Japanese force launched a vicious final counterattack in the vicinity of Airfield Number 2. Army pilots, Seabees and Marines of the 5th Pioneer Battalion and 28th Marines fought the fanatical Japanese force till morning but suffered heavy casualties --more than 100 killed and another 200 American wounded. Nearly all of the Japanese force was killed in the battle.

**27 March 1953:** The 5th Marines, supported by the 2d Battalion, 7th Marines, in the first full day of fighting after the Chinese assault the previous evening of Outpost Vegas on Korea's western front, counterattacked to regain enemy-held positions. Companies E and F of 2/7, down to only three platoons between them, managed to regain partial control of Outpost Vegas that day.

**31 March 1801:** On this date, LtCol Commandant William W. Burrows rode with president Thomas Jefferson to look for "a proper place to fix the Marine Barracks on." President Jefferson was a personal friend of the Commandant, and deeply interested in the welfare of the Corps and accompanied Burrows on horseback on the morning of 31 March. They chose a square in Southeast Washington, bounded by 8th and 9th streets, and A & I streets, because it lay near the Navy Yard and was within easy marching distance of the Capitol.

"I have no special talents. I am only passionately curious." ~Albert Einstein~

"Curiosity is the lust of the mind." ~Thomas Hobbes~



"That's something I never thought I'd live to see!"

"No one loves the Warrior, until the enemy is at the

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#### Health Care Enrollment

Important reminder! Don't forget that there is a Veteran's Outreach Center located in our area. You do not have to go to a major Vet-

eran's Hospital for service. The VA Primary Care and Outpatient Clinic office location has changed from Aliquippa, PA to 300 Brighton Rd. Rochester, PA. The telephone number is 724-709-6005.

Remember, now you can get your new VA identification card at the Veteran's Outreach Center in Monaca.

#### <u>Life Membership</u> "Once a Marine, Always a Marine"



We love to repeat this information because it never gets old. You may want to consider

becoming a Life Member and avoid the yearly hassle. Life Membership Information and Fees as of 2013. These are the prices :

Ages up to 35\$500.0036 - 50\$400.0051 - 64\$300.0065 and over\$200.00You can contribute monthly smaller amounts towards aLife Membership at any time. That way you can become a life member without paying the large lump sumup front.

You can apply for a Life Membership after you have been a member for a minimum of one year. Also note, when your annual membership becomes due, and your Life Membership payment is not yet complete, you must make the annual payment as well.



### MCL License Plate Information

The Department is accepting applications for the Pennsylvania Marine Corps League Specialty License Plate. Show your pride for the Marine Corps League. For your convenience, a copy of the new application for the Pennsylvania Marine Corps League Specialty License Plate can be downloaded in PDF format by going to this website: http://pamcleague.org/mclpalic.htm

#### Military Funeral Services



Our Detachment will provide a service for any member. Family members may contact any Officer should the need arise.

Also, a funeral service is not automatic. A family member must request one.

#### **Detachment Website and Facebook Page**

Be sure to check out our Detachment website at: https://www.ohiovalleymcl882.com and our Facebook Page at Ohio Valley MCL Detachment 882

> "Curiosity keeps leading us down new paths." ~Walt Disney~

"Curiosity is the one thing invincible in nature." ~Freya Stark~

"Curiosity is one of the great secrets of happiness." ~Bryant H. McGill~

# The Title

It cannot be inherited, nor can it ever be purchased. You and no one alive can buy it for any price. It is impossible to rent and it cannot be lent. You alone and our own have earned it with your sweat, blood and lives.

> You own it forever. <u>UNITED STATES MARINE</u>

Keith Sheldon

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