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

WHAT'S NEW WITH THE 882

Detachment Meeting at Glenfield Valley Vets - Tuesday, August 27th District Meeting at Allegheny Valley - Sunday, October 27th

> "Self-mastery is the challenge of transforming yourself from own worst enemy into your greatest ally." ~Wes Fesler ~

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Call to Order

The meeting of the Ohio Valley Detachment 882 was called to order at 1930 by Commandant Jim Brown at the Glenfield Valley Vets.

Officer's Roll Call Showed Chaplain Ray Tedford absent.

Introduction of Guests None.

Application for Membership

Application received from Christopher Mrozowski, recommended by Deb McLaughlin. Past Commandant Gary Farole administered the Oath of Obligation.

Minutes

A motion was made by Mike Shaffer to accept the minutes of last months meeting, 2nd by Tom Mann, motion carried.

Correspondence

Adjutant read correspondence consisting of a an email from District Vice Fred Neilen regarding a fall District meeting to be held at Allegheny Valley Detachment. A discussion will be held regarding the planning for next years Department Convention hospitality room; email from Andy Burch coordinator of the hospitality room with an after action report that showed \$4,000.00 was raised in the room with checks of \$2,000.00 each sent to the Marine Foundation and the Youth

Minutes of Ohio Valley Detachment 882 30 July, 2019

Scholarship Fund; Department news with new Officers, Detachment roster and PLM audit requirement; email from Department Marksmanship Chairman noting that the Service Rifle match will be moved to Palmerton, PA.

Report of the Paymaster

Marilou Farole gave the financial report for the month of June. Motion made by Mike Shaffer to accept 2nd by Tom Mann, motion carried.

Report of Members Sick and in Distress

None

Rifle Team

Jim Dempsey reported on matches scheduled for the month of August. An Offhand match at 100 yards on the 31st, NRA matches 4th and 11th. Gary Farole reported that the Department match site is over 5 hours traveling, only 100 yard range, need to build targets and do accommodations. He is concerned that no one from the Western PA area will participate.

Pistol Matches

Gary reported that a pistol shoot was scheduled for July 8th at Millvale Sportsman's Club and the only one to show up was Mike Shaffer.

Color Guard

Nick Rymarchyk reported that the Detachment has been invited to participate in the closing ceremony for the PA Special Olympics in Ligonier on August 16th. Four members volunteered to participate.

Quartermaster

Gary Farole reported that supply items are available, if anyone needs additional items, let him know. Mike Shaffer updated the inventory and prepared a spread sheet of available items.

Devil Dogs

Jim Brown reported that the upcoming Growl will be held on September 26th at the Valley Vets.

Old Business

Commandant Jim Brown noted that some Department lottery calendars are still available for purchase or selling at a cost of \$30.00 each. Jr. Vice Mike Shaffer reported on the family picnic on July14th with a good turnout, good weather and plenty of food.

New Business

Gary Farole reported that the Jr Vice Mike Shaffer made a presentation of \$500.00 to Valley Vets Commander Walt Helgerman which is one half of the \$1,000.00 donation we received from American Eagle Outfitters. This donation was approved at last months meeting. Gary recommended that the Detachment again donate a gift basket for the Valley Vets corn roast to be held on August 17th. Marilou Farole made a motion that we prepare a basket not to exceed \$100.00, 2nd by Bill Shaffer, motion carried.

Commandant Jim Brown reminded all that the 2020 dues are due by August 31st.

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Minutes (Cont.) Good of the League

Carl Curtis reported on Veterans service issues: the VA in-networkcare for those in category 1-6 and those in 7 & 8 with a copay of \$30.00; October 1st all Va facilities will go smoke free; a 2nd Fisher house will be built at the Heinz Campus; if using emergency care service at a local hospital be sure to contact the VA within 72 hours to receive payment. Jr. Vice Mike Shaffer reported on a Pirates Military Appreciation Day on August 20th at a cost of \$20.00 with a free T-Shirt; also Texas Roadhouse on McKnight road wants to create a Veterans Memorial with dog tags, patches, etc.; suggested that we have an early Holiday Party this year in December, he will check with the club for available dates.

Announcements

Next meeting is scheduled for August 27th, 2019.

Adjournment

The regular Meeting adjourned at 2025. 22 members and were on board.

MCL Activities Calendar



Detachment Meeting

Tuesday, August 27th, at 1930 hrs Glenfield Valley Vets

Devil Dog Growl

Thursday, September 26th. Glenfield Valley Vets

Fall District Meeting

Sunday, October 27th, at 1300hrs Allegheny Valley Detachment

September Birthdays



Carl Curtis Bert Cerminara
Delores Dudenich Bill Hess

George Haught John Lysaght

Keith Sheldon

Upcoming Rifle and Pistol Shoots



Rifle

The Millvale shooting schedule is:
August shoot: 100 Yard offhand - 31st
September shoots: 50 Shot NRA - 8th & 29th

100 Yard offhand - 21st (.22 Rimfire)

Pistol

No pistol shoots are scheduled for now at the Millvale Club.

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

National Marine Corps League News



The **National Convention** was held on

August 4th thru 9th at the Billings

Convention Ctr., Billings, MT. New officers were elected, but I have not received the new roster. I'll post it when it is available.

For any National info, their website is: www.mclnational.org/Home/tabid/569/Default.aspx

Pennsylvania State Marine Corps League News

The **Department Convention** was

held from June 19th thru 23rd at the Ramada Inn in Greensburg. Our members, Commandant Jim Brown, Kitty Curtis, Marilou Farole, Gary Farole, Tom Mann, Bob Fratangelo, Nick Rymarchyk, and Ray Tedford assisted in the Hospitality Room. Officers were elected, but there was no change to the roster.

No Convention News has yet been posted on the website. For any and all Departmental info, use the Department website at: www.pamcleague.org

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

Devil Dogs and Marines!Listen up, Marines! I've planned the next
Growl for **Thursday**, **September 26th**,

at Valley Vats at 1800 hours. I would love to see every Devil Dog come and have a great time. As always, if you can invite a Marine friend to come with you, do so be cause I know they'll have a howling good time. Also, if you are not a Devil Dog and want to join us, contact me or Gary Farole. It's always a woof! Woof!

DD Jim Brown Pound Keeper Pound #133



Detachment Activities New Member



When you get the chance, welcome our new member, Christopher Mrozowski with a hearty Semper Fi!

"Self-control is strength. Right thought is mastery. Calmness is power. " ~James Allen~

ATTENTION! Membership Dues

Due to the change in the collection of dues, all membership dues are due in by **August 31st**. Pay at the Detachment Meeting or mail it to Marilou Farole.

Camp Perry National Rifle Matches



Scott McBride, Gary Farole, and Mike Shaffer competed in the Camp Perry National Rifle Matches.



Mike Shaffer takes aim in the prone position (above).



Scott McBride holds a steady stance in the offhand position, (left) and Gary Farole zeroes in on his target (below).

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Detachment Activities Donation to Valley Vets



Jr Vice Mike Shaffer presented a check for \$500.00 to Valley Vets Commander Walt Helgermanfor their great support. Also, our Detachment made up a wonderful basket of goodies that we donated to the Valley Vets for their Corn roast on Saturday, Aug. 17th.



"Courage, hard work, self-mastery, and intelligent effort are all essential to successful life." ~Theodore Roosevelt ~

This Month in Marine Corps History



1 August 1944: After nine days of fighting in a battle termed "the perfect amphibious operation of World War II," MajGen Harry Schmidt, commander of V Amphibious Corps, declared the island of Tinian secured. The combination of surprise, heavy preassault bombardment, and effective logistical support was responsible for Tinian's recapture with a much lower casualty rate (344 killed and 1550 wounded) than had been experienced in previous landings.

3 August 1950: Eight Corsairs of VMF-214, (left) the famed "Black Sheep" squadron of World War II, launched from the USS SICILY and executed the first Marine aviation mission in the Korean War in a raid against enemy installations near Inchon. After the F4Us delivered their incendiary bombs and rockets on their targets, the Marines concluded their greeting to the Communist troops with a series of strafing runs.

7 August 1990: President Bush ordered U.S. military aircraft and troops to Saudi Arabia as part of a multinational force to defend that nation against possible Iraqi invasion. One week later the Marine Corps announced the com

mitment of 45,000 troops to the Persian Gulf area as part

of Operation Desert Shield which would become the largest deployment of U.S. forces since the Vietnam War. **9 August 1942:** With the Guadalcanal airstrip secure after heavy fighting with the Japanese, the 1st Engineer Battalion commenced work on the runway using captured equipment. Three days later, on 12 August, the first plane landed on Henderson Field, a Navy PBY which evacuated two wounded Marines. Nearly 3,000 wounded Marines would be evacuated from Henderson Field during the battle.

13 August 1918: The Secretary of the Navy granted authority to enroll women for clerical duty in the Marine Corps Reserve. On 13 August 1918, Opha May Johnson enlisted and became the first official Woman Marine.

This Month in Marine Corps History (cont.)

During the remainder of World War I, 305 women enlisted to "free a man to fight."

17 August 1942: Just prior to dawn, the 2d Marine Raider Battalion under LtCol Evans F. Carlson landed on Makin Island from the submarines NAUTILUS and ARGONAUT. The next day the Marines left the island after destroying a seaplane base, two radio stations, a supply warehouse, and killing about 100 Japanese soldiers.

21 August 1968: PFC James Anderson, Jr., was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor by Secretary of the Navy, Paul R. Ignatius, for heroism in Vietnam while serving as a rifleman with Company F, 2d Battalion, 3d Marines in February 1967. This was the first Medal of Honor presented to an African-American Marine. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Anderson, Sr., received the award during ceremonies at Marine Barracks, 8th and I.

23 August 1984: The last Marines to serve peace-keeping duty in Lebanon arrived home. The 24th Marine Amphibious Unit (MAU) arrived off the coast of Lebanon on 9 April to relieve Marines of the 22d MAU who were guarding the U.S. Embassy in Beirut. The 24th MAU left Beirut on 31 July, marking the last presence of U.S. combat troops in Beirut since Marines entered almost two years earlier.

24 August 1814: Captain Samuel Miller's 100-man detachment from Marine Barracks, Washington, fought in the battle of Bladensburg for the defense of the national capital. After helping to fight back three British charges, Captain Miller was wounded and the enemy began to work around both flanks of the American force. Almost encircled, the force of sailors and Marines was forced to retire to avoid capture. The Marines lost 8 killed and 14 wounded.

"One can have no smaller or greater mastery than mastery of oneself." "Leonardo da Vinci"



Sep 17-19, Quantico

Modern Day Marine is located on Marine Corps Base, Quantico, home of CG Marine Corps Combat Development Command/DC Combat Development & Integration and Marine Corps Systems Command. MCB Quantico's tenant commands are responsible for setting requirements, developing equipment and systems and purchasing the equipment and systems that the Marine Corps will rely on in the years to come. These vital and unique functions play a large part in positioning Modern Day Marine as the premier military equipment, systems, services and technology exposition.

"Only one who devotes himself to a cause with his whole strength and soul can be a true master. For this reason mastery demands all of a person." ~Albert Einstein ~

"I am, indeed, a king, because I know how to rule myself." ~Pietro Aretino ~

Detachment Website and Facebook Page

Take some time and check out the Detachment website at: https://www.ohiovalleymcl882.com

You can also see what's going on on our Facebook Page at Ohio Valley MCL

Detachment 882



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 Veteran'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.

Life Membership "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 \$500.00 36 - 50 \$400.00 51 - 64 \$300.00 65 and over \$200.00

You can contribute monthly smaller amounts towards a Life Membership at any time. That way you can become a life member without paying the large lump sum up 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 ansylvania Marine Corps Leag

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/mcl-palic.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.



"Knowing others is intelligence; knowing yourself is true wisdom. Mastering others is strength; mastering yourself is true power." ~Laozi ~

"Those who will not govern themselves are condemned to find masters to govern over them." ~Steven Pressfield~

"Freedom is born of self-discipline.
No individual, no nation, can achieve or maintain liberty without self-control.
The undisciplined man (or woman) is a slave to his own weaknesses."

~Alan Valentine~

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.
UNITED STATES MARINE

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