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

WHAT'S NEW WITH THE 882

Detachment Meeting - Jan. 31st, at 7:30, at the Valley Vets

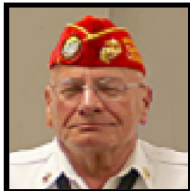
National Mid-Winter Conf. - Feb. 23rd - 25th, Sheraton Waterside, Norfolk, VA

Dept. of PA Spring Mtgs, Mar. 17th - 18th, Hdqtrs Bldg, Ft. Indiantown Gap

Northeast Division Conf. - Mar. 31st - Apr. 1st, Crowne Plaza, Plainsboro, NJ

“Be ashamed to die until you have won some victory for humanity.” ~Horace Mann~

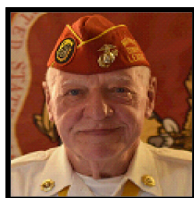
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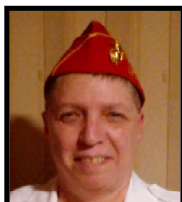
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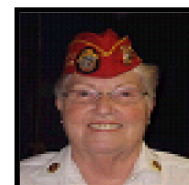
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HONOR

COURAGE

COMMITMENT



Call to Order

The meeting of the Ohio Valley Detachment 882 was called to order at 1930 by Commandant Nick Rymarchyk at the Valley Vets.

Officer's Roll Call

Showed Chaplain Ray Tedford and Sr. Vice Tom Mann absent.

Introduction of Guests

None.

Application for Membership

None.

Minutes

A motion was made by Bob Wagner to accept the minutes of last months meeting, 2nd by Jim Dempsey, motion carried.

Correspondence

Veterans Service newsletter for November, Department Newsletter and donation requests from Veterans Place and the Semper Fi Fund.

Report of the Paymaster

Marilou Farole gave the financial report for the month of September, a motion to accept was made by Bob Wagner, 2nd by Jim Dempsey, motion carried.

Report of Members Sick and in Distress

Commandant Nick Rymarchyk reported that member Tony Hetzer is having some health issues. Gary will send a card.

Rifle Matches

Gary Farole reported that all the

rifle match scores for 2022 have been turned in to the Department MCL; the last rifle match at the Millvale Club will be held on 12/17 and will be a prize match, offhand at 100 yards.

Pistol Matches

Pistol matches for the Department awards are completed for 2022. Two matches are scheduled at Millvale for 2023.

Color Guard

None.

Quartermaster

No Report.

Devil Dogs

Jim Brown reported that the Growl is now scheduled for December 6th at 7:00 here at the club.

Old Business

Eight Detachment members and guests attended the Washington Detachment Marine Corps Ball where 1st Sgt. Carl Curtis was the guest speaker. Three Detachment members attended the Purple Heart "Light to Unite" ceremony at the Koppers Building in Pittsburgh.

New Business

The donation requests were discussed and a motion was made by Carl Curtis to send \$100.00 each to the Semper Fi Fund and Veterans Place, 2nd by Keith Sheldon, motion carried. Bob Fratangelo made a motion to donate \$500.00 to the Valley Vets Club, 2nd by Jim Brown, motion carried. Gary reminded all that these donations will come out of the Bob Beatty Memorial Fund. A motion was made by Keith

Sheldon to dispense with the December meeting due to the holiday, 2nd by Carl Curtis, motion carried. Commandant Rymarchyk reminded all that the Holiday Party is scheduled for January 14th here at the club on the 2nd floor. Mike Shaffer is the event chairperson and has sent out flyers for the party. Please RSVP to him.

Good of the League

Carl Curtis reported on Veterans issues and noted that the Pact Act is now accepting claims, the Whitehouse Hotline for VA issues is 1-800-MYVA411. Gary reported that Detachment member and active duty Marine Ashley Kowtko, daughter of Carl & Kitty Curtis, will be promoted to 1st Sgt. shortly before her return to the United States.

Announcements

Next meeting is scheduled for January 31st, 2023 at 19:30, at the Valley Vets.

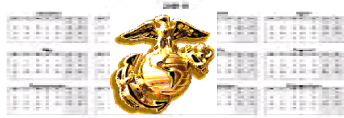
Adjournment

The regular Meeting adjourned at 2016. 15 members were on board.



"I am only one,
 but I am one.
 I cannot do everything,
 but I can do something.
 And because I
 cannot do everything,
 I will not refuse
 to do the something
 that I can do."
 ~Edward Everett Hale~

MCL Activities Calendar



Detachment Meeting

Tuesday, January 31st, 7:30 P.M.
Glenfield Valley Vets

National Mid-Winter Conference

February 23rd thru 25th
Sheraton Norfolk Waterside, Norfolk, VA

Dept. of PA Spring Meetings

March 17 & 18
Dept. of PA Headquarters, Ft. Indiantown Gap

Northeast Division Conference

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



February Birthdays

J.R. Dempsey Gary Farole
Herk Platts Mike Settembrine
Ray Tedford Jim Walters

Due\$ Due

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

Dues are due by August 31st each year. Made checks payable to Ohio Valley Det. 882 and send to: Paymaster, 654 Charette Place, Sewickley, PA 15143 or pay Marilou Farole at the Detachment Meeting.

Upcoming Rifle and Pistol Shoots



Rifle

The Millvale shooting schedule is:

January and February
No shoots are scheduled

Pistol

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



National Marine Corps League News

The **National Mid-Winter Conference** will be held on **February 23rd through 25th** at the Sheraton Norfolk Waterside, 777 Waterside Drive, Norfolk, VA 23210

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

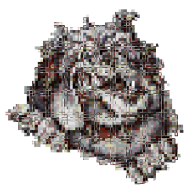
Pennsylvania State Marine Corps League News



The **Spring Department Meetings** will be held on **March 17th and 18th** at the Headquarters Building in Ft. Indiantown Gap.

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

**“You measure the size of the accomplishment by the obstacles you have to overcome to reach your goals.”
~Booker T. Washington~**



Devil Dog Update
Ohio River Devil Dogs
Pound 133

Devil Dogs and Marines!

Hey, Dogs, I know that we missed out on that last Growl, so I plan to hold a Spring Growl some time after the weather starts to improve. I will be sure to notify you as soon as I can. Until then, watch where you put your paws while you put up with this crazy weather and be careful out there.

DD Matt Popovich
Pound Keeper - Pound #133

Woof!
Woof!



The Holiday Party that was held at the Valley Vets on December 14th had a nice attendance. Seated at this table, (clockwise from left) are, Dave Connally, Jim and Gwen Brown, Marsha Rymerschyk, Bob Wagner, Ed Diehl, possible future member Frank and one of his friends. In the white shirt in the top right is JR Dempsey.

Detachment Activities



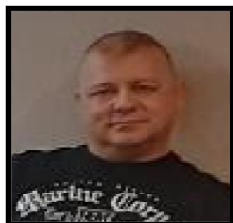
December Rifle Match

Gary Farole braved the bad weather to shoot in the last rifle match of 2022.

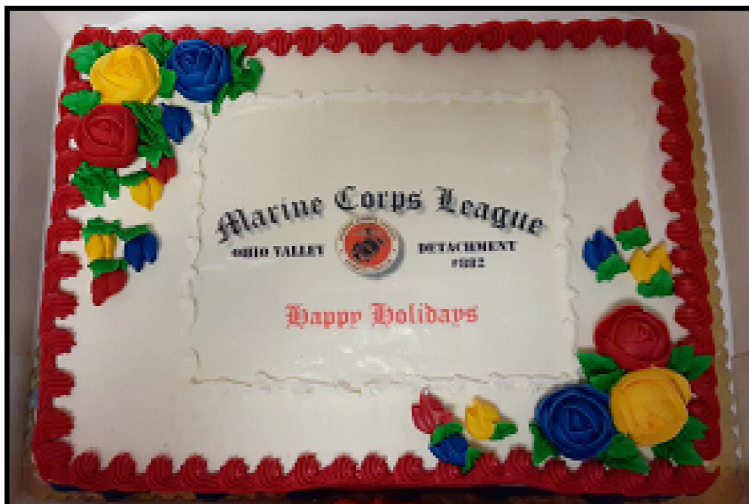


Bob and Sandy Moisey share a laugh with Jim Kusnir.

Holiday Party



Mike Shaffer (lt.) relaxes at the bar while Bridget (rt.) tends it.



The beautiful and delicious party cake.

Holiday Party (cont.)



At this table, (clockwise from left), is Tom Mann, his friends Bob and Martha, and Bob and Pat Fratangelo.



Those seated at the table, (clockwise from left), Joanne Trella, Amanda and Ralph Ussack, Karen and Bob Gettings, Janice Rizo, and Marilou Farole listen to Comm. Nick Rymarchyk, (standing).



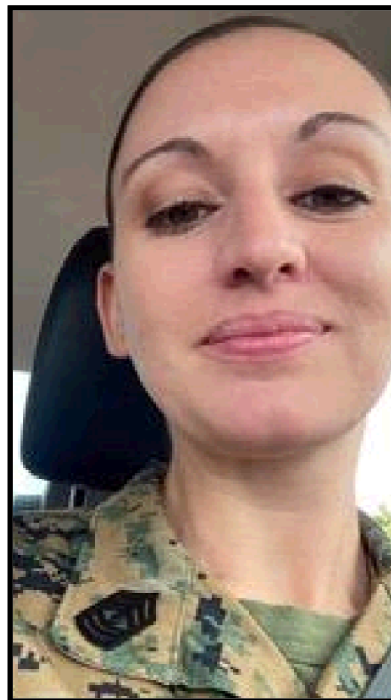
Something Great

A big "Thank You" goes out to Texas Roadhouse Restuarant for treating this beautiful German Shepherd to a steak because he was depolyed to Afghanistan twice. I say, "Invite him back soon for another."

Ashley Kowtko's Promotion



Ashley Kowtko, the daughter of Carl and Kitty Curtis, was recently promoted to 1dt Seargent. Here she is with her handsome family, husband Andy and sons Ethan and Brantly.



Ashley shows off her well deserved stripes.

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"To be yourself in a world that is constantly trying to make you something else is the greatest accomplishment."  
~Ralph Waldo Emerson~

### The Month of January in Marine Corps History



**10 January 1995:** The Pentagon announced that 2,600 U.S. Marines would be deployed to Somalia for Operation United Shield to assist in the final withdrawal of UN peacekeeping troops from Somalia. The decision came in response to a UN request for American protection of its peacekeeping forces serving in the war-torn African nation.

**11 January 1945:** The first elements of Marine Aircraft Group 24, commanded by Colonel Lyle H. Meyer, landed at Lingayen, Luzon, Philippine Islands, to provide close air support for Army forces. Over the next three months, MAG-24 and MAG-32 would fly a total of 8,842 combat sorties and drop more than 19,000 bombs as part of the Fifth Air Force in support of the Sixth Army.

**16 January 1991:** Operation Desert Shield became Operation Desert Storm as forces of the allied coalition launched an all-out air campaign against targets in Iraq and occupied Kuwait in an effort to liberate Kuwait and enforce the resolutions of the United Nations Security Council. Overall, in the theater of operations, the coalition forces included more than 415,000 U.S. troops.

**20 January 1968:** The second battle for Khe Sanh began when Marines from the 3d Battalion, 26th Marines attacked a North Vietnamese battalion between Hill 881 South and Hill 881 North. More than 100 of the enemy were killed.

**21 January 1918:** The 1st Aeronautical Company arrived at Ponta Delgada, Azores, for anti-submarine duty. That unit was one of the first completely equipped American aviation units to serve overseas in WWI.

**22 January 1969:** Operation Dewey Canyon, perhaps the most successful high-mobility regimental-size action of the Vietnam War, began in the A Shau/Da Krong Valleys when the 9th Marines, commanded by Colonel Robert H. Barrow, and supporting artillery were lifted

from Quang Tri. By 18 March the enemy's base area had been cleared out, 1617 enemy dead had been counted, and more than 500 tons of weapons and ammunition unearthed.

**29 January 1991:** The first serious ground fighting of Operation Desert Storm broke out when Iraqi troops mounted an attack into Saudi Arabia along a 40-mile front. Iraqi units centered their efforts on Khafji, a port city six miles south of the border. Saudi and Qatari troops, supported by artillery from the 1st Marine Division and attack helicopters and other allied coalition aircraft, recaptured the town two days later.



"Didn't I tell you to stand at attention when you talk to me? Whaddya want?"



**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 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**

*"There is no progress or accomplishment without sacrifice."  
~Idowu Koyenikan~*

*"Great things are done when men and mountains meet."  
~William Blake~*

*"Do it badly; do it slowly; do it fearfully; do it any way you have to, but do it."  
~Steve Chandler~*

*"Well done is better than well said."  
~Ben Franklin~*

**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**

*Keith Sheldon*