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

WHAT'S NEW WITH THE 882

Detachment Meeting - February 23rd, at 7:30, at the Valley Vets

"Wisdom is knowing what to do next;
virtue is doing it."
~David Starr Jordan~

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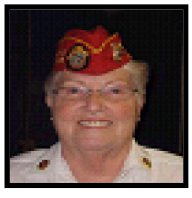

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HONOR **COURAGE** **COMMITMENT**

Minutes of Ohio Valley Detachment 882
Detachment Meeting of January 26th, 2021

Call to Order
The meeting of the Ohio Valley Detachment 882 was called to order at 1930 by Commandant Mike Shaffer via Zoom.

Officer's Roll Call
Showed Chaplain Ray Tedford absent.

Introduction of Guests
None.

Application for Membership
None.

Minutes
A motion was made by Nick Rymarchyk to accept the minutes of last months meeting, 2nd by Bob Fratangelo, motion carried

Correspondence
Adjutant reported on news received from the Department regarding the necessity for virtual meetings during the Pandemic; a thank you letter was received from the Valley Vets for our donation.

Report of the Paymaster
Marilou Farole gave the financial report for the months of December and January, a motion to accept was made by Jim Dempsey, 2nd by Carl Curtis, motion carried.

Report of Members Sick and in Distress
Gary Farole reported that our District Vice Fred Neilen had a serious operation and is now out of a CCU unit and in a regular room. The Detachment sent a card wishing him well on recovery.

Rifle Team
Gary Farole reported that a Valentine's rifle match will be held on February 13th at Millvale. The match will consist of 30 rounds offhand, any rifle. Commandant Mike Shaffer noted that he and Gary will be engaged in a virtual meeting with the Department Marksmanship Committee on February 1st.

Pistol Matches
No matches will be scheduled until the club reopens for guests.

Color Guard
No requests were received for a color guard.

Quartermaster
No report.

Devil Dogs
Dog Pound Robber Gary Farole reported that the Growls scheduled for December and January had to be canceled due to many members unable to attend. Growl will be rescheduled as soon as Covid restrictions are lifted.

Old Business
Gary Farole reported that we have been notified from National Headquarters that all membership dues cards will be sent directly to the Detachment instead of the individuals. Too many cards are being returned with bad addresses. A donation of $500.00 was made to the Valley Vets club at the November meeting. An approved donation of $812.90 was made to Robert Morris University Cadet Cierra Curtis who was unable to come up with the necessary funds for the next semester. Money came from our Bob Beatty Fund. Carl Curtis explained that after he received a request for assistance he sought out various organizations to join in raising the necessary funds. He noted that our Detachment along with VVA Chapter 862, VVA Auxiliary, a Vietnam Vet and an anonymous donor pulled together the required funds. He thanked the Detachment for stepping up on this matter.

New Business
Commandant Mike Shaffer noted that nomination of Detachment officers will be held at the February and March meeting with elections in March and installations in April. Gary Farole reported that the Detachment received Certificate Awards for our Website and Facebook. These were set up and are maintained by Commandant Shaffer.

Good of the League
Carl Curtis discussed the Camp LeJeune toxic water issue and noted the following conditions are added to compensation: Parkinson, Bladder Cancer and Thyroid. Covid vaccines are being administered by the Oakland VA on January 30th from 8:00 to 4:00 as walk-ins. The Beaver clinic in Rochester will begin sometimes in February.

Announcements
Next meeting is scheduled for February 23rd, 2021 at 7:30, at

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Minutes (cont.)

the Valley Vets.

Adjournment

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

MCL Activities Calendar

Detachment Meeting
Tuesday, February 23rd, 7:30 P.M.
Glenfield Valley Vets

Northeast Division Conference
April 23rd and 24th
Holiday Inn Harrisburg / Hershey, Grantville, PA

March Birthdays

Jim Dempsey Bob Fratangelo
Curt Koah Rich Kost
Ashley Kowtko Mike Reuland
John Williams

Upcoming Rifle and Pistol Shoots

The Millvale Sportsman's Club shooting schedule is:

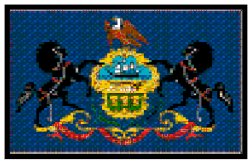
Rifle / Pistol

Presently, the Millvale Club is only open to members and family members. No shoots are scheduled.
For shooting info, call Gary Farole at 412-741-7898 or Jim Dempsey at 724-266-7828.

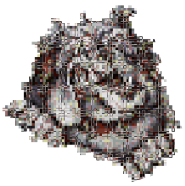
National Marine Corps League News

The **2021 Northeast Division Conference** will be held on April 23rd and 24th at the Holiday Inn Harrisburg / Hershey at I-81 Exit 80 604 Station Road Grantville, PA
Reservations: 717-469-1554
$117/night -Deadline: 23 March 2021
REGISTRATION INFORMATION COMING SOON

Pennsylvania State Marine Corps League News



The **2021 Department Spring Meetings** will be held on March 19th and 20th at the Headquarters Bldg, Ft. Indiantown Gap
Accommodations -Days Inn, Lickdale / Jonestown
3 Everest Lane, Jonestown / Lebanon, PA
717-865-4064
$55 Single & Double (ask for MCL Rate)
Deadline: March 1st 2021
For any Departmental info, use the PA Department web-site at: www.pamcleague.org



Devil Dog Update

Ohio River Devil Dogs, Pound 133

Devil Dogs and Marines!

Listen up, Marines! You all know what the deal is! Everything has been put on hold until it is safe again. Fortunately, we can see the light at the end of this long, dark tunnel. It's unclear as to when we can meet again, but when we can, I will supply you with the details for the next Growl as soon as posible, Can't wait to see all you Dogs again and have a tail waggin' time!

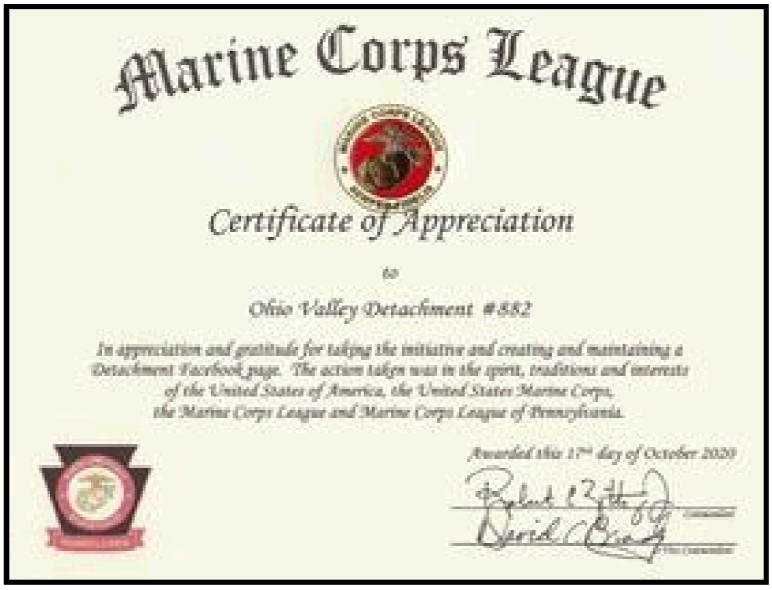
Until then, stay safe.
DD Jim Brown
Pound Keeper - Pound #133

"Good company and good discourse are the very sinews of virtue."
~Izaak Walton~

Only Herk Platts still owes dues for 2021.

Detachment Activities

Our Detachment's Awards



Marine Corps League

Certificate of Appreciation

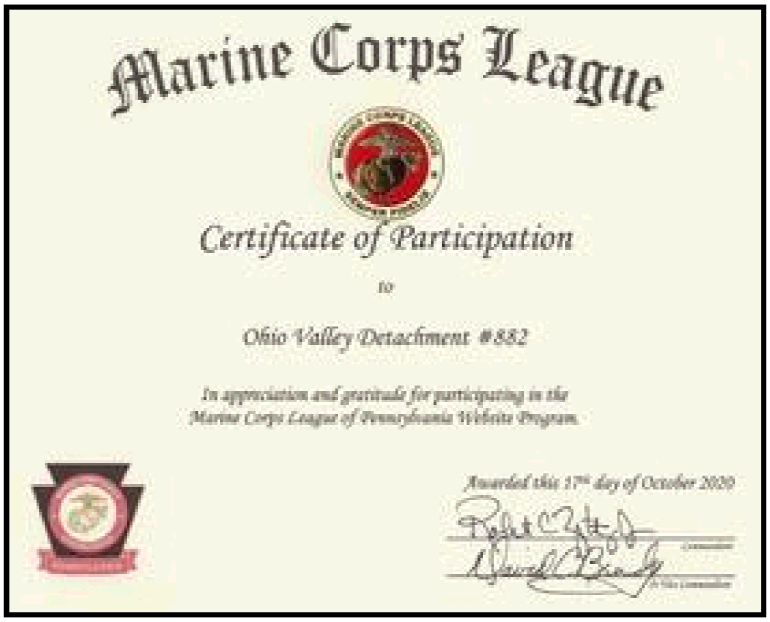
to

Ohio Valley Detachment #882

In appreciation and gratitude for taking the initiative and creating and maintaining a Detachment Facebook page. The action taken was in the spirit, traditions and interests of the United States of America, the United States Marine Corps, the Marine Corps League and Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania.

Awarded this 17th day of October 2020

Our Detachment was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation for creating and maintaining a Facebook page (above) and a Certifiacte of Participation for being a part of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania Website Program (below).



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In appreciation and gratitude for participating in the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania Website Program.

Awarded this 17th day of October 2020

"Consider your origins:
you were not made to live as brutes,
but to follow virtue and knowledge."
~Dante Alighieri~

"Forgiveness is a virtue of the brave."
~Indira Gandhi ~

February Detachment Meeting

Our meeting will be held at the Glenfield Valley Vets on February 23rd. at 7:30 P.M.
The nominations of Detachment officers will be held then and at the March meeting with elections in March and installations in April.

Legendary Marines
Cpl. Joseph Vittori

After enlisting he was sent to the Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island in South Carolina where he graduated in December 1946. He served briefly at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard in Norfolk, Virginia and Brooklyn Navy Yard in Brooklyn, New York before being attached to the Marine Detachment aboard the USS Portsmouth from April to June 1947. After sea duty he was then stationed at the Philadelphia Navy Yard until May 1948, when he joined the 2nd Marine Division at Camp Lejeune North Carolina. From January to May 1949, he served with the Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean area and again served at Camp Lejeune, until October 3, 1949, when he was discharged.

With his service to the Marine Corps over he returned to his hometown of Beverly, Massachusetts and worked for a year as a plasterer and bricklayer until enlisting in the Marine Corps Reserve on September 26, 1950 for an indefinite tour of active duty. He was sent back to Camp Lejeune for training until January 1951, when he arrived in Korea to join Company F, Second Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division (Reinforced). He participated in the South and Central Korean campaign, receiving a promotion to corporal on June 15, 1951.

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On June 9, 1951, he earned his first Purple Heart when was wounded near Yanggu, and after leaving the field hospital, was assigned a position as a property sergeant. After a week at the new job, he asked to rejoin his buddies in his old infantry platoon, and was allowed to do so.

On September 16, 1951 during the Battle of the Punchbowl his company was assaulting Hill 749, where the Korean People's Army had established several entrenched positions. A vicious enemy counter-attack drove back a forward platoon with heavy casualties, and along with two other volunteers from his reserve platoon, he dashed into hand-to-hand combat in the midst of the swarming enemy to give the Marine company time to consolidate its positions. Later, when a call went up for an automatic rifleman to defend an isolated heavy machine gun position on the flank of his company's sector, he again volunteered. With heavy casualties leaving a 100-yard (91 m) gap in the Marine lines at the position, he fought a single-handed battle to prevent an enemy breakthrough. Leaping from one side of the position to the other, he kept up a withering fire of over 1,000 rounds in three hours. He made repeated trips through heavy shellfire to replenish his ammunition, manned a machine gun after its gunner fell, and despite enemy penetration to within feet of his position, kept the enemy out of the breach in his company's lines until he was killed by a single gunshot wound in the face. The next morning the Marines counted almost 200 enemy dead in the area.

He was killed in action on September 16, 1951, two months after being allowed to return to his unit. He was originally buried at the United Nations military cemetery in Tanggok, Korea. His body was returned to the United States in January 1952 for reburial in St. Mary's Cemetery, Beverly, Massachusetts. The Medal of Honor was presented to his parents on September 7, 1952.

"Glory follows virtue
as if it were its shadow."
~Marcus Tullius Cicero~

This Month in Marine Corps History

1 February 1967: Operation Prairie II was begun in Quang Tri province by elements of the 3d Marine Division. During the 46-day search-and-destroy operation which terminated 18 March, 93 Marines and 693 of the enemy were killed.

2 February 1944: The 4th Marine Division, as part of the first assault on islands controlled by the Japanese before the start of World War II, captured Namur and eight other islands in the Kwajalein Atoll.

6 February 1968: Two reduced Marine battalions, the 1st Battalion, 1st Marines with two companies, and 2d Battalion, 5th Marines with three, recaptured Hue's hospital, jail, and provincial headquarters. It would take three more weeks of intense house to house fighting, and nearly a thousand Marines killed and wounded, before the imperial city was secured.

13 February 1943: The Commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen. Thomas Holcomb, announced the formation of the USMC Women's Reserve. Commissioned status was opened to enlisted women to take advantage of their experience, and at the same time, build morale and spirit de corps.

15 February 1898: 28 Marines and 232 seamen lost their lives when the battleship MAINE was mysteriously sunk by an explosion in the harbor of Havana, Cuba. Though no definitive evidence linked the Spanish with the sinking, the cry went up, "Remember the Maine!", and by late April the U.S. and Spain were at war.

In 1918, the Secretary of Navy allowed women to enroll for

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This Month in Marine Corps History (cont.)

clerical duty in the Marine Corps. During that year some 300 women first entered the Marine Corps to take over stateside clerical duties from battle-ready Marines who were needed oversees. June 12th, 1948, Congress passed the Women's Armed Services Integration Act, and made women a permanent part of the regular Marine Corps.

19 February 1945: The invasion of Iwo Jima began and continued to March 26, 1945. The Marine invasion, known as "Operation Detachment", was charged with the mission of capturing the airfields on the island, which up until that time had harried U.S. bombing missions to-Tokyo. The battle was marked by some of the fiercest fighting of the War. The Imperial Japanese Army positions on the island were heavily fortified, with vast bunkers, hidden artillery, and 11 mi of tunnels. Of the 21,000 Japanese soldiers present at the beginning of the battle, over 19,000 were killed and only 1,083 taken prisoner.

One of the first objectives after landing on the beachhead was the taking of Mount Suribachi. With the landing area secure, more troops and heavy equipment came ashore and the invasion proceeded north to capture the airfields and the remainder of the island. Most Japanese soldiers fought to the death. On the night of March 25, a 300-man Japanese force launched a final counterattack led by Kuribayashi. The island was officially declared "secured" the following morning.

The U.S. military occupied Iwo Jima until 1968, when it was returned to Japan.

24 February 1991: The I Marine Expeditionary Force and coalition forces began a ground assault on Iraqi defenses in the final chapter of Operation Desert Storm. The 1st and 2d Marine Divisions stormed into the teeth of Iraqi defenses while heavily armored allied forces attacked the Iraqi defenses in Iraq from behind. In 100 hours, U.S. and allied forces defeated the Iraqi Army.

28 February 1991: Operation Desert Storm ended when the cease- fire declared by President George Bush went into effect. I Marine Expeditionary Force has a strength of more than 92,000 making Operation Desert Storm the largest Marine Corps operation in history .A total of 24 Marines were killed in action during the Gulf War.

"Virtue is reason
which has become energy."
~Karl Wilhelm Friedrich Schlegel~

The Devil whispered in my ear, "You're not strong enough to withstand the storm."

Today,
I whispered in the Devil's ear,
"I am the storm."

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**

"Kindness is the sunshine
in which virtue grows."
~Robert Green Ingersoll~

"Virtue is the truest nobility."
~Miguel de Cervantes~

"Happiness is a virtue,
not its reward."
~Baruch Spinoza~

Virtue has a veil, vice a mask.
Victor Hugo

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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