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

WHAT'S NEW WITH THE 882

Detachment Meeting - July 27th, at 7:30, at the Valley Vets National Convention - August 9th thru 13th, Springfield, Illinois

"What you get by achieving your goals is not as important as what you become by achieving your goals."

~Zig Ziglar~

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Call to Order

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

Officer's Roll Call Showed Chaplain Ray Tedford absent.

Introduction of Guests N/A

Application for Membership

Grover Smith was presented by Sgt. At Arms, motion to accept for membership was made by Jim Brown, 2nd by Tom Mann, motion carried. Commandant Shaffer administered the oath.

Minutes

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

Correspondence

Adjutant reported on Department news received regarding a donation for the Veterans Place of Pittsburgh.

Report of the Paymaster Marilou Farole gave the financial report for the month of May, a motion to accept was made by Tom Mann, 2nd by Jim Brown, motion carried.

Minutes of Ohio Valley Detachment 882 Detachment Meeting of June 29, 2021

Report of Members Sick and in Distress

Gary Farole reported that member Joe Cirelli passed away in June, services were private. Adjutant Farole sent a sympathy cardto his wife.

Rifle Matches

Commandant Mike Shaffer noted that Gary and the Department Marksmanship Reorganization Committee for Pistol and Rifle SOP are completed and were presented at the June Department Convention. The Department match will be held again this year with Ohio Valley as host at the Millvale Club on September 18th & 19th if needed. Gary Farole reported that the Millvale club matches are now in full swing with an NRA match on 7/18 and 7/25 and a 100 yard offhand match on 7/10.

Pistol Matches

Club is now open for guests and our first scheduled shoot was held on June 6th. Those in attendance were Jim Dempsey, JR Dempsey, Tom Mann, Gary Farole and a guest.

Color Guard

We participated with a firing detail on Memorial Day at the Sewickley Cemetery for the Laying of the Wreaths and a firing detail followed at the Valley Vets memorial outside the building. We will also provided a firing detailon Sunday, May 30th at the Cranberry Veterans Memorial.

Quartermaster

Commandant Shaffer reported that he acquired some red covers at the conventions locker box however the

National Ships Store is back ordered on many items.

Devil Dogs

Dog Pound Keeper Jim Brown reported that the next Growl will be held in September at Jim's waterfront deck. Date and time to be determined.

Old Business

Gary reported on the Department Convention held in Harrisburg and noted that the proceeds from the District 10 Hospitality Committee generated \$13,000.00. Several Department awards were given to the Detachment along with an individual Distinguished Citizen Silver Award to Gary Farole for his work with the Marksmanship Committee. Commandant Shaffer picked up a tote filled with shirts and hats from the Beaver County Marines which will be sold for \$5.00 each. Gary reported on the successful Grilling Raffle held by the Detachment that generated \$5,063.00. He thanked all that helped in selling and buying. He made a special thank you to our club bartender Lisa for all the tickets she sold. He noted that she sold the winning ticket to a club member, Tom Seeder.

New Business

Commandant Shaffer announced that we will have our annual family picnic at Plum Park on Sunday, August 15th. Gary will check with the Township for the availability of this date. Sign up sheets for reservations

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and help were made available, RSVP by August 10th.

Good of the League

Carl Curtis reported on Veterans issues including service connected veterans can get braces and special clothing, VA is paying mileage to the nearest facility for treatments regardless of where you go for them; a dietician is now available at the Rochester clinic. Marilou Farole made a motion to donate \$500.00 to the Veterans Place of Pittsburgh, 2nd by Tom Mann, motion carried.

Announcements

Next meeting is scheduled for July 27th, 2021 at 19:30, at the Valley Vets.

Adjournment

The regular Meeting adjourned at 2015. 12 members were on board.

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MCL Activities Calendar



Detachment Meeting

Tuesday, July 27th, 7:30 P.M. Glenfield Valley Vets

National Convention

August 9th thru 13th Wyndham Springfield City Centre, Springfield, Illinois



August Birthdays

Candace Aspeotes Kitty Curtis
Greg Cuthbert Felix DeLuca Jr.
Tony Hetzer Bob O'Brien
Mike Swadlo

Dues Due

Greg Cuthbert Lukas Dennis Bill Shaffer

"One way to keep momentum going is to have constantly greater goals." ~Michael Korda~

Upcoming Rifle and Pistol Shoots



Rifle

The Millvale shooting schedule is: July shoots: 50 Shot NRA - 25th

August shoots: 100 yard Offhand - 7th 50 Shot NRA - 15th & 29th

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 **2021 National Convention** will

be held on Monday, August 9th through Friday, August 13, at the Wyndham Springfield City Centre at 700 E. Adams St., Springfield, Illinois 62701

Room blocks open August 17, 2020. When making reservations, please identify as "MARINE CORPS LEAGUE CONVENTION" to receive special group rate. Use reservation link: https://bit.ly/mcl2021 or call (217) 789-1530 Cost is \$115 per night plus tax. Individuals are responsible for room, tax, and incidentals. Rates include 1 complimentary parking pass per occupied guest room. Rate includes two complimentary breakfasts per room per night.

Detachment Summer Picnic

Our Detachment will have our annual **Summer Family Picnic** at **Plum Park** on **Sunday**, **August 15th**from **2:00 to 5:00 P.M.** RSVP by August 10th to
mshaffer7777@gmail.com with the number of
adults and children. If you would like to volunteer
to help and / or bring something, please advise.



Pennsylvania State Marine Corps League News

The **2021 Department Convention**

was held from June 16th thru 21st at

the Clarion Inn Hotel & Convention Center, 148 Sheraton Drive, New Cumberland, PA.

No news to post at this time.

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



Devil Dog Update Ohio River Devil Dogs, Pound 133

Devil Dogs and Marines!

Listen up, Marines! Our next Growl will be held in September at my riverfront

resort. Until then, have a great summer. I'll let you know

of the date in plenty of time. Can't wait to see all you Dogs again. Also, try to invite a Marine who isn't a Devil Dog! We're sure to have a cat-chasing good time!

Until then, stay safe.

DD Jim Brown
Pound Keeper - Pound #133





<u>Detachment Activities</u> Department Convention



Our Convention delegates were (from lt.) Sgt. at Arms Carl Curtis, Kitty Curtis, Paymaster Marilou Farole, and Adjutant Gary Farole. Commandant Mike Shaffer also attended, but is not pictured.



These two fine gentlemen were speakers at this year's convention. At left is retired Maj. Gen. Arnold Fields and at right is 1st Sgt. James Pierre, Co. E, 2nd Bt., 25th Marine Regiment, with his fiance.



Attending the meeting are (from lt.) Marilou and Gary Farole, Mike Shaffer, and Matt Popovich, who represented the Three Rivers Detachment.



Kitty Curtis and Marilou Farole enjoy their time in the Hospitality Room.

Detachment Activities (cont.) Department Convention



Our Members enjoyed a good time in the Hospitality Room on banquet night. At far left is Gary Farole, in front of him is Andy Burch, (from the Allegheny Valley Detachment), taking the picture is Carl Curtis, behind him is Kitty Curtis, and at right is Marilou Farole.



Legendary Marines Sergeant Major Grace A. Carle, USMC

Sergeant Major Grace A.
Carle became the sixth
Sergeant Major of Women
marines in ceremonies held
at Marine Barracks,
Washington, D.C., on
April 30, 1974.
Born in Yankton, S.
Dakota, she graduated
from Pender High school,

Pender, Nebraska, in May 1940. Sergeant Major Carle enlisted in the Marine Corps in April 1943, and received her training in the eighth and last regiment at Hunter College, N.Y. During World War II, she saw service at Headquarters Marine Corps and in Hawaii. She was released from active duty in November 1945, during a reduction in forces following the war.



Retired Sgt. Maj. Grace Carle at 96 years old. She passed away in 2019, one year later.

She joined the Los Angeles Volunteer Training Unit in 1948, and was ordered to active duty in 1950 at the beginning of the Korean Conflict. She served initially at San Francisco and integrated into the regular Marine Corps in 1951.

Other duty assignments have taken her to El Toro, Calif., Parris Island, S.C., Camp Pendleton, Calif., and at New Orleans, La. as assistant to the Woman Officer Selection Officer. She served as Fist Sergeant at Camp Lejeune, N.C., and Okinawa. At the time of selection for her present position. She was the Sergeant Major of Women Officer School, Quantico, Va.

Her decorations include the National Defense Service Medal with one star, the American Campaign Medal, the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, the World War II Victory Medal, the Good Conduct Medal with eight stars, the Meritorious Unit Commendation with one



This Month in Marine Corps History



4 July 1801: President Thomas Jefferson reviewed the Marines, led by the Commandant of the Marine Corps, LtCol William W. Burrows and the Marine Band, on the White House grounds. The smartly uniformed Marines performed drills and fired various salutes in observance of the new nation's 25th anniversary.

6 July 1990: One of the oldest and most versatile attack aircraft in Marine Corps history, the A-4 Skyhawk, retired from the Corps' active aviation structure after over 30 years of service. The last two Skyhawks from MAG-32 flew their initial flight from Cherry Point to NAS Patuxent River on this date.

7 July 1941: The 1st Marine Aircraft Wing was activated at Quantico, Virginia. Within a year of activation, the Wing would participate in the Marine Corps offensive at Guadalcanal. That bitter campaign would be the first in a series of legendary battles in which the Wing would add luster to its reputation. The 1stMAW would earn five Presidential Unit Citations for gallantry in campaigns spanning World War II, Korea, and Vietnam.

11 July 1798: President John Adams approved "An Act for Establishing and Organizing a Marine Corps", and it became law. The following day, the President appointed William Ward Burrows the Major Commandant of the new Corps. In August, Major Burrows opened his headquarters in Philadelphia, at that time still the capital of the new nation.

14 July 1993: The USS IWO JIMA was decommissioned after over 30 years of service in a ceremony at Norfolk Naval Base, Virginia. The ship was named for the World War II battle during which three Marine divisions ousted 20,000 entrenched Japanese troops. The Iwo Jima was commissioned 26 August 1961, and it was the first ship specifically designed as an amphibious assault ship from the keel up.

18 July 1918: The 4th Brigade of Marines began an at tack near Soissons, France, as part of a three-division

counterattack against the Germans. In the first two days of battle, the brigade sustained 1,972 casualties.

24 July 1944: The V Amphibious Corps, commanded by Major General Harry Schmidt, landed on Tinian, in the Mariana Islands. The following morning, the 2d and 4th Marine Divisions began a shoulder-to-shoulder southward sweep of the island. Organized enemy resistance faded within a week, and on 1 August, MajGen Schmidt declared the island secure.

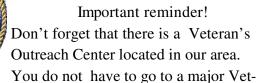
26 July 1947: The National Security Act of 1947 became effective, reaffirming the status of the Marine Corps as a separate military service within the Department of the Navy. The Act Provided for Fleet Marine Forces, and confirmed the Corps' mission of seizing and defending advanced bases, as well as land operation incident to naval campaigns.

28 July 1918: Brigadier General John A. Lejeune as sumed command of the 2d Division, U.S. Army in France, and remained in that capacity until August 1919 when the unit was demobilized. He was the first Marine officer to hold an Army divisional command, and following the Armistice, he led his division in the march into Germany.



"Set your goals high, and don't stop till you get there." ~Bo Jackson~

Health Care Enrollment



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.

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.

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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/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.

Detachment Website and Facebook Page

Be sure to check out our Detachment website at: https://www.ohiovalleymcl882.com and our

"If you set your goals ridiculously high and it's a failure, you will fail above everyone else's success." ~James Cameron~

"A winner is someone who recognizes his God-given talents, works his tail off to develop them into skills, and uses these skills to accomplish his goals."

~Larry Bird~

"Goals transform a random walk into a chase." ~Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi~

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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