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

WHAT'S NEW WITH THE 882
Detachment Meeting - Sept. 29th, 7:00 P.M.,
at Glenfield Valley Vets

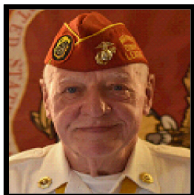
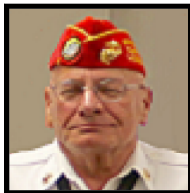
*“When we strive to become better than we are,
everything around us becomes better too.”*
~Paulo Coelho~

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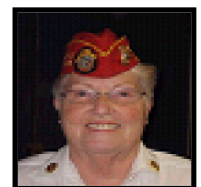
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HONOR

COURAGE

COMMITMENT



Call to Order

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

Officer's Roll Call

Showed Chaplain Ray Tedford and JA Carl Curtis absent.

Introduction of Guests

Bob Wagner introduced former member Scott Morrison.

Application for Membership

None.

Minutes

A motion was made by Tom Mann to accept the minutes of last months meeting, 2nd by Bob Moisey, motion carried

Correspondence

Adjutant read correspondence consisting email from the Department of PA regarding the canceling of the convention and election of Department officers; Veterans Service Information regarding debt relief for Veterans affected by Covid-19, resuming in-person services at clinics. travel reimbursement for service connected veterans; voting for District 10 Vice and Department Commandant.

Report of the Paymaster

Marilou Farole gave the financial

Minutes of Ohio Valley Detachment 882 Detachment Meeting of August 25th, 2020

report for the month of July. Motion made by Jim Brown to accept, 2nd by Bob Wagner, motion carried.

Report of Members Sick and in Distress

Gary Farole reported that Bob Moisey suffered a broken ankle bone and is with us tonight, and Melvin Rizzo is recuperating from back surgery.

Rifle Team

Jim Dempsey reported that Millvale Club is open to members and family members only at this time. Scheduled group matches are being held with social distance. The Ohio Valley Department match is still on for September 5th. Commandant Mike Shaffer reported that the rifle match is a go and some reservations have started to come in. We could use some non-shooters to assist at the match.

Pistol Matches

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

Color Guard

No report.

Quartermaster

No report.

Devil Dogs

Dog Pound Keeper Jim Brown reported that the next Growl will be scheduled for some time in October as soon as a date can be confirmed by the club.

Old Business

Gary Farole reported after a long delay of the Marine of the Year Award presentation he would announce it now. First he recognized the Past MOY

recipients present: Tom Mann, Jim Dempsey, Marilou Farole, Jim Brown, Bob Wagner and Gary Farole. He also read the names of those Past MOY not present and deceased. Gary presented the 2019 MOY Award to Mike Shaffer.

New Business

Gary Farole offered a nomination of Fred Neilin for District 10 Vice, motion 2nd and carried. Gary reported that he will nominate Bob Ziltz for the position of Department Commandant when the Department nominations become available online.

Good of the League

Kitty Curtis reported on Carl's walk for PTSD Awareness starting in Kentucky and concluding in Florida with retired 1st Sgt. Steve Myers

Announcements

Next meeting is scheduled for September 29th, 2020 at 7:30, at the Valley Vets.

Adjournment

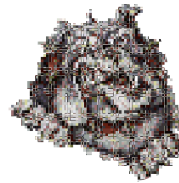
The regular Meeting adjourned at 2010.

14 members were on board.



"Incredible change happens in your life when you decide to take control of what you do have power over instead of craving control over what you don't."
~Steve Mariboli~

Ohio River Devil Dogs, Pound 133



Devil Dogs and Marines!

Listen up, Marines! I decided that our next Growl will be held some time in

October. I will supply the details soon so you can make plans. Can't wait to see all you Dogs again!

Woof!
Woof!

Until then, stay safe.

DD Jim Brown

Pound Keeper - Pound #133



Detachment Activities

Marine of the Year



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 National Convention has been cancelled and all other meetings are either cancelled or on hold. For any National info, their website is:

www.mclnational.org/Home/tabid/569/Default.aspx



Pennsylvania State Marine Corps League News

 The virtual Department Convention has been scheduled for October 15th thru 17th. Go to the Department website for details. All other meetings are either cancelled or on hold. For any Departmental info, use the PA Department website at: www.pamcleague.org



Though the pandemic may have delayed it, the well deserved **Marine of the Year Award** was presented to **Commandant Mike Shaffer** (rt.) by Gary Farole at the August meeting. OOH RAH!

"Change equals self-improvement. Push yourself to places you haven't been before."

~Pat Summitt~

Dues due for 2021

All members should have paid their dues by
August 31st.

These members still owe dues.

Greg Cuthbert Lukas Dennis
Herk Platts Bill Shaffer

Detachment Activities (cont.) Detachment Picnic



Our detachment picnic pavillion in Plum Park.



From left to right, Samantha Shaffer, Rose Mrkonja, and Hunter Shaffer and his girlfriend enjoy the good times, good weather, and good food, especially this year!



The dogs are lookin tasty as Jim Brown and Tom Mann work the grill.



From left to right, Howdy Thielman, Bob and Pat Fratangelo, and Jim and Gwen Brown relax and enjoy the beautiful Summer day!



Paul Mrkonja and Bill Shaffer take turns while competing at the corn hole game.



Scott McBride talks to his wife, Kimberly, as J.R. Dempsey looks on.

Detachment Activities (cont.) Department Rifle Match

Our Detachment hosted the Department Rifle Match, which was held at the Millvale Sportsmen's Club on the first weekend in September.



Bob Fratangelo and Mike Shaffer set up for the shoot in front of the pavillion.



Bob Moisey and Gary Farole on the firing line.



Tom Mann takes aim in the offhand position.



Jim Dempsey takes aim while sitting.



Our Detachment's shooting team, from left to right, top to bottom: Bob Fratangelo, Gary Farole, Tom Mann, J.R. Dempsey, Mike Shaffer, Bob Moisey, and Jim Dempsey.



"You cannot dream yourself into a character; you must hammer and forge yourself one."
~Henry David Thoreau~

Awareness for PTSD Walk



Our own Sgt. at Arms Carl Curtis and 1st Sgt. Steve Meyers trekked from Kentucky to Georgia to raise awareness about the very serious disorder Veterans suffer from called PTSD.

Carl Curtis shared his purpose and mission as such:

PTSD-Walk:

Purpose: To meet with the Media, Community Leaders, First Responders (Law Enforcement, Firefighters, EMT-s), Veterans and Veteran Service Organizations to initiate discussions and increase awareness of Post Traumatic Stress (PTS) and Suicide.

Mission: On August 14, 2020, I met Stephen Meyers, retired Sergeant First Class (we didn't know each other prior) in Franklin, Kentucky and began our walk on August 15th. For the next 28 days, we walked 625 miles (with 40+ pound packs) through Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama and Georgia (averaged 22.3 miles per day).

My personal goal was to help draw attention to the value of life! Suicide is a permanent solution to a temporary set of problems and it doesn't end the pain...it only passes the pain on to the people who love and care about us the most.

The primary purpose of the walk was to bring awareness to the seriousness of PTSD/Suicide and to let those who are dealing with these, often, "invisible wounds" know that they are not alone!

Seeking help and reaching out is often difficult and requires courage for someone dealing with PTSD but it is a

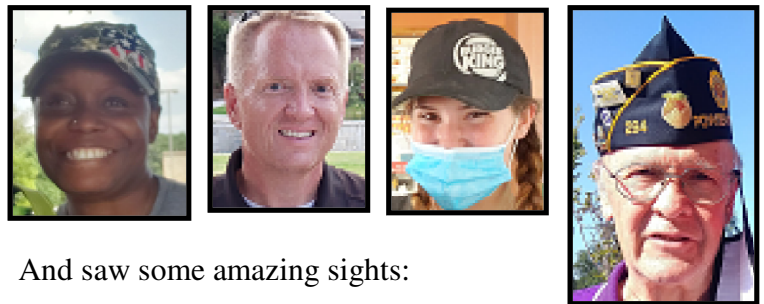
sign of strength and resiliency.

There are numerous resources out there and we want Community Leaders to start talking about the seriousness of these issues. More importantly, I want to remind those who are struggling that they are important, valuable and irreplaceable!

As we met with the Community and Agency Leaders, we discussed the Employee Assistance Programs (EAP) that they may or may not currently have in place and encouraged them to strongly consider developing a "Peer Support Program" if they did not already have one in place.

PTSD affects people differently and the signs, that someone is struggling, is not always identifiable. Some have a strong family and/or friend support network to help them through the challenging times but others don't! Finding your purpose in life is important!

Along the way, they met some wonderful people:



And saw some amazing sights:



But, most of all, they showed people that there are Veterans who are suffering and that PTSD is something that needs to be addressed and dealt with so we don't lose more great Warriors.



Legendary Marines**Gunnery Sgt. John Basilone**

(November 4, 1916 –
February 19, 1945)



Basilone was a United States Marine Corps Gunnery Sergeant who received the Medal of Honor for heroism above and beyond the call of duty during the Battle for Henderson Field in the Guadalcanal Campaign, and the Navy Cross posthumously for extraordinary heroism during the Battle of Iwo Jima. He enlisted in the Marine Corps on June 3, 1940, after serving three years in the United States Army with duty in the Philippines.

Just 26 years old, "Manila John" was originally deployed to Guantánamo Bay, Cuba, and in August 1942, while serving with the 1st Battalion, 7th Marines, 1st Marine Division, in the Lunga Area of Guadalcanal, he took part in the invasion in late October. While there, he emplaced two machine gun teams under fire. After one section of guns was overrun where two men were killed and three others wounded, Basilone took one of his guns on his back and raced for the breach in the line, where he killed 8 Japanese. All in all, Basilone was credited with killing 38 enemy soldiers.

When he received the nation's highest decoration, John Basilone replied modestly, "Only part of this medal belongs to me. Pieces of it belong to the boys who are still on Guadalcanal. It was rough as hell down there."

In February 1945, during the invasion of Iwo Jima, he single-handedly destroyed an enemy blockhouse and then, while under fire, he led a Marine tank safely through a minefield during artillery and mortar barrages. While escorting the tank, he was struck by shrapnel and killed after barely two hours on the island.

He has received many honors including being the namesake for streets, military locations, and two United States Navy destroyers.

Gunnery Sergeant 'Manila' John Basilone was the only Marine in WWII to receive both the Medal of Honor and the Navy Cross.



Memorial statue of Medal of Honor recipient U.S. Marine Corps Gunnery Sgt. John Basilone at the intersections of West Somerset Street and Colle Sannita Way in Raritan, N.J., On June 6, 1948, the John Basilone American Legion Post in Raritan dedicated the life-size statue of Basilone holding a water-cooled Browning machine gun. The statue was sculpted by childhood friend Phillip Orlando.

Attention:

After the online election, the new officers for the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc for 2020-2021 are:

Commandant Ziltz

Sr. Vice Commandant Brady

Jr. Vice Commandant Henry

Judge Advocate Walker.

Flu shots from the VA

Flu shots from the VA in Pittsburgh will begin on September 21st, no appointment needed.

For Flu shots from VA Clinics please call to check on availability of shots and times for distribution.

**"Make the most of yourself--for
that is all there is of you."
~Ralph Waldo Emerson~**

This Month in Marine Corps History



2 September 1945: The Japanese officially surrendered to the Allies on board the battleship MISSOURI in Tokyo Bay. With General Holland Smith transferred home in July 1945, the senior Marine Corps representative at the historic ceremony was LtGen Roy S. Geiger, who had succeeded Smith as Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific.

6 September 1983: Two Marines were killed and two were wounded when rockets hit their compound in Beirut, Lebanon. Heavy fighting continued for the 24th Marine Amphibious Unit peacekeeping force in the area near their positions around the Beirut International Airport.

8 September 1942: On Guadalcanal, the 1st Raider Battalion and the 1st Parachute Battalion, supported by planes of MAG-23 and two destroyer transports, landed east of Tasimboko, advanced west into the rear of Japanese positions, and carried out a successful raid on a Japanese supply base.

15 September 1950: The 3d Battalion, 5th Marines landed on Wolmi-do Island in Inchon Harbor and secured it prior to the main landing. The 1st Marine Division under the command of Major General Oliver P. Smith landed at Inchon and began the Inchon-Seoul campaign.

16 September 1814: A detachment of Marines under Major Daniel Carmick from the Naval Station at New Orleans, together with an Army detachment, destroyed a pirate stronghold at Baratavia, on the Island of Grande Terre, near New Orleans.

18 September 1990: A new 40-acre training facility for Military Operations in Urban Terrain (MOUT) was dedicated at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, by General Alfred M. Gray, Commandant of the Marine Corps.

20 September 1950: Marines of the 1st Marine Division crossed the Han River along a six-mile beachhead, eight miles northwest of Seoul, Korea. Five days later, the 1st

and 5th Marines would attack Seoul and the city would be captured by 27 September.

24 September 1873: One hundred and ninety Marines and seamen from the USS PENSACOLA and BENICIA landed at the Bay of Panama, Columbia, to protect the railroad and American lives and property during the revolution.

27 September 1944: The American flag was raised over Peleliu, Palau Islands, at the 1st Marine Division Command Post. Although the flag raising symbolized that the island was secured, pockets of determined Japanese defenders continued to fight on. As late as 21 April 1947, 27 Japanese holdouts finally surrendered to the American naval commander on the scene.

30 September 1945: Marines of III Amphibious Corps, commanded by Major General Keller E. Rockey, began landing in North China to assist the Chinese Nationalist government in accepting the surrender of Japanese forces and repatriating Japanese soldiers and civilians.

One Last Picture



Carl Curtis was smart to rehydrate after a long day of walking in the Summer heat! Thanks again, Carl, for the awesome achievement!



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 for-

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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**

*"Do the best you can until you know better.
Then when you know better, do better."
~Maya Angelou~*

*"The goal is not to be better than the other
man, but your previous self."
~The Dalai Lama~*

*"There is only one corner of the universe
you can be certain of improving,
and that's your own self."
~Aldous Huxley~*

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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