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

Happy New Year, Marines!

WHAT'S NEW WITH THE 882

Detachment Meeting - January 26th, at 7:30, at the Valley Vets

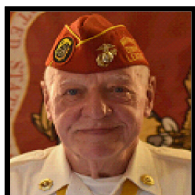
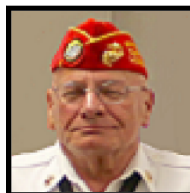
**"Anyone can hide. Facing up to things, working through them,
that's what makes you strong." ~Sarah Dessen~**

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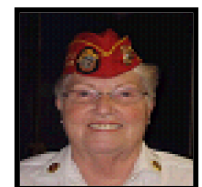
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Call to Order

The meeting of the Ohio Valley Detachment 882 was called to order at 1930 by Vice Commandant Tom Mann at the Valley Vets.

Officer's Roll Call

Showed Commandant Mike Shaffer, Chaplain Ray Tedford, Sr. Vice Nick Rymarchyk, and JA Jim Dempsey absent.

Introduction of Guests

None.

Application for Membership

None.

Minutes

A motion was made by Marilou Farole to accept the minutes of last months meeting, 2nd by Bob Wagner, motion carried

Correspondence

Adjutant noted that no correspondence came in due to non activity status of Department due to Covid-19.

Report of the Paymaster

Marilou Farole gave the financial report for the month of August. Motion made by Carl Curtis to accept 2nd by Bob Wagner, motion carried.

Report of Members Sick and in Distress

Gary Farole reported that Jim Dempsey called and said that he tested positive for the Coronavirus and is under self quarantine.

Minutes of Ohio Valley Detachment 882 Detachment Meeting of November 24th, 2020

Rifle Team

Gary Farole reported that Commandant Mike Shaffer has been appointed to the Department's Marksmanship Committee for Western PA. Gary presented the Department's Rifle Marksmanship Awards received for the Detachment's First Place plaque for our team consisting of Gary Farole, Mike Shaffer, Tom Mann and Bob Moisey. Individual Medals to Gary Farole 1st Place high Shooter, Tom Mann 2nd Place and Mike Shaffer 3rd Place. 1st Place Optics Bob Fratangelo and 2nd Place Jim Dempsey.

Pistol Matches

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

Color Guard

Detachment provided a color guard for the Texas Roadhouse Veterans Lunch on November 11th. Participating were Bob Moisey, Bob Fratangelo, Jim Brown, Mike Shaffer and Gary Farole.

Quartermaster

No report.

Devil Dogs

Dog Pound Keeper Jim Brown reported that the Growl scheduled for October 20th had to be canceled due to many members unable to attend. Growl will be rescheduled.

Old Business

Gary Farole reported on the Marine Corps Birthday celebration held on November 10th here at the Valley Vets Club. Approximately 30 in attendance and a good time was had and happy to have been able to put the event together.

New Business

Marilou Farole discussed giving a donation to the Valley Vets for all they do for us. Jim Brown made a motion to donate \$500.00, 2nd by Marilou Farole, motion carried. Jim Brown made a motion to dispense with the December meeting due to the Holiday, 2nd by Marilou Farole, motion carried. Gary Farole discussed the 50 raffle tickets he received from District 10 to sell or purchase to help the fundraiser for the 2021 Convention hospitality room. Tickets are \$1.00 each. Carl Curtis made a motion that the Detachment purchase all unsold tickets, 2nd by Bob Wagner, motion carried.

Good of the League

Carl Curtis discussed Veterans service issues including Mission Act, Care Giver, urgent care between 8AM to 8PM at outside facilities up to 3 visits then \$30.00 copay; VA outsourcing evaluations for compensation to LHI with quick response; Tri-Care Select in 2021 will have a \$25.00 monthly fee added and Cost of Living (COLA) will have a 1.3% increase.

Announcements

Next meeting is scheduled for January 26th, 2021 at 7:30, at the Valley Vets. No meeting in December

Adjournment

The regular Meeting adjourned at 2020.

9 members were on board.



MCL Activities Calendar**Detachment Meeting**

January 26th, 7:30 P.M.

Online through Zoom - see below rt. for details

National Midwinter Conference

Feb. 25th thru 27th

Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel, Norfolk, VA

Department Spring Meetings

March 19th thru 21st

Headquarters Building, Ft. Indiantown Gap, PA

Northeast Division Conference

April 23rd and 24th

Holiday Inn Harrisburg / Hershey, Grantville, PA



January and February Birthdays

January:

Bob Blose Bob Carrara

Bob Gettings Craig Lawhead Janice Rizzo

Dee Thielman Joanne Trella Rich Windsheiner

February:

J.R. Dempsey Gary Farole Herk Platts

Mike Settembrine Ray Tedford Jim Walters

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.

Only Herk Platts still owes dues for 2021.

**National Marine Corps League News****The 2021 National Midwinter**

Conference will be held in Norfolk, VA on Feb. 25th thru 27th at the Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel, 777 Waterside Drive, Norfolk, VA 23510

Reservations: 1-800-325-3535 or call the hotel direct at (757) 622-6664

Room Rate: \$129 + tax (check in 2/24, check out 2/28)

Tax Rate: \$14%, Resort Charge: \$3.00

Parking: Complimentary Self-Parking if staying at hotel, otherwise it's \$13 per day. Valet Parking is \$26 per day

Breakfast: Complimentary 2 per room daily

Any cancellations after February 10, 2021 will forfeit the one night deposit. It has been determined that Uber or

Taxi are the best method of transport from the airport.

The National Conference is not a convention. It is a business meeting. Thursday arrivals & stores are open in the afternoon. Friday - opening session & agenda items.

Saturday - sessions continue. Banquet Attire: Formal.

Sunday travel day.

For any National info, their website is:

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

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

January Detachment Meeting

Our meeting will be held online through Zoom..

Date: Jan 26, 2021

Time: 07:00 PM Eastern Time

Online:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83402445052>

Meeting ID: 834 0244 5052

By Phone: +1 646 558 8656 or +1 301 715 8592 or +1 312 626 6799



Pennsylvania State Marine Corps League News

The **2021 Department Spring Meetings** will be held on March 19th and 20th at the Headquarters Building, 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

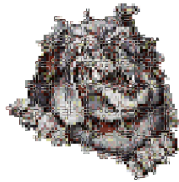
Devil Dogs and Marines!

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 possible, 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



Woof!
Woof!



Our Detachment's First Place plaque and Medals (prev. page) were awarded to our team consisting of Gary Farole, Mike Shaffer, Tom Mann and Bob Moisey. Also, Individual Medals were awarded to Gary Farole for 1st Place High Shooter, Tom Mann for 2nd Place, and Mike Shaffer 3rd Place. Also Bob Fratangelo was awarded 1st Place Optics and Jim Dempsey won 2nd Place.



Our Detachment's shooters were (top, from left) Bob Fratangelo, Gary Farole, Tom Mann, J.R. Dempsey, Mike Shaffer, Bob Moisey, and Jim Dempsey.

Detachment Activities

Department's Rifle Marksmanship Awards



Donation to Valley Vets



Valley Vets Club Bartender Lisa is presented with the donation check by Jr. Vice Tom Mann.

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Detachment Activities (cont.)**Robert Morris University Tuition Donation**

Cierra Curtis, 2nd from right, was the recipient of donations for her tuition at Robert Morris University. Donations came from Ohio Valley Detachment and an anonymous member, VVA Chapter 862 Beaver County, VVA Auxiliary Chapter 862, and a personal donation from a Vietnam Veteran.



Sgt. at Arms Carl Curtis (red shirt) and Adjutant Gary Farole (back row in ball cap) assisted with getting the donation along with 4 members of the VVA Chapter 862 and VVA Auxiliary 862.



This target was shot by Gary Farole with his 103 year old 1917 Rifle at the Wild Boar Rifle Match held at Millvale Sportsmen's Club, attended by Gary and Tom Mann. (Photo was cropped to enhance the grouping.)

**Legendary Marines**

Lt. Gen. Lewis "Chesty" Puller (above rt.) was a Marine's Marine. A genuine badass leatherneck who had one soft spot—his fierce loyalty and care for his men.

Born June 26, 1898 in West Point, Virginia, Puller grew up hunting and listening to his relatives as they related their experiences in the Civil War. He also had an insatiable thirst for books of military tales and history. He would go on to become one of the best known figures in Marine Corps folklore, with both true and exaggerated tales of his experiences being constantly repeated.

Chesty served as both officer and enlisted. He was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant during World War I. As the war wound down, he was put on inactive status and given the rank of corporal. In keeping with his kick-ass attitude, he re-enlisted as a private and was sent to Haiti to fight Caco Rebels who were trying to overthrow of the (cont. on pg 6)

Legendary Marines (cont.)

U.S. -sponsored Haitian government. His valor and accomplishments in battle earned him rapid promotions, and by the time he was shipped out to Nicaragua in 1930, he was a commissioned Lieutenant, again.

His motto was "Lead by example." It was not an empty slogan. He lived with his men and rigidly refused comforts unattainable for his men. There were no officers' messes in Puller's outfit and he fell in line with the privates, carrying his own mess gear. Puller's leadership is one of the reasons why to this day, Marine Corps officers in the field never eat until the enlisted men have been served.

Deservedly so, Chesty became the most decorated Marine in history, and the only Marine to receive five Navy Crosses. He led Marines in some of the bloodiest battles of World War II, including Guadalcanal and Peleliu.

In the Korean War, Puller earned a Silver Star as commander of the 1st Marines when he led a landing at Inchon in September of 1950. He was given the Distinguished Service Cross from the Army for action in late November to early December, and his fifth Navy Cross for action at the Battle of Chosin Reservoir. It was in that battle when he made the famous quote: "We've been looking for the enemy for some time now. We've finally found him. We're surrounded. That simplifies things."

"Pullerisms" and quotes by Chesty

I want to go where the guns are. (His reason for leaving Virginia Military Institute after his freshman year to enlist in the US Marine Corps in 1918.)

"Old breed? New breed? There's not a damn bit of difference as long as it's the Marine breed."

"Where the Hell do you put the bayonet?" (He said this while at a flamethrower demonstration. Apparently, Puller wanted to be ready to stab the men he set on fire.)

"Let 'em get in close. Don't waste ammo. Get your share! Remember, you don't hurt 'em if you don't hit 'em."

"Son, when the Marine Corps wants you to have a wife, you will be issued one." (This was Puller's response to a young Marine who was asking permission to be married.)

**The Months of December and January in Marine Corps History**

1 December 1947: The Corps' first helicopter squadron, HMX-1, was commissioned at Quantico. This Marine Corps helicopter squadron is responsible for the transportation of the President of the United States, Vice President, Heads of States, DOD Officials and other VIPs as directed by the Marine Corps and White House Military Office.

4 December 1950: LtCol Raymond G. Davis led his battalion into Hagaru-Ri, Korea after four days of intense fighting in the mountain passes against a numerically superior hostile force. His battalion, 1st Battalion, 7th Marines, helped clear the way for the 5th and 7th Marines, and LtCol Davis was awarded the Medal of Honor for his heroism.

6 December 1928: A small detail of Marines under Captain Maurice G. Holmes defeated Nicaraguan bandits near Chuyelite. GySgt Charles Williams was mortally wounded during the fighting. Capt Holmes was later awarded the Navy Cross for gallantry, and a posthumous award was given to GySgt Williams.

8 December 1941: Japanese aircraft attacked Wake Island within hours of the fateful attack on Pearl Harbor. Marines of the 1st Defense Battalion and Marine Fighting Squadron 211 resisted Japanese invasion attempts for over two weeks before finally succumbing to an overwhelming force.

9 December 1992: Marines of the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations capable) landed in Somalia kicking off Operation Restore Hope, the largest

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humanitarian relief operation of its kind.

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20 December 1989: Operation Just Cause was launched in Panama to protect American lives, restore the democratic process, preserve the integrity of the Panama Canal Treaty, and apprehend dictator General Manuel Antonio Noriega. One Marine, Corporal Garreth C. Isaak, was killed and three other were wounded during the operation.

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.

6 January 1859: BGen Archibald Henderson, (rt.) the 5th Commandant of the Marine Corps, died in office. He set the record for length of service as Commandant of the Marine Corps. He was appointed Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the Marine Corps on October 17, 1820, and served as Commandant in the three successive grades, Lieutenant Colonel, Colonel and Brigadier General (brevet rank) until his death, a total of 38 years, 2 months and 19 days.

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.

18 January 1951: Marines of the 1st Marine Division began mopping-up operations against guerrillas in the Pohang area, South Korea, following the Division's return from its epic battle with Communist Chinese troops at the Chosin (Changjin) Reservoir.

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.

25 January 1856: Marines and seamen from the U.S. sloop DECATUR went ashore at the village of Seattle, Washington, to protect settlers from Indian raids. The Indians launched a seven-hour attack but were driven off later that day after suffering severe losses. Incredibly, only two civilian volunteers were killed and no Marines or sailors were lost.

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.





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**

"Life is, at times, tough. And all we need to do is to prove that we are tougher than it."

~Sanhita Baruah~

"Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, vision cleared, ambition inspired, and success achieved." ~Helen Keller~

"Our greatest glory is not in never falling but in rising every time we fall."

~Confucius~

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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