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

WHAT'S NEW WITH THE 882

**Marine Corps Birthday Celebration - Nov. 10th, 7:00 P.M.,
at Glenfield Valley Vets**

Detachment Meeting - November 24th, at 7:30, at the Valley Vets

No meeting in October

*“There is no man living who isn’t capable of doing more than he thinks he can do.”
~Henry Ford~*

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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 Sr. Vice Nick Rymarchyk 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 Fratangelo, 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 Jim Dempsey to accept, 2nd by Tom Mann, motion carried.

Report of Members Sick and in Distress

Gary Farole reported that Bob Wagner had a knee replacement however is with us tonight.

Minutes of Ohio Valley Detachment 882 Detachment Meeting of September 29th, 2020

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 was held on September 5th. Commandant Mike Shaffer reported on the rifle match results as follows: 1st Place Individual High Shooter Gary Farole, 2nd Place Tom Mann, 3rd Place Mike Shaffer; 1st Place Team winner Ohio Valley, 2nd Place Bantam Marines; 1st Place High Shooter Scope Division Bob Fratangelo, 2nd Place Jim Dempsey. Mike reported that Millvale Club will have a Turkey rifle Match on October 3rd. Camp Perry 2021 National Match schedule are as follows: Modified Military August 6th, M1 Garand, 7th, M1A 8th and Sniper Match the 9th.

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

Commandant Shaffer reported on the results of the Department of PA League officers as follows: Commandant Bob Ziltz, Sr. Vice Dave Brady,

Jr. Tuesday, Vice Diana Henry, JA Walker.

New Business

Commandant Shaffer discussed having a Marine Corps Birthday Celebration at the club on Tuesday, November 10th since no Birthday Balls are being held in our area. Motion made by Tom Mann, 2nd by Jim Dempsey, motion carried. Also discussed was a Holiday Party to be held in December or January. The consensus was for January. Commandant stressed that we need to recruit new members and need fund raiser ideas.

Good of the League

Gary Farole offered a special thank you on behalf of the Detachment to Carl Curtis for his 600 + mile walk for PTSD awareness of Veterans from Kentucky toward Florida. Carl spoke on Veterans issues regarding getting your flu shots, face to face treatments and checkups are now reopening, Sean Parnell is a Combat Veteran running for Congress in the PA 17th District and he needs to hear from veterans to help with their concerns and issues.

Announcements

Next meeting is scheduled for November 24th, 2020 at 7:30, at the Valley Vets. No meeting in October

Adjournment

The regular Meeting adjourned at 2015.

13 members were on board.



MCL Activities Calendar**Detachment Meeting**

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Glenfield Valley Vets

Detachment Meeting

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**November Birthdays**

Nick Rymarchyk Don Wilson

Upcoming Rifle and Pistol Shoots

The
Millvale Sportsman's Club shooting schedule is:
Rifle / Pistol

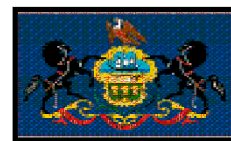
Presently, the Millvale Club is only open to members and family members. No shoots are scheduled.

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

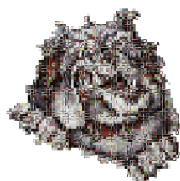
**National Marine Corps
League News**

The 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

"There is no heavier burden than an unfulfilled potential."
~Charles Schulz~

**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

**Devil Dog Update
Ohio River Devil Dogs, Pound 133****Devil Dogs and Marines!**

Listen up, Marines! The October 20th Growl had to be postponed because a lot of Dogs were unable to attend. I will supply you with the details for the next Growl as soon as possible 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

**"Your past is not your potential.
In any hour you can choose
to liberate the future."
~Marilyn Ferguson~**

**"Think big and don't listen to people
who tell you it can't be done.
Life's too short to think small."
~Tim Ferriss~**

Dues due for 2021

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

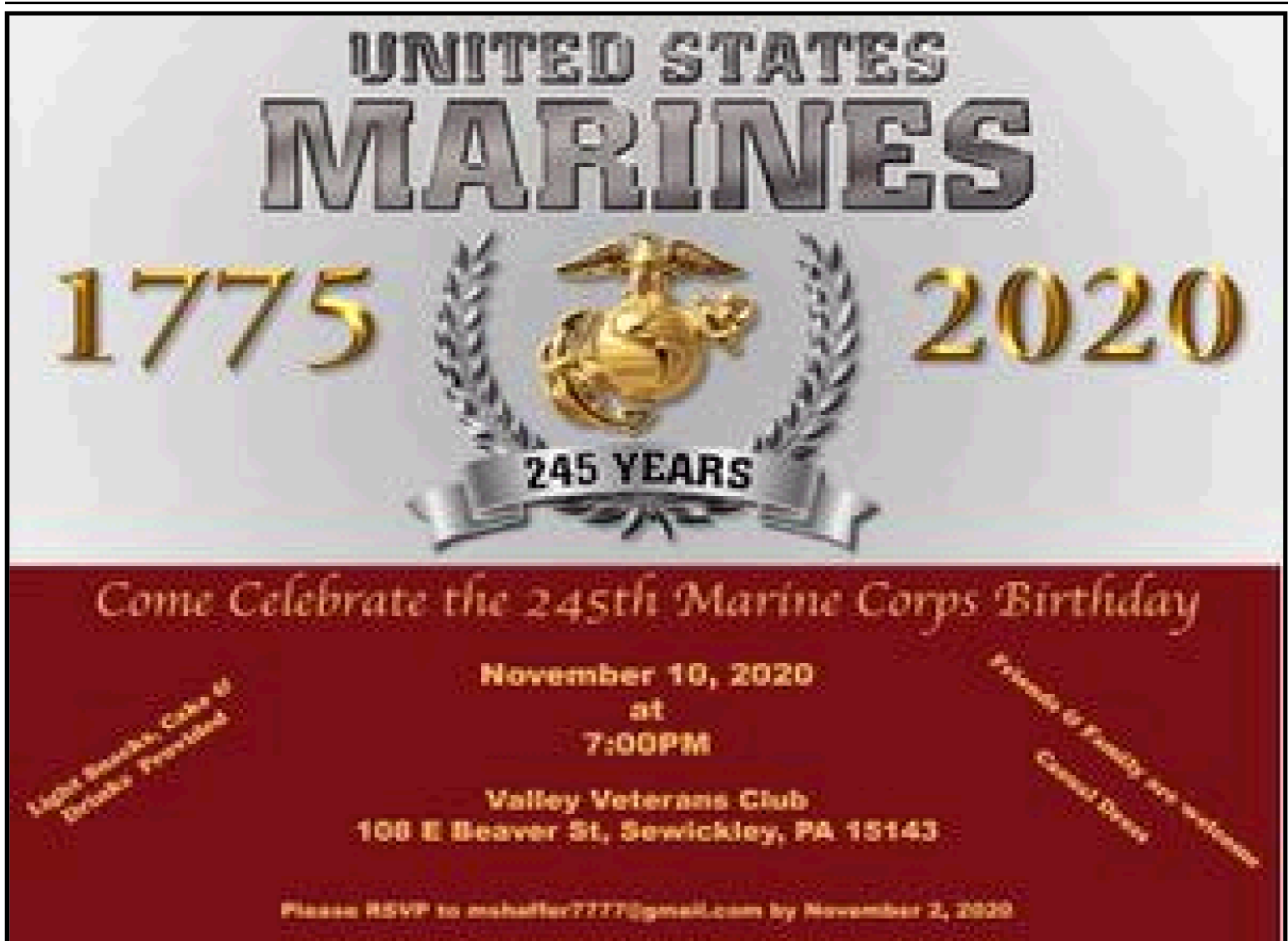
These members still owe dues.

Greg Cuthbert

Lukas Dennis

Herk Platts

Bill Shaffer



**UNITED STATES
MARINES**

1775 2020

245 YEARS

Come Celebrate the 245th Marine Corps Birthday

**November 10, 2020
at
7:00PM**

**Valley Veterans Club
100 E Beaver St, Sewickley, PA 15143**

Please RSVP to mshaffer7777@gmail.com by November 2, 2020

Light Weapons, Come & Salute Forward

Friends of Friends are welcome

Come & Celebrate

Detachment Activities

Marine Corps Birthday Celebration

Since there will be no Birthday Balls being held this year, our Detachment will sponsor a Marine Corps Birthday Celebration at the Valley Veterans club on Tuesday, November 10th , at 7:00 P.M. Come and have a great time!



*“The only person you are
destined to become
is the person you decide to be.”
~Ralph Waldo Emerson~*

This Month in Marine Corps History



1 October 1997: The first African-American female colonel in the Marine Corps was promoted to that rank during a ceremony at MCAS Cherry Point, NC. Colonel Gilda A. Jackson, a native of Columbus, Ohio, made Marine Corps history when she achieved the rank of colonel. She was serving as Special Projects Officer, 2d Marine Aircraft Wing at the time of her promotion.

5 October 1775: While meeting in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the 2d Continental Congress used the word "Marines" on one of the earliest known occasions, when

This Month in Marine Corps History (cont.)

it directed General George Washington to secure two vessels on "Continental risque and pay", and to give orders for the "proper encouragement to the Marines and seamen" to serve on the two armed ships.

6 October 1945: Major General Keller E. Rockey, Commanding General, III Amphibious Corps, accepted the surrender of 50,000 Japanese troops in North China on behalf of the Chinese Nationalist government.

8 October 1899: A force of 375 Marines under command of future Commandant George F. Elliott, attacked and captured the insurgent town of Novaleta, Luzon, Philippine Islands, and linked up with U.S. Army troops. There were 11 Marine casualties.

11 October 1951: A Marine battalion was flown by transport helicopters to a frontline combat position for the first time, when HMR-161 lifted the 3d Battalion, 7th Marines, and its equipment, during Operation Bumblebee, northeast of Yanggu, Korea. Military Operations in Urban Terrain (MOUT) was dedicated at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, by General Alfred M. Gray, Commandant of the Marine Corps.

19 October 1968: Operation Maui Peak, a combined regimental-sized operation which began on 6 October, ended 11 miles northwest of An Hoa, Vietnam. More than 300 enemy were killed in the 13-day operation. Smith landed at Inchon and began the Inchon-Seoul campaign.

23 October 1983: At 0622 an explosive-laden truck slammed into the BLT headquarters building in Beirut, Lebanon, where more than 300 men were billeted. The massive explosion collapsed the building in seconds, and took the lives of 241 Americans--including 220 Marines. This was the highest loss of life in a single day for Marines since D-Day on Iwo Jima in 1945.

28 October 1962: An 11,000-man 5th Marine Expeditionary Brigade left Camp Pendleton by sea for the Caribbean during the Cuban Missile Crisis. One week earlier, the entire 189,000-man Marine Corps had been put on alert and elements of the 1st and 2d Marine Divisions were sent to Guantanamo Bay to reinforce the defenders of the U.S. Naval Base. Other 2d Division units

and squadrons from five Marine Aircraft Groups were deployed at Key West, Florida, or in Caribbean waters during the Cuban crisis.

31 October 1919: A patrol of Marines and gendarmes, led by Sergeant Herman H. Hanneken, disguised themselves as Cacos and entered the headquarters of the Haitian Caco Leader, Charlemagne Peralte, killing the bandit chief, and dispersing his followers. Sergeant Hanneken and Corporal William R. Button were each awarded the Medal of Honor.



*"It's not what you've got,
it's what you use
that makes a difference."
~Zig Ziglar~*

Legendary Marines **Col. John Glenn**



Col. John Glenn is probably more famous for being the first American to orbit the earth than he is for his Marine Corps career. But he is a decorated Devil Dog with six Distinguished Flying Crosses, 18 Air Medals, and the Congressional Space Medal of Honor. He flew 122 combat missions in World War II and Korea and had three air-to-air kills to his credit. During a particularly harrowing mission in Korea, Glenn's wingman experienced engine trouble immediately before 6 enemy MiGs attacked him. Then-Maj. Glenn turned into the enemy jets and drove them off, killing at least one while giving his partner time to return to base. When the United States entered World War II, Glenn quit college to enlist in the U.S. Army Air Corps. He was not called to duty by the Army, and enlisted as a U.S. Navy aviation cadet in March 1942. During advanced training at Naval Air Station Corpus Christi in Texas, he accepted an offer to transfer to the U.S. Marine Corps. Upon completion in March 1943, Glenn was commissioned as a second lieutenant. After advanced training at Camp Kearny, California, he was assigned to Marine Squadron VMJ-353, which flew R4D transport planes from there. Glenn married Annie in a Presbyterian ceremony at College Drive Church in New Concord, Ohio, on April 6, 1943. The fighter squadron VMO-155 was also at Camp Kearny flying the Grumman F4F Wildcat. Glenn approached the squadron's commander, Major J. P. Haines, who suggested that he could put in for a transfer. This was approved, and Glenn was posted to VMO-155 on July 2, 1943, two days before the squadron moved to Marine Corps Air Station El Centro in California. The Wildcat was obsolete by this time, and VMO-155 re-equipped with the F4U Corsair in September 1943. He was promoted to first lieutenant in October 1943, and

shipped out to Hawaii in January 1944. VMO-155 became part of the garrison on Midway Atoll on February 21, then moved to the Marshall Islands in June 1944 and flew 57 combat missions in the area. He received two Distinguished Flying Crosses and ten Air Medals. At the end of his one-year tour of duty in February 1945, Glenn was assigned to Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point in North Carolina, then to Naval Air Station Patuxent River in Maryland. He was promoted to captain in July 1945 and ordered back to Cherry Point. There, he joined VMF-913, another Corsair squadron, and learned that he had qualified for a regular commission. In March 1946, he was assigned to Marine Corps Air Station El Toro in southern California. He volunteered for service with the occupation in North China, believing it would be a short tour. He joined VMF-218 (another Corsair squadron), which was based at Nanyuan Field near Beijing, in December 1946, and flew patrol missions until VMF-218 was transferred to Guam in March 1947.

In December 1948, Glenn was re-posted to NAS Corpus Christi as a student at the Naval School of All-Weather Flight before becoming a flight instructor. In July 1951, he traveled to the Amphibious Warfare School at Marine Corps Base Quantico in northern Virginia for a six-month course. He then joined the staff of the commandant of the Marine Corps Schools. He maintained his proficiency (and flight pay) by flying on weekends due to only being given four hours of flying time per month. He was promoted to major in July 1952. Glenn received the World War II Victory Medal, American Campaign Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal (with one star), Navy Occupation Service Medal (with Asia clasp), and the China Service Medal for his efforts.

Glenn moved his family back to New Concord during a short period of leave, and after two and a half months of jet training at Cherry Point, was ordered to South Korea in October 1952, late in the Korean War. Before he set out for Korea in February 1953, he applied to fly the F-86 Sabre jet fighter-interceptor through an inter-service exchange position with the U.S. Air Force (USAF). In preparation, he arranged with Colonel Leon W. Gray to

Legendary Marines (cont.)

check out the F-86 at Otis Air Force Base in Massachusetts. Glenn reported to K-3, an airbase in South Korea, on February 3, 1953, and was assigned to be the operations officer for VMF-311, one of two Marine fighter squadrons there while he waited for the exchange assignment to go through. VMF-311 was equipped with the F9F Panther jet fighter-bomber. Glenn's first mission was a reconnaissance flight on February 26. He flew 63 combat missions in Korea with VMF-311, and was nicknamed "Magnet Ass" because of the number of flak hits he took on low-level close air support missions; twice, he returned to base with over 250 holes in his plane. He flew for a time with Marine reservist Ted Williams (a future Hall of Fame baseball player with the Boston Red Sox) as his wingman, and also flew with future major general Ralph H. Spanjer.

In June 1953, Glenn reported for duty with the USAF's 25th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron, and flew 27 combat missions in the F-86, a much faster aircraft than the F9F Panther, patrolling MiG Alley. Combat with a MiG-15, which was faster and better armed still, was regarded as a rite of passage for a fighter pilot. On the Air Force buses that ferried the pilots out to the airfields before dawn, pilots who had engaged a MiG could sit while those who had not had to stand. Glenn later wrote, "Since the days of the Lafayette Escadrille during World War I, pilots have viewed air-to-air combat as the ultimate test, not only of their machines, but of their own personal determination and flying skills. I was no exception." He hoped to become the second Marine jet flying ace after John F. Bolt. Glenn's USAF squadron mates painted "MiG Mad Marine" on his aircraft when he complained about there not being any MIGs to shoot at. He shot down his first MiG in a dogfight on July 12, 1953, downed a second one on July 19, and a third on July 22 when four Sabres shot down three MiGs. These were the final air victories of the war, which ended with an armistice five days later. For his service in Korea, Glenn received two more Distinguished Flying Crosses and eight more Air Medals. Glenn also received the Korean Service Medal (with two campaign stars), United Nations Korea Medal, Marine

Corps Expeditionary Medal, National Defense Service Medal (with one star), and the Korean War Service Medal.

With combat experience as a fighter pilot, Glenn applied for training as a test pilot while still in Korea. He reported to the U.S. Naval Test Pilot School at NAS Patuxent River in Maryland in January 1954, and graduated in July. At Patuxent River the future Medal of Honor recipient, James Stockdale tutored him in physics and math. Glenn's first flight test assignment, testing the FJ-3 Fury, nearly killed him when its cockpit depressurized and its oxygen system failed. He also tested the armament of aircraft such as the Vought F7U Cutlass and F8U Crusader. From November 1956 to April 1959, he was assigned to the Fighter Design Branch of the Navy Bureau of Aeronautics in Washington, D.C., and attended the University of Maryland.

On July 16, 1957, he made the first supersonic transcontinental flight by flying an F8U Crusader 2,445 miles from Los Alamitos, California to Floyd Bennett Field in New York City in 3 hours, 23 minutes and 8.3 seconds, averaging supersonic speed despite three in-flight refuelings when speeds dropped below 300 miles per hour. Also, his on-board camera took the first continuous, transcontinental panoramic photograph of the United States. He received his fifth Distinguished Flying Cross for this mission, and was promoted to lieutenant colonel. Glenn calculated that an F8U Crusader could go faster than a .45 caliber bullet. He now had nearly 9,000 hours of flying time, including about 3,000 hours in jets.



John Glenn in his F4U Corsair



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-

mat 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 Facebook Page at **Ohio Valley MCL Detachment 882**

**"Great work is done by people
who are not afraid to be great."**

~Fernando Flores~

**"Find the place inside yourself
where nothing is impossible."**

~Deepak Chopra~

**"Sooner or later,
those who win are those
who think they can."**

~Richard Bach~

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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