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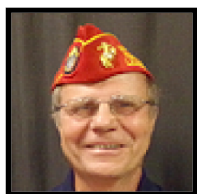
WHAT'S NEW WITH THE 882

Detachment Meeting at Glenfield Valley Vets - Tuesday, February 25th
National Mid Winter Conference - Tuesday, February 25th thru Sunday, March 1st
Spring Dept. Membership Mtg - Friday, March 20th and Saturday, March 21st

"The task of the leader is to get their people from where they are
to where they have not been."

~Henry Kissinger~

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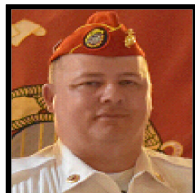
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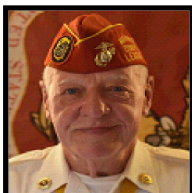
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Call to Order

The meeting of the Ohio Valley Detachment 882 was called to order at 1930 by Commandant Jim Brown at the Glenfield Valley Vets.

Officer's Roll Call

Showed Chaplain Ray Tedford and Sgt. at Arms Carl Curtis 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 Mike Shaffer, motion carried.

Correspondence

Adjutant read correspondence consisting of Veterans Service newsletter; thank you card from local Marine family for financial help; information on Tet Offensive reunion at the Fez on February 15th; thank you card from the Valley Vets for donation to breast cancer awareness fundraiser; Sewickley Memorial Day Committee request for participation in parade and Department of PA MCL news.

Report of the Paymaster

Marilou Farole gave the financial report for the months of December and January. Motion made by Tom Mann to accept, 2nd by Melvin Rizzo, motion carried.

Minutes of Ohio Valley Detachment 882 January 28th, 2020

Report of Members Sick and in Distress

Gary Farole reported on the passing of Associate members Sandy Brandenburg, sister of Marilou Farole, and Mary Jane Williams, wife of deceased member Captain Ernie Williams. Eddie Diehl had knee replacement surgery.

Rifle Team

Jim Dempsey reported that an Off-hand Valentines Shoot will be held on February 15th at Millvale Club, also a Pi Day shoot on March 14th. Mike Shaffer and Gary Farole set up a Detachment rifle match at Millvale on September 12th that will be open to all members in District 10.

Pistol Matches

No Report.

Color Guard

Gary Farole reported that we have been requested to provide a color guard for the annual Brave American Classic race on March 21st, 2020 at St Stephens Church. Tom Mann, Ray Tedford, Mike Shaffer, Jim Brown and Bob Fratangelo volunteered to participate. Mike Shaffer made a motion that we accept the Sewickley Memorial Day parade, 2nd by Nick Ry-marchyk, motion carried.

Quartermaster

No report

Devil Dogs

Jim Brown reported the next Growl will be held on May 19th, 2020 at the Valley Vets or outdoors if weather permits.

Old Business

Jr Vice Mike Shaffer reported on the Detachment holiday party with 45 in attendance. Food was provided by Mission Barbecue. Suggestions were made that we have door prizes at future parties.

New Business

Gary Farole reported on the Convention Hospitality room planning meeting held on January 26th with 23 members from District 10 detachments in attendance. Each Detachment is to contribute an auction basket and a bottle of booze. Plans are to provide a challenge coin and a bracelet to all in attendance at the convention. The next planning meeting is scheduled for April 26th at Allegheny Detachment in Springdale. Commandant Jim Brown noted that Nomination of Officers will be held at the February meeting, election in March and installation in April.

Good of the League

Commandant Jim Brown stated, "Recruit!, Recruit!, Recruit." He also noted that those members that have not yet paid their dues are past due as of August 31st.

Announcements

Valley Vets advised that a Casino trip will be taken on February 15th and seats are available on the bus, also 2020 dues are due by January 31st. Gary Farole reported that the Valley Vets are wanting military photos of detachment members to be

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Minutes (Cont.)

placed at Texas Roadhouse and at the club. Mike Shaffer will have available a scanner to scan your photo and return your original.

Adjournment

Next meeting is scheduled for February 25th, 2020
The regular Meeting adjourned at 2020. 15 members were on board.

**MCL Activities Calendar****Detachment Meeting**

Tuesday, February 25th, at 1930 hrs
Glenfield Valley Vets

National MCL Mid Winter Conference

Tuesday, February 25th thru Sunday, March 1st
Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel

Spring Department Membership Meeting

March 20th and 21st
Headquarters Building, Ft. Indiantown Gap., 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

The Millvale shooting schedule is:
Pi Day (3.14) Shoot - March 14, 2020
Sign up - 9:15 a.m., first round downrange at 10:00 A.M.
Match fee - \$10.00.
Any safe rifle, any sight.

Unlimited sighters any position for 10 minutes.
For score - 30 minutes to fire 30 rounds all in the
Unsupported Offhand Position at 100 yards.
1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners will win Pies.

Pistol

No pistol 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**

There will be a National Mid Winter
Conference held at the Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel
from Tuesday, February 25 to Sunday, March 1.
Last day to book the group rate was in January.
Address: 777 Waterside Drive, Norfolk, VA 23510
Reservations: 1-800-325-3535 or call the hotel direct at
(757) 622-6664.

For any National info, their website is:
www.mclnational.org/Home/tabid/569/Default.aspx

**Pennsylvania State
Marine Corps League News**

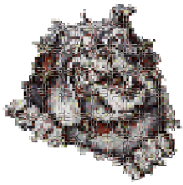
The **Spring Department Membership Meeting** will be held on **March 20th and 21st** at the Headquarters Building in Ft. Indiantown Gap., PA.
For sleeping arrangements or any other Departmental info, use the Department website at: www.pamcleague.org

Notice!

The Nomination of Officers was held in February. Additional Nominations and the Election will be held in March.
The Officer Installation will take place at the April Meeting.

These Marines Still Owe Dues

Greg Cuthbert Lukas Dennis Bill Shaffer



Devil Dog Update Ohio River Devil Dogs, Pound 133

Devil Dogs and Marines!

Listen up, Marines! We will hold a **Growl on Tuesday, May 19th** at the Glenfield Valley Vets. With the weather getting warmer, expect to have a great time. Also, it may be outside if that weather is bearable. Can't wait to see every Devil Dog. So, mark it on your calendars and show up for a great time. As always, if you can invite a Marine friend to come with you, do so because I know they'll have a tail wagging time. Also, if you are not a Devil Dog and want to join us, contact me or Gary Farole. It's always a great time when our Dogs get together!

**Woof!
Woof!**



DD Jim Brown
Pound Keeper - Pound #133

Detachment Activities

The Detachment Holiday Party held in December



OOOH, cake! A decoration that we can eat! YUM!



It's always good to see Walt Emerich and Bob Wagner.



Commandant and Pound Keeper Jim Brown with his wonderful wife Gwen.



Mike Shaffer brought his grandson. Could be his first Holiday Party of many.



Bob Fratangelo brought his sweet daughter.

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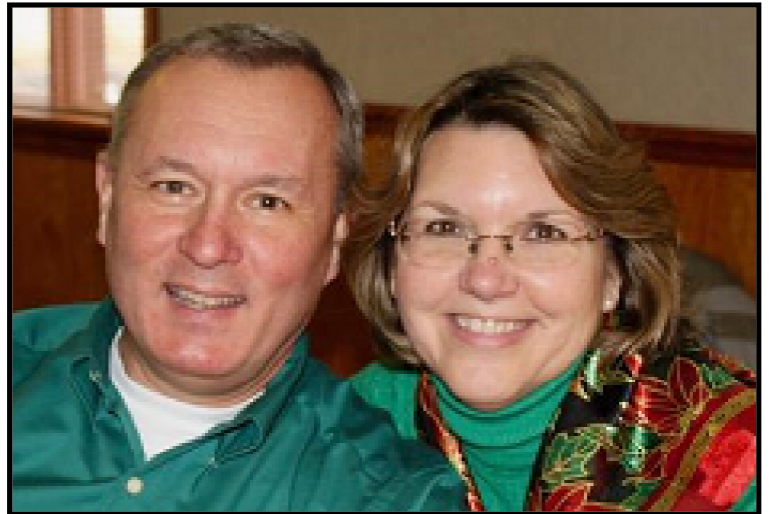
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Holiday Party



Kitty Curtis enjoyed a good time with her granddaughter.



Bob and Sandy Moisey always spread the Holiday cheer.



Bob and Karen Gettings brought a good friend.



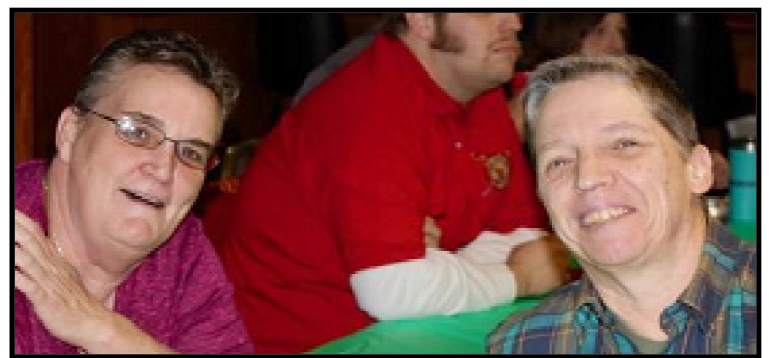
Howdie and Dee Thielman looked festive in bright red.



Dave Conley and Jim Brown talk before the meal.



J.R., Jim, and Ann Dempsey came out for a good time.



Deb McLaughlin and her friend Diane had a good time.

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Detachment Activities (Cont.)**Holiday Party**

Paul Mrkonja and Joanne Trella peruse the dessert table.



Some of the partyers.

Valentine's Day Rifle Shoot

This is one of the targets from the Valentine's Day Rifle Shoot.



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A Note from Gary

The Valley Vets and the Texas Steakhouse wants Military photos (when you were in the Corps) for their military wall salute. If you can scan a photo and send to me please do. Otherwise bring one to the net meeting and Mike Shaffer will scan it and return it to you.

Semper Fi,
Gary

"If your actions inspire others to dream more,
learn more, do more and become more,

you are a leader."

~John Quincy Adams~



Like the U.S. Mail, neither rain, nor snow, nor sleet,
nor hail could stop us!

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.

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 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 overseas. 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.



75th Anniversary of the Battle of Iwo Jima

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.



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**

**"Leadership and learning are
indispensable to each other."**

~John F. Kennedy~

**"The quality of a leader is reflected in
the standards they set for themselves."**

~Ray Kroc~

**"Do not follow where the path may lead.
Go instead where there is no path
and leave a trail."**

~Ralph Waldo Emerson~

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

Keith Sheldon