



# Jarhead News

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

### WHAT'S NEW WITH THE 882

**Detachment Meeting at Glenfield Valley Vets - Tuesday, October 30th**

**Marine Corps Birthday Ball - Saturday, November 10th**

**“Your calm mind is the ultimate weapon against your challenges.**

**So relax.”**

**~Bryant McGill~**

#### ELECTED OFFICERS

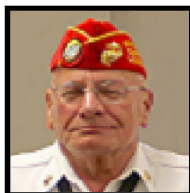


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**Judge Advocate  
Scott McBride**



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### Call to Order

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

### Officer's Roll Call

Showed Commandant Bill Shaffer, absent.

### Introduction of Guests

None.

### Application for Membership

None.

### Minutes

A motion was made by Ray Tedford to accept the minutes of last months meeting as printed in the Newsletter, 2nd by Nick Rymarchyk, motion carried.

### Correspondence

Adjutant read correspondence consisting of an email from new District Vice Fred Neilen regarding the up-coming District meeting on September 30th at Allegheny Valley Detachment in Springdale at 1400. Department Commandant Bob Ziltz and other Department Officers will be in attendance; an early email request for a color guard for March 3rd for the Brave American Classic Race at St. Stephens church.

### Report of the Paymaster

Marilou Farole gave the financial

report for the month of August. Motion made by Bob Fratangelo to accept 2nd by Don Wilson, motion carried.

### Report of Members Sick and in Distress

Jim Brown reported that his Brother is not doing well.

### Rifle Team

Gary Farole reported on Millvale matches for the month of October. The NRA matches will be held on October 14th and 28th, and a 100 yard offhand Turkey Shoot on October 6th. Gary Farole reported on the Reade Range Department rifle match on September 8th & 9th and noted that the shooting team made up of Scott McBride, Mike Shaffer, Tom Mann, Tom Banta (Forbes Trail Detachment) and Gary Farole took a 1st Place in the Expert Class. Gary noted that Bob Fratangelo and Gary volunteered for the Young Marine rifle shoot at Millvale on September 15th.

### Pistol Team

Gary Farole had no report.

### Color Guard

Gary reported that the Detachment provided a color guard at the Valley Vets Memorial on September 11th for a Boy Scout flag retirement ceremony with Ray Tedford, Bob Fratangelo, Tony Hetzer, Bob Wagner, Jim Brown and Gary Farole. The Detachment also provided a color guard for the Veterans Place Fundraiser at the Robert Morris University Complex on September 15th with Ray Tedford, Bob Fratan-

gelo, Tom Mann, Jim Brown and Gary Farole.

### Quartermaster

Gary Farole reported that supply items are available, if anyone needs additional items to let him know.

### Devil Dogs

Jim Brown reported that the next Growl is scheduled for October 16th at 1930 at the Valley Vets.

### POW / MIA

No Report

### Old Business

Jim Brown reported that everyones dues were due by August 31st and those still not paid please get them in to the Paymaster.

### New Business

Gary reported that Mike Shaffer has set up the Detachment Website and it is up and running. Gary asked that members send photos and/or items of interest to him for inclusion on the website. Jim Brown reported on the Vietnam Wall to be on display on October 10th thru the 14th at Murrys ville Community Park, Gary read a schedule of events for each day. Gary Farole made an award presentation to Scott McBride for being selected to the Chapel of Four Chaplains at the Department Convention in June.

### Good of the League

Carl Curtis reported on this years Veterans Day Parade in Beaver to be held on November 10th instead of the 11th due to regulations in Beaver that do not permit parades on

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Sundays. He also reported on the Veterans water act, benefits for Vietnam Veterans, and available flu shots at the VA Clinics.

**Announcements**

Next meeting is scheduled for October 30th, 2018

**Adjournment**

The regular Meeting adjourned at 2010.  
13 members and were on board.

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

Tuesday, October 30th, at 1930 hrs  
Glenfield Valley Vets

**Marine Corps Birthday Ball**

Saturday, November 10th  
Turners in Monaca, PA

**November Birthdays**

Nick Rymarchyk Don Wilson

**Upcoming Rifle and Pistol Shoots****Rifle**

The Millvale shooting schedule is:

**October Shoot:** 50 Shot NRA - 28th

**November Shoots:** No Matches

**Pistol**

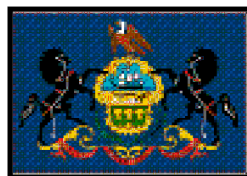
No pistol shoots are scheduled for now at the Millvale Club due to the PA Rifle Match.

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

**National Marine Corps  
League News**

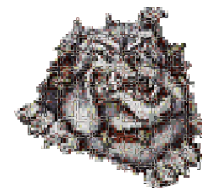
The **National Convention** was held on August 12th thru 18th in Buffalo, New York. Nothing has been posted yet. It will be reported when it is.

For any National info, their website is:  
[www.mclnational.org/Home/tabid/569/Default.aspx](http://www.mclnational.org/Home/tabid/569/Default.aspx)

**Pennsylvania State  
Marine Corps League News**

Scott McBride was awarded the Chapel of Four Chaplains Award at the Convention in June. An outstanding award for an outstanding Marine!

For any Departmental info, use the Department website at: [www.pamcleague.org](http://www.pamcleague.org)

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

The **Fall Growl** was held on **October 16th at 1930** at the **Glenfield Valley Vets** and a good time was had by all. The next Growl will be held in the Spring and I will let you know when in plenty of time so you can plan to attend. As always, if you can invite a Marine friend to come with you, do so because I know that they would have a good old time. Also, if you are not a Devil Dog and feel like you need a written invitation, well, here it is! It'll be great to see you there!

Woof!  
Woof!

DD Nick Rymarchyk  
Pound Keeper - Pound #133



**"Sometimes the most important thing  
in a whole day is the rest we take  
between two deep breaths."**

~Etty Hillesum~



### Detachment Activities Chapel of Four Chaplains Award



Scott McBride, (rt.), is presented with the Chapel of Four Chaplains Award by Adjutant Gary Farole. The Department awarded it to Scott at the Convention in June.

### Color Guard at the Veterans Place Fundraiser



Marilou Farole, (rt.), salutes as our Detachment Color Guard presents the Colors at the Veterans Place Fundraiser at the Robert Morris University Complex on September 15th.

**"Relax!  
Life is beautiful!"  
~David L. Wolper~**

### The Young Marine Rifle Shoot



Bob Fratangelo, (above), and Gary Farole, (below), volunteered at the Young Marine Rifle Shoot at the Millvale Sportsmen's Club on September 15th.



A Young Marine displays his deadly shooting with a target of shots that are mostly in the kill zone.

**"Life isn't as serious  
as the mind makes  
it out to be."  
~Eckhart Tolle~**



### Detachment Activities (cont.) District Meeting



Marilou Farole is here with Emil Zilka and Frank Bavetz at the District Meeting on Sept. 30th at the Allegheny Valley Detachment. Gary Farole took the picture.



*Winner, winner,  
turkey dinner!*

Gary Farole won a turkey at the Millvale Turkey Rifle Match on October 6th.



### Sgt. Maj. John Canley Recieves the Medal Of Honor

President Donald Trump bestowed the Medal of Honor to Marine Ret. Sgt. Maj. John Canley at a White House ceremony on Wednesday, October 17th. Canley was presented the award nearly 50 years after his heroic feat at the infamous battle of Hue City, Vietnam, that cost the lives of hundreds of American service members.

Then-Gunnery Sgt. Canley, was thrust into leading his Alpha company Marines at the beginning of the battle after his company commander was severely wounded. From January 31 to February 6, 1968, Canley led and defended his men from enemy attacks, and exposed himself to deadly machine gun and rocket fire from NVA soldiers who pounded the urban stronghold during the Tet Offensive.

Canley often ran into intense enemy fire to rescue wounded Marines. Twice, the gunny scaled a hospital compound wall in full sight of the enemy to rescue fallen comrades. Canley took care of his Marines, rarely slept during the battle, and single-handedly repelled multiple attacks by charging machine gun positions with law rockets and hand grenades.

During the seven days of intense combat, Canley saved the lives of nearly twenty Marines despite sustaining serious injuries,

For his heroic actions, Canley was originally awarded the Navy Cross, the nation's second highest award for combat valor. Marines who served under Canley during the Hue City firefight pushed for nearly 13 years to upgrade the gunny's award.

"I am accepting this on behalf of all the Marines I had the honor of serving with in Vietnam and who continue to be an inspiration to me every day," Canley said in a press release. "Their bravery and sacrifice is unparalleled."



Retired Marine Sgt. Maj. John Canley was U.S. Rep. Julia Brownley's guest at the State of the Union address in January.



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**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 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.

**Attention! Dues are Due!**

Because of the change to the dues payment time, all members and associates are required to pay their dues by August 31st. See Marilou Farole at the meeting or mail them to her.

These members still owe dues:

Chris Dempsey

Craig Lawhead

Bob Moisey

Gene O'Neill

Bob Price

Bill Shaffer



## Beirut International Airport Marine Barracks Bombing

Thirty five years ago, on October 23rd, 1983, at 6:22 a.m., a large delivery truck drove to the Beirut International Airport where the Marine Barracks was located. After turning onto an access road leading to the compound, the driver rushed through a barbed-wire fence, passed between two sentry posts, crashed through the gate, and slammed into the lobby of the barracks.

The driver detonated explosives with the power equal to more than 12,000 pounds of TNT. The explosion crumbled the four-story building, crushing 220 Marines, 18 sailors, and 3 soldiers who were stationed there to help keep the peace in a nation torn by war.



It was the bloodiest day in the Corps' history since World War II, when Marines fought to secure Iwo Jima.

( I look back and think that, at the time, I was only 28 and had just gotten married. I had my whole life ahead of me. Sadly, these men never got that chance.)

Rest in peace.



### 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 applications for the Pennsylvania Marine Corps League

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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.



**"Almost everything will work again  
if you unplug it for a few minutes...  
Including you."  
~Anne Lamott~**

**"The first and most important thing you need  
to be creative is to relax."  
~Holly Hunter~**

**"The time to relax  
is when you don't have time for it."  
~Sydney J. Harris~**

**"Tension is who you think you should be.  
Relaxation is who you are."  
~Chinese Proverb~**

### 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*