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

WHAT'S NEW WITH THE 882

Detachment Meeting - June 30th, 7:00 P.M., at Glenfield Valley Vets Detachment Picnic - Sunday, July 12th, 2:00 P.M., at Plum Park. Fair Oaks

""Negativity will distract you from your goals, so don't entertain it." ~Carlos Wallace ~

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Call to Order

The meeting of the Ohio Valley Detachment 882 was called to order at 1930 by Commandant Mike Shaffer online by way of Zoom Teleconference.

Officer's Roll Call Showed Chaplain Ray Tedford, Sr. Vice Nick Rymarchyk, Jr. Vice Tom Mann, and JA Jim

Dempsey absent.

Introduction of Guests
None

Application for Membership

None.

Minutes

A motion was made by Scott McBride to accept the minutes of last months meeting, 2nd by Jim Brown, motion carried.

Correspondence

Adjutant read correspondence consisting of email from the Department of PA regarding the changing of the convention; Veterans place request for donation; thank you letter from Valley Vets for donation and Marine Corps Heritage Foundation application for reduced price on purchasing bricks.

Report of the Paymaster Marilou Farole gave the financial report for the months of March and April. Motion made by Jim

Minutes of Ohio Valley Detachment 882 On line Meeting of May 26th, 2020

Dempsey to accept, 2nd by Scott McBride, motion carried.

Report of Members Sick and in Distress

Gary Farole reported Eddie Marx recuperating from a fall that broke the forearm and laceration of the head and the passing of Jim Dempsey's daughter.

Rifle Team

Commandant Mike Shaffer reported that Millvale Club is open to members and family members only at this time. No scheduled group matches. The Ohio Valley Department match is still on for September 5th.

Pistol Matches

No matches will be scheduled until the club reopens.

Color Guard

Gary Farole reported that all color guard activities have been cancelled due to the Coronavirus. The unveiling of the Coraopolis VFW memorial is postponed until a future date.

Quartermaster

No report

Devil Dogs

Dog Pound Keeper Jim Brown reported that the next Growl will be rescheduled after the club reopens.

Old Business

Commandant Mike Shaffer reported that the Department Convention Book ad is ready and awaiting a new date of submission. The Detachment Marine of the Year and Associate of the Year nomination will be conducted when the club opens for regular meetings.

New Business

Commandant Mike Shaffer reported that the annual family picnic is scheduled for July 12th at Plum Park in Leet Township. A flyer with request for reservations will be sent out shortly. The Marine Corps league Convention for October 15th, 16th, and 17th at Indiantown Gap Headquarters building. The District 10 will host the hospitality room and will need help. The detachment will need to get an auction basket together and 2 bottles of booze. Please call for rooms at the Lickdale Days Inn (717) 865-4064 and ask for "Marine Corps League Block".

Good of the League

Commandant Mike Shaffer reported on having a detachment family picnic at the Plum Park in Leet Township again. Gary noted that he has been in contact with the Township and they are not accepting reservations until sometime in May and he will contact them as soon as possible for a date. Commandant Shaffer asked for suggestions for a fundraiser. Marilou Farole suggested a raffle for a good quality outdoor grill and steaks. While the idea was deemed

Announcements

Carl Curtis reported that there is a backlog for care through the VA.

Adjournment

Next meeting is scheduled for June 30th, 2020 at 7:30, at Valley Vets. The regular Meeting adjourned at 2015.

8 members were on board online.



Listen Up, Marines!

If you haven't heard, this months Detachment Meeting will be held at 1900 hours in the Glenfield Valley Veterans Club.

MCL Activities Calendar



Detachment Meeting

Tuesday, June 30th Glenfield Valley Vets, 1900 hrs

Detachment Summer Picnic

Plum Park, Fair Oaks Sunday, July 12th, 1400 to 1700 hrs



July Birthdays

Joe Cirelli John Marabito Paul Mrkonja

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 and no rifle shoots or pistol shoots are scheduled for June, July, or August. The Ohio Valley rifle match scheduled for September 5th and possibly 6th is still on schedule and will count for the Department's Rifle match awards.

For shooting info, call Gary Farole at 412-741-7898 or Jim 5. Discredit your imagination! Dempsey at 724-266-7828.

These Marines Still Owe Dues

Greg Cuthbert Lukas Dennis Bill Shaffer

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 Department Convention has been rescheduled to October 15th, 16th, and 17th at Indiantown Gap Headquarters building. All meetings are either cancelled or on hold. For any other Departmental info, use the Department website at: www.pamcleague.org



Devil Dog Update Ohio River Devil Dogs, Pound 133

Devil Dogs and Marines!

Listen up, Marines! As you probably heard, the Valley Vets has opened and I

will be sure to inform you about our next Growl after I get the scuttlebutt on what we're allowed to do. I can't wait to see every Devil Dog when that time comes.

> Until then, stay safe. DD Jim Brown Pound Keeper - Pound #133



"Seven things negative people will do to you. They will...

- 1. Demean your value,
- 2. Destroy your image,
- 3. Drive you crazy!
- 4. Dispose your dreams!
- 6. Deframe your abilities and 7. Disbelieve your opinions!
- Stay away from negative people!"

~Israelmore Ayivor~

COURAGE HONOR COMMITMENT

Keith - Holmes VFW 402 Memorial Park in Coraopolis



WWII Veterans Memorial



Ohio Valley Marines Memorial Brick



Korean Veterans Memorial



Gary Farole Brick



Army, Marine Corps, and Navy Emblems



Walter Emerich Brick



Afghanistan Veterans Memorial



The VFW in Coraopolis recently restored their Veterans Memorial and offered inscribed memorial bricks so veterans would rightfully be honored. Shown are just a few of the many memorials and some of the Detachment 882 member's bricks that are on display.



Marilou Farole Brick



Air Force, Coast Guard, and Merchant Marine Emblems

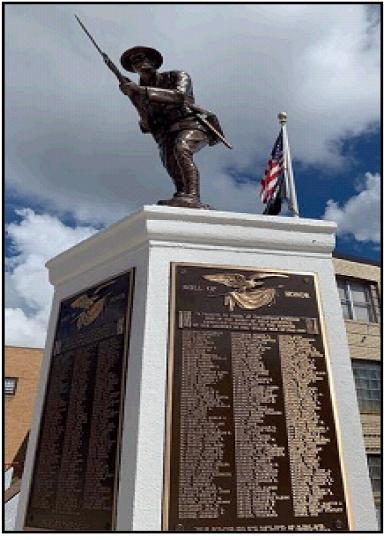


Michael Shaffer Brick



Iraq War Veterans Memorial

Coraopolis VFW Memorial Park (cont.)



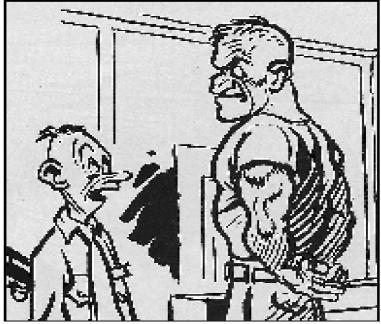
Here are the final touches to the Coraopolis VFW memorial, the restored WWl Doughboy and the name plaques.



One of the two views of the Memorial Park as workers finish up. If you would like to purchase a memorial brick, go to the



Keith - Holmes VFW 402 website or order online at the following Address: https://polarengraving.com/keith-holmesveteransofforeignwarspost402



I was chosen a squad leader due to my obviously superior intelligence.

"It is better to dwell on the beautiful things in life than the negative." ~Lailah Gifty Akita~

"To build self-esteem, you have to outface your negative beliefs about yourself and change them." ~Asmaa Dokmak~

The Month of June in Marine Corps History



2 June 1918: At dawn on this date, the crack German 28th Division attacked along the axis of the Paris-Metz road hitting the American 2d Division, including the 4th Marine Brigade. The Marines opened with deadly rifle fire and helped hand the German troops a setback which set the stage for Marine victory at Belleau Wood which would soon follow, although at great cost.

8 June 1995: A Marine tactical recovery team from the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit stationed on board the USS Kearsarge rescued a downed U.S. pilot, Captain Scott O'Grady, USAF, from Bosnian-Serb territory in Bosnia.

10 June 1898: The First Marine Battalion, commanded by LtCol Robert W. Huntington, landed on the eastern side of Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. The next day, Lt Herbert L. Draper hoisted the American flag on a flag pole at Camp McCalla where it flew during the next eleven days. LtCol Huntington later sent the flag with an accompanying letter to Colonel Commandant Charles Heywood noting that "when bullets were flying, ...the sight of the flag upon the midnight sky has thrilled our hearts."

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12 June 1961: President John F. Kennedy signed a Presidential Proclamation calling for the American flag to be flown at the Marine Corps War Memorial in Arlington, Virginia, "at all times during the day and night." Discussions between the Attorney General's office and Marine Corps officials earlier in 1961 on improving the visibility and appearance of the monument led to the proposal to fly the Flag continuously, which by law could only be done by Congressional legislation or by Presidential proclamation.

15 June 1944: Preceded by naval gunfire and carrier air strikes, the V Amphibious Corps assaulted the west coast of Saipan, Marianas Islands. By nightfall, the 2nd and 4th Marine Divisions, moving against heavy opposition, had established a beachhead 10,000 yards wide and 1,500 yards deep.

25 June 1950: Shortly before dawn, eight divisions of the North Korean People's Army crossed the 38th Parallel and invaded the Republic of Korea. Within three days, the South Korean capital city of Seoul had been captured. On 30 June, President Harry S. Truman ordered a naval blockade of the Korean coast and authorized the sending of U.S. ground troops to Korea. Two days later, General Douglas MacArthur, the Commander in Chief Far East, formally requested that a Marine regimental combat team be deployed to the Far East. 25 June 1966: In Vietnam, Operation Jay began about 30 kilometers northwest of Hue, and lasted nine days. The 2d Battalion, 4th Marines landed north of the North Vietnamese 812th Main Force Battalion, and the 2d Battalion, 1st Marines landed south of the enemy's position. Caught in between the two Marine units, the enemy suffered over 80 dead in nine days of fighting. **26 June 1918:** BGen James G. Harbord, the Commanding General of the 4th Marine Brigade, notified American Expeditionary Force Headquarters that Belleau Wood was "now U.S. Marine Corps entirely." After 20 days of combat, and at a cost of over 4,000 casualties, the 4th Brigade of Marines had proven its fighting heart. The grateful Commander of the French Sixth Army would soon decree that in all official correspondence, Belleau Wood would henceforth bear the name, "Bois de la Brigade de Marine."



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 Vet-

eran'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 format 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

""No matter how valuable you and your ideas are, fools will certainly play both of you down, so exclude yourselves from the inflammatory environs of fools."

~Michael Bassey Johnson~

"When we are aware of our weaknesses or negative tendencies, we open the opportunity to work on them." ~Allan Lokos

""No-one ever built a statue of a critic."
~David Nicholls~

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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