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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, November 27th Holiday Party - Saturday, January 12th

"Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow."

~Melody Beattie~

ELECTED OFFICERS



Commandant Bill Shaffer (724)-321-0056

Senior Vice Jim Brown (412)-370-0846



Junior Vice Nick Rymarchyk





APPOINTED OFFICERS



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HONOR

COURAGE

COMMITMENT

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Call to Order

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

Officer's Roll Call

Showed Chaplain Ray Tedford and JA Scott McBride, 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 as printed in the Newsletter, 2nd by Nick Rymarchyk, motion carried.

Correspondence

Adjutant read correspondence consisting of a thank you letter from Valley Vets Commander Walter Helgerman for the basket donation from the Detachment for the Summer Picnic fundraiser; Department information for upcoming meetings and convention date; list of Board and Trustees; email from District Vice on convention planning meeting on November 14th at Allegheny Valley Detachment home; Veterans Service newsletter.

Report of the Paymaster Marilou Farole gave the financial

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report for the month of September. Motion made by Nick Rymarchyk to accept, 2nd by Jim Dempsey, motion carried.

Report of Members Sick and in Distress

Nothing to report.

Rifle Team

Jim Dempsey reported that there are no matches scheduled for the month of November. Next match will be an Offhand match at 100 yards on December 15th.

Pistol Team

Gary Farole had no report.

Color Guard

Gary reported that the Detachment will participate in the Beaver County Veterans Day Parade on November 10th in Beaver. Muster time is 9:15 and we will have the van with our WWll 96 year old Veteran Steve Galisin riding shotgun.

Quartermaster

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

Devil Dogs

Nick Rymarchyk reported that the Growl was held on October 16th and noted that Jim Brown was elected as the new Pound Keeper.

POW / MIA

No Report

Old Business

None

New Business

Commandant Bill Shaffer reported that we have secured the Valley Vets for our annual Holiday Party to be held on January 12th. Bill asked for volunteers to assist in planing. Commandant Shaffer noted that we should consider our annual donations for needy veterans organizations as well as to the Valley Vets. Carl Curtis suggested that we try to help veterans in need in our local area.

Good of the League

Commandant Shaffer said that we should be thinking about fundraisers for 2019 with a projected income of \$4,000.00. Questions came up about the availability of Department lottery calendars. Gary will check with District Vice.

Announcements

Next meeting is scheduled for November 27, 2018.

Adjournment

The regular Meeting adjourned at 2015.

19 members and were on board.



MCL Activities Calendar



Detachment Meeting

Tuesday, November 27th, at 1930 hrs Glenfield Valley Vets

Holiday Party

Saturday, January 12th at 15:00 hrs Glenfield Valley Vets



December Birthdays

Paul Collier Marilou Farole Charles Koval Tom Mann Bob Wagner

Upcoming Rifle and Pistol Shoots



Rifle

The Millvale shooting schedule is: **November Shoots:** No Matches

December Shoots: Offhand match, 100 yards - 15th.

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



No news at this time.

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



Pennsylvania State Marine Corps League News

The **2019 Department Winter Meetings** will be held on **January 18th & 19th** at the Holiday Inn in Harrisburg (Hershey), 604 Station Road, Grantville, PA. Sleeping Arrangements @ Holiday Inn. Room Rates: \$92.00 + applicable Taxes. Book on-line with Group Code: MCL

For any Departmental info, use the Department website at: www.pamcleague.org

Devil Dog Update Ohio River Devil Dogs, Pound 133



Devil Dogs and Marines!

At the **Fall Growl** that was held on October 16th, I, DD Jim Brown was elected to be the Poundkeeper. We had a great time while Nick was the Poundkeeper, and I want to continue to make sure that we always do the same. The next Growl will be held in the Spring and I will let you know the date 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 howling good time. Also, if you are not **Woof!**

or Gary Farole. It'll be great to see you

a Devil Dog and want to join us, contact me

there!

DD Jim Brown Pound Keeper - Pound #133

<u>Detachment Activities</u> Veterans Day Parade



Our Detachment marched in the Veterans Day Parade on Saturday, November 10th in Beaver. They were, (Front row, from lt to rt), Bob price, Ray Tedford, Tony Hetzer, Jim Brown, Tom Mann and, (back row), Gary Farole.

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Woof!

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<u>Detachment Activities</u> <u>Veterans Breakfast at Aiken Elementary</u> School



Gary Farole took this picture of Marilou when they attended the Veterans Breakfast at Aiken Elementary

School on November 9th.



The Veterans at the breakfast gathered for a group picture.

"Thankfulness is the beginning of gratitude. Gratitude is the completion of thankfulness.

Thankfulness may consist merely of words.

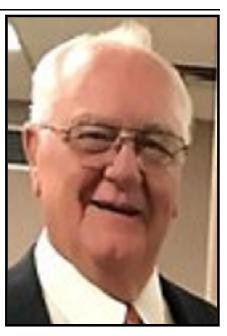
Gratitude is shown in acts."

~Henri Frederic Amiel~

<u>Passing</u>

ROBERT W. "BOB" PRICE

Age 81, of Cranberry
Twp., passed away on
Saturday, November
10, 2018 at Heritage
Valley Health System
in Beaver. Born August
2, 1937 in York, PA, he
was the son of the late
William Robert Price
and Ellen Rita
Hollister Price. Bob
was a member of St.



BOB PRICE

Ferdinand Catholic Church and a member of the Cranberry Men's Club. He proudly served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1955-1958. Bob was a retired Pennsylvania State Trooper. He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Police, the U.S. Marine Corps League and Co-Founder of the Pennsylvania State Police Camp Cadet program. Bob served on the Cranberry Twp. Board of Supervisors for 17 years. He will be dearly missed and fondly remembered. Bob leaves behind to cherish his memory his children, Erika A. (Bartley) Morrow of Mars, and Kevin M. Price of Cranberry Twp.; his grandchildren, Haley, Casey and Stephanie; his great-grandchildren, Lyla and Blayze; his brother, Richard M. (Nancy) Price of Chesapeake, VA.; and his loving companion, Jeannie Gartner. In addition to his parents, Bob was preceded in death by his loving wife of 54 years, Patricia Ann Miller Price, who passed away in 2015. Bob was laid to rest at Jefferson Memorial Park in Pleasant Hills.

These members still owe dues:

Chris Dempsey
Gene O'Neill

Craig Lawhead Bill Shaffer

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The 100th Anniversary of the WW I Armistice

It has been called THE GREAT WAR and THE WAR TO END ALL WARS. We know it as WORLD WAR I. It began in 1914 and ended with an armistice at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month in 1918. The cost...included 52,947 dead and 202,628 wounded Americans. After war was declared on 6 April 1917 the U.S. began preparations to enter the morass of European trench warfare. In June 1917, transport ships began ferrying carrying U.S. troops of the American Expeditionary Force to France. However, the "Doughboys," as the British referred to the green American troops, were said to be untrained and ill-equipped, untested for the rigors of fighting along the Western Front. Nevertheless, the war-weary Allied armies enthusiastically welcomed the fresh American troops. In 1918, the Yanks won a small but important victory at Cantigny, stopped the German attack toward Paris at Belleau Wood and along the Marne, played the major role in turning the tide of the war at Soissons, eliminated the German salient at St Mihiel that had existed for four years, smashed the Hindenburg Line at Blanc Mont and again in the Meuse-Argonne, driving the Germans back across the Meuse River to the north and east by the time the Armistice was signed. The inexperienced and hastily trained Americans took severe casualties but were ultimately victorious in every major battle they fought. At the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, the Great War ends. At 5 a.m. that morning, Germany, bereft of manpower and supplies and faced with imminent invasion, signed an armistice agreement with the Allies in a railroad car outside Compiégne, France. The First World War left nine million soldiers dead and 21 million wounded, with Germany, Russia, Austria-Hungary, France, and Great Britain each losing nearly a million or more lives. In addition, at least five million civilians died from disease, starvation, or exposure

"Never take anything for granted." ~Benjamin Disraeli~

The 75th Anniversary of the Battle of Tarawa

The Battle of Tarawa was a battle in the Pacific Theater of World War II that was fought on 20–23 November 1943. It took place at the Tarawa Atoll in the Gilbert Islands, and was part of Operation Galvanic, the U.S. invasion of the Gilberts. Nearly 6,400 Japanese, Koreans, and Americans died in the fighting, mostly on and around the small island of Betio, in the extreme southwest of Tarawa Atoll. The Battle of Tarawa was the first American offensive in the critical central Pacific region. It was also the first time in the Pacific War that the United States had faced serious Japanese opposition to an amphibious landing. Previous landings met little or no initial resistance, but on Tarawa the 4,500 Japanese defenders were well-supplied and well-prepared, and they fought almost to the last man, exacting a heavy toll on the United States Marine Corps. U.S. Divisions suffered similar casualties throughout the duration of other previous campaigns, such as over the six months of the Guadalcanal Campaign, but the losses on Tarawa were incurred within the space of 76 hours.



Lt Alexander Bonnyman (4th from right at top and inset

at right) and his assault party storming a Japanese stronghold.

Bonnyman received the Medal of Honor posthumously.



This Month in Marine Corps History



1 November 1983: 300 Marines of the 22d Marine Amphibious Unit staged an amphibious and helicopter landing on the island of Carriacou, 15 miles northeast of Grenada, in a search for Cuban military installations or personnel. 17 Grenadian soldiers were captured, and arms, ammunition, and training sites were found. The next day the 22d MAU left the Caribbean area and proceeded to Beirut, Lebanon to replace the 24th MAU.

8 November 1990: President Bush announced that he planned to add more than 200,000 U.S. troops to those already deployed in Operation Desert Shield in the Persian Gulf area. The number of Marines in the area would be doubled by the addition of II MEF units from the Corps' east coast bases, and the 5th MEB from California. Within the next two months, Marine strength in the objective area would increase to nearly 90,000 Marines.

10 November 1921: This date marked the first formal commemoration of the birthday of the Marine Corps as 10 November. On 21 October 1921, Maj Edwin McClellan, OIC of the Historical Section, HQMC, sent a memo to MajGen Commandant John A. Lejeune, suggesting that the original birthday of 10 November 1775 be declared a Marine Corps holiday to be celebrated throughout the Corps. Accordingly, on 1 Nov 1921, Gen Lejeune issued Marine Corps Order No. 47 summarizing the history, mission, and tradition of the Corps, and directed that it be read to every command each 10 November.

13 November 1982: The Vietnam Veterans Memorial, containing the names of more than 13,000 Marines who lost their lives in Vietnam, was dedicated this date at the Memorial site in Washington, D.C. The dedication and parade that preceded it were part of a week-long National Salute to Vietnam Veterans.

17 November 1918: The 4th Marine Brigade, as part of the 2d Division, American Expeditionary Force, began its march to the Rhine River, passing through Belgium

and Luxembourg, as part of the American forces occupying a defeated Germany.

20 November 1943: The 2d Marine Division, commanded by Major General Julian C. Smith, landed on Betio Island, Tarawa Atoll, Gilbert Islands. After seventy-six hours of bitter fighting during which almost 1,000 Marines died, and more than 2,000 were wounded, MajGen Smith declared the island secure.

25 November 1968: The conclusion of Operation Lancaster II ended 10 months of action against the Viet Cong and North Vietnamese Army troops in the west-central sector of the demilitarized zone region. Over 1,800 enemy were killed, 42 captured, and 913 weapons seized during the operation.

27 November 1950: In a carefully planned assault, eight Chinese Communist divisions in Korea launched a massive attack which had as its expressed purpose, the destruction of the 1st Marine Division. This action led to the successful southward Marine Corps attack out of the Changjin (Chosin) Reservoir to the coastal port of Hungnam.

Our platoon then entered a forming period where we became familiar with Marine Corps routine and termi-

nology.



"But sir, when we came in, you said everyone should get a sack."

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.

<u>Life Membership</u> "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 Specialty License Plate. Show your pride for the Marine Corps League. For your convenience, a copy of the application form can be downloaded in PDF format by going to this website: http://pamcleague.org/mclpalic.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 membermust request one.



"Gratitude is the sign of noble souls." ~Aesop~

"Be grateful for what you have and stop complaining - it bores everybody else, does you no good, and doesn't solve any problems." ~Zig Ziglar~

"Some people are always grumbling because roses have thorns; I am thankful that thorns have roses." ~Alphonse Karr~

"When you practice gratefulness, there is a sense of respect toward others." ~Dalai Lama~

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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