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

Happy Birthday, Marines!

WHAT'S NEW WITH THE 882

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

"Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice, and most of all, love of what you are doing or learning to do." ~Pele~

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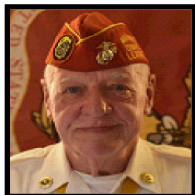
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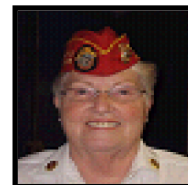
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Call to Order

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

Rifle Team

Jim Dempsey reported that Millvale Club is open to members and

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

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.



"Success is where preparation and opportunity meet."
~Bobby Unser~

MCL Activities Calendar**Detachment Meeting**

November 24th, 7:30 P.M.

Glenfield Valley Vets

**December Birthdays**

Paul Collier Marilou Farole

Charles Koval Tom Mann

Bob Wagner

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:

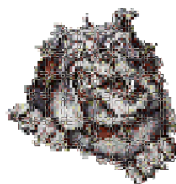
www.mclnational.org/Home/tabid/569/Default.aspx

Pennsylvania State Marine Corps League News

All meetings are either cancelled or on hold. For any Departmental info, use the PA Department website at: www.pamcleague.org

Dues due for 2021

All members should have paid their dues by August 31st. Herk Platts still owes dues.

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

Detachment Activities
Veteran's Day Color Guard

Our Detachment provided a Color Guard for Veteran's Day. They were, from left, Bob Moisey, Bob Fratangelo, Jim Brown, Mike Shaffer, and Gary Farole.

Toys for Tots

The Marine Corps Toys for Tots program is in full swing with a short collection period due to the Covid. The Valley Vets Club has collection boxes and cash cans available at the club. Many parents lost their jobs this year due to closing of businesses during the Pandemic and will be unable to provide for their children.

If you are able, bring a toy or cash to next Tuesday's meeting and make a drop. Veterans families definately need help for their children. Lets give them help.

Semper Fi

Gary

Detachment Activities (Cont.)**Marine Corps Birthday Celebration**

Since there were no Birthday Balls to attend this year, our Detachment sponsored a Marine Corps Birthday Celebration at the Valley Vets club on November 10th.



Commandant Mike Shaffer welcomes all of the guests.



Jr. Vice Commandant Tom Mann reads Commandant John Lejeune's Marine Corps Birthday message.



Sgt. at Arms Carl Curtis and Adjutant Gary Farole present the cake. 245 years of honor and pride!



Sgt. at Arms Carl Curtis cuts the first piece of cake.



Bob Wagner, the oldest attending Marine, is called forward by Carl Curtis. Paul Mrkonja, at rt., was the youngest Marine.

Detachment Activities (Cont.)
Marine Corps Birthday Celebration



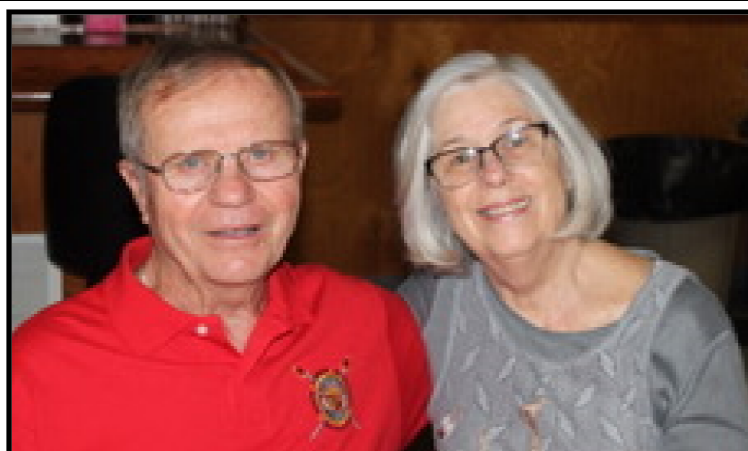
Bob Wagner (rt.) receives a piece of cake from Gary Farole.



Some of the attendees watch the ceremony.



Jim and J.R. Dempsey discuss the evening's events.




Jim and Gwen Brown enjoyed the night out.



Happy Birthday, Marines!



The upside down glass is set on the Missing Man Table in memory of the awesome Marines we have lost. 

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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.

24 November 1992: Marines lowered the flag at Subic Bay, U.S. Naval Facility, Republic of the Philippines, for the last time during ceremonies to turn over the facility to the government of the Philippines. The withdrawal ended almost a century of U.S. presence in that nation.

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.

**District 10 Raffle Tickets**

 Allegheny Valley Marine Corps League #827 	
District #10 BENEFITTING	
Guardian Angels Medical Service Dog, Inc. AND Robin's Home, Servicing Women Veterans	
PHANTOM FIREWORKS IWO JIMA FIREWORKS PACKAGE	
Winning Numbers from the PA "Pick 3" 7:00 PM Evening Lottery First 3 digit Number Drawn No Bonus or Wild Numbers eligible DRAWING DATE: Friday January 15, 2021 <small>MUST BE AT LEAST 18 YEARS OF AGE TO PURCHASE TICKET</small>	
Donation \$1.00	SBGC # 21051
Thank You for Your Support!	

No. 746

The Detachment has been asked to sell or purchase 50 of these tickets to support the District 10 Fundraiser for the 2021 Hospitality room. Only \$1.00 per ticket and 2 worthy causes. Call Gary to purchase them.

Legendary Marines**Carlos Norman Hathcock II**

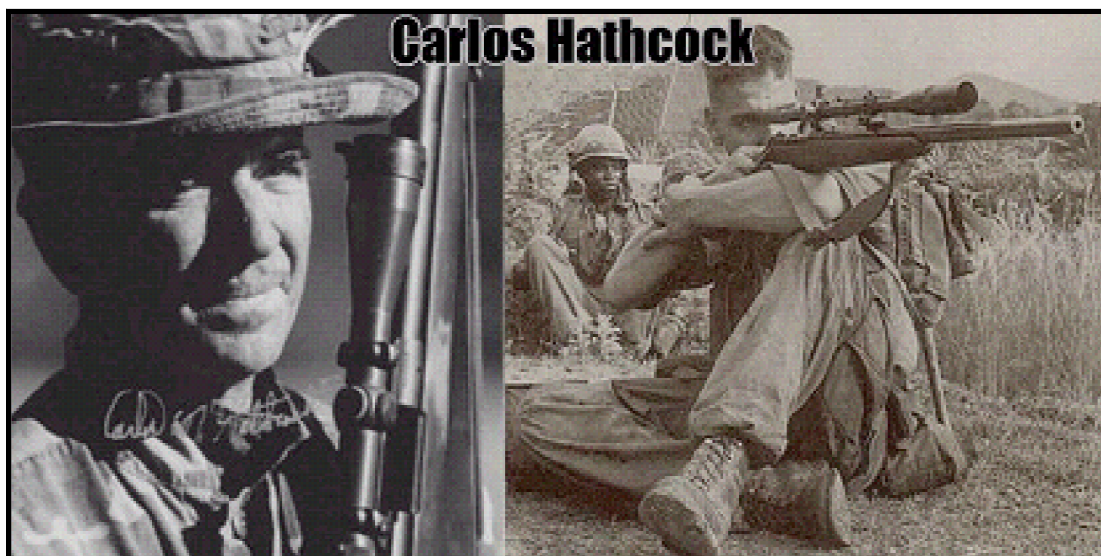
May 20, 1942 – February 22,
1999

Carlos Hathcock is one of America's greatest snipers. He joined the Marine Corps on his 17th birthday in 1959. He distinguished himself as a marksman in basic training, set a record that was never beaten at the "A" course at USMC Air Station Cherry Point, North Carolina, and defeated 3,000 other shooters to win the coveted Wimbledon Cup for snipers.

He was originally deployed to Vietnam as a military police officer in 1966 but was soon sent on reconnaissance patrols and then employed as a sniper, where he was credited with 93 confirmed kills, including the record-breaking 2,500-yard kill of a guerrilla with an M2 .50-cal. machine gun in single-shot mode.

One of Hathcock's most famous accomplishments was shooting an enemy sniper through the enemy's own rifle scope. The sniper, known only as the "Cobra," had already killed several Marines and was believed to have been sent specifically to kill Hathcock. When Hathcock saw a glint of the enemy sniper's scope in the bushes, he fired at it, shooting through the scope and killing the sniper. Hathcock took possession of the dead sniper's rifle, hoping to bring it home as a "trophy", but after he turned it in and tagged it, it was stolen from the armory. The North Vietnamese People's Army of Vietnam (PAVN). put rewards on U.S. snipers that typically ranged up to \$2,000. Hathcock held the record for highest bounty of \$30,000 (US) for killing so many of their men and he killed every known Vietnamese marksman who sought to collect it.

The Viet Cong and PAVN called Hathcock *Lông Trắng*, translated as "White Feather Sniper", because of the white feather he kept in a band on his bush hat. After a platoon of Vietnamese snipers was sent to hunt down



"White Feather", many Marines in the same area donned white feathers to deceive the enemy. These Marines were aware of the impact Hathcock's death would have and took it upon themselves to make themselves targets in order to confuse the counter-snipers.

A female Viet Cong platoon leader called "the Apache woman," with a reputation for torturing captive U.S. Marines, was killed by Hathcock around the firebase at Hill 55.

Hathcock only once removed the white feather from his bush hat while deployed in Vietnam. During a volunteer mission days before the end of his first deployment, for four days and three nights, without sleep, he crawled, inch-by-inch, over 1,500 yards of field to shoot a PAVN General. Hathcock said he was almost stepped on as he lay camouflaged with grass and vegetation in a meadow shortly after sunset. At one point he was nearly bitten by a bamboo viper, but had the presence of mind to avoid moving and giving up his position. As the General exited his encampment, Hathcock fired a single shot that struck the General in the chest, killing him.

After that mission, in 1967, Hathcock returned to the United States, but he missed the Marine Corps, and returned to Vietnam in 1969, where he took command of a platoon of snipers.

On September 16, 1969, Hathcock's career as a sniper came to a sudden end along Highway 1, north of LZ Baldy, when the LVT-5 he was riding on struck an

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Legendary Marines (Cont.)

anti-tank mine. Hathcock pulled seven Marines from the flame-engulfed vehicle, suffering severe burns (some third-degree) to his face, arms and legs, before someone pulled him away and placed him in water because he was unaware of how badly he had been burnt. While recovering, Hathcock received the Purple Heart. Nearly 30 years later, he received a Silver Star for this action.

After returning to active duty, Hathcock helped establish the Marine Corps Scout Sniper School at the Marine base in Quantico, Virginia. Due to his extreme injuries suffered in Vietnam, he was in nearly constant pain, but he continued to dedicate himself to teaching snipers. In 1975, Hathcock's health began to deteriorate, and he was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis. He ultimately received a permanent disability separation.

After his discharge, Hathcock provided sniper instruction to police departments and select military units, such as SEAL Team Six.

Hathcock died on February 22, 1999, in Virginia Beach, Virginia, from complications resulting from multiple sclerosis. He is buried at Woodlawn Memorial Gardens in Norfolk, Virginia.

Hathcock's record and the extraordinary details of the missions he undertook made him a legend in the U.S. Marine Corps. He was honored by having a rifle named after him: a variant of the M21 dubbed the Springfield Armory M25 White Feather, for the nickname given to him by the PAVN.



"Er - they all musta went thru th' same hole."

A Note from Gary

The VA is now giving the new improved Shingle Vaccine. Even if you had one years ago, you need to get a new one. The older shot was only about 70% effective. The new shot is 95% effective and is given in two doses a few months apart. Marilou and I got ours recently.

Please check this out for your safety.

Shingles are no fun to have.



Gary and Marilou Farole looking sharp!



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**

**"Patience, persistence and perspiration
make an unbeatable combination
for success."
~Napoleon Hill~**

**"Your positive action combined with
positive thinking results in success."
~Shiv Khera~**

**"Some people dream of success,
while other people get up every morning
and make it happen."
~Wayne Huizenga~**

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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