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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, February 26th
Department Mid-Winter Conference - February 28th- March 2nd
Spring Department Membership Mtg - Friday & Saturday, March 15th & 16th

**"Real generosity toward the future lies in giving all to the present."
~Albert Camus~**

ELECTED OFFICERS



**Commandant
Bill Shaffer**
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**Senior Vice
Jim Brown**
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**Junior Vice
Nick Rymarchyk**



**Judge Advocate
Scott McBride**

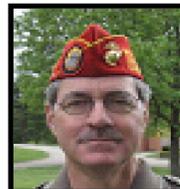


APPOINTED OFFICERS



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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, Jr. Vice Nick Rymarchyk, and Chaplain Ray Tedford absent.

Introduction of Guests

Jr. Vice introduced Bev McLaughlin a Woman Marine.

Application for Membership

Lukas Dennis - application was presented by Carl Curtis and noted that he was unable to attend. A motion to accept for membership was made by Gary Farole, 2nd by Carl Curtis motioned carried. He will be sworn in as soon as he is available.

Minutes

A motion was made by Mike Shaffer to accept the minutes of last months meeting as printed in the Newsletter, 2nd by Jim Dempsey, motion carried.

Correspondence

Adjutant read correspondence consisting of thank you letters from Veterans Place of Pittsburgh and Valley Vets for donations; Bob Price family for assistance in his passing; a request from the Sewick-

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ley Memorial Day Committee regarding attendance at the Memorial Day parade and activities.

Report of the Paymaster

Marilou Farole gave the financial report for the month of November and December. Motion made by Bob Wagner to accept, 2nd by Mike Shaffer, motion carried.

Report of Members Sick and in Distress

Bob Wagner reported on member Jim Hockenberger who is not doing very well at all and is in the VA Hospital.

Rifle Team

Jim Dempsey reported that an Off-hand Match at 100 yards will be held on February 16th. Regular shooting schedule will resume in April.

Pistol Team

Gary Farole had no report.

Color Guard

Gary reported that the Detachment has been requested for an indoor color guard on March 9th at 8:30 at St. Stephens Church for the kickoff for the Brave American Classic race and Sewickley memorial day parade and activities.

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 will held on March 12th at 1930 at the Valley Vets.

POW / MIA

No Report

Old Business

The Holiday party went well with great hourderves, good food and drinks, and fellowship.

New Business

Gary Farole presented awards that he received from District Vice Fred Neilen: 1st Place Americanism Award - Kitty Curtis, 1st Place Expert Rifle Team - Tom Mann, Mike Shaffer, Scott McBride, Tom Banta and Gary Farole; 1st Place Individual Marksmanship Rifle - Gary Farole; National Appreciation for Detachment exceeding membership, Certificate of Appreciation for Newsletter and Editor - Keith Sheldon. Sr. Vice Jim Brown announced that Nomination of officers will take place in February, Nomination and Election in March and installation in April. He also noted that the Marine of the Year and Associate of the Year will take place in March.

Good of the League

Sr. Vice Commandant Jim Brown again said that we should be thinking about fundraisers for 2019.

Announcements

Next meeting is scheduled for February 26, 2019.

Adjournment

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

*"The greatest gift you ever give is your honest self."
~Fred Rogers~*

MCL Activities Calendar



Detachment Meeting

Tuesday, February 26th, at 1930 hrs
Glenfield Valley Vets

National Mid-Winter Conference

Thursday thru Saturday, February 28th - March 2nd
Fredricksburg, VA

Spring Department Membership Meeting

Friday & Saturday, March 15th & 16th
Headquarters Bldg, Jonestown / Lebanon, PA

March Birthdays

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|---------------|----------------|
| Jim Dempsey | Bob Fratangelo |
| Curt Koah | Rich Kost |
| Ashley Kowtko | Mike Reuland |
| John Williams | |



Upcoming Rifle and Pistol Shoots



Rifle

The Millvale shooting schedule is:
No shoots until April.



Pistol

No pistol shoots are scheduled for now at the Millvale Club
For shooting info, call Gary Farole at 412-741-7898 or Jim Dempsey at 724-266-7828.

Of Special Note:

Nomination of Officers will be held in February,
2nd Nomination and Election in March,
and Installation in April.



National Marine Corps League News

The **National Mid-Winter Conference** will be held on February 28th thru March 2nd at the Fredricksburg Hospitality House Hotel & Conference Center in Fredricksburg, VA.
Room Rates: \$99.00 dbl. + applicable taxes. For reservations, call (540) 786-8321. Reservations can be made now. For any National info, their website is:
www.mclnational.org/Home/tabid/569/Default.aspx

Pennsylvania State Marine Corps League News



The **2019 Spring Department Membership Meeting** will be held on **March 15th & 16th** at the Headquarters Bldg, 3 Everest Lane, Jonestown / Lebanon, PA.
Sleeping Arrangements @ Days Inn, Lickdale. Room Rates: \$55.00 dbl. / \$60 king + applicable taxes. For reservations, call (717) 865-4064. Deadline 15 Feb. 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!

The **Spring Growl** will be held on March 5th. Be sure to come and have a barking good time! As always, if you can invite a Marine friend to come with you, do so because I know they'll have a howling good time. Also, if you are not a Devil Dog and want to join us, contact me or Gary Farole. It'll be great to see you there!

DD Jim Brown
Pound Keeper - Pound #133



These members still owe dues:

- Chris Dempsey Craig Lawhead Bill Shaffer

Detachment Activities Awards



Kitty Curtis is presented with the Departmental First Place Americanism Award by Gary Farole. Another awesome win! OOH RAH!



Gary Farole accepts his First Place Individual Rifle Marksmanship Award from Sr. Vice Commandant Jim Brown.

WOW! Three first place awards! Our Detachment also recieved National Appreciation for a Detachment exceeding membership. What a great Deachment!



Scott McBride, Mike Shaffer, and Gary Farole were three of the five man team that took the First Place Expert Rifle Award. The other two members of the team, Tom Mann and Tom Banta, were not present.

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Passings**Jim Hockenberger**

Detachment member Jim Hockenberger passed away on Saturday night, February 2nd, at the VA Hospital. Jim had suffered with COPD for many years, and it took him away from what he enjoyed the most, that of being a Marine. He was also a Vietnam Vet. In the early years of our Detachment Jim was very active in all of our activities; parades, memorials, fund raisers, Toys for Tots, pistol shooting, etc. Jim was responsible for getting us involved with the Pittsburgh Air Show, manning a table for recruiting. He had many contacts at the Air base. Jim has been cremated and no date has been established for any service. Please keep his wife Cathy in your prayers.

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 1998: One hundred years ago this date, 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.

23 February 1945: Four days after the initial landings on Iwo Jima, 1stLt Harold G. Schrier led 40 men from Company E, 2d Battalion, 28th Marines, up Mt. Suribachi to secure the crest and raise the small American flag that battalion commander LtCol Chandler Johnson had given Schrier. Within an hour, the patrol reached the rim of the crater. After a short fire-fight with Japanese defenders emerging from several caves, the small American flag was attached to an iron pipe and raised over the island.

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. 

*"For it is in giving that we receive."
~St. Francis of Assisi~*

74th Anniversary of the Battle of Iwo Jima



The invasion of Iwo Jima began on February 19, 1945, 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. After the fall of Mount Suribachi in the south, the Japanese still held a strong position throughout the island. General Tadamichi Kuribayashi still had the equivalent of eight infantry battalions, a tank regiment, two artillery, and three heavy mortar battalions, plus the 5,000 gunners and naval infantry. 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.

Vet Tix Info

Marines,

You can get tickets for most events by signing up to Vet Tix website. You can go to many concerts and sporting events with tickets that are donated by other vets and organizations. The only cost is a small fee for all tickets received. One Marine got 4 tickets to Bon Jovi and paid a small fee of \$14.95 for all four tickets.

To sign up and receive email notices when events open in the area you choose use this link: <https://www.vettix.org/ref/237210> and sign up. You won't regret it. Remember, it's only for vets. You have to prove you are a vet. Just follow the steps on the web site.

Friends of Veterans

The House Wounded Warrior Fellowship Program was expanded to 110 fellowships in FY19. As such, we have several openings listed below. Additionally, we will hire approximately 60 additional Fellows in 2019 so we will be recruiting veterans throughout the year.

As a reminder, the House Wounded Warrior Program provides two-year paid fellowships for wounded and/or disabled veterans to work for Congress. The fellows are full-time House employees and are entitled to all the pay and benefits of other House staff. Salaries range from \$38,853 - \$51,312. Fellowships are located in DC and in Congressional offices around the country to include Delegate offices abroad. If you know a veteran who may be interested in working for Congress or if you would like more information about the program, please go to the following link: <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/498817200#>

Should you have any questions or would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

Mac Tolar, Director, Wounded Warrior Program
U.S. House of Representatives
202-226-1965



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.

*"Give what you have. To someone, it may be better than you dare to think."
~Henry Wadsworth Longfellow~*

*"Real generosity is doing something nice for someone who will never find out."
~Frank A. Clark~*

*"That's what I consider true generosity: You give your all and yet you always feel as if it costs you nothing."
— Simone de Beauvoir~*

*"True generosity is an offering; given freely and out of pure love. No strings attached. No expectations. Time and love are the most valuable possession you can share."
~Suze Orman~*

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