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

WHAT'S NEW WITH THE 882

PA Department Convention - June 19th thru 23rd

Detachment Meeting at Glenfield Valley Vets - Tuesday, June 25th

Detachment Family Picnic - July 14th

National Convention - August 4th thru 9th

"Honesty is more than not lying. It is truth telling, truth speaking, truth living, and truth loving." ~James E. Faust~

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Call to Order

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

Officer's Roll Call Showed JA Scott McBride and Chaplain Ray Tedford 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 Carl Curtis, motion carried.

Correspondence

Adjutant read correspondence consisting of a flyer from Beaver County Marines regarding their annual Golf Outing fundraiser on July 21st at 8:00 at Blackhawk Golf Course; Marine Corps Foundation regarding brick purchases at a cost of \$210.00 and an invitation from the Leetsdale 4th of July Committee to participate in their parade on July 4th at 2:00.

Report of the Paymaster Marilou Farole gave the financial report for the month of March. Motion made by Carl Curtis to accept, 2nd by Mike Shaffer, motion carried.

Minutes of Ohio Valley Detachment 882 May 28, 2019

Report of Members Sick and in Distress

Nick Rymarchyk gave an update report on his wife Marcia's condition and noted that the latest tests were favorable.

Rifle Team

Jim Dempsey reported on matches scheduled for the month of June. An Offhand match at 100 yards on the 1st, NRA matches on the 9th and 23rd and a Military rifle match on June 15th.

Pistol Matches

Gary reported that a pistol shoot was held on May 4th at Millvale Sportsman's Club. Six members and one guest participated.

Color Guard

Gary reported that the Detachment color guard and firing detail participated at the Coast Guard detail on May 25th, Cranberry township on Sunday May 26th, Sewickley Memorial Day Parade and rifle detail on May 27th, and the Valley Vets detail on May 27th.

Quartermaster

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

Devil Dogs

Pound Keeper Jim Brown reported that the upcoming Growl will be held on June 4th at 1930 at the Valley Vets.

POW / MIA

No Report

Old Business

Gary Farole reported on the Hospi-

tality room schedule for June 20th at the Department Convention at the Greensburg Ramada Inn. The first detail is for the lunch hour from 12:00 to 1:00 and then reopen from 5:00 tp 11:00 PM. All volunteers are encouraged to wear the Red covers and a red shirt, preferably the Detachment red golf style shirt. Mike Shaffer reported on the Family Picnic on July 14th at Plum Park in Fair Oaks. Gary Farole reported on the Highway clean-up done by the American Eagle Outfitters employees on May 10th. Gary noted that the Detachment will be receiving a \$1,000.00 check from AEO and suggested that since none of our members were present for the clean-up except Scott McBride we should donate \$500.00 to the Valley Vets for preparing food for the volunteers. A motion was made by Bob Wagner, 2nd by Jim Dempsey, motion carried. Nick Rymarchyk gave a report on the trip taken by Detachment members and spouses to 8th & I and the National Museum in Quantico on May 10th & 11th.

New Business

Gary Farole, Past Marine of the Year, conducted the presentation of the awards for the 2018 Marine of the Year and Associate of the Year. The Marine of the Year was awarded to Commandant James Brown. The Associate of the Year was presented to James "JR" Dempsey. Gary Farole reported on the last Convention

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Minutes (Cont.)

Hospitality Room Committee meeting held on June 2nd at Allegheny Valley Detachment and noted that things are shaping up for a nice event.

Good of the League

Carl Curtis reported on Veterans service issues: Navy Blue Water Act; Bill 1381 Thailand Service; appeals process; Mission Act scheduled for vote on June 6th, and the PA G.I. Bill for 10 semesters of education.

Announcements

Next meeting is scheduled for June 25th, 2019.

Adjournment

The regular Meeting adjourned at 2030. 18 members and were on board.

MCL Activities Calendar

Department Convention

June 19th thru 23rd Ramada Inn, Greensburg

Detachment Meeting

Tuesday, June 25th, at 1930 hrs Glenfield Valley Vets

Detachment Family Picnic

July 14th 1300 hrs to 1700 hrs Park at Plum Street in Fair Oaks

National Convention

August 4th thru 9th Billings Convention Ctr., Billings, MT



July Birthdays

Joe Cirelli John Marabito Paul Mrkonja

"Honesty is the first chapter in the book of wisdom." ~Thomas Jefferson~

Upcoming Rifle and Pistol Shoots





Rifle

The Millvale shooting schedule is:
June shoot: 50 Shot NRA - 23rd
July shoots: 100 Yard offhand - 13th
50 Shot NRA - 21st & 28th

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.



National Marine Corps League News

The National Convention will be

held on August 4th thru 9th at the Billings Convention Ctr., Billings, MT

Three of the hotels are already sold out so for reservations, go online to the National site to see what's available. For any National info, their website is: www.mclnational.org/Home/tabid/569/Default.aspx

<u>Pennsylvania State</u> Marine Corps League News



The **Department Convention** will be held this week from June 19th thru 23rd at the Ramada Inn in Greensburg. Since our District 10 is hosting it, members will be needed to help out in the Hospitality Room from 17:00 to 23:00 on one of those days. Gary Farole needs to know how many can commit so he can inform the committee. If you can help out, he wants to hear from you. For any Departmental info, use the Department website at: www.pamcleague.org

"Honesty is never seen sitting astride the fence".
~Lemuel K. Washburn~

Devil Dog Update Ohio River Devil Dogs, Pound 133

Devil Dogs and Marines!

We had a great turnout at the **Spring Growl** on June 4th at the Valley Vets and all who attended had a great time with all the fun and games. The next Growl is planned for late Summer and we sure would enjoy having you there. I will let you know when in plenty

of time, and it would be great if you could make plans to attend. 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's always a great time when our Dogs get together!

Woof!

Woof!

DD Jim Brown - Pound Keeper - Pound #133

Detachment Activities



Awards

Our newly elected Commandant, Jim Brown, (in dark shirt), was awarded the Marine of the Year by Past MOY recipients (from lt.) Gary Farole, Marilou Farole, Bob Wagner, Jim Dempsey, and Carl Curtis. A big OOH RAH and thank you to Jim for all that he's done for our Detachment!



J.R. Dempsey, (center), was awarded the Associate of the Year by past AOY recipients Kitty Curtis, (2nd from lt.)
Don Wilson, and Joanne Trella. Gary Farole, (far lt.) officiated.

<u>Detachment Activities (Cont.)</u> Cranberry Twp. Memorial Day Service



Our Detachment provided a color guard for the Cranberry Township Memorial Day Service. Carl Curtis (above) stands ready to lead our squad.



Ray Tedford and Gary Farole escort an Army officer after he laid the wreath for the all the fallen soldiers.



Gary Farole and Ray Tedford escort a seaman as he lays the wreath in remembrance of all the lost sailors.



Carl Curtis led our Detachment which consisted of (from lt.) Ray Tedford, Gary Farole, Tony Hetzer, Tom Mann, Jim Brown, and Nick Rymarchyk.



Our Rifle Squad at the ready to salute.

"The foundation stones for a balanced success are honesty, character, integrity, faith, love, and loyalty." ~Zig Ziglar~

<u>Detachment Activities (Cont.)</u> Memorial Day Services



Our Color Guard marched in the Sewickley Memorial Day Parade. Pictured is (from lt.) Tom Mann, Gary Farole, Mike Shaffer, Jim Brown, and Ray Tedford.



Our Color Guard stopped during the Sewickley Memorial Day Parade to do a rifle salute. At the ready are (from lt.) Nick Rymarchyk, Jim Brown, Tom Mann, Bob Wagner, Mike Shaffer, Gary Farole, and Ray Tedford.

Detachment Picnic

If you plan to attend the Detachment picnic at Plum St. Park in Fair Oaks on Sunday, July 14th at 1300 hrs, be sure to let Gary Farole know how many will be atterding with you and what you plan to bring.



After the Sewickley Memorial Day Parade, our Color Guard also went to the Sewickley Cemetery to do a rifle salute. At the ready are (from lt.) Nick Rymarchyk, Jim Brown, Tom Mann, Bob Wagner, Mike Shaffer, Gary Farole, and Ray Tedford. At the ready are (from lt.) Nick



After the ceremony at the Cemetery, our Rifle Squad did a salute at the Valley Vets. Joining them, at far left is Marilou Farole.

Our squad was made up of Nick Rymarchyk, Jim Brown, Bob Wagner, and Gary Farole. At left is the Eagle that was carved from the tree that was removed.

This Month 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."

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."

5th Annual Veterans Breakfast Club Gala

Where - Sheraton Station Square, 300 W Station Square Dr, Pittsburgh, PA 15219

When - Friday, August 23rd, 2019 6pm-10pm Cost - \$85 Veteran Admission | \$95 General Admission

To purchase tickets:

https://www.showclix.com/event/veterans-breakfast-club--2019-gala

Or send check payment to: Veterans Breakfast Club, 200 Magnolia Place, Pittsburgh, PA 15228

Department Convention Hospitality Room Help

If you plan to help out this week at the Department Convention Hospitality Room, be sure th contact Gary Farole.

Federal Recreational Lands Lifetime Access Pass for Veterans

Spring flowers are blooming, the summer travel season quickly approaches and Veterans are joining the 330-million yearly visitors enjoying U.S. National Parks. Many Veterans, with a service connected disability rating, are entering Federal recreation lands and national parks for free with an America the Beautiful-the National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands lifetime Access Pass through an inter-agency partnership between the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Forest Service, Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management, Army Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Reclamation. Good for entry into thousands of federally managed recreation sites across the country, the Lifetime Access Pass is another way a grateful nation says thank you for the service and sacrifices of U. S. Veterans with disabilities.

The Access Pass admits the pass owner and any passengers in a single, private vehicle (non-commercial) at per-vehicle entrance and day use fee areas; or, the pass owner plus three additional adults where per-person fees are charged. In addition to free entry at participating sites, the Access Pass includes discounts on some expanded amenity fees such as camping. Sites recommend that pass owners check with each site before visiting for details about Access Pass entry and discounts. Veterans who have been medically determined to have a permanent disability that severely limits one or more major life activities (e.g., VA disability rating of 10 percent or higher) are eligible for the Lifetime Access Pass—with three options for obtaining the pass: First, Veterans with disability documentation can order the Access Pass online for a \$10 processing fee which

includes standard shipping. Documentation required includes proof of residency and VA disability award letter, VA summary of benefits, or proof of SSDI income. Second, the Inter-agency Access Pass may be obtained through the mail. Download a paper application from https://store.usgs.gov/access-pass. Follow the instructions on the website and pay the document processing fee of \$10. Once the application package is received by USGS, the documentation will be verified and a pass imprinted with the pass owner's name will be mailed to the applicant.

Passes ordered online or through the mail will be delivered 3 to 4 weeks after receipt of documentation and processing payment.

A third option is for disabled Veterans to visit a participating federal recreation site where interagency passes are issued, present photo identification (e.g., Driver's license, State ID, birth certificate, Passport, or permanent resident card), provide documentation of permanent disability, or read and sign a Statement of Permanent Disability affidavit. That's It. The Pass is free and issued at the time of entry.

Make sure to have photo ID available when using your Lifetime Access Pass and enjoy the majestic scenery and abundant recreational opportunities our National Parks provide.

Detachment Website and Facebook Page

Take some time and check out the Detachment website at: https://www.ohiovalleymcl882.com

You can also see what's going on on our Facebook Page at Ohio Valley MCL

Detachment 882

"The high road is always respected.

Honesty and integrity are always rewarded."

~Scott Hamilton~

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 application for the Pennsylvania Marine Corps League

Specialty License Plate 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 member must request one.



"Honesty is the fastest way to prevent a mistake from turning into a failure." ~James Altucher~

"Honesty and loyalty are key.

If two people can be honest with each other about everything, that's probably the biggest key to success."

~Taylor Lautner~

"Honesty is something you can't wear out." ~Waylon Jennings~

"Honesty is a very expensive gift.

Don't expect it from cheap people."

~Warren Buffet~

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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