



# Jarhead News

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

WELCOME TO  
THE NEW YEAR  
AND A  
NEW DECADE!

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### WHAT'S NEW WITH THE 882

Detachment Meeting at Glenfield Valley Vets

Tuesday, January 28th

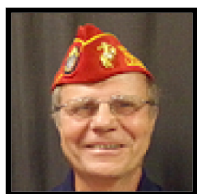
National Mid Winter Conference at Sheraton Norfolk Hotel

Tuesday, February 25th thru Sunday, March 1st

Spring Dept. Membership Mtg, Headquarters Building

Friday, March 20th and Saturday, March 21st

### ELECTED OFFICERS



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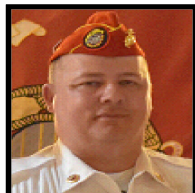
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Mike Shaffer**

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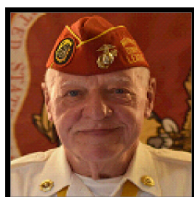
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### APPOINTED OFFICERS



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Marilou Farole**

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**HONOR**

**COURAGE**

**COMMITMENT**



### 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 Chaplain Ray Tedford and Sgt. at Arms Carl Curtis absent.

### Introduction of Guests

Commandant Jim Brown introduced Diaonta Clark - USMC, who viewed our website and decided to visit to see what it's all about.

### Application for Membership

None.

### Minutes

A motion was made by Tom Mann to accept the minutes of last months meeting, 2nd by Mike Shaffer, motion carried.

### Correspondence

Adjutant read correspondence consisting of Veterans Service newsletter regarding 1.6 % Cost of Living increase for VA benefits; Million Veterans Program available on line; a notice from the VVA Government Affairs Office regarding phone call scam messages to Veterans; a letter from the Semper Fi Fund program with a "Double Down 4 Vets" by the Bob & Renee Parsons foundation that will match all donations dollar for dollar up to \$10 million dollars.

### Report of the Paymaster

Marilou Farole gave the financial

report for the month of November. Motion made by Bob Wagner to accept, 2nd by Mike Shaffer.

### Report of Members Sick and in Distress

Gary Farole reported on the passing of member Alan "Skip" Hornbake, Eddie Marx was recuperating in-the hospital and Jr. Vice Mike Shaffer suffered a mini stroke and is with us tonight.

### Rifle Team

Jim Dempsey reported that an Off-hand Ham Shoot will be held on December 8th at Millvale Club.

### Pistol Matches

No Report.

### Color Guard

Gary Farole reported that the detachment provided a color guard for the Texas Roadhouse on Veterans Day with Mike Shaffer, Marilou & Gary Farole, Bob Wagner, and Jim Brown. We have been requested to provide a color guard for the annual Brave American Classic race on March 21st, 2020 at St Stephens Church.

### Quartermaster

No report

### Devil Dogs

Nick Rymarchyk reported the next Growl will be held on January 21st, 2020 at the Valley Vets.

### Old Business

Gary Farole reported that ten Detachment members attended the Washington Detachment Marine Corps Ball.

### New Business

Jr. Vice Mike Shaffer reported on the upcoming Detachment Holiday Party to be held on December 8th 1:00 to 4:00 at the Valley Vets with Mission Barbecue providing the meal. Carl Curtis spoke on our annual donations and noted that he was in contact with a local Marine that is in need of help. The Marine and his wife and five children will be evicted from their apartment within a week for failure to make their rent. Carl made a motion that the Detachment donate \$500.00 to assist with his rent, 2nd by Bob Fratangelo. Jim Dempsey suggested that with Christmas coming he may be in need of food or gifts for the children and asked to amend the motion to include a gift card of \$50.00. Curtis and Fratangelo agreed to amend their motions, motion carried. Mike Shaffer made a motion to suspend the December meeting due to the Holiday, 2nd by Nick Rymarchyk, motion carried

### Good of the League

Commandant Jim Brown stated, "Recruit!, Recruit!, Recruit." He also noted that those members that have not yet paid their dues are past due as of August 31st.

### Announcements

Bob Fratangelo reported that there are free trips available for Vietnam Vets by going on autoflight.com, family members may go for a fee of \$200.00. Carl Curtis reported on

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**Minutes (Cont.)**

Veterans Affairs, noting that new returning Vets should be encouraged to go and sign up with the VA Healthcare system at Rochester or Cranberry; Navy Blue water Act claims will begin January 1, 2020, 40% increase is planned for drugs in 2020; if emergency hospital care is needed veterans may go to a local hospital; however, they must call the VA within 72 hours.

**Adjournment**

The regular Meeting adjourned at 2025.  
16 members and were on board.

**MCL Activities Calendar****Detachment Meeting**

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

**National MCL Mid Winter Conference**

Tuesday, February 25th thru Sunday, March 1st  
Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel

**Spring Department Membership Meeting**

March 20th and 21st  
Headquarters Building, Ft. Indiantown Gap., PA

**January Birthdays**

Bob Blose	Bob Carrara
Bob Gettings	Craig Lawhead
Janice Rizzo	Dee Thielman
Joanne Trella	Rich Windsheiner

**February Birthdays**

J.R. Dempsey	Gary Farole	Herk Platts
Mike Settembrine	Ray Tedford	Jim Walters

**"Tact is the ability to describe others  
as they see themselves."  
~Abraham Lincoln ~**

**Upcoming Rifle and Pistol Shoots**

The Millvale Sportsman's Club shooting schedule is:

**Rifle**

The Millvale shooting schedule is:

Valentine's Day Shoot - February 15, 2020

Pi Day (3.14) Shoot - March 14, 2020

Sign up - 9:15 a.m., first round downrange at 10:00 A.M.

Match fee - \$10.00.

Any safe rifle, any sight.

Unlimited sighters any position for 10 minutes.

For score - 30 minutes to fire 30 rounds all in the

Unsupported Offhand Position at 100 yards.

1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners will win Valentine goodies  
on 2/15 and Pies on 3/14.

**Pistol**

No pistol 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**

There will be a National Mid Winter  
Conference held at the Sheraton Nor-  
folk Waterside Hotel from Tuesday, February 25 to Sun-  
day, March 1.  
Last Day to Book: Tuesday, January 28.  
The Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel is offering a special  
group rate of 129 USD per night  
Address: 777 Waterside Drive, Norfolk, VA 23510  
Reservations: 1-800-325-3535 or call the hotel direct at  
(757) 622-6664.  
For any National info, their website is:  
[www.mclnational.org/Home/tabid/569/Default.aspx](http://www.mclnational.org/Home/tabid/569/Default.aspx)

**These Marines Still Owe Dues**

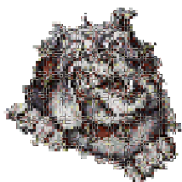
Greg Cuthbert    Lukas Dennis    Bill Shaffer

## Pennsylvania State Marine Corps League News



The **Spring Department Membership Meeting** will be held on **March 20th and 21st** at the Headquarters Building in Ft. Indiantown Gap., PA.

For sleeping arrangements or any other Departmental info, use the Department website at:  
[www.pamcleague.org](http://www.pamcleague.org)



## Devil Dog Update Ohio River Devil Dogs, Pound 133

### **Devil Dogs and Marines!**

Listen up, Marines! We held a Growl on Tuesday, January 22nd at the Glenfield Valley Vets and had a great time. Pictures weren't available for this Newsletter, but will be in the February issue. Our **next Growl** will be on **May 19th** and may be outside if the weather is bearable. Can't wait to see every Devil Dog come and have a great time. As always, if you can invite a Marine friend to come with you, do so because I know they'll have a tail wagging 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!

DD Jim Brown

Pound Keeper - Pound #133

Woof!  
Woof!



**"Tact is the art of making a point  
without making an enemy."  
~Isaac Newton~**

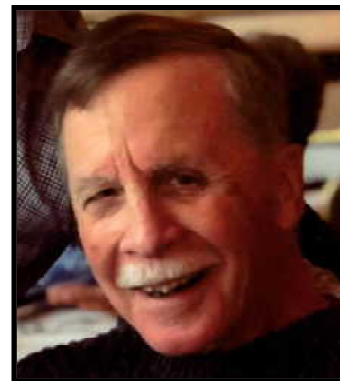
### **Notice!**

The Nominations of Officers will be held in February with any Additional Nominations and the Election being held in March.

The Installation of Officers will take place at the April Meeting.

## Passings

### **Skip Hornbake**



Alan W. "Skip" Hornbake Jr., 69, of North Huntingdon died Sunday November 17, 2019 at his home. He was born May 2, 1950, in Charleroi a son of the late Alan W. Sr. and Vi (Rice) Hornbake. Prior to his retirement he was employed as a senior field inspector for Bechtel Bettis of West Mifflin. He was a member of the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, in North Huntingdon. Veteran of the Marine Corp serving during Vietnam War where he served as a "Tunnel Rat" with the First Battalion Hotel Company 226. He was a member of the Marine Corps Veterans Association and it's Honor Guard; also a member of the White Oak VFW. Skip was an avid Penn State fan. He was a true American Patriot with a fondness for History. In addition to his parents he is preceded in death by a sister Maryann Peterson. Surviving are his wife of 36 years Teresa (Garner) Hornbake; three sons Brian Smith, of San Diego, CA, Thomas Gauthier and his wife, Susan, of Gibson, Corey Hornbake and his wife Jansen, of Lafayette Hill: six grandchildren Kasie Hickman, Daniel and William Gauthier, Dillon Smith, Brantley and Jaxton Hornbake; a niece Tracie Powell and a cousin Judie White and her family. Friends will be received 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Ott funeral Home Inc. 805 Pennsylvania Avenue Irwin. Parting prayers will be held 9:00 a.m. Thursday in the funeral home followed by a 9:30 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial celebrated in the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church. Interment will follow in the Penn Lincoln Memorial Park, North Huntingdon.

**"Step with care and great tact,  
and remember that  
Life's a Great Balancing Act."  
~Dr. Seuss~**



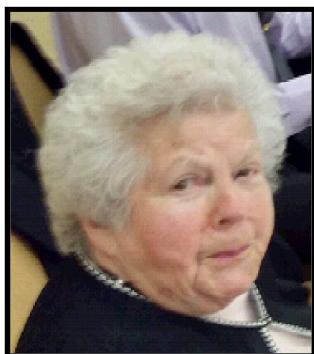
## Passings (Cont.)

### Sandy Brandenburg

(Associate, Sister of  
Marilou Farole)



Sandra Irene Brandenburg  
The family of Sandra Irene Brandenburg mourn her passing on Friday, December 27, 2019, after her battle with Alzheimer's Disease. She was born in Conway on May 17, 1938, and lived her entire life there. She was preceded in death by her father, Fred E. Brandenburg, Sr.; her mother, Mary K. Brandenburg; brothers, William E. Brandenburg and Frederick E. Brandenburg; and sister, Erma C. Travis. She is survived by sisters, Delores Dudenich and Mary (Gary) Farole, and numerous nieces and nephews. Sandy worked for 42 years as Borough Secretary of Conway. She was a Charter Member and Secretary of the Beaver County Borough Association, Charter member of the Conway Women's Civic Club, and lifelong member of the Conway Presbyterian Church, serving as Elder, Trustee, and Deacon. She served as Treasurer of the Women of Faith Organization and the Support the Troops Mission of the Conway Presbyterian Church. Friends will be received on Monday, December 30, 2019, from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. in the SIMPSON FUNERAL & CREMATION SERVICES, 1119 Washington Ave., Monaca, (724) 728-4000, followed by a funeral service on Tuesday at 10 a.m. with the Reverend Beth Wierman officiating. Interment will take place in Irvin's Cemetery, Rochester.



### Mary Jane Williams

(Associate, Wife of past  
member Ernie Williams)

Mary Jane Williams, 93, of  
Sewickley, passed away Thurs-

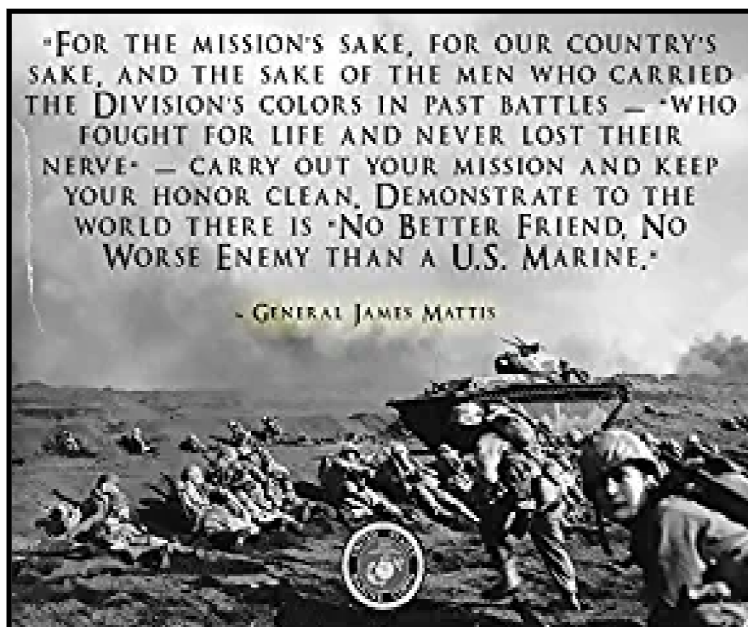
day, Dec. 5, 2019. She was preceded in death by her sister, Nellie Crumley; brothers, Percy and Charlie Littlecott; her husband, Ernie; and her beloved grandson, Robby Hague. Mary Jane is survived by her three children, Ann and Rem Behrer, Dick and Jerry Williams and Susie and Clifford Abercrombie; grandchildren, Brian and Brandi Hague, AnnieElizabeth Hague and Lucy and Ellen Williams. Mary Jane was a lifelong member of St. Stephen's Church, where she taught Sunday school, was in the choir and volunteered throughout her life. She was baptized, confirmed, married and will be celebrated at St. Stephens. She worked at Sewickley Valley Hospital for 35 years in the public relations department. This was a great fit for Mary Jane since she was a great people-person and a beloved employee during her career as well as in the community. She was referred to as a Sewickley icon and was proud to say she lived in the same house in Sewickley for all 93 years of her life.

### Detachment Activities

Our Detachment held the Holiday Party in December and a Devil Dog Growl in January, but we will not have pictures of those events until the February issue..

**"Without tact you can learn nothing."**

**~Benjamin Disraeli~**



## This Months of December and January in Marine Corps History



**1 December 1947:** The Corps' first helicopter squadron, HMX-1, was commissioned at Quantico. This Marine Corps helicopter squadron is responsible for the transportation of the President of the United States, Vice President, Heads of States, DOD Officials and other VIPs as directed by the Marine Corps and White House Military Office.

**4 December 1950:** LtCol Raymond G. Davis led his battalion into Hagaru-Ri, Korea after four days of intense fighting in the mountain passes against a numerically superior hostile force. His battalion, 1st Battalion, 7th Marines, helped clear the way for the 5th and 7th Marines, and LtCol Davis was awarded the Medal of Honor for his heroism.

**6 December 1928:** A small detail of Marines under Captain Maurice G. Holmes defeated Nicaraguan bandits near Chuyelite. GySgt Charles Williams was mortally wounded during the fighting. Capt Holmes was later awarded the Navy Cross for gallantry, and a posthumous award was given to GySgt Williams.

**8 December 1941:** Japanese aircraft attacked Wake Island within hours of the fateful attack on Pearl Harbor. Marines of the 1st Defense Battalion and Marine Fighting Squadron 211 resisted Japanese invasion attempts for over two weeks before finally succumbing to an overwhelming force.

**9 December 1992:** Marines of the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations capable) landed in Somalia kicking off Operation Restore Hope, the largest humanitarian relief operation of its kind.

**14 December 1950:** LtCol Raymond G. Davis led his battalion into Hagaru-Ri, Korea after four days of intense fighting in the mountain passes against a numerically superior hostile force. His battalion, 1st Battalion, 7th Marines, helped clear the way for the 5th and 7th Marines, and LtCol Davis was awarded the Medal of Honor for his heroism.

**20 December 1989:** Operation Just Cause was launched in Panama to protect American lives, restore the democratic process, preserve the integrity of the Panama Canal Treaty, and apprehend dictator General Manuel Antonio Noriega. One Marine, Corporal Garreth C. Isaak, was killed and three other were wounded during the operation.

**10 January 1995:** The Pentagon announced that 2,600 U.S. Marines would be deployed to Somalia for Operation United Shield to assist in the final withdrawal of UN peacekeeping troops from Somalia. The decision came in response to a UN request for American protection of its peacekeeping forces serving in the war-torn African nation.

**6 January 1859:** BGen Archibald Henderson, (rt.) the 5th Commandant of the Marine Corps, died in office. He set the record for length of service as Commandant of the Marine Corps. He was appointed Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the Marine Corps on October 17, 1820, and served as Commandant in the three successive grades, Lieutenant Colonel, Colonel and Brigadier General (brevet rank) until his death, a total of 38 years, 2 months and 19 days.

**11 January 1945:** The first elements of Marine Aircraft Group 24, commanded by Colonel Lyle H. Meyer, landed at Lingayen, Luzon, Philippine Islands, to provide close air support for Army forces. Over the next three months, MAG-24 and MAG-32 would fly a total of 8,842 combat sorties and drop more than 19,000 bombs as part of the Fifth Air Force in support of the Sixth Army.

**16 January 1991:** Operation Desert Shield became Operation Desert Storm as forces of the allied coalition launched an all-out air campaign against targets in Iraq and occupied Kuwait in an effort to liberate Kuwait and enforce the resolutions of the United Nations Security Council. Overall, in the theater of operations, the coalition forces included more than 415,000 U.S. troops.

**18 January 1951:** Marines of the 1st Marine Division began mopping-up operations against guerrillas in the Pohang area, South Korea, following the Division's return from its epic battle with Communist Chinese troops at the Chosin (Changjin) Reservoir.

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**This Month in Marine Corps History (cont.)**

**20 January 1968:** The second battle for Khe Sanh began when Marines from the 3d Battalion, 26th Marines attacked a North Vietnamese battalion between Hill 881 South and Hill 881 North. More than 100 of the enemy were killed.

**21 January 1918:** The 1st Aeronautical Company arrived at Ponta Delgada, Azores, for anti-submarine duty. That unit was one of the first completely equipped American aviation units to serve overseas in WWI.

**22 January 1969:** Operation Dewey Canyon, perhaps the most successful high-mobility regimental-size action of the Vietnam War, began in the A Shau/Da Krong Valleys when the 9th Marines, commanded by Colonel Robert H. Barrow, and supporting artillery were lifted from Quang Tri. By 18 March the enemy's base area had been cleared out, 1617 enemy dead had been counted, and more than 500 tons of weapons and ammunition unearthed.

**25 January 1856:** Marines and seamen from the U.S. sloop DECATUR went ashore at the village of Seattle, Washington, to protect settlers from Indian raids. The Indians launched a seven-hour attack but were driven off later that day after suffering severe losses. Incredibly, only two civilian volunteers were killed and no Marines or sailors were lost.

**29 January 1991:** The first serious ground fighting of Operation Desert Storm broke out when Iraqi troops mounted an attack into Saudi Arabia along a 40-mile front. Iraqi units centered their efforts on Khafji, a port city six miles south of the border. Saudi and Qatari troops, supported by artillery from the 1st Marine Division and attack helicopters and other allied coalition aircraft, recaptured the town two days later.



*“Remember not only to say  
the right thing in the right place,  
but far more difficult still,  
to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the  
tempting moment.”  
~Benjamin Franklin~*



Take a moment and pray for our Marines abroad.

*“Tact is the ability to step on a  
man's toes without messing up  
the shine on his shoes.”*

*~Harry S. Truman~*

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## 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-

mat 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**

## 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*

