



# Jarhead News

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

### WHAT'S NEW WITH THE 882

Detachment Meeting - June 29th, at 7:30, at the Valley Vets  
National Convention - August 9th thru 13th, Springfield, Illinois

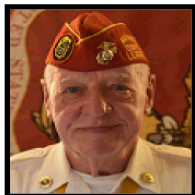
**"Fearless means trusting your instincts and clarity of thought  
Once you have made up your mind, don't be scared of what if."  
~Ravi Shastri~**

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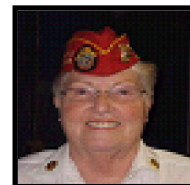
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**HONOR**

**COURAGE**

**COMMITMENT**



### Call to Order

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

### Officer's Roll Call

Showed Chaplain Ray Tedford and Sr. Vice Nick Rymarchyk absent.

### Introduction of Guests

Grover Smith potential member

### Application for Membership

None.

### Minutes

A motion was made by Jim Dempsey to accept the minutes of last months meeting, 2nd by Bob Fratangelo, motion carried.

### Correspondence

Adjutant reported on Department news received regarding the Convention dates and schedules.

### Report of the Paymaster

Marilou Farole gave the financial report for the month of April, a motion to accept was made by Tom Mann, 2nd by Bob Fratangelo, motion carried.

### Report of Members Sick and in Distress

Gary Farole reported that District 10 Vice Fred Neilen passed away on May 12, 2021. Tom Mann reported that his Son was in a bad accident and is recuperating.

## Minutes of Ohio Valley Detachment 882 Detachment Meeting of May 25, 2021

### Rifle Matches

Commandant Mike Shaffer noted that Gary has continuing virtual meetings with the Department Marksmanship Reorganization Committee. The Pistol and Rifle SOP are finished and will be presented at the June Department Convention. The Department match will be held again this year with Ohio Valley as host at the Millvale Club on September 18th & 19th if needed. Gary Farole reported that the Millvale club matches are now in full swing with an NRA match on 6/6 and 6/27 and a 100 yard offhand match on 6/12. Three members of the Detachment at the Camp Perry National Matches on August 6th, 7th, & 8th with the Garand match, Modern Military, and M1A match.

### Pistol Matches

The Millvale Club is now open for guests and we will schedule our first shoot on June 6th at 9:00 with a muster time of 8:30. Anyone wanting to shoot and do not own a pistol one will be provided by others.

### Color Guard

We will be participating with a firing detail on Memorial Day at the Sewickley Cemetery for the Laying of the Wreaths at 1:00 and a firing detail to follow at the Valley Vets memorial outside the building. We will also provide a firing detail on Sunday, May 30th at the Cranberry Veterans Memorial at 1:00, a rehearsal for this event will be held on Thursday, May 27th at 7:00.

### Quartermaster

Commandant Shaffer reported that he will be sending in an order for supplies and if anyone needs any items to let him know ASAP.

### Devil Dogs

Dog Pound Keeper Jim Brown reported that a Growl was held on May 18th at 7:30 and many Large Bones were collected for Children's Hospital. DD Nick Rymarchyk provided military items for an auction to provide additional income. Next Growl will be held sometime in September.

### Old Business

Department Convention June 16 thru 19th. Commandant Shaffer designed an Add for the Convention Book. The "Ready to Grill" Raffle is soon approaching on May 28th, if you haven't sold all your tickets turn them in to the Commandant before the 28th so that he can try to sell.

### New Business

Commandant Shaffer reported that the Beaver County Marines have disbanded and gave us all of their Birthday Ball decorations, T-shirts, hats, and list of names for potential members. They will also give us a check of their remaining funds when their debts are satisfied. Commandant Shaffer suggested a family summer picnic on following dates, July 25, August 15 or 22nd. Motion to proceed was made by Joanne Trella, 2nd by Tom Mann, motion Cont. on pg. 3.

**Minutes (cont.)**

carried. Gary will contact the Township and find an available date.

**Good of the League**

Carl Curtis reported on Veterans issues; Contact VA for Covid 19 vaccine they have vaccines that need to be used; the Covid testing trailer has been removed; a new VA Clinic Center is planned to be opened in Monroeville; there is legislation for the following issues: Dental Care, Hypertension due to Agent Orange, Burn Pits exposure benefits, and exposure to Veterans with rare Cancers.

**Announcements**

Next meeting is scheduled for June 29, 2021 at 19:30, at the Valley Vets.

**Adjournment**

The regular Meeting adjourned at 2015. 16 members were on board.

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

Tuesday, June 29th, 7:30 P.M.  
Glenfield Valley Vets

**National Convention**

August 9th thru 13th  
Wyndham Springfield City Centre, Springfield, Illinois

**May Birthdays**

John Marabito Paul Mrkonja

**Dues Due**

Greg Cuthbert Lukas Dennis  
Bill Shaffer

"The most fearless hearts, the audacious dreamers, have always maintained a sense of optimism that often flies in the face of the available evidence."  
~Martin O'Malley~

**Upcoming Rifle and Pistol Shoots****Rifle**

The Millvale shooting schedule is:  
June shoots: 50 Shot NRA - 27th

July shoots: 100 yard Offhand - 10th  
50 Shot NRA - 18th & 25th

**Pistol**

To be announced.

For shooting info, call Gary Farole at 412-741-7898 or Jim Dempsey at 724-266-7828.

**National Marine Corps League News**

The **2021 National Convention** will be held on Monday, August 9th through Friday, August 13, at the Wyndham Springfield City Centre at 700 E. Adams St., Springfield, Illinois 62701

Room blocks open August 17, 2020. When making reservations, please identify as "MARINE CORPS LEAGUE CONVENTION" to receive special group rate. Use reservation link: <https://bit.ly/mcl2021> or call (217) 789-1530 Cost is \$115 per night plus tax. Individuals are responsible for room, tax, and incidentals. Rates include 1 complimentary parking pass per occupied guest room. Rate includes two complimentary breakfasts per room per night.

**Ready to Grill Raffle Winner**

The winner of our raffle was Tom Seeder, a member of the Valley Vets Club. He won with the winning number of 955 on May 28th. He bought the ticket from Lisa, our bartender at the club. A special thank you goes to Lisa who sold a lot of tickets for us. Also, thanks to all those who bought and sold tickets.

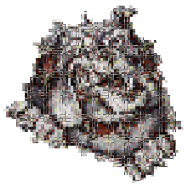




## Pennsylvania State Marine Corps League News

The **2021 Department Convention** will be held from June 16th thru 21st at the Clarion Inn Hotel & Convention Center 148 Sheraton Drive, New Cumberland, PA.  
No news to post at this time.

For any Departmental info, use the PA Department web-site at: [www.pamcleague.org](http://www.pamcleague.org)



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

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

Listen up, Marines! Hope you made it to the **Spring Growl** on May 18th at the Valley Vets. Our next Growl will be held in September. Until then, have a great summer. I'll let you know of the date in plenty of time. Can't wait to see all you Dogs again. Also, try to invite a Marine who isn't a Devil Dog! We're sure to have a howling good time!

Until then, stay safe.

DD Jim Brown

Pound Keeper - Pound #133

Woof!  
Woof!



## Detachment Activities Dept. of PA K-Bar Award



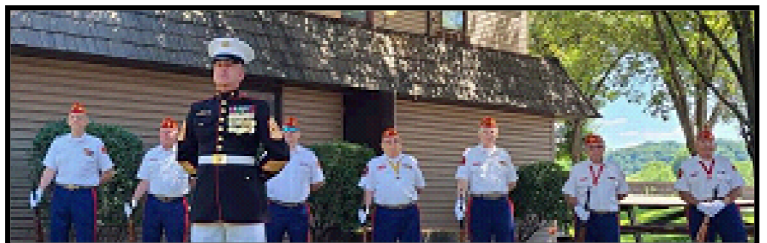
Gary Farole had the honor of presenting a K-Bar from the Department of PA to Christopher Bizzoco, the outstanding cadet, at the NROTC graduation held at Carnegie Mellon University recently.

## **Memorial Day Ceremonies**

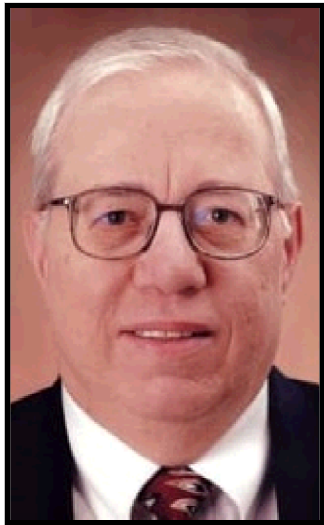
Bob Fratangelo (holding rifle) and Ray Tedford (behind Bob) assist with the laying of a wreath at the Cranberry Memorial Day Ceremony.



Our Detachment's rifle detail at the Cranberry Memorial Day Ceremony consisted of (from lt. to rt.) Ray Tedford, Bob Fratangelo, Tom Mann, Jim Brown, and Nick Rymarchyk. Beautiful white doves were released to honor those that were lost.



Our Detachment's rifle detail assisted at the Sewickley Cemetery Memorial Day Ceremony and finished up at the Valley Veterans Club (above). Led by our Sgt. at Arms Carl Curtis, they were (from lt. to rt.) Gary Farole, Tom Mann, Mike Shaffer, Bob Wagner, Bob Fratangelo, Jim Brown, and Nick Rymarchyk.



### Passing

#### **Joseph C. Cirelli**

Age 80, passed away on Tuesday, June 1, 2021, of Sewickley. native born and longtime resident of Dawson Street, Oakland. Devoted husband of 56 years to

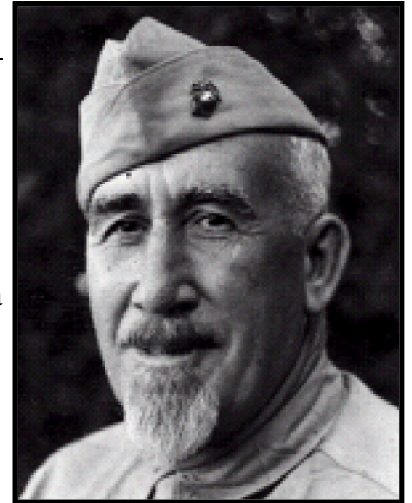
Judith A. (Gaghan) Cirelli; loving father of Angela J. Cirelli, Joseph C. (Barbara) Cirelli and

Charles T. (Elizabeth) Cirelli; proud grandfather of Ally, Katie, Damian, Mary, Annie, Chip and Luke; son of the late Charles and Almarente Cirelli; brother of the late Theresa (the late William) Rapp and Charles (survived by Terry) Cirelli; special cousin of Monica Ross. Also survived by several nieces and nephews. Joe was born and raised in Panther Hollow, in the shadows of Forbes Field, where he served as the away dugout batboy in 1957-58. He remained a resident of South Oakland for most of his life. He graduated from Central Catholic High School in 1958. Though never afforded the opportunity to attend a 4-year college, Joe completed prestigious Executive Development programs at the Wharton School and Darden Graduate School of Business. In 1959 Joe volunteered to serve his country in the United States Marine Corps. He manned posts in Alaska and Hawaii as well as serving a tour in Vietnam. In 1969 he moved from Western Pennsylvania National Bank to begin a 35 year career at USAirways Federal Credit Union, eventually becoming President and CEO in 2000. His last major initiative was transforming the institution from an employer-based airline credit union into the community-based Clearview FCU which continues to thrive locally today. Joe also served as a longtime board member at Ohio Valley General Hospital. During his retirement years, spent mostly residing at the Masonic Village Community in Sewickley, Joe continued in the devoted care of his beloved wife, while also enjoying time with his grandchildren. Until his very last days he pursued his

passion of oil painting, and relished hanging out with his pals at La Prima Espresso and Cafe Raymond in the Strip District.

### Legendary Marines

Leland Diamond joined the Marines in 1917 at the age of 27 to fight World War I. Diamond made a name for himself during that war as a Marine's Marine. He was known for walking around without his cover, wearing his dungarees most places he went, and for having a



loud and dirty mouth. His uniform violations and occasional lack of courtesy were overlooked because of his conduct on the battlefield. He shipped to France as a corporal and fought at famous World War I battles like Belleau Wood and St. Mihiel. He earned his sergeant stripes and took part in the occupation of Germany before returning to the states and getting out. He spent just over two years as a civilian, but the lifestyle didn't suit him, so he returned to the Corps in 1921. A few years later, he was sent to Shanghai, China to help guard U.S. vessels from attacks by Chinese criminals. He returned from China in 1933 but was sent back with the 4th Marines from 1934 to 1937. When World War II kicked off, he was Master Gunnery Sgt. Diamond and the senior noncommissioned officer was an expert in firing mortars. He was especially well-known for his accuracy with small and medium mortar tubes. Diamond and his unit were sent to Guadalcanal to help in the fight against the Japanese and the then-52-year-old proved his reputation. When a Japanese cruiser was spotted in the waters around the island, Diamond decided to engage it. While a lot of legends surround the event, including the possibility that Diamond attacked it on a bet or that he landed at least one round straight down the enemy smokestack, historians agree that Diamond engaged the Cont. on pg. 6.

**Legendary Marines (cont.)**

ship with harassing fire from his mortar. The ferocity and accuracy of his assault spooked the Japanese who withdrew despite the fact that it sported armor, cannons, and a large crew with which to counterattack. The old master gunnery sergeant was lauded for his actions but was still withdrawn from the fight a short time later. "Physical disabilities" resulted in the Marine being evacuated. After a short recovery in New Zealand, Diamond attempted to get back to his unit by getting orders on a supply ship to Guadalcanal. By the time he arrived, the unit had left and he had to hitchhike his way to Australia. The Corps transferred him home soon after and assigned him to the training of new Marines, first at Parris Island and later at Camp Lejeune. Diamond retired in 1945 and died 6 years later.

**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."







### 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**

**"The eagle has no fear of adversity.  
We need to be like the eagle and  
have a fearless spirit of a conqueror!"**  
~Joyce Meyer~

**"It's not about being fearless,  
It's about acting in spite of fear."**  
~Veronica Roth~

**"Fate loves the fearless."**  
~James Russell Lowell~

### 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*