



JARHEAD NEWS

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

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ELECTED OFFICERS

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Minutes of the Ohio Valley Detachment 882 March 25, 2008

The meeting of the Ohio Valley Detachment 882 was called to order at 1930 hours by Commandant Marilou Farole at the Sewickley VFW Post 5756.

Officer's roll call showed all-present.

Applications for membership were received from Marine James brown as a regular member and Craig Lawhead as an associate. A motion to accept was made by Marine Walt Emrich, 2nd by Marine Jim Hockenberger, motion carried. Commandant Marilou Farole administered the oath and obligation to both new members.

A motion was made by Marine Rich Kost to accept the minutes of the last meeting as published in the newsletter, 2nd by Marine Wade McKenney. Motion carried.

The Adjutant read the correspondence consisting of: Allegheny Valley Detachment Newsletter and correspondence from the Dept. of PA Staff meeting.

Report of Paymaster: Marine Gary Farole gave the financial report for the month and reported that the Detachment motion to send \$ 300.00 to Paul Gennaro, a wounded Solider from Iraq, was increased to \$ 350.00 thanks to additional donations from our members.

Meetings are held the last Tuesday of Each Month at 1930 @ Sewickley VFW Post 5756, 529 Beaver St, Sewickley, PA 15143

For More Information Contact Any Detachment Officer Listed Above



Report of members sick and in distress:

Marine Ralph Ussack reported that new member Marine Bill Jackson had undergone a Hernia operation. Commandant Farole directed Chaplain Phil Stebler to have a card signed by all present and send to Bill.

Rifle Team

Marine Gary Farole reported for Marine Jim Dempsey on up-coming shoots at the Millvale Sportsman Club on April 6th, 12th, 20th, and 26th. He also noted that the first reloading session was held on March 16th with 6 members, Marines Gary Farole, Ralph Ussack, Jim Dempsey Jr, Mike LaCivita, Tom Mann and Bob Wagner participating.

Color Guard

Marine Gary Farole reported on the Color Guard request for the Sewickley Memorial Day parade on May 26th at 1000, and the Cranberry Memorial program on May 25th at 1300.

Pistol Team:

Marine Gary Farole reported that now that the weather is warming up he would call for a practice shoot in the near future.

By- Laws:

Judge Advocate Marine Jim Hockenberger reported on the new by – laws that were approved by National this past convention and highlighted the change for associate uniforms.

Unfinished Business

Marine Jim Hockenberger reported on the Pittsburgh Air Show scheduled for May 10th and 11th and asked members to sign up for 2-hour work sessions. He will acquire parking passes for those participating.

Commandant Marilou Farole reported on the bus trip to visit the Wright-Patterson Air Museum in Ohio scheduled for July 18th & 19th at \$ 100.00 per person.

Commandant Farole presented the Chapel of Four Chaplains award to Marine Fred Baird and Associate members Sis Dudenich, and Sandy Brandenburg.

Commandant Farole turned over the chair to Past Commandant Ralph Ussack to conduct the elections of officers. Their being no further nominations, Marine Ussack called for a motion to cast a unanimous vote for the slate of officers as follows:

Commandant – Marilou Farole, Sr Vice – Walt Emrich, Jr. Vice Bob Wagner, Judge Advocate – Jim Hockenberger. A motion was made by Marine Fred Baird, 2nd by Marine Keith Sheldon, motion carried.

New Business:

Commandant Farole passed out envelopes containing 10 Veterans and Youth tickets to all in attendance and asked all members to sell or purchase to help support the Departments program. She reminded all that \$0.40 on the dollar goes to the detachment.

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Good of the League:

Sgt at Arms Carl Curtis spoke about the Jr ROTC Ball and Awards night to be held on May 24th at 1700 and invited Commandant Farole to make the presentations on behalf of the League. Meeting adjourned at 2020 with the required ritual.

39 members on board.



MILITARY FUNERAL SERVICES

Our Detachment will provide a service for any member. Family members may contact any Officer should the need arise.



Devil Dog Update



Ohio River Devil Dogs, Pound 133

Sorry Marines. Nothing this month. Marine Phil Stebler, Pound Keeper Military Order of Devil Dogs

Red Binder Report

Please add these new members to your roster.

Marine James Brown
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Neville Island
Pgh, Pa 15225
412-370-0846

Associate Craig Lawhead
8 Norbert St.
Pgh, Pa 15202
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Welcome aboard. It is always a real pleasure for us to accept new members in our premier Detachment. We look forward to your participation in our many activities. For those of you that have not had the chance to talk to Associate Craig Lawhead, you'll find it interesting to know that Craig is the Principle of Keystone Oaks and has been a force in the Young Marine organization located in his school system. He enjoys working with these young Marines and expects that his affiliation in our Detachment will be a positive force in their young lives.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Remember, "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.

Fees

Life membership information

	Through 12/31/2008	Effective 1/01/2009
Ages up to 35	- \$400.00	\$500.00
36 - 50	- \$350.00	\$400.00
51 - 60	- \$250.00	\$300.00
61 and over	- \$125.00	\$150.00

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. Please note that you can apply after you have been a member for a minimum of one year. Check it out.

To alleviate any confusion regarding Life Membership Plans, please note that when you're annual membership becomes due, and your Life Membership payment is not yet complete, you must make that payment as well.

Detachment Member Profile

Sorry, none from our Detachment. But take note of the Marine profile on the next page.

As far as our members, Who's next? See the editor (me) if you need a form. I continue to hope for more profiles from our Detachment. Your important and don't forget about that 15 minutes of fame. So send me your information ASAP.



VA HEALTH CARE ENROLLMENT

Important reminder!

Don't forget, 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 90 Wagner Rd, Monaca Pa. This is right across from the Target department Store and the telephone number is 724-216-0326 or 800-310-5001.

By now you should have your new VA identification card. If not and you have the old VA card, take it to the Oakland VA Hospital and have your picture taken to be put on your new card.

NEWS SINCE WE LAST MET
(From the Editor, Marine Bob Wagner)

Activities Calendar

April 29th Tuesday
Detachment meeting 1930hrs
Installation of Officers & Marine of the Year
Sewickley VFW Post 5756

May 10th-11th Saturday & Sunday
Pittsburgh Air Show

May 23rd Friday
Cranberry Memorial Service rehearsal
1900hrs Cranberry Park

May 25th Sunday
Cranberry Memorial Service
1300hrs Cranberry Park

May 26th Monday
Memorial Day Parade Sewickley Pa
0900hrs Details to follow.

May 27th Tuesday
Detachment meeting 1930hrs
Sewickley VFW Post 5756

June 11th – 15th Wednesday- Sunday
Department Convention
Carlisle, Pa

Contributions from Detachment members

Marine Keith Sheldon provided the following profile on an outstanding Marine. One that we all look up too.

This is a very condensed biography of "The Marine's Marine," - Chesty Puller

Lieutenant General Lewis Burwell "Chesty" Puller (Born - June 26, 1898. Died – October 11, 1971) is the most decorated Marine in history. Puller is the only Marine to receive five Navy Crosses, the United States Navy's second highest decoration after the Medal of Honor. He also holds its Army equivalent, the Distinguished Service Cross, along with a Silver Star, a Legion of Merit with a gold star and Combat V, a Bronze Star with Combat V, three Air Medals, a Purple Heart, five Presidential Unit Citations, and many other campaign, victory, service, expeditionary, and conduct medals. He was also awarded seven non-U.S. awards.



Chesty enlisted into the Marine Corps in August of 1918.

He served outside the States in Haiti, Hawaii (1926), Nicaragua (two tours), and Beijing, Shanghai, and Peiping China before WWII, in Samoa, Guadalcanal, Cape Gloucester (near Papua New Guinea), and Peleliu during WWII, and at the battles of Inchon and Chosin Reservoir during the Korean War.

In the States, he served in Norfolk, VA, Philadelphia, PA, Quantico, VA, San Diego, CA, Fort Benning, GA, and Camp Lejeune, NC.

In addition to medals and awards, The frigate *Lewis B. Puller* (FFG-23) was named after him. Puller Hall, in Yorktown, VA, is named in his honor (it is the headquarters building for 2nd Fleet Antiterrorism Security Team at the Yorktown Naval Weapons Station). Also, he was honored on a U. S. Postal Stamp in the *Distinguished Marines* stamp collection issued on the Marine Corps Birthday in 2005.

His engagements included:

-Over forty engagements during five years of fighting against the Caco rebels in Haiti (1919).

-Five successive engagements fighting against superior numbers of armed bandit forces in Nicaragua where he earned two Navy Crosses (1932).

-On Guadalcanal, Puller led his 1/7 Marine battalion in a fierce action along the Matanikau, in which Puller's quick thinking saved three of his companies from annihilation. In the action, three of Puller's companies were surrounded and cut-off by a larger Japanese force. Puller ran to the shore,

signaled a United States Navy destroyer, and then directed the destroyer to provide gunfire support while landing craft rescued his Marines from their precarious position. Later on, Puller earned his third Navy Cross for action that was later known as the "Battle for Henderson Field", in which the 1/7 battalion was the only American unit defending the airfield against a regiment-strength Japanese force. In a firefight on the night of October 24–25, 1942 lasting about three hours, the 1/7 sustained 70 casualties; the Japanese force suffered over 1,400 killed in action, and the battalion held the airfield. He received the Purple Heart when he was wounded twice by a sniper, and hit by shrapnel in three different places while on the island.

-In Korea, Puller earned his fifth Navy Cross for action during the Battle of Chosin Reservoir. It was during that battle when he made the famous quote, "We've been looking for the enemy for some time now. We've finally found him. We're surrounded. That simplifies things."

Chesty retired from the Corps on November 1, 1955.

In 1965, Puller requested to return to active duty to serve in Vietnam, but was turned down because of his age.

He was the second cousin of General George S. Patton.

The general's son Lewis Burwell Puller, Jr. (generally known as Lewis Puller), followed his father into the Marine Corps and lost both legs and parts of his hands in Vietnam while serving with 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines, the regiment formerly commanded by his father. Lewis Puller ran an unsuccessful campaign for



Congress, later writing an autobiography titled *Fortunate Son* that won the Pulitzer Prize in 1992. He later committed suicide. His wife said at the time "To the list of names of victims of the Vietnam War, add the name of Lewis Puller... He suffered terrible wounds that never really healed."

While exact counts of Puller's total number of decorations vary from source to source, an accepted number of 52 separate, subsequent, and foreign awards is commonplace.

On a final note, in a speech from 1978, retired Brig. Gen. Edwin Simmons, director emeritus, Marine Corps Historical Division, described seeing 'Chesty' for the first time when Puller came to talk to officers candidates at Quantico, Va., in 1942.

"This was the man we were going to hear speak ... not very tall, he stood with a kind of stiffness with his chest thrown out, hence his nickname 'Chesty.' His face was yellow-brown from the sun and Atabrine, the anti-malaria drug that was used then. His face looked, as someone has said, as though it were carved out of teakwood. There was a lantern jaw, a mouth like the proverbial steel trap, and small, piercing eyes that drilled right through you and never seemed to blink."

Thank you Keith. An excellent contribution.

April Birthdays

Marine James Brown
Marine Ron Heitzenrater
Marine Eddie Marx
Marine Phil Stebler

Dues due or coming due

Marine Robert Blose
Marine James Clair
Marine Robert Moisey
Associate Cora Pucci

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

NATIONAL NEWS

None right now.



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE DEPARTMENT (STATE) NEWS

Department Convention

June 12th – 15th, 2008

Hotel Carlisle

1700 Harrisburg Pike

Carlisle, PA 17013

Phone: (717) 243-1717 or 1-800-228-9290

Room Rates single, double, triple or Quad
\$ 70.00 + tax

M.C.L. Information

Are you still interested in obtaining Marine Corps League license plates? If so you need to fill out Department of Motor Vehicles form MV-90450 (09-04) .

See me at the Detachment meeting if you want a copy of this form.

Well Marines, I along with the other Officers would like to express our thanks for your commitment to our activities last year and hope you are looking forward to keeping our premier Detachment one of the best in the Pennsylvania Department of the Marine Corps League in 2008.



Oh yes, one more item I want to put out for your thoughts:

You probably thought that I would have forgotten by now but I didn't. I'm getting tired and I think the newsletter needs a new perspective. I wrote and produced it since our inception as a Detachment and have been fortunate to have been recognized with several awards during my tenure but now I think we need a change so if there is any interest out there to take over please be my guest. I'm waiting to hear and believe me; I would love to become a "contributing editor"

Commandants Note:

"I would like to thank all of you that have already sold or purchased the 10 Veterans and Youth tickets given or sent to you. If you haven't done so please get them in to the Paymaster. If you would like more tickets please let me know. This helps our Detachment by getting \$ 0.40 on each dollar taken in".

Please visit our Detachment Website at,

www.geocities.com/ov_marines

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

**Semper Fi
Bob Wagner
Editor/Past Commandant**