

JARHEAD NEWS

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

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Minutes of the Ohio Valley Detachment 882 29 July, 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 Sgt. At Arms Carl Curtis absent

Applications for membership

None received. Commandant Farole administered the membership oath and obligation on new member Ernie Williams.

Previous Meeting Minutes Acceptance

Motion was made by Jim Dempsey to accept the minutes of the last meeting as published in the newsletter, 2nd by Wade McKenney, motion carried.

Correspondence Report

Adjutant Farole read the correspondence consisting of: A thank you card from Jim Walters from Allegheny Valley Detachment for our participation at the Rededication of the Boulevard of the Allies; Beaver County Marines newsletter noting the annual yard sale fund raiser on Saturday July 26th and the Marine Corps ball on November 8th.

Allegheny Valley Detachment news: fraud at the Rededication Ceremony; Vietnam Memorial moving wall to be held on September 13th at 1800 at Beaver park.

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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 Paymaster

Adjutant Farole gave the financial report for the month and noted that one of our CD's is coming due in August and asked the members for their opinion on what to do with it. The CD is in the amount of \$2,500.00 plus interest. Mike LaCivita made a motion to withdraw the money and put it in our checking account, 2nd by Jim Dempsey, motion carried.

Report of members sick and in distress

Adjutant Farole reported that our member Ray Crawford had passed away suddenly and that the Chaplain, Commandant and Adjutant went and paid their respects at the funeral home. Flowers were sent on behalf of the Detachment.

Rifle Team

Marine Jim Dempsey reported on the rifle match at Indiantown Gap in September, and noted that the necessary forms and money has been submitted for all shooters and reminded the shooters are to make a payment of \$ 30.00 to the Detachment. He also reported that Tom Mann and Gary Farole would be competing at the National Garand match at Camp Perry on August 2nd.

Color Guard

Adjutant Gary Farole reported on color guard participation at the Leetsdale 4th of July parade and thanked all that attended. He also noted that an officer of the Leetsdale VFW Post approached him and asked if we would be interested in providing them with color guard and rifle squad for any of their events.

Pistol Team

Adjutant Gary Farole reported that a shoot would be scheduled in the near future.

POW/MIA Report

Howdy Thielman reported on his latest findings of Korean War and Vietnam MIA's recovered.

Toys for Tots

Dee Thielman noted that the program will be kicking off shortly and she will need help. Commandant Farole asked for members to volunteer for the committee to help with ideas; the following committed: Sis Dudenich, Sandy Brandenburg, Phil Stebler, Bob Wagner, Bob Beatty, Chuck Perlik, Joe Mattzie and Wade McKenney.

Unfinished Business

Commandant Marilou Farole reported on successful picnic with 48 in attendance and thanked all for the great food. She also reported that the Beaver County Marines yard sale was very successful and noted that Sis Dudenich, Sandy Brandenburg, and Gary Farole assisted with their sale. This sale raises money for the Marine Corps Ball to help keep the cost down.

Gary Farole reported that he spoke with the VFW Post Manager and Yankello's TV Service regarding a sound system and was advised that a system is in place but needs some connections made.

New Business

Commandant Farole presented a special certificate to Associate member George O'Brien for his 13 consecutive years as Post Commander at the Cranberry Township VFW. Member Jim Brown discussed an up-coming event with the visit of Retired Marine Lt. Col Oliver North at the Christ Church on Saturday September 6th at 7:30 and passed around flyers noting reservations requested. Dee Thielman noted that the Marine Corps Band the "Presidents Own" would be at Soldiers and Sailors Memorial in October.

Good of the League

Gary Farole reported that member Chuck Perlik participated in B94's temptation flotation competition at Sandcastle Park in attempt to win and donate the award to the Wounded Warriors Program. Gary noted that Chuck will be holding other fundraisers and asked that we support him.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2020 with the required ritual.

Attendance

33 members were on board.



Devil Dog Update

Ohio River Devil Dogs, Pound 133
 The Military Order of Devil Dogs will meet on Sunday, September 14th, at 1400 in our regular League meeting place at the VFW. The Growl will be over well in advance of the Steelers game that evening! This is the official FUN and HONOR Society of the Marine Corps League and any regular member who has been a member for one year can join. We have meetings three times a year and we invite you join us on September 14th, be sworn in as a Devil Dog Pup, and enjoy the fun and camaraderie. This entitles you to wear a Devil Dog patch on your cover and shirt together with a black ribbon official citation on top of your uniform shirt. Please call me (724-772-9601) if you have any questions.

Activities Calendar

August 26th Tuesday
 Detachment meeting 1930hrs
 Sewickley VFW Post 5756

September 14th Sunday
 Devil Dog meeting 1400hrs
 Sewickley VFW Post 5756

September 27th – 28th Friday & Saturday
 Rifle Match Indiantown Gap

September 30th Tuesday
 Detachment meeting 1930hrs
 Sewickley VFW Post 5756

Red Binder Report

Please welcome this new member and add him to your roster.

Ernie Williams
 331 Elizabeth Street
 Sewickley, PA 15143
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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.



**Completed Activities
 The Detachment Picnic**

The Detachment picnic was held on July 27th at Walker Park in Edgeworth. These pictures show a little of the fun, games, and good food that everybody enjoyed.



These happy corn huskers are Bob Beatty, Bob Wagner, Walt Emrich, Phil Stebler, and Rich Kost.



These picnickers are enjoying a terrific variety of tasty food.



Picnickers enjoyed playing numerous games, such as this bean bag toss and a 50/50 “closest to the pin” golf game.

The Camp Perry Shoot

Adjutant Farole, Tom Mann, and Jim Dempsey went to Camp Perry in Ohio for a rifle shoot on August 2nd.



Tom Mann at the entrance of Camp Perry.



Gary Farole and Tom Mann in the target pit.



Tom Mann was like a kid in a candy store when he took advantage of the many great bargains offered at the shooting shops.

Upcoming Rifle Shoots

The shooting schedule is complete for August. The September schedule is not available yet. Those interested in practicing on the weekends can contact Jim Dempsey or Gary Farole

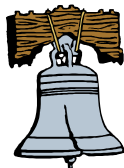
Special Note: All shooters signed up for the rifle match at Indiantown Gap please reimburse the Detachment \$30.00.

National Marine Corps League News



The **National Convention** was held at the Rosen Centre Hotel in Orlando, Fl. From August 10th through 16th. The new National Commandant is James R. Laskey and the Executive Director is Michael A. Blum. For more information, use this web site: <http://www.mcleague.com/mdp/index.php>

PA State Marine Corps League News



The Department Staff Meetings this fall will be held on Oct. 17th and 18th. In addition to the normal business bustle, there will be a roasting and toasting of Past Department Commandant Tony DeGregorio.

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.

Life Membership Information and Fees 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 the annual payment as well.



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.

M.C.L. License Plate 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 Marine Bob Wagner at the Detachment meeting if you want a copy of this form.

Detachment Member Profile

None this month.

August Birthdays

- Bob Beatty
- Kitty Curtis
- Jim Dempsey Sr.
- Felix DeLuca
- Bill Jackson
- Dave Lawhead
- Bob Price

Dues Due or Coming Due

- Rich Elphinstone
- Mark Fuller
- Ron Heitzenrater
- Bob O'Brien
- Bob Price
- Ray Tedford

Famous Quotes on the Topic of Honor

Nobody can acquire honor by doing what is wrong. -Thomas Jefferson

The shortest and surest way to live with honor in the world is to be in reality what we would appear to be; all human virtues increase and strengthen themselves by the practice and experience of them. -Socrates

Dignity does not consist in possessing honors, but in deserving them. -Aristotle

Nothing is more honorable than a grateful heart. - Seneca

Mine honor is my life; both grow in one; take honor from me, and my life is done. -William Shakespeare

Of Special Interest

Lt. Col. Oliver North will present "American Heroes" at Christ Church at Grove Farm at 249 Duff Rd., Sewickley, PA (just off of Mt. Nebo Rd. at the top of the hill above Rt. 79), on September 6th at 1930 and the 7th at 0900 and 1100. Admission is \$10. All are welcome.

**Contributions from Detachment Members
What I love about the Marine Corps:**

I like the fact that if you are a self-declared enemy of America, that running into a Marine outfit in combat is your worst nightmare... and that your health record is about to get a lot thicker or be closed out entirely!

I like the fact that Marines are steadfast and consistent in everything they do...regardless if you agree with them or not.

I like the fact that Marines hold the term 'politically correct' with nothing but pure disdain.

I like the fact that Marines stand tall and rigid in their actions, thoughts, and deeds when others bend with the direction of the wind and are as confused as a dog looking at a ceiling fan!

I like the fact that each and every Marine considers the honor and legacy of the Corps as his personal and sacred trust to protect and defend.

I like the fact that most civilians don't have a clue what makes us tick! And that's not a bad thing. Because if they did, it would probably scare the hell out of them!

I like the fact that others say they want to be like us, but don't have what it takes in the 'PAIN-GAIN-PRIDE' department to make it happen.

I like the fact that the Marines came into being in a bar, Tun Tavern, and that Marines still

gather in pubs, bars and slop chutes to share sea stories and hot scoop!

I like our motto...SEMPER FIDELIS...and the fact that we don't shed it when the going gets tough, the battlefield gets deadly, or when we hang up our uniform for the last time.

I like the fact that Marines take care of each other...in combat and time of peace.

I like the fact that the people of America hold Marines in the highest esteem and that they know that they can count on us to locate, close with, and destroy those who would harm them!

I like the fact that people think we are cocky...yet we know that we have confidence in everything we do and the fact that they don't know the taste of that makes them look at us as if we are arrogant!

I like that fact that we know the taste of freedom and would give our very lives for it! And that it is a taste that the protected will never know!

I like the fact that Ronald Reagan said...'Some people spend an entire lifetime wondering if they made a difference...Marines don't have that problem!'

I like the fact that we are brothers to the end...and that no matter what happens in life we know we have one another's 'six '!

I like the fact that a couple of years ago an elected member of congress felt compelled to publicly accuse the Marine Corps of being 'radical and extreme'. And, I also like the fact that our Commandant informed that member of Congress that she was absolutely correct and that he passed on his thanks for the compliment!

I like the fact that Marines are Marines first...regardless of age, race, creed, color, sex,

and national origin or how long they served or what goals they achieve in life!

I like Marines...and I love the fact that I am able to be humbled to walk along the ranks of other Marines!

I like the fact that you always know where you stand with a Marine! With Marines, there is no middle ground or gray area. There are only missions, objectives, and facts.

If you aren't a Marine the next best thing is to have a Marine for a friend.

Editor's Note

Summertime. All the graduations, picnics, vacations, and warm weather activities can fill our lives to almost overflowing. Because of what some of you and many of our brothers have sacrificed, we can sit back in our safe, wonderful country and say, "Life is good." Our comfort makes it so easy for us to forget that our brothers are still in Iraq and Afghanistan. Pray for them often and support them when you can. Someday, soon, maybe they will be able to sit back on some summer night, in this safe, wonderful country, and say, "Life is good."

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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
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