



# Jarhead News

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

### WHAT'S NEW WITH THE 882

National Mid-Winter Conf. - Feb. 24th thru 26th, Norfolk, Va

Detachment Meeting - Feb. 22nd at 7:30, at the Valley Vets

Spring Dept. of PA Meetings - March 18 & 19, Dept. of PA Headquarters

“Experience tells you what to do; confidence allows you to do it.” ~Stan Smith~

“Confidence comes from discipline and training.” ~Robert Kiyosaki~

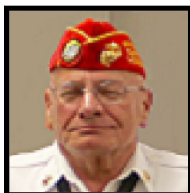
#### ELECTED OFFICERS



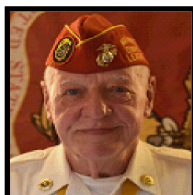
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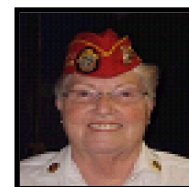
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### Call to Order

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 , Sr. Vice Nick Rymarchyk, and Jr. Vice Tom Mann absent. Sgt. at Arms Carl Curtis excused.

### Introduction of Guests

Parker Gresh, Andy Burch District 10 Vice.

### Application for Membership

Parker Gresh, motion by Jim Brown, 2nd by Bob Wagner, motion carried.

### Minutes

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

### Correspondence

Letter from Sewickley Memorial Day Committee requesting our participation in this years events; Email from District Vice Andy Burch regarding the recent Department Staff meeting , a rebuilding of Tuns Tavern in Philadelphiaplanned on the 250th Marine Corps Birthday, proper uniform in public.

## Minutes of Ohio Valley Detachment 882 Detachment Meeting of January 25, 2022

### Report of the Paymaster

Marilou Farole gave the financial report for the months of November and December. A motion to accept was made by Jim Dempsey, 2nd by Bob Wagner, motion carried.

### Report of Members Sick and in Distress

Gary Farole reported that he had a shoulder replacement and is on the mend.

### Rifle Matches

Commandant Shaffer reported that this years rifle matches for the Department of PA hosted by Ohio Valley were approved by the Millvale Club. April 30th and September 10th dates are set. Commandant will get flyers out and sent to the Departments website. Next Millvale match will be February 12th, 100 yard off-hand. Sign up at 8:30 , shoot 9:00.

### Pistol Matches

Gary Reported that Frank Kelly, Commandant of Three Rivers Detachment, is setting up pistol matches similar to our rifle matches at different clubs.

### Color Guard

Gary made a motion that we accept the invitation for the Sewickley Memorial Day Parade, 2nd by Jim Dempsey, motion carried.

### Quartermaster

Commandant Shaffer reported that it is still difficult to get uniform parts from the National Ships Store. As soon as things open up he will place an order for supplies needed by members.

### Devil Dogs

Jim Brown reported that the next Growl will be held sometime in February at the Valley Vets with date to be determined.

### Old Business

Gary Farole made a motion to share with the Glenfield Valley Vets \$500.00 from the \$1,000.00 donation received from American Eagle Outfitters for the Highway Cleanup, 2nd by Marilou Farole, motion carried.

### New Business

District Vice Andy Burch made the Rifle Match awards received from the Department. Ohio Valley 1st Place team competition, Bantam Marines 2nd place, Individual High shooter Andrew Rand of Conemaugh Valley 1st place, 2nd place Gary Farole, and J.R. Dempsey 3rd place. Commandant Mike Shaffer administered the oath and obligation to new member Parker Gresh.

### Good of the League

None

### Announcements

Next meeting is scheduled for February 22nd, 2022 at 19:30, at the Valley Vets.

### Adjournment

The regular Meeting adjourned at 2015. 11 members were on board.



**"When you have confidence,  
you can have a lot of fun.  
And when you have fun, you  
can do amazing things."  
~Joe Namath~**

**MCL Activities Calendar**



**National Mid-Winter Conference**  
 Thursday thru Saturday, Feb. 24th thru 26th  
 Sheraton Norfolk Waterside, Norfolk, Va

**Detachment Meeting**  
 Tuesday, February 22nd, 7:30 P.M.  
 Glenfield Valley Vets

**Spring Department of PA Meetings**  
 March 18th & 19th  
 Dept. of PA Headquarters, Ft. Indiantown Gap, PA

**Department Convention**  
 June 22nd through 26th  
 Penn Harris Hotel by Wyndham, Camp Hill, PA



**March Birthdays**

Jim Dempsey    Bob Fratangelo  
 Curt Koah         Rich Kost  
 Ashley Kowtko    Mike Reuland  
                                  John Williams

**Dues Due**

These members owe dues:  
 Lucas Dennis    Tony Hetzer    Chris Mrozowski

Made checks payable to Ohio  
 Valley Det. 882 and send to: Paymaster, 654 Charette  
 Place, Sewickley, PA 15143.

"Confidence... thrives on honesty,  
 on honor, on the sacredness of  
 obligations, on faithful protection  
 and on unselfish performance.  
 Without them it cannot live."  
 ~Franklin D. Roosevelt~

**Upcoming Rifle and Pistol Shoots**



**Rifle**

The Millvale shooting schedule is:  
 March - Offhand 19th - Sign up starts at 9 A.M..

**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**

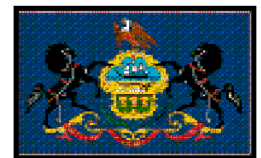


The **National Mid-Winter Conference** will be held on **February 24th** through **26th**,  
 at the Sheraton Norfolk Waterside at 777 Waterside Dr.,  
 Norfolk, Va. Rooms are \$129/ night +14% tax + \$3  
 resort fee (Complementary self parking on-site)  
 For Reservations - **757-622-6664**

The **Northeast Division Conf.** will be held on **April 1st**  
 and **2nd** at the Crowne Plaza Princeton, 900 Scutters  
 Mill Rd. Plainsboro, NJ  
 For Reservations – **609-936-4200**  
 Deadline March 10th

For any and all info, the national website is:  
[www.mclnational.org/Home/tabid/569/Default.aspx](http://www.mclnational.org/Home/tabid/569/Default.aspx)

**Pennsylvania State  
 Marine Corps League  
 News**



The **Department Spring Meet-  
 ings** will be held on **March 18th** and **19th** at the De  
 partment of PA Headquarters, Bldg. 3-95, Lackawanna  
 Street, Ft. Indiantown Gap, PA

The **Department Convention** will be held on **June  
 22nd through 26th** at the Penn Harris Hotel by

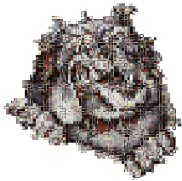
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**Pennsylvania State**

**Marine Corps League News (cont.)**

Wyndham, 1150 Camp Hill Bypass, Camp Hill, PA  
For Reservations – 717-763-7117

For this and any Departmental info, use the PA 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! The February 12th Growl that was to be held at the Valley

Vets has been rescheduled to **Wednesday, March 23rd, at 7:00 P.M.** Until then, enjoy this crazy Winter weather, but be careful out there.

**Woof!  
Woof!**

Until then, stay safe.

DD Matt Popovich

Pound Keeper - Pound #133



**Detachment Activities**  
**Shooting Awards**



Commandant Mike Shaffer accepts the First Place Team award for the September 18th Department Rifle Match from District Vice Andy Burch. Our team consisted of

Scott McBride, Tom Mann, Bob Fratangelo, JR Dempsey, Gary Farole and Line Command Representative Jim Dempsey.



Gary Farole is presented with the Second Place Individual Marksmanship Award by District Vice Andy Burch.



JR Dempsey (rt.) show off the Third Place Individual Marksmanship Award that District Vice Andy Burch presented to him.

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**Detachment Activities (cont.)**



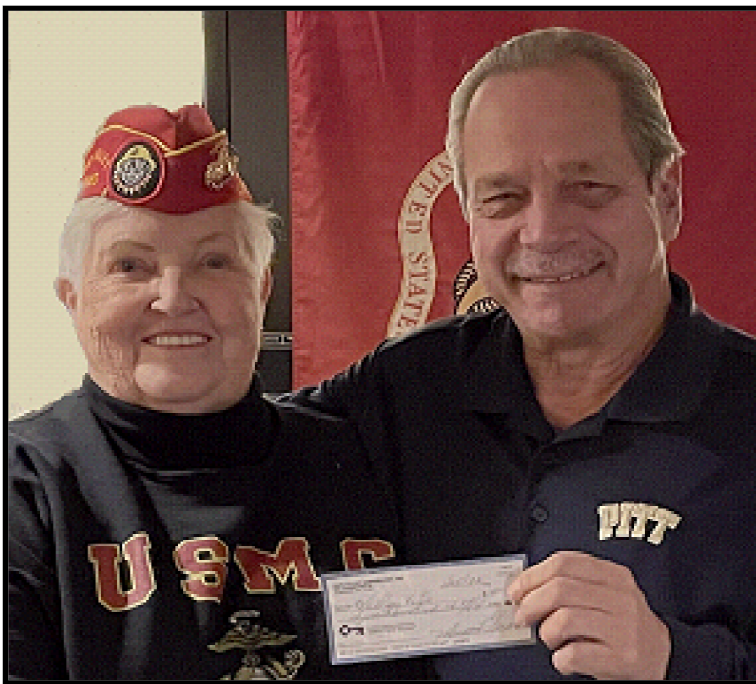
The first Place Team Award and the one of the Individual Awards. Congratulations to all of our shooters for a job well done!

**New Member**



When you get the chance, give a hearty welcome to our newest Member, Parker Gresh, who was sworn in at the January Meeting.

**Donation**



Paymaster Marilou Farole presented the Commander of the Valley Vets, Walt Helgerman, with a donation check for \$500 at the January Meeting.

**“Have confidence that if you have done a little thing well, you can do a bigger thing well too.”  
~David Storey~**

**New Officer Elections**

The Nominations of Detachment Officers will be held at the February meeting, the elections will be in March, and the installations will be held in April.

## The Month of February in Marine Corps History



**1 February 1967:** Operation Prairie II was begun in Quang Tri province by elements of the 3d Marine Division. During the 46-day search-and-destroy operation which terminated 18 March, 93 Marines and 693 of the enemy were killed.

**2 February 1944:** The 4th Marine Division, as part of the first assault on islands controlled by the Japanese before the start of World War II, captured Namur and eight other islands in the Kwajalein Atoll.

**6 February 1968:** Two reduced Marine battalions, the 1st Battalion, 1st Marines with two companies, and 2d Battalion, 5th Marines with three, recaptured Hue's hospital, jail, and provincial headquarters. It would take three more weeks of intense house to house fighting, and nearly a thousand Marines killed and wounded, before the imperial city was secured.

**13 February 1943:** The Commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen. Thomas Holcomb, announced the formation of the USMC Women's Reserve. Commissioned status was opened to enlisted women to take advantage of their experience, and at the same time, build morale and spirit de corps.

**15 February 1898:** 28 Marines and 232 seamen lost their lives when the battleship MAINE was mysteriously sunk by an explosion in the harbor of Havana, Cuba. Though no definitive evidence linked the Spanish with the sinking, the cry went up, "Remember the Maine!," and by late April the U.S. and Spain were at war.

**In 1918,** the Secretary of Navy allowed women to enroll for clerical duty in the Marine Corps. During that year some 300 women first entered the Marine Corps to take over stateside clerical duties from battle-ready Marines who were needed overseas. June 12th, 1948, Congress passed the Women's Armed Services Integration Act, and made women a permanent part of the regular Marine Corps.

**19 February 1945:** The invasion of Iwo Jima began and continued until March 26, 1945. Of the 21,000 Japanese soldiers present at the onset, all were killed except for the 1,083 that were taken prisoner. The island was officially declared "secured" after the night of March 25, when a 300-man Japanese force launched a final, and fatal, counterattack.

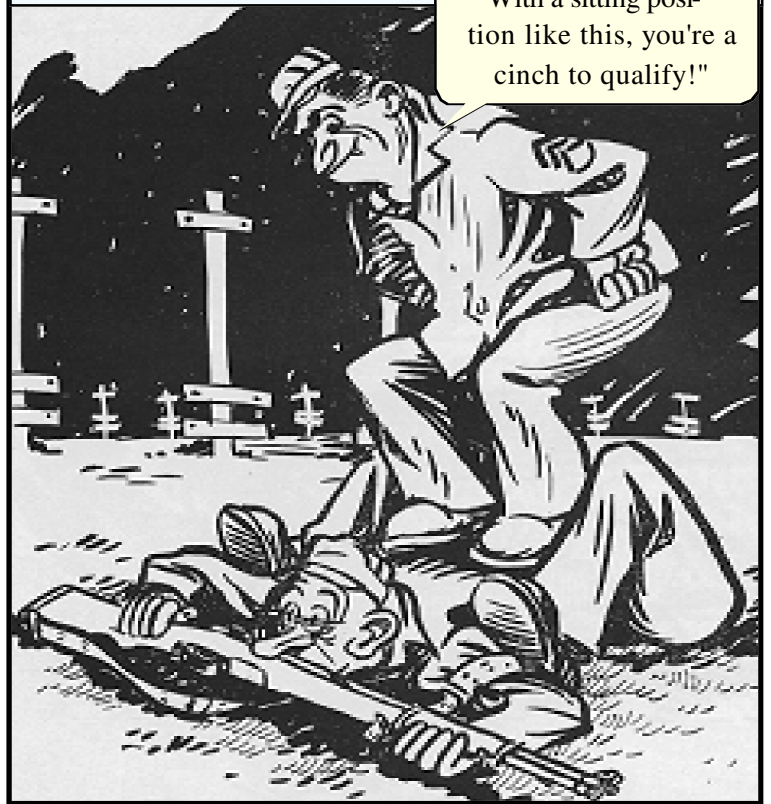
**24 February 1991:** The I Marine Expeditionary Force and coalition forces began a ground assault on Iraqi defenses in the final chapter of Operation Desert Storm. The 1st and 2d Marine Divisions stormed into the teeth of Iraqi defenses while heavily armored allied forces attacked the Iraqi defenses in Iraq from behind. In 100 hours, U.S. and allied forces defeated the Iraqi Army.

**28 February 1991:** Operation Desert Storm ended when the cease-fire declared by President George Bush went into effect. I Marine Expeditionary Force has a strength of more than 92,000 making Operation Desert Storm the largest Marine Corps operation in history. A total of 24 Marines were killed in action during the Gulf War.



It was a big day when we shoved off for the Rifle Range...until we learned that 'snapping in' included bones and muscles.

"With a sitting position like this, you're a cinch to qualify!"



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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-

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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**

***"Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence."***

*~Helen Keller~*

***"Confidence is contagious. So is lack of confidence."***

*~Vince Lombardi~*

***"Confidence is going after Moby Dick in a rowboat and taking tartar sauce with you."***

*~Zig Ziglar~*

**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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