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

WHAT'S NEW WITH THE 882

Detachment Picnic - August 28th at 2:00, at Plum Street Park

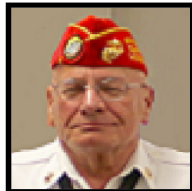
Detachment Meeting - August 30th at 7:30, at the Valley Vets

Dept. Rifle Match - Sept. 10th at 8:00, at the Millvale Sportsmen's Club

“Do one thing each day that makes you feel good. Keep moving, make mistakes, and challenge yourself. The lessons that lead to personal growth and clarity are inevitable.”

~Dee Waldeck~

ELECTED OFFICERS

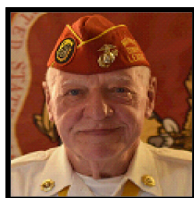


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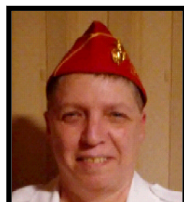
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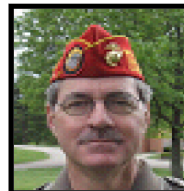
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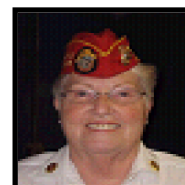
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Call to Order

The meeting of the Ohio Valley Detachment 882 was called to order at 1930 by Sr. Vice Commandant Tom Mann at the Valley Vets.

Officer's Roll Call

Showed Commandant Nick Rymarchyk and Chaplain Ray Tedford absent.

Introduction of Guests

Jim Brown introduced Gary Jamis and Dianne Adams both Marines interested in the League.

Application for Membership

After the meeting both guests were accepted by a motion by Marilou Farole, 2nd by Carl Curtis. Swearing in will be conducted at the next meeting.

Minutes

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

Correspondence

Veterans Service newsletter for July and a request for PLM audit to be conducted and submitted to the Department and National. D-Day reenactment will be held at Conneaut on August 18th thru 20th.

Report of the Paymaster

Marilou Farole gave the financial report for the month of June, a motion to accept was made by Keith

Minutes of Ohio Valley Detachment 882 Detachment Meeting of July 26, 2022

Sheldon, 2nd by Carl Curtis, motion carried.

Report of Members Sick and in Distress

None reported.

Rifle Matches

Gary Farole reported that the next match hosted by the Detachment will be on September 10th, those wanting to participate must register.

Pistol Matches

Gary Farole reported that the Department pistol match sponsored by Three Rivers Detachment was held at Millvale Club on July 14th with 12 shooters participating. August 18th will be the next match also at Millvale Club. Flyers have been posted on the Departments website. \$20.00 for match and must be pre-registered. Shooting sign up at 8:30 and shoot begins at 9:00.

Color Guard

No requests at this time.

Quartermaster

Gary Farole had the additional polo shirts with Detachment logo for those that placed an order. They can be picked up after the meeting. Cost \$30.00 for those that have not yet paid.

Devil Dogs

Jim Brown reported that the Growl scheduled for June 16 at the Valley Vets had to be canceled due to a Covid concern. A new date is scheduled for August 9th at Valley Vets at 7:30.

Old Business

Past Commandant Mike Shaffer sent out flyers for the Detachment family

picnic set for August 28th at Plum Street Park in Leet Township. Need RSVP with number attending, number of children, and food dish you are bringing. Also need help with set-up, grilling and cleanup. The Traveling Tomb of the Unknown Soldier ceremony was held on July 2nd at the 4 Corners Park in Zelienople. Detachment members Nick Rymarchyk, Marilou Farole and Gary Farole attended. The Missing in America Veterans Recovery program interment for 15 unclaimed Veterans remains was held on July 15th at the Cemetery of the Alleghenies. Attending were Nick Rymarchyk, Parker Gresh, Marilou Farole and Gary Farole.

New Business

Gary Farole reminded all paying members that dues are due by August 31st.

Good of the League

Carl Curtis reported on several Veterans issues; The Kiosk's at the VA are no longer in use for appointments and mileage reimbursements. You must go on-line and register; the suicide hot line is 988; free Eye and Dental clinic on August 5th & 6th at the D. Lawrence Center; a new outpatient clinic in Monroeville is under construction.

Announcements

Next meeting is scheduled for August 30th, 2022 at 19:30, at the Valley Vets.

Adjournment

The regular Meeting adjourned at 2008. 15 members were on board.



MCL Activities Calendar



Detachment Picnic

Sunday, August 28th, 2:00 P.M. to:5:00 P.M.
Plum Street Park, Fair Oaks, PA

Detachment Meeting

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

Department Fall Meetings

October 21st and 22nd
Headquarters Building, Ft. Indiantown Gap, PA

Department Rifle Match

September 10th, 8:00 A.M.
Millvale Sportsmen's Club, Wexford, PA



September Birthdays

Carl Curtis Bert Cerminara Bill Hess
George Haught John Lysaght
Keith Sheldon

Upcoming Rifle and Pistol Shoots



Rifle

The Millvale shooting schedule is:

September
Offhand - 3rd
Detachment Shoot - 10th
Highpower Rifle - 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 National Convention was held at
the Hilton Daytona Beach Oceanfront Hotel on August
15th through 19th. Information has yet to be posted.

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

Pennsylvania State
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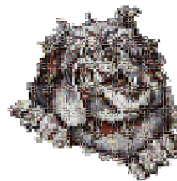


The Department Fall Meetings

will be held on October 21st and 22nd at the
Headquarters Building in Ft. Indiantown Gap. Accommodations - Holiday Inn Harrisburg / Hershey.
Ph # 717-469-0661 - ask for block M2C. Deadline is
Sept. 20th.

For this and any Departmental info, use the PA Department website at: www.pamcleague.org

Devil Dog Update
Ohio River Devil Dogs
Pound 133



Devil Dogs and Marines!

Unfortunately, the Growl that was to be held at the Valley Vets on August 9th, had to be cancelled. So, I plan to hold another Growl sometime soon and will notify you as soon as I can. Until then, enjoy this crazy weather and be careful out there.

DD Matt Popovich
Pound Keeper - Pound #133



**“Challenge yourself to be
an example of change.”
~Debasish Mridha~**

Detachment Activities
Pistol Match



Gary Farole (above) takes aim during the pistol shoot that was sponsored by the Three Rivers Detachment at the Millvale Sportsmen's Club on August 14th. Also in attendance were Tom Mann from our Det., Frank Kelly and 6 others from the 3 Rivers Det., one shooter from the Deep Creek Maryland Det., and 2 shooters from the Connemaugh Det.. Seven of the other shooters are shown below and right.



“If there's no challenge in your life, then there's no enjoyment in your life.”
~David Tian Ph.D ~

Picnic Announcement
The Detachment Picnic will be held on Sunday, August 28th from 2 to 5 PM at Plum Street Park in Fair Oaks. Set-up volunteers are needed. If you can help or would like to bring something, contact Mike Shaffer at:
mshaffer7777@gmail.com.
RSVP to Mike by August 20th.

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A Legendary Military Canine

Judy was a purebred pointer who was the mascot of several ships in the Pacific. She was captured by the Japanese in 1942 and taken to a prison camp. There she met British Aircraftsman Frank Williams, who shared his small portion of rice with her.



Judy raised morale in the POW camp, and also barked when poisonous snakes, crocodiles or even tigers approached the prisoners. When the prisoners were shipped back to Singapore, she was smuggled out in a rice sack, never whimpering or betraying her presence to the guards.

The next day, that ship was torpedoed. Williams pushed Judy out of a porthole in an attempt to save her life, even though there was a 15-foot drop to the sea. He made his own escape from the ship, but was then recaptured and sent to a new POW camp.

He didn't know if Judy had survived, but soon he began hearing stories about a dog helping drowning men reach pieces of debris after the shipwreck. And when Williams arrived at the new camp, he said: "I couldn't believe my eyes! As I walked through the gate, a scraggly dog hit me square between the shoulders and knocked me over. I'd never been so glad to see the old girl!"

They spent a year together at that camp in Sumatra. "Judy saved my life in so many ways," said Williams. "But the greatest of all was giving me a reason to live. All I had to do was look into those weary, bloodshot eyes and ask myself: 'What would happen to her if I died?' I had to keep going."

Once hostilities ceased, Judy was then smuggled aboard a troopship heading back to Liverpool. In England, she was awarded the Dickin Medal (the "Victoria Cross" for animals) in May 1946. Her citation reads: "For magnifi-

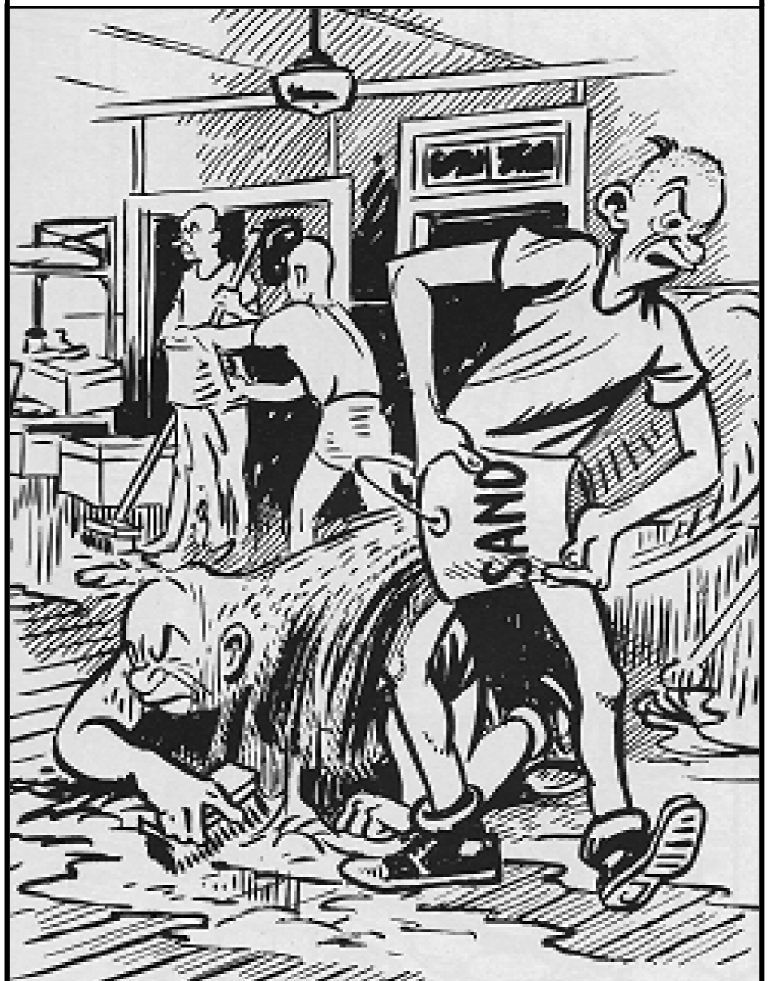
cent courage and endurance in Japanese prison camps, which helped to maintain morale among her fellow prisoners, and also for saving many lives through her intelligence and watchfulness".

At the same time, Frank Williams was awarded the PD-SA's White Cross of St. Giles for his devotion to Judy. Frank and Judy spent a year after the war visiting the relatives of English POWs who had not survived, and Frank said that Judy "always provided a comforting presence to the families."

When Judy finally died at the age of 13, Frank spent two months building a granite and marble memorial in her memory, which included a plaque describing her life story.



We discovered that a "Field Day" in the Marine Corps was not a track meet.



"Seems like a funny way to clean the deck - by throwing sand on it."

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The Month of August in Marine Corps History



1 August 1944: After nine days of fighting in a battle termed "the perfect amphibious operation of World War II," MajGen Harry Schmidt, commander of V Amphibious Corps, declared the island of Tinian secured. The combination of surprise, heavy preassault bombardment, and effective logistical support was responsible for Tinian's recapture with a much lower casualty rate (344 killed and 1550 wounded) than had been experienced in previous landings.

3 August 1950: Eight Corsairs of VMF-214, (left) the famed "Black Sheep" squadron of World War II, launched from the USS SICILY and executed the first Marine aviation mission in the Korean War in a raid against enemy installations near Inchon. After the F4Us delivered their incendiary bombs and rockets on their targets, the Marines concluded their greeting to the Communist troops with a series of strafing runs.

7 August 1990: President Bush ordered U.S. military aircraft and troops to Saudi Arabia as part of a multinational force to defend that nation against possible Iraqi invasion. One week later the Marine Corps announced the commitment of 45,000 troops to the Persian Gulf area as part of Operation Desert Shield which would become the largest deployment of U.S. forces since the Vietnam War.

9 August 1942: With the Guadalcanal airstrip secure after heavy fighting with the Japanese, the 1st Engineer Battalion commenced work on the runway using captured equipment. Three days later, on 12 August, the first plane landed on Henderson Field, a Navy PBX which evacuated two wounded Marines. Nearly 3,000 wounded Marines would be evacuated from Henderson Field during the battle.

13 August 1918: The Secretary of the Navy granted authority to enroll women for clerical duty in the Marine Corps Reserve. On 13 August 1918, Opha May Johnson

enlisted and became the first official Woman Marine. During the remainder of World War I, 305 women enlisted to "free a man to fight."

17 August 1942: Just prior to dawn, the 2d Marine Raider Battalion under LtCol Evans F. Carlson landed on Makin Island from the submarines NAUTILUS and ARGONAUT. The next day the Marines left the island after destroying a seaplane base, two radio stations, a supply warehouse, and killing about 100 Japanese soldiers.

21 August 1968: PFC James Anderson, Jr., was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor by Secretary of the Navy, Paul R. Ignatius, for heroism in Vietnam while serving as a rifleman with Company F, 2d Battalion, 3d Marines in February 1967. This was the first Medal of Honor presented to an African-American Marine. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Anderson, Sr., received the award during ceremonies at Marine Barracks, 8th and I.

23 August 1984: The last Marines to serve peace-keeping duty in Lebanon arrived home. The 24th Marine Amphibious Unit (MAU) arrived off the coast of Lebanon on 9 April to relieve Marines of the 22d MAU who were guarding the U.S. Embassy in Beirut. The 24th MAU left Beirut on 31 July, marking the last presence of U.S. combat troops in Beirut since Marines entered almost two years earlier.

24 August 1814: Captain Samuel Miller's 100-man detachment from Marine Barracks, Washington, fought in the battle of Bladensburg for the defense of the national capital. After helping to fight back three British charges, Captain Miller was wounded and the enemy began to work around both flanks of the American force. Almost encircled, the force of sailors and Marines was forced to retire to avoid capture. The Marines lost 8 killed and 14 wounded.



*"Wisdom starts when you know yourself.
You will realize that everything aligns itself
perfectly when you live your truth, break
limiting habits and challenge yourself daily."
~Itayi Garande~*

Membership Renewal

Annual Notice
Expires 31 August



Renew today with Paymaster Marilou Farole at the meeting or by mailing a check payable to Ohio Valley Det. 882 addressed to Paymaster, 654 Charette Pl., Sewickley, PA 15143

VETERAN

SLOWER THAN A SPEEDING BULLET
LESS POWERFUL THAN A LOCOMOTIVE
UNABLE TO LEAP TALL BUILDINGS IN A SINGLE BOUND
AND YET -
STILL A SUPER MAN



“Be thankful to those who refuse to help you, for they force you to summon upon your warrior within.”

~Miya Yamanouchi~

If something terrifies you, you should totally do it BECAUSE it terrifies you. And then you'll do it and you'll realize what you're capable of.”

~Jonathan Saccone-Joly~

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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 format by going to this

website: <http://pamcleague.org/mclpalic.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**

“Every once in a while you need to challenge yourself and learn new things.”

~Amit Ray~

““We won't grow and learn, doing what we've always done, and thinking what we've always thought. We need to move beyond our comfort zones. We need to engage with new and different if we want to expand ourselves.”

~Akiroq Brost~

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

Marine Corps League

OHIO VALLEY



DETACHMENT

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2022 SUMMER PICNIC

Sunday, August 28th

2:00 – 5:00

Plum Street Park

52 Plum St, Fair Oaks, PA 15003



RSVP to mshaffer7777@gmail.com number of Adults and/or Children By August 20th. Guests are welcome. Please note if you would like to volunteer to help and/or bring something to the picnic please let us know.

Semper Fi