



# 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 - April 27th, at 7:30, at the Valley Vets**

**"Sow an act and you reap a habit. Sow a habit and you reap a character.  
Sow a character and you reap a destiny."  
~Charles Reade~**

### ELECTED OFFICERS



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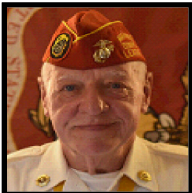
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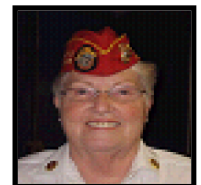
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**HONOR**

**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

None.

### Application for Membership

None.

### Minutes

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

### Correspondence

Adjutant reported on news received from the Veterans Service newsletter regarding availability of Covid vaccines and new guidelines.

### Report of the Paymaster

Marilou Farole gave the financial report for the month of February, a motion to accept was made by Tom Mann, 2nd by Carl Curtis, motion carried.

### Report of Members Sick and in Distress

None, Janice Rizzo was with us tonight and she said she's doing well and happy to be out.

### Rifle Matches

Commandant Mike Shaffer noted

## Minutes of Ohio Valley Detachment 882 Detachment Meeting of March 31st, 2021

that he and Gary have been in virtual meetings with the Department Marksmanship Reorganization Committee. 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 match season is now open with an offhand match on April 3rd and NRA matches on April 18th & 25th. Commandant Shaffer noted that the Camp Perry Match registration opens on April 1st.

### Pistol Matches

No matches will be scheduled until the club reopens for guests.

### Color Guard

No requests were received for a color guard.

### Quartermaster

No report.

### Devil Dogs

Dog Pound Keeper Jim Brown reported that a Growl was held on March 23rd and another one will be held on May 18th at 7:00.

### Old Business

Commandant Shaffer turned over the meeting to Adjutant Farole to conduct the 2nd nominations of officers and election. There being no further nominations, Past Commandant Marilou Farole made a motion to have the Adjutant cast a single vote for for the election of all nominated officers, 2nd by Past Commandant Jim Dempsey, motion carried. Adjutant Farole declared the officers of Ohio Valley Detachment duly elected.

### New Business

Adjutant Farole noted that the installation of officers will be held at the April meeting and encouraged all officers to wear their uniforms.

Appointed District 10 Vice Commandant Andy Burch will install the officers. Commandant Shaffer noted that the raffle tickets for our fundraiser are available and we need help selling the 250 tickets. Adjutant Farole said that he will contact Ambridge Do it Best Hardware to get approval to sell tickets there.

The Department Convention will be held June 16th - 21st at the Clarion Inn Hotel in New Cumberland. Our District 10 will be hosting the hospitality room Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Our Detachment will pay for 3 rooms for 3 nights at 2 persons per room for those wanting to attend and help at the hospitality room.

### Good of the League

Carl Curtis reported on Veterans affairs: President Biden wants all Veterans and Spouses vaccinated; use the Outsource Care if you are unable to get to see a doctor at the VA; a proposal for all Veterans to be able to get in the VA System was shot down; Rep. Connor Lamb is accusing the VSO's of abusing the VA facilities.

### Announcements

Next meeting is scheduled for April 27th, 2021 at 7:30, at the Valley Vets. The regular Meeting adjourned at 2025. 13 members were on board.



MCL Activities Calendar



**Northeast Division Conference**

June 4th and 5th

Holiday Inn Harrisburg / Hershey, Grantville, PA

**Detachment Meeting**

Tuesday, April 27th, 7:30 P.M.

Glenfield Valley Vets

**Devil Dog Growl**

Tuesday, May 18th, at 7:00 P.M.

Glenfield Valley Vets



May Birthdays

Ed Diehl Christopher Mrozowski  
Bill Shaffer

Upcoming Rifle and Pistol Shoots



**Rifle**

The Millvale shooting schedule is:

April shoots:

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



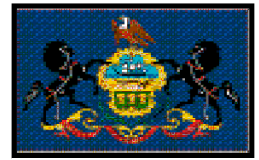
**The 2021 Northeast Division**

**Conference** will be held on June 4th and 5th at the  
Holiday Inn Harrisburg / Hershey at I-81 Exit 80 604  
Station Road Grantville, PA

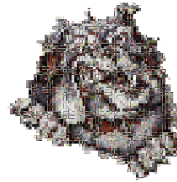
Reservations: 717-469-1554

\$117/night -Deadline: 23 March 2021

Pennsylvania State  
Marine Corps League News



No meetings are scheduled at this  
time. For 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! If you didn't get to  
the **Spring Growl** on March 23rd at the Valley Vets,  
don't howl like you lost your favorite chew toy, because  
the **next Growl** will only be a month away  
from now on **May 18th at 7:00 P.M.**, at the  
**Valley Vets**. Bring some big and small  
bones and your funny bone, too. Can't  
wait to see all you Dogs again. I'm sure that  
we'll have a howling good time!



Until then, stay safe.

DD Jim Brown

Pound Keeper - Pound #133



Detachment Activities  
Shooting Award



Our Adjutant, Gary Farole, (rt.) presents the 2nd place  
Rifle Match Award to the Bantam Marines through one  
of its members at the District 10 meeting with  
Department Sr Vice Dave Brady (lt.).

**Detachment Activities (cont.)**  
**Raffle Ticket Sales**



Marilou Farole (seated), Gary Farole, and Kitty Curtis sold the "Ready to Grille" raffle tickets at the Ambridge Do it Best Hardware store.



**Legendary Marines**  
**Maj. Gen. Smedley Butler**

Major General Smedley Darlington Butler (July 30, 1881 – June 21, 1940), nicknamed "Old Gimlet Eye", was a senior United States Marine Corps officer who fought in both the Mexican Revolution and World War I. Butler was, at the time of his death, the most decorated Marine in U.S. history. During his 34-year career as a Marine, he participated in military actions in the Philippines, China, in Central America and the Caribbean during the Banana Wars, and France in World War I. Butler later became an outspoken critic of American wars and their consequences. Butler also exposed an alleged plan to overthrow the United States government.

By the end of his career, Butler had received 16 medals, five for heroism. He is one of 19 men to receive the Medal of Honor twice, one of three to be awarded both the Marine Corps Brevet Medal (along with Wendell Neville and David Porter) and the Medal of Honor, and the only Marine to be awarded the Brevet Medal and two Medals of Honor, all for separate actions.



**ATTENTION, MARINES!**

**To make this raffle a real success, we NEED sales help from every Member. Be sure to contact Gary or Marilou Farole to get your tickets and sell, sell, sell!**

**"Failure is only postponed success as long as courage 'coaches' ambition. The habit of persistence is the habit of victory."**

**~Herbert Kaufman~**

**If you are going to achieve excellence in big things, you develop the habit in little matters. Excellence is not an exception, it is a prevailing attitude.**  
**Colin Powell**

This Month in Marine Corps History

**3 April 1945:** On Okinawa, Marines of the III Amphibious Corps continued to make good progress all along their front, clearing Zampa Misaki and seizing the Katchin Peninsula, thus effectively cutting the island in two. By this date (D+2), III AC elements had reached objectives thought originally to require 11 days to take.

**10 April 1959:** Marine Lt. Col. John H. Glenn, Jr. was named as one of the original seven Project Mercury astronauts selected for space training. The seven astronauts, all volunteers, were selected by NASA from an initial group of 110 leading military test pilots. Three years later, on 20 February 1962, Col Glenn would become the first American to orbit the Earth.

**12-13 April 1918:** Marines of the 4th Brigade suffered their first gas attack on the night and early morning hours of 12-13 April when the Germans bombarded the 74th Company, 6th Marines near Verdun with mustard gas. Nine Marine officers and 305 enlisted Marines were gassed and evacuated, and 30 Marines died from the effects of the gas shells which hit in the middle of the reserve area cantonments in which they were sleeping.

**15 April 1962:** Marine Corps operational involvement in the Vietnam War began on Palm Sunday when HMM-362 with its Sikorsky UH-34s arrived at Soc Trang in the Delta south of Saigon. The task unit was called "Shufly" and its first operational employment involved lifting Vietnamese troops into battle.

**18 April 1983:** One Marine Security Guard was killed and seven were wounded when a large car bomb exploded just outside the U.S. Embassy in Beirut, Lebanon. Lance Corporal Robert McMaugh was standing guard at Post 1, just inside the front entrance when the bomb exploded outside the door. The explosion killed 61 people including 17 Americans. LCpl McMaugh was buried at Arlington National Cemetery on 26 April.

**21 April 1951:** Marine carrier-based airplanes made

their first aerial contact with enemy planes over the Korean front lines. Captain Philip C. Delong shot down two YAK fighters and 1st Lieutenant Harold D. Daigh destroyed one more and damaged another in the heavily defended Pyongyang-Chinnanpo area. Both pilots were with VMF-312 flying from the USS Bataan.

**27 April 1805:** First Lieutenant Presley N. O'Bannon, with seven other Marines, was part of a force of Greeks and Arabs led by American Consul William Eaton, raised the United States flag for the first time over a conquered fortress of the Old World at Derne, a stronghold of the Tripolitan pirates.

**28 April 1993:** The last A-6E Intruder departed from Marine Corps service. Marine All Weather Attack Squadron 332 transferred the last Marine A-6E to St. Augustine, Florida, and prepared for the squadron's transition to the F/A-18D and eventual movement from Cherry Point to Beaufort, South Carolina.

*We learned, also, that it does not pay to be a "sick bay soldier" unless something is actually the matter.*



*What's the matter with you?*



**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**

*"Nothing is more powerful than custom or habit." ~Ovid~*

*"Creativity is a habit, and the best creativity is the result of good work habits." ~Twyla Tharp~*

*"Motivation is what gets you started. Habit is what keeps you going." ~Jim Ryun~*

*"Quality is not an act, it is a habit." ~Aristotle~*

**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*