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Commandant's Corner



-by Jeff Tegzes

(Commandant Tegzes is out of the country so the Editor has provided some comments.)

Greetings, Marines!

It was gratifying to see the good turnout we had from the Detachment and the Auxiliary at the SE Division convention in Gatlinburg earlier this month. We probably had 30-35 Detachment and Auxiliary members attend at least part of the activities at the convention. The Sevier County Detachment really worked hard on the convention and I'm glad so many turned out to show our support.

We were saddened but not surprised to learn of Marine Jim Peacock's death just a few days before the convention. Jim's health had been declining.

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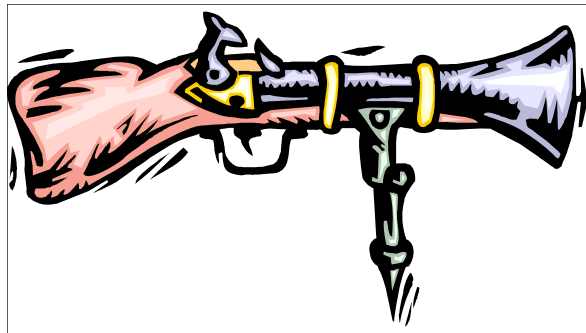
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Annual Rifle Shoot Scheduled for 30 May

The 2009 MSgt. William H. "Bill" Gerst Memorial Rifle Match will be held at the Volunteer Range in North Knoxville on Sat., 30 May. Again this year, we'll be shooting on the 300-yard bullseye target from the 200-yard line.

The cost will be \$20.00, the same as last year; there is no cost if you just want to come out to watch. (or perhaps cheer on the participants?) More information will be provided in the future about authorized rifles, availability of M-1 rifles and ammunition from the gun club, start times, etc.

Last year we allowed use of the M-1 and we shot rounds, rapid and the prone the stand-position.



A rifle like this will not be allowed, though it might help improve some of our scores!

Questions about rifles will and who

shoot for the tournament trophy, are still being discussed.

If you have questions about the shoot, contact Marine Doug Calvert at 482-3736.

Detachment/Auxiliary Meeting on 3/31/09

The next monthly meeting will be at the Navy Operational Support Center/Marine Corps Reserve Center, 2101 Alcoa Hwy., on Tuesday, 3/31/09, beginning with a social hour at 1730. There will be a short memorial service for Marine Jim

Peacock before the business meeting.

During the business meeting we'll discuss the Easter weekend Safety Break, the Rifle Shoot, the Department Convention in June and other activities.

we only allow shooters to Garand rifle a total of 35 with a mix of slow fire in position and ing (off-hand)

about what be allowed, will be able to

Odds & Ends

Easter Safety Break - Our first Safety Break of the year will be held over the Easter weekend from 10-12 April. There are still slots to fill on the duty roster so sign up at the 31 March meeting or contact Junior Vice Commandant Lloyd Morris at (865) 717-9250 if you can help.

2009 Department Convention - Our Detachment is hosting the 2009 Department Convention from 19-20 June at the Holiday Inn Select off the Cedar Bluff Exit of I-40. Registration information has been sent to all the other de-

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tachments in the state but a lot of work remains to be done in the six months before the convention. The convention is fast approaching so we really need to get out to find sponsors to take advertisements in our Convention Book or to get items for the Convention "goody bag" or door prizes. Contact Junior Past Detachment Commandant David Hatfield if you have any questions about what it takes to get an ad in the Convention Book. At the 31 March meeting, we'll have a good discussion about where we need volunteers so make sure you attend that meet-

ing to learn how you can help.

2009 Marine Mud Run - This year's Mud Run won't take place until Saturday, 19 Sept., but we've already started to get on-line registrations. We've set a limit of 1,400 runners this year (200 more than last year) and are requiring that they register on-line - that will simplify our paperwork and save a lot of time, as well. Now is the time to get out and contact possible sponsors for the race. Sponsor forms showing the various sponsor levels and what the sponsor receives are available for downloading from our website.

Stand Down for Homeless Veterans to be Held on 22 May

As many of you know, our Detachment started sponsoring a Stand Down for Homeless Veterans in 2000 after Past Detachment Commandant George Sexton and his wife, Connie, visited Nashville and saw what they do there for homeless veterans.

Since that time, we've sponsored a Stand Down almost every year, though we didn't do one in 2008.

Well, we're going to do another one this year, though it will be only a one-day event instead of the longer events we've done in the past.

The Stand Down will take place

on Friday, 22 May, at the National Guard Armory on Sutherland Avenue. We will pick up the homeless vets that morning before 0800 and take them back to the designated drop-off points about 1700. During the day, they'll get food, counseling in many areas, some medical services, clothing, and legal assistance.

As in the past, we'll need a lot of volunteer support from Detachment and Auxiliary members to pull this off successfully. We'll have a sign-up sheet and more information at the 31 March meeting.

Young Marine Report - by Unit Commander Virgil Young

As anticipated, we have a large number of recruits for our 2009 Recruit Class. We ended up registering 62 recruits with our National Headquarters and are in full stride with their training. We've already completed three training days with them and they're beginning to come together very well. I was very impressed with the effort they put out at the last drill on their initial Physical Fitness Test - one recruit actually scored a 480 out of 500 possible points!

On 22 March, about a dozen Adult Leaders and senior YM

went to Smyrna, TN for a Regimental Staff meeting. For the first time ever, representatives from every unit in the state were there. Two of our YM presented our plans for the Regimental Encampment we will host next September and it was apparent that the other attendees were favorably impressed.

On Saturday, 28 March, the recruits will be at the Reserve Center, where they will receive a class on Marine Corps history, run the "O" course, and be issued their uniforms. While the recruits are at the Reserve Center,

half our Young Marines will be participating in a "Welcome Home" parade for veterans in Crossville while the other half will be participating in a tree-planting event at a site near Petros, TN to help in the effort of the Nature Conservancy to re-claim an area that was strip-mined.

On 4 April, the YM and recruits will be at the Blount County Sheriff's Office Training Center where they will have a day of team-building, ropes courses, and possibly rappelling, depending on the ability of the BCSO to make qualified instructors available.

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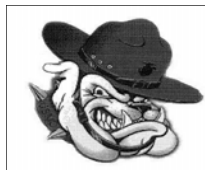
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ing rapidly over the last few months.

Jim was a Charter Member of our Detachment and was active in all our activities before his health started to decline. We will miss his even temperament, his quiet laugh, and the warmth that he brought to every event. Jim was a shooting enthusiast and never missed one of our shooting events when his health would permit. He was an exceptional marksman but we all remember him complimenting us on our shooting, not bragging about his own. That was one of the reasons we decided in the summer of 2006 to name our annual pistol match in his honor.

I know that Jim would have been pleased that so many of his Marine Corps League friends showed up in red jackets at his interment on 7 March and at the memorial service the following week. Leaguers served as pallbearers, as flag-folders, and gave him an appropriate send off with a rifle salute and playing of taps from our Honor Guard.

Please try to come to our 31 March meeting when we will have a short memorial service of our own for Jim before the beginning of the business meeting.



Membership

At the last meeting, we voted to accept the application for membership of two Marines: Gary Schmitz, 12146 N. Fox Den Dr., Farragut; served 1/60-1/64; and Richard Arsenault, 1076 Fate Rankin Rd., Jefferson City, TN.

We've received no new applications for membership since that time.

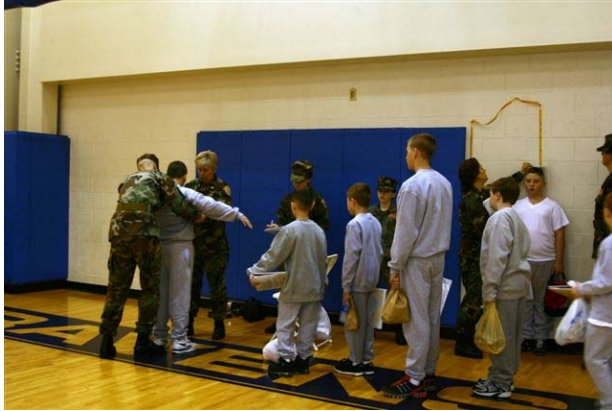
The following are members due for renewal in the near future:

April - Gerald Crosby.

May - Capt. Richard Callas (Assoc.), John Lambert, Ron Phillips, Jim Williams, and Joe Williams.

Recent Pictures of Interest

Moments in the Life of a Young Marine Recruit



Waiting in line to get measured for uniforms.



Learning the basics of close order drill.



Get out of those bleachers!



Learning how to do push-ups the right way.



Encouragement to complete the run portion of the PFT.

Auxiliary Report - by Connie Sexton

Greetings everyone,

It is somewhat like Spring. Dorie and Ruby and I attended the SE conference at Gatlinburg. Sevier County did a good job with the whole conference. We got some valuable input on the changes already in place for the forms and proposed changes that will help simplify the whole

process. Thanks to Mattie Brown for helping Sevier County with the hospitality room. The Frances Watt Award was won by Alice Blackford.

Several members were in attendance at Jim Peacock's funeral in Maryville, also. Even though it was such a sad day, thanks, ladies for coming out.

Chaplain's Report - by Leroy Brown

The 63rd SE Division Conference was a great success thanks to the Sevier County Detachment. It was interesting to meet new people and make new friends and to learn what other states and detachments are doing.

Our Detachment will be extremely busy in the coming months. Get on board and volunteer for these events and help make them a success.

It is with sadness that I report the passing of one of our charter

members. Marine Jim Peacock passed away on 3 March. We extend our condolences to Cecilia and family. Thanks to the Detachment members who participated in the graveside service and interment. Semper Fi, Jim. Cecilia will be at our March 31st meeting for a memorial service.

If I can be assistance call me at 865-806-2837. Semper Fi, Leroy



Upcoming Activities

April 2009

2nd - YM Adult Staff Mtg.
4th - MCL Dept. Spring Staff Mtg.
- YM Drill/Recruit TD 5
7th - MCL Officers Mtg.
10th-13th - Easter Safety Break
18th-19th - Recruit Campout
25th - Massing of Colors
- YM Drill/Recruit TD 8
28th - MCL/Aux. Monthly Meeting

May 2009

2nd - YM Drill/Recruit Graduation
7th - YM Adult Staff Meeting
12th - MCL Officers Mtg.
23rd - YM Drill
23rd-25th - Memorial Day Safety Break
25th - Memorial Day Service
26th - MCL/Aux. Monthly Meeting
30th - Annual Rifle Shoot

More Daffy Definitions

The Washington Post once asked readers to take any word from the dictionary, alter it by adding, subtracting or changing only one letter, and supply a new definition. Here are a few more good ones:

Dopeler Effect - The tendency of stupid ideas to seem smarter when they come at you rapidly.

Beelzebug - Satan in the form of a mosquito that gets in your room at three o'clock in the morning and cannot be cast out.

NEWS FLASH!

Cecelia Peacock, Marine Jim Peacock's widow, wants to sell the van that she used to transport Jim. It is a 2006 Dodge Grand Caravan with a 3.3 liter, v-6 engine, with 37,900 miles on it. It has the Vantage Mobility International package with a 9" lowered floor and a fold-down ramp. The asking price is \$25,995.00.

Contact Phoenix Conversion Vans (Parkside Dr. in west Knoxville) at 670-4060 if you're interested.

June 2009

4th - YM Adult Staff Meeting
6th - YM Drill
7th-12th - YM Trip to Parris Island, SC
16th - MCL Officers Meeting
18th -20th - Department Convention
27th - YM Drill
30th - MCL/Aux. Monthly Meeting

Application for Membership
Lt. Alexander Bonnyman Detachment # 924, Marine Corps League
Knoxville, TN

Date: _____

Name _____ Spouse's Name _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Home Ph.# _____

Business Ph.# _____ E-mail _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____

Date of Enlistment/Commissioning ____/____/____ Date of Discharge/Separation/Retirement ____/____/____

Type of Application: () New () Renewal Type of Membership: () Associate () Regular

I hereby apply for membership in the Lt. Alexander Bonnyman Detachment, Marine Corps League, Department of Tennessee, and enclose \$35.00 for one year's membership, which includes a year's subscription to the Marine Corps League quarterly magazine. I certify that I have served as a U.S. Marine for more than 90 days, that the character of my service has been honorable, and if discharged, I am in receipt of an honorable discharge. I am attaching to this application proof of my honorable discharge/service (retired military ID, DD-214, Honorable Discharge Certificate, etc.).

(Sponsor's Name) _____

Applicant's Signature

Upon completion, return to your sponsor, or mail application to **→**

LT. ALEXANDER BONNYMAN DETACHMENT #924
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
PO BOX 145
KNOXVILLE, TN 37901

(Include your \$35.00 dues payment - check or money order payable to "Marine Corps League" - plus proof of honorable service, which is required by our Detachment.)

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