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

### WHAT'S NEW WITH THE 882

Detachment Meeting - Tuesday, **March 26th**, at **7:00**, at the Valley Vets

Northeast Division Conference - April 12th and 13th, Plainsboro Twp., NJ

Devil Dog Growl - Tuesday, **April 16th** at **7:00**, at the Valley Vets

Dept of PA Convention - June 19th thru 23rd, Camp Hill, PA

"Life is a succession of lessons which must be lived to be understood." ~Helen Keller~

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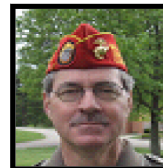
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**HONOR**

**COURAGE**

**COMMITMENT**



**Minutes of Ohio Valley Detachment 882  
Detachment Meeting of February 27th, 2024**

**Call to Order**

The meeting of the Ohio Valley Detachment 882 was called to order at 1900 by Commandant Nick Rymarchyk at the Valley Vets.

**Officer's Roll Call**

Showed Sgt. At Arms Carl Curtis absent.

**Introduction of Guests**

None.

**Application for Membership**

None.

**Minutes**

A motion to accept the minutes of the January meeting, as published in the newsletter, was made by Bob Wagner, 2nd by Deb McLaughlin, motion carried.

**Correspondence**

Veterans Service newsletter for February and AA Caregivers Summit at Butler VA on April 10th at 12:30.

**Report of the Paymaster**

Marilou Farole gave the financial report for the months of January. Motion to accept was made by Deb McLaughlin, 2nd by Bob Wagner, motion carried.

**Report of Members Sick and in Distress**

None.

**Rifle Matches**

Gary Farole reported that the next Millvale match will be an Offhand on March 2nd and an XTC match

on the 9th. More winter matches will be posted shortly. Gary announced the Department 2023 Rifle Match Awards; 1st Place Team Ohio Valley member Rich Hahn and 1st Place Expert Individual Rich Hahn. Medals were presented by Commandant Nick Rymarchyk and Adjutant Gary Farole.

**Pistol Matches**

No report at this time the 2024 Pistol Matches are being set up and will be posted.

**Color Guard**

A request was received from Sewickley Borough for the Memorial Day events on May 27th and for the Cranberry Township Memorial Service on Sunday May 26th.

**Quartermaster**

No report.

**Devil Dogs**

Gary Farole reported that the next Growl will be held at the Club on April 16th. A great growl was held on January 16th with a lot of Big Bones collected.

**Old Business**

Dues for 2024 are still due by some members. Detachment's 30 Year Anniversary will be coming up in May with a celebration after the meeting. Ideas needed for appetizers.

**New Business**

Commandant Rymarchyk conducted the nominations for the 2024 officers with the following results: Commandant. Tom Mann Sr. Vice. Deb McLaughlin

Jr. Vice. Rich Hahn Judge Advocate Jim Dempsey Appointed officers will be selected after the Election.

**Good of the League**

Gary reported that the Club has resumed Fish Fry's on every Friday during lent from 4:00 to 8:00. Open to all.

**Announcements**

Next meeting is scheduled for March 26th, 2024 at 19:00, at the Valley Vets.

**Adjournment**

The regular Meeting adjourned at 1945.

12 members were on board.



**Due\$ Due**

These members still owe dues: Bob Moisey Grover Smith

If you haven't already, please pay at the meeting or send payment of \$25.00, paid to:

Ohio Valley Marines  
654 Charette Place  
Sewickley, PA 15143

**Officer Elections**  
**Officer elections will be held in April, and the installations will be held in May.**

**"Life is like a coin. You can spend it any way you wish, but you only spend it once."**  
~Lillian Dickson~

**MCL Activities Calendar**



**Detachment Meeting**

Tuesday, **March 26th, 7:00 P.M.**

Glenfield Valley Vets

**Northeast Division Conference**

**April 12th and 13th**

Crowne Plaza Princeton, Plainsboro Township, NJ

**Devil Dog Growl**

Tuesday, **April 16th, 7:00 P.M.**

Glenfield Valley Vets

**Dept of PA Convention**

**June 19th thru 23rd**

Penn Harris Hotel, Camp Hill, PA



**April Birthdays**

Don Brickner    Jim Brown  
 Ron Heitzenrater    Eddie Marx  
 Melvin Rizzo

**Upcoming Rifle and Pistol Shoots**



**Rifle**



**Pistol**

The Millvale shooting schedule is:

**March shoot:**

High Power Rifle - **30th**

**April shoots:**

Marine Corps League Match - **13th**

High Power Rifle - **14th**

At Millvale - **July 18th and August 15th**

At Rochester - **July 27th and August 10th**

For all shooting info, call Gary Farole at 412-741-7898 or Jim Dempsey at 724-266-7828.



**National Marine Corps League News**

The **Northeast Division Conference** will be held on **April 12th and 13th** at the Crowne Plaza Princeton, Plainsboro Township, NJ. Hotel reservations can be made at the Crowne Plaza Princeton, 900 Scudlers Mill Rd, Plainsboro Township, NJ 08536 by calling (609) 936-4200 and using group code NED or visit <http://tiny.cc/NEDIV> to make your reservation online. If booking online please select your check-in date for the group code to be applied. Room Rates are \$119.00 per room, per night.

The **National Convention** will be held at the Westin Rancho Mirage Golf Resort and Spa in Palm Springs, CA, on **August 12th thru 16th**.

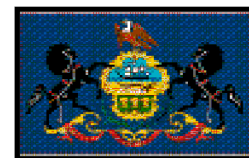
Accommodations are at 7133 Dinah Shore Drive, Rancho Mirage, CA 92270. Phone: 888-627-7086 Reference MCL or Marine Corps League.

\$159/night single \$169/night double (rates include breakfast, tax, resort fee & parking)

Cutoff for reservations is: July 8th.

For any 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**



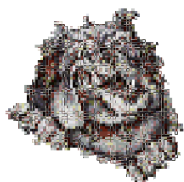
The **Department of PA Convention** will be held at the Penn Harris Hotel in Camp Hill, PA (more details to come) on **June 19th thru 23rd**.

Accommodations are at 1150 Camp Hill Bypass, Camp Hill, PA, Phone: 717-763-7117 ask for Marine Corps League rate; includes breakfast.

Single: \$124.91 (total); Double: \$141.91 (total)

Deadline: May 29th.

For any Departmental info, use the PA Department website at: [www.pamcleague.org](http://www.pamcleague.org)



**Ohio River Devil Dog News**  
**Pound 133**

**Devil Dogs and Marines!**

I am pleased to report that we had a very successful January Growl:

**Recognition/Awards program**

Reminder: We only have four growls a year (one of which is usually a picnic). So those dogs that attend three of the next four growls will earn themselves a Pound Keeper Commendation / ribbon. For those dogs that have busy schedules or distance is a barrier, you can also qualify by forwarding a five Big Bones (\$5) fine to our Dog Robber (PDD Farole) during the month of each growl you are unable to attend.

Update: Our Dog Robber received a check for 5 Big Bones from a dog that was in Florida and couldn't attend the growl.

**Fundraising**

The MODD "yellow" roses were already engaged with 130 Big Bones being raised at Detachment 1138 Washington County's recent monthly meeting. A big "arf" of thanks to those dogs that took some roses at the growl to raise even more bones!

**“Keep it fun and they will come!”**

Our Show Dog DD Rymarchyk has been chasing his tail in anxious anticipation of our next growl. He reports to have plenty of entertaining activities for our coming growls.

**Recruitment**

At the last growl we had a prospective pup in attendance. Attending a growl is an excellent way to grow our order, hopefully all the scratching and drooling didn't scare her off! We also have one new pup application in hand from Washington County. I think it is a very reasonable goal to bring four new pups on board this year.

If your MCL Detachment has a regular newsletter or email, please consider submitting an article on our Pound

and / or the MODD in general.

The next **Growl** is **Tuesday, April 16th** at **1900 hours** at **Glenfield Valley Vets - 8 E. Beaver Street, Sewickley, PA 15143.**

Reminder, kindly forward updates to your address or contact information, input on the above, questions, notifications of dogs sick or in distress and more to your Pound Keeper and Dog Robber (Gary Farole).

Woof-out,  
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Woof!  
Woof!



**Detachment Activities**

**Awards**



Rich Hahn, (c.), earned two shooting awards - one for 1st Place Expert Individual and one for being a member of the 1st Place Team Ohio Valley Marines. The medals were presented by Commandant Nick Rymarchyk (r.) and Adjutant Gary Farole (l.).

**"Not how long, but how well  
you have lived is the main thing."  
~Seneca~**

Outstanding Marine

**LCpl. Marina Camponeski**

A promising young Marine, LCpl. Marina Camponeski, has been named the Marine Corps Installations Command Marine of the Year for superior performance and demonstrated leadership skills.



U.S. Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Marina Camponeski was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal from Maj. Gen. David Maxwell at an award ceremony on Marine Corps Base Quantico in February.

Camponeski is a Massachusetts native and finance technician with the Programs and Resources Department, Headquarters Marine Corps.

Camponeski was selected for the distinction for her work ethic and for outperforming all other Marines at the communications level across 25 Marine Corps installations.

“Camponeski continues to make an impact far beyond this organization,” Maj. Gen. David W. Maxwell, Marine Corps Installation Command commanding general, said during the ceremony. “Not satisfied with her skills; always expanding her knowledge; she’s what we look for – every time – in every Marine.”

Many military leaders had positive experiences and words for Camponeski’s character, reputation and capacity to do well as a leader of Marines. Her noncommissioned officer shared his experience with her.

“The decisions she makes within her personal and

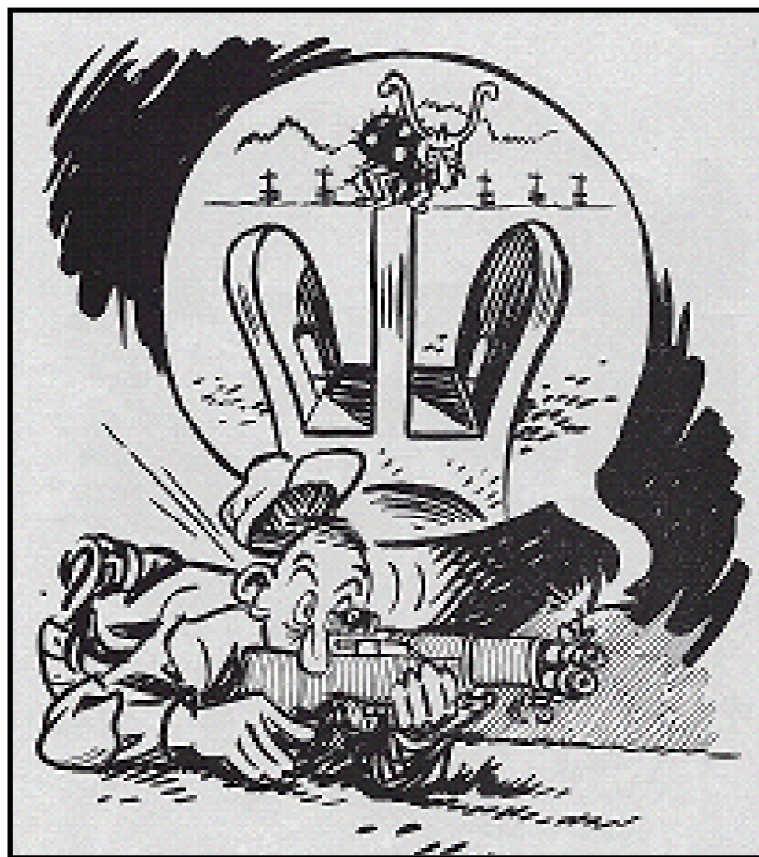
professional life are well thought out,” Gunnery Sgt. Corky O. Leebaert, National Capital Region finance office pay chief, said during the ceremony. “She is the epitome of a young leader; she is smart, ambitious, compassionate and objective in her decision making.”

Camponeski said winning the award comes with responsibilities to set an example and maintain it for other Marines.

“It’s an honor and a privilege that my leadership would even consider me for something so prodigious,” Camponeski said at the ceremony. “Winning Marine of the Year is a year’s worth of work put into four words; to hold a title so grand is extraordinary.”

Her chain of command commented on her consistent performance that surpasses her peer group.

“Without question, she possesses the character traits, maturity, and leadership to lead as a lance corporal of Marines and beyond,” Leebaert said. “She has earned the trust and confidence of her juniors as well as her peers and leadership.”



Gad! Whotta monster!

### The Month of March in Marine Corps History



**2 March 1867:** Jacob Zeilin, Colonel Commandant of the Marine Corps from 30 June 1864, was this date promoted to the rank of Brigadier General Commandant, the first time Congress authorized this rank for the Marine Corps. The statute, however, was repealed in June 1874 so that the rank of Commandant would again revert to colonel upon Zeilin's retirement.

**8 March 1965:** The 9th Marine Expeditionary Brigade landed at DaNang, Republic of Vietnam as the first U.S. ground combat troops to be committed to that conflict. The 3,500 men arrived both across the beach with Battalion Landing Team 3/9, and at DaNang Airfield with Battalion Landing Team 1/3.

**11 March 1778:** Marines participated the action when the Continental Navy frigate BOSTON, enroute to France, sighted, engaged, and captured the British merchant ship MARTHA. As the drum of the BOSTON beat to arms, John Adams seized a musket and joined the Marines on deck until the frigate's captain, Samuel Tucker, sent him below for safety.

**13 March 1943:** The first group of 71 Women Marine officer candidates arrived at the U.S. Midshipmen School (Women's Reserve) at Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley, Massachusetts. The Navy's willingness to share training facilities enabled the Marine Corps to begin training Marine Corps Women's Reserve officers just one month after the creation of the MCWR was announced.

**17 March 1967:** The first woman Marine to report to Vietnam for duty, Master Sergeant Barbara J. Dulinsky, began her 18-hour flight to Bien Hoa, 30 miles north of Saigon. MSgt Dulinsky and the other officer and enlisted Women Marines that followed were assigned to the Military Assistance Command, Vietnam (MACV) based in Saigon. Most worked with the Marine Corps Personnel Section providing administrative support to Marines assigned as far north as the DMZ, but two Lieutenant

Colonels, Ruth Reinholz and Ruth O'Holleran, served as historians with the Military History Branch, Secretary Joint Staff, MACV.

**25 March 1945:** After 35 days of bitter fighting, the amphibious assault on the rocky fortress of Iwo Jima finally appeared over. On the night of 25 March, however, a 300-man Japanese force launched a vicious final counterattack in the vicinity of Airfield Number 2. Army pilots, Seabees and Marines of the 5th Pioneer Battalion and 28th Marines fought the fanatical Japanese force till morning but suffered heavy casualties --more than 100 killed and another 200 American wounded. Nearly all of the Japanese force was killed in the battle.

**27 March 1953:** The 5th Marines, supported by the 2d Battalion, 7th Marines, in the first full day of fighting after the Chinese assault the previous evening of Outpost Vegas on Korea's western front, counterattacked to regain enemy-held positions. Companies E and F of 2/7, down to only three platoons between them, managed to regain partial control of Outpost Vegas that day.

**31 March 1801:** On this date, LtCol Commandant William W. Burrows rode with president Thomas Jefferson to look for "a proper place to fix the Marine Barracks on." President Jefferson was a personal friend of the Commandant, and deeply interested in the welfare of the Corps and accompanied Burrows on horseback on the morning of 31 March. They chose a square in Southeast Washington, bounded by 8th and 9th streets, and A & I streets, because it lay near the Navy Yard and was within easy marching distance of the Capitol.



"Life imposes things on you that you can't control, but you still have the choice of how you're going to live through this."

~Celine Dion~

"Curiosity about life in all of its aspects, I think, is still the secret of great, creative people."

~Leo Burnett~



**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 Fees and Information as of July, 2023.



These are the prices:

Ages up to 35	\$1000.00	36 - 50	\$800.00
51 - 64	\$600.00	65 - 84	\$400.00
85+	\$100.00		

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 amount 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**

*"If life were predictable it would cease to be life, and be without flavor."  
~Eleanor Roosevelt~*

*"Never let the fear of striking out keep you from playing the game."  
~Babe Ruth~*

*"If you want to live a happy life, tie it to a goal, not to people or things."  
~Albert Einstein*

*"Get busy living or get busy dying."  
~Stephen King~*

**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*