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CONLEY CHRONICLES

Newsletter of Corporal Matthew D. Conley Det. #1477
The Shoals, Alabama



Officer Elections Nominations are:

Last month we agreed to up our elections to this month. Terry Holliday was committee head of nominations for the elected officer positions. Tommy Oswalt took over as announcing nominated candidates and opened the floor for anyone else to motion for each officer position.

And the nominees are:

Judge Advocate: **Ronnie Briggum**

Jr. Vice Commandant: **Nick Ryan**

Sr. Vice Commandant: **Dennis Hudgins**

Commandant: **Ernest Aday**

All elected officers accepted their positions. All appointed positions are open for anyone interested, or Ernie will ask you. Available positions are: PayMaster (Schuyler R.), Adjutant (Miller), Chaplain (Cole), Sgt at Arms (Miller & Halpain), QuarterMaster (Holiday), Web Officer (Nick R.), Public Relations Officer (Wray) and Historian (Meyers). All officers will be installed during our October meeting. Please wear your tomato jacket or be presentable. Celebration will be held afterwards. (To clarify pants and shirts are required! Absolutely NO Donald Ducking it!)



Roy Henry Drinkard
July 12, 1920 – August 23, 2026

One highlight of our 250th Marine Corps Birthday Ball was having Roy Drinkard as a special guest. Most everyone left the party with a gift from Roy, a \$2 dollar bill that feature his photo. He served our country as a Marine during WWII in the Pacific. It is easy to find his obituary, reading it will tell the story of a man that did not waste one minute of his 106 year life. It was an honor to meet this man and enjoy a few minutes with him.

Golf Tourney Fundraiser

Marines Helping Marines Golf Tournament Recap, Sept 26, 2026

On Saturday, September 26, 2026, players, sponsors, and volunteers filled Cypress Lake Golf & Tennis Club for the Fifth Annual Marines Helping Marines 4-Man Scramble, hosted by Marine Corps League Cpl. Matthew D. Conley Detachment #1477. Every dollar raised supports local veterans and the work of the Conley Detachment. Thank you to everyone who played, sponsored a hole, and gave their morning to make the day run smoothly.

Check-in opened at 0700 under the Conley Detachment tent (pictured), along with the Mulligan and Power Drive sale.

More photos appear on page 4 of this issue of *Conley Chronicles*.

Register for the 251st MCB at website shown below:

251st Marine Corps Ball

Nov 14 6:00 PM - 11:00 PM CST

114 Pryor St W
Athens, AL 35611, USA

Guest

\$50

Ceremony, Served Buffet Dinner, festivities

Add +

Couple

\$95

Ceremony, Served Buffet Dinner, festivities

Add +

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/251st-marine-corps-ball-5>

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Ernest Aday
Commandant



Dennis Hudgins
Senior Vice Commandant

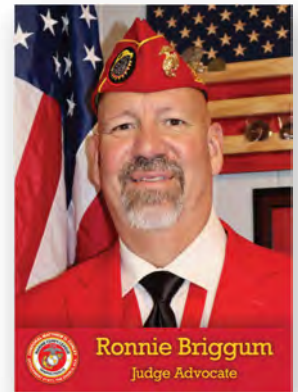


Nick Ryan
Junior Vice Commandant/PR Officer



Ronnie Briggum
Judge Advocate

2027 Officers of Marine Corps League Corporal Matthew D. Conley Detachment #1477



Commandant Ivy Leads the Way with Growth, Service and Celebration!



- 250th MC Ball: with the help of many it was a huge success.
- Donated to the Matthew Conley Foundation for their annual scholarship.
- Two successful Four Man Scramble Golf Tournaments. (First was over \$12,000, Second was over \$15,000)
- Super Bowl 2026 Party.
- Participated in "America Through the Decades" parade
- Participated in several Memorial Day and Veterans Day events.
- Was elected Dept. of Alabama PayMaster.
- Welcomed twelve new members. (Nine Marines and three associates.)

"Thank You Mike Ivy for all you do."

Mike's two terms (2025-2026) of Commandant has been one of growth, service, and celebration for our detachment. The highlight of his time was our 250th Marine Corps Ball, which, with the help of several dedicated members and supporters, was a huge success.

We were proud to make a donation to the Matthew Conley Foundation in support of their annual scholarship, and we hosted two successful Four-Man Scramble Golf Tournaments — the first raising over \$12,000 — along with a memorable Super Bowl 2026 party. Our members proudly represented the detachment in the "America Through the Decades" parade and participated in several Memorial Day and Veterans Day events honoring those who served.

We were also honored to have one of our own elected State Paymaster, and we closed out his terms by welcoming twelve new members into our ranks.



Marines Helping Marines Golf Tournament Recap

Sept 26, 2026





ANNUAL EVENT



TOYS FOR TOTS

4 Man Scramble Golf Tournament



November 6th, 2026 ★ Shotgun Start 9:30AM

Course

Blackberry Golf Course

112 Club House Drive, Florence, AL 35630

Times

0800 – Check In, Mulligan & Power Drive Sale

0930 – Shotgun Start

Prizes

1st Flight & 2nd Flight Winners

Closest to the Pin Contests on all Par 3's

Putting Contest, Longest Drive Contest Male / Female

\$500 Hole in One Contest on the Par 3, 18th hole

Fees & Sponsorships

Entry Fee: \$500 per team – Includes Green Fee, Cart, Range Balls, Beverages and Lunch!

Hole Sponsorships \$200

Corporate / Business Sponsorship \$1000



To Sign up Call...

Curt @ 256-443-5264

for your spot on the roster

F.C.F.S. (First Come, First served)

Make check payable to **Toys for Tots**

1525 CR 273, Florence, AL 35633

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**To Support
and Benefit**

TOYS FOR TOTS of THE SHOALS



ANNUAL EVENT



4 Man Scramble Golf Tournament

Blackberry Golf Course – Friday, November 6th, 2026

Corporate/Business Sponsorship-----\$1000.00

Cost Per Team ----- \$500.00

Hole Sponsorship ----- \$200.00

CHECK IN: 0800 • Rules Announcement: 0900 • SHOT GUN START: 0930

TEAM PLAYERS

1. _____ 2. _____
3. _____ 4. _____

Name & phone number of team contact:

Make Checks Payable to: **TOYS FOR TOTS - ALFLRN**

Mail to: **TOYS FOR TOTS**
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