



# SKUTTLEBUTT

NEWSLETTER FOR THE  
MACOMB COUNTY DETACHMENT  
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AND AUXILIARY



Don Teeple, Detachment Commandant – (586) 292-8156  
Sharon Renaud, Auxiliary President – (248) 217-9558

MARCH 2018

Elaine Arnold, Editor - (248) 303-5582 – email: [elaine48178@gmail.com](mailto:elaine48178@gmail.com)  
Detachment WEB Site: [www.macombm Marines.com](http://www.macombm Marines.com)

## Marines & Auxiliary Members:

### MARCH MEETING NOTICE

The next General Membership Meeting will be held on Thursday March 1st at 2000. There will be an officers meeting at 1900 prior to the general membership meeting on March 1. These meetings take place every other month; any member who wishes to attend is welcome. The officers discuss issues to be brought before the general membership.

Join us at the American Legion, Post 351, 46146 Cass Avenue located in Utica. The telephone number to the Post is: (586) 731-9833.

### 50/50

Norm Pfaff won the 50/50 drawing at the February meeting.

### Attendance Drawing

Gerald Mize won the attendance drawing

### ADJUTANT/PAYMASTER

As many of you know we have had issues with membership dues since National changed the renewal date for every annual member. And shifted the responsibility for sending renewal notices to the Detachments. Some members will see requests for additional dues coming in the mail. What happened is that your membership expired sometime during 2016-2017, and the dues you paid were sufficient to bring you up to September 1, 2017.

### Awards

I have finally finished the audit of awards due to members. I don't have enough service pins in stock, so I have placed an order with Nationals store. I will have a list at the March meeting, but probably will not have the pins yet. My order was more than they stock, and they had to special order them. To give you an idea of what's coming.

- 2 25 year awards
- 14 20 year awards
- 43 15 year awards
- 16 10 year awards

14 5 year awards

Donald Lyon

Adjutant/Paymaster

### AUXILIARY NEWS

The holidays are long past, we're well into the New Year, so it's time to start up our Auxiliary meetings after our break in January and February. Our next Auxiliary meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 1, 2018 at 8:00 pm. Barring any ice storms or blizzards, we're looking forward to seeing you there.

Even though we haven't had a meeting since the beginning of December, a few things have transpired during that time. Here's a re-cap of what we've done. At our December meeting we decided which charities our Auxiliary would donate to for the year. Here's our list:

Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society  
Vietnam Veterans of America, #154, Food Pantry  
Michigan Veterans Foundation  
Piquette Square, Homeless Veterans Program  
Veterans Returning Home  
Miracle Quilts  
Detroit Street Medicine

We also decided to hold \$100 in reserve to send to the Detroit VA hospital for the next baby shower held for women veterans and spouses of veterans. All of us in the Auxiliary can be proud of supporting these worthwhile charities and seeing the results of our time and talents from the past year.

The Auxiliary donated a basket for the raffle at the Mid-Winter Rally which took place in Frankenmuth January 18-21, 2018. Sherri Teeple gave the report outlining our activities for the past 6 months and presented the basket for the Department raffle. The basket didn't cost the Auxiliary any funds since we had a few items in reserve that were donated to us for future projects. The basket had some very nice items: an Iwo Jima collectible, some USMC stickers, a set of 3 outdoor patriotic flags, a USMC logo cap, a patriotic serving tray and an American flag patch. This was a good way to support our Department which is the state level

Auxiliary. Thanks, Sherri for representing our Auxiliary at the Mid-Winter.

Our March meeting will be a good time to catch up on what's been happening with our members and to make some plans for 2018. New projects and new ideas are always welcome.

*Semper Fidelis,  
Irene Spooner  
MCLA Treasurer/Secretary*

### **MARINE DOWN**

Frank Torre passed away on Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at Troy Beaumont Hospital. Frank was a WW II veteran, and served in the Pacific in campaigns at Guam, Okinawa, the Marianas Islands, and Ryukyu Islands.

### **ONE MARINE'S SERVICE – PART THREE**

#### **FREDERICK E. HAUSTEIN**

In the last chapter of Fred's experiences Fred avoided being locked up for threatening to shoot his sergeant. Fred is now transferred to another section of his air wing with the opportunity to work on the corsair fighter planes.

So Fred reports over to the flight line waiting for an NCO to show him what his job will be. Along comes this pilot walking up to a corsair throws his parachute up onto the wing, and turning to Fred says. "Well, what are you waiting for, start up the plane." Thankfully, a Marine that Fred knew, overheard this conversation and walked him through the process of firing up the engine.

Later when the pilot returned from his flight, he told Fred that he saw that Fred had no experience with the corsair. The pilot needed a new "plane captain", (an enlisted man that would be responsible to see that the plane is maintained properly and convey to the mechanics any issues the pilot has with the planes' performance). This pilot offered to teach Fred all about the corsair and its Pratt & Whitney engine. This pilot, Captain Scherer, had been an aeronautical engineer prior to being in the Corps, so he was able to give Fred a very thorough education on the corsair. Fred became his plane captain!

While on Roi Island, VMF-311 was not participating in the island hopping campaigns. Rather, it was training to eventually take part in the march to Japan, honing their bombing and strafing skills in the meantime on the many smaller islands that had been bypassed and not invaded. The Japanese on these islands and their airfields still needed to be contained

from striking the US rear areas. When there were no targets of opportunity, the planes practiced on target sleeves pulled by another plane.

Boredom for the support personnel led to pranks that at times could be hazardous, such as using gunpowder to fire homemade rockets. In one memorable incident, their pranks almost inadvertently killed their sergeant major.

In the spring of 1945 VMF-311 was being moved forward to take part in the invasion of Okinawa. Fred arrived on the island a few days after the April 1<sup>st</sup> D-day. Their equipment came ashore by LST's, with enough plane fuel to last three days. The squadron set up shop on one of the Japanese airfields that had been captured.

The squadron's Corsairs were armed with four 20mm cannon, which was unique to this squadron (Corsairs were normally armed with six 50 caliber machine guns). This could lead to potential safety issues. Normally, with machine guns in the wings, the pilot could chamber the shells while in flight, but with these 20mm cannons, the first shell had to be chambered while the plane was on the ground. An accident did occur with a mechanic that had no experience with clearing a 20mm gun, setting off the round that was in the chamber and seriously injuring two people.

Greg Pawlik  
*Detachment Historian*



Plane Captain Fred Haustein



# 11th ANNUAL Marine Corps League Macomb Detachment #154 Military Rifle Fun Shoot Saturday 21 April 2018



RIFLE  
50 YARDS - 100 YARDS  
200 YARDS - 300 YARDS



Hosted by  
Detroit Sportsmen's Congress ~ Rifle Committee

**Location:** Detroit Sportsmen's Congress  
49800 Dequindre, Utica, MI 48317  
[www.d-s-c.org](http://www.d-s-c.org) 586-739-3500

**Awards:** First Place Trophies for Marine, Non-Marine, Women and Bench Shooters  
First through Third Place Trophies for juniors 16 and under shooting .22's

**Match Date:** Saturday, 21 April 2018

**Contact Info:** Match Director: Scott Neff  
P.O. Box 183610  
7755 22 Mile Rd., Shelby Twp. MI 48318  
248-798-5776  
[scott.neff@marinemaddog.com](mailto:scott.neff@marinemaddog.com)

**Match Time:** Lunch 12:30 pm (clubhouse)  
Registration: 1315 (1:15 pm)  
Mandatory Safety Brief: 1345 (1:45 pm)  
Match first relay 1400 (2 pm)

**Course of Fire:** 20-shot aggregate, 5-shots each position  
Prone, sitting, kneeling and standing  
Bench shooting, allowed for those unable to shoot positions and for .22 juniors

**Miscellaneous:** Range is covered with a cement firing line.  
Eye and Ear protection required for all.

**Arms & Ammo:** As issued U.S. military arms:  
03 Springfield, M1, M1 Carbine, Ar-15 etc.  
Juniors: 16 and under can shoot .22's  
If you do not have a rifle, rifles will be provided. All ammunition provided.  
However, we offer a \$20 discount if you supply your own centerfire ammo.  
\$10 discount for your own .22 ammo.  
Minimum 20-rounds required.

**Profits:** All profits support Marine Corps League, Macomb County Detachment charities

**Directions:** D.S.C. is approx. 8-miles east of I-75 & 2-miles north of M-59. (Dequindre exit)  
Range is east of Dequindre, off Juengel Road (200-yards north of Hamlin Road).  
Turn east on Juengel Road, go (500-ft.) to gate on north (left) side and follow road past the pistol ranges to the rifle range.  
GPS, the range is:  
N 42° 39.442', W 83° 05.311'

**Registration:** Advance registration discount  
Save \$5 if you register by **14 April 2018**

Clubhouse is north of Juengel Road past the shotgun building, turn right into the parking lot. Head to the tan building in the northeast corner. (Lunch location)

**Entry Fees:** Adult and Jr. (centerfire) day of shoot \$40.  
Junior (.22) day of shoot \$25.  
Entry fee includes lunch

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Category: ☐ Marine ☐ Non-marine ☐ Women ☐ Junior ☐ Bench ☐ Junior 16 and under firing .22

Firearm: ☐ M1 ☐ M1 Carbine ☐ AR-15 ☐ Own rifle

Entry Fee: \_\_\_\_\_

Ammo: ☐ 30-06 ☐ 30 Carbine ☐ .223 ☐ Bringing ammo

Early Reg. Discount: \_\_\_\_\_

Send completed form and check for total fee, payable to:

Ammo Discount: \_\_\_\_\_

Macomb County Det. MCL

Total Fee: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

P.O. Box 183610

7755 22 Mile Rd., Shelby Twp. MI 48318 248-798-5776 [scott.neff@marinemaddog.com](mailto:scott.neff@marinemaddog.com)

**MACOMB COUNTY DETACHMENT**  
 Department of Michigan  
 Marine Corps League  
**INCORPORATED BY ACT OF CONGRESS**

Mailing Address:  
 14656 Eastport Drive  
 Sterling Heights, MI 48313

Published monthly for members of the Macomb County  
 Detachment and Auxiliary. SKUTTLEBUTT Newsletter is a  
 non-profit monthly publication for the use of the Macomb  
 County Detachment/Auxiliary, Department of Michigan,

Commandant	Don Teeples	(586) 292-8156	Auxiliary President	Sharon Renaud	(248) 217-9558
Senior Vice Commandant	Dean Miles	(586) 457-7008	Senior Vice President	Maureen Ailor	
Junior Vice Commandant	open		Junior Vice President	Sherri Teeples	
Judge Advocate	Christine Tonegatto-Salo	(586) 801-0081	Judge Advocate	Joan Pfaff	(586) 263-3448
Adjutant/Paymaster	Don Lyon	(586) 925-5010	Co-Chaplain	Dolores Tonegatto	(586) 781-6839
Chaplain			Co-Chaplain	Mary Ann Music	(586) 783-2362
Sergeant at Arms	Michael Hall	()	Secretary	Irene Spooner	(586) 466-5708
Editor, Newsletter	Elaine Arnold	(248) 303-5582	Treasurer	Irene Spooner	(586) 466-5708
Honor Guard Commander	Position open	(248) 798-5776	Auditor	Gail Trevino	(586) 466-6206
Quartermaster	Brett Jacokes	(248) 761-6513	Auditor	Loretta Balderson	
Deputy Quartermaster	John Sternicki	(586) 468-1014			
Historian	Greg Pawlik	(586) 808-3217			
Highway Cleanup Officer	Bill Lafave	(313) 720-0425			
Web Sergeant	Don Lyon	(586) 925-5010			

**Change of Address:** Send to the Detachment Adjutant/Paymaster at:  
 14656 Eastport Drive. Sterling Heights, MI 48313  
 Macomb.marines@gmail.com

**New Address (please print):**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_