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NEWSLETTER FOR THE
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MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AND AUXILIARY



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DECEMBER MEETING NOTICE

The next in-person General Membership Meeting will be held on Thursday **December 1st at 7:00** (earlier than our usual time.) Join us at the American Legion, Post 351, 46146 Cass Avenue located in Utica, always on the first Thursday of the month. The telephone number to the Post is (586) 731-9833.

I will have a sign-up sheet for this at the December meeting. I have been receiving great suggestions for some changes for the better, please keep them coming. Also, I want to wish all a great holiday season!

Semper Fi
Steve August, Commandant



AUXILIARY NEWS

How the months have flown by! It's already time for our Christmas Party at the December meeting. Christmas being the season of giving means "Toys for Tots". Once again, all members are asked to bring a new, unwrapped toy for the Toys for Tots collection. Here's a few facts to guide you when looking for toys to purchase. The "Tots" range in age from 0 to 12 years in age. Another note is that the kids at the lower age range and upper age range received the fewest toy donations. Look for the age range labeled on the toy when making your purchase. Toys are labeled with the appropriate age to help with your choices.

DETACHMENT AND AUXILIARY BIRTHDAYS FOR DECEMBER

Ethan Bartley	Ray Mrosewske
James Borlase	Scott Neff
Richard Bourgeault	Sharon Renaud
Fred Bullis	Steve Smith
Bill Dilaura	Christine Tonegatto-
Rich Francis	Salo

Books, sports related items, youth fragrance sets and electronic accessories are good choices as well. There are some things not wanted: used toys, toys that look like realistic weapons, toys with candy or food or toys with chemicals like science kits, crystal projects, etc. Keep in mind, your donation will help make Christmas a happier time for many children in less fortunate circumstances.

COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE

I would like to thank everyone that helped out with the Marine Corp Birthday. We had about 84 people attending.

I am in the process of having magnets made so when a Detachment member passes on, the family will know who to contact so they get the service and honor from us they deserve.

Please make sure you bring your gift to the Christmas Celebration on Dec 1st at 1900. Also, we will be having a get together on Dec 10th, Total Axe Throwing on Groesbeck, check Facebook for details. <https://www.facebook.com/macombcountdetachmentmarinecorpsleague/>

This year our Christmas Party is being catered by American House. What a great gift from them to us. After all the work we put into the Birthday Party, it will be nice for someone else to do the cooking. With that being said, no one needs to bring dessert either. **Reminder: our meeting starts a half hour earlier, at 7:00 pm.** The Auxiliary meeting will be brief because of the Christmas Party. This is when we play Santa Clause ourselves and decide which charities we'll support this year and how much we'll donate. All our hard work over the past year culminates with our annual charity donations. What a great way to celebrate this special season.

Our treasury has been holding \$150 in reserve for Wreaths Across America. Unfortunately, Clinton Grove Cemetery is not participating in Wreaths Across America this year. However, Resurrection Cemetery is participating, so we donated the \$150 which will purchase 10 wreaths toward their event. If you are interested in volunteering for the Wreaths Across America event at Resurrections Cemetery, it takes place on December 17, 2022, beginning at 12 pm.

Wasn't the 2022 Marine Corps Birthday Party a great time? It's such a fun event to celebrate the founding of our beloved Marine Corps. There are so many people to thank for putting this party together. The buffet dinner was delicious and many thanks need to go around. Thank you to the Detachment for catering the main course and providing the beer and wine and the keepsake Marine Corps cups at the door. Thank you to all the members, Auxiliary and Detachment for bringing side dishes and desserts. The food was great! Keep in mind, none of the leftovers go to waste. Leftovers are taken over to Trinity Lutheran Church in Utica for their food program. Thank you to all the folks who donated items to the Auxiliary Charity Raffle and all who purchased tickets. This is our most important fundraiser of the year and once again, it was a real success. Thank you to the volunteers that came in early and/or stayed later to set up and clean up the hall. This is such an important task and often overlooked. We thank all the Young Marines that were there to help in so many tasks assigned to them, from clearing the tables to helping draw numbers for the Charity Raffle. I hope they'll be there next year, too.

Tradition is the central key to the Marine Corps Birthday. Commandant Steve August did a notable job reading Marine Corps Ord. No. 47, Series 1921 which established the celebration of the birth of the United States Marine Corps by Major General LeJuene in 1921. The cake cutting ceremony is something we all look forward to. A special thank you to Amy Kane for making the birthday cake again this year. Not only was the cake delicious, but the design in the form of the Marine dress blues with the American flag draped across it was truly unique. Thank you to Detachment Sergeant at Arms, Justin Kane, for delivering the cake to the party. To honor the traditions passed from one generation of Marines to the next, the oldest and youngest Marine present cut the cake and have the first pieces. This year's oldest Marine was Cpl Vincent Pellerido, born 1927, years of service 1945-1949, mustered in at Parris Island and the youngest Marine was Sgt Major David Auwen, born 1977, years of service 1997-2019, mustered in at Parris Island. It was a great party and we should all be proud that by continuing with the tradition of celebrating the birth of our beloved Corps, we do our part in promoting the Marine Corps for future generations.



The day after the Marine Corps Birthday Party is Veterans Day on November 11th. Our Detachment and Auxiliary looked smart for the wreath laying ceremony at Clinton Grove Cemetery and in Mt. Clemens.



left to right: Christine Tanegotto-Salo, Norm Pfaff, Joan Pfaff, Dave Trevino, Commandant Steve August, Don Lyon, Frank Petricevich, President Maureen Ailor and Mark Spooner

A reminder to all Auxiliary members: it is our Auxiliary's policy to suspend our January and February meetings. We have a little respite after all the hustle and bustle, starting with November and ending with the New Year. We'll send out an email as a reminder. So, with that, our Auxiliary sends our warmest wishes to all for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Looking forward to our December meeting and Christmas Party on Thursday, December 1, 2022 starting at 7:00 pm.

Semper Fidelis, Irene Spooner, Treasurer, MCLA, Macomb County

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