



SKUTTLEBUTT

NEWSLETTER FOR THE
MACOMB COUNTY DETACHMENT
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AND AUXILIARY



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Marines & Auxiliary Members:

APRIL MEETING NOTICE

The next General Membership Meeting will be held on Thursday **April 6th at 7:30** (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.

DETACHMENT AND AUXILIARY BIRTHDAYS FOR APRIL



Charles Bailey
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James Kusiak
Alice Lyon

Jose Ramirez
Hazel Ruehle
Gerald Sargent
Nick Simon
Dennis Slattery
John Sneed
Irene Spooner
April Tilton

NO NEW MEMBERS REPORTING IN



at the March General Membership Meeting, so spread the word and recruit new members for the Detachment!

OUR TOTAL MEMBERSHIP IS 139 MEMBERS

But 6 of those members are delinquent on their dues. So hop to it and submit those dues, keep our detachment strong.

COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE

Happy March Marines, I hope everyone had a great month. I want to say sorry to those who showed up at the Bowling Alley in Shelby Twp. I was told there

would be open bowling. I had to change the venue for those who were there at 1pm. We went to 5 Star Lanes in Sterling Heights. But we have another fun event Dean is putting together. See his message below.

I will be handing out the magnets that I mentioned previously, at the next meeting, these are to be used to contact the League in the case when there is a loved one lost or sick. This is so our family members know who to contact.

I have also created a logo to promote the League. These will be available on long sleeve and short sleeve shirts. The cost of the long sleeve will be \$22.00, and the short sleeve will be \$17.00. I will have examples at the meeting for pre-order. The Front of the shirt will look as you see below:



Steve August, Commandant

We are planning a brotherhood day on April 8 (Saturday) 1400 till whenever? at the AmVets Post 72 in New Haven. The address is 57581 Amvets Drive, New Haven.

Play darts, free pool, corn hole and enjoy the adult beverage of your choice. Come on out and spread the love. For more info you may contact Deano, Sr Vice.

586-457-7008. Come one, come all. Don't be afraid to have a good time!! Oorah!!

Dean Miles, Senior Vice Commandant

HONOR GUARD

I am looking to expand the honor guard to provide a 4 Marine Color Guard, 3 to 7 Marine Rifle detail and numerous alternates to support both.

If interested, contact Frank Petricevich, fpetricevich@gmail.com or (586) 531 5726

If you are available for April 11th Please let me know.

2023 Upcoming Events:

April 11, 2023, Friends of NRA. The Palazzo Grande 54660 Van Dyke Ave Shelby Twp, MI 48316 (4 man Color Guard)

May 29, 2023 Memorial Day Parade *More info to follow

June 29 – July 2, 2023 Romeo Peach Festival *More info to follow

September 23, 2023, Michigan Parkinson Foundation. 2023 Metro Detroit walk. Jimmy Johns Field, Utica Michigan, (4 man Color Guard)

Speaking of fundraisers, please read the Meat Raffle flyer included in this issue of the Skuttlebutt. This is a big one for the Auxiliary and we need all hands on deck. So far, we have all the sponsors we need, but what we're looking for is support from the Auxiliary and Detachment with your attendance. If you haven't attended a Meat Raffle, you don't know what you're missing. It's fun and pretty inexpensive.

For \$15 you get a chili dinner and 10 chances to win one of 100 one-pound packages of a great selection of choice cut meats and poultry. Additional raffle tickets can be purchased throughout the evening for \$1. The separate Special Seafood Boil Round is \$5 a ticket.

Our Auxiliary is pretty excited about this event since it's the first time we're doing it and we're partnering with a wonderful group, Women's Life-Chapter 911.

So help us out by attending and mark your calendars for May 20, 2023. I'm going to be real brief this month with my article, but I promise to make up for it next month with a really, really long article.

See you at our next meeting at 7:30 pm, on Thursday, April 6, 2023.

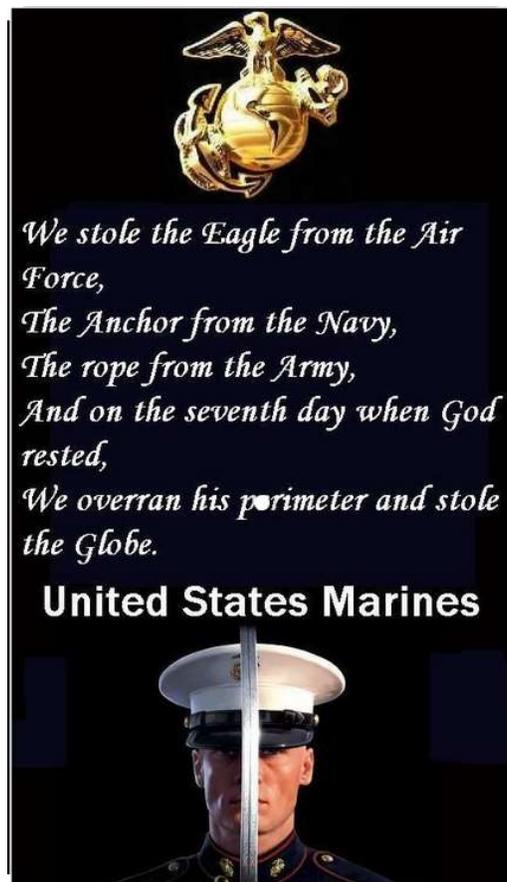
Irene Spooner
Treasurer, Macomb County MCLA



The Detachment needs you to help support these worthwhile events. Sign Up Today!

AUXILIARY NEWS

Our March meeting went very well. It was especially nice to meet after a two-month hiatus. We're making our plans for the upcoming year and they include future fundraisers and helping our veteran community.



THIS MONTH IN MARINE CORPS HISTORY

3 April 1945: On Okinawa, Marines of the III Amphibious Corps continued to make good progress all along their front, clearing Zampa Misaki and seizing the Katchin Peninsula, thus effectively cutting the island in two. By this date (D+2), III AC elements had reached objectives thought originally to require 11 days to take.

5 April 1947: Five Marine guards were killed and eight wounded when attacked by Communist Chinese raiders near the Hsin Ho ammunition depot in Northern China. This last major clash between Marines of the 1st Marine Division and Communist forces occurred shortly after withdrawal and redeployment plans from China were issued for the 1st Division and 1st Marine Aircraft Wing on 1 April.

12-13 April 1918: Marines of the 4th Brigade suffered their first gas attack on the night and early morning hours of 12-13 April when the Germans bombarded the 74th Company, 6th Marines near Verdun with mustard gas. Nine Marine officers and 305 enlisted Marines were gassed and evacuated, and 30 Marines died from the effects of the gas shells which hit in the middle of the reserve area cantonments in which they were sleeping.

18 April 1983: One Marine Security Guard was killed and seven were wounded when a large car bomb exploded just outside the U.S. Embassy in Beirut, Lebanon. Lance Corporal Robert McMaugh was standing guard at Post 1, just inside the front entrance when the bomb exploded outside the door. The explosion killed 61 people including 17 Americans. LCpl McMaugh was buried at Arlington National Cemetery on 26 April.

21 April 1951: Marine carrier-based airplanes made their first aerial contact with enemy planes over the Korean front lines. Captain Philip C. Delong shot down two YAK fighters and 1st Lieutenant Harold D. Daigh destroyed one more and damaged another in the heavily defended Pyongyang-Chinnampo area. Both pilots were with VMF-312 flying from the USS Bataan.

27 April 1805: First Lieutenant Presley N. O'Bannon, who with seven other Marines was part of a force of Greeks and Arabs led by American Consul William Eaton, raised the United States flag for the first time over a conquered fortress of the Old World at Derne, a stronghold of the Tripolitan pirates. Two Marines were killed and one wounded in the assault on the walled city.

*Greg Pawlik
Detachment Historian*



ARMED FORCES DAY
MEAT RAFFLE

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MAY 20, 2023 | American Legion Post 351
46146 Cass Avenue
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DOORS OPEN 5PM - DINNER 530PM MEAT RAFFLE STARTS PROMPTLY @630PM

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2023 METRO DETROIT WALK

Saturday, September 23rd
Jimmy John's Field in
Utica, MI

Presented by Tom and Carol Cracchiolo
Registration opens at 9:00AM

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