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MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AND AUXILIARY



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DECEMBER MEETING NOTICE

The next in person General Membership Meeting and Christmas Party/Toys for Tots collection will be held on Thursday **December 2nd at 7:00 pm (1900.) That's a half hour earlier than our usual meeting time.** Join us at the American Legion, Post 351, 46146 Cass Avenue located in Utica. The telephone number to the Post is (586) 731-9833.

DETACHMENT AND AUXILIARY BIRTHDAYS FOR DECEMBER



**Ethan Bartley
James Berlese
Richard Boudreault
Fred Bullies
William Dilara
Rich Francis
Ray Mrozowski
Scott Neff
Steve Smith
Christine Mrozowski**

COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE

Good day all. I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends. Our Birthday Party was a great success and everyone seemed to enjoy it. Our next meeting will be our Toys for Tots and Christmas Party. I hope to see everyone there.

There was talk of possibly forming a Drill Team for the Detachment, please let me know if there is any interest in doing this. We may be the only Detachment that has one.

Mike Hall, Commandant

AUXILIARY NEWS

Our 246th Anniversary celebration of the Marine Corps (aka the Marine Corps Birthday Party) was a real success. We had a few challenges this year, but we overcame them and celebrated with a fun, fun party. Challenge number 1: having to move the date of the party from November 10th to November 9th due to unavailability of the hall and challenge number 2: having a potluck dinner instead of a catered dinner as we've had for the past few years. Being both responsive and resilient our Detachment and Auxiliary overcame these obstacles and we celebrated in style.

The Charity Basket Raffle was a success as well. Our party guests all know the importance of this

raffle and support us 100%. We couldn't have done this without our supporters, those that donated raffle items and those who bought tickets. Thank you again for helping us. You are an integral part of our commitment to veteran charities, locally and nationally.

I don't think anyone could complain about the scrumptious buffet served at the Birthday Party. Let's hear a round of applause for everyone who brought a dish to pass. There was never a doubt in my mind that both the Detachment and Auxiliary would come through with flying colors on this task. We also want to thank the Detachment for supplying the two main entrées. And who didn't love our Birthday cake this year? The Devil Dog cake was unique and delicious. Thank you, Justin and Amy Kane.



Besides the great food, raffles and socializing, the Marine Corps Birthday Party is a statement of the enduring relevance of the Corps and its core values. As we heard in the Marine Corps Hymn which was played numerous times during the party, the history and the traditions of our beloved Corps inspire and will continue to inspire generations of Marines. Hearing the Commandant's message and having the cake cutting ceremony with the oldest and youngest Marine present are traditions we look forward to each year. For all of us who were part of this year's Marine Corps Birthday celebration, thank you and we look forward to doing this again in 2022.

Our December meeting is our Christmas Party. How time flies! Remember, **bring an unwrapped toy for the annual Toys for Tots collection.** As a Marine Corps charity, we want this to be as successful this year as in past years. The Auxiliary sends it's thanks to Detachment Sergeant-at-Arms Clement Buck for heading up this collection. It takes a lot of work and time to organize this endeavor.

The Auxiliary will have a shortened December meeting because of the Christmas party. We will decide which charities and the dollar amount of our donation at this time. Your input is important. If you have come across a charity that isn't already on our list, bring that information to the meeting for discussion. **Another reminder:** our December meeting starts at 7:00 pm instead of the usual 7:30 pm. Since we have a light dinner at the party, please bring either a dessert or an appetizer to share. We'll also need help cleaning up after the party. If you can, plan to stick around for another half hour or so to clean up. "Many hands make light work of the task."

*Irene Spooner
MCLA Treasurer*



Youngest (Dawn Griffith) and oldest Marine present (Paul Glesen) cut the cake

At the birthday party, Past Commandant and current Jr Vice Norm Pfaff was honored with the presentation of a letter from U.S. Representative Lisa McClain recognizing Norm for his monumental achievements: his 80th birthday, his military service with USMC, and volunteer work he has done for so many years with various service organizations and positions held. Pictured below John Myroniuk reads the letter.



Joan Pfaff then received her lifetime achievement award for putting up with Norm, a corsage presented by Sr Vice Steve August.



SENIOR VICE ON CAMARADERIE & FUNDRAISING

Please get with me at the December meeting; I will have all the certificates from the golf outing. We will be having a meeting in January to start out the 2022 year with planning for the golf outing. So, if you would like to participate, please let me know.

Also, we will be starting our camaraderie outings on Jan 21st, 6pm at Shelby Lanes on 50721 Van Dyke Shelby Twp. No need to respond just show up with family

and have fun with your fellow League brother or sister and bowl. We will be doing something like this once a quarter depending on how many people join in. I am also working on a fundraiser with English Gardens; possible other ideas to come for additional fundraisers.

*Steve August
Senior Vice*

VETERANS DAY 2021



Keynote speaker Jennifer Manning (Director of the new Chesterfield Veterans' Home) and Commandant Mike Hall at Clinton Grove Cemetery



*Honor Guard at Clinton Grove Cemetery 11-11-2021
Jerry Mize, Gary Titus, Ron Hudas, Dean Miles
John Sternicki in the background*

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