



SKUTTLEBUTT

NEWSLETTER FOR THE
MACOMB COUNTY DETACHMENT
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AND AUXILIARY



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Marines & Auxiliary Members:

AUGUST MEETING NOTICE

The next General Membership Meeting will be held on Thursday 6 August at 7:30 pm (1930)

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 AUGUST



William Barron
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Dominick Graziadei
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Ron Oleksiak
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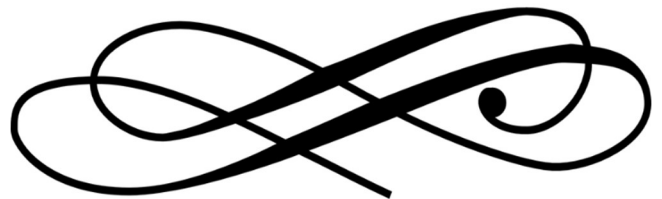
MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDANT

Marines

First off, Harry Glover is celebrating his 96th birthday this month. He is in Ohio with, I believe his daughter. I stopped by the senior center and talked to the lady at the desk. She took my name and phone number and promised to get it to Harry's daughter and then it's up to her if she wants to contact me. Keep Harry in your prayers. What a Marine.

One of my favorite times with Harry was when a writer wanted to talk to Harry about the 6th Marines and Raiders of WW 2. Harry called me and wanted to know if I wanted to sit in. You've got to be kidding. He gave me the date and time, I got there 2 hours early.

One of the first questions the writer asked was "Were you ever on Guadalcanal?" Harry answered what year and healthy or wounded. The next 3 hours were probably one of my most memorial times spent with Harry.





best of all, the lunch is free. No pictures of the Marine in his biking shorts. It's against the law but its O.K. to laugh a little. Last year's winner was from Traverse City and he did what all Marines learn, improvise, adapt and overcome. To put it another way, he cheated and his grandfather taught him that. First one to guess who his grandfather is wins \$5.00 The \$5.00 will go to the bike fund.

On another note, the year was 1960, the place was Bakersfield CA, a couple of Marines on liberty with some of his friends, booze, and holy smoke we were surrounded by the ABC police. We in Jail looking out. Thank God, my buddy had an understanding sister and bailed us out. What do you think two young Marines would do? That's right, get some more booze. Back to base, see the Gunny to get special liberty for our court date which was the following Friday. Come Thursday, we went to get special liberty passes and holy smoke, there weren't any.

Chase down the clerk, no luck, Battalion is locked down. Decision time. If we ain't in court, my buddy's sister will have to pay \$300 each. "F" it. Let's go. Now we're AWOL, but we got 30 days suspended sentence, so let's go get some more beer.

Come Sunday, when we got to the guard shack, they were waiting for us and we went right to lock down. Brig time. Come Monday, here comes the Gunny, cussing and talking how the Captain is going to eat our asses and send us back to brig. When the Gunny went in to see the Captain, we could hear the Captain cussing and yelled out. Bring those two stupid PFC's in here now. You can hear the outcome in the next issue of the Skuttlebutt. Semper fi. Marines

BTW, Marine Corp League National Postal shoot Mid October date will be set first week of August. Possible shoot off between Macomb #154, Northville Detachment and the Devil Dogs. Bingo @ VA hospital to be announced

Respectfully submitted

Norm Pfaff
Commandant Detachment # 154

THIS WEEK IN MARINE CORPS HISTORY

6 August 1847: Marines commenced their march on the "Halls of Montezuma" in Mexico.

"The **Halls of Montezuma**" refers to the Battle of Chapultepec on 12/13 September 1847 during the Mexican-American War, where a force of Marines stormed Chapultepec Castle. ... Legend has it that a Marine on duty in Mexico penned the hymn.

Marine Corps tradition maintains that the red stripe worn on the dress-blues trousers of officers and



I hope everyone has been riding their bikes to get ready for our ride at Stoney Creek Metro park on August 8th. The more the merrier. Also, we have a golf outing to get ready for.

The bike ride starts at 0800 @ Stoney Creek Metro Park. Follow the signs to where we will all meet at the Boat Launch Parking lot, \$20 entry fee. We ride from 0800 to 1100 then have a one lap race and award a trophy to the fastest Male and Female rider. We will furnish bagels, bananas, Gatorade, and water, Sorry no beer allow in the park. After the ride we all hop in our cars and head to the Post for delicious lunch and

noncommissioned officers, and commonly known as the blood stripe commemorates the high number of Marine NCOs and officers killed storming the castle of Chapultepec. (Source: Wikipedia)

From the Halls of Montezuma
To the shores of Tripoli;
We fight our country's battles
In the air, on land, and sea;
First to fight for right and freedom
And to keep our honor clean;
We are proud to claim the title
Of United States Marine.

Our flag's unfurled to every breeze
From dawn to setting sun;
We have fought in ev'ry clime and place
Where we could take a gun;
In the snow of far-off Northern lands
And in sunny tropic scenes;
You will find us always on the job
The United States Marines.

Here's health to you and to our Corps
Which we are proud to serve;
In many a strife we've fought for life
And never lost our nerve;
If the Army and the Navy
Ever look on Heaven's scenes;
They will find the streets are guarded
By United States Marines.

7 August 1990: President Bush ordered U.S. military aircraft and troops to Saudi Arabia as part of a multinational force to defend that nation against possible Iraqi invasion. One week later the Marine Corps announced the commitment of 45,000 troops to the Persian Gulf area as part of Operation Desert Shield which would become the largest deployment of U.S. forces since the Vietnam War.

Greg Pawlik
Detachment Historian



MEET YOUR DETACHMENT LEADERSHIP

Concluding our series of introductions to the Detachment Leadership, this month the role of Honor Guard Commander is featured. Honor Guard Commander is a volunteer position currently held by Ron Hudas.

Role of Honor Guard

The mission of the Detachment Honor Guard is to provide military honors for funerals, memorial services, dedication ceremonies, and other civic occasions as may be requested. The Honor Guard may also serve as the "guardians of the colors" by displaying and escorting the national flag on ceremonial occasions at official functions.

Past Honor Guard Commanders: 2010-2016 Scott Neff, Ron Hudas 2019-20



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

For details on any of the events listed below, come to a meeting or contact Commandant Norm Pfaff.

August 6	1930	General Membership mtg 1 st round of nominations
August 8		Annual Joint League & Legion Veterans Appreciation Picnic & Annual Bike-A-Thon Fundraiser
August 18	1930	Devil Dog Growl Detroit Sportsmen Congress
August 31		Macomb Ritual Team golf outing
Sept. 3	1930	General Membership mtg Election of Officers

Sept. 26 Stanley L. Moore golf outing,
Selfridge
Oct. 1 1900 General Membership mtg
Installation of officers
Oct. 10 MCL Department of Michigan fall
staff meeting, Bay City
Nov 5 1930 General Membership mtg
Nov 10 1500-2000 Marine Corps 245th
Birthday Party
Nov 11 Veterans Day Ceremonies at Clinton
Grove Cemetery then Mt. Clemens
Veterans Wall
Dec 3 1900 General Membership
Meeting & Detachment Christmas
party

Picnic Time!



2020 Veterans/Community Picnic

August 8, 2020 12:00 to 5:00 pm

Public Welcome

American Legion Post 351

46146 Cass Ave

Utica, MI 48317

Suggested donation \$5.00

Volunteers needed for setup and take down



**"If you're with a Marine, raise
your glass:
if you are not- raise your
standards!"**



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