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NEWSLETTER FOR THE  
MACOMB COUNTY DETACHMENT  
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AND AUXILIARY



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## Marines & Auxiliary Members:

### July Meeting Notice

The next General Membership Meeting will be held on Thursday 11 July 2019 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 BIRTHDAYS IN JULY

KENNETH CHURCHILL	DONALD LYON
FREDERICK GILICK	JOSEPH NERONE
ROGER HAMILTON	EDMOND PAGE
ALAN HARTUNG	DAVID PELTIER
JOSEPH KOWALSKI	JOHN TINSLEY
GORDON LOWRIE	

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2019 Awards

Arnold F. Blumenthal	50 years September
Kevin R. Brewer	30 Years July
Jan Reiter	25 Years July
Nicholas D. Simon	25 Years September
David Trevino	25 Years September
Steve Whitfield	25 Years September

### 50/50 ATTENDANCE DRAWING

No 50/50 at the June Meeting

Earl Grobbel won attendance drawing.

### Adjutant/Paymaster

Reminder for members that pay their dues annually. Annual memberships expire on September 1, 2019. I will be mailing out notices this month, please have your dues to me no later than August 15<sup>th</sup> so I can get them processed in time.

## Calendar of Events

July 11	<b>1930</b> General Membership Meeting
Aug. 1	<b>1930</b> General Membership Meeting
	1 <sup>st</sup> round of nominations for officers.
Aug. 3	Bike a Thon 0800 Stoney Creek
	Veterans Picnic 1200-1700
	- Raffle Drawing
Sept. 5	<b>1930</b> General Membership Meeting
	Final nominations for officers and election.
Oct. 3	<b>1900</b> General Membership Meeting
	Installation of Officers
Nov. 7	<b>1930</b> General Membership Meeting
Nov. 10	Marine Corps Birthday Party
Dec. 6	<b>1900</b> General Membership Meeting
	and Detachment/Auxiliary Christmas Party

### 2019 3 Gun Raffle

Tickets for the raffle are available at the General Membership meeting. If every member of the detachment sells 10 tickets, we can have a very successful raffle. Drawing at the Veterans Picnic August 3, 2019 @1600.

### Prizes for the raffle are:

Henry Repeating Arms Mare's Leg Lever Action  
Pistol .45 LC 12.9" Barrel 5 Round

Ruger American Rifle 450 Bushmaster in camo

WASR-10 AK-47 Folding Stock 7.62x39mm

Tickets are available from Sr. Vice  
Commandant Dean Miles. 586-457-7008

## Auxiliary News

As a reminder to all our Auxiliary members, our meetings now start at 7:30 pm to coincide with the League meetings. Also, our July meeting is being moved to July 11, 2019 due to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday.

We continue to sell our Perfect Cloths to raise some extra funds. We're selling them for \$4 each or 3 cloths for \$10. Auxiliary President Ailor brings them to each meeting, so they'll be available when we meet on July 11.

The Veterans Picnic is fast approaching. The date is Saturday, August 3, so mark your calendar. It's a great way to spend a Saturday afternoon. Bring your family or friend to enjoy the day. The food is great, catered by American House. More details at the July meeting.

It's not too early to think about the 2019-2020 annual membership dues. I'll start collecting dues for members that pay yearly at the August meeting. Annual dues are now \$30 a year.

Along with membership dues, it's time to plan our election for new officers which will take place at our September meeting with the installation at our October meeting. We need to fill these positions if our Auxiliary is to continue. Though we are a small Auxiliary, we have a pretty good track record of getting things done. We want to continue our tradition of supporting the League and our Marines, so think about what you can do to help in that effort. The best way to do that is to run for an officer position in our Auxiliary!

Semper Fidelis,  
Irene Spooner  
Treasurer/Secretary  
Macomb County MCLA

## Walmart Flag Fundraiser Recruitment Drive

Thanks to those that came out for the Flag Day fundraiser at Walmart. 6 Detachment members spent 2 ½ hours giving out flags and collected over \$550.00 in donations before we ran out of flags.

### 2019 Election of Officers

First round of nominations for elected officers takes place at the August 1 meeting. Second round and Election at the September 5 meeting. Are you willing and able to serve?

## 2019 Veterans/Community Picnic

**August 3, 2019 12:00 to 5:00 pm**

Public Welcome  
American Legion Post 351  
46146 Cass Ave  
Utica, MI 48317

Featuring Craft & Vendor show, Firetruck, Defense Vehicles, Horseshoes & Activities. 50/50 Drawings, Gift Basket & Silent Auction Raffles.

Suggested donation \$5.00  
Volunteers needed for setup and take down

## Marine Corps History

### Marines Help Put Down Prison Riot

On May 2, 1946, Marines from the Treasure Island Marine Barracks aided in suppressing a three-day prison riot at Alcatraz Federal Penitentiary in San Francisco Bay. The Marines were under the command of Warrant Officer Charles L. Buckner, a veteran of the Bougainville and Guam campaigns in World War II, and did not suffer a single casualty.

### Marines Help Evacuate New Orleans Flood Victims

On May 8, 1995, Marines from Marine Forces Reserve demonstrated the Corps' quick-response capabilities in helping evacuate more than 2,500 civilians from the New Orleans area after one of the most devastating storms in more than 200 years hit the region.

### Marines March toward Naha, Okinawa

On May 10, 1945, the 22nd Marines, 6th Marine Division, executed a pre-dawn attack across the Asa River Estuary and captured a bridgehead that allowed them to continue their attack toward Naha, the capital of Okinawa.

### John Mackie Becomes First Marine to Earn Medal of Honor

On May 15, 1862, Corporal John F. Mackie became the first Marine to earn the Medal of Honor for his Service on the USS Galena during actions against Confederate shore batteries at Drewry's Bluff, near Richmond, Virginia.

### Marine Aviation Program Begins

On May 22, 1912, First Lieutenant Alfred A. Cunningham became the first Marine officer to be assigned to "duty in connection with aviation" by Major General Commandant William P. Biddle after reporting for aviation training at the Naval Aviation Camp at Annapolis, Maryland. This marked the official beginning of the Marine aviation program.

GREG PAWLIK  
DETACHMENT HISTORIAN

## **Battalion Landing Team 2/26. Reuniting and Remembering Detroit 2018**

From the May 2019 Leatherneck article "LZ Margo Lest we Forget" by Kyle Watts. The band played during the remembrance ceremony.



Originally published in [\*Leatherneck Magazine\*](#), May 2019.

## **American Legion Post 351 Fundraiser at Jimmy John's Field Friday Night Game.**

Mention "POST 351" to purchase tickets NLT July 18th, 2019 at Jimmy John's Field or Post 351.

\$40 per person

Enjoy an All American BBQ Buffet –premium hot dogs, slow roasted homemade BBQ pulled pork, grilled chicken breast, fresh pasta salad, seasonal fruit salad, potato chips and assorted cookies.

Each guest will receive unlimited Pepsi soft drinks, lemonade, ice tea and water.

Adult guests will also receive two drink tickets good for Bud, Bud Light or wine.

Group perks include: A group photo on the field, welcome message on the scoreboard, meet and greet with the mascots, coach chalk talk, player autographs and much more.

Fun for all ages! Kids can play wiffleball, enjoy the playground and run the bases after the game!

## **Seeking strategies for ways to end Veteran suicide crisis**

A major public health concern that affects everyone, suicide takes the lives of an estimated 45,000 Americans, including 6,000 Veterans, who die each year.

To combat Veteran suicide, President Donald J. Trump recently signed an executive order (EO) titled "National Roadmap to Empower Veterans and End Suicide" (PREVENTS), directing the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the director of the White House Domestic Policy Council to co-chair and create an interagency

task force to develop a plan implementing a roadmap for the prevention of Veteran suicide at the national and community level.

As a result, the task force is releasing a [Request for Information \(RFI\)](#) to gather feedback on how to improve research and the use of research to radically reduce Veteran suicide. Through this RFI, and to ensure the broadest stakeholder input in the development of the national research strategy, VA is seeking input on ways to increase knowledge about factors influencing suicidal behaviors and ways to prevent suicide; inform the development of a robust and forward-looking research agenda; coordinate relevant research efforts across the Nation; and measure progress on these efforts. The public input provided in response to this RFI will inform the Veteran wellness, empowerment and suicide prevention task force, who will develop and implement the national research strategy.

All public comments regarding the RFI are welcome and should be submitted by August 5, 2019 to ensure they are considered in the national research strategy. Responses may be submitted online at <https://www.research.va.gov/PREVENTS/>.

## **Excerpt from Changed By War** By Den Slattery

I was crouching at the corner of a house waiting for the enemy to come into clear view so I could blow them away. I had two pistols in my hands, and I was breathing hard from running.

Just then I noticed two soldiers walking toward me and I knew it was time for me to make my move. I waited in silence for them to get closer. It was obvious that they had no idea I was so near.

When they were about 25 feet away I came out of hiding with my guns blazing. They were both dead before they could even point their weapons in my direction. But what I hadn't noticed was a third soldier hiding behind a tree and pointing his rifle right at me. He pulled the trigger and I went flying backwards into the bushes. A few minutes later, my friends found me.

Just then I heard a familiar voice yelling-"Denny, It's time for dinner." My Mom wanted me home. I apologized to my friends, gathered my weapons, and ran home.

When I was growing up we loved to pretend we were really in the Army willing to risk our lives to help people. It was a game we played frequently.

Someday, I told myself, I will be in the military so I can take out bad guys and rescue people.

At the time, I had no idea just how prophetic those words were and that helping people wouldn't be just a game, but it would define my life.

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Den is a Marine Corps Veteran and a retired Army Chaplain, and a member of the detachment. His books are available on Amazon.



# Veterans/Community Picnic

**Aug 3, 2019 12-5PM**



## Public Welcome



**American Legion Post 351**

**46146 Cass Ave**

**Utica MI 48317**

**586 731-9833**

**Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Salads,  
Chips & Pop Provided  
By American House Troy**



**Featuring Craft & Vendor Show, a Firetruck,  
Defense Vehicles, Horseshoes & Activities  
50/50, Gift Basket & Silent Auction Raffles**

**Suggested \$5 donation**



## 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Cycle Rally to Benefit Veterans

Stoney Creek Metro Park

August 3rd 2019 8:00am-Noon Entry Fee \$20 per person

### Donations Welcome

8am. Start at Stoney Creek Metro Park Boat Launch

Registration at 7:30am

This year's ride is 30+ miles refreshments at Boat Launch.

Entry fee includes lunch at the American Legion Post 351.

Food and drinks will be available

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_

This event is being held in conjunction with the  
Macomb County Detachment Marine Corps League  
and American Legion Post 351.

The Veterans Picnic at 46146 Cass Ave., Utica MI 48317

All Proceeds to Be Used For Veterans in Need

For additional information, contact Norm Pfaff at (586) 263-3448

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