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## NEWSLETTER FOR THE MACOMB COUNTY DETACHMENT MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AND AUXILIARY



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### ***Marines & Auxiliary Members:***

#### **SEPTEMBER MEETING NOTICE**

The next General Membership Meeting will be held on Thursday **August 7th** at 2000

The General Membership Meeting will be held at the American Legion, Post 351, 46146 Cass Avenue located in Utica. The telephone number to the Post is: (586) 731-9833.

#### **AUXILIARY NEWS**

For any Auxiliary members that pay yearly, it's time to send in your dues. Our yearly dues are now \$30. You can bring a check payable to "Macomb County MCLA" to our next meeting. We'll be putting together our slate of officers at our September meeting. If you haven't held a position yet or haven't held one in a while, now is the time to step up to the plate. Our Auxiliary needs all of us in order to continue on into the future.

We'll have a lot to discuss at our September meeting: the installation in October, the Fall Staff Meeting morning coffee and luncheon on Saturday, October 21, the Marine Corps Birthday Party with our Auxiliary Basket Raffle on November 10 and the December Christmas Party at our December 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### **CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**

Hello Marines,  
It was a surprise to many Marines of the passing of **Kenneth Aune**, on July 24, 2017.

He was a life member, very active with the Marine Corps League, and in the communities where he lived.

On September 17, 2017, there will be a remembrance gathering at the VFW Post # 6756 (Cpl Richard W Menge Post), in his honor.

Location: 25418 Sherwood, Centerline, MI  
(586) 756-6756

Time to be announced at the Sept. League Meeting.

His interment will be at Great Lakes National Cemetery on Sept. 18, 2017 and Marine Corps League # 154 Honor Guard has been requested to do the service and honors. The service begins at 10:30 am, all attending, be there by 10:00 am. Condolences and Semper Fi to the family from all Marines.

John Sottrel  
*Chaplain*

#### **MARINE WEEK IN DETROIT**

Marine Week, hosted by the United States Marine Corps in one city per year, is a celebration of Community, Country and Corps – providing the American public the experience of directly connecting with hundreds of Marines.

From Sept. 6–10, Marine Week Detroit will feature hands-on static displays, live demonstrations, time-honored Marine Corps traditions, musical performances and other events to showcase the history, military capabilities and community involvement of the Corps.

Source:[www.usmarineweek.com](http://www.usmarineweek.com)

In coordination with Marine Week, the Marine Corps Association & Foundation will be hosting a luncheon on 7 September at the Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center followed by our annual Wounded Marine Leadership Awards Ceremony. If you're interested in attending, you can sign up for one or both events at the following link:

<https://www.mca-marines.org/events>

BGen Descheneaux will be the guest speaker at the luncheon.



## Marine Week Detroit Fact Sheet

Marine Week Detroit is taking place from Sept. 6-10, 2017 featuring more than 80 community outreach activities throughout metro Detroit and free events open to the public across downtown Detroit.

The goal of Marine Week is to showcase the pride and professionalism of the Marine Corps through a weeklong series of events designed to honor the service and sacrifice of our Marines and their families, as well as generate awareness of the USMC programs, mission and capabilities to a wide audience.

Approximately 700 Marines will participate in Marine Week Detroit with a majority of individuals traveling from San Diego County and Washington, D.C. to provide support for this premier community engagement event.

Marine Week Detroit will also include Marines from 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 24<sup>th</sup> Marines, a Marine reserve unit located in Selfridge, Michigan.

Marine Week Detroit will have a positive economic impact on the city – approximately \$7 million will be reinvested into Detroit during the weeklong event.

Marine Week is not a recruiting effort. It's designed to directly connect Americans with their Marine Corps, as well as recognize the contributions of the United States Marine Corps.

Marine Week was created and introduced in 2009 as a celebration of Community, Country and Corps.

This is the 8<sup>th</sup> annual Marine week which is held in a different city that does not have a significant Marine Corps presence.

The United States Marine Corps has hosted seven iterations of Marine Week in different North American cities including:

- Boston
- Chicago
- Cleveland
- St. Louis
- Seattle
- Nashville
- Phoenix

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## MARINES OF OUR PAST

**Oscar P. Austin**

**Rank:** Private First Class

**Organization:** U.S. Marine Corps

**Company:** Company E, 2d Battalion

**Division:** 7th Marines, 1st Marine Division

**Born:** 15 January 1948, Nacogdoches, Tex.

**Departed:** Yes

**Place / Date:** West of Da Nang, Republic of Vietnam,  
23 February 1969

## CITATION

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty while serving as an assistant machine gunner with Company E, in connection with operations against enemy forces. During the early morning hours Pfc. Austin's observation post was subjected to a fierce ground attack by a large North Vietnamese Army force supported by a heavy volume of hand grenades, satchel charges, and small arms fire. Observing that 1 of his wounded companions had fallen unconscious in a position dangerously exposed to the hostile fire, Pfc. Austin unhesitatingly left the relative security of his fighting hole and, with complete disregard for his safety, raced across the fire-swept terrain to assist the marine to a covered location. As he neared the

casualty, he observed an enemy grenade land nearby and, reacting instantly, leaped between the injured marine and the lethal object, absorbing the effects of its detonation. As he ignored his painful injuries and turned to examine the wounded man, he saw a North Vietnamese Army soldier aiming a weapon at his unconscious companion. With full knowledge of the probable consequences and thinking only to protect the marine, Pfc. Austin resolutely threw himself between the casualty and the hostile soldier, and, in doing, was mortally wounded. Pfc. Austin's indomitable courage, inspiring initiative and selfless devotion to duty upheld the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and the U.S. Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country.

### ***DJD YOU KNOW?.....***

The USMC did not exist between 1783 and 1794.

October 4, 1783. Treaty of Paris (1783) / Marines disbanded

The 1783 Treaty of Paris ended the War for Independence, and as the last of the Navy's ships were sold, the Continental Navy and Marines were disbanded.

March 27, 1794 Naval Act of 1794

The Naval Act of 1794 re-established the US Navy and the USMC. The Constitution had 55 Marines assigned as part of its 450-man crew. The first detachment arrived at Edmond Hart's Shipyard in Boston.

Source: <http://www.u-s-history.com/pages/h3795.html>

13 Sep 1847: Marines help seize the fortress of Chapultepec in Mexico City.

13 Sep 1942: Marines turn back Japanese attack in Battle of Edson's Ridge on Guadalcanal.

15 Sep 1950: 1st Marine Division landed at Inchon, Korea and moved on to capture Seoul.

20 Sep 1994: 1,900 Marines land in Haiti.

28 Sep 1906: Marine Brigade of 2,800 men lands at Havana

**Every Marine who ever lived is living still.  
in the Marines who claim the title today.**

## **FAMOUS MARINES**



From the August newsletter, who was that Marine? That's Drew Carey...he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps Reserve and served for six years.

## **FIREARM RAFFLE WINNERS**

Congratulations to our 3 Firearm Raffle winners!!

From left to right, 3rd place winner Ben Prividi, he won the Ten Point Crossbow. 1st place winner Mark Palimino, he won the Henry Big Boy. 2nd place winner Jim Ritchie, he won the Sig 9mm. Dean Miles Jr. Vice. Thank you to all who helped make this Raffle a huge success!!  
Semper-Fi!!



## **LABOR DAY ROMEO PEACH FESTIVAL PARADE**

See the following page for detailed information.

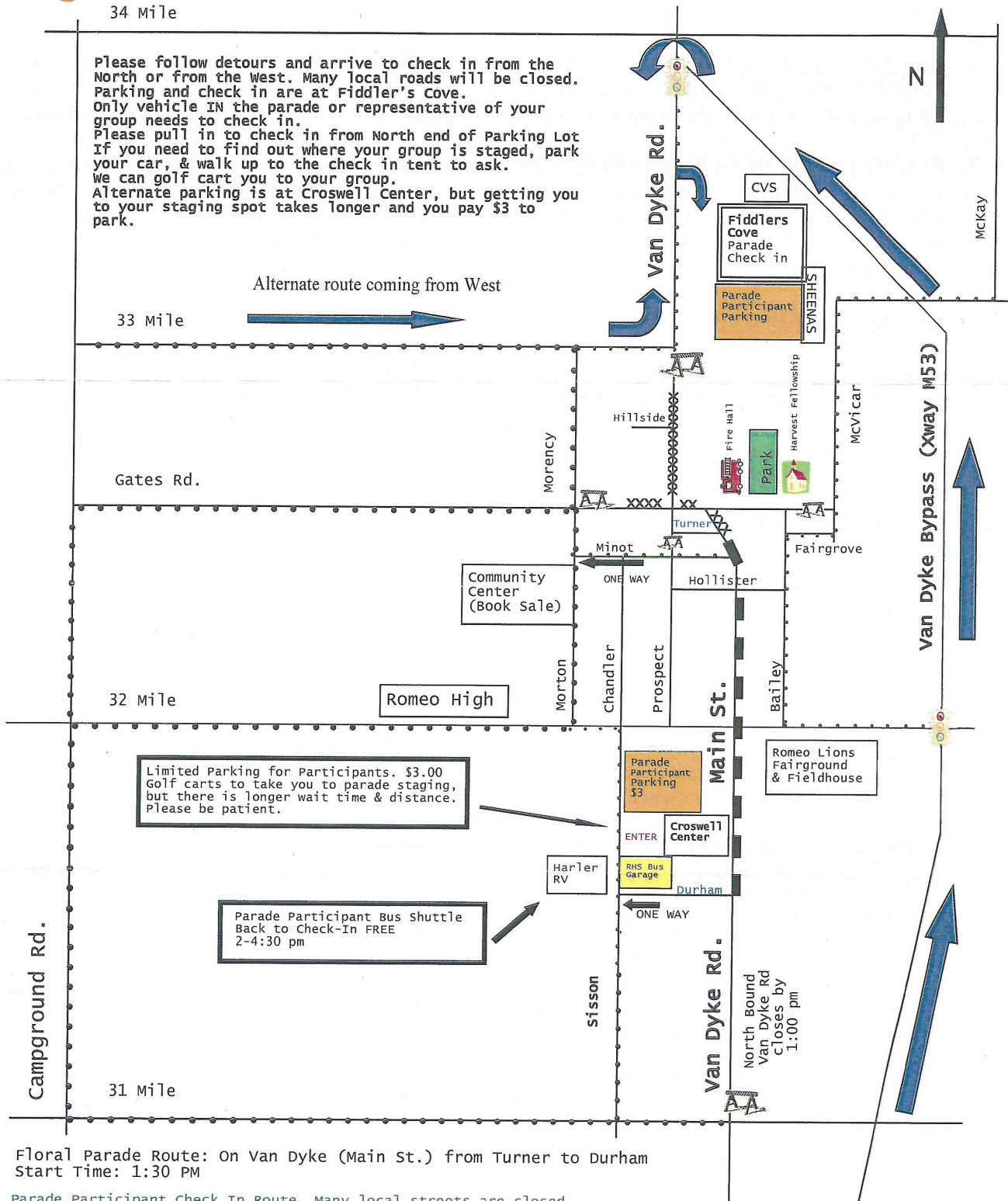
Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup> - Uniform of the day is white short sleeves and blue trousers. If you don't have that uniform, red detachment shirt and black trousers. Directions are the same as years past. Park at the end (south end of Croswell Elementary school) and catch a shuttle to parade position. You need to be there about 12:30, the parade starts at 13:30.

Contact Scott Neff if you have questions.





# PARADE DETOUR ROUTES & EVENT LOCATIONS 2017



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Barricades

== Parade Route



Parade Line Up



586-752-6543

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