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MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AND AUXILIARY



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JULY MEETING NOTICE

The next in person General Membership Meeting will be held on Thursday **July 7th at our usual time 7:30 pm (1930.)** 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 JULY



Frederick Gillick	Nancy Haase
Roger Hamilton	Alan Hartung
Joseph Kowalski	Don Lyon
Joseph Nerone	Edmond Page
David Peltier	Tom Smith
John Tinsley	

NEW MEMBER REPORTING IN



At the May General Membership Meeting, the following Marine was accepted as a member in our Detachment:
Marine Keith Natale.



Welcome aboard Marine!

*WE HOPE YOUR ASSOCIATION WITH THE DETACHMENT WILL BE
A MEMORABLE ONE*

COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE

We as a Detachment have had a busy schedule for the last few weeks. Memorial Day was a big day for us with three events. First was at Clinton Grove Cemetery followed by the Mt Clemens Memorial wall and finally, Utica's Memorial Park. I would like to personally thank each DET member that took time from their families to spend it with our community. Utica Mayor Gus Calendrino was very pleased with our Color Guard and Rifle team. He would like to make it an annual event with us. I think we can make it happen.

The following weekend several members traveled to Escanaba for the Summer convention. I personally think it was a great time and had a lot of fun. I even took some of the casino's money home with me (enough for a tank of fuel anyway).

I am looking forward to seeing you all at our next meeting. Until then, stay safe and healthy.

Semper Fi

Mike Hall, Commandant



Detachment and Auxiliary, Clinton Grove, May 29, 2022



AUXILIARY NEWS

Our Memorial Day ceremonies at Clinton Grove Cemetery, Mt. Clemens and in Utica on Sunday, May 29th were solemn and respectful events. Participants at Clinton Grove included the American Legion, VFW, Vietnam Veterans of America, AmVets and our own Marine Corps League and Auxiliary. The key-note speaker was Antoinette Wallace, County Commissioner for Mt. Clemens and Clinton Township and Army spouse. Her words were heartfelt and very meaningful. She told a personal story during the time her husband was serving in Afghanistan and she was living in base housing. It was the type of day moms were outside, talking together, watching the kids play when a dark sedan pulled up to the curb in the neighborhood. All the conversation and play ceased. Knowing the Army officers in the sedan were bringing sad and unwanted news about one of their own, they were all silently praying it wouldn't be their family getting the news of injury or even worse, the death of a husband and father.

Hearing Antoinette's story gave me chills as she spoke of honoring the men and women that gave the ultimate sacrifice for us. Memorial Day is often a day of backyard barbecues and picnics which is fine. Thank goodness we can celebrate these types of gatherings because when we look around in the world today there are millions that can't. But keep in mind, Memorial Day is set aside to remember, reflect and honor the sacrifices and lives lost by our military men and women. These are true American heroes that we will remember for generations to come.



Marie Leonetti, Maureen Ailor, Alice Lyon, County Commissioner Wallace, Irene Spooner

Just as Memorial Day is a time to honor our fallen heroes, it's also a good opportunity to see friends and acquaintances at these types of events. Linda May, writer for the Macomb Daily was at Clinton Grove along with her husband, Larry, a Vietnam veteran. Linda is a huge veteran supporter and she is always ready to include information about our Detachment and Auxiliary events in her column. Thanks, Linda, for your help and continued support.



Dave Trevino, Larry May, Mark Spooner, Linda May, Macomb Daily Columnist

The June meeting was canceled because of the Department convention in the Upper Peninsula at the Island Resort and Casino calling away a number of our members. Maureen Ailor, Alice Lyon and Joan Pfaff attended representing our Auxiliary. Alice Lyon is now our Department's Judge Advocate and Maureen Ailor, the Department's Senior VP. Our Auxiliary is proud of their commitment at the Department level and wish them the best in their posts.

Other news from the convention concerned the memorial bench for Karen Aune. The bench has been ordered and the Chesterfield Home is hiring a landscaping company to do the planting around the bench area. The plaque honoring Karen will be on the bench itself, not free standing as originally planned. Also, the bench will be placed at the entrance to the facility. This project is moving forward and we'll get more updates such as the installation date as they become available.

SANG AIR SHOW 2022

Another item of note from the convention is about a new auxiliary forming at the Montford Point Detachment. At a time when we're hearing of auxiliaries folding, it's good to hear the opposite. We wish the Montford Point Auxiliary the very best and good luck in the future. In the same light, our own Auxiliary is always looking for new members. Bring a friend to the next meeting. We are always looking forward to meeting and greeting those interested in our Auxiliary's mission of supporting our Marine Corps and the Detachment.

The **ANNUAL PICNIC** is the first Saturday in August on August 6, 2022. The Auxiliary will have a basket raffle, so if you have any items you can donate, please bring them to the July meeting or contact Irene Spooner at 586-466-5708. I don't have the picnic starting time yet, but do mark your calendars. More information at the next meeting. It's a fun time to socialize and have a summer picnic.



As several of our members are dealing with health issues, keep Maureen Ailor, Delores Tonegatto and Wendy Succarde in your thoughts and prayers. Our next meeting is Thursday, July 7, 2022 at 7:30 pm. See you there.

*Irene Spooner
MCLA Treasurer*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 7	1930 General Membership mtg
July 9 & 10	Selfridge Open House and Air Show 8am-4pm
August 4	1930 General Membership mtg 1 st round of nominations
August 6	Annual Joint League & Legion Veterans Appreciation Picnic
September 24	Golf Outing, Fern Hill Golf Club Fundraiser benefitting Detachment 154 Charities



F22 Raptor, fifth Generation fighter aircraft will highlight the show

After a five year hiatus, the Selfridge air show and open house returns. July 9 and 10, 8:00-4:00, free admission. The U.S. Air Force F22 demonstration team will highlight the event with precision aerial events like the USAF Thunderbirds. Among the many featured will be A10C Thunderbolt II, C130 Hercules, A4 Skyhawk, Canadian CF-18 demo team, Golden Knights parachute team and various ground displays.

See the full schedule of performers and displays at <https://teamsselfridge.com>



The Air Combat Command F-22 Demonstration Team

The Detachment will have a booth for recruitment and info in the Veterans Zone at the air show. We are doing this in conjunction with the Macomb County Young Marines as well as the Port Huron MCL Detachment. If you want to come out and help, we would indeed appreciate it. Contact Commandant Mike Hall for info.



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