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NEWSLETTER FOR THE
MACOMB COUNTY DETACHMENT
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AND AUXILIARY



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Marines & Auxiliary Members:

MAY MEETING NOTICE

The next General Membership Meeting will be held on Thursday May 4th 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.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE/ EVENTS/ MEMBERSHIP UPDATE:

Pound 6 Growl April 23, 2017 at VA Hospital/Detroit at 12:00 PM.

MCL Detachment 154 Shoot-out April 29th. Contact Junior Past Department Commandant, Norman Pfaff at (586) 263-3448 for additional information. Food will be served to shooter participants but shooters must cover cost of food and will be reimbursed by League at May meeting, lunch served at 12:30 PM (clubhouse) and Registration at 1:15 PM.

Name: Detroit Sportsman Congress
Location: 49800 Dequindre, 2 miles North of M-59 passed Hamlin Road.

May 7, 2017 Freedom Hill Pancake Breakfast hosted by Macomb County Executive, Mark Hackel.

MCL Detachment 154 purchased a table at Gibraltar Trade Center for 3 months; April, May and June 2017 to sell Gun Raffle Tickets for MCL 154 fundraiser. Contact Junior-vice Commandant, Dean Miles for information to schedule working time for table at (586) 457- 7008.

HIGHWAY CLEAN-UP

May 6, 2017 at 10:00 AM, Park & meet at Home Depot at 16 mile Rd. and Van Dyke. Contact William Lafave at (313) 720-0425

June 9, 2017 Pack Growl in Escanaba, MI at Island Casino and Resort, Harris MI. 13 miles west of Escanaba on US Highway 2 & 41. Details to follow.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE:

Members with dues expiration dates between February and August 31, 2017 pay \$10.00 for dues. New members during this date will pay \$15.00 for dues. Life members are exempt. Please pay dues at each meeting during month they expire in order to allow enough time for processing at the Department and National level.

BIRTHDAYS FOR APRIL:

**Rick Kincaid
Harry C. Demeshko**

What about May birthdays you may be asking? Please note the records provided me are lacking birthday dates for 134 members. To have your birthday mentioned in the Skuttlebutt please provide me the information.

Mark Spooner
Adjutant/Paymaster

AUXILIARY NEWS

Our last meeting was sparsely attended and I'm sure that was due to the miserable weather that evening. However, even though we did not have a quorum, we did get a few things done. We will be having a Rose Sale on Saturday, April 22, 2017 at the Walmart at M-59 and Mound Road. We'll be there from 10 am to 3 pm. Bring your own chair. Wear your MCLA cover and your MCLA shirt. If you don't have a MCLA shirt, a white shirt is fine. Call Irene Spooner at 586-466-5708 with any questions.

The Annual MCL Picnic is set for Saturday, August 5, 2017, so save the date. This is always a great event and a good time to socialize with the other

members from both the Detachment and the Auxiliary. More details will follow in the coming months.

The Department of Michigan Convention is fast approaching. The dates are June 8 – 11, 2017 in Escanaba, MI at the Island Resort and Casino. This is being hosted by the Upper Peninsula Detachment and Auxiliary #444. Deadline for registration is May 25, 2107. The full convention package with all the details is at the Department of Michigan website: www.michiganmarines.org

Our Auxiliary has been donating to the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society for many years. Here's some information about this very worthwhile nonprofit that explains why we chose this as one of the charities to receive our hard earned funds.

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society was organized in 1904 as a way to provide financial assistance and education as well as other programs and services, to members of the Navy and the Marine Corps, their eligible family members, widows, and survivors. The Society also receives and manages donated funds to administer these programs and services. The Society offers budget counseling, layettes (also called "junior seabags") for families with newborns, education loans and grants, information on education loans, interest-free loans and/or grants to help with emergencies such as funeral expenses, medical bills, emergency transportation, food, rent, utilities, and disaster relief assistance.



They offer these grants/interest-free loans for essential vehicle repairs and unforeseen family emergencies as well. The Navy-Marine Relief Society also coordinates with civilian agencies such as the American Red Cross and the VA and with other military offices.

There are nearly 300 Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society offices ashore and afloat at Navy and Marine Corps bases around the world. To learn more about the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society or to donate, visit their website at www.nmcrrs.org Our Auxiliary News section will highlight another one of our charity in the next Skuttlebutt. See you at our next meeting on Thursday, May 4, 2017. Our meetings begin at 8:00 pm.

Semper Fidelis,
Irene Spooner
Secretary/Treasurer
MCLA, Macomb County

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Our days are getting warmer and soon it will be more sunny days. I think most of us can't wait for summer and Memorial Day. Our detachment usually takes part in the Memorial Day Parade in Sterling Heights. Hope to see you there.

We had one member, James Borlase, that was sick and is back with us at our meetings. We are glad to see you James, hope you and your wife are doing better. To all other members who are under the weather, and unable to attend, we wish you well.

The detachment sent a card to John Sternicki on the passing of his Aunt. She was a beautiful lady who sat at the back of the hall at many of our meetings. We will miss her.

Let's all remember family and friends who have been called by our Supreme God.
Wishing all good health and safe driving,

John Sottrel
Chaplain

SENIOR DISCOUNTS UPDATE **FYI - FROM THE VVA**

Keep this list and send a copy to your senior friends and relatives.
Surprising to see how many there are and how some of them start at the young age of 50. This list may not only be useful for you, but for your friends and family too.

YOU MUST ASK for your discount!

RESTAURANTS:

Applebee's:	5% off with Golden Apple Card (60+)
Arby's:	10% off (55+)
Ben & Jerry's:	10% off (60+)
Bennigan's:	Discount varies by location (60+)
Bob's Big Boy:	Discount varies by location (60+)
Boston Market:	10% off (65+)
Burger King:	10% off (60+)
Chick-Fil-A:	10% off or free small drink or coffee (55+)
Chili's:	10% off (55+)
CiCi's Pizza:	10% off (60+)
Denny's:	10% off, 20% off for AARP members (55 +)
Dunkin' Donuts:	10% off or free coffee (55+)
Einstein's Bagels:	10% off baker's dozen of bagels (60+)

Fuddrucker's: 10% off any senior platter (55+)
 Gatti's Pizza: 10% off (60+)
 Golden Corral: 10% off (60+)
 Hardee's: \$0.33 beverages everyday (65+)
 IHOP: 10% off (55+)
 Jack in the Box: Up to 20% off (55+)
 KFC: Free small drink with any meal (55+)
 Krispy Kreme: 10% off (50+)
 Long John Silver's: Various discounts at locations (55+)
 McDonald's: Discounts on coffee everyday (55+)
 Mrs. Fields: 10% off at participating locations (60+)
 Shoney's: 10% off
 Sonic: 10% off or free beverage (60+)
 Steak 'n Shake: 10% off every Monday & Tuesday (50+)
 Subway: 10% off (60+)
 Sweet Tomatoes: 10% off (62+)
 Taco Bell : 5% off; free beverages for seniors (65+)
 TCBY: 10% off (55+)
 Tea Room Cafe: 10% off (50+)
 Village Inn: 10% off (60+)
 Waffle House: 10% off every Monday (60+)
 Wendy's: 10% off (55 +)
 Whataburger: 10% off (62+)
 White Castle : 10% off (62+)

RETAIL & APPAREL:

Banana Republic: 30% off (50+)
 Bealls: 20% off first Tuesday of each month (50+)
 Belk's: 15% off first Tuesday of every month (55+)
 Big Lots: 30% off
 Bon-Ton Dept discount days (55 +)
 C.J. Banks: 10% off every Wednesday (50+)
 Clarks : 10% off (62+)
 Dress Barn: 20% off (55+)
 Goodwill: 10% off one day a week (date varies by location)
 Hallmark: 10% off one day a week (date varies by location)
 Kmart: 40% off (Wednesdays only) (50+)
 Kohl's: 15% off (60+)
 Modell's Sporting Goods: 30% off
 Rite Aid: 10% off on Tuesdays & 10% off prescriptions
 Ross Stores: 10% off every Tuesday (55+)
 The Salvation Army Thrift Stores: Up to 50% off (55+)

Stein Mart: 20% off red dot/clearance items first Monday of every month (55 +)

GROCERY:

Albertson's: 10% off first Wednesday of each month (55 +)
 American Discount Stores: 10% off every Monday (50 +)
 Compare Foods Supermarket: 10% off every Wednesday (60+)
 DeCicco Family Markets: 5% off every Wednesday (60+)
 Food Lion: 60% off every Monday (60+)
 Fry's Supermarket: Free Fry's VIP Club Membership & 10% off every Monday (55 +)
 Great Valu Food Store: 5% off every Tuesday (60+)
 Gristedes Supermarket: 10% off every Tuesday (60+)
 Harris Teeter: 5% off every Tuesday (60+)
 Hy-Vee: 5% off one day a week (date varies by location)
 Kroger: 10% off (date varies by location)
 Morton Williams Supermarket: 5% off every Tuesday (60+)
 The Plant Shed: 10% off every Tuesday (50 +)
 Publix: 15% off every Wednesday (55 +)
 Rogers Marketplace: 5% off every Thursday (60+)
 Uncle Guiseppe's Marketplace: 15% off (62+)

TRAVEL:

Airlines:
 Alaska Airlines: 50% off (65+)
 American Airlines: Various discounts for 50% off non-peak periods (Tuesdays - Thursdays) (62+) and up (call before booking for discount)
 Continental Airlines: No initiation fee for Continental Presidents Club & special fares for select destinations
 Southwest Airlines: Various discounts for ages 65 and up (call before booking for discount)
 United Airlines: Various discounts for ages 65 and up (call before booking for discount)
 U.S. Airways: Various discounts for ages 65 and up (call before booking for discount)
 Rail: Amtrak: 15% off (62+)
 Bus: Greyhound: 15% off (62+) Trailways Transportation System: various discounts for ages 50+

CAR RENTAL:

Alamo Car Rental:	Up to 25% off for AARP members
Avis:	Up to 25% off for AARP members
Budget Rental Cars:	40% off; up to 50% off for AARP members (50+)
Dollar Rent-A-Car:	10% off (50+)
Enterprise Rent-A-Car:	5% off for AARP members
Hertz:	Up to 25% off for AARP members
National Rent-A-Car:	Up to 30% off for AARP members

OVERNIGHT ACCOMODATIONS:

Holiday Inn:	20-40% off depending on location (62+)
Best Western:	40% off (55+)
Cambria Suites:	20%-30% off (60+)
Waldorf Astoria - NYC:	\$5,000 off nightly rate for Presidential Suite (55 +)
Clarion Motels:	20%-30% off (60+)
Comfort Inn:	20%-30% off (60+)
Comfort Suites:	20%-30% off (60+)
Econo Lodge:	40% off (60+)
Hampton Inns & Suites:	40% off when booked 72 hours in advance
Hyatt Hotels:	25%-50% off (62+)
InterContinental Hotels:	Various discounts at all hotels (65+)
Mainstay Suites:	10% off with Mature
Traveler's Discount (50+);	20%-30% off (60+)
Marriott Hotels:	25% off (62+)
Motel 6:	Stay Free Sunday nights (60+)
Myrtle Beach Resort:	30% off (55 +)
Quality Inn:	40%-50% off (60+)
Rodeway Inn:	20%-30% off (60+)
Sleep Inn:	40% off (60+)

ACTIVITIES & ENTERTAINMENT:

AMC Theaters:	Up to 30% off (55 +)
Bally Total Fitness:	\$100 off memberships (62+)
Busch Gardens Tampa, FL:	\$13 off one-day tickets (50 +)
Carmike Cinemas:	35% off (65+)
Cinemark/Century Theaters:	Up to 35% off
Massage Envy - NYC:	20% off all "Happy Endings" (62 +)

DDJ YOU KNOW....

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By Laws 2013 Edition

ARTICLE NINE, DUTIES OF OFFICERS

SECTION 3 – Junior Vice Commandant It shall be the duty of the Junior Vice Commandant to preside in the absence of the Commandant and the Senior Vice Commandant, and while so presiding, shall have the power and authority of the Commandant. The Junior Vice Commandant is responsible for social events is the Chairman of the Social Committee and shall operate all such affairs that are not under the control of special committees. **This is an elected position.**

12 SECTION 4 – Judge Advocate It shall be the duty of the Judge Advocate to perform such legal duties as are assigned to the by the Commandant. The Judge Advocate shall rule on any disputed point of order. The Judge Advocate must be conversant with National, Department and Detachment Constitution and Bylaws. Rulings by the Judge Advocate are binding, but may be appealed. **This is an elected position.**

HISTORIAN'S CORNER – MARINES OF OUR PAST

Corporal Charles G. Abrell
Easy Company, 2/1 1st Marine Division
Hangyong Korea, 10 June, 1951
Medal of Honor Recipient

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty while serving as a fire team leader in Company E, in action against enemy aggressor forces. While advancing with his platoon in an attack against well-concealed and heavily fortified enemy hill positions, Cpl. Abrell voluntarily rushed forward through the assaulting squad which was pinned down by a hail of intense and accurate automatic-weapons fire from a hostile bunker situated on commanding ground. Although previously wounded by enemy hand grenade fragments, he proceeded to carry out a bold, single-handed attack against the bunker, exhorting his comrades to follow him. Sustaining 2 additional wounds as he stormed toward the emplacement, he resolutely pulled the pin from a grenade clutched in his hand and hurled himself bodily into the bunker with the live missile still in his grasp. Fatally wounded in the resulting explosion which killed the entire enemy gun crew within the stronghold, Cpl. Abrell, by his valiant spirit of self-sacrifice in the face of certain death, served to inspire all his comrades and contributed directly to the success of his platoon in attaining its objective. His superb courage and heroic initiative sustain and enhance the highest traditions of the U.S. Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

1776: Fort Nassau-The First Amphibious Raid

Just weeks after banding together, the Continental Marines successfully executed their first amphibious landing on a hostile shore.

The British had been storing large supplies of gunpowder at Fort Nassau in the Bahamas for use in battle against the 13 colonies. Captain Samuel Nicholas and 234 Marines sailed with the Continental Navy on a mission to capture the supply.

Within minutes of the Marines' arrival, the British troops had surrendered. In addition to the gunpowder, Captain Nicholas successfully acquired cannons and other military stores.

The Marines' first battle and success paved the way for greater operations to come.

1805: Battle of Derna- To the Shores of Tripoli

When pirates had been raiding American merchant ships off the Barbary Coast, President Thomas Jefferson sent in an expeditionary force of Marines to fight back.

During this time, Marines received the nickname 'Leathernecks', after the high collar they wore as protection against pirates' saber cuts.

Lieutenant Presley O'Bannon and his Marines marched across 600 miles of the Libyan Desert to storm the Tripolitan city of Derna and rescue the kidnapped crew of the USS Philadelphia.

The Marines' victory helped protect U.S. ships and secure our trading in the area. As a gesture of respect and praise for the Marines' action at the Battle of Derna, First Lieutenant O'Bannon was presented a Mameluke sword by the Ottoman Empire vicery, Prince Hamet, which is now the oldest ceremonial weapon still in use by United States armed forces today.

The Battle of Derna was the Marines' first ground battle on foreign soil and is notably recalled in the Marines' Hymn: "From the Halls of Montezuma to the shores of Tripoli, we fight our country's battles in the air, on land and sea"

Source: www.marines.com/who-we-are/our-legacy/battles-through-time.html

FAMOUS MARINES



Last month's famous Marine was Gene Hackman. Do you recognize this famous Marine?

Thoughts for the Day ???

A penny saved is a government oversight.

The older you get the tougher it is to lose weight because by then your body and your fat have gotten to be really good friends.

The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.

He who hesitates is probably right

Did you ever notice: The Roman Numerals for forty (40) are XL.

The sole purpose of a child's middle name is so he can tell when he's really in trouble.

Did you ever notice: When you put the 2 words 'The' and 'IRS' together it spells 'Theirs!'

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