



**SKUTTLEBUTT**  
**NEWSLETTER FOR THE**  
**MACOMB COUNTY DETACHMENT**  
**MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AND AUXILIARY**



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***Marines & Auxiliary Members:***

**OCTOBER MEETING NOTICE**

The next General Membership Meeting will be October 3rd at 7:00, earlier than our usual meeting time. Join us at the American Legion Post 351, (46146 Cass Avenue located in Utica,) or now via Zoom! The telephone number to the Post is (586) 731-9833.

**DETACHMENT AND AUXILIARY BIRTHDAYS FOR OCTOBER**



- Elaine Arnold**
- Jeffrey Draksler**
- Angelo Lema**
- Robert Long**
- Ardith Schwerin**
- Donald Skonieczny**
- Wendy Succarde**
- John Sych**
- Gary Titus Jr**

**COMMANDANT’S MESSAGE**

We had a great golf outing with around 46 golfers. We are going to secure the same place for next year 2025 in Sept at BEE TEE. We have a tentative date, but don't want to interfere with the Parkinson Walk. We raised around \$7,300.

We are working on where the money is going exactly. Thanks to all the helpers Angelo Lema, Justin Kane, John S., John M, Jim Dewey, Lisa F., Rick K., Don Lyon.

I want to congratulate the outgoing officers and the new incoming ones. Please let me know if you have any concerns that I can address to make things a more enjoyable experience. Look forward to seeing you at the next meetings.

NOTE: The ZOOM info is updated below.

Topic: MCL Monthly Meetings

Next meeting: Oct 3, 2024, 07:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada) Every month on the First Thursday

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.  
 Monthly: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/upUud-2hqDgtG9QliTXXTTvq4lqYs6fCxS6BJ/ics?icsToken=98tyKu6prTsuE9KWtxiHR7YcA4igLPPwpmZajfpskBbROxRndBKiOvN7leR5M8Dj>

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/71304963710?pwd=5xmb1Ch8k13NRXdz9aUbujc7P5xg0Y.1>

Meeting ID: 713 0496 3710  
 Passcode: 034987

*Steve August, Commandant*

**ADJUTANT/PAYMASTER**

Elections were held at The September Meeting.

- The elected officers are:
- Commandant - Steve August
  - Sr. Vice Commandant - Nathan Jolliff
  - Jr. Vice Commandant - John Myroniuk
  - Adjutant/Paymaster - Don Lyon
  - Judge Advocate - Christine Tonegatto-Salo
  - Chaplain - James Dewey
  - Sargent At Arms - Angelo Lema

- Appointed positions:
- Quartermaster - Justin Kane
  - Deputy Quartermaster - John Sternicki
  - Honor Guard Commander - Frank Petricevich
  - Editor Scuttlebutt Newsletter - Elaine Arnold
  - Historian - Greg Pawlik
  - Webmaster - Don Lyon
  - Toys for Tots Liaison - Clement Buck
  - Auxiliary Liaison – Christine Tonegatto-Salo

## AUXILIARY NEWS

Installation of the officers will take Place at our October Meeting. The meeting starts at 1900, after a short business meeting we will have the installation of the Auxiliary officers, followed by the installation of the Detachment officers. There will be a meal and social gathering following.

### MISSING IN ACTION

Every month when I send out the newsletter, I get one or two letters returned as unknown, or unable to forward. And occasionally I'll get one back marked deceased return to sender. Last month I mailed out the new membership cards for life members, I got a few back that I cannot resolve whether they have moved, or they are no longer with us. So, if anyone knows the whereabouts of:

Joseph Wauldron, Scott Neff, Vincent Peeper or Edmond Page  
Let me know.

Deadline for dues was August 15<sup>th</sup>, 8 members are delinquent at this time.

*Don Lyon, Adjutant/Paymaster*

### JR VICE REPORT

A sincere thank you to those four Marines who took one of the contact cards I handed out at the conclusion of the last meeting. No one person can do everything needed to keep our detachment running, so our future viability depends on those willing to do the work. By volunteering to connect with our existing members, you are taking the necessary steps to ensure our existence for years to come.

As a reminder, the goal I set with this task is to increase our meeting attendance by 10% by the year's end. With only three more meetings to go by that deadline, it is important to make these connections as soon as you are able. This can be done in two ways; call the contact's phone number or send an email. Do consider taking both actions to increase our chances of making a connection and be sure to leave a message if you are sent to voice mail.

As further encouragement to you, know that I have already made all the calls and sent the emails to each of the contacts on my card and I have received a reply from one of those detachment members. If each of us were able to get just one of these Marines to join our upcoming meetings then that would exceed the goal!

Also, if you discover that the phone number or email address for the contact is no longer valid, please send that information to Don Lyon. He maintains our membership records among other things and would appreciate your help.

*Justin Kane, Jr Vice*

At our August meeting we agreed to host another fundraiser at Buddy's Pizza at 45841 Hayes, Shelby Twp., MI on Wednesday, October 16, 2024. The event runs all day, so come at your convenience, but you do need to mention Macomb County Marine Corps League Auxiliary (or something close to that) for us to get the credit.

Find the link to the info site below. We need 20 people to commit to coming. Feel free to bring family and friends. The more the merrier. When you open the link, you should see a "commit to eat" button. Please hit it and enter the necessary info. Let me know if you have any questions.

<https://www.groupraise.com/events/284587>

Our September meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer, two things we do at each meeting that are so simple yet so important to us as an Auxiliary. I think it's important for us to reflect on our Pledge and our prayer because we so easily gloss over these two pillars of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary to get to the "real business". The Pledge of Allegiance, our pledge to the flag, symbol of our country, speaks to what we believe in as a united people who stand for liberty and justice. The Pledge of Allegiance which includes the words, "under God" goes hand-in-hand with our prayer. As we pray to our Father in heaven, we ask for blessings on our Marines and their loved ones and we also pray for God's blessings on our efforts as we go about our tasks as an Auxiliary. Two simple things we do at every meeting that are often taken for granted, but are at the very core of what we believe in as an Auxiliary. Just something to think about.

Reminder: the October meeting is the Installation of Officers. Our meeting will start at 7:00 pm, a half hour earlier than usual. Wear the appropriate uniform: cover, white shirt, black pants, and pins. If you held either a Department or National office, wear the appropriate uniform of your highest office. After the Installation ceremonies, we will have dinner and socialize for the remainder of the evening. The Auxiliary members are asked to bring a dessert or an appetizer to go along the simple dinner provided by the Detachment.

We had a surprise guest at our September meeting, Avery Wasmund, an Eagle Scout. Avery is raising funds for his Eagle Scout project, putting together backpacks for special needs students at his school. Included in these backpacks are items to help relieve stress and anxiety and special earmuffs to help screen noise. Avery gave a presentation and answered questions we had about his project. We had a short discussion and a motion was passed to help Avery by

donating \$100 to his project. We wish Avery the best of luck in this very worthwhile endeavor.



*Auxiliary President Alice Lyon with Avery Wasmund*

Keep in mind that after the October meeting, we have only one more meeting until our annual Marine Corps Birthday celebration on Sunday November 10, 2024. The Auxiliary continues to accept donations for its Charity Raffle. If you have liquor, wine, small workbench or kitchen tools/appliances, decorative items, sports memorabilia, gift cards and the like, please bring them to our October or November meetings. All donations are appreciated and will be put to good use.

Another reminder: our Buddy's Pizza fundraiser is Wednesday, October 16, 2024. This is an all-day event from 11 am to 9 pm at the Buddy's located at 45841 Hayes Road, Shelby Township. You can participate by dine in, take out, delivery or pick up ordering. Mention our name, the Marine Corps League Auxiliary and we will receive 20% of your order excluding alcoholic beverages. Plan to participate on your time schedule for lunch, dinner or snack time to help us raise funds for our Marines, veterans and our community. We'll talk more about this at October's meeting.

It's required that the Auxiliary audits its treasurer every now and then. We finally decided to do just that at a special meeting on Wednesday, October 9 at 11am. We'll meet at the Savory Grill at 45288 Van Dyke, Utica to review the books as required. We'll talk about this at our next meeting.

Another event is fast approaching in December, the annual Christmas party. I'm bringing this up now because that's when we bring in our toy donations for Toys for Tots. There will be more about this as we get closer to the December meeting, but for those of you who like to get their shopping done early, this is your heads up.

That's it for now. Looking for to seeing you on Thursday, October 3, 2024 at 7:00 pm for our annual Installation of Officers.

*Irene Spooner, Treasurer, Macomb County Unit*

### **PARKINSON HERO WALK**

The Michigan Parkinson Foundation was successful in exceeding their fundraising goal this year with the annual Parkinson Hero Walk September 14<sup>th</sup>, located at Jimmy John's Field in Utica. Over \$258,000 was raised to help with programs and services that aid people who have the disease. Our own Sr. Vice Commandant Elect, Nate Jolliff, led the team that raised the most money out of all the teams present. In total, Team Jolliff brought in \$33,389 for the cause, which was in part through a donation from our Detachment.

Another detachment contribution to the event was our own color guard presenting the U.S. and Marine Corps flags during the singing of the National Anthem. The team looked sharp marching in step wearing their dress uniform while presenting the colors to get things kicked off.

A couple of Detachment members also joined Team Jolliff for the walk around the park and out on the trail. The total distance was three miles, and the weather conditions turned out to be perfect for such an activity. The sight of this had a great impact on those present as dozens of people happily marched together for the cause. It was a memorable day for all involved.

To top things off, Nate was later seen on television that night being interviewed about the event on the Fox 2 Detroit news program. He looked good and spoke very well about the importance of what had taken place that day. Marine Jolliff will make an excellent addition to the Detachment officers this coming year as he is a proven leader.

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