



# 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 held on Thursday **October 5th at 1900. This will be the installation of new officers.**

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.

### **Election Results**

Commandant	Don Teeple
Sr. Vice	Dean Miles
Jr. Vice	Open
Judge Advocate	Christine Tonegatto-Salo
Adjutant/Paymaster	Don Lyon
Chaplain	Open
Sergeant at Arms	Michael Hall

### **Commandant's Message**

As I write my last article as the Detachment Commandant, I want to offer a huge thank you to all the Marines, Associates and Auxiliary members that have supported me these last two years. Without your encouragement and help it would have been a rough term of office. You have been with me throughout my hospital stays, surgeries and chemo treatment.

During this time, our detachment has managed to thrive and bolster our finances.

Fundraisers like the 3-Gun Raffle put on by our Junior Vice Commandant Dean Miles and the bike-a-thon event, which was the brainchild of Norm Pfaff, have filled our coffers. This will allow us to help more veterans and their families through our charitable donations.

Our Detachment has fulfilled many of the goals we set. The new slate of officers you've elected will continue in this tradition. We will need your support to help us with one more goal, increasing our Detachment membership.

Please reach out to any Marines who do not belong to the league and try to bring them into this outstanding veteran's group.

Now for some specifics. The October meeting, Oct. 5, will be our installation of officers and will start an hour early at 7 pm. Dinner will be provided after the Auxiliary and League installation ceremonies. Please remember to bring your family to this celebration.

November of course is our birthday month. The Annual Marine Corps Birthday Party will start at 3 p.m., Nov 10 here at the post and feature the cake cutting ceremony at 7 p.m. The Auxiliary will hold their annual gift basket raffle and we will also feature a 50/50 raffle. This is a great party and we would like to share it with anybody who wants to join us. There is a \$5 donation at the door to cover all your food and drink. A big thank you goes to the American House in Troy for providing our food.

The Annual Toys for Tots fundraiser will be Dec. 7. Our meetings will start at 7 p.m. with the dinner, also provided by the Troy American House, to follow. Everyone is asked to bring an unwrapped Christmas present for older children to the meeting.

The Detachment Toys for Tots Liaison Bill Heise will be posting opportunities for detachment members to help out at the Toys for Tots Warehouse in December. This is a great opportunity give back to our community and help children.

Once again, thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve our Detachment as your Commandant. It has been a pleasure to lead you.

### **Dates to Remember**

**Oct. 5, 7 p.m. - Installation of Officers Ceremony and dinner**

**Nov. 2, 8 p.m. - Monthly Detachment meeting**

**Nov. 10, 3 p.m. - Annual Marine Corps Birthday Party celebrating 242 years of the Corps!**

**Dec. 7, 7 p.m. - Toys for Tots Fundraiser Dinner and monthly meeting.**

## AUXILIARY NEWS

Our September meeting was a rather busy one with a number of issues being addressed. First and foremost was our new slate of officers who will be installed at our next meeting on Thursday, October 5, 2017. **Reminder: our October meeting starts at 7:00 p.m.**, so arrive a few minutes early to help set up and get organized for the installation.

Our new officers for the 2017-2018 year are as follows:

President:	Sharon Renaud
Sr. Vice:	Maureen Ailor
Jr. Vice:	Sherri Teeples
Judge Advocate:	Joan Pfaff
Co-Chaplains:	Dolores Tonegatto
	Mary Ann Music
Sec./Treasurer:	Irene Spooner
Auditor:	Loretta Balderson
Auditor:	Gail Trevino

The Auxiliary agreed to bring either a dessert or an appetizer to the Installation.

Dues for 2017-2018 are due. Dues are now \$30 for annual members. Auxiliary dues can be mailed to Treasurer Irene Spooner, 39869 Duluth, Harrison Twp, MI 48045. Make check payable to "MCLA, Macomb County Unit".

As discussed at our meeting, our Auxiliary will be providing morning coffee and doughnuts, bagels and cream cheese (S. Renaud)) and lunch on October 21, 2017 for the Fall Staff Meeting which will be held at this American Legion Hall. We need to be set-up by 9:00 a.m. for morning coffee. Maureen Ailor volunteered to be here by 7:30 a.m., we need a couple more to be here by 7:45 a.m. Lunch will be served at noon which will be sloppy joes (I. Spooner) on buns (M. Ailor), salad (S. Teeples and L. Balderson) with sheet cake for dessert (I. Spooner and M. Ailor). We are charging \$7 per person for this which should provide the Auxiliary with a small profit.

It's time to plan for our Marine Corps Birthday Charity Basket Raffle and to collect donations for the baskets. We need baskets or other suitable containers to fill for the raffle. Baskets should be no smaller than 12 inches wide. Suitable items for our baskets are: non-perishable food items like hors d'oeuvre crackers and cheeses, gourmet candies, cookies and chocolates. Liquor, wine and beer. Small kitchen items and tools. Patriotic items. Sports items. We will accept almost anything that can fit into a basket. Please remember: all donated items should be new or in very good condition. Food and drink items should not be past their shelf-life date. If you want to donate and don't have time to shop for any of these items, we will accept cash donations. All of the proceeds from this raffle go

to charity, so your donations are for a very good cause.

Sick and in distress: Member Cathy Haustein's father, Fred who is a member of the Detachment is in the hospital. Gail Trevino, Auxiliary member, is in the hospital. Dolores Tonegatto is in the hospital. Please keep them in your prayers.

See you on October 5,  
Semper Fidelis,

Irene Spooner  
*Secretary/Treasurer*

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Marines:

Marine Dean Miles was in a serious auto accident with his bike. He could use some phone calls, and we wish him a speedy recovery.

Marine Fred Haustein was in the hospital, he needs some rehab at a local rehab center, but would rather do that at home. He would like to hear from fellow Marines, he has some great stories from his experiences while serving in the Pacific.

Safe driving to all,  
Semper Fi,  
John Sottrel  
*Chaplain*



Photo from the Detroit News

Above: Don Lyon's Granddaughter **Lilly Lyon** watching the silent drill platoon at the opening ceremonies of Marine Week in Detroit.

## Marine Corps Trivia

From the War for Independence to the invasion of Iraq, the Marine Corps has been the first to enter many conflicts in an attempt to bring stability to struggling parts of the globe. Marines today are intensively trained and equipped with state-of-the-art weaponry, primarily to attack in combined land, sea, and air operations.

Marine Corps Band established  
July 11, 1798

"The President's Own" US Marine Band was established by an Act of Congress, and is America's oldest professional musical organization. The band was comprised of one Drum Major, one Fife Major, 32 drums and fifes.

Navy Yard at Charlestown, Massachusetts, is established  
1800

The first detachment of marines took up guard details and established one of the oldest marine barracks in the U.S. The yard is part of the Boston National Historical Parks system.

First Barbary War  
April 27, 1805

Lt. Presley O'Bannon and seven marines led attack against Derna, Tripoli. One of two wars fought with the North African empire of Morocco and the Barbary States.

War of 1812 began  
1812

U.S. declared war against Great Britain. Marine troop strength June 30, 1812: 10 officers, 483 enlisted men; June 30, 1815: 8 officers, 680 enlisted men.

Marines helped defeat British at New Orleans  
January 8, 1815

Andrew Jackson, including marines under Maj. Daniel Carmick, defeated British at Battle of New Orleans.

Marines assisted in Constitution victory  
February 20, 1815

Capt. Archibald Henderson led marines in "Old Ironsides" victory over Great Britain's Cyane and Levant off the coast of Africa.

Marine Commandant appointed  
October 17, 1820

Henderson appointed Commandant, held position for 38 years, until his death.

## Detachment Rifle Team



(LEFT TO RIGHT) RON HUDAS, RICK KINCAID AND GARY TITUS SITE IN THEIR TARGETS PRIOR TO SHOOTING THE SITTING POSITION OF THE NATIONAL MARINE CORPS LEAGUE POSTAL SHOOT AT THE DETROIT SPORTSMEN'S CONGRESS RANGE IN SHELBY TOWNSHIP, MICHIGAN.



GARY TITUS PREPS HIS RIFLE BEFORE SHOOTING THE NATIONAL MARINE CORPS LEAGUE'S POSTAL SHOOT AT THE DETROIT SPORTSMEN'S CONGRESS RANGE IN SHELBY TOWNSHIP, MICHIGAN AS SCOTT NEFF AND NORM PFAFF WATCH. ALL THREE DETACHMENT MEMBERS BELONG TO MACOMB COUNTY DETACHMENT RIFLE TEAM

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