



SKUTTLEBUTT

NEWSLETTER FOR THE
MACOMB COUNTY DETACHMENT
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AND AUXILIARY



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MARCH MEETING NOTICE

The next in person General Membership Meeting will be held on Thursday **March 3rd 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 MARCH



Loretta Balderson
Charles Brown
David Burin
Kim Hadley
William Heise
Brett Jacokes
John Myroniuk
Gary Nummer
Jim Rhodes
Charles Tyson

COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE

Good Day all. I would like to start by saying how sad I was with the passing of our Past Detachment Commandant Don Teeples. He was the second Detachment member that I met when I was first recruited to the League. He will certainly be missed.

I attended the Mid-winter Rally earlier this month and was very happy to notice that our Detachment had the largest amount of members present at the event. I was finally able to put names to faces with the State level officers that I hear about. I also was able to network with other Detachments' officers and we discussed fundraising and community service ideas.

I also met with a representative from the Michigan's Veterans Home in Chesterfield and am working with them to try and secure some of the items on their wish list. If you can help, here are some of their requested items....

Food items: candy bars (without nuts, full size)
Snack sized packages of cookies,
Pop Tarts, Granola bars, Welch's gummies,
Twinkies, Cupcakes, crackers, breadsticks or
pretzels with dippable cheese,
Soda Pop (all kinds) Gatorade, Sunny D,
V-8 juice, bottled water, single serving
powdered drink mixes, flavored water

Miscellaneous:

Batteries, rechargeable book lights, library book cart, Amazon wish list

Mike Hall, Commandant



Don Teeples, Detachment 154 Commandant 2017-2019

Donald Lee Teeple passed away on February 7th. Don was long-term member of the Marine Corp League (2005), the Vietnam Veterans of America, and the American Legion.



From November 2019 Skuttlebutt... Outgoing Commandant Don Teeple was presented a gift from new Detachment Commandant Norm Pfaff – a coloring book to help occupy his time now that he has released his duties. Norm advised Don to “stay within the lines!”

SENIOR VICE ON CAMARADERIE & FUNDRAISING

I would like to announce that 6pm at the American Legion we are starting the Golf Fundraiser committee. This will be the same day as our regular monthly meeting. If you would like to assist please join us. Also, in March or April, we will be doing another family event. Please stay tuned.

*Steve August
Senior Vice*

AUXILIARY NEWS

As a reminder to all Auxiliary members, we will resume our meetings in March with the next scheduled meeting on Thursday, March 3, 2022 at 7:30 pm. However, if there is a hazardous snow/ice event, we won't meet. This has happened a couple times in past years, so let's pray the weather cooperates with our plans for the first of this year's meeting.

Two Auxiliary members attended the Mid-Winter Rally at the Doubletree Detroit/Dearborn this year, Sr. Vice Maureen Ailor and myself. As a note, Maureen is also the Dept. of Michigan Sr. Vice. At the business meeting on Saturday a presentation was made by Carrie Bozman from First Step, a non-profit in SE Michigan dedicated to eliminating domestic and sexual violence. First Step provides a 24-hour help line, 24-hour on-call assault response team, temporary emergency housing, counseling, safety planning and more for victims of domestic and sexual violence. Since many of their clients leave their homes with only the clothes on their

backs, First Step is always in need of household goods like detergent, dish soap, bed linens and the like.



The Department and Units made a very generous donation of household goods and gift cards to support their effort. Our Unit made a \$50 donation in household goods to this very worthy cause. The above picture gives you an idea of the boxes and boxes of donations collected. Pictured from L to R back row are Maureen Ailor, Judy Blackmer, Cathy Rayl, Diane Ditto, Carrie Bozman from First Step, Peggy Tuohy, Nancy Hann, Kimberly Clemons, and Lynn Herrick. Front row, L to R are Mary Brief, March Oakley and Irene Spooner. For more information about First Step, visit their website at www.firststep-mi.org

Besides the presentation from First Step, there were reps from Vet Center, a readjustment counseling service for our vets coming home. We listened to a presentation about the newly opened Veterans Home in Chesterfield Township. The Hospitality Room gave us numerous opportunities for socializing with other attendees and also provided some great food. We all got to make new acquaintances in the Detachments and the Auxiliary and renew some old ones, too.

I want to update the progress that has been made on the memorial bench for Past National President Karen Aune. Department Sr. VP Maureen Ailor (also our own Sr. VP) made a presentation bringing everyone up to speed. It will be a Trex Outdoor Furniture 60" Yacht Club Bench, very durable and comfortable. It will be placed on one of the walking trails at the Chesterfield Veterans Home. A free-standing memorial plaque be placed next to it. With over \$800 collected toward this project, the amount is being rounded up to \$1,000 with a donation from the Department of Michigan MCLA. We'll be hearing more about this in the near future as installation plans are made.

*Irene Spooner
MCLA Treasurer*



**VISITING THE MONTFORD POINT
MCL DETACHMENT**

After spending time during the Mid-Winter Rally with some of the Montford Point Detachment members, we were invited to their Friday Fish Fry. We went for a visit and had a great fish dinner along with a lot of laughs. The Detachment's Commandant, Robin Johnson, made us feel right at home.

The Detachment has a terrific looking building with lots of memorabilia. We toured their facility with a group of their members. Marine pride is everywhere.



Pictured left to right, is Past Commandant Macomb County Detachment Dave Trevino, Montford Point Detachment Commandant Robin Johnson, Past Commandant Macomb County Detachment Mark Spooner and Macomb County Auxiliary Unit Treasurer Irene Spooner.



Pictured here left to right is Montford Point Detachment's Gene Owens, Macomb County's Mark Spooner, Montford Point's Eddie Clark, Macomb County's Dave Trevino and Montford Point's Ervin Love and Kevin Rogers.

It was a fun evening, a good way to share Marine Corps memories and a visit we plan to do again in the future.

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