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MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AND AUXILIARY



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MARCH MEETING NOTICE

The next in person General Membership Meeting will be held on Thursday **May 5th 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.

COMMANDANT’S MESSAGE

Mike Hall, Commandant

AUXILIARY NEWS

Our April meeting went very well with a good discussion. It’s always helpful to have a variety of opinions and ideas as we make decisions about upcoming plans and events. Everyone can bring something to the table and that’s what every organization needs.

We voted to send monetary gifts to both the Department President, Marcy Oakley and the National President, Evelyn Joppa as their terms wind down. These positions require a lot of time and travel in order to keep in touch with the various Units on the state level and the national level. Most of the costs for travel are at the Presidents’ own expense. Our gifts help off-set these costs as well as show our appreciation for their commitment to our Auxiliary.

The 2022 State Convention is fast approaching. It’s June 3rd-5th in the UP at the Island Resort and Casino which is 13 miles west of Escanaba. The deadline to register for rooms is May 18th in order to get the discounted rate in the League’s block of rooms. If it’s been a while since your last visit to our Upper Peninsula, this is a wonderful opportunity to support our League & Auxiliary and see one of the most beautiful areas in the U.S. Go to the Department of Michigan Marine Corps League website at <michiganmarines.org> to get more convention information and download a packet. At our April meeting we also voted to pay half the cost of the Detachment/Auxiliary ad in the convention brochure.

Memorial Day is on Monday, May 30th. The Detachment and the Auxiliary attend the Memorial Day ceremony at Clinton Grove. I don’t have the details at the time of this newsletter, but we’ll discuss this at our May meeting.

**DETACHMENT AND AUXILIARY
BIRTHDAYS FOR MAY**



- William Ackerman**
- Kevin Brewer**
- Gayle Brown**
- Linda Huckle**
- Floyd “Scott” Metcaf**
- Jerome Nadolski**
- Ronald Parks**
- Greg Pawlik**
- John Polanco**
- James Szczesny**
- Dave Trevino**
- Robert Westfall**

MAY IS MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH

Officially designated by Congress in 1999, Military Appreciation Month takes place every year throughout the entire month of May. Although the entire month is designated to honoring past and present military members and their families, there are several military holidays sprinkled throughout Military Appreciation Month itself, including:

- Loyalty Day (May 1, 2022)
- VE Day (May 8, 2022)
- Military Spouse Appreciation Day (May 6, 2022)
- Armed Forces Day (May 21, 2022)

We'll be discussing future fundraising ideas and updates at our next meeting. Your input is important and needed.

Please keep Wendy Succarde and Delores Tonegatto in your thoughts and prayers. Both of these Auxiliary Life members are experiencing critical health problems. If you can send a card their way, it would be greatly appreciated.

See you at our next meeting which is Thursday, May 5th at 7:30 pm

Irene Spooner
MCLA Treasurer

HONOR GUARD UPDATE

The Detachment is in need of a volunteer to serve as Honor Guard Commander. The Detachment appreciates the service provided by Ron Hudas in this role until now.

If you are interested in serving please contact Commandant Mike Hall at 10659mh@gmail.com or call 586-604-4834.

We are also in need of members to join the Honor Guard. Questions can also be directed to the Commandant.

Donald R. Lyon
Adjutant/Paymaster

DID YOU KNOW?

The first amphibious landing in Marine Corps history came on March 3, 1776 when a force under Captain Samuel Nicholas stormed the beaches of the British-held island of New Providence in the Bahamas. The 220 Marines had journeyed to the Caribbean with a Continental Navy flotilla in search of military supplies.

The Marine Band is nicknamed "The President's Own." First formed in 1798, the Marine Corps' military band is famous for having performed at the inauguration of every American president since Thomas Jefferson in 1801.

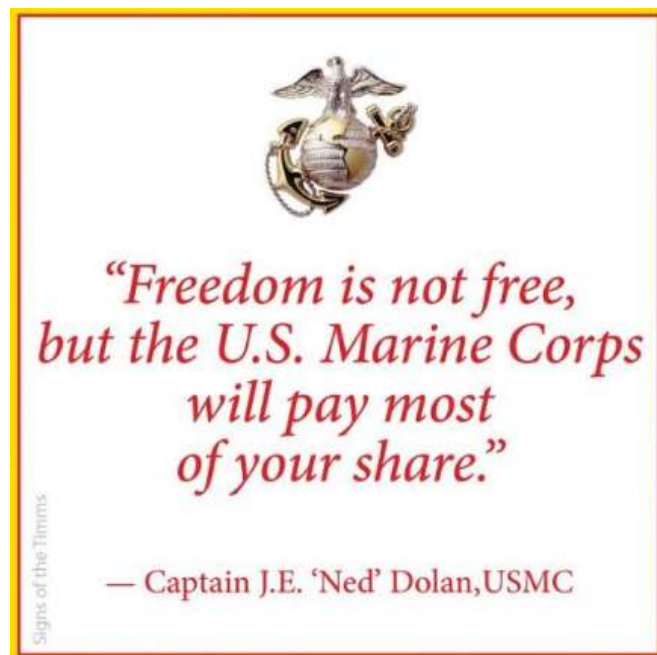
Fewer than 100 people have received the title of honorary Marine, a title that can only be bestowed by the Commandant of the Marine Corps. Here are a few of the honorees:

- Chuck Norris (rank unknown but also unneeded)
- Brig. Gen. Bob Hope
- Master Sgt. Bugs Bunny
- Cpl. Jim Nabors, star of Gomer Pyle, U.S.M.C.
- Gary Sinise

The license plate of the Commandant of the Marine Corps reads "1775"

Marine recruits must finish eating the moment their drill instructor is finished. This is why Marines eat so fast.

Three, five or seven Marines can perform a three-volley salute. A three-volley salute performed at funeral ceremonies is often confused with a 21-gun salute. The three-volley salute is the firing of three rifle volleys (rounds) over the graves of fallen armed forces members and political leaders and can be traced to the European dynastic wars, when fighting was halted to remove the dead and wounded. Once an area was cleared of casualties, three volleys were sent into the air as a signal to resume fighting.
Source USO.org & Wikipedia



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