



# SKUTTLEBUTT

NEWSLETTER FOR THE  
MACOMB COUNTY DETACHMENT  
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AND AUXILIARY



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## *Marines & Auxiliary Members:*

### AUGUST MEETING NOTICE

The next General Membership Meeting will be held on Thursday **August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30** (our usual time.) 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 AUGUST



**Maureen Ailor  
William Barron  
Dominick Graziadei**

**Paul McDermott  
Ronald Oleksiak  
James Stevens**

### ADJUTANT/PAYMASTER

We had 10 members opt for Life Membership before the deadline. New membership cards will be mailed to you when I get them. If I receive them close to a meeting date I'll give them to you at the meeting. New life membership rates are now in effect, so those that are 85+ can now get PLM for \$100.00. Contact me if you want to do this.

For those of you that are waiting for anniversary pins, I am waiting for the ships store to get them back in stock.

*Don Lyon*



### NEW MEMBER REPORTING IN



At the July General Membership Meeting, the following Marine was accepted as a member in our Detachment: Bill Tudrick.

boot camp SAN DIEGO  
MOS 0400 Supply  
Served 1962 - 1965  
Duty Stations, MCRDSD, CAMP PENDLETON  
GUANTANAMO BAY CUBA



*Welcome aboard Marine!*

### COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE

I hope all are having a great summer so far. We have exciting events in the next couple of months. The first being the **annual picnic** we do with the American Legion. It will be on **August 5<sup>th</sup>**. If you can help set up that will be from 9 am until 11am. The event will start at 11 am. Please join us with your family and have a wonderful time.

The second event will be on Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>, our **golf outing**. I want to encourage all members to either try to obtain a foursome or a sponsor of some kind. They can register on our website at [macombmarines.com](http://macombmarines.com). We will also have flyers at the picnic.

The Deputy Quarter Master will have a hand full of already made-up T-shirts to purchase for you or your spouse to advertise the Macomb County Marine Corps League. I know a sizable number of you have already purchased a T-shirt. I look forward to seeing you help make these successful events.

*Steve August, Commandant*



Consider participating in or volunteering for the annual IronMike 5k Run & Walk coming up on August 12. The event will take place in Armada and will honor the memory of PFC Michael Giannattasio who died unexpectedly in 2017 during basic recon training.

100% of the proceeds go to a scholarship fund that supports educational and special needs programs/therapies. If you would like to participate in the run or walk, go to [ironmikefoundation.com](http://ironmikefoundation.com) and find the Register Now button for the event.

If you would like to be an event volunteer instead, contact Justin Kane by texting 248-750-7046 or email [kjane\\_75\\_189@yahoo.com](mailto:kjane_75_189@yahoo.com). Volunteers will be expected to help with set up, handing out water, or guiding the runners along the path. Whether participating or volunteering, be sure to wear some Macomb Marine Corps League swag to advertise for our detachment.

*Justin Kane, Sergeant-at-Arms*

#### **AUXILIARY NEWS**

Our last meeting was little different than usual. Instead of having it at the American Legion Post, we met at the home of one of our members. That member was me. I want to thank the Auxiliary for allowing this and making this so convenient for me at this time. Special thanks go to President M. Ailor for bringing that

delicious cherry pie. Pie and coffee, what a great way to end our meeting.

It's time for our annual American Legion/Marine Corps League Picnic. It's Saturday, August 5, 2023. Volunteers are needed for the set-up which is from 9-11am before the picnic with the picnic starting at 11am. You don't need to bring a dish to pass, just bring your appetite. American House has confirmed they will cater the event again this year. For those of us who attended last year's picnic, I can guarantee American House brings the best burgers and hot dogs!



We're still receiving thank you notes from our year-end donations. We recently received one from the Michigan Veterans Home of Chesterfield Township. We had some new information about the dedication of Karen Aune's memorial bench at the Chesterfield Township home. This will take place at the end of August, either the 26<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup>. We discussed different planting ideas for the garden around the bench at our last meeting. A couple of easy care perennials suggested were day lilies or sedum. We'll pass around more specific information as soon as it's available. I think we're all looking forward to seeing the memorial bench for Karen. She was truly dedicated to our Auxiliary and was one of the organizing forces getting us again chartered again. She was our first Unit President, went on to be Department President and also was our National President. She was a good friend to many of us and will always be fondly remembered.

We're planning to do a fundraiser to help the Department get funds for their treasury. Since we've been doing two Rose Days, we plan to donate one day's proceeds to help the Department. We're all in this together, so it's important we help the Department when needed.

We're also looking at another type of fundraiser for our Auxiliary. Recently Buddy's Pizza had a fundraiser for another Macomb County veteran's group. That's how I heard about it. On a specific day, if you eat at their restaurant, Buddy's will donate 20% of the proceeds (alcoholic beverages not included) to your group. This is an easy way to enjoy a dining experience with friends, family and other Auxiliary members and raise funds for our Auxiliary. We're discussing setting up a date in the fall. We'll keep you posted about how this is working out.

Looking further ahead, save the date: December 16, 2023. This is the date for **Wreaths**

**Across America.** We'll give you more information at future meetings.

Sick call: Auxiliary member and Detachment member Christine Tonegatto-Salo has been ill. Also on our sick call list is April Tilton. Keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Reminder: if you change your contact information, moving, new cell phone, new email, keep us informed. Contact Irene Spooner at [mispooner@wowway.com](mailto:mispooner@wowway.com) or 586-466-5708 with your new information.

That's it for now. Our next meeting is at 7:30 pm on Thursday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023. That's just two days before our picnic.  
Semper Fidelis,

*Irene Spooner*  
Treasurer, Macomb County MCLA

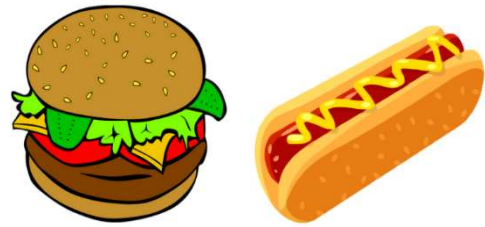


Our Detachment Auxiliary President, Maureen Ailor, (above on the left) was sworn in as the new Department of Michigan Auxiliary President at the Convention on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. In addition, our Senior Vice, Alice Lyon, was sworn in as Department Auxiliary Judge Advocate.



*Alice Lyon, Irene Spooner, Maureen Ailor*

## August 5 – Joint American Legion / MCL Picnic



**Veterans/Community Picnic**  
**Aug 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 11-4PM**  
**Public Welcome**  
**American Legion Post 351**  
**46146 Cass Ave**  
**Utica MI 48317**  
**586 731-9833**  
COME JOIN US & SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY !!!  
**Hamburgers, Hot Dogs,**  
**Salads, Chips & Pop.**  
Featuring Craft & Vendor Show, a Fire truck,  
Defense Vehicles, & Bounce House for the Kids  
50/50, Gift Basket & Silent Auction Raffles  
**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**  
Suggested \$5.00 donation

**September 23, 2023. Detachment GOLF OUTING**  
fundraiser to acquire a Michigan Track Chair (all terrain wheelchair) for a disabled Veteran  
Timberwood Golf Club, 23700 31 Mile Rd,  
Ray, MI 48096



**September 23, 2023,** Michigan Parkinson  
Foundation. 2023 Metro Detroit walk.  
Jimmy Johns Field, Utica Michigan,  
Register here:  
<https://secure.qgiv.com/event/2023metrodetroitparkinsonswalk/>

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 Sterling Heights, MI 48313  
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Email address \_\_\_\_\_