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NEWSLETTER FOR THE MACOMB COUNTY DETACHMENT MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AND AUXILIARY



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Marines & Auxiliary Members:

JANUARY MEETING NOTICE

The next General Membership Meeting will be held on Thursday January 4 at 2000. **There will be an officers meeting at 1900 prior to the general meeting**

Join us at the American Legion, Post 351, 46146 Cass Avenue located in Utica. The telephone number to the Post is: (586) 731-9833.

ADJUTANT/PAYMASTER

Mike Hall won \$73.20 in the December 50/50 drawing. Steve Whitfield would have won the attendance drawing of \$49.26, had he been at the meeting.

Membership: there are still 36 members delinquent on dues. Remember you cannot hold office or vote at meeting unless you are a member in good standing.

Addresses, I have been getting a lot of mail returned because of wrong addresses. If you have moved or changed your mailing address in the last few years, please contact me so I can update your information.

Interested in becoming a life member? You must be a member in good standing to become a life member. We do offer a payment plan if you cannot afford it all at once. Contact me at Macomb.marines@gmail.com or call 586-925-5010.

Donald Lyon
Adjutant/Paymaster

ONE MARINE'S SERVICE – PART ONE

FREDERICK E. HAUSTEIN

Born and raised in Detroit on Fairview near Mack, Fred admittedly was not the best of students, but he was a member of the R.O.T.C. He received his draft notice while attending Southeastern High School in early

1944. Amazingly, he was not afforded the chance to finish high school. Fred reported for his physical in downtown Detroit and was given the opportunity to choose which service he wanted to join. He selected the Navy, because his friends were also joining and would be going to Great Lakes Naval training center. On the form where you made your service selection, the Navy, Coast Guard, and Marines were all combined on the same line where you placed your "X" (which meant you could end up in any of the three.) Fred did not share his being in the R.O.T.C. for fear of being officer material.

A Marine sergeant then came into the room and said "I get first choice - I need 15 people". Fred's paperwork was at the top of the pile, and the sergeant helped himself to Fred's papers and 14 others. So much for the Navy!

Fred and the others were then taken to the Griswold Building and took the oath and that same day were going to be taken to the train station for their journey to Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego California. Fred's Father was waiting for him, neither one of them realizing things were going to happen this fast. Luckily, the sergeant let Fred take a moment to say goodbye to his Dad.

The recruits boarded the steam engine for the 10 day train trip to San Diego. This length of time was not uncommon during the war. Trains that were carrying armaments and other military goods had right of way priority on the tracks, meaning other passenger trains had to pull over on the sidings to let them pass.

They arrived at the San Diego train station and were greeted the usual way by a sergeant that commenced to read to them the riot act, and also challenge anyone there who could kick the sergeant's ass to step forward. One of the Detroiters did step forward.

Arrangements were made for both the recruit and the sergeant to don boxing gloves and they had at it, the recruit giving the sergeant a bloody nose. The sergeant then saw to it that this new recruit would face the Fleet boxing champion. No doubt to save face.

Boxing was not an out of the ordinary occurrence. All of the recruits faced off with one another during boot camp.

During this time Fred lived in paper mache Quonset huts. Drill, obstacle course and the rifle range at Camp Matthews were what Fred remembers. Fred qualified as expert, and in those days received five dollars extra in his pay for this accomplishment, which he sent to his mother.



Fred had the opportunity to go home for ten days leave, but there was a problem with this. It took ten days to get home! His sergeant said to not worry about this. Ten days to get home, ten days at home, ten days to get back. No one was going to the brig for being late – you were going to the war, not to the brig!

Greg Pawlik
Detachment Historian



Correction from last month: Pictured with Harry Grover (left) at the Marine Corps birthday party is the youngest Marine, **Devon Krajniak**, 23 years old. Devon enlisted June 10, 2012.



Presentation of check for Toys for Tots from Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter 1818



Presentation of check to the 1-24 Memorial Proceeds from the Rifle Raffle

Department Mid-Winter Convention

**Host: Department of Michigan
Auxiliary
January 18 – 21, 2018
Bavarian Inn Lodge & Convention
Center
One Covered Bridge Lane
Frankenmuth, MI
(989) 652- 7200 website:
<http://www.bavarianinn.com/stay>**

**White House VA Hotline Now Fully Staffed
and Operational Around the Clock to Serve Nation's
Veterans**

WASHINGTON — Nov. 29, 2017. Today the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced that the White House VA Hotline, first launched in June as part of President Donald J. Trump's commitment to reforming VA, is now fully staffed with live agents working to serve Veterans 24-hours a day, 365 days a year.

The hotline, which became 24-hour operational in mid-October, is now staffed by a team consisting of 90 percent Veterans or employees who have a Veteran family member, and is in response to Veterans' requests to talk to agents who could relate to their experiences.

The hotline can be accessed at 855-948-2311 and is VA's first non-clinical, non-emergency around-the-clock call center. It provides Veterans a supplemental option to report issues if they are not being addressed through VA's normal customer service channels.

**VA Announces Rollout and Application Process for
New Veterans ID Card**

WASHINGTON — Nov. 29, 2017. Today the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced that the application process for the national Veterans Identification Card (VIC) is now available for Veterans — yet another action honoring their service. This has been mandated through legislation since 2015 to honor Veterans, and today's rollout of the ID card fulfills that overdue promise.

To request a VIC, Veterans must visit vets.gov, click on "Apply for Printed Veteran ID Card" on the bottom left of the page and sign in or create an account. Veterans who apply for a card should receive it within 60 days and can check delivery status of their cards at vets.gov. A digital version of the VIC will be available online by mid-December.

Law of Mechanical Repair After your hands become coated with grease, your nose will begin to itch and you'll have to pee.

Law of Gravity Any tool, nut, bolt, screw, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible place in the universe.

Law of Probability The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act.

Law of Random Numbers If you dial a wrong number, you never get a busy signal; someone always answers.

Variation Law If you change lines (or traffic lanes), the one you were in will always move faster than the one you are in now.

Law of the Bath When the body is fully immersed in water, the phone rings.

Law of the Lost Sock
To ensure you will find that missing sock, simply discard the one you have.

Law of Close Encounters The probability of meeting someone you know INCREASES dramatically when you are with someone you don't want to be seen with.

Law of the Result When you try to prove to someone that a machine won't work, IT WILL!!!

Law of Biomechanics The severity of the itch is inversely proportional to the reach.

Law of the Theater & Hockey Arena At any event, the people whose seats are furthest from the aisle, always arrive last. They are the ones who will leave their seats several times to go for food, beer, or the toilet and who leave early before the end of the performance or the game is over. The folks in the aisle seats come early, never move once, have long gangly legs or big bellies and stay to the bitter end of the performance. The aisle people also are very surly folk.

The Coffee Law As soon as you sit down to a cup of hot coffee, your boss will ask you to do something which will last until the coffee is cold.

Murphy's Law of Lockers If there are only 2 people in a locker room, they will have adjacent lockers.

Law of Physical Surfaces The chances of an open-faced jelly sandwich landing face down on a floor, are directly correlated to the newness and cost of the carpet or rug.

Law of Logical Argument Anything is possible IF you don't know what you are talking about.

Oliver's Law of Public Speaking A CLOSED MOUTH GATHERS NO FEET!!!

Doctors' Law If you don't feel well, make an appointment to go to the doctor, by the time you get there you'll feel better. But don't make an appointment, and you'll stay sick.

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