



# SKUTTLEBUTT

**NEWSLETTER FOR THE  
MACOMB COUNTY DETACHMENT  
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AND AUXILIARY**



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**AUGUST MEETING NOTICE**

The next in person General Membership Meeting will be held on Thursday **August 4<sup>th</sup> 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 AUGUST**

- Maureen Ailor**
- William Barron**
- Dominic Graziadei**
- Paul McDermott**
- Ron Oleksiak**
- James Stevens**
- Robert Wagner**

**Awards 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2022**

- Mary A. Merritt 20
- Gerald Mize 20
- Joseph A. Kowalski 15
- Raymond W. Mrosewske 15
- Gary R. Nummer 15
- Terry W. Rigney 15
- Gary D. Cavalier 10
- James R. Borlase 10
- Michael Hall 5

**AUXILIARY NEWS**

Our July meeting went well. One of the bigger issues was what to do about fundraising. After a full discussion it was decided that a craft show/rent-a-table rummage sale would not work well at this time. One of several reasons, believe it or not, has to do with COVID. Under the present circumstances, many folks are still concerned about going to indoor events. So, one of the ideas under consideration is doing the Marine Rose Give-Away. I don't call this the Marine Rose Sale because we are not selling the roses, but accepting donations when we offer them to passersby. We did this in the past quite successfully. However, it became difficult to find store locations that would allow us to set up our tables in their lobbies or in front of their stores. Sr. VP Maureen Ailor has a couple of locations in mind, so as soon as we get some feedback, we can see how feasible this is.

In the last month or so our life members may have received a letter from Gerri Tuohy and Cathy Rayl. This is a request from our department to help with their fund-raising efforts. First, I want to let you know this is a legitimate request. Geri Tuohy is our Department Treasurer and Cathy Rayl is our Department Secretary. Second, the address listed as to where to send the funds is legitimate as well. So, as you can see, raising funds is always an issue, whether it is at our Unit level or at the Department (State) level. If you can help the Department, this is a good cause as Cathy's letter states.

**ADJUTANT / PAYMASTER**

For members of the Detachment that pay their dues annually it's that time. Dues are \$32.00 make your check payable to:  
MCL Detachment 154  
Mail to:  
MCL Detachment 154 Paymaster  
14656 Eastport Drive  
Sterling Heights, MI 48313-5325  
Or you can pay them at the meeting.

There are currently 12 members that are delinquent on their dues. A change in policy at National, means that after two years of delinquency you will be dropped from the rolls.

I need to receive your dues prior to August 25<sup>th</sup> so I can process them and send them in.

**Awards 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2022**

- Richard J. Francis 25
- Gary L. Titus 20
- Joseph G. Wauldron 20
- William Ackerman 5

We passed a couple of motions at our last meeting. We reimbursed Sr. VP Maureen Ailor for the \$60 contribution she made to Operation Little Angel for our Unit at the Department Convention. Operation Little Angel (OLA) is a Department run program to help children suffering trauma, abuse or neglect. This summer their recipient is Beacon Center, a domestic violence project in Dayton

Beach, FL. with 60 beds for women and children victimized by domestic violence.

Reminder: Saturday, August 6, 2022 is the Annual League & Legion Picnic from 11 am to 5 pm at our American Legion Post. As a prelude to the picnic, the Bike Ride Rally takes place from Stoney Creek, ending at the American Legion. We'll be enjoying hot dogs and burgers, compliments of American House. Our Auxiliary takes care of the raffle, so we'll add a few bucks to our treasury while having an enjoyable, sociable afternoon. It's a fun opportunity for all, so be sure to come and show your support for your Detachment and our Auxiliary.

One of the two resolutions passed at our July Auxiliary meeting was to allocate funds for Picnic Raffle prizes. If you have anything you'd like to donate to this year's raffle, please bring it to the August meeting. A big thank you to Nancy Kubilius for the donation she made at our last meeting.

Though I just got done talking about our summer picnic, it's never too early to talk about Christmas. This is the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Toy for Tots. There was a handout at the July meeting. The Detachment collects toys every year for this annual event. The collection of your unwrapped toy is taken at our December meeting/Christmas Party. So, as you're out shopping over the next few months, check out toy sales, clearances to stretch your toy dollars to the max. More reminders will be in the Skuttlebutt in the coming months.

It's on a very sad note to mention that Dolores Tonegatto, Auxiliary Life Member, past Auxiliary president and Department officer, passed away on July 21, 2022. She was always there to help with Unit activities and generous in her support. Christine Tonegatto-Salo, Detachment and Auxiliary Life Member was blessed to be able to call her "mom". Dolores will be greatly missed and fondly remembered. Our condolences to Christine and her family.



Also, keep Wendy Succarde, Auxiliary Life Member in your prayers. Besides recently losing her husband, Richard Succarde, a Detachment Life Member, Wendy is having health problems herself.



*The Succardes at the Birthday Party 2020*

Our next meeting is Thursday, August 4, starting at 7:30 pm. Be there or be square!

*Irene Spooner  
MCLA Treasurer*

### **THE ORIGINAL MARINE ROSE PROGRAM**

The VFW has the Poppy, but the Marines have the Rose. What is the significance of the Marine Rose and why do we use this symbol as a fundraiser? Here's what I learned from our National website.

Started by Marine Edwin Gallagher from New York, designed to parallel the VFW "Poppy" program to provide funds for detachments to assist veterans and youth and provide other services to the community. The funds from the Rose Program are to be used to help homeless veterans and their families, health and comfort for hospitalized veterans, support programs for hospitalized or retired veterans in Retirement homes, for scholarships and humanitarian aid.

During the War of Independence, the Rose was dedicated to those Marines who made the Ultimate Sacrifice for their country. This tradition was continued by the French during World War One when the Marines attacked the Germans in the trenches at Belleau Wood. Roses were planted by the grateful French people at the graves of the fallen Marines.

The donations received are not to be used for the detachments or auxiliary's "general fund" which is for business purposes. The funds received from distributing the Rose are specifically used for helping veterans, veteran's families and other charitable programs.

If you see Leaguers, Ladies Auxiliary or Young Marines distributing Marine Roses please take one and wear it proudly as a remembrance of the Marines that made the ultimate sacrifice.

Irene Spooner  
MCLA Treasurer

**Picnic Time!**



The **ANNUAL PICNIC** is the first Saturday in August on August 6, 2022. The Auxiliary will have a basket raffle, so if you have any items you can donate, please bring them to the July meeting or contact Irene Spooner at 586-466-5708. I don't have the picnic starting time yet, but do mark your calendars. More information at the next meeting. It's a fun time to socialize and have a summer picnic.

**2022 Veterans/Community Picnic**

**August 6, 2022 11:00 to 4:00 pm**

Public Welcome

American Legion Post 351

46146 Cass Ave

Utica, MI 48317

Suggested donation \$5.00

Volunteers needed for setup and take down

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**



August 4 1930  
General Membership  
mtg

1<sup>st</sup> round of  
nominations

August 6 Annual Joint  
League & Legion

Veterans Appreciation Picnic

September 24 Golf Outing, Fern Hill Golf Club  
Fundraiser benefitting Detachment 154  
Charities

**Fern Hill Golf Club**

17600 Clinton River Rd,  
Clinton Twp, MI 48038.

**September 24th, 2022**

**Registration Start 9:00am**

**SHOTGUN 18 HOLES**

**10:00 AM, START TIME**

**RAFFLES, PRIZES, LUNCH AT TURN,**

**DINNER & DRINKS WILL**

**BE AVAILABLE**

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Angelo Lema receives 30 year pin from Commandant Mike Hall

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 Sterling Heights, MI 48313  
 Or email to [Macomb.marines@gmail.com](mailto:Macomb.marines@gmail.com)

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Street \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_