



# SKUTTLEBUTT

NEWSLETTER FOR THE  
MACOMB COUNTY DETACHMENT  
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AND AUXILIARY



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## Marines & Auxiliary Members:

### OCTOBER MEETING NOTICE

The next General Membership Meeting will be held on Thursday **October 5th at an earlier than usual time - 7:00**. Join us for the installation of officers 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. There will be a meal served after the installation.

### DETACHMENT AND AUXILIARY BIRTHDAYS FOR OCTOBER



Elaine Arnold  
Jeffrey Draksler  
Angelo Lema  
Robert Long  
Ardith Schwerin

Donald Skonieczny  
Wendy Succarde  
John Sych  
Gary Titus Jr.

### COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE

I want to first of thank all the officers from last year for a great year. All new incoming officers let us continue to make it an even better upcoming year. We learned some things to make things better and we will continue to do so. I want to also thank the ones that helped with volunteering at the golf outing Dean Miles, Angelo Lema, Jim Dewey, John Sternicki, Rick Kincaid and Don Lyon. We are going to be doing more family events this year, please stay tuned. We may also have guest speakers throughout the year on different topics.

As for the Golf Outing which was held on Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, we made \$5,485.75 toward our goal of purchasing a tracked chair.

Steve August, Commandant

### HONOR GUARD

I am looking to expand the honor guard to provide a 4 Marine Color Guard, 3 to 7 Marine Rifle detail and numerous alternates to support both. If interested, contact Frank Petricevich, [fpetricevich@gmail.com](mailto:fpetricevich@gmail.com) or (586) 531-5726



The Detachment will pay for part of your uniforms. See me for more information.







*William Barron, Frank Petricevich, Donald Lyon, Bruce Hartung*

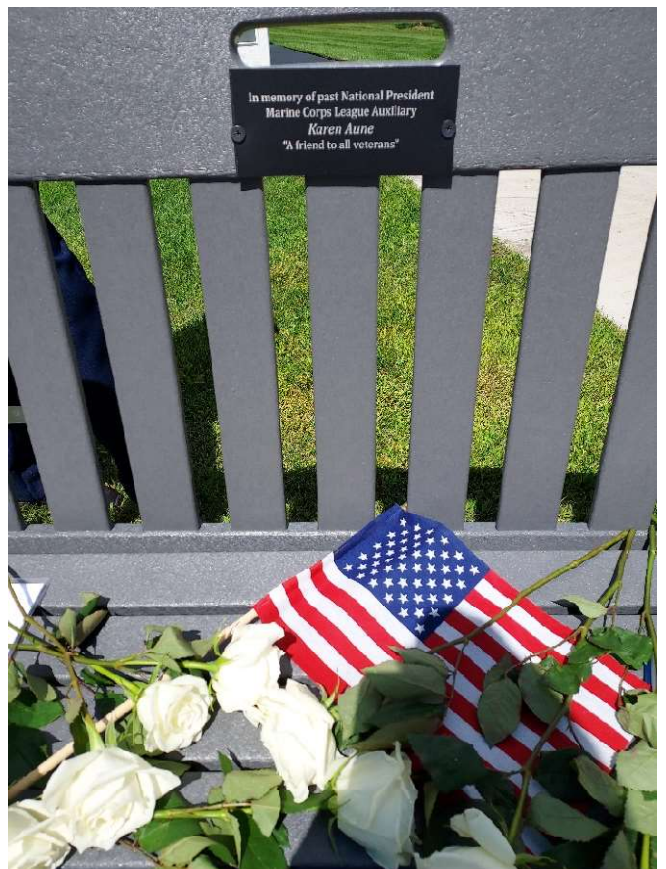
The Detachment color guard was honored to open the 2023 Michigan Parkinson Foundation Hero's Walk at Jimmy Johns Field on September 23, 2023, by Presenting Colors during the National Anthem. The event had over 700 participants and was led by our very own Nathan Jolliff.

**AUXILIARY NEWS**

Our annual Installation of Officers is set for the October meeting. This is an important event for our Auxiliary and is reported each year to our Department and National offices. We invite all Auxiliary members to attend to support our new officers for the coming year. This month's meeting will begin at 7:00 pm instead of 7:30pm. After the ceremony we continue with dinner and socializing for the remainder of the evening. Auxiliary members are asked to bring an appetizer or dessert for the dinner. The Detachment supplies the main course.

On Sunday, August 27, 2023, several of us met at the Veterans Home in Chesterfield Township to dedicate the Memorial Bench in honor of past National President, Past Unit President Karen Aune. Department and Unit President Maureen Ailor presided. After reading a short dedication, all in attendance laid a white rose on the bench. It was a lovely way to remember Karen. Gerri Touhy and Peggy Touhy, both past National and Department Presidents and friends of

Karen Aune attended. Mary Brief, past Department president attended. Members of the Detachment and Auxiliary and friends were there as well, Mark and Irene Spooner, Dave Trevino, Corey Salo and Christine Tonegatto-Salo, Alice Lyon and Loretta Balderson.



After the dedication we visited the "Fallen 22" of the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 24<sup>th</sup> Marine Memorial and ended the day at the Sugarbush Tavern for a little camaraderie. All in all, it was a fitting way to remember Karen. She'll always be in our hearts.





At the "Fallen 22" Memorial, Dept. & Unit President M. Ailor, Past Nat'l President Gerri Tuohy, Past Dept. President Mary Brief, Unit President-Elect Alice Lyon

Who doesn't like Buddy's Pizza? At our September meeting we voted to have a GroupRaise Fundraiser at Buddy's and the date's been set. It's October 18<sup>th</sup> at Buddy's Pizza, 45841 Hayes Rd, Shelby Township from 11:00 am through 9:00 pm. In order for this to happen, we need at least 20 members and friends to commit to attending. The Auxiliary receives a portion of the food order when our Auxiliary name is told to the wait staff. We're including the flyer in this month's Skuttlebutt which has the QR code to scan (that funny looking square with all the dots in it). Once you scan the QR code, a page will open. There's a green box to click on. We'll talk more about this at the October meeting and hand out flyers.

At our last meeting we were sad to learn that Byron Haase, husband of Auxiliary member and past Department President Nancy Haase passed away recently. Byron was very active at the Department level and was a member of the Cpl. Stanley L. Moore Detachment. Our prayers are with them during this difficult time.

Sick & Distressed: Keep April Tilton and Shirley Cichoski in your thoughts and prayers.

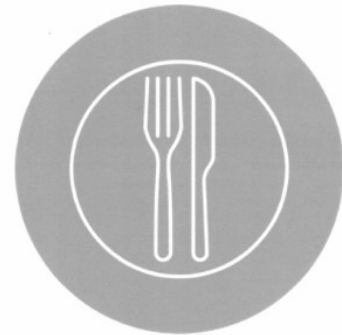
See you at 7 pm for our October Installation on Thursday, October 5, 2023,

*Irene Spooner*  
Treasurer, Macomb County MCLA

# Shelby Twp!

Eat to support

**Macomb County Marine Corps League Auxiliary**



♥ 20% Donated Back

📅 Wednesday, October 18th / 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM

👉 Promo Code: GIVEBACK

Buddy's Pizza

[groupraise.com/events/261017](https://groupraise.com/events/261017)

45841 Hayes Rd., Shelby Twp

## TEACHING KIDS ABOUT THE CONSTITUTION

Our Unit's out-going President and current Dept. President Maureen Ailor loves our U.S. Constitution and believes it's our duty to pass that feeling on to the younger generation. Maureen's the type to put her words into action and that's just what she did during Constitution Week, September 17-23, 2023. Armed with Constitution Kits for each student that included 1 pocket Constitutional Booklet, 1 Preamble card, 1 patriotic bookmark, 1 pencil or pen, 1 patriotic bracelet and 1 4x6 American flag.



## Awards

Maureen visited Borland Elementary in Imlay City and Capac Elementary in Capac. Altogether, Maureen visited 7 classes for a total of 173 students. During each class, Maureen gave a brief history of our Constitution and why it's the cornerstone of our freedom in the United States. It was a wonderful event and we're all proud of Maureen's endeavor.



All members of the detachment can wear the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary ribbon, The quartermaster will have some for sale to add to your ribbon bars. Or you can purchase them from the MCL ships store.

If you have service with the League in increments of 5 Years, you qualify for an anniversary pin. I have printed a list of members with their years of service. You can claim your pin at any meeting.

Due to the cost of postage I will no longer be mailing them out.

## 20<sup>th</sup> Sargent Magor of the Marine Corps



Sergeant Major Ruiz assumed his current post as the 20th Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps on August 10, 2023. A native of Sonora, Mexico, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps on November 2, 1993, out of Buckeye, Arizona. He graduated from recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot (MCRD) San Diego, California, in January 1994 and reported to Marine Combat Training at Camp Pendleton, California, shortly after. He was assigned as a Supply Warehouse Clerk as his military occupational specialty.

Read more at

<https://www.marines.mil/CM/Biographies/Bio-Display/Article/3489219/sergeant-major-carlos-a-ruiz/>

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**November 5, 2023,** 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Detroit Veterans Day Parade, Cork Town, Detroit. Parade steps off at 11:11 am (4 man color guard, March a 4 mile parade route)

**November 11, 2023** Veterans Day services at Clinton Grove Cemetery Services begin at 1100 hours. Why? Because the armistice was signed on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour, to bring the first world war to an end. Muster at 1030 hours.

**November 10, 2023** Marine Corps Birthday Party 1500 doors open, at the American Legion Hall. This event will be a pot luck, the detachment will provide the main meat.

**December 7, 2023** General Membership meeting 1900 hours followed by the Detachment Christmas party with food provided by American House

The League needs you to help support these worthwhile events. Sign Up Today!

### From the Adjutant Paymaster

**A reminder to all members that pay their dues annually. If you are not current with your membership, you cannot vote on motions at meetings. You cannot hold an office at the detachment, department or National level.** I still have many members that have not paid their 2023 dues. I will be sending another reminder to those that are delinquent.

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