



# SKUTTLEBUTT

NEWSLETTER FOR THE  
MACOMB COUNTY DETACHMENT  
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AND AUXILIARY



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*Marines & Auxiliary Members:*

**APRIL MEETING NOTICE**

The next General Membership Meeting will be held on Thursday **April 4th at the usual meeting time of 7:30 pm.** 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 APRIL**



**Charles Bailey  
Amber Blumenthal  
Charles Elert  
Paul Glesen  
Foua Gonzales  
Rick Kincaid  
James Kusiak  
Alice Lyon**

**Jose Ramirez  
Hazel Ruehle  
Gerald Sargent  
Nick Simon  
Dennis Slattery  
John Sneed  
Irene Spooner  
April Tilton**

**NEW MEMBER REPORTING IN**



At the March General Membership Meeting, new member Marine James Connor was sworn in to the Detachment:

**JIM CONNOR**  
Served 1992-1999

Boot Camp, San Diego  
1/24 Marine Corps Reserve Unit  
MOS 2512 - Field Wireman  
Jim completed active duty training at 29 Palms CA,  
Mountain Warfare Training Ctr Bridgeport CA



*Welcome aboard Marine!*

*WE HOPE YOUR ASSOCIATION WITH THE DETACHMENT WILL BE  
A MEMORABLE ONE*

**COMMANDANT’S MESSAGE**

It was great to see some faces we haven't seen in a while at the last meeting. I am going to the Central Division Conference in Kalamazoo on April 5,6 and 7<sup>th</sup>. Please let me know if you want me to bring anything up. On April 20<sup>th</sup> there is a fun shoot that was mentioned in last month's newsletter. Please let me know, so I can have a count of people coming to the event. I would like to have a family event April 27<sup>th</sup> at Great Shots Backyard 36901 Garfield Rd Clinton Township @4:30pm.

Also, there'll be a meeting to revise the bylaws at 6:30 at the April 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. If you wish to take part and have input please be at the meeting. The golf outing website and flyer are very close to being distributed by the next meeting.

*Steve August, Commandant*

## AUXILIARY NEWS

### **Important: there is no Auxiliary meeting in April.**

Since our Unit President Alice Lyon, Sr. V.P Maureen Ailor and Chaplain Nancy Haase will be at the Central Division Conference from April 4-7, 2024, we would not have a quorum to do business. It was voted on at our March meeting to skip April's meeting and resume our meetings on Thursday, May 2, 2024.

As mentioned, the Central Division Conference is at the beginning of April in Kalamazoo, MI. Central Division of made up of Kentucky, Ohio, Wisconsin, Illinois and Indiana besides Michigan. The Michigan Auxiliaries are hosting the Hospitality Room. The Conference is full of business meetings throughout the day, so meeting in the Hospitality Room in the morning for a continental breakfast and afterwards for some chow, a beverage and to socialize is a great way to relax and rewind. It's an important part of the Conference. We know our Auxiliaries will do a superb job of pulling this off. We look forward to hearing a report on the business meetings when our members return.

We continue to receive thank you notes from the charities we donate to annually. We've recently received letters of gratitude from the Michigan Veterans Foundation, a veterans' support center on Grand River in Detroit whose mission is to break the cycle of homelessness and return veterans to independent living, Vets Returning Home located on Eleven Mile in Roseville, which is another facility providing much needed assistance for our homeless veterans and Vietnam Veterans of American, Chapter 154 located on 15 Mile in Clinton Township that operates an emergency Food Bank for veterans and their families besides a number of other support services. As you know, the funds that our Auxiliary raises throughout the year are turned right back into our community to help veterans. This is a prime example of that.



Who doesn't like a bargain? Or finding a much sought after treasure in a thrift store? Two of the aforementioned veterans' organizations operate thrift stores to fund their support programs. Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 154 has the Community Thrift Store on Gratiot, just north of Metro Parkway. Vets Returning Home runs the Veterans Thrift Store on Gratiot in Roseville between 12 & 13 Mile Road. Both of these stores are clean, professionally run and well stocked. So, if you enjoy "thrifting", think of visiting either or both of these stores, have some fun shopping for bargains and help our veteran community all at the same time.



At our March meeting we had a discussion about a Wreaths Across America fundraiser. Our Auxiliary would receive \$5 for each wreath we sold for Wreaths Across America. If I understand it correctly, the purchaser would be able to designate the cemetery where to send the wreath as long as the cemetery participates in Wreaths Across America. We don't physically handle the wreaths, nor do we deliver them. We don't have all the details yet, but we'll keep you posted as we learn more.

Here's some comments about the Mid-Winter Rally that took place in January 2024. Christina Faymonville, Department MCL Scholarship Chairman was there. She addressed the members regarding the scholarship process and provided information to take back to the units. This information can be found online at the Michigan Marines web site. For those of you in the Auxiliary or Detachment, this is well worth looking into if you have college aged children or grandchildren. Every penny helps with the cost of education. Another item of note, our Unit President Alice Lyon gave an activity report for Macomb County which was well received. Though we may be small in numbers, it really speaks well for our Unit when all of our good works are listed. Good job! And thank you Alice for making such a great presentation.

Sick and In Distress: Keep Shirley Cichoski and Loretta Balderson in your thoughts and prayers as they deal with health issues.

That's it for now. Remember, there is no Auxiliary meeting in April, but we will see you on Thursday, May 2 at 7:30pm.

Irene Spooner, Treasurer/Secretary, Macomb County MCLA

MCL ribbons, scroll to the bottom of this page.  
Source: <https://www.loudounmarines.org/uniforms.html>



The Utica Firefighters Association presented a check to the Detachment in the amount of \$4,550.00 for Toys for Tots

**2024 Honor Guard Members:**

William Barron, Frank Petricevich, Norm Pfaff, Victor Racosky

Alternate's: Donald Lyon, Bruce Hartung, Lisa Fountain

I want to put together a 3 – 7 man firing detail. Red Shirt, Black trousers. See me if interested.

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

**2024 Upcoming Events:**

The Flag folding class for Richmond and Imlay City Schools has been postponed due to weather.

**April 9, 2024** NRA Color Guard The Palazzo Grande, 1700 Hrs. Long sleeve shirt,

**May 27, 2024** Clinton Grove Cemetery, Utica Remembrance, TBD

**June 6, 2024** D-Day remembrance, GM Packard Proving Ground, 0900, Short Sleeve Shirt

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

**GUESS WHO?**

The photo in last month's Skuttlebutt was a young Mark Spooner, Detachment Lifetime Member and past Commandant. Did you recognize Mark?

Send your active service photos to the editor to be included in future monthly newsletters!

**HONOR GUARD**



I am looking to expand the honor guard to provide a 4 Marine Color Guard. A 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

**COLOR GUARD**

Our Color Guard wears the Marine Corps League authorized Undress Uniform: white short sleeve aviator shirt with appropriate shoulder patches; khaki belt; USMC NCO trousers (non-NCO trousers for Associate members.) Hi-Gloss Black Oxford shoes, red MCL cover. In cool weather, we wear the embroidered red Rawlings Coach's Jacket. In cold weather the Rothco MA-1 Flight Jacket becomes the outerwear. The Undress Uniform is only authorized to be worn while operating as a Color Guard or Honor Guard. MCL or DOD ribbons can be worn with the uniform, but either one or the other, not mixed. For order of precedence of





# Marine Corps League

## Macomb Detachment #154

### Military Rifle Fun Shoot

Saturday 20 April 2024



*Hosted by  
Detroit Sportsmen's Congress ~ Rifle Committee*

<b>Location:</b>	Detroit Sportsmen's Congress Rifle Range 49800 Dequindre, Utica, MI 48317 <a href="http://www.dscweb.org">www.dscweb.org</a> 386-739-3500	<b>Entry Fees:</b>	Adult and Jr. (centerfire) day of shoot <b>\$40.</b> Junior (.22) day of shoot <b>\$25.</b>
<b>Match Date:</b>	Saturday, 20 April 2024	<b>Awards:</b>	First Place Trophies for Marine, Non-Marine, Women and Bench Shooters First through Third Place Trophies for juniors 16 and under shooting .22's
<b>Match Time:</b>	Registration: 1300 (1:00 pm) Mandatory Safety Brief: 1330 (1:30 pm) Match first relay 1345 (1:45 pm)	<b>Contact Info:</b>	Match Director: Steve August 386-823-4434
<b>Course of Fire:</b>	20-shot aggregate, 5-shots each position Prone, sitting, kneeling and standing Bench shooting, allowed for those unable to shoot positions and for .22 juniors	<b>Miscellaneous:</b>	Range is covered with a cement firing line. Eye and Ear protection required for all.
<b>Arms &amp; Ammo:</b>	As issued U.S. military arms: 03 Springfield, M1, M1 Carbine, Ar-15 etc. Juniors: 16 and under can shoot .22's if you do not have a rifle, rifles will be provided. All ammunition provided. However, we offer a \$20 discount if you supply your own centerfire ammo. \$10 discount for your own .22 ammo. Minimum 20-rounds required.	<b>Profits:</b>	All profits support Marine Corps League, Macomb County Detachment charities
<b>Registration:</b>	Advance registration discount Save \$5 if you register by <b>8 April 2024</b>	<b>Directions:</b>	D.S.C. is approx. 8-miles east of I-75 & 2-miles north of M-39. (Dequindre exit) Range is east of Dequindre, off Juengel Road (200-yards north of Hamlin Road). Turn east on Juengel Road, go (500-ft.) to gate on north (left) side and follow road past the pistol ranges to the rifle range. GPS, the range is: N 42° 39.442', W 83° 05.311'

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Category:     Marine     Non-marine     Woman     Junior     Bench     Junior 16 and under firing .22

Firearm:     M1     M1 Carbine     AR-15     Own rifle    Entry Fee: \_\_\_\_\_

Ammo:     30-06     30 Carbine     .223     Bringing ammo    Early Reg. Discount: \_\_\_\_\_

Send completed form and check for total fee, payable to:    Ammo Discount: \_\_\_\_\_

**Macomb County Det. MCL**

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Total Fee: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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