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NOVEMBER MEETING NOTICE

The next General Membership Meeting will be held on Thursday November 1st 2000.

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

MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY PARTY

The annual Marine Corps birthday party will be held on 10 November 2018 commencing at 1500 hours, at the American Legion Post 351, 46146 Cass Avenue, Utica, MI.

There will be a \$5.00 donation at the door to cover the cost of all your food and drink. The auxiliary will hold their annual gift basket raffle and we will feature a 50/50 raffle. Donations for the raffle can be brought to the November meeting.

Cake cutting ceremony will commence at 1900 hours (7PM). The event is open to all.

50/50 ATTENDANCE DRAWING

The 50/50 Drawing was won by Jerry McKeon. John Szajna would have won the attendance drawing of \$61.60 had he been present.

MARINE OF THE YEAR 2018

Don Lyon was awarded Marine of the Year

2018 INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS



2018 OFFICERS

Commandant	Donald Teeples
Sr. Vice Commandant	Dean Miles
Jr. Vice Commandant	Michael Hall
Judge Advocate	Christine Tonegatto-Salo
Chaplin	James Dewey
Adjutant/Paymaster	Donald Lyon
Sergeant at Arms	Clement Buck

Thanks to Jerry McKeon Zone Vice Commandant, and Don Lumberton Past Department Commandant for Officiating at the installation.

AUXILIARY NEWS

Our Auxiliary is happy and proud to have new officers for the 2018-19 term. The new officers are as follows:

President:	Maureen Ailor
Sr. Vice-President:	Loretta Balderson
Jr. Vice-President:	Sherri Teeples
Judge Advocate:	Joan Pfaff
Secretary/Treasurer:	Irene Spooner
Co-Chaplains:	Wendy Succarde
	Delores Tonegatto

Our thanks to these members who are willing to devote their time and energy so our Auxiliary can continue achieving its patriotic goals. Our Auxiliary is faced with many challenges and the membership along with the leadership of our newly installed officers will always be up to the task.

A special thanks goes out to Gerri Tuohy, Past National President, for installing our officers. Her devotion to the Auxiliary at all levels is an inspiration to all of us. After the ceremonies were finished, we enjoyed a casual meal of chicken and side dishes provided by the Detachment. The Auxiliary brought the desserts, which were delicious. Our thanks to all who helped make this event successful.

The Auxiliary provided lunch for the Fall Staff meeting on Oct. 13. It went off without a hitch due to the hard work of Pres. M. Ailor, Sr. Vice L. Balderson, Sec/Treas I. Spooner and Chaplain W. Succarde. The menu was simple: sloppy joes, pasta, lettuce and macaroni salads, and some great desserts. We received many thanks from the Department for doing this the second year in a row. Besides hosting the morning coffee and afternoon lunch, we showed support for our Department and at the same time added a few dollars to our own treasury. It was a win-win situation for our Auxiliary.



The next big thing is the Marine Corps Birthday celebration on Saturday, November 10 here at the Post. I strongly encourage all to attend this annual event. No

other military service celebrates a birthday like the Marine Corps. Did you know Marines have not always celebrated their founding on November 10th? Formal commemoration of the birthday of the Marine Corps began on **10 November 1921**. That particular date was chosen because on that day the Second Continental Congress resolved in 1775 to raise two battalions of Continental Marines. Traditions are important and all of us, both Auxiliary and Detachment, should be proud of doing their part. Our party is not limited to only Auxiliary and Detachment members. You can bring family and friends to our party to share in celebrating this glorious and historical event. This is a great day to show your Marine Corps pride!

The Charity Basket is the most important fund raiser the Auxiliary has all year. It has been our Auxiliary's tradition to have this at the Marine Corps Birthday Party and we will continue to do so this year. We're still accepting donations for our baskets. We're looking for liquor donations as well as cash, small kitchen appliances, tools, Marine Corps, League, and Auxiliary themed items and the like to make up the baskets. You can bring your items to the meeting on Thursday, November 1st.

One of the most important things at any party is the food. I have been told that American House is providing the food for this year's Birthday Party. We continue to ask members to add to the buffet by bringing a side dish or dessert. The delicious variety as served at past Birthday Parties is always something we look forward to.

Please keep the following members in your thoughts and prayers as they heal and recover Delores Tonegatto, Sherri Teeples, Sharon Renaud and Gayle Brown.

See you at our next meeting on Thursday, Nov. 1, 2018 at 8 pm.

Semper Fidelis,
Irene V. Spooner, Secretary/Treasurer
Macomb County, MCLA

WHY THE MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY MATTERS

The time for celebration and pageantry is once again at hand with the Marine Corps birthday set to take place Nov. 10.

What does the celebration mean to Marines across the globe? To Gen. John A. Lejeune, obviously, it meant a great deal. On Nov. 1, 1921, he issued Marine Corps Order No. 47, Series 1921, which provided a summary of the history, mission and traditions of the Corps. The illustrious Lejeune directed that the order be read to every command each

subsequent year on Nov. 10 in honor of the founding of the Marine Corps.

It will certainly be read in locations across the United States, Afghanistan and across the globe wherever Marines might be found. It might be a silent observation in an austere location, or perhaps a more ceremonial reading. Either way it was formalized in 1952, by Commandant Gen. Lemuel C. Shepherd Jr., who directed the celebration of the Marine Corps Birthday be formalized throughout the Corps. The details were included in the Marine Corps Drill Manual approved in 1956 and helped bring together the inclusion of a cake ceremony and other traditions still held every year at the Marine Corps Birthday Ball.

One key piece is the passing of the first piece of cake from senior to junior Marines; it is a symbolic gesture of the passing of experience and knowledge. That tradition begins in recruit training and at Officer Candidates School, where knowing where one comes from, knowing our past and living up to that example set is emblazoned in the minds of those in training.

Do we consider that? Do Marines take the time to think of that example set before us? When Marines see a veteran, do they think to themselves, "how will the Corps carry on after I am gone?"

To some this might seem trivial, it might be an afterthought. Not to the Marines in Afghanistan, or the 589 Quantico Marines who volunteered to perform community service in 2011, or even the Marines who will find themselves supporting the Marine Corps Marathon this weekend-their mark on history shall not be tarnished.

Nothing Marine Corps was an afterthought to Roland Brooks, an Iwo Jima veteran and Texas Marine Corps League representative who was present at a Texas Rangers baseball game in Arlington, Texas, July 3, 2009. Although Brooks had trouble standing for long periods and had difficulty walking due to bad knees, he insisted on standing while poolees took their oath of enlistment in front of the Texas crowd.

The temperature on the field was more than 100 degrees, but Brooks said he was going to be a part of the ceremony no matter what the cost. He wanted to be that symbolic representation of the Corps. He wanted to, even if it meant he might die.

To that end we should emulate that example, and take part in history. Enjoy the fruits of your labor and revel in the spectacle and unabashed camaraderie that can be found at the Marine Corps ball.

A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS

As we celebrate our 243rd birthday, Marines remain in combat, forward-deployed throughout the world confronting every challenge with courage, loyalty, and faithfulness. Each year on this day, we resolve to be the most ready when the Nation is least ready; we pay tribute to all who forged our proud legacy; we recommit ourselves to defending freedom anytime and anywhere; we stand ready to aid those devastated by natural disasters; and we honor the families and loved ones who faithfully stand beside us.

This year marks a number of significant milestones. One hundred years ago this June. A determined brigade of Marines fought ferociously over the hallowed grounds of Belleau Wood. Those Marines solidified our Corps' global reputation for being a tenacious and highly-skilled fighting force that forever etched the phrase "Teufel Hunden" into our lexicon. The same year Marines secured control of Belleau Wood, more than 300 women answered our Nation's call, becoming the first females to enlist in our Corps. The legacy of the first Women Marine Reservists, and all trailblazing Marines, serves as a reminder that the title Marine is not restricted by gender, color, or creed – it is a warrior spirit and distinguished role earned by an elite group.

This year also marks 50 years since Marines fought ferocious battles against a worthy foe in some of the most austere locations of Vietnam. The indomitable spirit and unyielding resourcefulness of Marines cutting through the mountainous triple canopy jungles and overcoming the challenges of urban combat during the "Tet Offensive" honed the warfighting prowess of our Corps. Hard lessons learned at Khe Sanh and Hue proved crucial to our successes during Operations *Enduring Freedom* and *Iraqi Freedom* – allowing us to secure victory in the fields of Sangin and on the urban battlefields of Fallujah. It was also at Hue that now retired Sergeant Major John Canley charged enemy machine gun positions and put his own life on the line to ensure that no Marine was left behind, epitomizing the true meaning of *Semper Fidelis*. Today, we proudly honor his faithfulness with our Nation's highest award for valor.

For 243 years, Marines have fought and won whenever and wherever the Nation calls. In the harshest conditions, over the most brutal terrain, and against the most formidable enemies, Marines defend the ideals of freedom with grit and tenacity. Though battlefields change and capabilities evolve, history proves that true victory comes from the individual Marine with steeled resolve, the drive to overcome any obstacle, and the warrior spirit to fight against all odds. It takes that steadfast faithfulness – *Semper Fidelis* – to Corps, country, and each other that abounds throughout our storied legacy.

Happy Birthday, Marines!



Robert B. Neller
General, U.S. Marine Corps
Commandant of the Marine Corps

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