



# SKUTTLEBUTT

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



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### ***Marines & Auxiliary Members:***

#### **NOVEMBER MEETING NOTICE**

The next General Membership Meeting will be held on Thursday **November 2 at 2000.**

The General Membership Meeting will be held at the American Legion, Post 351, 46146 Cass Avenue located in Utica. The telephone number to the Post is: (586) 731-9833.

#### **MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDANT**

Marines,

Another year has come and gone. We've made a lot of progress! Your new board has been sworn in.

As your Commandant, I will work to further our progress. I would like for people to please volunteer for our open positions. You are greatly needed. Also if you have any ideas for the fund raising please bring them to the Board. See you in November!

*Semper Fi*  
*Don Teeples*

#### **AUXILIARY NEWS**

The Installation Ceremony went very well at our October meeting. Congratulations to the new Auxiliary officers and to the new Detachment officers as well. We wish all of you a successful year and we're sure you're up to the challenges that come your way. We also want to thank the Detachment for providing the main course for the Installation dinner afterwards and a thank-you to the Auxiliary members that brought additional dishes and desserts for the buffet. And as I'm passing out thank-you's, the Auxiliary thanks Department President Ann LeClair for officiating at our ceremony.

We have one more meeting before the Marine Corps Birthday party on Friday, November 10, 2017. This is such a wonderful and historic tradition for all of us to celebrate. As in the past, the Auxiliary will be having their Charity Basket Raffle. This is our biggest fund raiser of the year and we hope Auxiliary members

and Detachment members will be generous with their donations for the raffle and/or buying tickets the day of the Birthday party. All of the funds raised from the raffle are donated to charity, many of them right here in our own community. Donations can be liquor, beer or wine. We can also use new merchandise like small appliances or workshop tools. Marine Corps or Patriotic items are popular in our baskets as well as non-perishable food items like gourmet crackers, candies, snack items, etc. We can use just about anything for our baskets as long as it's new, clean and fresh. Please bring your donations to our November meeting. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Irene Spooner at 586-466-5708.

Speaking of the Marine Corps Birthday party, no party is complete without delicious food. We're asking that all Auxiliary members bring a dish to pass. Bring your favorite side dish or dessert to add to the buffet. Our Detachment and Auxiliary really puts on a great event, so I urge all to attend. If you know a Marine that's looking for looking for a Birthday Party, this is the place to be.

Several of our members are recovering from illnesses or surgery: Delores Tonegatto, Loretta Balderson and Gail Trevino. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

See you in November,  
Semper Fidelis  
*Irene Spooner*  
*Auxiliary Secretary/Treasurer*

#### **MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY PARTY**

The annual Marine Corps birthday party will be held on 10 November 2017 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.

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

## TOYS FOR TOTS

The Annual Toys for Tots fundraiser will be Dec. 7. Our meetings will start at 7 p.m. with the dinner, also provided by the Troy American House, to follow. Everyone is asked to bring an unwrapped Christmas present for older children to the meeting.

## ADJUTANT/PAYMASTER

All members who have annual membership. **Dues are due now.** Dues are \$32.00 at this time, (\$20 national, \$6 state, \$6 detachment). I will be mailing out reminders, National no longer does this.

For those that would like to be life members and cannot afford it at this time, speak to me about a payment plan we can offer.

Life Membership costs:

0-35	\$500.00
36-50	\$400.00
51-64	\$300.00
65 over	\$200.00

NOTE: To become a Life Member you must already be a Member in "Good Standing".

## MARINE DOWN

Charles Gordon Cheap, age 88, of Clinton Twp., passed away on Thursday, October 12, 2017. Beloved husband of the late Nora; adored father of Cathleen Duford and Linda Paschell; dear grandfather of Jami and Tyler Duford, Lucas, Riley, and Sydney Paschall; proud great-grandfather of Jace Keene; both of the late Arthur Cheap.

Charles was born on May 16, 1929 in Toledo, Ohio to the late Lewis and Lucille Cheap. He proudly served his country with the US Marine Corp. during the Koran Conflict. After his retirement from Hobart Service Corporation, he proudly was an active member of the American Legion, including the Honors Society American Legion 40/8, the Macomb County Marine Corp. Detachment League, the Disabled American Veterans- including serving as both a state and county Comm

## **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>**

## 2017 BIRTHDAY MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL COMMANDANT

The US Marine Corps is celebrating the 242nd Birthday of our beloved Corps in locations all over the world. The Marine Corps League entered the scene in 1923, with our charter approved by Congress in 1937.

Why is this relationship important? We have the fire teams, detachments, departments and divisions deployed across our Nation where those Marines have come from over the 242-year history of our Corps. We are being asked to increase our support of the active components of the Marine Corps.

Modern Day Marine 2017 was a place of comradery, forward thinking, networking and commitments for the future. General Neller and his staff held many lectures and meetings during that week on where the Marine Corps is going as they develop the requirements and execution plans for the fifth generation Marine Corps. Their plans also impact our organization as we also are working to create a fifth generation Marine Corps League. The transition and synergy on how we accomplish this is key to keeping the Marine Corps and Marine Corps League as a working team to accomplish our missions for today and the future.

We have Marines all over the world doing their job to protect and safeguard the free world from harm as Marines have always done. We need to take the time to celebrate the history of our Corps and League as we move forward in a new relationship.

Happy Birthday, Marines, from Headquarters Marine Corps League and the staff.  
Semper Fidelis,

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Wendell W. Webb  
National Commandant and CEO Marine Corps League



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