



**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 6** 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.

**MARCH MEETING**

There were 23 members present. Mary Ann Music won \$46.00 in the 50/50 raffle. Member Nathan Jolliff would have won \$45.78 if he had been present for the Attendance raffle.

The attendance raffle works like this – when you arrive at a meeting, you sign-in and put 25¢ into the kitty. You have an attendance number assigned to you based on when you joined the League. After the meeting an attendance number is drawn and if the member is present, they will receive the total amount in the kitty. If not present, it rolls over to the next meeting until someone who is present wins.

**RENEWAL DATES FOR CURRENT MEMBERS**  
**(NEW RULE)**

Please note on 31 August 2017 all memberships will expire as of midnight 31 August of this year and 1 September will be the new renewal date.

Members with expiration dates between January 2017 and June 2017 will pay National Dues of \$10.00 and member Dues will be due on August 31, 2017. Once a member is paid up through 31 August 2017, the Paymaster can submit the member's annual dues any time prior to 31 August 2018. The same will be applicable for all years; the paymaster can have the member pay anytime the paymaster wishes and the dues are extended one additional year to the 31

August date. Only the current fiscal year will be affected by the \$20.00 or \$10.00 National Dues depending on the date of the member's renewal; all other years will be the amount of the annual dues and they are due on 31 August.

Note: All cards will show 1 September as the date (current data base cannot recognize 31 August as the renewal date, it defaults to 1 September.

*[A suggestion, going forward, from the National Membership Department is to break the memberships down to certain months and submit transmittals monthly; once the members transmittal is received, they will be assigned the new expiration date of August 31<sup>st</sup> of 2018] (Remember the card will be dated 1 September).*

For new joins, the dates are as follows:

1 Sept – End of February; Cost will be the full annual National Dues plus the National new join fee. (Current cost is \$20.00 + \$5.00 = \$25.00) (The renewal dues will be due by 31 August and the card dated 1 September).

1 March- end of July: Cost is half of the annual National Dues plus the National join fee. (Current cost is \$10.00 + \$5.00 = \$15.00)

The renewal dues will be due by 31 August and the card dated 1 September. New joins during the month of August will pay the full annual National Dues plus the National new join fee (Current cost \$20.00 + \$5.00 = \$25.00) and the card expiration will be 31 August of the following year with a date of 1 September on the card – they will get 13 months of membership for the cost of 12 months.

**MEMBERS WHOSE DUES HAVE RECENTLY EXPIRED IN OR WILL EXPIRE IN MARCH 2017**



\*January 2017:

Will Austin, John H. Blackburn Jr., Caleb Bollaert, Charles E. Brown, Craig E. Brown, Jonah Campbell-Cormier, Andrew J. Duncan, Jennifer Esch, Ryan George, Randy Innes, Federick R. Krieg, Joseph W. Lafave, Gordon Lawrie, Ben Sonstrom, Anthoney Szeliga

\*February 2017:

Steven J. August

\*March 2017:

Gary Caughhell, Gary D. Cavalier, Jeffery E. Draksler, Craig F. Houlihan, Donald R. Lyon, Jerome N. Nadolski, Ross C. Palombit

**NEW MEMBERS REPORTING IN**



Back in November, one new member was sworn in.

William Ackerman

In his own words, his military history follows:

"I went into the Marines in Aug of 1961 and completed boot camp in Dec '61 at San Diego. Reported to 29 Palms, Calif. for duty. My MOS was Photographer. I worked for the base paper and the MP's doing investigations.

I went for 6 more years in the Corps for Photo School and East Coast duty in 1964. After completing Photo School I received orders for 2nd Marine Div. Camp LeJeune. N.C. While I was there I went on a six month Med Cruise attached to 2/8 Marines aboard the USS Francis Marion APA249. Also went on a 3 month cruise to the Caribbean on the USS Okinawa LPH3.

In 1967 I received orders to a top secret school at a factory in Los Angeles for training on a new photo interp. Van going to Viet Nam. Only ten Marines were sent to this school and I was the senior NCO for this new MOS.

Received orders to 1st Marine Air Wing VMCJ-1 Vietnam. Arrived on Dec. 23, 1967 at DaNang. I was in charge of keeping two of the Vans up and running 24 hrs a day. I had a crew of 4 Marines. When not working on the vans I helped keep the photo equipment working on the aircraft and helped on the flight line. In Jan 1969 received orders to Cherry Point N.C.

1971 received orders to 1st MAW Iwakuni Japan. The vans were coming back from Vietnam to Japan and we had to get back up and running. In 1972

received orders back to Cherry Point. 1974 Left the Marines and moved back to Michigan with a new baby boy. 1974 went into the Navy Reserves as a 1st class Photographer and retired in 1984.

My Military Schools: ..Photo A School, Photo C School, Photo Interp repair school,, Rocket Launcher and Flame Thrower, Quality Control.

Med Cruise.....Turkey, France, Italy Norway, Corsica, Sardina, England.

Caribbean Cruise....Puerto Rico, Panama, Cuba.

Awards...Navy Achievement with combat "V", Navy Unit Commendation, Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation, Marine Good Conduct, Navy Good Conduct, National Defense, Vietnam Service, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry Unit, RVN Civil action unit, Vietnam Campaign, Navy Pistol and Rifle Expert, Marine Corps Pistol and Rifle Sharpshooter.

Now retired with my wife Donna of 53 years, I have two sons and 3 grandkids and one more on the way.



***Welcome aboard Marine!***

*We hope your association with the Detachment will be a memorable one.*

**AUXILIARY NEWS**

It's hard to believe, but spring is here. That also means we're done with our winter "break" and had our first meeting of 2017. I think we all enjoyed seeing each other again and discussing plans for the coming year.

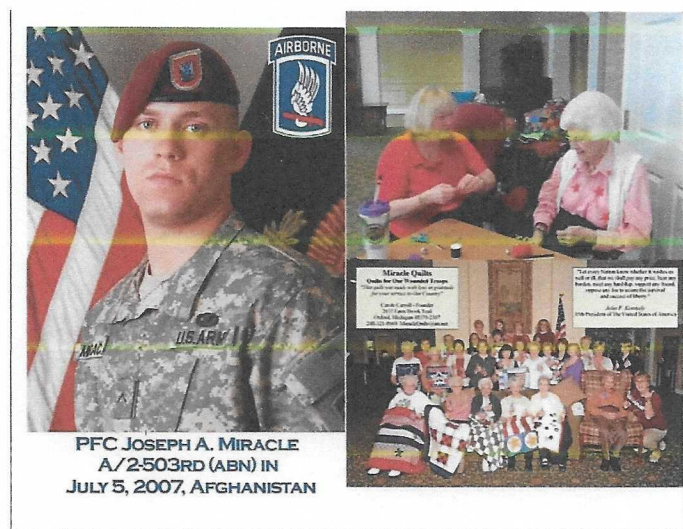
In past Skuttlebutts, we've listed the charities our Auxiliary donated to in the past. Some of these charities we've been donating to for many years and some are more recent. However, there are always



questions about who these groups are and what they do. So I thought it would be helpful to explain this over the coming months and highlight a different group each month. This month's charity is:

### Miracle Quilts

Miracle Quilts is a local charity that make quilts for our wounded troops, veterans and veteran families. All of these quilts are handmade. This charity is named after PFC Joseph A. Miracle, A/2-503<sup>rd</sup> (ABN). PFC Miracle was killed in Afghanistan on July 5, 2007. Founder Carole Carroll and the family of PFC Joseph Miracle wanted to do something in Joseph's memory and started Miracle Quilts. In the month of December alone, Miracle Quilts delivered 30 quilts to Fisher House, Landstuhl, Germany, 21 to Troy Beaumont Hospital (veteran patients), 52 to North



Oakland County Friends of Veterans Court (children of the veterans), 42 to WWII Pearl Harbor Ceremony in Lake Orion, MI., 2 to local veteran families which included 8 children Christmas quilts and pillowcases and to 1 local veteran suffering from a stroke. Our donation was used to purchase supplies for these wonderful quilts which I believe are truly "Miracle" quilts. Our Auxiliary president, Loretta Balderson brought this charity to our attention. Knowing this about Miracle Quilts and information about the other charities on our donation list, helps us with our decision to support them.

For our April meeting, we'll be looking at different plans for raising funds this year. Bring a friend if you'd like. We're always looking for new ideas **and** new members. See you on April 6<sup>th</sup>.

*Irene Spooner*  
Secretary/Treasurer  
Macomb County MCLA

### ***DJD YOU KNOW....***

#### ARTICLE NINE - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

##### SECTION 1 – Commandant

It shall be the duty of the Commandant to preside at all meetings, to call special meetings, to appoint Committee Chairman, to supervise, direct and control all activities of the Detachment in such a manner that will bring credit upon the Marine Corps League. This is an elected position. 1. The Commandant may appoint the following officers prior to the Detachment Installation: Service Officer, Liaison, Historian, Quartermaster, Deputy Quartermaster and any other office the Commandant may deem necessary for the proper function of the Detachment.

##### SECTION 2 – Senior Vice Commandant

It shall be the duty of the Senior Vice Commandant to preside at meetings in the absence of the Commandant. When the Commandant desires to make an announcement from the floor, he will relinquish the chair to the Senior Vice Commandant, who shall preside during such period. When the Senior Vice Commandant is presiding, he shall have all the power and authority of the Commandant. The Senior Vice Commandant shall be responsible for the Chairman of the Membership Committee of the Detachment and shall have the power to call upon any Detachment member to assist him in his recruiting work. This is an elected position.

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2013 BY-LAWS

### HISTORIAN'S CORNER

#### MARINES OF OUR PAST

Medal of Honor Recipient  
Private Samuel Gross, USMC

#### CITATION

In company with members of the 5th, 13th, 23d Companies and the Marine and sailor detachment from the U.S.S. Connecticut, Gross participated in the attack on Fort Riviere, Haiti, 17 November 1915. Following a concentrated drive, several different detachments of marines gradually closed in on the old French bastion fort in an effort to cut off all avenues of retreat for the Caco bandits. Approaching a breach in the wall which was the only entrance to the fort, Gross was the second man to pass through the breach in the face of constant fire from the Cacos and, thereafter, for a 10-minute period, engaged the enemy in desperate hand-to-hand combat until the bastion was captured and Caco resistance neutralized.



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**3 Firearm Raffle**

Benefits Marine Corps League Programs  
and the 1/24 Memorial



Henry  
Big Boy  
44 Mag

Tenpoint Titan SS™ Crossbow

Sig Sauer  
9mm Pistol

**\$10 per ticket**

First ticket drawn gets first choice of firearms.  
Second ticket drawn gets choice of remaining two items.

Drawing to be held August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
between 2pm and 4 pm at the  
Victor L. Rieck American Legion Post  
46146 Cass Ave, Utica, MI 48317




Tickets available from:

Need not be present to win.  
State License # xxxxxx. Winner must be qualified under state  
and federal laws to possess a handgun.

Firearms provided by Shooters Emporium

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**CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**

We are in the season of Lent, and soon it will be Easter Sunday (April 16.) On March 20, our Winter should end, and I'm sure everyone will gladly welcome Spring.

On February 24, our Detachment of Marines was called upon to do a service for Joseph L. Garofalo, a life member, who was called by The Supreme Commandant on February 21, 2017. He was 84 on January 31. We had three member Marines attending. It was a poor showing, please instruct your family members to call the Chaplain or Honor Guard Commander as soon as possible, so we have time to make our arrangements and help the family with their

wishes. Our phone Numbers are listed on the back page of the newsletter.

There are some members who are sick or unable to make our meetings, it would be appreciated if our members would give them a visit or phone call. Bill Brown (586) 598-8533, Richard Flynn (586) 719-4313, Arnold Blumenthal (Blu) (586) 727-9330, David Trevino.

At our March meeting, I was informed of two Member Marines, who had family members pass, and one Associate Member's Aunt was sick. I hope my expressing sympathy at the meeting was sufficient, since I was not aware of this sooner.

Wishing all good health and safe driving,

*John Sottrel  
Chaplain*

**THESE REALLY WORK!!**

AMAZING, SIMPLE HOME REMEDIES:

1. AVOID CUTTING YOURSELF WHEN SLICING VEGETABLES BY GETTING SOMEONE ELSE TO HOLD THE VEGETABLES WHILE YOU CHOP.
2. AVOID ARGUMENTS WITH THE FEMALES ABOUT LIFTING THE TOILET SEAT BY USING THE SINK.
3. FOR HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE SUFFERERS ~ SIMPLY CUT YOURSELF AND BLEED FOR A FEW MINUTES, THUS REDUCING THE PRESSURE ON YOUR VEINS. REMEMBER TO USE A TIMER.
4. A MOUSE TRAP PLACED ON TOP OF YOUR ALARM CLOCK WILL PREVENT YOU FROM ROLLING OVER AND GOING BACK TO SLEEP AFTER YOU HIT THE SNOOZE BUTTON.
5. IF YOU HAVE A BAD COUGH, TAKE A LARGE DOSE OF LAXATIVES. THEN YOU'LL BE AFRAID TO COUGH.
6. YOU NEED ONLY TWO TOOLS IN LIFE - WD-40 AND DUCT TAPE. IF IT DOESN'T MOVE AND SHOULD, USE THE WD-40. IF IT SHOULDN'T MOVE AND DOES, USE THE DUCT TAPE.
7. IF YOU CAN'T FIX IT WITH A HAMMER, YOU'VE GOT AN ELECTRICAL PROBLEM.

!!HA!!



# 10th ANNUAL Marine Corps League Macomb Detachment #154 Military Rifle Fun Shoot Saturday 29 April 2017



Hosted by

*Detroit Sportsmen's Congress ~ Rifle Committee*

<b>Location:</b>	Detroit Sportsmen's Congress 49800 Dequindre, Utica, MI 48317 <a href="http://www.d-s-c.org">www.d-s-c.org</a> 586-739-3500	<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 Date:</b>	Saturday, 29 April 2017	<b>Contact Info:</b>	Match Director: Scott Neff P.O. Box 183610 7755 22 Mile Rd., Shelby Twp. MI 48318 248-798-5776 scott.neff@marinemaddog.com
<b>Match Time:</b>	Lunch 12:30 pm (clubhouse) Registration: 1315 (1:15 pm) Mandatory Safety Brief: 1345 (1:45 pm) Match first relay 1400 (2 pm)	<b>Miscellaneous:</b>	Range is covered with a cement firing line. Eye and Ear protection required for all.
<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>Profits:</b>	All profits support Marine Corps League, Macomb County Detachment charities
<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>Directions:</b>	D.S.C. is approx. 8-miles east of I-75 & 2-miles north of M-59. (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'
<b>Registration:</b>	Advance registration discount Save \$5 if you register by <b>14 April 2017</b>		<b>Clubhouse</b> is north of Juengel Road past the shotgun building, turn right into the parking lot. Head to the tan building in the northeast corner. (Lunch location)
<b>Entry Fees:</b>	Adult and Jr. (centerfire) day of shoot \$40. Junior (.22) day of shoot \$25. <i>Entry fee includes lunch</i>		

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

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

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

Category:  Marine  Non-marine  Women  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** **Total Fee:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

P.O. Box 183610 **7755 22 Mile Rd., Shelby Twp. MI 48318 248-798-5776 [scott.neff@marinemaddog.com](mailto:scott.neff@marinemaddog.com)**



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