



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



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Marines & Auxiliary Members:

JULY MEETING NOTICE

The next General Membership Meeting will be held on Thursday 2 July at 7:30 pm (1930)

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

DETACHMENT AND AUXILIARY BIRTHDAYS FOR JULY



- Kenneth Churchill**
- Frederick Gillick**
- Roger Hamilton**
- Alan Hartung**
- Joseph Kowalski**
- Gordon Lowrie**
- Don Lyon**
- Joseph Nerone**
- Edmund Page**
- David Peltier**
- John Tinsley**

MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDANT

I hope everyone has been out riding to get ready for our Bike-a-thon on August 8th. The challenge is out there, with only two takers. Remember it's only 6 miles around the lake at Stoney Creek Metro Park. Six Miles with a pack and a rifle was what I use to call it " A walk in the park."

The VA is still closed so hopefully bingo will start up in July. Keep the fourth Thursday in July open.

What's in your future? Do you want to stay at the Detachment level or maybe move up to the

Department? There are always openings for good Marines

The annual Postal Shoot is still scheduled for late September or early October. We might have challenge on our hands. The Devil Dogs Pound 6 is putting together a team and wants to know if we want some friendly competition. Like a bottle of good Irish whiskey?

How about a team to golf in the Stanley L. Moore golf outing? That's always fun.

MCL National Convention is Cancelled
 MCL Michigan was cancelled
 MCL Department Fall Staff is schedule for October 10, 2020 in Bay City. They intend to hold elections for the Department at that time. I'll have the location and time for our next meeting. November 10th & 11th goes as scheduled.
 OOOHrah
Norm Pfaff
 Commandant

MEET YOUR DETACHMENT LEADERSHIP

Continuing our series of introductions to the Detachment officers, this month we feature our Detachment Judge Advocate Christine Tonegatto-Salo.



Past Judge Advocates: 2010-2011 Garry Music, 2011-2012 Charles Brown, 2012-2013 Ron Hudas, 2013-2016 Garth Allen, 2016-2017 Bill LaFave, 2017-2020 Christine Tonegatto-Salo

Role of Judge Advocate

The Judge Advocate must possess a good understanding of the National, Department and Detachment Bylaws and renders opinions and interpretation of them subject to ratification by the Detachment Commandant. The Judge Advocate is the watchdog and compliance officer ensuring the strict adherence to all three levels of the bylaws and policies.



**Fly your Flag
Especially on the 4th of July**

2019 VETERANS/COMMUNITY PICNIC

August 8, 2020 12:00 to 5:00 pm
Public Welcome
American Legion Post 351
46146 Cass Ave
Utica, MI 48317

Suggested donation \$5.00
Volunteers needed for setup and take down

Dress Blues

[Zac Brown Band](#)

What can you see from your window?
I can't see anything from mine
Flags on the side of the highway
And scripture on grocery store signs
Maybe eighteen was too early
Maybe thirty or forty is too
Did you get your chance to make peace with the man
Before he sent down his angels for you?
Mamas and grandmamas love you
'Cause that's all they know how to do
You never planned on the bombs in the sand
Or sleeping in your dress blues
Your wife said this all would be funny
When you came back home in a week
You'd turn twenty-two and we'd celebrate you
In a bar or a tent by the creek
Your baby would just about be here
Your very last tour would be up
But you won't be back. They're all dressing in black
Drinking sweet tea in styrofoam cups
Mamas and grandmamas love you
American boys hate to lose

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- July 2 1930 General Membership mtg
- August 6 1930 General Membership mtg
 1st round of nominations
- August 8 Annual Joint League & Legion
 Veterans Appreciation Picnic &
 Annual Bike-A-Thon Fundraiser
- Sept. 3 1930 General Membership mtg
 Election of Officers
- Oct. 1 1900 General Membership mtg
 Installation of officers
- Nov 5 1930 General Membership mtg
- Nov 10 1500-2000 Marine Corps 245th
 Birthday Party
- Nov 11 Veterans Day Ceremonies at Clinton
 Grove Cemetery then Mt. Clemens
 Veterans Wall
- Dec 3 1900 General Membership
 Meeting & Detachment Christmas
 party

You never planned on the bombs in the sand
 Or sleeping in your dress blues
 Now the high school gymnasium's ready
 Full of flowers and old legionnaires
 Nobody showed up to protest
 They just sniffle and stare
 But there's red, white, and blue in the rafters
 And there's silent old men from the corps
 What did they say when they shipped you away
 To give all in some God awful war?
 Nobody here could forget you
 You showed us what we had to lose
 You never planned on the bombs in the sand
 Or sleeping in your dress blues
 No, no you never planned on the bombs in the sand
 Or sleeping in your dress blues
 You never planned on the bombs in the sand
 Or sleeping in your dress blues

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Songwriters: Jason Isbell

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GUESS WHO?



The shape of his nose and facial features earned this Marine the nickname "the Possum."

The Make a Veteran Smile campaign kicked off in early April. The members in our Michigan Veteran Homes still face restrictions on visitors due to the COVID-19 pandemic, so you are invited to send these fellow veterans your good cheer.

To send a video, just record and upload your video, then email the link to

DMVA-MIVeteranHomes@michigan.gov

Send letters and cards to:

Grand Rapids Home for Veterans 3000 Monroe Ave.

NE Grand Rapids, MI 49505 ATTN: Letters for Vets

--or--

D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans 425 Fisher St

Marquette, MI 49855 ATTN: Letters for Vets



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