



# SKUTTLEBUTT

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



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**OCTOBER MEETING NOTICE**

The next in-person General Membership Meeting will be held on Thursday **October 6th at 7:00 (earlier than our usual time.)** 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 OCTOBER**



<b>Elaine Arnold</b>	<b>Robert Long</b>
<b>Jeffrey Draksler</b>	<b>John Sych</b>
<b>Angelo Lema</b>	<b>Gary Titus, Jr.</b>

**NEW MEMBER REPORTING IN**



At the August General Membership Meeting, the following Marine was accepted as a member in our Detachment:



*Welcome aboard Marine!*

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

**COMMANDANT’S MESSAGE**

Marines of DET 154 I would like to thank you for your support during my time as Commandant and I hope that you show your new Commandant the same support that you have shown me during my time. I am proud to have been Commandant and it has been interesting as well as challenging. Good Luck to Steve. Semper Fi  
*Mike Hall, Commandant*

**AUXILIARY NEWS**

I'm writing our Auxiliary News today which is the first full day of autumn. "Tempus Fugit" as we all know means "Time Flies" which it certainly does. The August Picnic is in the rear view mirror and we're looking forward to the Installation of Officers at our next meeting which is Thursday, October 6, 2022. Our meeting starts at 7:00 pm which is a half hour earlier than usual. Also, the Auxiliary is bringing the desserts. The uniform of the day is our Auxiliary cover, your auxiliary pin, white shirt, black pants and black shoes. After the installation of both the Auxiliary and Detachment officers, we'll enjoy dinner and socializing for the rest of the evening. It's an enjoyable event for all and I for one, look forward to it each year.

Saturday, September 18, 2022 the first Marine Rose Fundraiser we've had in years. Due to COVID restrictions and store policy restrictions, it's been difficult to find locations that will allow us to set up our table. Fortunately for us, Tractor Supply Company at 67500 South Main St. was happy to accommodate us. The weather was perfect and the shoppers were generous. President Loretta Balderson, Sr. Vice Maureen Ailor and Jr. Vice Alice Lyon volunteered to be at the table collecting donations and handing out our Marine Rose. We were also selling our patriotic magnets which brought in a few sales as well. Since we already had the roses and the magnets, all the funds brought in were profit for our treasury. A sincere thank you to Loretta, Maureen and Alice for their time and effort in making this a successful fundraiser.



Loretta Balderson , Alice Lyon



Loretta Balderson, Maureen Ailor

Our next Marine Rose Fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday, October 1, 2022 at the Tractor Supply at 2070 S. Van Dyke Rd, M-53, Imlay City from 10 am to 2

pm. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, contact Treasurer Irene Spooner at 586-466-5708

Last year our Auxiliary made a generous donation to the John Dingell VA Hospital in Detroit for their annual Baby Shower which benefits the children of our area veterans. Normally this takes place in September. However, the Baby Shower is being postponed to Spring 2023 because of staffing changes. We'll keep checking with the VA for updated information.

One of the things on our "to-do" list is checking with the Vet Center in Chesterfield as to what items the resident could use if we decide to do gift bags. Senior Vice Ailor will check and report back at our next meeting

The Marine Corps Birthday isn't that far off so it's time to get our Charity Basket Raffle organized. This is an important fundraiser for our Auxiliary. Fortunately, we have enough baskets meaning the actual baskets we create. What we do need is stuff to put in them. So here's some ideas for donations: gift cards, small kitchen items, small workbench items, non-perishable gourmet food items, patriotic themed items, liquor, wine and beer. Our Charity Basket Raffle has been a success year after year because of the generous donations from Auxiliary and Detachment members. We're thanking you in advance for your continued support and look forward to this year's birthday party. More information to come in the next Skuttlebutt.

Sick call: Please keep member April Tilton in your prayers for a speedy recovery. We miss you April.

That's it for now. See you at our next meeting on Thursday, October 6, 2022 at 7:00 pm. We do need volunteers to come at 6:30 to help set-up, so keep that in mind.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| October 6   | Installation of Officers 1900 (7:00)           |
| November 3  | General Membership Meeting 1930                |
| November 10 | Marine Corps Birthday Party                    |
| December 1  | General membership meeting and Christmas party |



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