



SKUTTLEBUTT

NEWSLETTER FOR THE MACOMB COUNTY DETACHMENT MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AND AUXILIARY



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Marines & Auxiliary Members:

DECEMBER MEETING NOTICE

The next General Membership Meeting will be held on Thursday **December 7 at 1900** – an hour earlier than the usual time so we can enjoy our annual Christmas party and dinner provided by the Troy American House.

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

TOYS FOR TOTS

Everyone is asked to bring an unwrapped Christmas present for an older child (teen), this age group tends to be left out as far as the gift selection goes.

AUXILIARY NEWS

Our next meeting on Thursday, December 7, 2017 will begin an hour earlier than usual, at 7:00 pm. This is our Christmas Party which means we will have a shortened meeting and then the party. Food will be again generously provided by American House. They have been so accommodating to us, not only for this party, but also for the Marine Corps Birthday Party. Thank-you American House for all you do for us and for all veterans.

Speaking of the Marine Corps Birthday party which we celebrated on November 10th, what a wonderful event. The food was great, the camaraderie was the best and being part of this glorious tradition should make each and every one of us proud. The Auxiliary sincerely thanks all of you who donated to our Charity Basket Raffle and to all of you who purchased tickets.

Every year at our December meeting, our Auxiliary plays its own version of Santa Claus. What I mean by this is that we decide what charities will receive a donation from us. We've been doing this since we've been chartered. We'll review our list from

last year as a guide, but any Auxiliary member that has a suggestion, please bring your information to the meeting and we'll discuss it. We've donated thousands of dollars to Marine, military, veteran and women's charities, both locally and nationally. All the money made on our Charity Basket Raffle at the Birthday Party, plus other funds raised during the year go to charity. It's something each and every Auxiliary member can be proud of and it's a darn good reason to join our Auxiliary, too!

The luncheon on Oct. 21, 2017 for the Department Fall Staff meeting, the State level of Auxiliary and League officers, was a huge success. All the attendees, about 40 in all, enjoyed the bagels and doughnuts in the morning and the Sloppy Joes, salads and cakes for lunch. This was a great event to show our support for all the staff at the State level that work hard to keep our Marine Corps League and Auxiliary going. We received a gracious thank-you letter from Department President Ann LeClair.

Of Interest: At noon on December 16, 2107, there will be a Wreaths Across America ceremony at Resurrection Cemetery. This will take place at the cemetery's American Veterans Memorial. This is the 6th year Resurrection Cemetery is hosting this event. Following the formal event, around 2,500 wreaths are expected to be placed at veteran graves throughout Resurrection Cemetery by a few hundred volunteers, ranging from Boy Scouts to senior veterans. There is also a ceremony at Fern Hill Golf Club at 10:30 am honoring WWII Marine, Peter Simcrnick, age 93, an Iwo Jima vet. For more information on either of these events, contact Resurrection Cemetery at 586-286-9020 or Fern Hill Golf Club at 586-286-4700.

Just a reminder, if you haven't paid your dues for 2017-2018, either mail them to me at 39869 Duluth, Harrison Twp, MI 48045 or bring them to the Christmas party. Annual dues are \$30.

There will be no Auxiliary meeting in January or February. We voted to confirm this at our last meeting. If you have news to put in the Skuttlebutt, feel

free to contact me at 586-466-5708 or email at mispooner@wowway.com.

Have a great Holiday Season and Semper Fi,
Irene Spooner
Secretary/Treasurer, MCLA

Adjutant/Paymaster

Membership dues.

All annual members are reminded that dues are now to be paid before September 1st of each year. Dues are \$32.00 per year. I mailed renewal notices to everyone in late October and have received a lot back but we still have over 25 members past due. Reminder, if your dues are not current you cannot vote at meetings or hold an office.

If you are interested in becoming a life member please talk to me.

Donald Lyon
Adjutant/Paymaster



Pictured above (on the right) are Dave Trevino and Mark Spooner / Vietnam Vets awarding Congressional Medal of Honor recipient Jim McCloughan with an award during a ceremony honoring him in Detroit on November 6th.

DON'T BE A STRANGER!

At our November membership meeting I sat next to a member I had not seen before.

Dale Verhaeghe, joined the Macomb County detachment in 1988. He let his membership expire, but later re-joined in 2014.



A little background on Dale....Dale served in the Marines Reserves from 1983 to 1991, MOS 3522 (heavy equipment operator). He was also called up to serve in Operation Desert during this time. Dale also volunteered his time as unit commander for the Young Marines.

I'm sure there are many of you that haven't been to a meeting in some time. We encourage you to attend a future meeting and enjoy the camaraderie of your fellow Marines and share your experiences of your time in our Corps.

Greg Pawlik
Detachment Historian

IMAGES FROM THE 242ND BIRTHDAY OF THE MARINE CORPS PARTY AT AMERICAN LEGION POST 351, 10 NOVEMBER, 2017





Perusing the gift baskets up for raffle



Dave meet Dave!



Baby Marine





Oldest Marine (Harry Grover) at 94 yrs. and youngest Marine Gaven _____

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>

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