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



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Marines & Auxiliary Members:

SEPTEMBER MEETING NOTICE

The next General Membership Meeting will be September 5th at the usual meeting time of 7:30 pm. Join us at the American Legion Post 351, (46146 Cass Avenue located in Utica,) or now via Zoom! The telephone number to the Post is (586) 731-9833.

**DETACHMENT AND AUXILIARY
BIRTHDAYS FOR SEPTEMBER**



**Clement Buck
Carl Chupa
James Connor
Michael Dahm
Jackie Dennis
Jim Grime
Ed Mader
Gene Meredith**

**Paul Rangel
Terry Rigney
Gordon Schick
Howard Schulte
Mark Spooner
Bradford Steensen
Steve Whitfield
Will Wiggins**

COMMANDANT’S MESSAGE

Hello everyone, I hope all is well. We did great for the picnic as we did triple the amount of proceeds as we did last year. Great job and thanks to everyone that helped.

We have our golf outing coming up. Please try to get a foursome or donate a gift basket to make it equally successful. We are of course still naming nominees for each position for officers. If you interested in stepping up please see me; check the August newsletter for a description of each position.

We are going to be having one more meeting to review the bylaws, if interested, stop by at 6:30pm on day of meeting.

Reminder for logging into the next Detachment meeting via Zoom.

link <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73047577963?pwd=EcjKn1bbFpmLFv5VTNrQtASdVj63a.1>

Meeting ID: 730 4757 7963 Passcode: 4Vtjyi

Steve August, Commandant

JR VICE REPORT

The Marine Corps League was represented at the sixth annual 5k run for the Iron Mike Foundation last month as we had three detachment members present, one as a volunteer and two race participants. Other Marines were present as well. A Sergeant Major from Recon Battalion kicked things off with a motivational speech for the runners, a few of PFC Giannattasio's fellow platoon members from boot camp showed up, and other various Marines were seen.



Rick Kincaid and his dog

Justin Kane

The detachment's logo is on the goodie bag sponsor sheet and on the back of every event tee shirt, items which are given out to all to the runners. Overall, this event may prove to be a good recruiting opportunity for the League.

Justin Kane, Jr Vice

USMC 250TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE COIN DESIGNS ANNOUNCED

In July, representatives from the U.S. Mint, USMC, and the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation unveiled the designs for the commemorative coins that will honor the United States Marine Corps' 250th anniversary, scheduled for release in 2025.

"These coins are a testament to the courage, sacrifice, and dedication of all Marines, ensuring that their stories will be remembered and celebrated for generations to come," stated Maj. Gen. James W. Lukeman, USMC (Ret), President and CEO of the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation



Final designs for the 2025 US Marine Corps 250th Anniversary Commemorative Coins (\$5 gold coin, silver dollar, and clad half dollar)

The U.S. Mint will strike the gold, silver, and clad commemorative coins in collector qualities of proof and uncirculated, totaling six unique coins. When the Mint offers them in 2025, the coin sales prices will include surcharges of \$35 per gold coin, \$10 per silver dollar, and \$5 per half-dollar. If the commemoratives generate a profit, the collected funds will be paid to the [Marine Corps Heritage Foundation](#) and used exclusively to support the mission of the Marine Corps Heritage Center.

Source: CoinNews.net, August 1st

AUXILIARY NEWS

Our July meeting centered on upcoming events. The election of officers is in September with the installation taking place in October. After discussion, it was decided that the current officers will remain in their respective positions for another year. The main reason for this was that as soon as an officer is knowledgeable with their position, it's almost time for new elections. We'll add this to our Unit's bylaws since it was voted on and passed.

Though we're not having elections at our September meeting, we'll be discussing October's installation and our participation. Since the Detachment has provided a simple dinner in the past after the ceremony, the Auxiliary brings either side dishes or desserts. We'll finalize plans at our next meeting.

We're also planning a Buddy's Pizza fundraiser like we did last year. Save the date: October 16, 2024. It's at the Buddy's Pizza located at 45841 Hayes Rd, Shelby Twp. It's easy to participate, just show up, mention the Macomb County Marine Corps League Auxiliary, order your food and enjoy. We receive 20% of the bill, excluding any alcohol. Come to Buddy's on your time schedule, as long as it's October 16th. We'll have all the information at the September meeting.

Our annual picnic that took place on August 3rd is now in the rear-view mirror. What a great time! We are so appreciative of American House for catering this event. Their hot dogs, burgers and ribs are the best. Add the salad, chips, drinks and cookies for dessert, everyone had plenty of good stuff to eat. Our special thanks to them for all they do for veterans, including us.



Roxanne and Ron from American House and the chow line

New this year were the classic cars. What a treat to see the cars and talk to owners. Each car had its own story and each story was amazing. The Utica Fire Department was there with their big truck. Thank you to those first responders for what they do to make our community safe. Detachment member Gary Titus brought his mule which has become a real staple at our picnic. Thank you for bringing it and being so willing to answer questions about your vehicle. We had our baskets to raffle and a 50/50 as well. This was a great way to add a few dollars to our coffers. Thank you to all who supported our Auxiliary and the Detachment by attending. And thank you to those that helped set up and tear down when the event was over.

Another reminder, the Marine Corps Birthday Party is really just a couple of months off. The Auxiliary is always in need of donations for our Charity Raffle. We can use new items for the kitchen or workbench, non-perishable food items like candy, beef jerky, nuts, etc., liquor, wine and beer, gift cards and cash. Bring your donations to the September meeting. If you have any questions about donations, call Irene Spooner at 586-466-5708.



Gary Titus with his Mule

That's it for now. See you in September on Thursday, September 5, 2024 at 7:30 pm.

Irene Spooner, Treasurer, Macomb County Unit

HISTORIAN'S CORNER

My Night at the Movies...

November 1970. US Naval Station 32nd street, San Diego. My ship the USS St. Paul just returned home from its Vietnam Deployment. I decide to go to the movies at the base theater to see "The Sand Pebbles" starring Steve MacQueen. In those days one was not allowed to have civilian clothes while aboard ship, so I went in my Greens.

That evening the theatre was packed. All of the sailors were in their navy blues. I was the ONLY marine in the theatre. I stuck out like a sore thumb. The lights dim and the movie starts. I don't recall far we are into the movies when suddenly the lights come on and the movie stops. What's going on? A minute or so passes when suddenly several naval shore patrol are coming down the aisles, followed by a navy chief petty officer escorting a young lady with her head in her hands sobbing! This can't be good. They stop at the front of the stage.

Now the shore patrol start walking up the aisles eyeballing everyone. I'm sitting among the sailors. They stop at my row, and tell me to stand up and come to the front of the theatre. I'm escorted in front of the young lady and the navy chief. This girl still has her face in her hands. The chief says to the girl "IS THIS THE MAN?", she raises her face to me and say "NO". I'm then told to return to my seat.

I get back to my seat and one of the sailors says to me "you marines would be a natural suspect". I was too flustered to reply. I was told that her and her male friend were assaulted and robbed, whom she identified as a marine that ran off in the direction of the theatre. As you would expect, every time I've seen the movie since then, I'm back in that theatre.

Greg Pawlik, Detachment Historian

HONOR GUARD

I am looking to expand the honor guard to provide a 4 Marine Color Guard, 3 to 7 Marine Rifle detail and numerous alternates to support both. If interested, contact Frank Petricevich, fpetricevich@gmail.com or (586) 531 5726. The League needs you to support these worthwhile events. Sign up today!

September 4, 2024 – Parkinson Foundation Walk at Jimmy Johns Field, 4 man Color Guard.

September 11, 2024 – Vendor Show at Packard Proving Grounds, 4 man Color Guard.



2024 METRO DETROIT WALK

Saturday, September 14th
Jimmy John's Field in
Utica, MI

Presented by Tom and Carol Cracchiolo
Check-In Starts at 9:00AM

FUNDS RAISED SUPPORT:

\$20
FOR ADULTS
KIDS ARE FREE

- Financial assistance for in-home respite care
- Medication assistance
- Daily Parkinson Exercise Classes led by physical therapists
- Weekly Patient Education Programs
- Professional Education Symposiums
- Full-Time Licensed Staff Social Worker
- Parkinson Caregiving Training Module
- Pro-bono Legal Guidance
- Newly Diagnosed Patient Information Packet
- Over 70 Support Groups in Michigan's 83 Counties

All of these programs and services are offered free of charge.



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DONATE TO TEAM JOLLIFF

Michigan Parkinson Foundation
(800) 852-9781, programs@parkinsonsmi.org
30400 Telegraph Rd. #150 Bingham Farms, MI 48025

IMPACT BUSINESS COMMUNITY

VENDOR SHOW
SEPTEMBER 11, 2024

This Vendor Show offers B2B networking & a great opportunity to expand your customer base all in one! There will be extensive advertising to the public to ensure we have a great turnout!

Vendor Reception 3-5pm

B2B NETWORKING
Vendor set up, networking, food & drinks- get to know local business owners!

5-8PM OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
MEET THE BUSINESS!

TABLE \$100
INCLUDES 8 PEOPLE

EXTRA PERSON \$25 each

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE
INQUIRE FOR DETAILS

PACKARD PROVING GROUND
49945 Van Dyke Ave
Shelby Twp, MI 48317

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WWW.BIZIQ4U.COM/EVENTS

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