



# SKUTTLEBUTT

NEWSLETTER FOR THE  
MACOMB COUNTY DETACHMENT  
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AND AUXILIARY



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*December Meeting/Christmas party December 2, 2021*



*Marines of the Year - Clement Buck 2021, Jim Dewey 2020*

## JANUARY MEETING NOTICE

The next in person General Membership Meeting will be held on Thursday **January 6th at our usual time 7:30 pm (1930.)** 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.

## AUXILIARY NEWS

"It's the most wonderful time of year", as that classic holiday song goes. We started off December with our annual Christmas party which was filled with the true spirit of giving. The Toys for Tots collection literally covered several tables with all sorts of toys. What a great show of generosity from the Detachment and Auxiliary.

## DETACHMENT AND AUXILIARY BIRTHDAYS FOR JANUARY



Shirley Cichoski  
Preston Hawkyard  
Anthony Jablonowski  
Lorraine Kozlowski  
Garry Music  
John Szajna



Most of the attendees of the December meeting/Christmas party are pictured here, gathered around the tables which held approximately 150-175 donated Toys for Tots.

The spirit of giving continued during our Auxiliary meeting. Just like Santa, we sat down, looked over our list and made decisions as to which charities would receive this year's donations and in what amounts. Our hearts always go out to the homeless and those that are in need of the most basic necessities. Thanks to the help of a couple of very generous supporters, we were able to increase our donations to:

Vets Returning Home  
Michigan Veterans Foundation  
Southwest Solutions: Veteran Housing & Services  
Chesterfield Veterans Home  
Fallen & Wounded Warriors Fund  
Navy-Marine Relief Society  
Vietnam Veterans of American #154 Food Pantry  
Miracle Quilts  
Wreaths Across America  
Baby Shower for Women Vets @ the Detroit VA

It's a very satisfying feeling to do this every year. We're grateful for all the support we've received and the hard work our Auxiliary did at the annual picnic and Marine Corps Birthday party to raise funds. As we make our plans for the coming year, we're always looking for fund raising ideas. You never know where the next great idea will come from, so as you meet with friends and family over the holidays, keep those ears open. You may just find what we're looking for!

A reminder to all Auxiliary members, we do not meet in January or February. We made this decision a number of years ago. After the hustle and bustle of the holidays, we felt a break was warranted. Though we may not be meeting officially, if you need to contact any of the Auxiliary officers, feel free to do so.

From the Auxiliary officers and members, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Good health to all and see you in 2022.

Irene Spooner  
MCLA Treasurer

#### **CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year Marines. I looked at the newsletter from 12 months ago and saw that I was hoping for some normalcy to 2021. I think we got everything but normal. However, I am a person that lives a life of hope.

My hope and prayer are that you and your families stay healthy and flourish in your relationships. My hope for our Detachment is that we continue the strong work from last year and see even more success in '22. As always if I can be of assistance to you and your family, please let me know. Blessings on you all,

Jim Dewey, Detachment Chaplain

#### **SENIOR VICE ON CAMARADERIE & FUNDRAISING**

We will be starting our camaraderie outings on Jan 21st, 6pm at Shelby Lanes on 50721 Van Dyke Shelby Twp. Just show up, no need to reserve.

Steve August  
Senior Vice

#### **MARINE OF THE YEAR AWARDED**

At the December meeting, two Marine of the Year awards were presented. Clement Buck, currently serving the Detachment as Sergeant of Arms and also the Toys for Tots Liaison Officer was named the Marine of the Year for 2021. Making up for lost time due to the Covid pandemic, the award for 2020 was also given at the same occasion to Chaplain Jim Dewey.



Jim Dewey, Clement Buck, Commandant Mike Hall,  
Adjutant/Paymaster Don Lyon



Any member of the Detachment can nominate another member for the award; for service above and beyond the expected responsibilities of an elected officer or member. Then past winners get together and decide on the new Marine of the Year.





### **TOYS FOR TOTS DONATION FROM MCCC STA**



The Detachment was delighted to receive a donation of \$1,000 for Toys for Tots made by the Macomb Community College AFSCME Union Local 128-STA (Supervisory/Technical Association.) Pictured above are Don Horne, President and VP Mary Ann Rohrabough of Local 128-STA.

### **VETERAN SERVICE DOGS ORGANIZATION**

Due to the success of the golf outing held in September, a donation of \$5K was made by the Detachment to support the Veteran Service Dogs Organization. The VSDO is an all-volunteer-staffed nonprofit organization in Howell, MI that provides a service dog and their training at no cost to a Veteran in need. Dogs are trained to assist Veterans with disabilities such as PTSD, seizures, physical disabilities and more.

With the training, the Veteran is involved in every step of the process; the Vet and the dog work together as a team. The dog's tasks are individually suited to the specific needs of each Veteran along with basic obedience commands. Service dogs are uniquely chosen from local animal shelters; typically rescues who have been saved from unfortunate situations such as homelessness or abusive households. Find out more at [vsdo.us](http://vsdo.us)



*Pictured with Service dog Amy are Kirk Lanam - Founder/President of Veteran Service Dogs, Jr Vice Steve August, Commandant Mike Hall*



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