



SKUTTLEBUTT

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MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AND AUXILIARY



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Marines & Auxiliary Members:

FEBRUARY MEETING NOTICE

The next General Membership Meeting will be held on Thursday February 1st at 2000.

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

COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE

Marines,

The Mid Winter Convention was a success and everyone had a good time. Many items were discussed. Of great importance is that the Marine Corps League is facing serious financial problems.

Dates to remember

Feb. 13, 1943 Women will be recruited to serve in the Marine reserves during WWII.

Feb. 19, 1945 Marines land on Iwo Jima.

Feb. 23, 1945 Flag raising on Iwo Jima.

See you in February !
Semper FI,

Don Teeple, Commandant

ADJUTANT/PAYMASTER

Still having issues with correct mailing addresses, and emails. If you have changed either in the last couple of years, please let me know.

Membership dues are \$32.00 per year for annual members. All dues will be due before September 1 of each year. There will probably be a dues increase in 2018/2019.

Donald Lyon

Adjutant/Paymaster

50/50 Attendance Drawing

Christine Tonegatto-Salo won the 50/50

Douglas Dean would have won the attendance drawing had he been present.

ONE MARINE'S SERVICE – PART TWO

FREDERICK E. HAUSTEIN

MOS classification

Fred was interviewed about his civilian skills that could be put to use in the Corps. Fred said he wanted to work on airplanes, since his hobby was building model planes. Good enough, you are qualified for the air wing.

If you were in aviation, you were referred to as a "hangar sweeper". All the new hangar sweepers were then trucked to Miramar Naval Air Station (now home of Top Gun school). It was a tent city; the only solid building was a church. No training was conducted there, only used as a collection point for air wing personnel coming and going to the Pacific. Fred was then shipped overseas, classified as "general duty", and would be assigned a job when he arrived at his unit (VMF311, MAG 31).

After stopping briefly in Hawaii, he arrived at an airfield in the Marshall Islands (Roi Island), and spent some time on labor details. Being one of the youngest Marines in his unit, Fred was christened the "kid" by a particular sergeant and given what appeared more attention than other Marines (and not in a good way).

So, one day flight operations were halted and his unit was going to have a baseball game and beer. Fred is sitting next to his Commanding Officer watching the ball game when his sergeant came by and says "hey kid, pick up all these empty beer cans!". Well, the C.O. tells the sergeant it can wait till tomorrow, and Fred, feeling his beer and the hot sun, says "Hear that? Get lost". Fred's buddy then tells Fred that he should go hit the sack, he's had a few too many beers.

So Fred is on his cot when he feels someone tugging on his boot. It is the sergeant, ordering him to go pick up the beer cans. Fred reminds him that he can do it tomorrow as the C.O. said. Fred warns him to get out of his face or he will shoot the sergeant! Fred grabs his rifle and proceeds to chase the sergeant down the company street, while other Marines are shouting

“shoot him, shoot him.” As they both turn the corner who do they both run into? – their Commanding Officer! After Fred tries to explain what this incident is all about, the C.O. tells him to go back to his cot and sleep it off and report to him the next morning. Morning comes and two MP’s are at his tent waiting to take him to the C.O.

Fred’s is told that he can be court martialled for his actions and that the sergeant wants Fred punished. Fred tells his side of the story—how the sergeant has made him his whipping boy. The C.O. decides that Fred needs to be re-assigned to a different unit, but his punishment needs to be addressed. Thirty days of mess duty is his punishment, and then he will be transferred to working on planes rather than being on general duty.

Fred had no problem with mess duty. He bunked with the cooks and was tight with the mess sergeant. He was given an easy job in the mess hall and then spent the rest of the time fishing!

Greg Pawlik
Detachment Historian



Young Fred Haustein

Marines

The Post is starting their fish or chicken dinners on Fridays starting February 9, 16, 23 and March 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23, and 30th. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

The post is also bringing in a speaker from the National Cemetery to discuss your burial concerns on March 5th @ 6:00 P.M.

Also all vets that have not signed up @ the VA, you need to do ASAP.

Respectfully

Norm Pfaff
PDDC

2018 Calendar

General Membership meetings

January 4	2000
February 1	2000
March 1	2000
April 5	2000
May 3	2000
June 7	2000
July 5	2000 (may be changed due to 4 th of July Holiday)
August 2	2000 nomination of Officers
September 6	2000 Election of officers
October 4	1900 Installation of officers
November 1	2000
December 6	1900 Detachment Christmas Party

August 4 Veterans Picnic
1200-1800 @ post 351

4th Thursday of each month Bingo at the VA.
Volunteers needed.

November 10 Marine Corps Birthday Party
1500-2000

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