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



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**This years' Marine Corps Birthday Party is on Tuesday, November 9, 2021
from 3pm-8pm. This year we are having a POT LUCK Dinner.
The Detachment is supplying the two meat entrees.
Please help us keep this event at the low cost of \$5
by donating food to share the day of the event.
Everyone, Detachment and Auxiliary, bring a dish to pass.**

NOVEMBER MEETING NOTICE

The next in person General Membership Meeting will be held on Thursday **November 4th at 7:30 pm (1930.)** Join us at the American Legion, Post 351, 46146 Cass Avenue located in Utica. The telephone number to the Post is (586) 731-9833. Presentation of donation to the Veterans' Service Dog organization at 2000 hrs

Angelo Lema won the 50/50
Mark Spooner won the attendance drawing \$130.01

AUXILIARY NEWS

Our October meeting was short because it was also our Installation. Congratulations to our newly installed officers:

President:	Loretta Balderson
Sr. Vice:	Maureen Ailor
Jr. Vice:	Alice Lyon
Treasurer:	Irene Spooner
Secretary:	Maureen Ailor
Judge Advocate:	Christine Tonegatto-Salo
Chaplain:	Joan Pfaff

**DETACHMENT AND AUXILIARY
BIRTHDAYS FOR NOVEMBER**



**Steve August
David Cunningham
Patricia Horton
Dean Miles
Vincent Peeper
Rich Francis
Michael Suhy
Dale Verhaeghe
Joseph Wauldron**



Joan Pfaff is swearing in Auxiliary Officers

As an Auxiliary, we want to thank these members for stepping up to the plate. We also want to thank Joan Pfaff who was our installing officer. Joan was past Department President which gives her the authority to be an installing officer. Having her in our Unit is not only an honor for our Unit, but makes our installation so much easier to plan. It's noteworthy to mention that Maureen Ailor, recent Past President of our Unit, is

current Department Senior Vice President. It's helpful to our Macomb County Unit having members rise to the Department level. Our Auxiliary, meaning not only our Unit, but our Department and National Auxiliaries as well are grateful to all of you for your commitment and dedication to our mission. We'll all continue to work together to make 2021-2022 another successful year for our Macomb County Unit.

As we're passing out "thank-you's", let's thank the Detachment for supplying the pizza and salad which made for a delectable casual dinner once the Installation rituals were completed. Also, thank-you to the Auxiliary for bringing in the appetizers and dessert. This is a good example of working together successfully toward a common goal: another Installation completed and looking forward to another year of accomplishments for both the Detachment and the Auxiliary. The Auxiliary congratulates the new Detachment officers and wishes them good luck in the coming year.

As a reminder to all, our celebration of the 246th Marine Corps Birthday will be on **Tuesday, November 9, 2021**. Mark your calendars accordingly. The Birthday Party begins at 3:00 pm, but help is needed for set-up at 3:00pm and clean-up beginning at 8pm. Be a volunteer and help make this the best celebration ever. Also keep in mind, this year's party is a **POT LUCK DINNER**. Pot Luck is really nothing new for the Birthday party. We did this for many years in the past. So, in order for this to be successful, everyone needs to bring a dish to pass. The Detachment is providing two meat entrées, so the rest of us, Detachment and Auxiliary members are to bring side dishes and desserts. Please keep in mind, guests want to eat as soon as the doors open. Plan to bring your dish as early in the evening as possible. We also need extension cords, power strips and duct tape. If you have these items, please bring them and be sure to mark them with your name so you get them back at the end of the evening. And to answer your questions: Yes, there will be SOS!!

The Auxiliary will have its annual Charity Basket Raffle at the Birthday Party. We are always looking for donations, so if you are able to donate, bring your items to the next meeting. We can use just about anything that is new or gently used: small tools, small appliances, decorative items, sports memorabilia, electronics, Marine Corps items, etc. We can also use bottles of liquor, six packs of beer or bottles of wine, but all alcoholic items must be new purchases to ensure it hasn't exceeded its shelf life. Non-perishable food items like candy, crackers, salty snacks, non-refrigerated meats like Jerky or Summer Sausage can be used, too. If you have any questions about donations, feel free to call Auxiliary Treasurer, Irene Spooner at 586-466-5708.

We will be having our Veterans Day wreath laying ceremony at Clinton Grove Cemetery on Thursday, November 11, 2021. Be there by 10:30 to

organize. The uniform of the day for the Auxiliary is your cover, black pants, white shirt and black shoes. The ceremony begins promptly at 11 am. We are happy to have this year as our guest speaker Jennifer Manning, the Director of the new Chesterfield Veterans Home. After the ceremony at Clinton Grove Cemetery, head directly to the Veterans Memorial in Mt. Clemens which is behind the police station for another wreath laying ceremony. After the Mt. Clemens ceremony, we will have lunch. I do not have that information at this time, but it will be available either at the next meeting or at the ceremony itself.

Here's a little advance information to add to your calendars. The December meeting is our Christmas Party. Starting time is 7 pm, a little earlier than our normal 7:30 pm. Both the Auxiliary and the Detachment will have shortened meetings so we can enjoy a casual dinner and socialize. This is also our Toy For Tots event. Bring a new, unwrapped to donate. Toys For Tots has been a Marine Corps sponsored events for decades so we certainly want to do our part.

That's it for now. See you at our next meeting at 7:30 pm on Thursday, November 4, 2021. Semper Fidelis and Happy Birthday to all our Marines,

*Irene Spooner
MCLA Secretary/Treasurer*



Past Commandant Mark Spooner is swearing in Detachment Officers

COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE

Marines, we are starting the year with the Marine Birthday party and on the next day, Clinton Grove. The sky is the limit for us with multiple fund raisers on the docket. Looking forward to working with everyone. See you at our meeting. Any questions, don't be afraid to ask.

Mike Hall, Commandant

PAYMASTER'S CORNER

Currently there are 11 members delinquent with their dues. Remember you cannot vote or hold office if your dues are not current,

Annual dues are \$32.00; they can be paid at the meeting or mailed to:
MCL Detachment 154 Paymaster
14656 Eastport Dr,
Sterling Heights, MI 48313-5325

If you wish to become a life member the cost is:
to 35 years of age \$500.00
36-50 years of age \$400.00
51- 60 years of age \$300
61 years if age and up \$200.00

PAST COMMANDANT PFAFF HAS A WORD

It happened at the Fall Staff Meeting....The meeting was coming to end and the Dept. Commandant asked for announcements. One Detachment Commandant stood up and announced that they were having a Marine birthday party and it only cost \$35.00, Another Commandant stood and said the same thing but theirs was \$45.00 and the announcements went on. Finally, I couldn't take any more and raised my hand. Commandant, everyone here is invited to our birthday party and it's free, but we do ask for a \$5.00 donation. We also put on a veteran picnic free to vets and family and on top of that we are looking to donate more than \$5000 to Veteran leader dogs. I said that we are in the business to support and help the Vets!

I want to thank all the Marines, Associates, and Auxiliary members for a job well done. It's always fun to hold office with a great group standing behind you. Weather you're out placing wreaths in the snow, helping out with bingo at the VA hospital or any other event, you'll always find Detachment #154 there. Thanks again Marines and Associate Members. SEMPER FI

Respectfully submitted
Norm Pfaff
Past commandant (retired)

COMING EVENTS

November 10, 2021 Marine Corps Birthday
SOS Breakfast at Flint Detachment 155

November 11, 2021 1100 Veterans Day
Service Clinton Grove Cemetery. Easy to remember
11th month, 11th day at 11 o'clock!

December 2, 2021 1900 General Membership
Meeting/ Christmas Party/Toys for Tots collection

Other events being considered for next year... bowling, escape rooms, go carts, picnic just for League, whirly ball. Planning to do this with all members and family members of all ages. Please let me know of any thoughts; also any additional fundraiser ideas. We are

going to have another golf outing. And maybe a rifle shoot for a fallen member.

Steve August
Sr Vice



246TH MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY MESSAGE

Today, as we celebrate our 246th birthday, we must remember who we are, where we came from, and why we're here. We value the sacrifices and contributions of every Marine and Sailor, as well as our family members without whose support we would not be able to accomplish our mission. And we remain committed to being our Nation's Expeditionary Force in Readiness that sets the standard for honor, discipline, and courage. I am proud of each and every one of you. Happy Birthday Marines!

David H. Berger
General, U.S. Marine Corps
Commandant of the Marine Corps

On 10 November 1970, Commandant Chapman challenged all Marines, active and inactive, young and old, deployed or recently returned from combat, "not to look back, but instead, to look to the future." He insisted that we celebrate our anniversary, "not as an end of almost two centuries of dedicated service, but as preparation for new service, new dedication, and new achievement." Those sage words resonate across time and are as applicable today as they were 51 years ago.

Our Corps holds to traditions that link us to the elite warriors who wore the uniform before us, but the traditions we hand down through the generations go far beyond tangible displays, symbols, or customs. The most important traditions that link us to our past and must be carried into the future are the intangible ones—traditions of courage, trust, discipline, loyalty, respect, perseverance, adaptability, and leadership. Today, 246 years since our warfighting legacy began, we celebrate those traits that have been forged in all Marines—past and present.

The character of Marines, our unwavering commitment and relentless pursuit of excellence, remains unchanged from that of past generations, even as the character of warfare is ever-changing. These changes will require us to do what Marines do best—adapt and innovate to win any battle or respond to any crisis. Just

as Marines who fought in Iraq and Afghanistan over these past 20 years adapted to the demands of protracted counterinsurgency operations—which would have been all too familiar to the Marines of 1970—we will adapt to the demands of the present and future, while learning the hard lessons from our recent past.

We can't know for certain where future battlefields will be, or how our methods of warfighting will be redefined as threats to our Nation evolve, but we can ensure that the Marines who fight those battles will be forged of the same courage, spirit, and warfighting excellence as all Marines before them.

We who serve today represent an unbroken chain that stretches back 246 years. As we mark our anniversary, we remember those who went before us, and as we look over the horizon to “new service, new dedication, and new achievement,” solemnly swear to uphold their example of honor, courage, and commitment. Happy 246th Birthday, Marines!

David H. Berger
General, U.S. Marine Corps
Commandant of the Marine Corps



***“The wonderful love of a beautiful maid,
 The love of a staunch true man,
 The love of a baby, unafraid,
 Have existed since time began.
 But the greatest of loves, the quintessence of
 loves.
 Even greater than that of a mother,
 Is the tender, passionate, infinite love,
 of one drunken Marine for another.
 Semper Fidelis”***

General Louis H. Wilson
 Commandant of the Marine Corps
 Toast given at 203rd Marine Corps Birthday Ball, 1978

MARINES AND VETERAN MARINES

The Macomb County Detachment
 and Auxiliary of the Marine Corps League
 invites you to the 246th Birthday of the
 United States Marine Corps

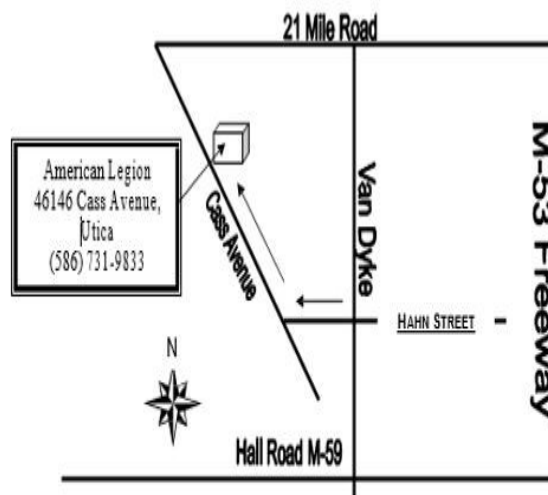
Celebrating
on Tuesday, November 9

at the American Legion Post 351
 Utica, MI
 From 3 to 8 pm

A donation of \$5.00 is requested at the door.
 Please bring a dish to share.
 Refreshments will be provided

Cake cutting ceremony highlighting the
 oldest and the youngest Marine present.

Unique Marine Corps and Marine Corps
 League Gear will be available for sale.



From the south:
 Turn left at the first
 traffic light north of
 Hall Road (Hahn
 Street), then turn right
 on Cass.

From the north:
 Turn right on 21 Mile
 Road from Van Dyke,
 then turn left on Cass.

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