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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

Due to the Independence Day holiday, the next General Membership Meeting will be **September 4th** at 7:30.

Join us at the American Legion Post 351, (46146 Cass Avenue located in Utica,) 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
Edward Mader

Gene Meredith
Paul Rangel
Gordon Schick
Mark Spooner
Bradford Steensen
Steve Whitfield
Will Wiggins

COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE

Hello Marine Corps League Members,

As most of you know we have the first round of Officer nominations last month. In September we will do the second round and vote on these positions. Based on the new bylaws, there needs to be a new Commandant. I want to thank all the officers that worked with me for getting to where we are now in a great place going forward.

Please consider a position if you can help continue this journey forward. I have included the duties of the elected positions below. Please keep in mind some Associates get appointed positions.

Duties of Officers:

Commandant. It shall be the duty of the Commandant to preside at all meetings, to call special meetings, to appoint Committee Chairman, to supervise, direct and control all activities of the Detachment in such a manner that will bring credit upon the Marine Corps League. This is an elected position.

The Commandant may appoint the following officers prior to the Detachment Installation: Paymaster, Adjutant, Service Officer, Liaison, Historian, Quartermaster, Deputy Quartermaster and any other office such as Newsletter Editor and Toys for Tots Liaison, that the Commandant may deem necessary for the proper function of the Detachment.

Senior Vice Commandant. It shall be the duty of the Senior Vice Commandant to preside in the absence of the Commandant and the Senior Vice Commandant, and while so presiding, shall have the power and authority of the Commandant. The Senior Vice Commandant is the Chairman of the Membership Committee of the Detachment and shall have the power to call upon any Detachment member to assist him in his recruiting work. This is an elected position.

Junior Vice Commandant. The Junior Vice Commandant is responsible for social events, is the Chairman of the Social Committee and shall operate all such affairs that are not under the control of special committees. This is an elected position.

Judge Advocate. It shall be the duty of the Judge Advocate to perform such legal duties as are assigned to the by the Commandant. The Judge Advocate shall rule on any disputed point of order. The Judge Advocate must be conversant with National, Department and Detachment Constitution and Bylaws. Rulings by the Judge Advocate are binding, but may be appealed. This is an elected position.

Adjutant. It shall be the duty of the Adjutant to keep proper minutes of all meetings of the Detachment. The Adjutant shall be custodian of all records of the Detachment other than Special Committees, financial records and the Young Marines. This is an appointed position.

Paymaster. It shall be the duty of the Paymaster to keep all monies accounted for, including special funds for this Detachment. It shall also be the responsibility of the Paymaster to update and/or correct member's information with National Headquarters and the Department of Michigan. This is an appointed position.

The Adjutant and Paymaster positions may be held by a single individual to provide continuity and expedite the Detachments daily business activities. The Adjutant/Paymaster shall function in all capacities as listed under Adjutant and Paymaster.

Sergeant-at-Arms. It shall be the duty of the Sergeant-at-Arms to assist the Commandant in preserving order at all Detachment meetings. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall act as Chairman of the House Committee and see will ensure that all is in readiness for all meetings. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall check the members present for eligibility and ensure that only those present are entitled to be admitted. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall lead in the Pledge of Allegiance to start all meetings. The Sergeant-at-Arms will act as escort to all visitors and perform such other duties as the Commandant may assign. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall be in charge of all Detachment property not in the hands of the Adjutant, Paymaster or Quartermaster. This is an appointed position.

Chaplain. It shall be the duty of the Chaplain to conduct prayers at all meetings. When the Marine Corps League Memorial Services are held, the Chaplain shall assist the Commandant. The Chaplain and a volunteer member shall make a personal visit to all members of the Detachment who are having an extended stay in the hospital or are in ill health for an extended period of time and are home. The Chaplain will, upon the death of a member, fill out and forward the Marine Corps League Notice of Death to the Department Chaplain. This is an appointed position.

Quartermaster. It shall be the duty of the Quartermaster to maintain a stock of Detachment Covers for sale to members. Marine Corps Emblems and Marine Corps League Insignia also will be kept in stock by the Quartermaster for members. This is an appointed position.

The Quartermaster and the Commandant shall appoint a **Deputy Quartermaster**. The Deputy Quartermaster shall function when the Quartermaster is absent.

Historian. It shall be the duty of the Historian to acquire and display at business meetings, artifacts, memorabilia, pictures, etc., depicting the history of the Detachment. This is an appointed position.

Honor Guard Commander. Contacts members of the Honor Guard for an occasion that we are invited to and ensures that all equipment is present at the occasion.

Skuttlebutt Newsletter Editor solicits articles from Officers and members and is responsible for the desktop publishing of the monthly newsletter and sometimes the distribution of same.

SR VICE MESSAGE

Hello Marines! We are fast approaching the date of our largest fundraiser ever for Marine Corps League Macomb County Detachment 154. Our annual golf scramble fundraiser is on **Saturday September 6** at Bee Tee golf course in Macomb. Tickets are \$100/ea, and we have more than 100 registered golfers attending! In fact, our main contact at the golf course had to make some major changes to accommodate our large numbers of golfers this year. This is huge! So many people have contributed to the planning of this year's fundraiser, however, we are still counting on at least 10 volunteers to help make this event truly memorable. Please see Nate or Steve if you would like to help as a volunteer. Let's pray for nice weather and a great turn out!



Sr Vice Commandant Nate Jolliff displays an official NFL jersey to be raffled off to a proud and true Detroit Lions fan.

*Semper Fi,
Sr. Vice, Nate Jolliff*

JR VICE MESSAGE

Marines,
As we wind down another year here with the detachment, elections in process, and important events coming up the next few months. Let us remember our obligation and oath to the MCL. Hence, I encourage all to take a look around and see where you can contribute to uphold the membership and standards of our detachment. Without you, we have no T.E.A.M. nor a functional group. Moreover, we need a full Officer

contingent to continue to be successful. Step up and do your part within your means. Hence, we can continue to drive on and prosper as an organization. Semper Fi!

John Myroniuk, Jr. Vice

IRON MIKE RESULTS

Five Detachment members were employed as the official race marshals of the IronMike 5k run on August 9. Hundreds of participants ran or walked by as we watched over, guided the way, and cheered them on. The event was successful and ended injury free, although several of the participants did complain about the heat and beating sun.

The Macomb Detachment was one of the top sponsors this year, which gave us plenty of advertisement. Our generous donation afforded us the largest banner size and largest logo size on the back of the participant shirts placed at the top positions. The race director and mother of the fallen Marine were thankful as always for our donation and help.



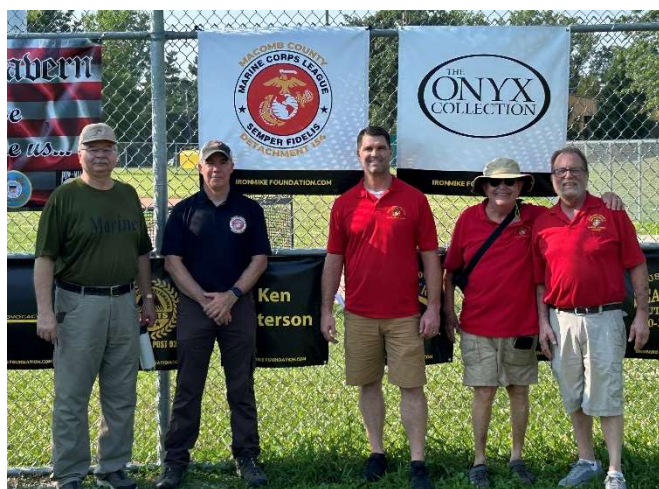
AUXILIARY NEWS

We're in the last stretch of summer and at least for the time being, those 90 degree temps are gone. In fact, some days are beginning to have a hint of autumn coolness.

Our summer picnic at the beginning of August was a real success. The weather was so nice for our picnic, not too hot, not too cold and no rain. Thank-you to all the members of the Detachment, Auxiliary and the American Legion who came early and stayed late to set-up and tear down. Roxanne and her crew from American House did a superb job on the grill with the hot dogs, burgers and the ribs. An event is only as fun as the people attending and this picnic was perfect. The camaraderie of Marines is a given, but we mix well with army and navy, too! We all had a good time and look forward to our picnic in 2026.

Looking over the next few months, there are dates to put on our calendars. We have a couple of fundraisers coming up. We're having our Marine Rose Day on Saturday, September 6, 2025. We're setting up at the Richmond Tractor Supply located at 67500 Main St., Richmond. Time is from 10 am to 2 pm. Tractor Supply is a great place to shop for tools, bird food, seasonal outdoor decorations, hunting supplies and more. Stop by, if you're not volunteering at the tables, to say "hi", do some shopping and if you can, donate to the Auxiliary

We're doing another fundraiser at Buddy's Pizza on Wednesday, October 15, 2025. The Buddy's location is 45841 Hayes Rd, Shelby Township. It's the same location as last year. It's just a little north of Hall Road. It's an easy fundraiser for all of us. Show up any time on October 15, order your food, tell your server that it's for the "Marines", and the Auxiliary will get 20% of your food order, alcohol is not included. Carry outs are eligible



*John Sternicki, Jim Dewey, Justin Kane
Greg Pawlik, Don Lyon*



as well. When you call in your order mention it's for the Marines and it counts toward our fundraiser. We'll discuss this at September's meeting, too.

A big item on our agenda this month is the Officer's Installation which takes place in October. In order for us to continue as an auxiliary, we need you to volunteer for one of the positions of President, Senior VP, Junior VP, secretary and treasurer. We definitely will bring this up at September's meeting.

It's not too early to prepare for the Marine Corps Birthday Party on Monday, November 10, 2025. This is always a good time, but we do need to plan for it. Our biggest fundraiser is the basket raffle and I need empty baskets this year. Scour your basements, attics and storage areas for empty baskets. Bring them to the next meeting, please. Also, if you have items you can donate to fill those baskets, that would be a big help. We can use just about anything including gift cards, small appliances, small tools, kitchen items, workbench supplies, patriotic decor, Marine Corps memorabilia, liquor and just about anything else you can think of. If you have any questions about what to donate, feel free to see us at the next meeting or call Irene Spooner, Auxiliary Treasurer at 586-466-5708.

That's it for now. See you on Thursday, September 4, 2025 at 7:30 pm. I'm looking forward to it!

Irene Spooner, Treasurer, Macomb County MCLA

ANNUAL VETERANS/COMMUNITY PICNIC
AUGUST 2, 2025



Nate Jolliff & John Sternicki



Lisa Jolliff, Maureen Ailor, Steve August



Alice Lyon with youngest "guest", 7 week old puppy.
Commandant Steve August & Chaplain Jim Dewey



Janice and Gene Meredith posing for the photo in front of Gary Titus' Mule



Irene Spooner, Winner Jonel, Dave Trevino



Basket Raffle Winners



American House associates Ron, Roxanne & Mark



Auxiliary members: In front: Alice Lyon, Loretta Balderson.
In back: Lisa Jolliff, Maureen Ailor, Nancy Haase,
Irene Spooner



Chow line



**MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
MACOMB COUNTY DETACHMENT 154
GOLF FUNDRAISER FOR MCL CHARITIES**
"Helping Raise Funds for Veterans"

Registration Form

NAME _____
EMAIL _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY/ST/ZIP _____
PHONE _____

Bee Tee Golf Course
22871 21 Mile Rd., Macomb, MI
September 6th, 2025
Registration at 13:00
SHOTGUN 18 HOLES 14:00 Start Time

RAFFLES, PRIZES, LUNCH AT TURN, DINNER & DRINKS WILL BE AVAILABLE

POC's: NATE JOLLIFF; 248-464-3258, natejolliff@comcast.net STEVE AUGUST; 586-823-4454; wildone48038@yahoo.com

Make all checks payable to "Marine Corps League DET 154" with notation in memo for MCL154 Golf Fundraiser

Send all correspondence to: MCL Det 154 c/o 14656 Eastport Dr. Sterling Hgts. MI 48313

NOTE: "24-hour notice on any and all refunds"

HOLE in ONE- Chance at \$10,000.00 on PAR 3 Hole

Event Sponsor	\$300.00	Sponsorship	
Hole Sponsor	\$200.00	Longest Drive	
Contribution	\$100.00	Closest to Pin	
Golfer \$100.00 x 4	\$400.00	Others	
Dinner Only	\$36.00	Dinner Only (No Golf)	

TEAM CAPTAIN - POC/ SPONSOR AND TEAM:

NAME(POC) _____ - EMAIL _____ Ph# _____

NAME _____ EMAIL _____

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