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MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AND AUXILIARY



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Marines & Auxiliary Members:

JANUARY MEETING NOTICE

The next General Membership Meeting will be January 2 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 JANUARY



Shirley Cichoski
Lorraine Kozlowski
Garry Music
Samuel Thomas
John Szajna

COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE

First, I hope all had a great holiday and safe season. We need to figure out a wheelchair or a useful item to get the most out of the money we raised from the golf outing. We are going to have the golf outing on Sept 6th in the year 2025 same golf course. So, I would like us to start getting donations earlier as well as golfers if possible. Please continue to suggest new members for the new members' campaign. And think of new events whether it is to raise money or just to get together for this coming year.

I will be attending the Mid-winter Convention for the Department. Let me know if you would like me to bring anything up for the Department level.

Steve August, Commandant

SR VICE REPORT

As 2024 winds down and we look forward to the new year 2025, I am energized and thankful on a

personal level for the family and friends who are by my side in this incredible journey we call life.

On a personal level, my wife Lisa and I married off another child, Zachary, who was married on November 30, 2024 to a lovely young lady, Lauren. Both Zachary and Lauren have been supporters of Veterans (especially Veterans who are afflicted with Parkinson's) this past year who raised donations in support of "Team Jolliff" and Michigan Parkinson Foundation. Our family is blessed, and eager to support our Macomb County Detachment with organized fundraisers like our MCL Annual Golf Outing.



Zachary & Lauren Jolliff married November 30, 2024



Zachary celebrating PD fundraising success at Jimmy John's Field

This year I am committed to making our fundraisers in 2025 as successful and profitable as possible.

But for now, let's celebrate the holidays with family and friends as we turn our attention to 2025 and what the year has in store for our beloved Marine Corps League.

Semper Fi,
Nate Jolliff, Sr Vice

JR VICE REPORT

Trust all is well with you and yours as we enter the New Year. Remember, our Membership drive starts this month and runs until August. Its open to all new members of the Detachment. Any questions feel free to reach out.

Also, a big Thank You to all who supported our Toys for Tots Drive and other functions. Looking forward to a great year.

John Myroniuk, Jr Vice

TOYS 4 TOTS

The 2024 Toys 4 Tots Season was a GREAT SUCCESS!

We have a great group of businesses that truly engage with us to make sure our community's children get a gift this Christmas! These companies truly take an interest and enjoy collecting these gifts each year for our community.

The event at English Gardens was hosted by John Myroniuk!

WHAT A SUCCESS!

\$3000 in cash donations were taken in. Including donations from the other English Gardens locations, the amount escalated to \$8000!

A special thanks to John Myroniuk for assisting me this year. Immense help!

In total we collected over 1100+ toys in the name of Marine Corps League Chapter 154!

Be PROUD...

Thank you for your support!

Clement Buck, Toys for Tots Liaison



Loading up a bunch of toys

AUXILIARY NEWS

We all had a wonderful time at December's Christmas party/meeting. I understand from Santa's elf, Buck, that we collected a record number of toys this year for Toys for Tots. Thank you to everyone who donated to such a worthy cause.

Every party needs to serve delicious food and we are so fortunate to have American House supply our buffet. Roxanne and crew did another great job in doing so. The Auxiliary gave them a special thank you award with pictures of past events. It was a fun night and an event to look forward to each year. Oh, I can't forget to thank everyone who pitched in at the end for clean-up. That's so important, especially when we're all ready to go home. Thanks for the help!





Roxanne with her thank you award

We had a super special presentation at the Christmas party this year. Our own, very dear Nancy Haase was recognized for 50 years of membership in the Auxiliary. Nancy has been so loyal and active over the years at the Unit and Department level. She is an inspiration for all of us. You go, girl!!!



Steve August and Jim Dewey survey the generous buffet table



Auxiliary officers Alice Lyon, Maureen Ailor, Nancy Haase, Irene Spooner



Digging in at the Chow Line



The crowd enjoying the fare provided by American House

An important reminder: There are no Auxiliary meetings in January or February.

For the last few years, one of the year-end donations we make is to Wreaths Across America. Our year end donation for 10 wreaths goes toward the event at Resurrection Cemetery which was on Saturday, December 14. It's a beautiful tribute to our fallen heroes. Each service is recognized during the ceremony. This is a busy time of year for us, but if you can spare the time in 2025, it's a beautiful ceremony to attend.



Auxiliary President Alice Lyon with retired SSGT Rowdey Stillwell

The Mid-Winter conference is coming up next month, January 17 & 18 in Bay City. See the Department website for all the details. That's it for now. A Merry Christmas to all and have a safe and healthy New Year.

*Semper Fidelis,
Irene Spooner
Treasurer, Macomb County MCLA*

HISTORIAN'S CORNER

JANUARY IN MARINE CORPS HISTORY

10 January 1995: The Pentagon announced that 2,600 U.S. Marines would be deployed to Somalia for Operation United Shield to assist in the final withdrawal of UN peacekeeping troops from Somalia. The decision came in response to a UN request for American protection of its peacekeeping forces serving in the war-torn African nation.

16 January 1991: Operation Desert Shield became Operation Desert Storm as forces of the allied coalition launched an all-out air campaign against targets in Iraq and occupied Kuwait in an effort to liberate Kuwait and enforce the resolutions of the United Nations Security Council. Overall, in the theater of operations, the coalition forces included more than 415,000 U.S. troops.

29 January 1991: The first serious ground fighting of Operation Desert Storm broke out when Iraqi troops mounted an attack into Saudi Arabia along a 40-mile front. Iraqi units centered their efforts on Khafji, a port city six miles south of the border. Saudi and Qatari troops, supported by artillery from the 1st Marine Division and attack helicopters and other allied coalition aircraft, recaptured the town two days later.

18 January 1951: Marines of the 1st Marine Division began mopping-up operations against guerrillas in the Pohang area, South Korea, following the Division's return from its epic battle with Communist Chinese troops at the Chosin (Changjin) Reservoir.

22 January 1969: Operation Dewey Canyon, perhaps the most successful high-mobility regimental-size action of the Vietnam War, began in the A Shau/Da Krong Valleys when the 9th Marines, commanded by Colonel Robert H. Barrow, and supporting artillery were lifted from Quang Tri. By 18 March the enemy's base area had been cleared out, 1617 enemy dead had been counted, and more than 500 tons of weapons and ammunition unearthed.

Greg Pawlik, Detachment Historian





Bill Barron, Lisa Fountain, Don Lyon, George Farrell at Anita's Attic at Toys for Tots fundraiser December 5th



Past Detachment Commandant Christine Tonegatto-Salo swears in Mark Donna, new Commandant of the Cpl Stanley L Moore detachment at the VFW building in Berkley on December 14.

TICKETS
 1- FOR \$10 -
 3- FOR \$20 -
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 SEE JOHN



Quilt raffle winner Sandy Haase, spouse of Detachment member Bill Haase



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