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NEWSLETTER FOR THE
MACOMB COUNTY DETACHMENT
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AND AUXILIARY



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Marines & Auxiliary Members:

JUNE MEETING NOTICE

The next General Membership Meeting will be June 5th 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.

If attending via Zoom you'll need this:

Meeting ID: 713 0496 3710

Passcode: 034987

DETACHMENT AND AUXILIARY BIRTHDAYS FOR JUNE



David Auwen
John Bishop
John Blanz
David Deblauwe
Jim Dewey
George Farrell
Dennis Hall

Randy Hayes
Justin Kane
Gerald Mize
Frank Petricevich
Ronald Roman
John Spehar
Frank Tilton

COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE

Hello fellow Marine Corps League Members. I hope this finds all you healthy and well. I wanted to take the time to give some words of encouragement for giving back and giving of your time.

As most of you have seen in the past couple of months, we have donated money from fundraisers, e.g. the Golf Outing in past years and this year's Chili Cook off. We want to continue to have fundraisers to help contribute to fellow veterans' brothers and sisters who have previously served and to loved ones of our associate members.

We are all here to give back by giving our time and effort to support as many causes as we can. Everyone's support, big or small goes a long way.

Esprit de Corp refers to the **shared spirit of camaraderie, enthusiasm, and loyalty among members of a group or organization**. It embodies feelings of pride and loyalty that bind individuals together. To celebrate and encourage this spirit of service please continue to join us in our events. The act of volunteering can spark change, inspire action, and bring people together for the common good.

Steve August
Commandant

NEW MEMBERS REPORTING IN



At the May meeting, John Cary was sworn in as an Associate member of our Detachment.



New member John Cary sworn in as Associate member on May 1

SR VICE REPORT



Kristin Rossi - CEO, Michigan Parkinson Foundation accepts a donation of \$5,500 from the Detachment, presented by Sr Vice Nate Jolliff on the left, and Commandant Steve August on the right.

The donation entails \$1,000 for Mile Marker sponsorship at 2025 Metro Detroit Parkinson's Hero Walk; \$2,000 for respite care; and \$2,500 for (5) new U-link Neuro Walkers for Veterans in need.



Summary of Kristin Rossi's presentation to the Detachment on May 1st... Parkinson's disease (PD) belongs to a group of conditions called motor system disorders. It is a neurodegenerative disease which is the most common cause of parkinsonism, or the akinetic-rigid syndrome. Parkinson's disease is recognized by the presence of at least three of four cardinal signs:

- Resting tremor
- Cogwheel Rigidity (muscle stiffness)
- Bradykinesia (slowness of movement)
- Akinesia (absence of movement)
- Postural instability

Parkinson's disease affects approximately 1.5 million people in the United States and 35,000 here in Michigan.

Although it most commonly affects people over age 60, Parkinson's disease can occur as early as age 20. Whatever your age and stage, we are here for you. Learn more at www.parkinsonsmi.org

Four "pillars" of MPF:

Community - You are not in this alone. With over 70 groups across Michigan, we can connect you with a Parkinson's support group in your area. Explore our community events and volunteering efforts.

Exercise - Exercise is linked to reduced risk of Parkinson's, slower progression, and can help manage symptoms. Join us for free virtual exercise classes six days a week, or take part in our walkathon events.

Education - We are dedicated to spreading awareness and providing educational resources for people with Parkinson's and their families. Request an information packet for guidance on managing Parkinson's Disease.

Respite - We provide respite care assistance, medication assistance, care consultations, mindfulness programs, and other resources for caregivers. Our Helpline is available weekdays from 9-5 when you need support.

Semper Fi,
Nate Jolliff, Sr Vice

JR VICE REPORT

The Recruiting Drive is still on 'til August 2025. So far, it's been very dismal to see the lack of results here. Again, I encourage our members to seek out new members for our detachment.

Many events are planned for the next few months. So, invite those you know or run across to come out and see what we are doing to support our Marine Corps League, Community, and Detachment. Looking forward to a very successful membership drive with your help these next few months. Let's make it happen; Marines!!! Semper Fi!

John Myroniuk, Jr Vice

On our way back from the Tulip Time Festival on Mother's Day, our family made a pit stop at one of the common rest areas found along most any Michigan interstate roads. Being a middle-aged dad now, I did what most other guys in my demographic would do which is to read any plaques or signs in the building that had interesting information while waiting for the others to finish their business.

In one of the display cases I found a Marine Corps League certificate of appreciation and much to my

surprise it was signed by two of our own detachment members, Norm Pfaff and Scott Neff.

If ever you're traveling along I-96 near Lansing and need to take a break, stop at the Grand Ledge Rest Area and see this for yourself. It's neat that the marks of our members are still on display ten years after this certificate was awarded.



Justin Kane, Quartermaster

AUXILIARY NEWS

The weather is getting warmer, believe it or not, as we start planning summer activities. The Department Convention is June 6-8, 2025 in Flint Michigan. Our Unit president, Alice Lyon will be there giving her report on our activities over the past several months. Even though our Unit is small, we really accomplish a lot. It's there's lot to be proud of ladies. Pat yourselves on the back.

The Baby Shower for Women Veterans is Friday, June 6, 2025 at the Detroit VA this year. Once again, Sr. V.P. Balderson's quilting group has been extremely generous. We've already purchased a stroller, car seat and convertible highchair for the shower. The Vietnam Veterans of America, #9 Detroit, has given our Auxiliary \$500 for the event as well. All of this will make a huge difference to our women veterans. I'm sure we'll have pictures for our next month's Skuttlebutt issue.

Another reminder: the Miracle Quilts, Quilts for our Wounded Troops Show is Saturday, June 14, 2025. It's from 10 am to 3 pm. It's at Independence Village, 701 Market St., Oxford, MI 48371. It would be a wonderful way to spend a Saturday afternoon and see the marvelous things this group does. This event includes a craft sale, sewer's garage sale, quilts to purchase, scissor sharpening, and a quilt raffle. There will be a food truck this year, too. Let's make a day of it!

Just a side note: I had to double check the word I'm using in the previous paragraph for someone who sews. As I was doing my proofreading, I was thinking I used "sewer" incorrectly. I had to look it up. Here's what I found: A person who sews can be called a sewer, seamstress or sewist. Sewist is a newer term because sewer, the more general term, is often confused for a drainage system. A little silly thing I had to add.

I need donations for the basket raffle at the Summer Picnic on Saturday, August 2, 2025. This is a nice fundraiser for us, so let's see what we can round up. If you frequent restaurants and businesses in your area, maybe they can make a donation of a gift card or other item. We like to have several baskets in our raffle to make things fun and make a few bucks at the same time.

For those of you that took a Rada Cutlery Catalog that was available at previous meetings, those prices are good through July 31, 2025. When you go to their website, search for the group name: Department of Michigan MCLA. Use code "SHIPDEAL" at checkout for \$5 off shipping on orders over \$35. This is a fundraiser for our Department. We can help them and get a quality product. I'll have a few more catalogs at our next meeting.

Sick and distress: keep Jr. Vice Maureen Ailor in your prayers as she recovers from her second surgery. We miss you at our meetings, Maureen. Keep Norm and Joan Pfaff in your prayers as well. We miss our Chaplain Nancy Haase and hope all is well with you, Nancy.

That's it for this month. See you at our next meeting on Thursday, June 5, 2025 at 7:30 pm. As we say in our motto at the end of every meeting, "Semper Fidelis. Always faithful, and abiding by its simplicity may we be better fitted to carry the tasks of daily life."

Irene Spooner

Treasurer, Macomb County MCLA

HISTORIAN'S CORNER

] STOLEN VALOR – Have you ever seen it?

I'm sure all of you have heard of the term "stolen valor", an individual claiming to be former military, something that he is obviously not.

I came across a person this spring, and after digesting what he told me of his military service, I definitely had my doubts about him. He was in his late 70's, having dinner with his wife and grandchildren, and he had a Marine Corps cap on. He had both a bronze star and purple heart miniature medal pins on his cap,

that really caught my attention. So, as I was leaving, I stopped to talk to him.

He told me he was in the Corps six years, did three tours as a “medic”. Wounded twice. He was also a “sniper”, a good shot with several kills at long distances. Besides Vietnam, he also was in Laos, Cambodia, Thailand, pretty much all over Asia. WOW!

I asked him what outfit he served with over there, he replied “Sixth Marines”. I already knew that the Sixth Marines never served in Vietnam. I thought better than calling him out on his statements, given that he was sitting with his wife and young boys.

I wonder if grandpa regales his grandchildren with stories of his time in the Corps(?)

Greg Pawlik, Detachment Historian



MCL Member John Cary, Clinton Grove



Clinton Grove Cemetery, May 25



Mt Clemens, Veterans Memorial Wall

“If words cannot repay the debt we owe these men, surely with our actions we must strive to keep faith with them and with the vision that led them to battle and to final sacrifice.” —Ronald Reagan



Detachment Rifle Team at Utica Memorial



Detachment's brick at the Mt Clemens Memorial Wall



Detachment Color Guard at Utica Memorial



Luncheon at the AmVets Post 29 following services

"How important it is for us to recognize and celebrate our heroes and she-roes!" — Maya Angelou



Jr. Vice John Myroniuk and Utica Mayor Gus Calandrino



Rosie the Riveter made an appearance in Utica



VETERANS WITH PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP

MEETING DETAILS

When: 3rd Thursday of the Month
at 2:00 p.m.

Location: Macomb County Det. 154.
American Legion Post 351
46146 Cass Ave., Utica, MI 48317
see reverse side for location details

Contact: Nate Jolliff, 248.464.3258,
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Scan the QR Code to join
our Facebook Group

Monthly meetings feature guest
speakers and provide a safe space
to seek support and build
connections within your community.
Remember, you are not alone!



The Michigan Parkinson
Foundation is proudly
dedicated to supporting our
Veterans and individuals
living with Parkinson's.

2025 Meeting Dates

January 16
February 20
March 20
April 17
May 15
June 19
No July meeting
August 21
September 18
October 16
November 20
December 18



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; wildone49038@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)	

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