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MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AND AUXILIARY



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APRIL MEETING NOTICE

The next General Membership Meeting will be April 3rd 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 APRIL



Charles Bailey
Amber Blumenthal
Paul Glesen
James Kusiak
Alice Lyon
Jose Ramirez

Hazel Ruehle
Gerald Sargent
Irene Spooner
Nick Simon
April Tilton
John Sneed

COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE

Hello all, I hope all is well. It was a great Chili kickoff event with just a couple hours' worth of work. The event was awesomely run by Nate and his wife. I would like to do shorter events like this to continually bring in funds.

We will be presenting some checks to various organizations from the money we have made from our golf outings over the last couple of years. We hope to have media coverage for these presentations. There will be pictures and names of the organizations in coming newsletters. Please join us at the next couple of meetings to see how our hard work is benefiting Veterans.

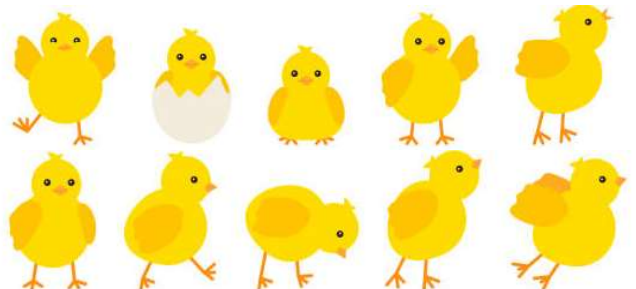
Steve August
Commandant

SR VICE REPORT

Hey Marines! We had some great attendance and participation for our 1st Annual Chili Cookoff fundraiser event of the year on St Patrick's Day, Monday, March 17. There were 92 people collectively who came to our chili cookoff, many of which came without a chili to enter but merely wanted to eat and join in on the fun. There were family, friends, and even support group networks within Michigan Parkinson Foundation who turned out to support our fundraiser.

Marine Corps League was well represented, and at the end of the night our total net dollars raised for Veterans including 50/50 raffle was...drumroll please...\$1,013. Great job team! Also, many thanks to our Auxiliary members who graciously volunteered to help setup and clean up afterwards, including my wife Lisa, and our close family. We couldn't have done it without you, and I am looking forward to next years' 2nd annual chili cookoff! I would love chili fundraiser feedback from those who attended as to how we make this event better, so please email natejolliff@comcast.net if you think of anything we can improve for 2026.

Also, please mark your calendars for our annual Scramble Golf Fundraiser on Saturday, September 6 at 2PM at Bee Tee Golf Course in Macomb. Our MCL Calendar online is up to date and ready for people to register [HERE](#). Last year, we had 47 golfers attend. We handed out several golf fundraiser flyers at our chili cookoff in March. This year, we are aiming for at least 70+ golf participants and with your help I know this annual golf fundraiser will be successful!





Rochester PD Support Group showed up in full Irish regalia to join in the fun.



Rock Steady Boxing family and close supporters of Veterans



Our Commandant Steve August, and family



Nate's family and friends.



Judy Skrzycki was our first place winner of the Chili Cook-off

Semper Fi,
Nate Jolliff, Sr Vice

JR VICE REPORT

On behalf of Detachment 154. I had the pleasure to visit and speak with Mr. Charles Ring, WWII, USMC Veteran at his facility, Serene Gardens of Sterling Heights located on Mound Road.

He was presented an Award of Meritorious Commendation from the Detachment. He recently celebrated his 100th Birthday on February 14th. 2025. Also, just as a reminder now that warm weather is coming, as you are out and about your day, seek new members for our Group.

Semper Fi.
John Myroniuk, Jr Vice

AUXILIARY NEWS

We received several thank you notes for our year end donations. Michigan Veteran Homes, Chesterfield and Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 154 both sent nice letters of appreciation. But the nicest one was from Carole Carole, the founder and driving force behind Miracle Quilts. Now in its 17th year of operation, her group of volunteers have made over 10,000 quilts and have delivered them to veterans and

those in our VA hospital system, from the east coast to the west coast and all the way to our hospital in Landstuhl, Germany.

Carole is a truly amazing person and has the greatest amount of compassion for our sick and wounded heroes. Though her quilting group is a real "miracle", this charity is named after a family friend, PFC Joseph A. Miracle who was killed in Afghanistan on July 5, 2007. What a beautiful way to keep his memory alive.

Every year Carole organizes the Miracle Quilts Show, Quilts for our Wounded Troops. This year it's on Saturday, June 14, 2025, at Independence Village, 701 Market Street, Oxford, MI 48371. The show runs from 10 am to 3 pm. There will be a craft sale, sewer's garage sale, quilts to purchase, scissor sharpening, a quilt raffle and a food truck. Senior Vice Loretta Balderson and I went several years ago, and it was great. Carole sent a stack of cards advertising the show and I'll bring them to our next meeting.



We need to thank Nate Jolliff, Detachment Sr. Vice and his wife, Lisa for the organizing the 1st Annual St. Patrick's Day Chili Cook-Off. As you can tell by its name, it was on St. Patty's Day. And what fun it was. Lisa did it right with all the green decorations and green tablecloths. There were lots and lots of chili dishes to try and vote on. No green chili though, thank goodness. People came dressed in their finest and funniest St. Patty's Day attire. The voting went well, and prizes were handed out. It was a nice alternative to celebrating the day in one of the area bars. What was really nice was that many attendees helped with the clean-up. Many thanks to Nate & Lisa and maybe they'll do it again next year.

Sick Call: Let's keep Jr. VP Maureen Ailor, Chaplain Nancy Haase and Past President Joan Pfaff in our thoughts and prayers as they are all in recovery mode. We'll add Past Detachment President Norm Pfaff to the list as well. We send our wishes for improved health to all in the days to come.

That's all for now. Looking forward to our next meeting on Thursday, April 3rd, 2025 at 7:30 pm.

Irene Spooner

Treasurer, Macomb County MCLA

APRIL DATES IN MARINE CORPS HISTORY

3 April, 1945

On Okinawa, Marines of the III Amphibious Corps continued to make good progress all along their front, clearing Zampa Misaki and seizing the Katchin Peninsula, thus effectively cutting the island in two. By this date (D+2), III AC elements had reached objectives thought originally to require 11 days to take.

5 April, 1947

Five Marine guards were killed and eight wounded when attacked by Communist Chinese raiders near the Hsin Ho ammunition depot in Northern China. This last major clash between Marines of the 1st Marine Division and Communist forces occurred shortly after withdrawal and redeployment plans from China were issued for the 1st Division and 1st Marine Aircraft Wing on 1 April.

6 April, 1991

Iraq today accepted the U.N. Security Council's tough resolution formally ending the Persian Gulf War in exchange for President Saddam Hussein's agreement to give up all weapons of mass destruction and pay damages for its seven-month occupation of Kuwait. This step will pave the way for the return home of 373,000 American troops from the gulf region, some of whom said today that they were pleased by Iraq's acceptance of the resolution because it will speed their departure.

10 April, 1959

Lieutenant Colonel John H. Glenn, Jr. was named as one of the original seven Project Mercury astronauts selected for space training. The seven astronauts, all volunteers, were selected by NASA from an initial group of 110 leading military test pilots. Three years later, on 20 February 1962, Col Glenn would become the first American to orbit the Earth.

12 April, 1918

Marines of the 4th Brigade suffered their first gas attack on the night and early morning hours of 12-13 April when the Germans bombarded the 74th Company, 6th Marines near Verdun with mustard gas. Nine Marine officers and 305 enlisted Marines were gassed and evacuated, and 30 Marines died from the effects of the gas shells which hit in the middle of the reserve area cantonments in which they were sleeping.

15 April, 1962

Marine Corps operational involvement in the Vietnam War began on Palm Sunday when HMM-362 with its Sikorsky UH-34s arrived at Soc Trang in the Delta south of Saigon. The task unit was called "Shufly" and its first

operational employment involved lifting Vietnamese troops into battle.

18 April, 1983

One Marine Security Guard was killed and seven were wounded when a large car bomb exploded just outside the U.S. Embassy in Beirut, Lebanon. Lance Corporal Robert McMaugh was standing guard at Post 1, just inside the front entrance when the bomb exploded outside the door. The explosion killed 61 people including 17 Americans. LCpl McMaugh was buried at Arlington National Cemetery on 26 April.

21 April, 1951

Marine carrier-based airplanes made their first aerial contact with enemy planes over the Korean front lines. Captain Philip C. DeLong shot down two YAK fighters and 1st Lieutenant Harold D. Daigh destroyed one more and damaged another in the heavily defended Pyongyang-Chinnampo area. Both pilots were with VMF-312 flying from the USS Bataan.

27 April, 1805

First Lieutenant Presley N. O'Bannon, who with seven other Marines was part of a force of Greeks and Arabs led by American Consul William Eaton, raised the United States flag for the first time over a conquered fortress of the Old World at Derne, a stronghold of the Tripolitan pirates. Two Marines were killed and one wounded in the assault on the walled city.

28 April, 1993

The last A-6E Intruder departed from Marine Corps service. Marine All Weather Attack Squadron 332 transferred the last Marine A-6E to St. Augustine, Florida, and prepared for the squadron's transition to the F/A-18D and eventual movement from Cherry Point to Beaufort, South Carolina.

30 April, 1975

The fall of Saigon marked the end of the Vietnam War and the collapse of the South Vietnamese state. The North Vietnamese Army captured Saigon, the capital of South Vietnam, and the city was renamed Ho Chi Minh City within 24 hours.

Source: MCRA Marine Corps Reserve Association



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