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NEWSLETTER FOR THE MACOMB COUNTY DETACHMENT MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AND AUXILIARY



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MARINES & AUXILIARY MEMBERS:

JULY MEETING NOTICE

Due to the Independence Day holiday, the next General Membership Meeting will be **July 10th** at 7:30. **The meeting will take place on the lower level of the American Legion Post.**

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 JULY



Fred Gillick
Nancy Haase
Roger Hamilton
Alan Hartung
Joseph Kowalski
Don Lyon

Joseph Nerone
Edmond Page
Vince Pellerito
David Peltier
Thomas Smith
John Tinsley

COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE

I hope you are all doing well. I attended the Department (State of Michigan) Summer Convention last month. We elected new officers, and I'm now Junior Vice Commandant for the Department. We have a new Commandant, Tracey Tippet from Northern Michigan, Senior Vice Commandant Scott Hellman from

Muskegon, me-Junior Vice, and Mark Sutton is now Judge Advocate.

We have the annual Picnic we share with the American Legion on August 7th from 11-4 pm, suggested \$5.00 donation. And we will be having a car show as we did last year. Please join us.

Also make an effort to secure golfers as we have two chances at a hole in one this year. One prize is \$10,000.00 and the second is a bike. We look forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

The updated bylaws have gone out via email. This is the last round before we vote on them. Please take time to read when you get a chance.

Steve August, Commandant

Veterans/Community Picnic

Aug 7th, 2021 11-4PM




Public Welcome

American Legion Post 351
46146 Cass Ave
Utica MI 48317
586 731-9833




COME JOIN US & SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY !!!

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Salads, Chips & Pop.

Featuring; Defense Vehicles, Fire Truck,
Horseshoes, Activities, and
Bounce House for the Kids
50/50 Raffles, Gift Baskets
Suggested \$5 donation

AUXILIARY NEWS

Reminder: Our July meeting date has changed to Thursday, July 10, 2025. Same time: 7:30 pm. Mark your calendars accordingly.

What a surprise to see our Jr. VP Maureen Ailor at our last meeting. She's well on her way to recovery from her knee surgery, but we didn't think she would be back as soon as last month. But Maureen is a determined person as we all know and she came to our June meeting. Maureen couldn't stay for the whole meeting, but it sure was nice seeing back. Keep up the good work, Maureen, but don't overdo it.

Another date to put on your calendars is the summer picnic on Saturday, August 2, 2025. American House has again generously volunteered to cater the event, so we don't need to bring anything. American House brings the best hot dogs and burgers. Our Auxiliary will have their basket raffle. If you have anything to donate for our baskets, please bring those items to the July meeting. We'll talk about that in a little more detail at our meeting. It would be helpful if we could find out the way the chairs and tables will be staged and what kind of tents will be set up. Things to bring up at the July meeting with the Detachment. Maybe we'll be able to have a 50/50. Let's plan for that anyway. I don't have the starting time yet, but we'll get that info by the July meeting. Plan on attending, bring family or friends to enjoy a lazy summer afternoon with great food and great company.

President Alice Lyon and I delivered our donations to the VA for their baby shower on June 6th. I'm trying to find out how many veterans moms we were able to help this year. As always, Ann Majer, Volunteer Services Specialist was ever so grateful.



The Miracle Quilts Quilt Show at Independence Village in Oxford was a beautiful event. We have a lovely conversation with Carole Carroll, founder of the group. She is an amazing, positive and dynamic individual. From the time she founded Miracle Quilts, Carole has delivered over 10,000 hand made quilts to wounded service men and women in our military hospitals. The quilts that are made are works of art, most with the most unique patriotic themes. Besides the quilts on display, there were quilts for purchase, a crafter's garage sale and a raffle for a large handmade quilt. This quilt was big enough for a queen size bed, if not a king size bed. Sadly, I did not win the raffle. It was a lot of fun. Sr. VP Loretta Balderson was there with her friend Freida and I attended with my friend Linda. It was a good way to support Miracle Quilts and have an enjoyable afternoon as well.



For anyone ordering from the Rada Cutlery catalog, the deadline for the sale prices in the catalog is July 31, 2025. When ordering search for the group name "Department of Michigan MCLA". It's their fundraiser and we want them to get the credit for any orders.

It's a beautiful summer afternoon outside and it's calling me to come and enjoy the sunshine and warm breezes. So that's it for this month. If I overlooked something this time, I'll do better next month. Keep the sunscreen handy and the bug spray for the mosquitoes. Have a safe 4th of July. Happy 250th Birthday America, the best place in the world!!! Stay safe with all the summer activities, but most of all enjoy summer.

See you at our July meeting on Thursday, July 10, 2025 at 7:30 pm. Semper Fidelis,

Irene Spooner
Treasurer, Macomb County MCLA

HISTORIAN'S CORNER

PEACETIME MARINE CORPS ACTIONS

Many more of us have served in the Corps in peacetime than during times of conflict. The Marines have been called on many times to be involved in humanitarian operations and evacuations around the world. When the world needs the help of the USA, our country's reply is "Send in the Marines".

Here are a just a few examples

June 1970, Peru

32d Marine Amphibious Unit (MAU) (Company A, Battalion Landing Team 1/2 and Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 365) provided assistance to the victims of an earthquake in Peru by transporting medical teams to remote areas, transporting victims to medical facilities and delivering more than 55 tons of relief supplies.

October 1980, Algeria

Marine helicopters provided assistance to victims of an earthquake in Al Asnam, Algeria.

July 1990, Philippines

MAGTF-4-90 and 13th MEU assisted in search and rescue missions and emergency relief operations to victims of an earthquake. Marines conducted 313 sorties, lifted 627,000 pounds of cargo and flew more than 1,800 persons in Baguio City, Cabanatuan.

30 May – 2 June 1997, Freetown, Sierra Leone: 22nd MEU evacuated 451 American citizens and 2,058 foreign nationals.

2004 Port-Au-Prince, Haiti:

Fifty Marines from a special detachment of the 4th Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) landed in the Haitian capital of Port-Au-Prince to secure the US Embassy and help evacuate American citizens. *Source; History division, USMC*

Greg Pawlik, Detachment Historian

"WELCOME HOME" EXHIBIT AT DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM

The contributions of Vietnam Veterans from Detroit to their country and city are on display in a new exhibit at the museum through October 19.

See Detroit Free Press, June 27, 2025, Scott Talley reporting.

The exhibit tells the story of the forming of and contributions of the Vietnam Veterans of America, Detroit Chapter Number 9.. Our own Mark and Irene Spooner spent countless hours organizing the exhibit as well as hosting the opening reception which took place on June 26.





Chapter 9 raised \$30K for a trained service dog for a veteran. The Chapter was entitled to name the dog, and they did, meet Motown.

I don't know if anybody can benefit from anything from a war thing. The only thing is to say let's not have another war. David Trevino



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

Registration Form

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EMAIL _____
ADDRESS _____
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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

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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	Closet to Pin	
Golfer \$100.00 x 4	\$400.00	Others	
Dinner Only	\$36.00	Dinner Only (No Golf)	

TEAM CAPTAIN - POC/ SPONSOR AND TEAM:

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