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NEWSLETTER FOR THE
MACOMB COUNTY DETACHMENT
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AND AUXILIARY



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NOVEMBER MEETING NOTICE

The next in-person General Membership Meeting will be held on Thursday **November 3rd at 7:30** (our usual time.) Join us at the American Legion, Post 351, 46146 Cass Avenue located in Utica, always on the first Thursday of the month. The telephone number to the Post is (586) 731-9833.

DETACHMENT AND AUXILIARY BIRTHDAYS FOR NOVEMBER



- Steve August
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NEW MEMBER REPORTING IN



At the August General Membership Meeting, Marine **George Farrell** was accepted as a member in our Detachment:



Welcome aboard Marine!

COMMANDANT’S MESSAGE

I first of all want to thank the outgoing Commandant Mike Hall for his great year of leading the League. I want to say thank you to the League for empowering me to be your leader for this up and coming year. I look forward to slowly making some changes with the help of each one of you to make us more productive and successful in doing things together as a group. I will kindly want input from everyone in order for it to be successful. Please come to me with your ideas as we are in this together. I still need volunteers for Junior Vice to get new members. I also need a new Quarter Master to help John with our inventory. Please let me know if you would be interested.

Golf Outing -We made \$2800.00 toward our goal of raising enough money to get a tracked wheel chair. The cost is \$15,000.00 and it's our goal and we'll continue to strive for this goal until reached. I want to give a special thanks to Don Lyon, Angelo Lema, Jim Dewey, Justin Kane, John Myroniuk and Norm Pfaff, for helping with the golf outing and volunteering your time to make it a success. Let's continue to all help out in the events we have in this upcoming year.

The Marine Corp Birthday Celebration Nov 10th. The doors will open at 4pm, Dinner at 5pm and Cake cutting and Ceremony at 7pm. There will be a \$10.00 donation at the door.

Camaraderie Family Events will continue this year and next year as well. We will have one more this year on Dec 10th at 4pm at Total Axe Throwing located at 44159 N Groesbeck Hwy, Clinton Township, MI 48036. I will have a sig- up sheet at December's meeting so we know how many people will be coming to this event.

We have \$5.00 Department Raffle tickets for sale. \$3.00 go back to the Detachment for every one we sell.

All new members from last year please let me know if you did not get a welcome kit. Please provide me an email and I will be happy to forward one to you.

Semper Fi
Steve August, Commandant



Mike Hall, Mark Spooner, Norm Pfaff



Installation of Officers and Appointees. 2022-2023



John, Elaine, Justin, Clement, Steve, Don, Jim, Christine, Frank

The new officers were installed at October's Installation ceremony. Thank you to the following members who made the commitment to lead and guide our Auxiliary through the coming year:

President: Maureen Ailor
 Sr. VP: Alice Lyon
 Jr. VP: Loretta Balderson
 Secretary: Sharon Renaud
 Treasurer: Irene Spooner
 Chaplain: Joan Pfaff
 Judge Advocate: Christine Tonegatto-Salo

The Detachment had their installation that evening as well. The Auxiliary Officers and Membership wish those new officers a successful year and look forward to working together for the good of all.

Our Auxiliary congratulates three new Life Members: Alice Lyon, Sharon Renaud and Janice Meredith. We thank them for their commitment to our Auxiliary and our mission.

Just one more meeting until the Marine Corps Birthday Party on Thursday, November 10, 2022. We all look forward to our annual celebration, but it takes a lot of planning and hard work. Just what does it take to put together a successful Birthday Party?

1. Volunteers for set-up before the party begins and clean-up afterwards. This is such an important job and we especially need help at the end of the party.

2. The sign-up table is needed at the door to collect the admission fee. For the first time in literally decades, admission has been raised to \$10 per person. Costs have steadily increased up over the years, but recently prices have really jumped.

3. Food. Of course! The Detachment generously provides the main dish, but all of us, Detachment and Auxiliary members are asked to bring a side dish or dessert. It's been confirmed that the requisite SOS will be served as well.

4. Music. No USMC Birthday Party is complete without music and singing the Marines' Hymn. If you're a bit rusty on the words, there's still time to brush up so we can be heard singing the hymn of our beloved Marine Corps all the way to Hall Road. To help you get in shape, a copy of the first and last verse of our Hymn is included. Bring it to the Birthday party so we can all sound perfect.

5. Tradition is a must: the annual message from the Commandant is read and the cake cutting ceremony that represents the passing of tradition from one generation of Marines to the next. We had a great looking birthday cake last year and look forward to an equally stunning creation this year. The Commandant's message and cake cutting ceremony begins at 1900 hours (7:00 pm).

6. Plans are in the works for the Annual Charity Basket Raffle supporting the many Marine, Veteran and Community charities we've supported over the years.

AUXILIARY NEWS

Donations are still needed such as liquor and alcoholic beverages, veteran and Marine themed items, non-perishable gourmet food items, new or like new items for the kitchen, workbench or holiday décor and gift cards. The Raffle begins after the cake cutting ceremony. Donations can be brought to the November meeting. Any questions, call Irene Spooner at 586-466-5708.

7. There's always requests for one or two 50/50 raffles. We'll be sure to plan on this as well.

Starting time this year is at 1600 hours (4:00 pm) and we usually end around 2030 hours (8:30 pm) when the raffle is over. This is an annual event we all look forward to, so let's pass the word to friends and family for another great party where we all celebrate our Marine traditions and history.

The day after the Marine Corps Birthday is Veterans Day on November Friday, November 11, 2022. We will have our annual wreath laying ceremony at Clinton Grove Cemetery. This is the day we honor our veterans. Starting time is 11:00am., with our Detachment and Auxiliary grouping together at 10:30 am.

Wear your Auxiliary cover, black pants and black shoes. Our Auxiliary had another Rose Day on October 1, 2022 and it was a success. This one was held at the Tractor Supply in Imlay City. It's always satisfying to see the support people are ready and willing to give when it comes to our Marines, active and veteran. We're looking forward to doing this again in the spring.

We discussed going to the Detroit VA to help with their weekly bingo. We did this for a number of years and it was a really good way to provide entertainment for our hospitalized veterans. However, I spoke with Volunteer Services and was informed that all these types of activities have been suspended again due to the number of COVID cases reported at the hospital. Unfortunately, when the COVID restrictions were recently relaxed, COVID cases went up in the patient population. The bingo night as well as the woman veteran baby shower have been put on hold until spring. I was sent some lists of needed items for both men and women in-patients and out-patients. It was suggested if we want to do something at this time, we can drop off donations to be given out by hospital staff. It's something to discuss at our next meeting.

Wreaths Across America is on Saturday, December 17, 2022. We need to discuss how we will participate this year. We'll have information about Clinton Grove and Resurrection Cemetery for the meeting. We have funds set aside already to buy the wreaths.

As a reminder, bring your unwrapped toy to our December meeting on Thursday, December 8, 2022. Besides our Christmas party, there will be a collection for Toys for Tots. More on the Christmas party at our next meeting.

It was with sad hearts that we attended the funeral for Auxiliary Life Member Lorraine Kozlowski this past month. She was a firm and longtime supporter of our Auxiliary. In recent years, due to health conditions Lorraine wasn't able to attend our monthly meetings, but she faithfully attended our Marine Corps Birthday celebrations. We'll miss her deeply and extend our sympathies to Joe Kozlowski, Lorraine's loving husband and detachment Life Member.

See you at our next Auxiliary meeting on Thursday, November 3, 2022 at 8:30 pm, Semper Fidelis,

Irene Spooner
Treasurer, Macomb County MCLA



Joan Pfaff swearing in Auxiliary Officers



Christine, Irene, Alice, Maureen, Loretta

The Marines' Hymn
(first and last verse)

“From the Halls of Montezuma
To the Shores of Tripoli;
We fight our country's battles
In the air, on land and sea;
First to fight for right and freedom
And to keep our honor clean;
We are proud to claim the title
Of United States Marine.

Here's health to you and to our Corps
Which we are proud to serve
In many a strife we've fought for life
And never lost our nerve;
If the Army and the Navy
Ever look on Heaven's scenes;

They will find the streets are guarded by
United States Marines.”

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