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NEWSLETTER FOR THE  
MACOMB COUNTY DETACHMENT  
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AND AUXILIARY



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## *Marines & Auxiliary Members:*

### MAY MEETING NOTICE

The next General Membership Meeting will be May 1st 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 MAY



Kevin Brewer	Ronald Parks
Gayle Brown	Greg Pawlik
Linda Huckle	John Polanco
Rick Kincaid	James Szczesny
Floyd "Scott" Metcalf	Dave Trevino
Jerome Nadolski	Robert Westfall

### COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE

I hope all of you are enjoying the warmer weather. As you will see below, based on the Senior Vice pictures and comments about donations, we will be doing another presentation to the Michigan Parkinson's Foundation this month and present a check to help those with that disease who are Veterans as well.

We will be welcoming Zone Commandant Norm Root to show the great things that we are doing. Please review the new bylaws and make comments as we have made a few already. We have one more month to adjust before we send them up to the Department after next month and vote on finalizing them. I hope to see you all at the next meeting.

Steve August  
Commandant

### SR VICE REPORT

Hello again Marines! As we welcome in Summer, our MCL is making a difference in the local Veteran communities through fundraising support.

Marine Corps League-Macomb County Detachment 154 holds several fundraisers each year benefiting local Veterans charities. On 3-April-2025, we presented a donation of \$1,000 from MCL to Michigan Veteran Homes-Chesterfield. Marine Corps League is supporting MVH at Chesterfield this year as a Bronze sponsor for the Annual Heroic Veterans

WALK, RUN, & ROLL - on Saturday, June 7.



Steve August (MCL Commandant) and Nate Jolliff (Sr. Vice Commandant) presents a \$1,000 check to Diane Sylvia (Interim Coordinator, Volunteers & Donations) and Samantha Razminas, CTRS (Activities Director) from Michigan Veteran Homes of Chesterfield Twp.

**Memorial Day - a day for remembrance  
of those who have died in service to our  
country.**

**MAY 26, 2025**



Past Detachment Commandant Mark Spooner with the Vietnam Veterans of America presents a \$500 check to Nate Jolliff (Sr Vice Commandant) paid to the order of Michigan Parkinson Foundation in support of the 2025 Metro Detroit Parkinson's Hero Walk at Jimmy John's Field in Utica on Sept 13th.



Commandant Steve August presents a \$500 donation to Department of Michigan Wreaths Across America liaison Lisa Fountain for a December 2025 ceremony to honor fallen heroes.

***A day of remembrance: Where all gave some, some gave all***

27 May 2015 | Cpl. Brytani Musick U.S. Marine Corps Forces Reserve



Steve August (Commandant, MCL Macomb County Detachment 154) presents a \$500 check to Young Marines for uniforms.

***"Thousands of Marine combat veterans earned medals for bravery every day. A few were even awarded."***

### JR VICE REPORT

MEMBERSHIP! MEMBERSHIP!

I trust this message finds you and yours in good health and spirits. We are now into the last leg of our recruiting drive. Thus far, we have only one member who hit the mark.

Warmer weather and events are a great time to speak to folks regarding our Detachment. Also, with all the events coming up, no one should find it difficult to strike up a conversation and let everyone know who we are and what we do for our organization and community. Semper Fi!

John Myroniuk, Jr Vice

### AUXILIARY NEWS

The weather is getting nicer and nicer every day. That means Memorial Day is fast approaching and so is our **Memorial Day ceremony at Clinton Grove Cemetery**. As usual the ceremony begins at 11:00 am, so muster between 10:30 and 11am. Wear your uniform from your most recent & highest position. If you have been a Unit officer, it's white blouse, black pants, black shoes and Unit cover. Department and National officers would wear their appropriate uniforms. I don't have the information about the luncheon after the ceremony, but that will be available at the May meeting.

It was good news to hear from Roxanne at American House. She put our picnic date of Saturday,



August 2, 2025 on her calendar. American House has been so generous for years catering our summer picnic and our December Christmas party. I'm already looking forward to delicious hot dogs and burgers grilled on a lazy summer afternoon.

It's time for the Unit to complete their Volunteerism Reports. We'll have the forms at the meeting and discuss what we've done over the past year. These are needed for the Department convention next month.

Speaking of the convention, here are the details: 85<sup>th</sup> Annual Department of Michigan Marine Corps League and Auxiliary 2025 Summer Convention from 05 – 08 June, 2025. It's at the Wyndham Hotel & Conference Centre, 3353 Gateway Center Blvd., Flint, MI 48507, (810) 232-5300. To Reserve a Room: Call: 810-232-5300, mentioning code: "Marine Corps League" for the \$138.75 inclusive room rate. The deadline to reserve a room at this rate is May 15, 2025. There will be additional information at our meeting.

The Anchor Bay Quilting Guild has been so supportive of our Unit and Loretta Balderson, past president and current Sr. Vice is a member. Through her we've had a wonderful relationship with the Guild. We're presenting the guild with a Certificate of Appreciation for the many toys they collected for last year's Toys for Tots. We hope this relationship will continue for years to come.



Alice Lyon with Loretta Balderson

The Baby Shower for Women Vets at the Detroit VA is June 6, 2025. Take a look at their needs list before

the meeting so we can gather things to take to the VA before then. They are always thrilled to get our donations.

Wish List: Women Veterans Clinic Health Program

Bottles, Diapers (size 2.3.4), Diaper bag, Baby lotion/soap, Washcloths/towels, Baby carrier, Clothing, Teethers/toys, Burp cloths/bibs, Pacifiers, Swaddle, Sleep sack

Car seat – Graco Snuggly 35 Lite LX Infant car seat or Evenflo Tribute LX 2-in-1 lightweight convertible car seat Pack 'n Play – Graco pack-Onplay portable playard or Pamo Babe portable crib baby playpen

Stroller – Summer infant 3D mini convenience stroller or Kolcraft Cloud Plus lightweight easy stroller

Baby Play Gym – Fischer Price Kick and Play Piano or IPOZITO baby Gym and play mat

Highchair – Evenflo 4-in-1 convertible highchair or Cosco simple fold highchair

Sick & in Distress: Maureen Ailor is recovering from her last surgery and is preparing for the next one. Keep her in your prayers. Also, Joan & Norm Pfaff are doing better, but still need our prayers and support. Nancy Haase has had a long recovery, so let's not forget Nancy.

That's it for this month. See you at our next meeting at 7:30 pm, Thursday, May 1, 2025.

*Irene Spooner*

*Treasurer, Macomb County MCLA*



Oakland Macomb Friends of the NRA annual banquet at Zucaros in Chesterfield

Color Guard: George Farrell, Lisa Fountain, John Cary (new member in April), Don Lyon, William Barrett

## ADJUTANT/PAYMASTER

To all members. Please keep me updated on your addresses, emails and phone numbers if you change them.

I received an undeliverable email message today from a member that I found out passed in 2018. Please let your family know to notify the Detachment if you die.

For annual members who pay their dues yearly, There are some new options. You can now pay multiple years at a time. Dues are still \$32.00 per year.

I started accepting Venmo for dues payment last year. If you choose to use this method, be sure to include a memo indicating that it is for MCL dues and for how many years you are paying.



Donald Lyon

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**venmo**

Scan this code to pay

***"Our debt to the heroic men and valiant women in the service of our country can never be repaid. They have earned our undying gratitude. America will never forget their sacrifices." —Harry S. Truman, 33<sup>rd</sup> U.S. President, 1945***

**"Some people spend an entire lifetime wondering if they made a difference in the world. But, the Marines don't have that problem."**

**~Ronald Reagan, President of the United States**

On Memorial Day, the Marine Corps joins the nation in honoring and remembering all those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to the country. For Marines, Memorial Day is also a day to rededicate themselves to upholding the legacy of those who came before them

Here's a more detailed look at how the Marine Corps observes Memorial Day:

### **Honoring the Fallen:**

Memorial Day is specifically dedicated to those who died while serving in the military.

### **Paying Tribute:**

The Marine Corps, like other branches of the military, participates in ceremonies and events to honor the fallen.

### **Upholding the Legacy:**

Marines are encouraged to reflect on the sacrifices of their predecessors and to carry on their legacy of courage, duty, and dedication.

### **Re-dedication:**

Memorial Day is also a time for Marines to renew their commitment to the mission of the Corps and to the cause of peace.

### **Reflection and Remembrance:**

It's a day for Marines and their families to pause and reflect on the lives of those they've lost and to remember the impact they had.



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