



SKUTTLEBUTT

NEWSLETTER FOR THE
MACOMB COUNTY DETACHMENT
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AND AUXILIARY



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Marines & Auxiliary Members:

MARCH MEETING NOTICE

The next General Membership Meeting will be March 6 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.

Those bringing chili to share and/or be entered in the contest are encouraged to arrive early around 5-5:30pm for setup. We also need volunteers for clean up after the event. 😊

Semper Fi,
Nate Jolliff, Sr Vice

DETACHMENT AND AUXILIARY BIRTHDAYS FOR MARCH



Loretta Balderson
Charles Brown
David Burin
Kim Hadley
Bill Heise
Brett Jacokes

Derek Myers
John Myroniuk
Keith Natale
Gary Nummer
Jim Rhodes
Charles Tyson

SR VICE REPORT

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Hey Marines! We are starting to get some traction on participation for our first fundraiser event of the year...St Patty's Day "Chili Cookoff" on Monday, March 17.

Thanks to those who have already committed to attending and donating items. However, we are still in need of more items like pop, bottled water, paper napkins, chili bowls, plastic plates and plastic spoons, - all needed to ensure this fundraiser is a smashing success. Please contact me if you are able to commit to items. I have reached out to my network of family and friends, and there is great interest for this chili fundraiser. We are shooting for up to \$1,000 in funds raised. Ooh-rah! See attached flyer for details.

**MACOMB COUNTY
DET #154
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
FUNDRAISER
BENEFITING LOCAL
VETERANS**

**FIRST ANNUAL
CHILI COOK OFF**

**ST. PATTY'S DAY
MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2025
6PM-8PM**

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

\$10/person for chili dinner which includes delicious award-winning chili, cornbread and pop/water.

Prizes awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place chili favorites

Those bringing chili to share and/or be entered in the contest need to arrive at 5pm for setup.

American Legion Post 351
46146 Cass Ave, Utica

Volunteers needed to help clean after event.
Please contact **Nate Jolliff** at natejolliff@comcast.net or 248-464-3258



JR VICE REPORT



The young lady pictured above is Dana White; the daughter of a U.S. Army veteran. She attended the February meeting and made a presentation on PTSD in support of Special Ops-Wounded Warriors project in the prevention of Veteran Suicide. This, as part of a project for her Girl Scout award (similar to the Eagle Scout award as in the Boy Scouts.)

John Myroniuk, Jr Vice

AUXILIARY NEWS

Our Auxiliary meetings are scheduled to begin on Thursday, March 6, 2025 at 7:30 pm. That is, if the weather cooperates. However, we're looking forward to planning our activities for the next year, so get your ideas together and we'll hash out a plan for 2025.

The Detachment is hosting their first-ever Chili Cook-Off on Monday, March 17 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Our Auxiliary is supporting this fundraiser, so please mark your calendars accordingly. It's a novel way to spend St. Paddy's day eating chili instead of the requisite corned beef and cabbage, but we can do it.

Just an update on our end of year charitable donations, we donated to the following charities this year:

Vietnam Veterans of America, #154 Food Pantry
Fallen and Wounded Soldiers Fund
Miracle Quilts
Chesterfield Veterans Home
SAL-American Legion 351-Food Pantry Donation

This year we decided to hold back a little, so as the needs arise during the year, we'll have funds to donate to worthy causes in the veteran community and the community-at-large.

We received a very nice thank you letter from the Detroit VA regarding the two donations of clothing and coats we delivered in December 2024. It's always gratifying to help veterans in need, especially during the cold winter months. We'll plan this again for 2025.

Sick and In-Distress: Please keep our Jr. Vice Maureen Ailor in your prayers for a full and speedy recovery from her surgery. Also, we're hoping Detachment Adjutant/Paymaster, Don Lyon, our Auxiliary President, Alice Lyon's husband continues to do well in his recovery, too.

Our Skuttlebutt editor, Elaine Arnold, is leaving soon on another one of her adventures. This time it's to Vietnam. It should be an exciting trip and we wish her safe travels.

After being off for two months, I don't have anything else to add. Once our meetings resume in March, I'll continue to keep you informed.

See you on Thursday, March 6 at 7:30 pm. If for any reason we can't meet, we'll contact our Auxiliary members via email, text or phone.

Irene Spooner
Treasurer, Macomb County MCLA

HISTORIAN'S CORNER

DID YOU KNOW?

The standard carried by the Marines during the 1830s and 1840s consisted of a white field with gold fringe, and bore an elaborate design of an anchor and eagle in the center. Prior to the Mexican War, this flag bore the legend "To the Shores of Tripoli" across the top. Shortly after the war, the legend was revised to read: "From Tripoli to the Halls of the Montezumas."

During the Mexican and Civil Wars, Marines in the field apparently carried a flag similar to the national flag, comprised of red and white stripes and a union. The union, however, contained an eagle perched on a shield of the United States and a half-wreath beneath the shield, with 29 stars encircling the entire design. Beginning in 1876, Marines carried the national colors (the Stars and Stripes) with "U.S. Marine Corps" embroidered in yellow on the middle red stripe.

At the time of the Vera Cruz landing in 1914, a more distinctive standard was carried by Marines. The design consisted of a blue field with a laurel wreath encircling the Marine Corps emblem in the center. A scarlet ribbon above the emblem carried the words "U.S. Marine Corps," while another scarlet ribbon below the emblem carried the motto "Semper Fidelis."



Marine Corp Order NO. 4 of 18 April 1925 designated gold and scarlet as the official colors of the U.S. Marine Corps. These colors, however, were not reflected in the official Marine Corps standard until 18 January 1939, when a new design incorporating the new colors was approved. The design was essentially that of today's Marine Corps standard.

Source; Marine Corps History Division

Greg Pawlik, Detachment Historian

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE, MACOMB DETACHMENT
ANNUAL FUNDRAISER SUPPORTING VETERANS

GOLF 2025

SCRAMBLE

★ HOLE in ONE – CHANCE at \$10,000 on PAR 3 HOLE ★

SEPTEMBER 6, 2025
 BEE TEE GOLF COURSE
 22871 21 MILE RD., MACOMB, MI

REGISTRATION 1PM SHOTGUN START 2PM	RAFFLES-PRIZES DINNER
REGISTRATION: \$400 PER 4 MAN TEAM \$100 INDIVIDUAL GOLFER \$36 DINNER ONLY	SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES EVENT \$300 HOLE \$200 CONTRIBUTION \$100

Contact Nate Jolliff for more info:
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 248-464-3258

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 DEADLINE AUGUST 23RD



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; wildone48039@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"

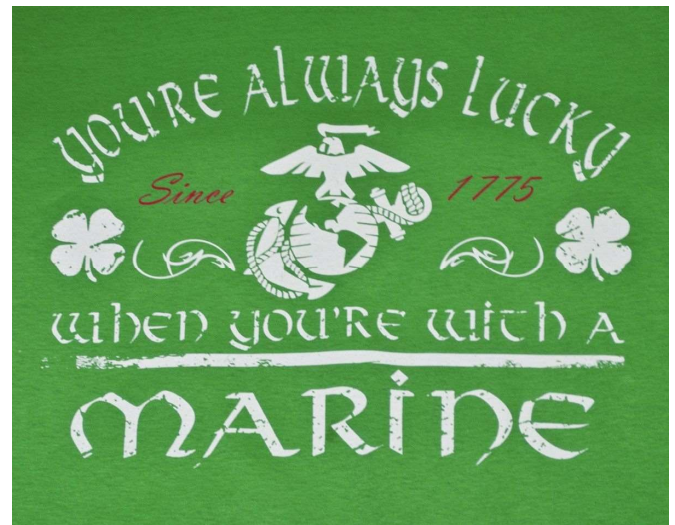
HOLE in ONE- Chance at \$10,000.00 on PAR 3 Hole

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)	

TEAM CAPTAIN - POC/ SPONSOR AND TEAM:

NAME(POC)	EMAIL	Ph#
NAME _____	EMAIL _____	
NAME _____	EMAIL _____	
NAME _____	EMAIL _____	

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