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MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AND AUXILIARY



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Marines & Auxiliary Members:

OCTOBER MEETING NOTICE

The next General Membership Meeting will be earlier than our usual meeting time. We will have the Installation of Officers at our **October 2nd** meeting at **7:00**.

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 OCTOBER



Elaine Arnold
Jeffrey Draksler
Matthew Harrington
Angelo Lema
Robert Long
Gary Micu

Rober Reveley
Ardith Schwerin
Donald Skonieczny
Wendy Succarde
John Sych
Gary Titus Jr.

COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE

Thank you for your support over the past three years during my tenure as Commandant of the Macomb County Detachment. It has been an honor to serve, and I've gained valuable experience along the way.

As we move forward, let's continue to support our incoming leadership. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out.

Steve August
Commandant

SR VICE MESSAGE

Our Marine Corps League-Macomb County Det 154 has much to be proud of today when we point to our final results from this years' 2025 Golf Scramble fundraiser at Bee Tee Golf Club in Macomb. We SOLD OUT!!

Because of your hard work as a team, we were able to sign up a maximum 34 foursomes, or 136 golfers! For reference, our total golfers count in 2024 was 47, which means this year we nearly tripled (3x) our golfers' count. Oorah!



Nate Jolliff, Chris/Joe Goike, Judy Skrzycki, Jackie Roskopp





Luther Joliff, Matt Giannetti, Nate Joliff, Chuck Giannetti



Anthony Robichaud, Vincent Pettelle, Chris Kennedy, Madeline Wideman

Feedback from participants has been very positive. I would like to recognize our amazing volunteers were a big part of our success: Steve August, Lisa Fountain, John Myroniuk, John Sternicki, Justin Kane, Rick Kincaid, Don Lyons, Jim Dewey, and Nate. We will be looking to form our 2026 Golf Scramble fundraiser planning committee early 2026. If interested in volunteering, please see Nate Joliff (248-464-3258).



Lisa Joliff and (daughter) Sarah Joliff raffling off 34 outstanding gift baskets



Don Roach, George Glinsky (MCL Detachment 159)



Brad & Linda Potter, David Mooty, and Tim Burke are active in PD Community

Finally, I would like to thank our Marine Corps League for your vote of confidence in electing me as our new Commandant. It is an honor, and I look forward to serving you as your humble leader going forward. I would also like to thank Steve August for his 3-year service as our Commandant, and wish him well as he transitions to his newly elevated position as Junior Vice, Department of Michigan. Semper Fi!

Sr. Vice and newly elected Commandant, Nate Joliff

JR VICE MESSAGE

It's been a pleasure and honor to serve on the Board for the MCL Det 154 as your 2nd Vice Commander and assistant Toys for Tots Representative this past year. Trusting the Detachment will continue to prosper and grow in the future. I will still be a part of the group as your Toys for Tots Representative. Let's continue to work for the greater good and uphold the highest traditions of the Marine Corps League and Detachment. Semper Fi!

John Myroniuk, Jr. Vice

AUXILIARY NEWS

Looking back over September, I'm happy to say our Auxiliary accomplished a lot. We have our slate of officers ready for installation at our October meeting.

Reminder: our October meeting starts at 7 pm, a half hour earlier than usual. Also, the uniform for the installation is your MCLA pin(s), a white blouse/shirt, MCLA cover (if you have one), and black slacks. We reviewed the ceremony during our meeting so we all have a good idea of the procedure. I'll have the needed hand-outs printed. Cathy Rayl, our Department President will be our installing officer. We really appreciate her dedication to the Auxiliary.

After the Installation ceremonies are finished, we spend the rest of the evening dining and socializing. The Detachment is providing the main course. We, the Auxiliary, are bringing the dessert or appetizers.

It's always fun to bring something to add to the table. Keeping that in mind, please be there by 6:30 to help set up the food table.

We took a pause at our September meeting to present current Jr. VP Maureen Ailor and past Unit President Maureen Ailor with her "Past President's Pin". It was a long time in coming, but so well deserved. Maureen has done so much for our Unit and continues to work hard for us and with us. Besides being a stalwart at the Unit level, Maureen is a past Department President. Thank you from all of us.



President Alice Lyon and Jr. Vice Maureen Ailor manned a Marine Rose Day table at Tractor Supply in Richmond on Saturday, Sept. 13, 2025. Another great

fundraiser for us and we all appreciate Alice's and Maureen's dedication. Frank, the store manager, is a strong supporter and welcomed them to his store for the second year in a row. He deserves a Certificate of Appreciation, don't ya think?

The next fundraiser on our calendar is at Buddy's Pizza (45841 Hayes, Shelby Twp) on Wednesday, October 15, 2025. This is the easy way to raise some funds. Just show up at Buddy's, order your food, mention "This is for the Marines" or words to that effect, and eat! Our Auxiliary earns 20% of your food bill, excluding tax and alcoholic drinks. A group of us plan to get there at 4pm. You can join us or go at any time that day between 11am and 9pm to help us with this fundraiser. Carry-outs are eligible, too. We'll have some flyers at our October meeting.

Our next big item to discuss is the 250th Birthday of the Marine Corps and the party we're having on Monday, November 10, 2025. The Detachment is catering the main course and we're all asked to bring side dishes and desserts. Before you ask, yes, there will be everyone's favorite, SOS, and lots of it. So, start thinking about what you want to bring and if you have any questions, bring them up at the October meeting.

Speaking of our upcoming Birthday Party, we're always looking for donations for the Auxiliary Basket Raffle. What to donate? We'll take just about anything, but here are some suggestions: gift cards, cash, liquor, small kitchen gadgets, small tools, workbench supplies, sporting goods, Marine Corps memorabilia, non-perishable foods like candy, sweets, beef jerky, craft items, etc. We're also in need of empty baskets. If you have any questions, ask the Auxiliary at the October meeting.

Sick call: Please keep Loretta Balderson and Joan Pfaff in your prayers. All our kind thoughts and well wishes are sent out to you.

That's it for now. **See you on Thursday, October 2, 2025 at 7:00 pm** for the installation. Semper Fidelis,

Irene Spooner, Treasurer, Macomb County MCLA

HISTORIAN'S CORNER

250 years of continuous service?

As we Marines approach the anniversary of our Corps' birth, it hasn't been continuous.

There was no U.S. Marine Corps from April 1783 until July 11, 1798. The Continental Marines, established during the Revolutionary War, were disbanded after the

war ended in 1783, but the U.S. Marine Corps was formally reestablished by Congress in 1798.

The first period without a Marine Corps:

- **End of the Revolutionary War (1783):**

The Continental Marines, created in 1775, were disbanded after the Revolutionary War concluded.

- **The intervening years:**

The Continental Marines ceased to exist, and the U.S. Navy and Marines were essentially gone until the late 1790s.

The reestablishment of the Marine Corps:

- **July 11, 1798:**

Congress formally established the U.S Marine Corps as a permanent military service, marking the beginning of the modern Corps.

- **Mutually Beneficial relationship:**

The U.S. Navy and the Marine Corps have maintained a close, symbiotic relationship since the Marine Corps was reestablished.

Source; U.S. Naval Archives

Greg Pawklik, Detachment Historian



*Color Guard attending the Detroit Metro Walk for the Michigan Parkinson Foundation, September 13
William Barrett, Steve August, Don Lyon, Bruce Hartung*



Team Joliff members with emcee Robin Murdoch from Fox 2 Detroit



Justin and Aimee Kane



Walkers for the Michigan Parkinson Foundation

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