



# SKUTTLEBUTT

NEWSLETTER FOR THE  
MACOMB COUNTY DETACHMENT  
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AND AUXILIARY



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## MARINES & AUXILIARY MEMBERS:

### AUGUST MEETING NOTICE

Due to the Independence Day holiday, the next General Membership Meeting will be **August 7<sup>th</sup> 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 AUGUST



Maureen Ailor  
William Barron  
Dominick Graziadei  
Paul McDermott  
Ronald Oleksiak

### SR VICE MESSAGE

We are starting to gain some great momentum in recruiting golfers for our annual Golf Scramble fundraiser at Bee Tee Golf Course in Macomb on Saturday, Sept 6. As of this writing, **we have 53 golfers registered**. Last year we had 47 golfers total, so we will be well positioned to host a record number of participants this year! Our **goal is 76 total golfers, which is 19 foursomes**. Need at least 10 volunteers at our event to make successful. Also need (20) quality gift baskets for raffles. See Nate Jolliff or Steve August for more detail on how you can get involved and support.

Bill Smith, former Marine and owner of Mavrix Restaurant, has graciously donated his one-of-a-kind motorcycle. Golfers will have an opportunity to win this 1999 Harley-Davidson Softail Custom at a Par 3 hole. Let's gooo!!



We have **NEW!** polo shirts for our Marine Corps League-Macomb Det 154. They are \$25/ea plus tax. Every shirt sold earns our detachment a \$6 donation to our league detachment. These shirts are a great way to advertise our detachment and bring in more members.

Order yours at  
link: <https://clothinggraphics.com/shop/ols/categories/marine-corps-league>



Lastly, I was interviewed by Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency as part of their current "I AM a Veteran" campaign and was proud to speak about my Marine Corps service, Parkinson's diagnosis, and challenges/opportunities to serve others. You can view the interview at link:

<https://www.michigan.gov/mvaa/underserved-veterans/i-am-a-veteran-campaign>

*Semper Fi,  
Sr. Vice, Nate Jolliff*



*Sr. Vice Nate Jolliff receiving a \$2,000.00 donation check from Anthony Rangel, Faithful Navigator of the Knights of Columbus, Bishop Kelley Assembly #0490.*



**PICNIC  
AUGUST 2  
11-4**



*Certificate of Appreciation presented to Anthony Rangel for the Knights of Columbus Bishop Kelley Assembly #0490 for their continued support, by Deputy Quartermaster John Sternicki*

#### **JR VICE MESSAGE**

We're coming down to the wire here with our recruiting effort for the detachment. I encourage every member to bring a prospective member to the annual picnic on 2 August, Let's show them what we do for the community and League.

Also, we have a spot for Utica's Gasoline Alley the following Saturday 9 August. The Young Marines will be there. In addition, the Iron Mike event is on the same day. Here are more opportunities to speak with folks about the Marine Corps League.

Your support is needed to meet and ensure that our detachment remains strong and viable in the future. Thank you in advance to those members who volunteered for past events and for the future events coming up. Semper Fi.

*John Myroniuk, Jr. Vice*

#### **AUXILIARY NEWS**

We're already at the beginning of August which means 2025 is half over. Wow, where did the year go? We're making plans for the second half of our year and it will be busy. Our annual picnic may already be in the rear view mirror by the time this edition of the Skuttlebutt goes out, but if it isn't, I hope there's a good show of support from our Auxiliary and the Detachment. Summer is all about picnics with good stuff on the grill.



President Alice Lyon attended the State Convention a few weeks ago and will discuss the convention updates at our August meeting. Having Zoom meetings instead of the face-to-face meetings at our conventions is one of the ongoing topics the Auxiliary discusses. The cost of travel and lodging is the big issue. However, this is an ongoing discussion and nothing has been cemented yet.

Though we're still in the heat of summer, I want to remind everyone this is the big year for our Birthday party on November 10. If you don't know by now, it's the 250th anniversary of the founding of our beloved Marine Corps. I'm sure you've received a ton of mail about commemorative this and that to purchase in celebration of this momentous event, but I think the best way to honor this tradition is by attending our annual birthday celebration at American Legion Post 351. So mark your calendars for Monday, November 10, 2025. It not too early to start planning.

So, as the Auxiliary starts planning for the Birthday Party, we need baskets this year. If you have any baskets from previous birthday parties tucked away in your storage area, we need them. We're also looking for donations to fill the baskets. If you have those unwanted presents from Christmas like that pasta maker you'll never use or the third power drill you received, the Auxiliary can use those items. If you're browsing the summer clearance table, there may be something you could pick up for one of our baskets. We can use just about anything, including cash. I'll be throwing this pitch from now until November. If you have any questions about potential donations, feel free to contact Irene Spooner, 586-466-5708, Auxiliary Treasurer.

The last couple of years the Auxiliary has been having a GroupRaise fundraiser at the Shelby Township Buddy's Pizza in October. We'll discuss this at our next meeting to see if we are doing this again this year and if we are, we'll settle on a date.

We're happy to see our Jr. Vice Maureen Ailor is continuing to do so well on her recovery from knee surgery. Our prayers were and continue to be with you. Joan Pfaff is also in our thoughts and prayers. We miss you Joan!

That's it for now, but see you at our next meeting on Thursday, August 7, 2025 at 7:30 pm. Be there or be square.

*Irene Spooner, Treasurer, Macomb County MCLA*



## Veterans/Community Picnic

Aug 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 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 Car Show, Vendor Show, Defense Vehicles, & Bounce House for the Kids

50/50, Gift Basket & Raffles

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Suggested \$10.00 donation

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

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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	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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