



SKUTTLEBUTT

NEWSLETTER FOR THE
MACOMB COUNTY DETACHMENT
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AND AUXILIARY



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Marines & Auxiliary Members:

APRIL MEETING NOTICE

The next General Membership Meeting will be held on Thursday, 1 April 2010 (no fooling) at 2000 Hours. This is the same time and date for the Detachment and Auxiliary.

Both meetings will be held at the American Legion, Post 351, 46146 Cass Avenue located in Utica.

The telephone number to the Post is: (586) 731-9833.

MEMBERSHIP DUES RENEWAL

January Renewals:

Austin D. Sabin

February Renewals:

Jack W. Ketelhut
Cameron M. Wojie

March Renewals:

Michael H. Burnett
Dawn R. Saunders

Your annual membership dues of \$31.00 (checks payable to: Macomb County Detachment, MCL) should be mailed to the Adjutant/Paymaster at: 6388 Old Coach Trail, Washington, Michigan, 48094-2148 or in person at the General Membership Meeting.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

For those members that pay their membership on an annual basis, maybe you should think about Life Membership.

For the Life Membership Option: you pay one time and are a member for life. Life membership fees are based on age and are as follows:

Age Up to 35	\$500.00
Age 36 to 50	\$400.00
Age 51 to 60	\$300.00
Age 61 and up	\$150.00

With your Paid Life Membership, you will receive a metal Life Membership Card, Lapel Pin and a Certificate suitable for framing. You may select Life Membership at any time as long as you are a member in good standing (dues up-to-date).

The Detachment currently has 116 Paid Life Members. This represents 80% of our paid membership.

We have a payment plan for those that do not have the money available for a lump sum payment for Life Membership.

If you are interested in Life Membership under this plan, or have any questions, contact the Adjutant/Paymaster for details.

DETACHMENT & AUXILIARY HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR APRIL



Michael J. Carlton, Sr.
Charles C. Bailey
Charles J. Eiert
Paul Glesen
James M. Kusiak
Francis J. Marella
Roger W. Neff
Jose T. Ramirez
Hazel Ruehle
Nicholas D. Simon
John C. Sneed
Irene Spooner
Gail Trevino
George J. Wittstock, Jr.
Angela Wozniak
Joseph W. Wozniak
Norman F. Zatorski

MARCH MEETING

At the March General Membership Meeting, Associate David Thompson would have won the Attendance Raffle of \$34.50 if he had been at the meeting and paid his 25¢. The next attendance raffle will be approximately \$43.00 (depending on the number of members present). Another good reason to attend the meetings!

The Detachment also holds a 50/50 Raffle at each meeting. The amount of winnings depends on the number of tickets sold. Tickets are priced at \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00. Winning \$72.50 at the March meeting was Associate Robert Swoszowski. This raffle supports the publication and mailing of this newsletter.

Prior to the meeting, we had a guest speaker, Richard Anderson, from the Great Lakes National Cemetery. He gave

a presentation on burial benefits available to all veterans and certain family members of veterans.

We had four new members accepted into the Detachment. There were thirty-nine members present at the meeting.

Hope to see you at the April meeting!

NEW MEMBERS REPORTING IN



At the March General Membership Meeting, the following were accepted as Members in our Detachment:

Michael J. Carlton

Marine Carlton was discharged from Active Duty in August of 1979 with the rank of Sergeant and served as an Aviation Maintenance Controller.

Preston W. Hawkyard

Marine Hawkyard was discharged from Active Duty in June of 1967 with the rank of Lance Corporal and served as a Field Artillery Cannoneer.

David G. DeBlauws

Marine DeBlauws was discharged from Active Duty in December of 1969 with the rank of Sergeant and served as an Ontos Crewman.

Robert Swoszowski

Robert was accepted as an Associate Member.

Welcome aboard Marines!

We hope your association with the Detachment will be a memorable one.

This brings our total membership to 153 members

AUXILIARY NEWS

Prior to our March meeting, we had the opportunity to listen to the presentation made by Rick Anderson, the director of the Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, MI. He explained the burial benefit available to eligible veterans, spouses and dependent children. It was very informative. For more information about VA's National Cemetery Administration visit their website at www.cem.va.gov.

Due to the length of the presentation, we held an abbreviated meeting. Now is the time for us to plan our 2010 fundraisers. We decided to have a garage sale in August. Carol Dysarczyk has been generous enough to volunteer her garage for the sale. We'll decide the actual date at our April meeting after we have this month to check our current commitments for August. So, with that being said, as we clean out closets and do our annual spring cleaning (does anyone **really** do that, anymore?), don't throw anything out. We'll need it for our garage sale. This will take a lot of work and planning on our part for it to be a success, but I'm sure we can do it. There will be more about this in the months to come. See you at our next meeting,

Irene Spooner, President

SMOKING LAMP

"The smoking lamp is lit for one cigarette and one cigarette only". Remember that statement? Ever wonder where the phrase 'smoking lamp' originated?

This goes back to the square-rigger wooden ships. A lamp was lit for sailors and Marines to light their pipes or cigars. There was a practical purpose too. The smoking lamp was devised to keep smokers away from highly combustible areas such as power magazines. Thus, the smoking lamp and smoking areas were located in the forecabin or the area directly surrounding the galley. Eventually, the lamp became an item of convenience to smokers. Still, when particularly hazardous operations or work required that smoking on the ship temporarily cease, word was passed that "the smoking lamp is out." And once hazardous operations had ceased, it was announced, "The smoking lamp is lit."

NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

The Marine Corps League National Scholarship information is now available. Please note: there is a revision in requirements this year. Those that are contemplating submitting an application must now have a minimum "B" average (or equivalent on GPA Scale). You are now required to submit a transcript for verification of your GPA with your application.

Eligibility:

1. Spouses, Children, Grandchildren, Great Grandchildren and Step Children of a Marine Corps League or Auxiliary member in good standing.
2. Children of Marines who have lost their lives in the line of duty.
3. Members of the Marine Corps League or Auxiliary in good standing or honorably discharged Marines in need of rehabilitation training not provided by government programs.
4. Applications must be postmarked by 1 July 2010.

To get an application and further instructions, go to National's Web site: www.mcleague.com and click on "MCL Programs" in the Main Menu.

Note: At this time, the Department of Michigan's Scholarship Program is *not available* at their Web Site.

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- (2) Children of Marines who have lost their lives in the line of duty.
- (3) Members of the Marine Corps League, or Auxiliary in good standing or honorably discharged Marines in need of rehabilitation training not provided by government programs. Honorary members do not qualify.

If you are interested in the Department's program, send me an email requesting that information and I'll be more than happy to send it back via email. Please insert MCL Scholarship in the subject line. Request this to the Editor at: gwittstock@hotmail.com

Don't have email? In this age of electronic communication, I have yet to find anyone of school age that does not have access to the internet or for that matter, email.

But do not put this procrastinate on this! There are signatures required for the application, be it Detachment (Commandant & Paymaster) or Auxiliary (President & Treasurer).

You must have the application in the Department's hands by 15 May 2010.

A Marine may leave the Corps...

...but the Corps will NEVER

leave the Marine!

Semper Fi!



PRE - REGISTRATION FORM

For

MACOMB COUNTY DETACHMENT 154

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

MILITARY RIFLE "FUN SHOOT"

HELD AT DETROIT SPORTSMEN CONGRESS April 24, 2010

PLEASE PRINT INFORMATION - LEGIBLE - WE USE THIS INFORMATION TO HAVE YOUR
REGISTRATION / SCORE CARDS READY WHEN YOU "CHECK IN"

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: (NOT SOLICITED OUT): _____

ARE YOU USING ONE OF OUR RIFLES? YES _____ NO _____

IF YOU KNOW WHAT CALIBER YOU ARE SHOOTING - CIRCLE AMMUNITION CALIBER

30-06 .30 CARBINE .223 .22 - OTHER CALIBER YOU ARE FIRING IN SHOOT _____

PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE BOXES BELOW:

MARINE - FIRING MILITARY CONFIGURATION "AS ISSUED" RIFLE / CARBINE

NON - MARINE - FIRING MILITARY CONFIGURATION : AS ISSUED" RIFLE / CARBINE

16 AND YOUNGER YOUTH - FIRING 22 CAL RIFLE

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

PLEASE SEND REGISTRATION FORM WITH PAYMENT TO:

**JIM SZCZESNY
ATTN: MCL #154 FUN SHOOT
52826 TURNBERRY
CHESTERFIELD, MI 48051**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION

**FOR MORE THAN ONE SHOOTER, PROVIDE INFO AS LISTED ABOVE. ON BACK OF THIS PAGE OR
MAKE COPY.**

Macomb County Detachment Marine Corps League 3rd Annual Military Rifle Fun Shoot



COME ENJOY A MORNING OF SHOOTING

Saturday April 24, 2010 @ 0730 Hours

Detroit Sportsmen's Congress

49800 Dequindre Rd Shelby Township MI

At outdoor Rifle Range, first left off Juengle Rd.

Breakfast starts at 0730 Hours, Shooting starts at 0900 Hours
Pre Registration Cost is \$25 per shooter including breakfast or
\$30 day of shoot. 1st place trophy for high Marine shooter &
non Marine shooter.

Pre registration for Youth Shooters 16 years old and younger
with .22 Cal. \$15 per shooter including breakfast or
\$20 day of shoot

1st, 2nd, & 3rd place trophy's to the youth shooters 16 years old
and younger with .22 cal. rifle. Rifles will be provided or you
may bring your own military rifle or .22 cal. for the youth.

Ear and Eye protection must be worn!!!!

Contact Norm Pfaff 586-263-3448, norjo5@comcast.net or Jim
Szczeny at 586-949-9678, szyme04@att.net for more information
Profit to help support Macomb County Detachment Charities

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New Address (please print):

Name _____

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City/Zip _____

Home Phone _____ email address _____