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NEWSLETTER FOR THE
MACOMB COUNTY DETACHMENT
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AND AUXILIARY



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Marines & Auxiliary Members:

JULY MEETING NOTICE

The next General Membership Meeting will be held on Thursday, 1 July 2010 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

July Renewals:

Michael R. Panin

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 117 Paid Life Members. This represents 79% 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 on membership dues, contact the Adjutant/Paymaster for details.

JUNE MEETING

At the June General Membership Meeting, Marine Frederick Gillick would have won the Attendance Raffle of \$29.50 had he been present and paid his 25¢. The next

attendance raffle will be approximately \$37.00 (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 \$66.00 at the June meeting was Marine Norman Pfaff. This raffle supports the publication and mailing of this newsletter.

There were forty-eight members present at the meeting. I believe this has to be a record for membership attendance. Let's keep up the great participation.

We had one new member join the Detachment. See page 2 on the new member.

Hope to see ya at the July General Membership meeting.

DETACHMENT & AUXILIARY HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR JULY



Irwin J. Blake
Kenneth L. Churchill
Alfred D. Dubiel
Nathan D. Faraday
Frederick F. Gillick
Nancy Haase
Ronald S. Hudas
Alan B. Hartung
Joseph S. Kozlowski
Donald R. Lyon, Jr.
Jack Miles
Donald G. Moeller
Joseph F. Nerone
Alan D. Opra
David J. Peltier
John F. Tinsley
Richard S. Wagner
Wade A. Zander

NEW MEMBER REPORTING IN



At the June General Membership Meeting, the following was accepted a Member in our Detachment:

Michael J. Westrick

Michael was accepted as an Associate Member. Michael has a daughter that is currently serving on Active Duty with the United States Marine Corps.

Welcome aboard Michael!

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

This brings our total membership to 155 members

HIGHWAY CLEAN-UP

The Detachment will hold its quarterly Highway Clean-up on Saturday, 17 July 2010. Form up at 1000 Hours at the Firth-Third Bank on the corner of Dodge Park and Metro Parkway (16 Mile Road).

We will pick up litter from Dodge Park to Van Dyke. This is approximately one mile, and depending on how many show up, usually takes about one hour.

We do this twice a year for community service and for the Good of the League. If you travel Metro Parkway, there are two signs with the Detachment's name on them. As long as we participate in this project, our sign stay up.

Come on down with family, friends, neighbors, etc. and help out. We'll supply the trash bags and pick-up sticks.

4TH OF JULY PARADE

The Detachment will be participating in a 4th of July Parade in Clawson, MI on the 5th of July. This year's theme is "Proud to be an American".



The Detachment needs eight members for the color guard. Four in Marine Corps League Uniforms – white shirts, dress blue trousers, etc. Also four members to follow the color guard marching with rifles. If you do not have a Marine Corps League Uniform and wish to participate, please show up. The Marine Corps League Red Cover is all you need.

Form up at the Clawson Center parking lot at the southeast corner of 14 Mile and Crooks Road. Enter near the Rite-Aid drug store. Do not attempt to enter Clawson Center from Crooks Road near Taco Bell. This is an exit only.

Assembly begins at 0730 and you must be there prior to 0840 Hours.

If you have any questions, please contact the Honor Guard Commander, Scott Neff at (248) 798-5776.

WWII & VETERAN'S MILITARY HISTORY WEEKEND

The WWII Veterans' Military History Weekend will be held at Veterans Memorial Park on beautiful Lake St. Clair in St. Clair Shores, MI. The event will be held on the 24th of July from 0900 to 1700 and on the 25th of July from 0900 to 1600.

Veterans Memorial Park is located on Jefferson Avenue and Masonic (13½ Mile Road).

Featuring: Military vehicle rally and display, WWII Military re-enactors both Allied and Axis, U. S. Military Displays and Military Memorabilia for show and for sale. Also, Helicopter Rides (for a fee), educational WWII weapons demonstrations, food and beverage court, live Coast Guard Air/Water Rescue Demonstration (subject to mission readiness) and live music

Everyone is welcome. Daily Adult Admission is \$8.00 – Seniors & under 16 is \$6.00. Kids under ten are admitted free.

The Detachment will have an outdoor vendor spot and will be selling Marine Corps merchandise and will have a recruiting table for new members. Drop by and say hello.

AUXILIARY NEWS

Our June meeting was well attended and we were able to accomplish a number of things that have been pending. Our much talked about garage sale is a "go". Carol Dysarczyk has volunteered to have it at her home. The info is as follows:

MCL Auxiliary Fund Raising Garage Sale

Location: 166 Dover, Waterford, MI 48328

Dates: Thursday, Aug. 19 through Saturday, Aug. 21, 2010

Time: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily

Starting with our July meeting, we will schedule dates to bring sale items to Carol's. Now is the time to start clearing out cupboards, closets, attics and garages. What may be junk to you, can be dollars in our Auxiliary's coffers.

We are also firming up the dates for our Marine Rose Sale. In the past we have partnered with the Marine Corps League's Membership Drive. This has proved to be very successful and we are working to do this again this year. We have some tentative dates in July and September which we will firm-up at July's meeting. Also, there was some continuing discussion about the Auxiliary doing some poker nights, possibly at the Sylvan Lake Red Rock Lounge, but this is still at the discussion stage. As always, we're looking for ways to raise funds so we can give our favorite charities some good-sized checks in December.

We're adding to our ranks again at our July meeting. We'll be initiating Gayle Brown, the wife of League member Bill Brown, into our Auxiliary. She's attended a number of our functions over the years and feels now is the time to join us. All I can say is, "Welcome, welcome, welcome!"

One of our members, Delores Tonegatto, has given us information that her grandson, a Marine, is doing a one-year tour of duty in Afghanistan. As with all Marines, especially those in harm's way, our prayers are with him. For those of us who want to send him cards, letters or packages of support, here is his mailing address:

Sgt. Timothy W. Brown, Jr.
MWHS-3 Det. A-G-2
Unit 41007
FPO, AP, 96427-1007

I'm looking forward to seeing all our members at our July meeting and invite anyone interested in our Auxiliary to come as guests.

Semper Fi and God Bless to all,

*Irene Spooner, President
Macomb County Unit
Marine Corps League Auxiliary*

WHY I JOINED THE MARINES

A new Staff Sergeant struck up a conversation with an old salt (and a real character) one Saturday afternoon as they sat at the bar in the Staff NCO Club. The old salt was a technical sergeant (remember them?) who had entered the Corps shortly after WWII. They got to discussing the Corps, their backgrounds, etc., and he told the new Staff Sergeant how he happened to enlist into the Marine Corps rather than one of the other services.

He said his primary interest was in joining the Navy. He had been to the recruiting office in the Post Office building in Louisville, Kentucky, taken the tests, been examined, etc., and was ready to join when he happened to think about pay. He asked the recruiter: "How much does the Navy pay?"

The recruiter smiled and said proudly, "Fifty dollars a month."

The almost-recruit looked shocked and repeated, "Fifty dollars! Hell, nobody works for fifty dollars a month. I ain't joining this outfit. Call me when the pay goes up," and exited the office and walked down the passage way toward the ladder.

He continued his tale to the new Staff Sergeant, "As I was making my way down the passageway, I passed a Marine Corps Recruiting Office and saw this neat, squared away sergeant in the dress blue uniform. He was leaning against the door-jam and was smiling. As I walked by him, he said 'Semper Fi.' I thought the son of a bitch said 'seventy five,' so I joined.

MARINE GOLF

I am extremely proud of my association and service with the Marines, but I have to take issue with one little-known negative result of our arduous training. This is not a serious matter, but I feel it should serve as a caveat for all those who entertain ideas of golfing with Marines.

First of all, the items in a typical Marine's golf bag are not things which would be sanctioned by the PGA. Oh sure, they carry the usual assortment of clubs, but also throw in some additional equipment, all of which is standard issue for a typical Marine rifle squad and weapons platoon.

Even the golf bags Marines carry is atypical of that carried by the average golfer. Marines refer to their bag as a "Duffle/field marching pack w/amphibious vehicle, portable, olive drab, one each."

Not content to use conventional clubs off the tee, Marines prefer to use what they call "Bellow Woods", huge clubs which when they slice or hook and land in the woods cause wildlife hiding there to bellow in fear.

Marines never yell "FORE!" Instead, they yell "Fire in the hole!" which unnerves civilian players. If there are any other Marines on the course, however, one can hear an encouraging "OO-Rah!" off in the distance, and some demolitions veteran yell "Boy, I got a bang out of that one!"

Never tell a Marine golfer he is faced with a bunker, especially if he is in a foursome. Marines do not golf in foursomes, but in fire teams, and if you inform them a bunker is ahead of them, they get on line, fire and maneuver to the bunker's precipice, throw in a WP grenade, douse the obstacle with a flame thrower, and toss in a satchel charge, using the old blind 'em, burn 'em and blast 'em technique.

Although effective in leveling fairways to provide a more golfer-friendly surface, it does cause traumatic effects on subterranean species such as prairie dogs, ferrets, ground

squirrels and night crawlers sympathetic to al-Queda terrorists. This technique also greatly inflates green fees.

It's also wise etiquette when golfing with Marines not to point out water hazards. Producing pre-fabbed amtracks out of their bags, the Marines will slap them together and roar off into the water, lock and load their shootin' irons at the line of departure and lay down a suppressing fire of golf balls onto the green.

Sand traps seem to attract Marine golfers, although they prefer using e-tools to extricate the golf ball from the sand, rather than conventional clubs, and their enthusiasm is boundless. When a Marine golfer lands in a sand trap, he grabs his entrenching shovel, yells "Hit the beach!", and soon has sand and golf balls flying in all directions.

The more menacing the golf hazard, the more the Marine golfer enjoys it. Even when confronted with greens surrounded by coral reefs and piranha-infested lagoons filled with man-eating crocodiles, Marines treat the experience as a lark, making light-hearted quips such as "Man, that lagoon was no problem a-toll", or "You say this was a tough hole? That's a crock!" Oftentimes, Marines are seen walking away from such a place wearing a new pair of alligator golf shoes, made from real alligators.

Marine golfers never use tees on a golf course. As a matter of fact, golf tees are about the only thing Marines shy away from when it comes to golf. When asked why, most Marines will explain "Well, this fella says I should use golf tees because they will support my balls when I drive, but I took one look at them pointy things and figured there's no way I'm going to put something like that inside my skivvies, especially when I'm bouncing around trying to steer a Humvee."

When one is finally on the green, never ask a Marine if he wants you to pull the pin before he putts. Usually he will give you a look reserved for those in line for a Section-8 and growl, "Hell, no. You want the g*dd*m ground to explode?"

To those unfamiliar with Marine tradition, probably the most distracting and misunderstood aspect of golfing with Marines is the big fuss they make after they finish a hole. They insist on replacing the flag as a group, never taking the chance they might miss out on a great photo-op.

The greatest Marine golfer known to the public is, of course, Lee Trevino. Because of PGA rules, Mr. Trevino had to adapt to the style of play of regular golfers. True to his Marine Corps heritage, however, he always sported his weathered and worn boot-camp issue boondockers while on tour, instead of regular golf shoes. Other professionals derided his grungy-looking footwear, but not for long. While his competitors bogeyed, Trevino boogied with birdies. After winning scores of major tournaments, he revealed the secret of his successful career to astonished sportswriters. "I golf so well, because I am like my old Marine Corps shoes. While making my way around the golf course, I know I'll always have a hole in one."

So, be advised all golfers who wish to golf with Marines: what you have just read may explain the erratic behavior we might display on the golf course, and prepare you for any surprises.

And remember, just like this story, we Marines may never have a perfect lie, but we always have a good one.

A MARINE'S PERSPECTIVE

The measurement time of Earth began with "God" creating Heaven and Earth and that was millions of years ago.

Not much is known before History was recorded way back when,

One thing we've known since then; many a civilizations have come and gone in all those years

Those that lasted longest had elite warriors to preserve its way of life

Centuries and centuries ago there was the Roman Legions, the Greek Armies, Napoleon's Troops, Russian Cossacks, Mongol hordes, all protected and preserved or forced a way of life

There is the Scottish Night Watch, the British Commandos, the Gurkhas, the Turks, the Rock Marines all renowned warriors in the last 400 years or so

Since November tenth 1775 US Marines have been in the measurement of Earth's time

Now that's been 234 years and that's not long in the measurement of time, but we are already renowned as the Nation's finest and one of the world's best, if not the best

To think a Man's life is but a speck in the measurement of this time and to give a portion of it to defend the best Democracy the world has ever known, is a sacrifice only a small portion of that society really understands

If you have spent any portion of your speck in time wearing the Eagle, Anchor, and Globe honorably; you have been and always will be one of the few and the proud, a US Marine who understands that sacrifice

And what is this Corps of Marines whose motto is Semper Fi?

Ah! From the Commandant to the last Private leaving the drill field on graduation day

We are Marines now and forever

For when you sign up you do not become a Marine !!!

Until you walked off that drill field on graduation day and then and only then do you become a Marine forever and then only dishonor will cause you to lose that honor

Ones time in serving could be 2 years, 4 years, 10, years, 20 years or 30 plus, but we all endured the discipline, honor, courage and commitment it took to carry the name Marine

Many a person who have gain success and notoriety after leaving our beloved Corps, have said time and again, "My time as a Marine is what set me apart".

Why is this so?

Every Marine knows he is the organization, for we make it what it is and what it stands for

There can never be failure, for it's a word a Marine could never understand and the mission is on every Marines shoulders

I don't believe other branches of the Service ever gets this reasoning across to their multitudes.

Oh! they all have their elite outfits, but there set apart

Every Marine knows that all has to work for the machine to be oiled and each is responsible for his share of the load

Time crosses over for an active Marine and one of the past

You can start a conversation as if he is a brother no matter the time that has past

For your body's blood runs true with Marine Corps green

Yes, we are a breed set apart and no one can fully understand us, as we do ourselves

We all served but a speck in our History but we all made the Corps what it is. "The Finest Fighting Breed of Men the World has ever known "The Few and the Proud, the Marines

We will go to our graves, knowing we stood up and apart to defend and preserve our way of life.

Not worrying what others thought or did, for the mission was our way of life

We had vowed to protect and defend our country from all enemies foreign and domestic and we will until we're called to guard the streets of heaven as only our hymn calls out

Stand proud, for less than 1% in a land of three million people can be called a Marine

Ed Emanuel

USMC (Ret)

1956 - 1985

SENIOR WEDDING

Jacob, age 92, and Rebecca, age 89, living in Miami, are all excited about their decision to get married. They go for a stroll to discuss the wedding, and on the way they pass a drugstore. Jacob suggests they go in.

Jacob addresses the man behind the counter: "Are you the owner?"

The pharmacist answers, "Yes."

Jacob: "We're about to get married. Do you sell heart medication?"

Pharmacist: "Of course, we do."

Jacob: "How about medicine for circulation?"

Pharmacist: "All kinds."

Jacob: "Medicine for rheumatism?"

Pharmacist: "Definitely."

Jacob: "How about suppositories?"

Pharmacist: "You bet!"

Jacob: "Medicine for memory problems, arthritis and Alzheimer's?"

Pharmacist: "Yes, a large variety. The works"

Jacob: "What about vitamins, sleeping pills, Geritol, antidotes for Parkinson's disease?"

Pharmacist: "Absolutely."

Jacob: "Everything for heartburn and indigestion?"

Pharmacist: "We sure do."

Jacob: "You sell wheelchairs and walkers and canes?"

Pharmacist: "All speeds and sizes."

Jacob: "Adult diapers?"

Pharmacist: "Sure."

Jacob: "We'd like to use this store as our Bridal Registry."

A Marine may leave the Corps...

...but the Corps will NEVER

leave the Marine!

Semper Fi!



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