



THE MICHIGAN MARINE NEWS

The Official Newsletter of the Marine Corps League, Department of Michigan

CONGRATULATIONS, NEWLY ELECTED DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

Delegates at the 2025 Marine Corps League Department of Michigan elected Tracey Tippet as the Department Commandant for the 2025-2026 year. Commandant Tippet is a member of the Lake Superior Detachment 764 in the Upper Peninsula.



Scott Hellman from the Muskegon Detachment 703 was elected as the Department Senior Vice Commandant.

Steve August from the Macomb County Detachment 158 was elected as the Department Junior Vice Commandant.

Mark Sutton from the Northwest Detachment 162 was elected as the Department Judge Advocate.

Larry Sweerin from the Kalamazoo Detachment 879 was reelected to the position of Department Paymaster.

2025 Michigan Marine of the Year



Marine Corps League Member Tracey Tippet of the Lake Superior Detachment was selected the MCL Department of Michigan Marine of the Year at the Annual Convention.

Congratulations Marine!

Commandant Report

Tracey Tippet
Department Commandant



Marines:

At the Department Summer Convention on June 6-8th at the Wyndham Hotel in Grand Blanc/Flint I was elected to your Department of Michigan Commandant. I

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Commandant Report—cont.

want to thank everyone who voted for me and I will do my best to represent the State of Michigan Marine Corps League during my tenure. I also want to thank my opponent, Phil Smith, for all the work that he accomplished during his time in various jobs within the department.

Richard Monroe has been selected as my Aide De Camp for this term. He is very knowledgeable, and he will be a great resource to me as I go about my duties as your Commandant.

From the Muskegon Detachment comes your new Sr. Vice, Scott Hellman, Jr. Vice Steve August from Macomb County Detachment and Judge Advocate Mark Sutton from the Northwest Detachment. All of these individuals have a vast amount of knowledge, and all will be great assets to the Department of Michigan.

This is truly is an outstanding Department Staff both elected and appointed. Please reach out to any of us if you have concerns or issues. We are there to help support you and your Detachments and in keeping the Department of Michigan great.

In closing, I want to wish everyone a "Happy Summer" ahead. Thank you for your support in the coming year.

Semper Fi

**Senior Vice
Commandant
Scott Hellman**



Greetings,

First of all, thank you for the confidence of voting for me as your Senior. Vice. I will do what is needed to be a good & responsible MCL officer. I hope you all are having a good start on your summer with friends and

family. I'm sorry I couldn't make the summer convention; it was our 25th anniversary vacation planned way before I became a Dept. officer. I would like to welcome the new officers & staff to the Department.

Our first order of business is funding the Department so we can continue providing the programs we have. We have just started a raffle for a Kimber weapon, a 55" television, and cash for third place. This was created by our past Sr. Vice, Phil Smith. He will continue to oversee his raffle, and I, as Sr. Vice, will oversee and help him succeed with his idea. We as a department need to buy and SELL these tickets to fill our coffers every year. There are more ideas for fundraising, but we are always open to some ideas or changes that you may have. It will take us all to make or break any fundraising efforts. We need all Zone Commandants to help promote each and every attempt that the Department puts forth. I am working on the next fundraiser, making contacts, and hopefully having more success with each year we do these.

In the near future, I will be having a Zoom meeting for the Commandant's Council meeting. There will be 3 or 4 meetings the entire year. I will set them up and send the invites out when they happen. These meetings are for the Commandants of each detachment and the Zone Commandants to share what is working and also what they need to learn to help their areas. It is my job to listen and help when and where I can.

Let's utilize this summer to meet and let the people know we are out there and encourage them to join our missions.

Department of Michigan Marine Corps League
4131 Maple St. Dearborn, MI 48126

2026 Fund Raiser Raffle

	Dept. of Michigan - Marine Corps League 4131 Maple St., Dearborn, MI 48126 2026 Fund Raiser RAFFLE
	
1 st Prize: Kimber .45 cal <i>Bundle Package or Cash Equivalent</i>	
2 nd Prize: 55" TV <i>or Cash Equivalent</i>	
3 rd Prize: \$200.00	
Donation: \$10 each or 6 for \$50 (5000 tickets printed) Winner need not be present to win.	
Drawing: May 25, 2026 at Dept MI. Detachment Bldg - 2PM License: # R80218	

Donation: \$10 each or 6 for \$50

Raffle Event Chair Phil Smith 313-720-2712 or email marret94@aol.com

DWG: May 25, 2026 at Dept. MI Detachment Building - 2PM

The Department Raffle is underway, and tickets were given out at the Department Convention to either the Detachment Commandant or their respective delegate to sell by each detachment.

1st prize: a Kimber .45 Cal pistol package consisting of a carrying case, .45 cal Kimber, magazines, or cash equivalent

2nd prize: a 53 " flat screen TV or cash equivalent

3rd prize is \$200.00 in cash (check or money order)

Tickets were distributed based on your membership numbers at the time, and the number of tickets to sell was doubled accordingly. Example if you have 30 members you get 60 tickets.

The cost of the tickets is \$10.00 each or 6 for \$50.00 as indicated, we would like to sell 6,000. Can we do it? Possibly, if we push hard. We have less than a year to sell the tickets. Can it be done? That depends on many factors. Each detachment has an event that you may participate in, or you know someone, or you will purchase some yourself.

A mailing address was not on the flyer, so please send to by check or money order made out to Dept of MI, MCL, Memo Dept Raffle mail too:

Phillip S. Smith
Chairman, Raffle Cmte
7774 Patton St
Detroit, MI 48228



Historian:

Dale K. Erion
Department Historian

The 50th anniversary of the Department of Michigan was in 1990. Karl E McNulty was dept Commandant and Kathryn Harrison was dept Auxiliary President. There was a discussion on the design and specifics of the medals. Capital detachment spearheaded the design, with much correspondence between dept and Capital det.

A basic design for the medals and ribbon was approved. By this time James Pack was dept CMDT. The final design was done by Marine Bob Porter and Marine Don Rossi. There were several hold-ups in the design process. The major one was waiting for HQMC's approval to use the Marine Corps Emblem in the design.

A member of Capital det, who was a custom jeweler and goldsmith furnished the silver, making of the molds and casting of the medals for free. The first 5 to 10 sets had the goldsmith's mark on the back of the medals. The rest of the sets had no marks. The goldsmith's mark consisted of a shark with a pathfinder emblem. Ray Rossi was the goldsmith's name and served in a recon unit in Viet Nam.

Dept CMDT Andy A Cervini gave the final financial approval and go ahead for the manufacture and purchase of the medals. Ray Rossi cast both large and miniature medals. HLI Lordship Industries made the ribbon. The colors of the ribbon was blue with red and gold stripes. HLI Lordship Industries assembled the ribbons and medals, large and small, and ribbon bar for a complete set. The medal sets were delivered to Dept of Michigan, unclear if CMDT was John Tuohy or Byron Haase. The original idea was to sell the sets for \$30.00, \$5.00 above the original cost of \$25.00.

The official list of authorized recipients and medal sets were turned over to the dept Quarter Master for sale. After awhile, during CMDT Charlie Volker's term, it was decided to issue the medal sets to the authorized recipients. This completes the known history of the 50th anniversary medal sets.



Honor flight

Here is a picture from the all-women's U.P. Women of Valor Honor Flight. That took place on 5/21. There were 167 females on this flight, just from the Upper Peninsula, making it the largest all-female flight to DC.

Pictured

Tracey Tippet, Christy Faymonville, Cheryl Griggs, Marcia Wentela and Charlla LaMond

Do these Three Things as a New Officer.

Mark Sutton, Department Judge Advocate

Are you a newly elected officer in your detachment, zone, or department? Want to know where to begin? Start by reading these three documents.

One – Read the National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures.

Two – Read the Department of Michigan Bylaws and Administrative Procedures.

Three – Read your detachment's bylaws and any administrative procedures your detachment has produced.

These are the basic rules we all must follow. They explain position roles and responsibilities, and will give insight into how you should conduct yourself in the new position over your new term.

If you have any questions, email me at mm12sutton@gmail.com.



Department President

Cathy Rayl

Marine Corps League Auxiliary

Greetings from the Department of Michigan MCLA.

I just came from a successful Department Convention. I wish to thank the League Detachments that so generously supported our OLA (Operation Little Angel) charity, Reach Resource Services in Genesee Co. They provide services for youth 10-17 years old. Who are runaways or homeless. Our gifts, including cash donations totaled close to \$800.00. We received a thank you, expressing how appreciative they are for all we have done.

The Auxiliary elected and installed the following slate of officers for the 2025/26 FY., President Cathy Rayl, Sr. Vice President Kimberly Clemons, Jr. Vice President Lonita Love, Judge Advocate Shan Heath. We are looking forward to working together as we support each other and our Marine's.

At the Convention Banquet we presented our first "Star Unit" award for recruitment of new members in their Unit. It was our pleasure to award this to the Downriver Unit.

Another First this year was the Virginia F. Johnson Award for the outstanding Auxiliary member that exemplifies the life and example of what being an MCLA member is. Our first year we honored four of our well deserving, past due, outstanding members, Peggy Tuohy, Joan kuhne, Sue Rivard, Carol Ringvelski. Their selfless dedication and work has not gone unnoticed.

The Auxiliary will continue to run our RADA Cutlery (made in USA) product fundraiser. You are encouraged to go on line, look at the catalog and place an order. Select the "Department of Michigan MCLA" as the fundraising group, so we will receive credit. Contact Cathy Rayl at ca-tray5@hotmail.com for questions.

I am looking forward to attending the National MCL/MCLA Convention in Texas in August to represent the Department of Michigan MCLA.

REMEMBER, we are always "Looking for a few good women" to join us. Please contact me and I will direct you to the closest Unit.

Semper Fi, Blessings



(L-R) Cathy Rayl w/Joan Kushner



(L-R) Gerri Tuohy, Peggy Tuohy and Kimberly Christner

Veterans Crisis Line



**DIAL 988 then
PRESS 1**



Michigan Marine Corps League Foundation

Gerry Alcorn, Foundation President.

Thank You For Supporting Scholarship Opportunities.

At the 2025 Department Annual Convention several detachments and individual donated to the Department Scholarship program.

Thank you for your support.

The foundation has launched a new website, come visit us.



Richard & Kathy Monroe



Cpl Stanley Moore Detachment



John C Rock Detachment



Montford Point Detachment



U.P. Detachment



**MARINES, FMF CORPSMEN, FMF CHAPLAINS,
AUXILIARY AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERS
THIS IS FOR YOU!!!
DIVE IN, CONNECT, SHARE AND EXPLORE.**



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From the Department Convention



New Pack of Michigan Officers

Christy Faymonville Worthy jr Vice Pack Leader. Wendy Zamora. worthy Pack Leader, Tracey Tippet Worthy Sr Vice Pack Leader and Christine Tonegatto Salo Worthy Pack Mad Dog.



Back row—Dave Masunas, Jonathan VanTol, Art Menard, Gerry Alcorn, Tony Wade, Phil Zamora. Front Row—(L-R) Wendy Zamora, Richard Monroe (Honorary PDC), Jim Tuohy, Ray Rayl, and John Tuohy. Past Department Commandants present at Convention.

Deadline for next Michigan Marine News—October 1, 2025.



Muskegon's USMC Birthday Celebration

8 NOVEMBER 2025

*You are cordially invited to the 250th birthday celebration
dinner of the United States Marine Corps.*

*This milestone achievement of the United States of America will
be held by the Muskegon Marine Corps League Det. #703.*

PLACE: Delta Hotels by Marriot
939 Third Street, Muskegon, MI, 49440
(231) 722-0100

DATE: 8 Nov 2025

DRESS ATTIRE: Casual Business to Formal

TIME: 1700 – Social Hour, 1st Raffle of the evening
1800 – Traditional Ceremonies
Buffet Dinner to follow
DJ KLIPP will provide music & dancing

SPEAKER: Dr. Fred Johnson III, Ph.D.
Prof. Hope College

PRICE: \$50.00/ person

ITEM RAFFLE - ON-SITE 50/50 DRAWING - SILENT AUCTION

Cash, Credit Card or Venmo will be available

CASH BAR - COFFEE, TEA WILL BE PROVIDED

You **must** R.S.V.P by 15 Oct 2025. We will have a maximum of 250 guests, with first come first serve. If you have a larger party, please state that during your reservation process. Rooms will be available for booking at \$129.00/night if needed, 17 Oct 2025, is the deadline for this price. Mention the Birthday to get the discount. **For money apps please reach out.**

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**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**

**REGISTRATION:
\$400 PER 4 MAN TEAM
\$100 INDIVIDUAL GOLFER
\$36 DINNER ONLY**

**RAFFLES-PRIZES
DINNER**

**SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
EVENT \$300
HOLE \$200
CONTRIBUTION \$100**



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