



DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS THE ILLINOIS MARINE

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE NEWSLETTER

August 2023



*Photo provided by Rick Prescott MCL Detachment 1009
Wayne Kostner on the left, 2 Marines Phil Sweeney on right.*



Volunteers assembling wall.

The Wall That Heals Traveling Vietnam Wall at the McHenry VFW

*Photo provided by
Lori Boyle MCL Detachment 1009*



THE ILLINOIS MARINE

DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE:

Marines,

I hope everyone that attended the 79th Department Convention in Springfield had a enjoyable and productive convention. The Guest Speaker, Director Terry Prince was outstanding. I hope you had good face- to- face fellowship and camaraderie.

I was pleased to see more RED HATS in attendances and hopefully more will attend in the future to the Staff Meetings and Department Convention. I'm presently working on the Appointed Staff and the Committees which needs attention. There are several positions that very important and needs to be filled by qualified individuals. These positions will be posted here in the near future. I would like to thank the membership for giving me another year as your Department Commandant. We have several new Elected and Appointed members and hopefully we'll also see new ideals in the future.

I would like to "Thank" Mike Malstrom for all the help he gave me and his long service to the Department of Illinois.

Please, remember that it is WE and not ME, one large Team; also, remember to honor and respect each other. With everyone working as a Team, we'll be able to Adapt, Improvise and Overcome and hopefully have a very successful year. My contact info is: ron-burns45@live.com {or} 618-593-0533.

Semper Fidelis,
Ronald E. Burns, Sr.

NOTE FROM AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Happy Summer Ladies

Please keep our vets in your thoughts, and donate when you can.

Have a great rest of your summer.
Semper Fi
Jo Larsen

SR. VICE COMMANDANT

Greetings Marines,

Another successful Convention in the books! Congratulations to all the officers, both appointed and elected. All the District Commandant positions have been filled. This was not the case last year. Thank you all for stepping up. Work of the Department was attended to and the hospitality and camaraderie was outstanding. The turnout was not what we would have liked but there were some new attendees and I would hope they would take what they learned and experienced back to their Detachments and pass it along.

The Senior Vice Commandant raffles and silent auctions went well. Weapons realized over five thousand dollars, winners were Judy Obrzut, Worth, IL and Jeff Meinke of Rock Island, IL., they both took the money. Vacation raffle brought in \$530.00, winner Crystle Powers, Peoria, IL. Silent auction resulted in \$400.00. A big thank you to all that sold tickets, purchased tickets and supplied and bid

on items for the silent auction.

I realize attending conventions can be expensive but with some planning like doubling up on rooms, not eating out, carpooling, the costs can be manageable. Maybe the Detachment can cover part of the expense incurred? We wish to see all of you next Convention. This is your Marine Corps League Department and your input is valued. Anything I can help you with please do not hesitate to contact me or any of the Staff just remember the Chain of Command.

National Convention is in less than a month and the Department of Illinois will be well represented. Hope to see you there!

Semper Fidelis,
Randy Weber
Senior Vice Commandant

JR. VICE COMMANDANT:

Thank you for electing me as your Jr Vice Commandant. I am truly honored. Membership in the MCL is more than paying your dues and attending meetings. We perpetuate and spread the core values of the USMC. We assist our disabled Marines and their loved ones; we remember our deceased comrades with memorials.

Ours is a special bond that needs to be celebrated and proclaimed. Share your knowledge, skills, and abilities with the group; look for specific common interests and build relationships; enjoy your time together as Marines. Incorporate new members and current members into all activities of your detachment. Listen to their ideas and suggestions. A new idea might be the best idea to reinvigorate your membership.

We are the pinnacle of military services and we need to remember it!

Semper Fi,
Victoria Cobbett

JUDGE ADVOCATE:

It is the duty of the Judge Advocate to provide legal counsel to the Department and advise the Department Staff concerning the Department Constitution, By Laws and Regulations in accordance with the Marine Corps League. He gives opinions on any questions that are related to the Constitution and By laws of the Department

If I can help with questions or concerns with these matters I may be reached at marjk311@hotmail.com or 630 665-8769.

Semper Fidelis
John Olejnicki

PAYMASTER:

Thank you for the support and comments as we pass the torch of Department of Illinois Paymaster. Mike Malmstrom has carried the lion share of the important position as Paymaster and other financial related functions for the Department.

The plan is to transition the record keeping of the Department

Finances so it will be easier for the Officers and Redhats to understand the income and expense.

I received a few recommendations, and having regular discussions with the Department Commandant will be working with Quickbooks Online, this plan of giving Trustees access to review the finances in a "Read Only". The Plan, after I have time to review our previous finances for the transition, is to add additional duty for a Trustee to be Assistant Paymaster.

Once up and running, provide the Department with ACH and Credit Card Ability that will help the Senior Vice Fundraising and other finance related issues.

Detachments should be checking the Department Website and Newsletter for Detachment Officers, Meeting Locations and contact info, which will help the Department support the Detachment Membership.

2nd Staff Training, please provide us with topics for training that will make your Detachment more effective in your community.

If you are a current Detachment Paymaster please email me at MCLDeptILPaymaster@outlook.com and current Monthly Meeting date, All Paymaster Correspondence should be sent to Mike Ruffner, 40557 N. Minena St., Antioch, IL 60002.

Semper Fidelis!

Mike Ruffner GySgt USMC Retired

SERGEANT AT ARMS:

Semper Fi Marines and Devil dogs

It was a good fourth staff and convention and first staff I wish a lot more people showed up for the convention you missed out on a good time.

Semper Fidelis

William (Bill) Schultz

JR. PAST COMMANDANT:

Congratulations on a successful Convention. I think everyone had a good time, except for maybe the 2-mile hike every day to the meeting rooms! LOL! Congratulations to all those elected or appointed in their positions.

It will never be enough to say thank you to PDC Mike Malmstrom for serving as our Department Paymaster for the last 19 (20?) years. Your knowledge, experience, and leadership has been an inspiration to all. I for one have valued and appreciated your guidance in helping me rise through the chairs, and just to be a better League member.

Our next venture is off to Oklahoma City for our 100th National Convention. I expect to have a good time with our Department members, and trust it will be educational.

Always remember our Brothers and Sisters who are serving, those who never came home, and those who came home but never returned. Keep up the great work, Marines and fellow members!

Semper Fidelis,

PDC Mike Sturch

FROM THE EDITOR:

The Illinois Marine publication would like to keep our members up to date by use of email and our website. The website has current information and various forms available for your convenience. (www.TheIllinoisMarine.com)

NEXT NEWSLETTER IS OCTOBER 2023

Thank you,
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VAVS

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Semper Fi,
George Mulvaney, VAVS Chairman

DEPT. OF IL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Congratulations to Ms Lydia Metcalf and Mr. Mason Straight, the two recipients of the 2023 Barbara M Olejnicki Memorial Scholarship. Each recipient received \$1000 to be used at their future school for books and tuition. Mason read his essay at the Joint Opening Session of the 79th Annual MCL Department of Illinois Convention held in Springfield on June 23 followed by lunch with his family and Dept Commandant Ron Burns. The scholarship evaluation and selection committee members are John Olejnicki (DuPage Marines #399), Harry Fanning (Shawnee #812), and Chairwoman Victoria Cobbett (DuPage Marines #399).

Congratulations, again Good Luck.

Victoria Cobbett, Scholarship Chair

ABOUT GI BILL BENEFITS

GI Bill benefits help you pay for college, graduate school, and training programs. Since 1944, the GI Bill has helped qualifying Veterans and their family members get money to cover all or some of the costs for school or training. Learn more about GI Bill benefits on this page—and how to apply for them.

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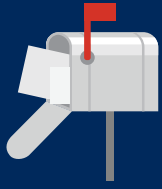
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Webmaster Wanted

PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING

We are looking for someone to step up and take over our website. This would include updating and keep up the website. Don Haines has been doing it for a long time and wants to retire. **THANK YOU DON!**

The website is <https://theillinoismarine.com>.

If you're up for the task, please contact Don, his email is: usmc1962@comcast.net

SUICIDE PREVENTION



Suicide is a serious public health problem that can have long-lasting effects on individuals, families, and communities. The good news is that suicide is preventable. Preventing suicide requires strategies at all levels of society. This includes prevention and protective strategies for individuals, families, and communities. Everyone can help prevent suicide by learning the warning signs, promoting prevention and resilience, and a committing to social change.

Do you know a Veteran or a Student that could use a simple phone call that could make a difference to see what is going on in their life? If they are struggling, they may need to be handed off to those with more experience.

NEED HELP? KNOW SOMEONE WHO DOES?

Contact the new Suicide and Crisis Lifeline

DIAL 988 (dial just like 911)

or chat at 988LifeLine.org

Connect with a trained crisis counselor

988 is confidential, FREE, available 24/7/365.

RACIAL INTOLERANCE IS NOT AND WILL NOT BE ACCEPTABLE NOR TOLERATED

in the DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS, MARINE CORPS LEAGUE!

In our oath of membership, it is stated that 'I will never knowingly wrong or injure or permit any member or any members family to be wronged or injured if to prevent the same is within my power.'

Please understand this also includes any and all racial slurs, comments, etc to our fellow Marines. As Marines we are pledged to help, respect and value others feelings.



MCL LIFE TIME MEMBERSHIP FEES

The National Board of Trustees met on 19 April 2023 to discuss the Marine Corps League's Life Membership Fees. In the year 2004, it was the last time that Life Membership Fees were increased at the National Convention.

"Section 7050. Life Members. ... Effective 1 September 2021 the Life Membership fee shall be as established by the National Board of Trustees and shall be posted on the National Website."

The National Board of Trustees has the fiduciary responsibility for the operation and budget requirements of the Marine Corps League. After full discussions and considerations, the National Board of Trustees voted and approved. Effective 1 July 2023, the Life Membership Fees will increase as per the following chart:

\$ 1000.00 – less than 35 years of age	\$ 400.00 – 65-84 years of age
\$ 800.00 – 36-50 years of age	\$ 100.00 – 85 years and older
\$ 600.00 – 51-64 years of age	

The above Fees are only available if the member's annual dues have been paid and the member is in good standing. Any member desiring to pay their Life Membership Fees at the current rate, must do so and be post-marked no later than 30 June 2023. Any Life Membership payments after that date are listed above.

On behalf of the National Board of Trustees,

Semper Fi,
Johnny Baker
National Commandant / CEO Marine Corps League

BYLAW CHANGE

If there is still time to submit an article I would like to submit the following:

There is a by law proposal that will be read and voted on at the June convention. This BYLAW CHANGE was submitted by MICHAEL RUFFNER

BYLAW CHANGE

40.03 Officer Tenure/Succession

CURRENT

(c) All Elective Department Officers may succeed themselves through re-election to respective offices, however, the Department Commandant may succeed himself for only (1) additional term, thereafter he may be eligible only as herein above provided.

PROPOSED

(c) All Elective Department Officers may succeed themselves through re- election to respective offices, however, The Department Commandant may succeed THEMSELVES for only one (1) AND PAYMASTER MAY SUCCEED THEMSELVES FOR ONLY FOUR additional terms, thereafter they may be eligible only as herein above provided.

DISCUSSION

"himself replaced "themselves" and "he" to "they" to be gender neutral.

John Olejnicki
Department Judge Advocate

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- Are a member of the Reserves, or
- Have received a Purple Heart or the Medal of Honor
- If you're a family member, one of these must describe you. You're the: Surviving spouse of a service member (if you haven't remarried), or Primary family caregiver of an eligible Veteran (recognized under the Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers), or Dependent or survivor of an eligible service member, or Dependent of an eligible member of the Reserves

DuPage Marines MCL #399

Congratulations to DuPage Marines MCL #399 member Javier Martinez who received the VFW National Smart-Maher Teacher of the Year award. Marine Martinez was nominated for the award by Victoria Cobbett MCL #399 and sponsored by VFW 22 Honor Post #5819, Lemont, IL. He was recognized at the VFW National convention in Phoenix, AZ on 25 July 2023. This prestigious award was most deserved by Mr. Martinez who was an educator at Kaneland High School in Maple Park, IL.

www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/teacher-of-the-year

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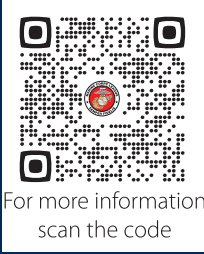
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VA.gov. VA recommends you use Login.gov.

WHAT'S MULTIFACTOR AUTHENTICATION AND WHY DOES VA.GOV USE IT?

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Each time you sign into a VA website or app, you'll use multifactor authentication to verify you're you. You'll do this using a device that only you should have access to, such as your mobile phone.

You'll get a unique code by text message or phone call, or through another option you choose like Google Authenticator, a security key, or backup codes. You'll then enter that code to access your account.

This way, even if someone were to guess or steal your username and password, multifactor authentication can stop them from accessing your account.

HOW DO I FILE A TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT CLAIM ONLINE AND GET MORE INFORMATION?

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Visit the VA website to learn more about the VA Health and Benefits mobile app.

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Adjutant:	Sergio Correa Jr.	6006 S. Green St. Apt 3S	Chicago, IL	60621	312 383-0924

Grundy County Detachment #1372***Meets at Morris American Legion, 212 W. Washington St., Morris, IL 4th Thurs. 1900***

Commandant:	Art Chaves	367 Baber Ln	Joliet, IL	60435	708 955-3208
Paymaster:	Fred Gaddis	165 Virginia St	Coal City, IL	60416	815 634-3125
Adjutant:					

Kankakee MCL Detachment #1253***Meets Bradley-Bourbonnais Sportsman's Club, 2672 Chippewa Dr., Bourbonnais 1st Tuesday 1900***

Commandant:	Stan Bobka	15 S. Pauls	Bourbonnais, IL	60914	815 278-7848
Paymaster:	Margaret J. Myers	345 Jeffery	Kankakee, IL	60901-4958	815 933-2338
Adjutant:	Roland Myers	345 Jeffery	Kankakee, IL	60901-4958	815 933-2338

Marine Corps League Kevin Clarke - Tinley Park Detachment #1217***Meets at Bremen Post 2791 V.F.W., 17147 S. Oak Park Ave., Tinley Park, IL 3rd Monday 1930***

Commandant:	Donald Tomich	6614 Pondview Dr	Tinley Park, IL	60477	708 342-1084
Paymaster:	Tom Donnelly	6300 W. 157th Pl.,	Oak Forest, IL	60452-	708 535-3332
Adjutant:	Donald Tomich	6614 Pondview Dr	Tinley Park, IL	60477	708 342-1084

2nd District

Chicago #1 Detachment #073**Meets at F.D.R American Legion Post 923, 1824 W. Courtland, Chicago, IL 3rd Sunday 1300**

Commandant:	Zataniel Ortega	1820 W. Cornelia Ave	Chicago, IL	60657-1020	773 929-5275
Adjutant/Paymaster:	John M. Bigwood	7719 East Prairie Road	Skokie, IL	60076	847 779-3053

Chicago Police Marines Detachment #553**Meets at F.O.P. #7 Hall, 1412 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago, IL 1st Tuesday 1900 chicagopolicemarines@gmail.com**

Commandant:	Paul	PO Box 8668	Chicago, IL	60680-8668	773 413-8762
Paymaster:	Patrick	PO Box 8668	Chicago, IL	60680-8668	773 413-8762
Adjutant:					

DuPage County Detachment #399**Meets at V.F.W. Post 2164, 0N731 Papworth St., Wheaton, IL 4th Tuesday 1930**

Commandant:	Merrill Albertus	1N044 West St	Carol Stream	60188	630 800-7198
Paymaster:	Victoria Cobbett	733 Singer Ave	Lemont, IL	60439-3912	630 330-2571
Adjutant:	Victoria Cobbett	733 Singer Ave	Lemont, IL	60439-3912	630 330-2571

Elgin Detachment #077**Meets at the Elgin Moose Lodge, 925 S. McLean Blvd., Elgin, IL 60123 4th Tuesday 1900**

Commandant:	Fred Zimmermann	2444 Tall Oaks Dr	Elgin, IL	60124	847 841-1340
Adjutant/Paymaster:	Tom Culumber	12981 Applewood Dr	Huntley, IL	60142	630 513-9758

Fox Valley Marines Detachment #1233**Meets at AMVETS Post 103, 1194 Jericho Rd., Aurora, IL 2nd Thursday 1900**

Commandant:	Mark Hernandez	308 Stonelesh	Oswego, IL	60543	630 569-6275
Paymaster:	Scott Roscoe	304 Stoneleigh	Oswego, IL	60543	630 809-4117
Adjutant:	Lisa Garcia	648 W. New York	Aurora, IL	60506	630 486-9896

Lake County Detachment #801**Meets at Steven's Steakhouse, 401 N. Riverside Dr., Gurnee, IL 3rd Tuesday 1900**

Commandant:	Ed Mampe	24883 Cedarwood Ln	Ingleside, IL	60041	847 641-9689
Paymaster:	Mel Ellingsen	1855 Sterling Heights Ct.	Antioch, IL	60002	847 274-8144
Adjutant:	John Jezioro	1407 Barberry	Round Lake Beach	60037	847 807-0736

McHenry County Detachment #1009**Meets at Woodstock VFW Post 5040 240 N Throop St Woodstock, IL 3rd Thursday 1900**

Commandant:	Jason Herta	PO Box 311	Woodstock, IL	60098-0311	224 245-4474
Paymaster:	Mike Ruffner	PO Box 311	Woodstock, IL	60098-0311	847 570-4107
Adjutant:	James French	PO Box 311	Woodstock, IL	60098-0311	847 730-9085

Northwest Suburban Detachment #080**Meets at Merle Guild A.L. Post 208, 121 N. Douglas, Arlington Heights, IL 3rd Wednesday 1930**

Commandant:	Michael Huttner	235 W. Chasse Cr	St. Charles, IL	60174	630 650-0424
Paymaster:	Kevin Lollock	2502 Ardmore Ave	Inverness, IL	60067	847 682-4245
Adjutant:	John Madejczyk	2706 George Ct	Rolling Meadows	60008	847 577-7803

Tri-County Leathernecks Detachment #1395**Meets at the American Legion Post #964, 51 Lions Dr., Lake Zurich, IL 2nd Wednesday 1900**

Commandant:	Bill Thompson	PO Box 491	Lake Zurich, IL	60047	847 997-6658
Adjutant/Paymaster:	Scott Forester	PO Box 491	Lake Zurich, IL	60047	847 414-9630

3rd District**Dixon Area Detachment #076****Meets at Sterling Post 296, 601 1st Ave., Sterling, IL 3rd Wednesday 1900**

Commandant:	Nick Garcia	208 8th Ave	Sterling, IL	61081	765 520-8724
Paymaster:	Ed Nicklaus	204 18th Ave	Sterling, IL	61081	815 625-8223
Adjutant:	Megan Skeffington	1132 Center St	Dixon, IL	61021	815 994-2697

Illinois Valley Detachment #078**Meets at MCL Clubhouse, 475 E. Rt. 351, PO Box 22, Jonesville, IL 1st Tuesday 1900**

Commandant:	Paul Siembaby	238 E 1st	Oglesby, IL	61348	815 481-8514
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Paymaster:	Dennis M Mallie	PO Box 22	Oglesby, IL	61348-0022	815 200-2332
Adjutant:	Rasheem Brown	2450 N State Rt 178	Oglesby, IL	61348	312 961-1940

Rockford Detachment #083

Meets at the VFW Post 9759, 2018 Windsor Dr., Loves Park IL 1st Wednesday 1900

Commandant:	Rick Rubendall	1007 Ramona Ter	Machesney Park	31115-3841	815 979-6468
Paymaster:	Bruce Giersch	613 Dickerson Dr	Winnebago, IL	61088-8336	815 904-4534
Adjutant:	Dave Price	5760 Clarendon Dr.	Rockford, IL	61114	815 877-2158

Tri-County Detachment #086:

Meets at American Legion Post # 31, 1509 Railroad Ave, Kewanee, IL 1st Monday 1900

Commandant:	Louis J. VanDeVoorde	330 Emmons Ave	Kewanee, IL	61443	309 853-6661
Adjutant/Paymaster:	Glenn E. Morey	P. O. Box 207	Mineral, IL	61344-0207	309 290-4007

Lincoln Detachment #607

Meets at AMVETS, 827 15th Ave., East Moline, IL 3rd Tuesday 1900

Commandant:	Joseph G. Pollock	6609 Cresthill Dr.,	Davenport, IA	52806-1567	563 349-2423
Adjutant/Paymaster:	Michael W. Malmstrom	5107 48th St.,	Moline, IL	61265-7516	309 764-9638

DeKalb County Detachment #847

Meets at Sycamore Vets Home, 121 S. California, Sycamore, IL 3rd Thursday 1900

Commandant:	Brent Bacon	PO Box 321	Sycamore, IL	60178-0321	815 751-6211
Paymaster:	Keith Keutzer	PO Box 321	Sycamore, IL	60178-0321	815 751-3641
Adjutant:	Mike Sturch	PO Box 321	Sycamore, IL	60178-0321	815 441-2243

Sauk Valley Marine Detachment #913

Meets at A. L. Post 902, 712 Fourth Ave., Rock Falls, IL 3rd Monday 1900

Commandant:	Tim Martin	P.O. Box 708	Rock Falls, IL	61071-0708	815 622-4629
Paymaster:	Howard Glispie	6155 7th Ave	Rock Falls, IL	61071	815 590-0639
Adjutant:	Tim Martin	P.O. Box 708	Rock Falls, IL	61071-0708	815 622-4629

4th District

Peoria Leathernecks Detachment #081

Meets at Navy/Marine Club, 1310 E. Sieberling, Peoria Heights, IL 61616 1st Wednesday 1900

Commandant:	William Olsen	21 N. Cherry St	Princeton, IL	61356	309 642-8787
Adjutant/Paymaster:	Harold W. Lundstrom	10809 N. Dana Dr	Peoria, IL	61615-1163	309 240-8782

Tobin-Nanninga Detachment #085

Meets at the MCL Club House, 13370 Garman Rd., Pekin, IL 3rd Sunday 1600

Commandant:	William Clark	308 Linden St.,	Pekin, IL	61554	309 241-0949
Paymaster:	Chris Celiberti	4020 Chalmers	Bartonville, IL	61607	309 369-4982
Adjutant:	Mike Munoz	9801 W. Guinivere Dr	Mapleton, IL	61547-9578	309 453-3858

Decatur Detachment #799

Meets at American Legion Post #105, 1535 Legion Dr., Decatur, IL 1st Monday 1800

Commandant:	Tom Scroggins	1825 S. 33rd St	Decatur, IL	62521-4704	217 428-7588
Paymaster:	Robert Tyler	324 Green Way Ln	Decatur, IL	62524	217 422-2983
Adjutant:	Robert Tyler	324 Green Way Ln	Decatur, IL	62524	217 422-2983

Major Kenneth D. Bailey Detachment #824

Meets at American Legion Post #210, 201 Prospect Pl., Danville, IL 3rd Sunday 1600

Commandant:	John Barrett	29173 Bean Creek Rd.,	Potomac, IL	61865	217 987-6921
Paymaster:	Tina Cornell	202 Prospect Pl	Danville, IL	61832	217 260-2822
Adjutant:	Bonnie Barrett	29173 Bean Creek Rd.	Potomac, IL	61865	217 987-6921

Central Illinois Leathernecks Detachment #988

Meets at V.F.W. Post 454, 1006 Lincoln Ave., Bloomington, IL 2nd Tuesday 1900

Commandant:	Kevin D. Keller	14030 Lara Trace	Bloomington, IL	61705	618 554-1540
Paymaster:	Rick Parker	1 Pine Cone Court # 118	Bloomington, IL	61704	309 824-0349
Adjutant:	Rick Parker	1 Pine Cone Court # 118	Bloomington, IL	61704	309 824-0349

Richard L. Pittman Detachment #1231

Meets at Urbana V.F.W. Post #630, 1303 E. Main St., Urbana, IL 3rd Thursday 1900

Commandant:	Jeff Wakeland	7762 N Meridian Rd	Perrysville IN	47974	812-264-3610
Paymaster:	Gregory Cozad	P.O. Box 6354	Champaign, IL	60426-6354	217-377-4815
Adjutant:	Mary Coventry	1012 Broadmoor	Champaign, IL	61821	217-855-4917

Sgt. Robert "Bob" E. Graue Detachment #1336**Meets at Lincoln VFW Post, 915 5th St., Lincoln, IL 3rd Sunday 1400**

Commandant:	James J. Harnacke	1518 State Rt. 10	Lincoln, IL	62656-5353	217 737-4557
Adjutant/Paymaster:	Gene F. Hickey	795 950th Ave.,	Elkhart, IL	62634-6090	217 871-2972

5th District**Collier-Harrison Detachment #075****Meets at the Navy Club Quarters, 3100 Stanton St., Springfield, IL 1st Wednesday 1900**

Commandant:	Jeff Wolfe	7324 Oak Crest Rd	Riverton, IL	62561-9785	217 971-5663
Adjutant/Paymaster:	Sue Gibbons	1733 W. Glenn Ave	Springfield, IL	62704-4826	217 622-8270

Gem City Detachment #790**Meets at the American Legion Post #37, 116 N. 8th St., Quincy, IL 1st Monday 1900**

Commandant:	Jeffrey W. Jansen	1620 Gayla Dr	Quincy, IL	62305	217 316-0219
Adjutant/Paymaster:	George A. Hendrendeen	1707 N. 12th St	Quincy, IL	62301	217 246-1331

West Central Illinois Leathernecks #1177**Meets at the American Legions, 903 West Superior, Jacksonville, IL 3rd Wednesday 1800**

Commandant:	Tim Ritzo	823 Grove St	Jacksonville, IL	62650	217 883-0798
Paymaster:	Paul Kramer	2057 Cherry Rd.,	Springfield, IL	62704-3273	217 572-1820
Adjutant:	Earl Turner	1864 Plum St.,	Jacksonville, IL	62650-22437	217 243-6602

6th District**Effingham County Detachment #591****Meets at Iron Horse Cafe, 101 S. Merchant, Effingham, IL 3rd Thursday 1200**

Commandant:	Aaron Mette	14905 E. 1975th Ave	Effingham, IL	62401-6905	
Adjutant/Paymaster:	Darrell L. Schwerman	9387 E. Nees Ave.,	Effingham, IL	62401-5088	217 821-2163

Thomas A. Jennings Detachment #546**Meets at VFW Post, 712 E. Main St., Robinson, IL 3rd Tuesday 1900**

Commandant:	John Griffin	6501 North 2150th Street	Willow Hills, IL	62480	608 553-1902
Paymaster:	Mark Brown	20266 N. 525th St	Annapolis, IL	62413-3208	217 494-5021
Adjutant:	Dwight Piper	13687 E. 1425th Ave	Robinson, IL	62454	

7th District**Robert Windle Detachment #1031****Meets at Jersey County Courthouse Conference Room, Jerseyville, IL 2nd Monday 1900**

Commandant:	Karl Bradshaw	16645 Delhi Farms Rd	Jerseyville, IL	62052-3595	618 885-5684
Paymaster:	Marshal Lewis	704 Cross Ave	Jerseyville, IL	62052	618 836-7388
Adjutant:	Lonnie Saffell	9287 N. Prairie St.,	Shipman, IL	62685-6733	618 836-7388

Collinsville Detachment #074**Meets at VFW Post 805, 221 W. First St., O'Fallon, IL 1st Wednesday 1900**

Commandant:	Mike Murphy	29 N. Oakland Dr	Caseyville, IL	62232	618 444-0064
Paymaster:	Stacie Quimby	731 E. US Highway 40	Troy IL	62294	618 974-1782
Adjutant:	Catherine Murphy	29 N. Oakland Dr	Caseyville, IL	62232-1131	618 920-7864

Alton Leathernecks Detachment #1160**Meets at Wood River VFW 2859, 231 E. Edwardsville, Wood River, IL 62095 3rd Monday 1900**

Commandant:	James C. Freeman	146 22nd St	Alton, IL	62002-6812	618-465-2723
Paymaster:	Mark Nelson	5679 Humbert Rd	Godfrey, IL	62035-2102	618 972-3987
Adjutant:	Mark Nelson	5679 Humbert Rd	Godfrey, IL	62035-2102	618 972-3987

Lincoln Land Leathernecks Detachment #1174**Meets at VFW Post 1377, 2043 S. 4th St., Greenville, IL 62246 4th Wednesday 1930**

Commandant:	Daphine Kappos	340 Whitelaw Ave.,	Wood River, IL	62095-1915	618 402-7620
Paymaster:	Robert R. Weber	1103 Haas Rd	Trenton, IL	62293-2117	618 402-5655
Adjutant:	Renee McGuan	35 C Colonial Manor Dr	Highland, IL	62249-1565	815 754-1455

Prairieland Leathernecks Detachment #1385

Meets at 6061/2 East College St. Carbondale, IL 2nd Thursday 1900

Commandant:	Chris G. Gutierrez	PO Box 556	Litchfield, IL	62056	217 556-2410
Paymaster:	Gary E. Doss	PO Box 556	Litchfield, IL	62056	217 532-2280
Adjutant:	Dave Strowmatt	PO Box 556	Litchfield, IL	62056	217 556-0444

8th District

Shawnee Detachment #812

Meets at 6061/2 East College St. Carbondale, IL 2nd Thursday 1900

Commandant:	Harry Fanning	1 Shawnee Hills Rd	Carbondale, IL	62902	618 967-9462
Paymaster:	Phillip Lindberg	2421 Country Club Rd	Carbondale, IL	62901	618 967-9239
Adjutant:	Robert A. Edwards	815 Young Ct	Carterville, IL	62918-5052	618 534-2661

Southern Illinois Leathernecks Detachment #1013

Meets at the KC Hall, 213 N. 16th St., Herrin, IL 3rd Wednesday 1900

Commandant:	Cindy Aschemann	309 Missouri Ave	Carterville, IL	62918	618 203-9401
Paymaster:	Joe Leenerts	9594 Stotlar Rd	Johnston City, IL	62951-2945	618 942-3834
Adjutant:					

Randolph County Detachment # 575

Meets at the American Legion, 1001 Booster St., Evansville, IL 3rd Tuesday 1900

Commandant:	Brent Piel	5970 Richfield Rd	Red Bud, IL	62278-4534	618 282-4328
Adjutant/Paymaster:	John Preston	1033 Thomas Dr	Red Bud, IL	62278-2304	618 282-7783

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1st District

Burbank Unit MCLA #140**Meets at Marrs-Meyer Legion Post #991, 11001 S. Depot, Worth, IL 60482 4th Thursday 2000**

President:	Mary Ann Kuchta	10052 S. Maplewood	Chicago, IL	60650	773 779-8463
Treasurer:	Sharon Russo	7619 W 161st Street,	Tinley Park, IL	60477	312 403- 9449
Secretary:	Cheryl Schoon	127 Hibiscus Circle	Matteson, IL	60443	708 819-0814

Kankakee Unit MCLA #1253**Meets at the Bourbonnais Sportsmen's Club, 2672 Dr. Chippewa. Bourbonnais, IL 1st Tuesday 1800**

President:	Margaret J. Myers	345 W. Jeffery St	Kankakee, IL	60901-4958	815 933-2338
Treasurer:	Sandy Britt	114G Uncle Leo Dr	Bradley, IL	60915	815 592-1976
Secretary:	Judy Denoyer	271 Randolph	Bradley, IL	60915	815 933-9408

3rd District**DeKalb Sycamore Unit MCLA #382****Meets at Sycamore Vets Home, 121 S. California, Sycamore, IL 3rd Thursday 1900**

President:	Rachael Hartman	1036 Hartman Trail	Sandwich, IL	60548	815 405-9731
Treasurer:	Judy Bryant	340 Parker St	Sycamore, IL	60178-1249	815 895-6696
Secretary:	Judy Bryant	340 Parker St	Sycamore, IL	60178-1249	815 895-6696

Illinois Valley Unit MCLA**Meets at MCL Clubhouse, 475 E. State St. (RT's 351 & 71), Oglesby, IL 3rd Tuesday 1800**

President:	Virginia Hegland	321 N. Kenosha Ave	Oglesby, IL	61348-1145	480 980-7333
Treasurer:	Lorene Munson	505 Mormon St	Oglesby, IL	61348-1030	815 883-3636
Secretary:	Lorene Munson	505 Mormon St	Oglesby, IL	61348-1030	815 883-3636

McHenry County Unit MCLA #419**Meets at McHenry V.F.W. Post 4600, 3002 IL, Rt. 120, McHenry, IL 3rd Thursday 1930**

President:	Jo Larsen	332 Ramble RD	Lake in the Hills	60156-1332	847 687-3101
Treasurer:	Colleen Helfers	19810 River Rd	Marengo, IL	60152-9131	815 219-8550
Secretary:	Colleen Helfers	19810 River Rd	Marengo, IL	60152-9131	815 219-8550

Sauk Valley Unit MCLA #349

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Meets at Rock Falls American Legion, 712 - 4th Ave., Rock Falls, IL 2nd Tuesday 1600

President:	Breann Riggins	9507 Shore Dr	Machesney Park	61115	779 888-0139
Treasurer:	Carol Martin	PO Box 708	Rock Falls, IL	61071-0708	815 622-8687
Secretary:	Carol Martin	PO Box 708	Rock Falls, IL	61071-0708	815 622-8687

4th District**West Central Illinois Leatherneck Unit MCLA #462****Meets at VFW Post 1379, 903 E. Morton, Jacksonville, IL 2nd Wednesday 1900**

President:	Caren Waltrip-Sexton	727 Haardin,	Jacksonville, IL	62650-3019	217 370-5214
Treasurer:	Joy Komnick	2800 Via Rosso, Unit 76	Springfield, IL	62703	217 494-0759
Secretary:	Carol Smith	1411 W. Walnut	Jacksonville, IL	62650-1102	217 473-1161

5th District**Alton Leathernecks Unit MCLA #488****Meets at VFW, 231 E. Edwardsville Rd., Wood River, IL 2nd Thursday 1900**

President:	April Butler	120 Ohio St., East	Alton, IL	62024	618 580-3079
Treasurer:	Kelley Chadwick-Mansker	3526 Fullerton Ave	Alton, IL	62002	616 660-5117
Secretary:	Marty Campbell	715 W. Wilbus St	Bunkerhill, IL	62014-	618 616-7402

Shawnee Unit**Meets at the Toys for Tots Building 4th Tuesday 1845**

President:	Patty Cosgrove	172 Wild Rose Lane	Carbondale IL	62902	618 201-2808
Treasurer:	Debbie Donegue	2390 Sycamore Rd	Cartersville, IL	62918	618 922-2432
Secretary:	Shari Crockett	508 E. Main St	Desoto, IL	62924-1554	618 973-7271

Emergency Medical Care Coverage



What to know if you get care outside of VA. A Veteran and his/her doctor discussing his medical care

If you're experiencing a medical emergency, you shouldn't hesitate to get emergency care. Call 911 or go to the nearest emergency room quickly. A medical emergency is an injury, illness, or symptom so severe that without immediate treatment, you believe your life or health is in danger.

Some Veterans live far away from a VA emergency room and need to get care quickly. If you go to a non-VA emergency department for care, VA may still offer coverage.

Notifying VA is necessary for getting coverage and sharing important medical updates. We have the information you need to make it happen.

Notify VA as soon as possible

During a medical or mental health emergency, we encourage you to seek immediate medical attention right away. You don't need to check with VA before calling 911 or going to an emergency department. But it's important that the facility treating you notifies VA within 72 hours.

Promptly notifying VA allows them to coordinate care or transfer to a VA medical facility, if necessary. It helps VA check if the requirements for them to pay for the care are met and may impact a Veteran's eligibility for coverage.

Payment by VA is limited to the time of stabilization, except when:

VA is contacted upon stabilization but can't accept the transfer of the Veteran, and

The community care facility made and documented reasonable attempts to transfer the Veteran to a VA or other facility.

How to notify VA

It's best to ask your emergency care provider to report the treatment to VA's Centralized Emergency Care Reporting Center as soon as possible. If you're able, tell your care provider that you're a Veteran. It's a good idea to remind caregivers and other family who might be with you in an emergency that they should tell a care provider your Veteran status.

Your emergency care provider should report the treatment using the VA Emergency Care Reporting portal or by calling 844-724-7842.

Be prepared

If you live in an area where you may need to seek health care outside of VA, prepare before you go. Locate your closest emergency department so that you don't have to worry about that during an emergency.

You can also plan by locating your nearest urgent care facility. Urgent care is different from emergency care. Urgent care services are for less than life-threatening illnesses or injuries, like strep throat or pink eye. Save yourself time later by keeping a handy list of the urgent care clinics closest to you. Find out in advance which ones are in-network with VA.

Remember: If you're seeking emergency services, you don't need to check with VA before calling 911 or going to an emergency room. Getting care when you need it is the priority.

My HealtheVet Emergency Information

Be sure to keep your emergency contact information up to date in My HealtheVet. Log a name, contact method, and phone number for people who should be contacted in case of emergency. This tool is for your records only—your VA health care team won't see it unless you share it with them.

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