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COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE:

Marines,

Welcome to spring, pleased that winter is hopefully behind us. I attended Mid – Winter in Norfolk, VA. in February and it was rather interesting. There were good discussions and some very boring. Time could've been used better, many complaints.

Now some good news, the 2nd Training Session was held at 3rd Staff in Springfield on March 18th and was well attended, many new RED HATS. (Great) Everyone in attendance seemed to enjoy and approve the training session. Many members ask what the next training session is going to cover and when it'll be held. Travel pay, stipends for meals and lodging for those members attending the training session were paid for by the Department.

I will be attending Central Division in Plainfield, IN., March 30 – April 1st, 2023. Remember our Department Convention is June 22 – 25th in Springfield, IL.. Reservations can be made at:

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Room rates- \$92.00 + 14% Tax = \$104.88

Detachment Commandants, please get the message down to all your members. Encourage your RED HATS that they're welcome and needed to help get the Marine Corps League back to what we want it to be and with their involvement this can be done.

Marine of the Year applications will be accepted up to the beginning of 4th Staff.

Semper Fidelis
Ronald E. Burns, Sr.

NOTE FROM AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Happy Spring Ladies

The weather is finally warming up enough for us to enjoy being outside.

We do not have a Veterans home in our area so the only way we can help our veterans is to donate household goods to The Veterans Path For Hope. Every family they find a home for, they supply everything they would need to make their house a home. We usually have what we call our Veterans Shower once a year. This year we asked the McHenry County Marines to help out with the donations. They were great!!

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

Have a great Easter and summer.
Semper Fi
Jo Larsen

SR. VICE COMMANDANT

Greetings Marines!

Happy Spring!

Since the last Illinois Marine, I continue to travel, Midwinter

conference, Central division, 3rd staff etc...

I would like to thank the Marine Corps Coordinating Council for enabling the Department to afford the stipend and per diem for training sessions prior to 3rd staff. We had probably double the attendees as the first session. Subjects covered were Senior Vice Commandant thru Sgt at Arms. All were well presented and received. Hopefully more training to follow. Questions asked and answered. Good session. 3rd staff went well and minutes have been posted. Please take time to read them and be an informed Marine. Communication and knowledge are key!!

I declare my intention to seek the position of Senior Vice Commandant for the coming year. Your support will be appreciated.

Semper Fidelis,
Robert R. "Randy" Weber

JR. VICE COMMANDANT:

Marines, Navy & Associate members,

I would like to begin with Thank You's to all that sent cards, emails and text messages due to my recent surgery and hospital stay along with my recovery. On March 21st I was finally cleared to drive again and those other things we tend to take for granted. I am doing great so far but not taking on too much at a time. Enough about me.

I have noticed the transmittal forms that some are using are the old forms. On the National Marine Corps League website if you scroll down to:

MARINE CORPS MEMBER LIBRARY

Then to the right of that is: **VISIT NOW (IN RED)**
CLICK ON VISIT NOW. Scroll down to **DETACHMENT DOCUMENTS.**

Here you will find all the latest and updated forms. I am bringing this up due to the **TRANSMITTAL FORM** has been updated and easier to fill out. It has a box to CHECK at the point where you enter the address. If you click this box, then if none of the information has changed then you do not fill this information out. This will make it a little quicker, especially when we start the process of collecting dues in August.

ON this page at the top is more access to various information. DATABASE PORTAL is where the Paymaster and Commandant can change addresses of members of the detachment instead of submitting paperwork. Also, you have the MEMBER LIBRARY with a lot of information you should look at. You can find copies of the bylaws, administrative procedures and rituals here to print out. The updated version of the above-mentioned copies is usually updated and posted approximately a month after the National Convention in August. I hope this is helpful.

Semper Fi,
Kevin D. Keller
JVC / Dept. Of Illinois, MCL

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:

Happy Spring

Semper Fidelis,
PDC Mike Malmstrom

SERGEANT AT ARMS:

Hello Marines

We had a great turn out at 3rd Staff was great to see all the red covers there . I introduced a plastic Business card called DOT.com instead of carrying a pocket full of card you just tap on the back of anybody's phone and the info you put on about yourself and your detachment is transferred right to there phone. It was a hit that is why I'm sharing and I have no affiliate to that company.

Our 4th Staff and Convention is coming in June would love to see a lot more red covers there .

Semper Fidelis
William (Bill) Schultz

JR. PAST COMMANDANT:

Spring-time is upon us. I just returned from our Central Division Conference in Plainfield, IN. We had a good turn-out and some excellent training. Please consider attending next year's Conference, which will be hosted by the Department of Michigan.

I'm sure all Detachments are gearing up for a period of community events throughout Spring and Summer. This is the time for ALL members to pitch in when and where you can. If you can only volunteer for one event, that will help take some pressure off the rest of the Detachment. Please represent your Detachment and the League well, as you always do.

Remember that May is a very big month in the veteran community. May is observed as the National Military Appreciation Month. We have Armed Forces Day and Memorial Day, and May 12th is the Military Spouse Appreciation Day.

Again, the Compliance Program is NOT a micro-managing tool; it is simply an oversight to keep everyone up to par. This is a problem across the Nation, with the League, Auxiliary, Dogs and Flees alike. We have seen too many units across the nation fall though the cracks, and those of you who know, getting back in the good graces of the IRS can be painful.

I hope to see everyone at our Department Convention.

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:

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NEXT NEWSLETTER IS JULY 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. Both young people will be receiving a one thousand dollar award for tuition and books toward their secondary education through the Barbara M Olejnicki Memorial Scholarship. Their essays incorporated the theme idea of Semper Fidelis creatively and thoughtfully. They are invited to the opening ceremony at the Department convention on 23 June where they will be presented with the checks.

Congratulations, again Good Luck.
Victoria Cobbett, Scholarship Chair

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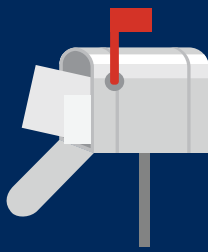
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Federal Parks and Recreation FREE LIFETIME ENTRANCE PASS

All U.S. veterans and Gold Star family members can get a free lifetime entrance pass for federal parks and recreation sites nationwide starting Nov. 11, 2022.



The pass, an expansion on the annual free pass for currently serving troops and their families, grants free access to about 2,000 parks and lands managed by the National Park Service; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; U.S. Forest Service; Bureau of Land Management; Bureau of Reclamation; and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, according to an announcement on the park service website. It also gives discounted amenity fees in some locations.

While not every park or visitor area requires an entrance fee, many do. For example, Yosemite National Park in California charges a \$35 entrance fee per vehicle, while Craters of the Moon National Monument charges \$20. Other locations charge for entering museum or curation areas in the visitor center. For instance, the Begich, Boggs Visitor Center in the Chugach National Forest, Alaska, charges \$5 per adult to access a film and exhibits.

Those fees are waived for holders of the new lifetime pass, as well as those with the free active-duty America the Beautiful military pass or other passes sold or awarded by the agencies. The new pass covers the holder and any accompanying passengers in a private vehicle at sites that charge per car, or the pass owners and up to three adults age 16 and over at sites that charge per person.



Department of IL Marine Corps League and Auxiliary 79th Annual Convention



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Cut off for reservations at this rate: May 31, 2023

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Hope to see you there!



DON'T DELAY! Act now to secure your hard-earned VA Home Loan

VA-backed home loans offer several advantages, including 100% financing

Are you thinking about buying a home but are worried about money for a down payment, a low credit score or even a previous bankruptcy or foreclosure? You may want to check out your hard-earned VA home loan benefit.

There are several benefits to using a VA home loan. When using a VA-backed loan guaranty, if the sale price of the home is at or below its appraised value and you have enough entitlement to cover the value of the home, then a down payment is not required. There may be some fees and closing costs to cover, but you don't have to worry about private mortgage insurance. Additionally, disabled Veterans may have some fees waived, which makes a VA home loan an even more affordable and attractive option.

If you have experienced a bankruptcy or foreclosure, VA home loans are designed to get you back on your feet, as quickly as possible. With conventional loans, you could wait years to qualify for a home loan, but with VA-backed home loans the typical waiting period is two years for chapter 7 bankruptcy, one year for chapter 13 bankruptcy, and two years following a foreclosure.

If having a low credit score is a concern, a VA home loan could still make home ownership possible. VA does not have a minimum credit score; if one is imposed, it is by the private lender and you can always shop a different lender. But, given that VA is guaranteeing a portion of the loan—essentially telling lenders that VA will cover 25% of the risk—many banks and mortgage companies will accept FICO scores that are lower than what they accept for conventional loans.

Here's the breakdown of your earned VA Home Loan entitlement:

- Veterans using the VA home loan are generally not required to have a down payment.
- Veterans using the VA home loan also aren't required to carry any mortgage insurance, which saves borrowers hundreds of dollars on their monthly mortgage payments.
- Veterans using the VA home loan benefit enjoy limited closing costs.
- VA home loans have very competitive interest rates.
- Veterans aren't charged any prepayment penalty if they are able to pay off their mortgage earlier than required while using the VA loan guaranty.
- VA provides assistance to help Veterans retain their homes during periods of temporary financial difficulty.
- The VA home loan benefit can be used multiple times throughout the Veteran's life.



For more information check out these videos

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<https://youtu.be/xbjYFpyMxu0>

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.

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We are looking for someone to update and keep up our website. Don Haines has been doing it for a long time and wants to retire. **THANK YOU DON!**

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Department of Defense Identification Card

A Department of Defense (DoD) Identification Card is used to show your military status and to get access to services at military bases. You may also use this card to get discounts offered to Veterans at many stores, businesses, and restaurants. If you have a DoD Identification Card, you don't need to request another type of photo ID card to prove you're a Veteran or to get retail or business discounts.

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When you're enrolled in VA health care, you get a Veteran Health Identification Card (VHIC) that you use to check in to your appointments at VA medical centers. You may also use this card to get discounts offered to Veterans at many stores, businesses, and restaurants. If you have a VHIC, you don't need to request another type of photo ID card to prove you're a Veteran or to get retail or business discounts.

Veteran ID Card

A Veteran ID Card (VIC) is a digital photo ID you can use to get discounts for Veterans at many stores, businesses, and restaurants. When you have this card, you won't need to carry around your military discharge papers or share sensitive personal information to get discounts. And you don't need to request another type of photo ID card to prove you're a Veteran or to get retail or business discounts.

Veteran's designation on a state-issued driver's license or ID

At this time, all 50 states and Puerto Rico offer a Veteran designation (an identifying mark) printed on state-issued driver's licenses or IDs. The type of Veteran designation may vary from state to state. If you have a Veteran's designation, you may be able to get discounts offered to Veterans at many stores, businesses, and restaurants.

<https://www.va.gov/records/get-veteran-id-cards/>

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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:	Joe West	304 Stonelesh	Oswego, IL	60543	630 809-4117
Paymaster:	TBD				
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:	Charles Walgreen	736 N. Western Ave, # 314	Lake Forest, IL	60045	224 733-6650
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
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	815-622-8103
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	

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 Kimmons	11242 N. Kenny Rd	Warrensburg, IL	62573	217 972-9674
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:	Daphne 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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5th	Pat Freeman				

1st District

Burbank Unit MCLA #140

Meets at Marris-Meyer Legion Post #991, 11001 S. Depot, Worth, IL 60482 4th Thursday 2000

President:	Mary Ann Kuchta	10052 S. Maplewood	Chicago, IL	60655	773 885-1611
Treasurer:	Sharon Russo	7619 W 161st Street,	Tinley Park, IL	60477	312 403- 9449
Secretary:	Cheryl Schoen	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 Donegus	2390 Sycamore Rd	Carterville, IL	62918	618 922-2432
Secretary:	Shari Crockett	508 E. Main St	Desoto, IL	62924-1554	618 973-7271

Did you know...

The words to the Chow Call bugle call go-
"Soupy, soupy, soupy; not a single bean. "Porky, porky, porky; not a bit of lean. "Coffee, coffee, coffee; not a drop of cream."

SUBMITTED BY BILL PERKINS - thanks Bill!

Quarterly Trivia - found online

- Who was the first Marine Commandant?
- Where are the ribbons placed on the Charlie shirt?
- Where is the rank placed on the collar?
- When is the Marine Corps Birthday?
- How many general orders are there?
- What is the Marine Corps Motto?
- Who is the Commandant of the Marine Corps?
- What are the three main parts of the NCO Sword?
- What is the strongest part of the NCO sword?
- What is the Marine Officer Sword called?
- Who was the Mamaluke sword awarded to? And what battle?
- Who is the SgtMaj of the Marine Corps?
- What is the Male regulation for hair?
- What is the Female regulation for hair?
- What is the proper length of the Alpha jacket sleeve?
- What is the proper length of the female skirt?
- Where is the shooting badge placed on the Charlie shirt?
- What is the Marine Corps emblem? And what do the components of the emblem stand for?
- What should the proper length of the green trousers be?
- What distinguishes Dress Blue Alpha from Dress Blue Bravo?

- Captain Samuel Nicholas
- 1/8 inch above left pocket and centered
- 1/2 inch from the side edge of collar and centered
- 10 Nov 1775
- 11
- Semper Fidelis
- General BERGER
- Foible, Forte, Hilt
- The forte
- The Mamaluke sword
- 1 Lt Pessly O'Bannon for the Battle at Tripoli
- SgtMaj BLACK
- 0 to 3 inches and graduated in the back
- Tight bun, French braid, cannot hang below bottom edge of collar
- 1 inch above the thumb knuckle
- 1 inch above or below the kneecap
- 1/8 inch above left breast pocket and centered
- Eagle - Nation, Globe - WorldWide service, Anchor - Naval traditions
- 1/4 inch above or below the welt of the heel (top of the heel)
- Dress Blue Alphas are worn with the Medals over the left breast.

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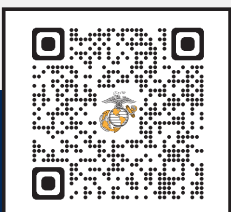
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