



Marine Corps League

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DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS
THE ILLINOIS MARINE

2023

*Happy
New Year!*

THE ILLINOIS MARINE

DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE:

Marines,

I'm planning on having another Department Training on March 18, 2023. The plan is to cover several new paymaster topics; then to cover the remaining chairs down through the Department District Commandants.

The training will be held at the 3rd Staff location listed below.

Ramada by Wyndham Springfield

3281 Northfield Drive

Springfield, IL. 62702

217-523-4000

Room rate - \$92.00 + 14% tax \$104.88

Mention the MCL rate. Please make your reservations at the telephone number above, do not use the 800 number, please.

Travel mileage will be paid to those attending the training. The Department will pay for two (2) members from each Detachment attending, two (2) per room as long as they stay at the above hotel, NO EXECPTIONS.

The training session will start at 0900 hrs. on the 18th. The Training Agenda will be posted later, and copies will be available at the training time.

Hopefully this information will give you time to fit this into your schedule. REMEMBER, ALL MEMBERS (RED HATS) are ENCOURAGED and WELCOME to attend.

Semper Fidelis

Ronald E. Burns, Sr.

NOTE FROM AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Happy New Year

Semper Fi

Jo Larsen

SR. VICE COMMANDANT:

Marines,

I hope everyone had a great holiday season!

It's the beginning of a new year and I'm ever hopeful it will be productive and profitable for all of you and the Department. The annual weapons and vacation raffles are progressing. Please

sell the tickets and if you need more contact me. This is virtually our only Department funds generator. Some Detachments buy the entire block and if they win raffle them again. The vacation winner will be drawn at 3rd Staff in March and the weapons winners will be drawn after the Convention banquet in June. All great prizes!

Since my last report I have attended all District 7 meetings, all Detachment 1174 meetings minus 1, all Pound 351 Growls minus 1. I have installed officers for Central Illinois Leathernecks Detachment 988, Bloomington and Shawnee Detachment 812, Carbondale. I attended the Commandant and Paymaster training session in Bloomington. All this during October.

During November Collinsville Detachment 74 held a Marine Corps Birthday party which I attended. I also participated in the Mt. Vernon area Marine Corps Ball. I attended various Veterans Day events in my area. I also participated in the Mt. Vernon area Marine Corps Ball.

I worked our Detachment Christmas Tree Farm food stand 9 days on weekends during November and December as a fundraising effort for our Education Grants and Toys for Tots.

As a board member of VFW Post 5694 I liaise with the Post concerning Marine Corps League matters that we can work together on.

Please plan on attending 3d Staff for the training to be offered on Saturday dealing with the Sr Vice and Jr Vice positions. Our October session was very informative on the positions of Commandant and Paymaster.

Semper Fidelis,
Robert R. "Randy" Weber

JR. VICE COMMANDANT:

Happy New Year

Semper Fi,
Kevin D. Keller

JUDGE ADVOCATE:

Hoping everyone had a joyful and safe Christmas and New Year. 2022 has come and gone and I hope 2023 is a great year for everyone. If you have question or concerns I may be reached at marjk311@hotmail.com or 630 665-8769.

Semper Fidelis
John Olejnicki

PAYMASTER:

Happy New Year

Semper Fidelis,
PDC Mike Malmstrom

IT'S A MARINE
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SERGEANT AT ARMS:

Happy New Year

This new year we should bring a lot of changes like participation of Red hat members coming out to the Staff meetings . Come out and support our new Commandant and other new Officers.

Camaraderie is how you grow organizations this has been around a long time but it's time to build. Hope to see a lot of red hats this year, come out and bring your ideas to the table to help grow this organization.

I'm your new sergeant at arms and would love to meet everybody as he come into the meeting

Semper Fidelis
William (Bill) Schultz

JR. PAST COMMANDANT:

I hope everyone had a fantastic holiday period, spending time with family and friends. As we are digging in for that long, cold, grey period they call winter, we should take time to review some things and get ready for spring!!

National Commandant Johnny Baker has asked every Department to create a compliance overlook program, to verify all Detachments and the Department are in compliance with everything that is required of them. This includes bylaw reviews, elections and installations, along with submitting the ROI. Also 990, EIN, and life audits to name a few more. Well, like an idiot, because I have nothing better to do, I have volunteered to be the Compliance Officer. I will be creating a list of all the information I will need from each Detachment; I will send it out to all through our Department Adjutant. This is NOT a micro-managing tool; it is simply an oversight to keep everyone up to par. We have seen too many Detachments across the nation that have fell 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 3rd Staff, and I hope to see many of you at our Central Division Conference in Plainfield, IN, 30 March – 1 April. I guarantee it will be a productive and informative time for all. By the way, we have just created a Division challenge coin that will be available at the conference. I will send a picture to put on our website. I think it looks very sharp.

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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Thank you,
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Please use E-contact for concerns & updates at: LZ4vets@gmail.com.

Semper Fi,
George Mulvaney, VAVS Chairman

DEPT OF IL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The 2023 Department of IL Scholarship application has been updated to include online submissions.

Any qualified High School senior may submit the application and accompanying documentation by email.

All instructions are available from the downloadable packet on the Illinois Marine website.

The information MUST be received by 1 March 2023, 11:59 PM (2359).

Good Luck.
Victoria Cobbett, Scholarship Chair

CURRENT COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

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Secretary of State

501 S. 2nd St. Howlett Building, Room 541
Springfield, Illinois 62756

or Local Drivers License Facility, State website is to be updated in the near future

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MARINE CORPS LEAGUE MISSION STATEMENT

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MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AUXILIARY MISSION STATEMENT

The Marine Corps League Auxiliary was formed for the purposes of promoting the interests of the U. S. Marine Corps, the Marine Corps League and to protect and advance the welfare of Marines and their dependents. Auxiliary members participate in a wide variety of programs that benefit and preserve the fundamental rights and freedoms of every person of this Nation, young and old.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

Toys for Tots kickoff at the Central Illinois Leathernecks Detachment

#988 Marine Corps Birthday Celebration
at the VFW Post 454
Bloomington, Illinois on 11/10/22.

*Pictured: Left to Right: Rick Parker - Paymaster/
Adjutant, Kevin D. Keller Detachment Comman-
dant, Troy Ziegler Past Commandant & McLean
County Toys for Tots Coordinator and member
Chazman Isaacson.*



Congratulations to Detachment #1009 McHenry County Marine Corps League Marine Of The Year, Richard Sutton.

*Pictured: Left to
Right: Rick Prescott,
Commandant
Jason Hertha,
Wayne Koster,
Paymaster Mike
Ruffner, and
Jeff Bruce.*



**Rick Parker Paymaster/
Adjutant for Central Illinois
Leathernecks Detachment 988
received the Marine of the Year
award** at the Marine Corps
Birthday Celebration
11/10/22 at VFW Post 454,
Bloomington, Illinois.



*Pictured: Left to Right: Kevin D. Keller
Detachment Commandant and Rick Parker Paymaster/ Adjutant.*

Veterans Day at Texas Roadhouse, Bloomington, Illinois.

Central Illinois Leathernecks Detachment # 988 helped to
handout coupons to Veterans from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm



*Pictured: Texas
Roadhouse
Manager Chris
Hernan,
Michelle Harris
and staff,
Jarhead Con-
struction, and
Detachment
Commandant*

*Kevin D. Keller and Andy the Armadillo and Officer Brandt Parsley
Bloomington Police Department, Bloomington, Illinois.*

SUICIDE

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.

COMMEMORATIVE BRICK PROGRAM - A monument to Honor, Courage and Commitment...

The National Museum of the Marine Corps is a lasting tribute to United States Marines – past, present and future. Situated on a 135-acre site adjacent to the Marine Corps Base Quantico, the Museum's soaring design evokes the image of the flag-raisers of Iwo Jima and beckons visitors to its 118,000 square foot structure. World-class, interactive exhibits using the most innovative technology surround visitors with irreplaceable artifacts and immerse them in the sights and sounds of Marines in action. You can be a part of this extraordinary Museum, and mark for all time your patriotism and respect for Corps valor.

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THE MARINES' PRAYER

Almighty Father, whose command is over all and whose love never fails, make me aware of Thy presence and obedient to Thy will. Keep me true to my best self, guarding me against dishonesty in purpose and in deed and helping me to live so that I can face my fellow Marines, my loved ones and Thee without shame or fear. Protect my family. Give me the will to do the work of a Marine and to accept my share of responsibility with vigor and enthusiasm. Grant me the courage to be proficient in my daily performance. Keep me loyal and faithful to my superiors and to the duties my country and the Marine Corps have entrusted to me. Make me considerate of those committed to my leadership. Help me to wear my uniform with dignity, and let it remind me daily of the traditions which I must uphold. If I am inclined to doubt, steady my faith, if I am tempted, make me strong to resist, if I should miss the mark, give me the courage to try again. Guide me with the light of truth and grant me wisdom by which I may understand the answer to my prayer.



Amen

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Military Order of Devil Dogs, Pack of Illinois

PK:	PDD John Olejnicki				
DR:	PDD Mike M. Malmstrom	5107 48th St	Moline, IL	61265-7516	c-309 269-2012

Chicago Metro Pound #12 MODD

PK:	DD Victoria Cobbett	733 Singer Ave	Lemont, IL	60439-3912	630 257-6423
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North Pound #369 MODD

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LCpl. Joshua E. Witsman Pound #384 MODD

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Lt Jon D. Baker Pound #399

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Department of Illinois, Marine Corps League Detachments:**1st District****Burbank Detachment #072****Meets at Marrs-Meyer Legion Post #991, 11001 S. Depot, Worth, IL 60482 4th Thursday 1930**

Commandant:	Joe Mendoza	615 S. Austin Blvd	Cicero IL	60804-4151	708 548-2701
Paymaster:	Joe Purpura	8401 W. 151st St.,	Orland Park, IL	604462	708 460-3953
Adjutant:	Juan Martinez	11340 Ridgeland	Worth, IL	60482	708 738-0994

Chapultepec Detachment #1408**Please go to https://www.facebook.com/mcl1408/?hc_ref=NEWSFEED for time and place**

Commandant:	Alejandro Morales	7616 Bridgeview		60454	773 988-2773
Paymaster:	John Gonzalez	449 86th Pl	Chicago IL	60620	312 613-5276
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
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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
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Chicago Police Marines Detachment #553

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

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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:	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
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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:	Lonnies 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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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 Donegue	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 MARINES FIRST WON FAME FOR FIGHTING PIRATES.

Following a brief disbandment after the American Revolution, the Marine Corps was revived in July 1798 and later sent into action against the Barbary pirates, a group of North African corsairs that had spent years raiding American merchant shipping and extorting costly ransoms and tributes. In 1805, Lieutenant Presley O'Bannon and a small contingent of Marines arrived in Egypt and assisted American naval agent William Eaton in assembling a mercenary army to overthrow the Barbary ruler of Tripoli. They then took their soldiers-for-hire on a grueling 50-day march across the desert to Derna in modern day Libya. With the help of a bombardment of U.S. Navy ships, the Marines participated in a daring assault on April 27 that successfully seized the city and its fortifications. The victory was the first ever battle fought by the United States on foreign soil, and helped lead to a favorable peace deal in the First Barbary War. The Derna campaign has since been enshrined in the Marines' Hymn with the famous line "to the shores of Tripoli."

WHERE DID THE MARINES GET THE NICKNAME DEVIL DOG?

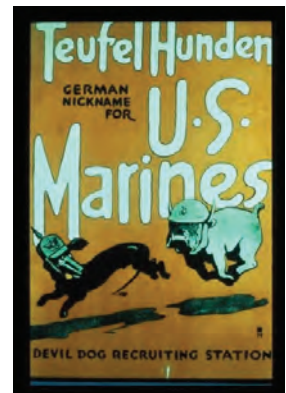
German soldiers nicknamed Marines "Teufel Hunden," or "Devil Dogs," after their heroic fighting on the battlefields of France in 1918. According to military lore, Marines were ordered to fight their way up a hill during the Battle of Belleau Wood of World War I while wearing gas masks, which made them sweat and turned their eyes bloodshot red. The Germans saw these figures clambering upward on four legs and thought they looked like the fierce mountain dogs from Bavarian folk stories.

THE MEANING OF 'OORAH' TRACED BACK TO ITS ROOTS

Marines and historians have determined the true origins of "Oorah" lie with recon Marines stationed in Korea in 1953. During this time, reconnaissance Marines in the 1st Amphibious Reconnaissance Co., found themselves traveling via submarine to where they were needed. The memorable call of "dive, dive!" would be called on the intercom and a klaxon alarm, which made a very distinct "Aarugha" sound, would announce the descent of the sub below water.

The recon Marines, who heard this sound often, started using it as a motivational tool during runs and physical training. Over time, the word "Aarugha" came to be too much of a mouthful, and eventually molded itself into the familiar "Oorah," according to Maj. Gary Marte, a retired Marine.

Confirmation for this version of the story rests with the official Marine Corps Training Reference Manual on the history of Marine recon, titled "Aarugha," the manual gives credence on the origination of the phrase with reconnaissance Marines. "Oorah" is just one of the things that separates Marines from any other branch of service, and has become a part of our lasting history.



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