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COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE:

Marines,

I hope I can speak for everyone when I say we had a wonderful and productive Department Convention. It was great to see everyone and spend that face-to-face time in fellowship and camaraderie. We had speakers from both the IDVA and IL Attorney General's Office. Both speakers are retired Marines as well! Some good information was passed on by National Vice Commandant Central Division Phil Zamora. Please remember he is running for National Judge Advocate at our National Convention, and he would appreciate our support. A special recognition and thank you to Ed Modal's (Burbank #072) granddaughter, Paige Marie Leslie, who blessed us with the singing of our National Anthem at our Joint Opening Ceremony. What a beautiful voice!

Congratulations to Victoria Cobbett for being named the 2021 Department Marine of the Year! She is very much deserving of this award, and I know she will continue to serve in such a manner. The Department also recognized another long-time serving and much-deserving member. The title of Honorary Past Department retired Commandant was bestowed upon our Quartermaster, Tom Geise! Congratulations, Tom, and thank you for all you have done and will continue to do for our department.

I would be remiss if I did not mention our 98th National Convention in August in Springfield! We will need volunteers to help make this a successful event. If you can come for a few hours or a few days, it will be extremely appreciated. PDC Baker is the National Convention Committee Chairman and is the main point of contact, but you can contact any Department Officer for information or ideas. I am planning on an Illinois Veterans Vendor Day in the Illinois Room, probably on Tuesday (8/10/21). This will be for items not sold in the Ship's Store or the MODD Quartermaster; generally, craftsman-type items such as wood or metal work, coffee, jerky, and things of that nature. If you know of someone who might be interested, please let me know.

I want to take this time to extend my most sincere and humble appreciation for re-electing me as your Department Commandant. It is truly an honor to be surrounded by and working with so many dedicated and selfless Marines. I will work to my best ability to continue to serve and keep this Department moving forward. We are one team; one family. Remember to honor and respect each other.

Keep up the great work, Marines and fellow members! My contact info is <u>815-441-2243</u> or <u>mlsturch@hotmail.com</u>

> Semper Fi, Mike Sturch

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT, MCLA:

I am now starting my second term as Department of Illinois MCLA State President. This last year has been challenging for all of us, limiting our activities. Hopefully this will be an eventful year, and I am sure it will be, because we are hosting the National Marine Corps League and Auxiliary National Convention. We are going to need volunteers to do this. Call Judy Blackmer and she will let you know where you will be needed.

I don't know how many of you have attended a National Convention. I usually only attend when it is held in one of the Midwest states. Now is your chance as it will be in Springfield in August. I look forward to seeing many of you in August, to represent our auxiliary ln making this convention memorable.

My contact info is 773 434-6633 or patbuckley39@comcast.net .

Semper Fi Pat Buckley

SR. VICE COMMANDANT:

Marines,

1st Place winner: Tim Watson from Arrowsmith, IL. Winner of the Springfield Armory Saint Edge AR 15.

2nd Place winner: Stanley M. Bobka from Bourbonnais, IL..

Winner of the Kimber Micro, Two-Tone (9MM) with Rose Wood grips.

The Department would like to thank everyone that supported our raffle. Your support made our raffle a very successful fundraiser! Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

My contact info is: <u>ronburns45@live.com</u> (or) 618-593-0533.

> Semper Fidelis Ronald E. Burns, Sr.

JR. VICE COMMANDANT:

Marines,

Another successful Convention is in the books! Congratulations to all the elected and appointed officers. The Department of Illinois and I truly appreciate the 62 new members recruited during the past year. We all know there are more than this number of Marines in the state that are not members of the League. The tri-fold brochures available on the National web site, a business card, the radio spots, or the happenings of your Detachment in a local paper help in getting the word out. Invite recruiters and poolees and their families to your Detachment events. Associate and Auxiliary memberships are always there for non-Marines and both are important to our mission of supporting the Marine Corps League.

The individual recruiting award was awarded to PDC Mike Ruffner, McHenry County Det #1009. A certificate and \$100 was presented. He generously donated the \$100 back to the Department. Thank you PDC Ruffner!

The Detachment award was presented to Collinsville Detachment. #74. I will travel to present the traveling trophy and Meritorious Unit ribbon at their next meeting.

The Hospitality Room was well stocked with food and beverages! Thank you to all that contributed. I do not like to single out for mention by name because someone may get butt hurt but I did notice Burbank Detachment #72 (Joe and Chuck) and PDC Orr and their contributions. (Just the ones I saw). Thanks to all and especially the Time and Place committee for selecting this venue. The hotel staff was exceptional!

Recruit! Recruit! Recruit!

I can be reached at <u>311snakeandnape2@gmail.com</u> or 618 402-5655

Respectfully Submitted, Robert R. "Randy" Weber

JUDGE ADVOCATE:

Marines

The bylaw amendment submitted to allow for hybrid meetings was passed at the 2021 Convention business meeting. Now, the detail work begins. This amendment is to allow access for members who are disabled, incapacitated or uniquely unable to attend conferences and conventions and wish to do so.

At this time, anyone desiring to join virtually is able to view and/or listen only through a privately purchased program and personal equipment. A program for virtual access has to be decided upon and equipment purchased. The position of access technician should be created. No protocols have yet been established for input of any kind. If you are a computer guru or have an idea or suggestion to enable secure participation virtually, please send it to me via email, postal mail, or even a telephone call.

In addition to sharing information in a timely manner, the ability to provide access for our elderly, infirm, or disabled members will surely promote and reinforce our Marine Corps brotherhood.

If you have any questions or concerns of a Judge Advocate nature, I will try to assist and may be emailed at <u>v.cobbett@comcast.net</u> or texted at 630-330-2571.

> Semper Fidelis, Victoria Cobbett

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FROM THE EDITOR:

The Illinois Marine publication is one of the ways that we can communicate what is happening in our Department, Districts, Detachment and Units. But, because it is published quarterly, information sometimes doesn't get dispersed in a timely fashion. With the advent of The Illinois Marine website (www.theillinoismarine.com), those with computer access can now obtain the most up to date information available. Anyone with events, functions or relevant information, can contact me and it will be posted within an hour or so. This is just another step within the Department to be able to keep our members and the general public aware of what is happening. Also, while on the Website please look for the link to the "Forms" Page. As I am able to install downloadable Department and National (when available) forms, I will do so. Some of the forms will require copies due to the original forms being layer forms which must be torn apart to process.

If you have a Detachment newsletter and want it to be published on the Illinois Marine website, please email me a copy or mail it to me and I will scan it in and post it. They are posted on the "Detachment Newsletters" page. Just click on the page link then look for the detachment name of the newsletter you wish to read, and then click on it.

As always, I welcome any comments and/or input from the general membership because, ultimately, this is your publication.

<u>Please note the change in issue publication dates to</u> <u>coincide with the adjustment in Convention dates. The</u> <u>new dates will be January, April, July and October.</u>

All information and articles must be received by the 10th of September 2021 to be included in the October 2021 issue. There will be no exceptions!

The invoice for all Illinois Marine dues of \$50.00 per Detachment/Unit/Pack and Pound [as per Department Bylaws 51.21(c)] will be arriving in the mail shortly after July 1st. All checks should be made payable to "Department of Illinois, MCL" and mailed to the Editor at the address listed below. These annual dues are the funds that allow the Illinois Marine to be published. If you have not yet paid, please bring your Detachment/Unit up to date ASAP. Paymasters check behind your detachments name in the Illinois Marine roster of Detachments. If you are up to date, it will say paid and the year (i.e.: Pd. 17-18.) If there is no year listed your Detachment or Unit or Pound is not paid. PLEASE NOTE THERE ARE A NUMBER OF DETACHMENTS, UNITS AND A POUND OR TWO THAT ARE STILL DELINQUENT. If you did not receive an invoice, please let me now.

REMINDER: <u>Annually on or about July 1^{st,} an</u> invoice will be sent to each Detachment/Unit/Pack and Pound for the annual dues.

We are continuing to update the email address list for those who wish to receive the Illinois Marine via email. If you are receiving this publication via hardcopy and have email, please consider requesting it by email. Each hardcopy mailed out costs the Department on average 85 to 95 cents. Any reduction of postage expenses benefits the Department of Illinois's budget. If you do not wish to receive the Illinois either by hard copy or email it can be downloaded from the Illinois Marine website in PDF format. Please let me know if that is the case. I would ask that a list of all "New" members with Name, Address and email, if available, be submitted to the editor to facilitate addition to the mailing or email list.

You may also notice that I am attempting to include our Officers email address to facilitate communication.

<u>Please see the Department Web Sergeant post</u> <u>further down regarding the website!!!</u>

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	County Detachment #1372 Morris American Legion, 212 W. Washington St., Morris, IL Art Chaves, 367 Baber Ln., Joliet, IL Fred Gaddis, 165 Virginia St., Coal City, IL	Pd. 4 th Thurs. 60435- 60416-	1900 708 955-3208 815 634-3125
	7/14 Detachment #808 Harwood American Legion, 705 S. Larkin Ave., Rockdale, IL Joseph Donnelly, 227 S. Williams St., Joliet, IL John Cavallero Sr., 600 Clement, Joliet, IL	Pd. 1 st Thursday 60436- 60435-	1930 815 671-5364 815 545-1995
	e MCL Detachment #1253	Pd.	
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	County Detachment #399 V.F.W. Post 2164, 0N731 Papworth St., Wheaton, IL Roger Gaden, 1232 N. Webster St., Naperville, IL Victoria Cobbett, 733 Singer Ave., Lemont, IL John J. Schmitt, 8434 Mendingwall Dr., IL	Pd. 4 th Tuesday 60563-2649 60439-3912 60157-	1930 630 854-9587 630 257-6423 630 432-4795
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	y Marines Detachment #1233 AMVETS Post 103, 1194 Jericho Rd., Aurora, IL Kris Kearns, 403 Highland Ct., Oswego, IL Donald Haines, 1005 Prairie St., St. Charles, IL Lisa Garcia, 648 W. New York, Aurora, IL	Pd. 4 th Thursday 60543- 60174-3638 60506-	1900 630 669-6316 630 564-1804 630 486-9896
	nty Detachment #801 Steven's Steakhouse, 401 N. Riverside Dr., Gurnee, IL Ed Mampe, 24883 Cedarwood Ln., Ingleside, IL Mel Ellingsen, 1855 Sterling Heights Ct., Antioch, IL John Jezioro, 1407 Barberry, Round Lake Beach, IL	Pd. 3 rd Monday 60041- 60002- 60037-	1900 847 641-9689 847 274-8144 847 807-0736
	County Detachment #1009 McHenry V.F.W. Post 4600, 3002 IL Rt. 120, McHenry, IL Charles S. Matijevic, PO Box 311, Woodstock, IL Mike Ruffner, PO Box 311, Woodstock, IL James French, PO Box 311, Woodstock, IL	Pd. 3 rd Thursday 60098-0311 60098-0311 60098-0311	1900 847 239-0786 847 570-4107 847 730-9085
	t Suburban Detachment #080 Merle Guild A.L. Post 208, 121 N. Douglas, Arlington Heights, IL Michael Huttner, 235 W. Chasse Cr., St. Charles, IL Kevin Lollock, 2502 Ardmore Ave., Inverness, IL John Madejczyk, 2706 George Ct., Rolling Meadows, IL	Pd. 3 rd Wednesda 60174- 60067- 60008-	y 1930 630 650-0424 847 682-4245 847 577-7803
Meets at t Comdt:	ry Leathernecks Detachment #1395 he American Legion Post #964, 51 Lions Dr., Lake Zurich, IL Bill Thompson, PO Box 491, Lake Zurich, IL Scott Forester, PO Box 491, Lake Zurich, IL	Pd. 2 nd Wednesda 60047- 60047-	ay 1900 847 997-6658 847 414-9630
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	alley Detachment #078 MCL Clubhouse, 475 E. Rt. 351, PO Box 22, Jonesville, IL Art Meyer, PO Box 22, Oglesby, IL Mike Mallie, P.O. Box 22, Oglesby, IL David Cimei, PO Box 22, Oglesby, IL	Pd. 1 st Tuesday 61348-0022 61348-0022 61348-0022	1900 815 780-0931 815 200-2332 815 343-9364
	Detachment #083 he VFW Post 9759, 2018 Windsor Dr., Loves Park IL Larry Barr, 3015 Coleman Ave., Rockford, IL Bruce Giersch, 613 Dickerson Dr., Winnebago, IL Rick Rubendall, 1007 Ramona Ter., Machesney Park, IL	Pd. 1 st Wednesda 61104- 61088-8336 31115-3841	y 1900 815 218-6752 815 904-4534 815 979-6468
Meets at A Comdt:	y Detachment #086: American Legion Post # 31, 1509 Railroad Ave, Kewanee, IL Louis J. VanDeVoorde, 330 Emmons Ave., Kewanee, IL Glenn E. Morey, P. O. Box 207, Mineral, IL	Pd. 1 st Monday 61443- 61344-0207	1900 309 853-6661 309 290-4007

Lincoln Detachment #607 Meets at AMVETS, 827 15 th Ave., East Moline, IL Comdt: Joseph G. Pollock, 6609 Cresthill Dr., Davenport, IA Adj/Pay: Michael W. Malmstrom, 5107 48 th St., Moline, IL	Pd. 3 rd Tuesday 1900 52806-1567 563 349-2423 61265-7516 309 764-9638
 DeKalb County Detachment #847 Meets at Sycamore Vets Home, 121 S. California, Sycamore, IL Comdt: Brent Bacon, PO Box 321, Sycamore, IL Paym: Keith Keutzer, PO Box 321., Sycamore, IL Adj: Mike Sturch, PO Box 321., Sycamore, IL 	Pd. 3 rd Thursday 1900 60178-0321 815 751-6211 60178-0321 815 751-3641 60788-0321 815 441-2243
 Sauk Valley Marine Detachment #913 Meets at A. L. Post 902, 712 Fourth Ave., Rock Falls, IL Comdt: Tim Martin, PO Box 708, Rock Falls, IL Paym: Howard Glispie, 6105 7th Ave. Rock Falls, IL Adj: Tim Martin "See Comdt." 	Pd. 3 rd Monday 1900 61071-0708 815 622-4629 61071- 815 59040639
 4th District Peoria Leathernecks Detachment #081 Meets at Navy/Marine Club, 1310 E. Sieberling, Peoria Heights, IL 61616 Comdt: William Olsen, 21 N. Cherry St., Princeton, IL Adj/Pay: Harold W. Lundstrom, 10809 N. Dana Dr., Peoria, IL 	Pd. 1 st Wednesday 1900 61356- 309 642-8787 61615-1163 309 240-8782
Tobin-Nanninga Detachment #085Meets at the MCL Club House, 13370 Garman Rd., Pekin, ILComdt:William Clark, 308 Linden St., Pekin, ILPay:Chris Celiberti, 4020 Chalmers, Bartonville, ILAdj:Mike Munoz, 9801 W. Guinivere Dr., Mapleton, IL	Pd. 3 rd Sunday 1600 61554- 309 241-0949 61607- 309 369-4982 61547-9578 309 453-3858
Decatur Detachment #799 Meets at American Legion Post #105, 1535 Legion Dr., Decatur, IL Comdt: Tom Scroggins, 1825 S. 33 rd St., Decatur, IL Paym: Robert Kimmons, 11242 N. Kenny Rd., Warrensburg, IL Adj: Robert Tyler, 324 Green Way Ln., Decatur, IL	Pd. 1 st Monday 1800 62521-4704 217 428-7588 62573- 217 972-9674 62524- 217 422-2983
 Major Kenneth D. Bailey Detachment #824 Meets at American Legion Post #210, 201 Prospect Pl., Danville, IL Comdt: John Barrett, 29173 Bean Creek Rd., Potomac, IL Paym: Tina Cornell, 202 Prospect Pl., Danville, IL Adj: Bonnie Barrett, 29173 Bean Creek Rd., Potomac, IL 	Pd. 3 rd Sunday 1600 61865- 217 987-6921 61832 217 260-2822 61865- 217 987-6921
Central Illinois Leathernecks Detachment #988 Meets at V.F.W. Post 454, 1006 Lincoln Ave., Bloomington, IL Comdt: Kevin D. Keller, 14030 Lara Trace, Bloomington, IL Paym: Kevin D. Keller, 14030 Lara Trace, Bloomington, IL Adj: David L. Edwards, 904 Star Drive, Heyworth, IL	Pd. 2 nd Tuesday 1900 61705- 618 554-1540 61705- 618 554-1540 61745-9213 309 498-1007
 Richard L. Pittman Detachment #1231 Meets at Urbana V.F.W. Post #630, 1303 E. Main St., Urbana, IL Comdt: Bob Kappes, 1217 Joanne Ln., Champaign, IL Paym: Gregory Cozad, P.O. Box 6354. Champaign, IL Adj: Ron Castel, 206 South John St., Thomasboro, IL 	Pd. 3 rd Thursday 1900 61821-1614 217 351-7095 60426-6354 61878-
Sgt. Robert "Bob" E. Graue Detachment #1336 Meets at Lincoln VFW Post, 915 5 th St., Lincoln, IL Comdt: James J. Harnacke, 1518 State Rt. 10, Lincoln, IL Adj/Pay: Gene F. Hickey, 795 950th Ave., Elkhart, IL	Pd. 3 rd Sunday 1700 62656-5353 217 737-4557 62634-6090 217 871-2972
5 th District Collier-Harrison Detachment #075 Meets at the Navy Club Quarters, 3100 Stanton St., Springfield, IL Comdt: Jeff Wolfe, 7324 Oak Crest Rd., Riverton, IL Adj/Pay: Sue Gibbons, 1733 W. Glenn Ave., Springfield, IL	Pd. 1 st Thursday 1900 62561-9785 217 971-5663 62704-4826 217 622-8270

Gem City Detachment #790 Meets at the American Legion Post #37, 116 N. 8 th St., Quincy, IL Comdt: Jeffrey W. Jansen, 1620 Gayla Dr., Quincy, IL Adj/Pay: George A. Hendrendeen, 1707 N. 12 th St., Quincy, IL	Pd. 1 st Monday 1900 62305- 217 316-0219 62301- 217 246-1331
 West Central Illinois Leathernecks #1177 Meets at the American Legions, 903 West Superior, Jacksonville, IL Comdt: Tim Ritzo, 823 Grove St., Jacksonville, IL Paym: Paul Kramer, 2057 Cherry Rd., Springfield, IL Adj: Earl Turner, 1864 Plum St., Jacksonville, IL 	Pd. 3 rd Wednesday 1800 62650- 217 883-0798 62704-3273 217 572-1820 62650-22437 217 243-6602
 6th District Effingham County Detachment #591 Meets at Iron Horse Cafe, 101 S. Merchant, Effingham, IL Comdt: Aaron Mette, 14905 E. 1975th Ave., Effingham, IL Adj/Pay: Darrell L. Schwerman, 9387 E. Nees Ave., Effingham, IL 	Pd. 3 rd Thursday 1200 62401-6905 62401-5088 217 821-2163
Thomas A. Jennings Detachment #546 Meets at VFW Post, 712 E. Main St., Robinson, IL Comdt: John Griffin, 6501 North 2150 th Street, Willow Hills, IL Paym: Mark Brown, 20266 N. 525 th St., Annaplis, , IL	Pd. 3 rd Tuesday 1900 62480- 62413-2208 217 494-5021
 7th District Robert Windle Detachment #1031 Meets at American Legion, Legion Park, Jerseyville, IL Comdt: Karl Bradshaw, 16645 Delhi Farms Rd. Jerseyville, IL Paym: Marshal Lewis, 704 Cross Ave, Jerseyville, IL Adj: Lonnie Saffell, 9287 N. Prairie St., Shipman, IL 	Pd. 2 nd Monday 1900 62052-3595 618 885-5684 62052- 618 946-9150 62685-6733 618 836-7388
 Collinsville Detachment #074 Meets at VFW Post 805, 221 W. First St., O'Fallon, IL Comdt: Frank Christie, 2802 Black Ln., Collinsville, IL Paym: Ramona Witte, 505 W. Randle St., Lebanon, IL Adj: Catherine Murphy, 29 N. Oakland Dr., Caseyville, IL 	Pd. 1 st Wednesday 1900 62234-7607 618 344-3676 c-618 420-9920 62254-1428 618 808-0308 62232-1131
Alton Leathernecks Detachment #1160Meets at Wood River VFW 2859, 231 E. Edwardsville, Wood River, IL 62095Comdt:Glenn L. Heimer, 3819 Horn Ave., Alton, ILPaym:Paul Schwendeman, 429 Oak St., East Alton, ILAdj:Mark Nelson, 5679 Humbert Rd., Godfrey, IL	Pd. 3 rd Monday 1900 62002-3151 618 433-1281 62024-1257 618 973-4825 62035-2102 618 972-3987
Lincoln Land Leathernecks Detachment #1174 Meets at VFW Post 1377, 2043 S. 4 th St., Greenville, IL 62246 Comdt: Daphine Kappos, 340 Whitelaw Ave., Wood River, IL Paym: Robert R. Weber, 1103 Haas Rd., Trenton, IL Adj: Renee McGuan, 35 C Colonial Manor Dr., Highland, IL	Pd. 4 th Wednesday 1930 62095-1915 618 402-7620 62293-2117 618 402-5655 62249-1565 815 754-1455
 Prairieland Leathernecks Detachment #1385 Meets at the Litchfield VFW Post, 215 W. Ryder St., Litchfield, IL Comdt: Chris G. Gutierrez, PO Box 556, Litchfield, IL Paym: Gary E. Doss, PO Box 556, Litchfield, IL Adj: Terry L. Williams, PO Box 556, Litchfield, IL 	Pd. 1 st Thursday 1900 62056- 217 556-2410 62056- 217 532-2280 62056- 217 324-3574
 8th District Shawnee Detachment #812 Meets at the American Legion Post 127, 1700 Gartside St., Murphysboro, IL Comdt: Mark Cosgrove, 172 Wild Rose Ln., Carbondale, IL Paym: Phillip Lindberg, 2421 Country Club Rd., Carbondale, IL Adj: Robert A. Edwards, 815 Young Ct., Carterville, IL 	Pd. 21-22 2 nd Thursday 1900 62902- 618 967-9462 62901- 618 967-9239 62918-5052 618 534-2661

Southern Illinois Leathernecks Detachment #1013	Pd.			
Meets at the KC Hall, 213 N. 16th St., Herrin, IL	3rd Wednesday 1900			
Comdt: Cindy Aschemann, 309 Missouri Ave., Carterville, IL	62918- 618 203-9401			
Paym: Joe Leenerts, 9594 Stotlar Rd., Johnston City, IL	62951-2945 618 942-3834			
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Randolph County Detachment # 575 Pd.				
Meets at the American Legion, 1001 Booster St., Evansville, IL 3 rd Tuesday 1900				
Comdt: Brent Piel, 5970 Richfield Rd., Red Bud, IL 62278-4534 618 282-4				
Adj/Pay: John Preston, 1033 Thomas Dr., Red Bud, IL	62278-2304 618 282-7783			

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"If you would like a hard copy of all Officers, Committees and their members, please contact me and I will mail out a copy to you"

AROUND THE LEAGUE

Part of our mission as The Marine Corps League is to provide support and assistance to all past, present and future Marines! We, as Marines and/or family members, have experienced being away from our loved ones. We know what it is like to be away from home whether it is at a duty base in the states or overseas in a strange land. It is now our turn and obligation to provide the "Marine Family" support to those still in combat and those returning from harm's way as well as all those non-combat individuals that support our troops.

2021 DEPARTMENT MARINE OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to the 2021 Department of Illinois Marine of the Year – Victoria Cobbett from the DuPage Marines and our Department Judge Advocate.

2021 NATIONAL CONVENTION SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

As of this printing, we will be about 1 month away from the National Convention. The committee has been working out the details for the Early Bird reception on Sunday night and the Banquet on Friday night. It's been a little slow going because our hotel contacts are only working one day a week. We are asking for volunteers to help out during the week. We'll need people selling 50/50 tickets, some working the Illinois Room (auction items, banquet registration, etc.), and some to just float around and look happy and helpful. That last one may be a stretch of the imagination. I don't expect anyone to work all day. If you can help out, please contact me so we can set up a schedule. We also need someone with the voice of a meadowlark to sing the National Anthem at the Banquet and possibly for the opening ceremony. I get so many junk calls that I usually won't answer my phone if I don't recognize the number. Semper Fi and thank you

Committee Members:			
Mike Sturch	Ron Burns	Randy Weber	Renee McGuan
Mike Malmstrom	Bruce & Judy Blackmer	C.O. & Carol Smith	Phil Race
Joe Pollock	Sue Gibbons	Don Haines	

The committee for the National Convention as been meeting and working on the details. We could use volunteers in August in Springfield. If you would like help please let me know, or contact your Detachment Commandant. I can be reached at 815-228-9767 or <u>glbaker078@comcast.net</u>

Committee Chair PDC Greg Baker

DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS 2nd Staff Meeting

Department of Illinois 2nd Staff meeting will be held on October 1-3, 2021 at the Best Western Plus, 604 ¹/₂ IAA Drive, Bloomington IL 61701, IL.

Room rate will be \$82.00 + tax = \$91.84 (includes breakfast and complimentary parking.) Cut off for reservations at this rate is September 24th , 2021.

There will be a Mini Growl at 1800 Saturday evening at the Moose Lodge next door to the Hotel. The Sunday 2nd Staff meeting will also be held at the Moose Lodge.

Please visit the Department web site (www.theillinoismarine.com) for any additional information if needed.

AUXILLARY NEWS

The Department of Illinois Marine Corps League Auxiliary received a bequest from PDP Lois Olson Lemke. We decided to use the funds to establish the PDP Lois Olson Lemke Memorial Fund to assist members and their families who are experiencing financial hardship.

The following criteria was approved by the members: Eligibility for funds - to be used to assist a member of the Dept. of IL MCL or MCLA or their family members. Rules are to be distributed via *The Illinois Marine*. There is a limit of \$500 per individual or family (one time only per individual or family). Requests for assistance from the fund are to be sent to PDP Renee McGuan, Chairman, Department of Illinois Past Presidents Council. All decisions to approve or deny distributions are to be made by members of the MCLA Department of Illinois Past Presidents Council at a Staff meeting, Convention or by email. Donations to the fund are encouraged and appreciated. In addition, members hope to raise funds through raffles to be held at Department of Illinois events.

I can be reached at rsm1455@yahoo.com or 815-751-1455

Semper Fi, Renee McGuan

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Semper Fidelis Harry Fanning, 8th District Comdt.

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Semper Fi, George Mulvaney, VAVS Chairman

YOUNG MARINES PROGRAM

If you have a Young Marine unit in your area, please reach out and contact them and give them all the support you possibly can. These young men and women are fantastic. For more information about the program, check out <u>www.youngmarines.com</u>, or contact me at <u>mlsturch@hotmail.com</u> or 815-441-2243.

As stated earlier, I am looking for a highly motivated and energetic Marine to take over this important position for me. Please contact me for details.

Semper Fi, Michael Sturch Young Marines Liaison, Dept of IL

ILLINOIS PACK MODD

Our Grand Growl was fun and productive. We collected a good number of bones, and just had a howlin' good time. Our "Bags for Kids" initiative is still in full swing. I had around 20 bags collected to donate to the local DCFS in Bloomington. They could not take them, so I took them to an organization called Baby Fold. They were ecstatic to receive such a donation. Unfortunately, we could not take a picture to show, but they were so appreciative.

We have a new Pack Dog of the Year. Congratulations to PDD Ed Modla, a stellar choice indeed.

If you are planning to upgrade to PDD in August, please ensure your Pound Dog Robber submitted the appropriate paperwork to Worthy Dog Robber PDD Malmstrom. I believe the deadline for submittal is past us now, but if you whine enough and give those big, sad puppy eyes, they might let you in. Plan on checking in on Sunday to get registered. This is a serious but fun-filled time. There is a lot of information to be learned and a short time to do it. So, I ask that if you are committed to this, please commit 100%. This will be the closest Supreme Growl in some time, so take advantage of it! Let's have an amazing turnout, but please remember, only PDD's are allowed to attend the Supreme Growl.

My contact info is 815-441-2243 or mlsturch@hotmail.com .

Semper Woof, Michael Sturch Worthy Pack Leader, IL Pack Military Order of the Devil Dogs

DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The essays submitted for the 2021 scholarship grant were outstanding. The process to evaluate and score them requires blind assessment. Each entry is assigned a random code and is graded based on an established key. Committee members John Olejnicki and Bill Barta submit their individual scores and only then are demographics viewed. The few additional points are applied according to the key and a total score is obtained.

This year the final scores were very close. Five applicants were awarded an individual grant of \$1000. They are:

Sarah Catherine Ames who is accepted at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and is the daughter of Curtis Ames, #1009 McHenry.

Paige Marie Leslie who is accepted at Purdue University and is the granddaughter of Edward Modla, #72 Burbank.

Jenica Elizabeth Limon who is accepted at Carthage College and is the granddaughter of Mike Malmstrom, #607Lincoln.

Kelsey Renee Neihls who is accepted at Lakeland College and is the granddaughter of Larry Neihls, #591 Effingham County.

Christopher Joseph O'Gara who is accepted at Illinois State University and is the grandson of Leroy Totman, #1009 McHenry.

The winners were invited to the Joint Opening Ceremonies and the Past Presidents luncheon. Ms Paige Leslie read her essay aloud at the meeting and also honored us with her a'cappella rendition of our National Anthem. Congratulations to all recipients and thank you to everyone who submitted an application. Please visit <u>www.theillinoismarine.com</u> website for information on the Department Scholarship Program.

Semper Fidelis, Victoria Cobbett, Chair

DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AUXILIARY

My contact information is: rsm1455@yahoo.com or 815 751-1455.

Semper Fidelis PDP Renee McGuan



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE MISSION STATEMENT

Members of the Marine Corps League join together in camaraderie and fellowship for the purpose of preserving the traditions and promoting the interests of the United States Marine Corps, banding together those who are now serving in the United States Marine Corps and those who have been honorably discharged from that service that they may effectively promote the ideals of American freedom and democracy, voluntarily aiding and rendering assistance to all Marines, FMF Corpsmen and former Marines and FMF corpsmen and to their widows and orphans; and to perpetuate the history of the United States Marine Corps and by fitting acts to observe the anniversaries of historical occasions of particular interest to Marines.

THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AUXILIARY OUR PURPOSE

PATRIOTIC:

- (A) To preserve the traditions and promote the interests of the United States Marine Corps;
- (B) To maintain true allegiance to American institutions;

HISTORICAL:

(C) TO hold sacred the history and memory of the men and women who gave their lives to this Nation;

(D) To perpetuate the history of the United States Marine Corps and by fitting acts, to observe the anniversary of historical occasions of particular interest to Marines;

FRATERNAL:

- (E) To create a bond of comradeship between the Auxiliary and the Marine Corps League, Inc.;
- (F) To aid voluntarily and to render assistance to all Marines and former Marines as well as to their families;
- (G) To help decorate the graves of all deceased Marines whenever and wherever possible;

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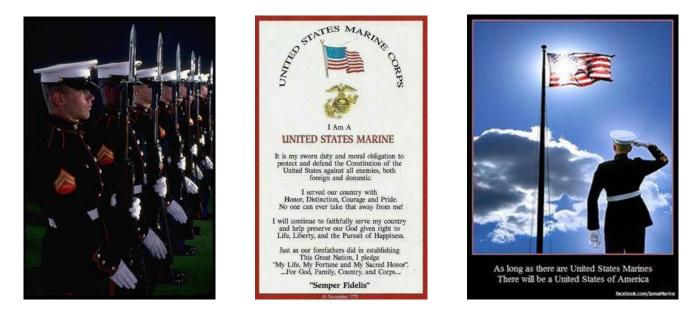
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Almighty Father, whose command is over all and whose love never fails, make me aware of Thy presence and obedient to Thy will. Keep me true to my best self, guarding me against dishonesty in purpose and in deed and helping me to live so that I can 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



OATH OF ENLISTMENT AND OFFICE (Oh so long ago for some of us)

The Oath of enlistment is something that every service member must promise and adhere to for his/her entire military career. From the Oath, you can see that you will be defending the Constitution - not a person. Discipline and accepting orders is sworn to. Finally, you vow to face the UCMJ (Uniform Code of Military Justice) should any disputes arise.

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The Oath of Office (for officers): "I, _____ (SSAN), having been appointed an officer in the ______ (Military Branch) of the United States, as indicated above in the grade of ______ do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign or domestic, that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservations or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office upon which I am about to enter; So help me God." Before you raise your right hand, make sure you understand what you are swearing or attesting to. The oath of enlistment should not be taken lightly, you will be bound by it for the next 4 to 6 years at a minimum.





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