



Department of Indiana Newsletter

The Hoosier Declassifieds

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA NEWSLETTER

This is the **first edition** of the Department's **new** quarterly newsletter which will be posted on the Department's website by Dan Tolson and sent to department officers and district vice commandants as well as detachment adjutants and commandants to forward to their members.

The newsletter will only be as good as the information provided by officers, committees, Devil Dogs, Chaplain, Auxiliary, and Young Marines. Let us know what you have done and are planning to do. Share your photos and event flyers. Let us communicate!

e-mail your information to newsletter editor Terry Taylor, Sr. by December 10th for the January 2024 First Quarter edition at TLTAYLORSR@FRONTIER.COM.

Let us know what you want to read about!

DEPARTMENT NEWSLETTER

The Department of Indiana Newsletter is published quarterly (January, April, July, and October), and will be posted on the Department's website.

Deadline for submission is one month prior by Department auxiliary, committees, Devil Dogs, officers, Detachments, and Young Marines.

e-Mail all newsletter articles, information, and photographs to the editor.

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DEPARTMENT CALENDAR

7 December	Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
25 December	Christmas
1 January	New Year's Day
14 February	Valentine's Day
18 February	Embassy Suites Room Reservation Deadline (Code: SCM)
22 February	Reports for Spring Conference Deadline to Department Adjutant
22-24 February	National Midwinter Conference, Arlington, VA
23 February	Iwo Jima Flag Raising
1 March	Spring Conference Registration Deadline
4 March	Central Division Conference Room Reservation Deadline (Code: MCA)
9-10 March	Department of Indiana Spring Conference, Plainfield, IN
10 March	Spring Forward Time Change
15 March	Central Division Conference Registration Deadline
17 March	St. Patrick's Day
31 March	Easter
4-7 April	Central Division Conference, Kalamazoo, MI
30 April	Crumbo Scholarship Application Deadline

DEPARTMENT COMMANDANT'S CORNER

Our Department is fortunate to have so many outstanding Detachments and exceptional members! Our board, officers, district vice commandants, and committee members are committed to serve you and enhance all the great things we do.

This is our Department's first newsletter, and our goal is to publish this newsletter quarterly. I encourage you to send your activities, events, news, and photos to Terry Taylor, Sr. who has accepted the challenge as our newsletter editor. The newsletter will help us communicate and promote who we are and what we do.

I invite every Detachment to attend our Spring Conference 9-10 March 2024. Join us for the fun, fellowship, and sharing best practices. I look forward to seeing you!

I encourage as many brothers and sisters as possible to attend the Central Division Conference in Kalamazoo, Michigan 4-7 April 2024.

Feel free to reach out to me or any Department Staff member if you have questions or need assistance. We are here to serve you.

On behalf of the Department staff, I extend to you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



2024 NATIONAL MIDWINTER CONFERENCE

DATES: Thursday-Saturday, 22-24 February 2024
PLACE: Sheraton Pentagon City
900 South Orme Street
Arlington, VA 22204
ROOM RESERVATIONS: Call Hotel Direct at 800-325-3535 / Reference National MCL
DEADLINE: 30 January 2024
ROOMS: \$129 plus tax (about \$148 per night)
PARKING: Onsite garage parking is \$10 per day
OTHER: Hotel overlooks Arlington National Cemetery
Free shuttle to/from Reagan Airport (DCA)
REGISTRATION: Go to MCL National website – click on conferences – click on Midwinter Conference Online Registration and complete



DEPARTMENT SPRING CONFERENCE

DATES: Saturday and Sunday, 9-10 March 2024
PLACE: Embassy Suites
6089 Clarks Creek Road
Plainfield, Indiana 46168
ROOM RESERVATIONS: Call Hotel Direct at 317-839-1106 / Use Code **SCM**
DEADLINE: 18 February 2024
ROOMS: \$169 plus tax
REGISTRATION: \$20 per person
Registrations due to Paymaster Dave Englert by 1 March 2024
REPORTS: Posted on the Department's website under "MORE"
We no longer bring printed reports for the table
OTHER: Adjutant will forward agenda and dress of the day to members
once the Department releases it
Saturday evening is Devil Dog Growl
Business meeting on Sunday at 0900-1200
Splendid opportunity for fellowship and sharing best practices



2024 CENTRAL DIVISION CONFERENCE

DATES: 04-07 April 2024
PLACE: Delta Hotels Kalamazoo Conference Center
2747 South 11th Street
Kalamazoo, MI 49009
ROOMS: \$115.44 per night inclusive for standard room
ROOM RESERVATIONS: Call Hotel Direct at 269-375-6000 / Use Code **MCA**
DEADLINE: Monday, 4 March 2024
REGISTRATION: \$80 per Person by 15 March 2024 includes registration, hospitality room, and Saturday banquet buffet
OTHER: QR code registration charges \$0.99 per ticket and 2.99% credit card processing fee – no additional charges for a personal check



2024 NATIONAL CONVENTION

DATES: 12-16 August 2024
PLACE: Westin Rancho Mirage Golf Resort and Spa
7133 Dinah Shore Drive
Rancho Mirage, CA 92270
AIRPORT: Palm Springs Airport
NEARBY: 29 Palms – our favorite Marine Corps training base
RESERVATIONS: Call 888-627-7076 to make your room reservation
Use Group "**Marine Corps League**" or "**MCL**" for pricing of:
\$159 (single) or \$169 (double) per night
DEADLINE: Room reservation deadline is 8 July 2024
OTHER: More details as they become available



MILITARY ORDER OF DEVIL DOGS

GROWL: Generally held the first evening of the conference/convention

PACK OF INDIANA OFFICERS:

Pack Leader	PDD Regis Hess
Senior Vice Pack Leader:	DD Rob Burke
Junior Vice Pack Leader:	PDD Jim Roberson
Pack Dog Robber:	PDD Tom Duncan
Pack Police Dog:	PDD Juan Rameriz
Pack Mad Dog:	DD Greg Burke
Pack Dog Trainer:	PDD Lloyd Loucks
Pack Scratcher:	PDD Debbie Munoz
Pack Barking Dog:	DD Troy Gillum
Pack Watch Dog:	DD Ernie Maxwell
Pack Smart Dog:	DD Brad Ulick
Awards Chairman:	PDD Jim Atkinson

We promote good fellowship amongst the members of our different Marine Corps League Detachments. We provide amusement and entertainment at all gatherings of the League, when and where advisable, preserve and strengthen the principles and ideals of the League. We are also, very active in raising funds for children's hospitals, and associated charities.



LADIES AUXILIARY

The Department of Indiana Ladies Auxiliary meets during the Department's two conferences and summer convention.

OFFICERS:	President	Karen Andrews
	Senior Vice President	Debbie Nelson
	Junior Vice President	Cheryl Mantle
	Judge Advocate	Loretta See
	Junior Past Auxiliary President	Patricia Smith
	Secretary	TBA
	Treasurer	Debbie Nelson
	Chaplain	Theresa Clark
	Captain of the Guard	Cheryl Mantle

We were formed for the purposes of promoting the interests of the Marine Corps, the Marine Corps League, and to protect and advance the welfare of Marines and their dependents.



TAPS

Department Chaplain Ernie Maxwell shared the following members have passed.

- Jack Campo, Reported 7/27/2023, Detachment #1056 Dunes Leathernecks
- Andrew Clark, 7/21/2023, Detachment #931 Southern Indiana Leathernecks
- Harley H. Dupler III, 11/6/2023, Detachment #967 Frankfort
- John Hatton, 9/11/2023, Detachment #095 St. Joseph Valley
- James Kirby, 11/25/2022 Reported 7/27/2023, Detachment #1090 River Cities
- William (Vince) Reker, 7/3/2023, Detachment #1394 Southwest Marines
- Aaron Walt, 7/10/2023, Detachment #1367 Morgan County

Members, we have your watch. Rest easy. Fair winds and following seas. Semper Fidelis.

Once a Marine, Forever a Marine.

Chaplains are requested to submitted the **Notice of Death** fillable form to the Department Chaplain Ernie Maxwell (enmaxwell3@gmail.com) within a few days of the death. A sympathy card will be mailed to the family.



NEXT EDITION TO THE HOOSIER DECLASSIFIEDS NEWSLETTER

Articles, event, information, and photos for the JANUARY 2024 edition of our newsletter (covers January, February, and March) are **due by 10 December 2024** to editor Terrence L. Taylor, Sr. (Terry) at TLTAYLORSR@FRONTIER.COM.



248th MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY BALL

Here are photos submitted by Detachments of their 248th Marine Corps Birthday celebration. Be sure to check out more photos on each Detachment's Facebook page or website.



#502 Mounds Detachment



#1435 Pride and Purpose Detachment



#844 Tripoli Detachment

DEPARTMENT WEBSITE MEMBERS ONLY ACCESS

All Committee, Detachment, and Officer reports will no longer be printed for conferences and conventions. They are to be submitted to Adjutant Craig McGlinn no later than 2 weeks prior to the conference or convention, and Dan Tolson will post on the password protected "Detachment Reports" on our website under the "MORE" tab on the top right of the header bar.

If you do not already have an account, create one on our website. Sign in to read the reports. If you have issues, please e-mail Dan Tolson at mcldepartmentofindiana@gmail.com.

<https://mcldeptofindiana.org>



NEWEST DETACHMENT

Welcome Aboard to the newest Detachment in the Department of Indiana! The Capt. James A. Graham Detachment #1497 stood up 14 November 2023.

The Detachment meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 1900 in VFW Post #1587 at 5139 W 10th Street, Speedway, Indiana (west side of Indianapolis).

The Detachment officers are:

Commandant	Kay Ross
Senior Vice Commandant	Tim Hutchison
Junior Vice Commandant	Mike Ross
Judge Advocate	Eric Harless
Adjutant	Craig McGlinn
Paymaster	Mark Halsey
Chaplain	Kaitlyn Ross
Sergeant-at-Arms	Chuck Ruhmann

To learn more of their Detachment's namesake, Captain Graham – Medal of Honor recipient, visit the website <https://www.cmohs.org/recipients/james-a-graham>.



AMERICANISM AWARD

The Americanism Reports (bound books, scrap books, or albums) are based National Marine Corps League Convention to Convention, and consists of six (6) sections, and the entries must be hand delivered to the Americanism Committee by 1500 on Tuesday of the National Convention. Detachment Americanism Award Books can be turned into the Department Commandant for delivery to National Convention. There are 3 categories based on Detachment strength. First, Second, and Third Place winners in each category will receive a plaque. The overall top award, the GIL GRAY Award, will receive a special plaque. More specific details are in Library on National's website. Every Department of Indiana Detachment is strongly encouraged to submit an entry!



CRUMBO SCHOLARSHIP

Kay Ross reports that the Crumbo Scholarship is being updated. The new guidelines and application will be available at the beginning of January 2024. The deadline will remain the same – 30 April. The Department website will be updated with all the information and application once it is available.

CRUMBO SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER

WHAT: Selling t-shirts, hoodies, and crewneck sweatshirts with Marine Corps League logo on the left chest and the back will be the shape of Indiana with Marine Corps terms inside.
WHY: Fall/Winter fundraiser for Crumbo Scholarship
DEADLINE FOR ORDERS: **9am on Thursday, 14 December 2023**
MINIMUM ORDER: Need a minimum of 24 total orders (hope for a lot more)
DELIVERY: Estimated for 20 December 2023
QUESTIONS: Contact Kay Ross at kayross@comcast.net
ORDER LINK: [Indiana State Univ Marine Corps League Fall Conference | TGI Greek | powered by OrderMyGear \(itemorder.com\)](https://www.itemorder.com/indiana-state-univ-marine-corps-league-fall-conference-tgi-greek)

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NATIONAL NEWSLETTER COMPETITION

The National Newsletter Competition encourages all Detachments and Departments of the Marine Corps League to submit their newsletter for judging. For the editors that work so hard, they should receive the recognition. If you do not already have a newsletter, consider starting one.

The Newsletter Judging Criteria does more than establish standards for judging. It makes a suggestions of things editors may want to include in their newsletter. Things that encourage readers to read through the entire publication.

Submission Rules:

The submissions to the Competition will require three (3) issues in (1) PDF file. (all 3 must be from the same editor) and emailed to the competition email address: MCLnewsletter.comp@gmail.com

The email should contain Detachment # /or Department, Detachment name, State, Detachment Membership as of June 1 of convention year, Newsletter name, and Newsletter editor name

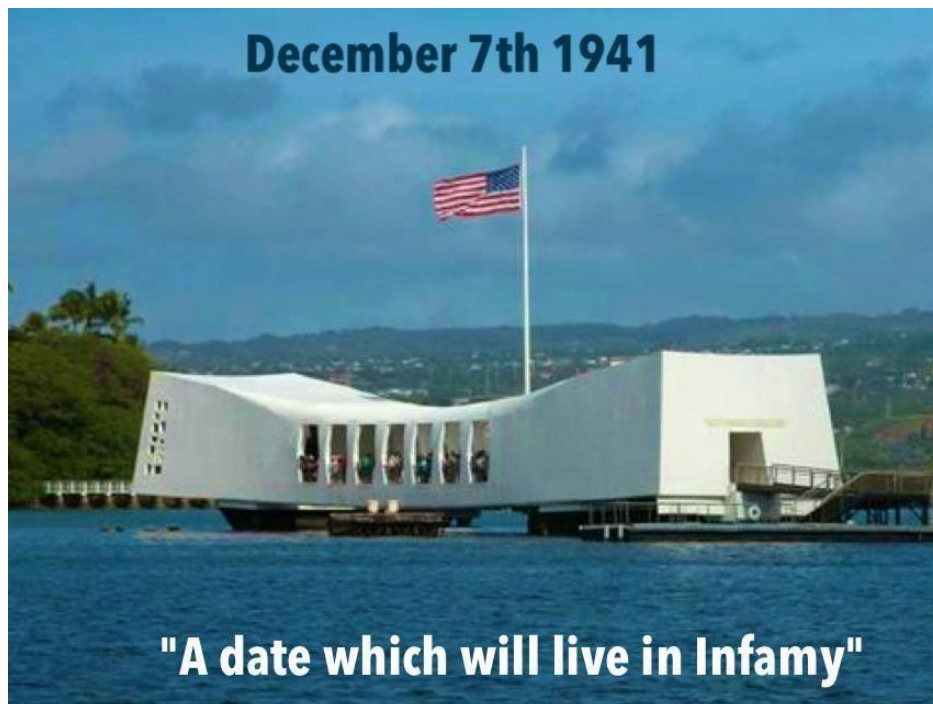
Submission Dates:

e-mails will be accepted from June 15th through June 30th. Submissions must be e-mailed by July 3rd of the convention year. Do not email your newsletters each month. The published newsletter must be for the period of July 1, through June 30, of the Convention year.

Questions:

MCL National Newsletter
Chairman Dianna Grantham
Phone: (251)377-9818
Email: mclnewsletter.comp@gmail.com

Detachment #1435 Pride and Purpose of Fort Wayne is the defending First Place winner in Company II (51-100 members) the past 2 years. You cannot win if you do not enter!



YOUNG MARINES

We have 4 Young Marine units in Indiana, and we encourage all Detachments to support these units. Any donation to the Department for Young Marines is split evenly between Dunes, Hendricks County, Scott County, and Seymour.

All Detachments are encouraged to attend Young Marine graduation ceremonies.



YOUTH PHYSICAL FITNESS

Commandant Robert O'Donnell reminds Detachments need to appoint a Youth Physical Fitness Chairman. The Marine Corps League's Youth Physical Fitness program is funded by the U.S. Marines Youth Foundation. The program is currently being updated and materials will soon be available on National's website.



MISSION STATEMENT

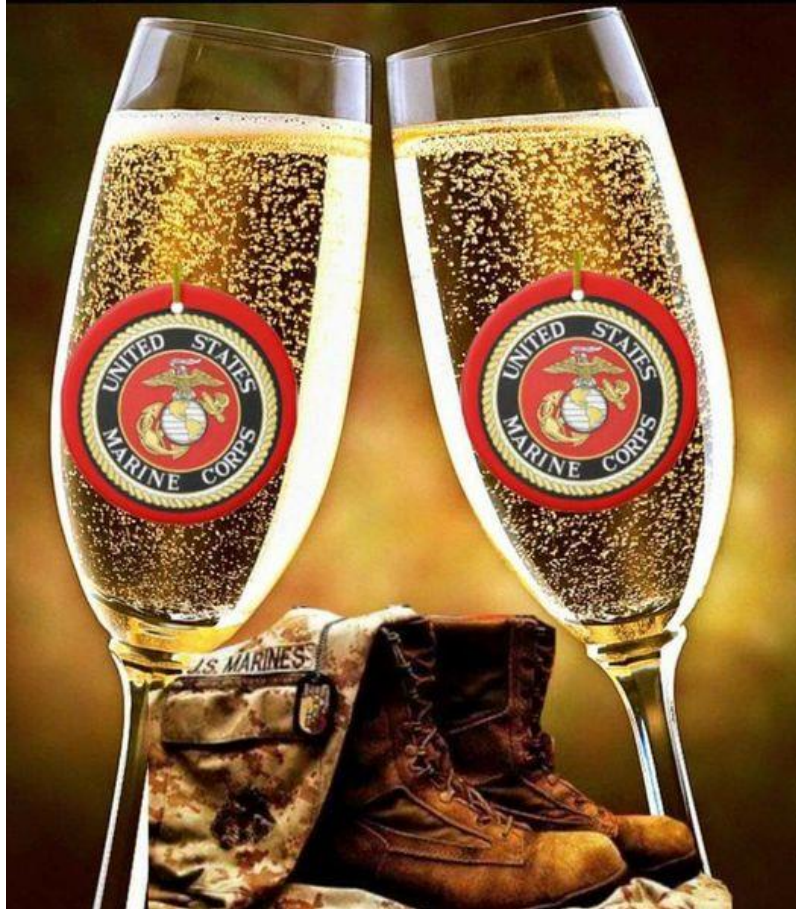
Members of the Marine Corps League join together in camaraderie and fellowship for the purpose of preserving the traditions and promoting the interests of the United States Marine Corps, banding together those who are now serving in the United States Marine Corps and those who have been honorably discharged from that service that they may effectively promote the ideals of American freedom and democracy, voluntarily aiding and rendering assistance to all Marines, current / former FMF Corpsmen and current / former FMF Navy Chaplains 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.

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- The Department's Quarterly Newsletter is e-mailed on the last Sunday morning of the month, and the Department's Web Sergeant will post it on the Department's website.
- Members are encouraged to submit articles and information for the newsletter to the Editor on or before the 10th of December, 10th of March, 10th of June, and the 10th of September for the next quarterly issue. Help us communicate, inform, promote, and share to grow our Department and Detachments
- Event information is subject to change without notice.



The Department of Indiana wishes you and your family a Blessed and Merry Christmas!



We wish you and your family a Happy New Year!

The Marine Corps League emblem *broken down:*

The outer circle represents the family we represent as a veterans' organization.

The verbiage represents who we are and what we believe.

The inner circle represents the family we maintain as US Marines, FMF Corpsman, and FMF Chaplain.



The eagle represents the proud nation we defend and serve; wings outstretched over our coastlines and within the reach of the world.

The anchor points to Marine Corps' naval heritage and its ability to access any coastline in the world.

The globe shows the continents of the Western Hemisphere and represents world wide service.