



Department of Indiana Newsletter The Hoosier Declassifieds Fall 2025



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DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA

Active, reserve, retired, and veteran Marines, FMF Corpsmen, FMF Navy Chaplains, and Associates in Indiana continue the faithful tradition of looking out for the Marines to their left and to their right.

25 Detachments around the state support their local communities, organizations, and veterans with a wide variety of fundraisers, service projects, and social events.

Many Detachments have their own website and/or Facebook page to communicate and share their activities, events, and service.

The Department hosts 3 conferences and/or conventions annually for members to gather, socialize, conduct business, and share best practices. **Every** member is encouraged to attend!

The Department is now focused on planning and preparing to host the 2026 National Convention in Indianapolis. We need YOUR HELP!

DEPARTMENT NEWSLETTER

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

Deadline for submission is one month prior by Department auxiliary, committees, Devil Dogs, officers, Detachments, and Young Marines. Let us know what you are doing! Share your news!

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

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

2025

4-5 October	Department of Indiana Fall Conference
15 October	Quarterly Roster Distribution by Department Paymaster
2 November	Time Change – Fall Back One Hour at 0200
10 November	250th Marine Corps Birthday
15 November	Final Date to Submit 990N, 990EZ, or 990
10 December	Department First Quarter 2026 Newsletter Article Deadline to Editor

2026

10 March	Department Second Quarter Newsletter Article Deadline to Editor
14-15 March	Department Spring Conference, Plainfield, IN
19-21 March	Central Division Conference, Lexington, KY
15 April	Quarterly Roster Distribution by Department Paymaster to Paymasters
30 April	Crumbo Scholarship Application Deadline
5-7 June	Department Summer Convention, Plainfield, IN
09-15 August	National Convention, Indianapolis, IN

CHIEF OF STAFF'S CORNER by Kelly Gillihan

District Vice Commandants in 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8: It is time to get the Detachment Commandants and Paymasters in your District to get the 990's and Life member audits done! If you need help in any way, please let me know!

Detachment Commandants: If you accepted my challenge of donating to the Department of Indiana National Convention fund, let me know so I will have enough viles of dirt and water from Belleau, France.

We will be passing out streamers to detachments that had delegates attending the National Convention in Dallas during the Sunday meeting at the Fall Conference.

Once a Marine - Forever a Marine



HONOR OUR HISTORY

- 17 Oct 1820 – Archibald Henderson appointed Commandant and holds position for 38 years
- 23 Oct 1983 – 220 Marines killed when suicide bomber destroys BLT HQ in Beirut
- 25 Oct 1983 – Marines and Army intervene in Grenada, West Indies
- 27 Oct 1962 – 2nd Marine Division and Air Wing Deployed during the Cuban missile crisis
- 31 Oct 1955 – Lewis B. Puller retired as a Lieutenant General
- 10 Nov 1775 – 2 Battalions of Marines were formed by an act of the Continental Congress
- 10 Nov 1948 – First eight women were sworn in as Regular Marines
- 10 Nov 1954 – Marine Corps War Memorial was dedicated next to Arlington Cemetery
- 20 Nov 1947 – Marine Reservists started Toys for Tots in Los Angeles
- 28 Nov 1775 – Samuel Nichols commissioned as Captain becoming the first Marine officer
- 7 Dec 1933 – Department of Navy creates Fleet Marine Force
- 7 Dec 1941 – Marines defend against Japanese attack on US Pacific Fleet at Pearl Harbor
- 9 Dec 1992 – Marines land in Somalia to rescue foreigners
- 24 Dec 1950 – Last elements of the 1st Marine Division departed Hungnam, North Korea
- 26 Dec 1943 – 1st Marine Division lands on Cape Gloucester, New Britain

DEPARTMENT COMMANDANT'S CORNER

Welcome to Fall! This is one of my favorite times of the year. I love the cooler temperatures which offer a break from the crazy summer heat, and the crisp air is so refreshing and invigorating. The beauty of the changing leaves, warm apple cider, and football games bring a sense of nostalgia for me and there is a quiet kind of beauty that comes with Fall that I don't feel we get in any of the other seasons. Fall also calls us to slow down, reflect, and reconnect—not just with the traditions we hold dear, but with each other.



I am looking forward to seeing you all at our Fall Conference, being held at the Embassy Suites in Plainfield, 4-5 October. I challenge each one of you to bring a new Marine or Associate member to the conference so they can gain knowledge from the training sessions and, just as important, to meet members from other parts of the state and share in the camaraderie that takes place in the meetings, the hospitality room, outside in the sitting area until late in the night, and even when walking down the hall. Those are the best moments of every conference and convention, in my opinion.

Across the state, Detachments have been active: color guards at fall football games, Toys for Tots planning underway, community outreach events, and planning your end of year events. Many of you, me included, stood tall during POW/MIA Recognition Day ceremonies, honoring those who never returned and ensuring their memory remains alive in every community we serve. If you have never attended a ceremony, I would like to encourage you to attend one next year. It is a wonderful event, but sadly, not well attended by others outside of the ceremony participants and families of some Indiana POW/MIAs.

As we look ahead, November marks the 250th Marine Corps Birthday—a milestone year for our beloved Corps. Whether your detachment is planning a formal ball or holding a small gathering, I encourage every member to take part and reflect on what it means to wear the Eagle, Globe, and Anchor. Let's carry that spirit through fall. Check on your fellow Marines, welcome new members, and continue setting the example in your towns and counties.

This season reminds us: the leaves may change, but the values we live by—honor, courage, and commitment—are evergreen.

Semper Fi, Marines!
Kay

"In every change, in every falling leaf, there is some pain, some beauty. And that's the way of life—and service."

"The beauty of autumn is that it reminds us that even the most beautiful things have to end, and it's okay."

Join US!

CONFERENCES & CONVENTIONS

2025 DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA FALL CONFERENCE

DATES: **4-5 OCTOBER 2025**
PLACE: Embassy Suites Plainfield Indianapolis Airport
6089 Clarks Creek Road
Plainfield, Indiana
COST: Conference cost \$20 per person
REGISTRATION: \$20 per person
OTHER: + Must be registered for conference to attend the Saturday night Growl
+ Dress both days is polo with appropriate cover
+ **Soup Cook-Off**: contact Beth Tyler at bethlhenke@gmail.com to enter
and with any questions



2026 NATIONAL MIDWINTER CONFERENCE

DATES: Thursday-Saturday, 26-28 February 2026
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: \$131 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)
Saturday social, reception, and banquet – MCL formal dress / no covers
REGISTRATION: Go to MCL National website – click on conferences – click on Midwinter
Conference Online Registration and complete



2026 DEPARTMENT SPRING CONFERENCE

DATES: Saturday and Sunday, 9-10 March 2026
PLACE: Embassy Suites
6089 Clarks Creek Road
Plainfield, Indiana 46168
ROOM RESERVATIONS: **Call hotel direct at 317-839-1106 / Use Code To Be Announced**
Please do not do on-line or through third party sites!
DEADLINE: 15 February 2026
ROOMS: \$169 plus tax
REGISTRATION: \$20 per person
Registrations due to Paymaster Dave Englert by 20 February 2026
REPORTS: Posted on the Department's website under "MORE"
We no longer bring printed reports for the table
OTHER: Adjutant will forward agenda and Uniform 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
Detachments requested to make a monetary donation for hospitality
suite by 1 February 2026 (mail check to Dave Englert)



2026 CENTRAL DIVISION CONFERENCE

DATES: 19-21 March 2026
PLACE: Campbell House
1375 South Broadway Street
Lexington, KY 40504
ROOMS: \$115.44 per night inclusive for standard room
ROOM RESERVATIONS: **Call hotel direct at 859-255-4281 / Use Code To Be Announced**
Please do not do on-line or through third party sites!
DEADLINE: **Monday, 1 March 2026**
REGISTRATION: \$TBD per Person by 15 February 2026 includes registration, hospitality
room, and Saturday banquet buffet
OTHER: Check updates, fees, agenda, and details on the Central Division website
<https://mclcentdiv.org>



2026 DEPARTMENT SUMMER CONVENTION

DATES: Friday-Sunday, 5-7 June 2026
PLACE: Embassy Suites
6089 Clarks Creek Road
Plainfield, Indiana 46168
ROOM RESERVATIONS: **Call hotel direct at 317-839-1106** / Use Code To Be Announced
Please do not do on-line or through third party sites!
DEADLINE: 15 May 2026
ROOMS: \$To Be Announced
REGISTRATION: \$20 per person and \$TBD per person for Banquet
Registrations due to Paymaster Dave Englert by 10 May 2026
REPORTS: Posted on the Department's website under "MORE"
Submit to Department Adjutant by 15 May 2026
BANQUET: Saturday, 6 June 2026
Installation of Officers and Annual Department Awards
OTHER: Adjutant McGlenn will forward agenda and Uniform of the Day to
Members once the Department releases it
Friday evening is Devil Dog Growl
Splendid opportunity for fellowship, fun, and sharing best practices



103rd NATIONAL CONVENTION IN INDIANA

Next year is your chance to attend a national convention that will be the closest to Indiana it has been since 1977! For those that haven't heard the news yet, (how is that possible?) the Department of Indiana will be the host of next year's convention. The convention committee has been working since last fall to get all the administrative tasks taken care of to set up the convention accounts and now, we are moving toward the next set of tasks. This is where you come in! The committee needs a Chairperson for the Banquet Committee. In addition to that position, the committee is looking for Marines and Associate members to assist with the following committees: Fundraising, Transportation, Events, Information, and the Banquet. Please reach out to me or our Chief of Staff, Kelly Gillihan, if you would like to fill the Banquet Chair position or are willing to help with one of the committees. We need participation from all our members to make this convention a success! You don't have to have any experience to help with these committees, and all the committee members, as well as other Marines and Associate members in the department, are here to assist.

DATES: Sunday-Friday, August 9-14, 2026

PLACE: Wyndham West Hotel
2544 Executive Drive
Indianapolis, IN 46241
WEBSITE: <https://mcldeptofindiana.org/mclindy2026>

If you would like to volunteer to chair a committee or to just help on one, please reach out to Kay Ross (317-698-6637 or kayross@comcast.net) or Kelly Gillihan (765-507-0574 or ktgillihan@gmail.com). **We need committee chairmen and volunteers!**



2025 NATIONAL CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

The week of convention was full of informative meetings, unique events, and a lot of camaraderie!

Personally, I really enjoyed the dinner at the National Medal of Honor Museum. Although there wasn't an opportunity to tour the whole museum, the parts I saw were amazing. Ty Carter, Marine and Army veteran was the guest speaker. It was such a fantastic evening. The other events, a tour of the George W. Bush Presidential Museum and an evening in the Fort Worth Stockyards in Grapevine, were also a lot of fun for the Marines and guests that attended them. All around, it seemed that everyone who attended had a great time.

The Department of Indiana had entries in both the Americanism and Newsletter competitions. Tiffany Careins of Pride and Purpose Detachment #1435, Geneva Bradley of Tripoli #844, and Sam Alameda of St. Joseph Valley #095 each received a Certificate of Appreciation for their first entry in the newsletter competition. Terry Taylor entered The Department of Indiana newsletter, and it was voted the best of all 18 entries, earning the Leatherneck Award! The Department of Indiana had the most entrants ever this year! I really appreciate all the hard work everyone who entered these competitions put forward.

The week culminated with the Grand Banquet that featured a cake-cutting ceremony in honor of the Marine Corps' 250th birthday, and featuring Lieutenant General Michael S. Cederholm, Commanding General I Marine Expeditionary Force (I MEF), as the guest speaker. If you haven't attended a national convention, you should really go to one. It is always a great time meeting Marines from around the country and sharing what has worked for your detachment and maybe what hasn't worked, as well as sharing stories from your time in the Corps!

Kay



Morning Colors outside hotel entrance



Indiana was present for Morning Colors



Morning Colors



Business Meeting



2025 Indiana Delegation

Left to Right: Dave Englert, Terry Taylor Sr., Robert O'Donnell, Kay Ross,
Kelly Gillihan, and Tim Glidden

Not Pictured: Tim Shortt and Dan Tolson who were involved with Devil Dog training



Commandant Kay Ross inviting all to Indiana



Chief of Staff addresses convention



Pride and Purpose #1435 Newsletter Competition Certificate



St. Joseph Valley #95 Newsletter Competition Certificate



Tripoli #844 Newsletter Competition Certificate



Terry Taylor, Sr. presented Distinguished Service Award from National Commandant



Department of Indiana Newsletter Editor Terrence Taylor Sr. and Commandant Kay Ross presented the Leatherneck Award for being the best of the best in the 2025 Newsletter Competition! Job well done!



Installation of Officers



Congratulations to Howlin' Mad #93 for Third Place in Detachment Membership (103.59%)



Tim Shortt and Kay Ross – Looking Great!



Tim Shortt, Dave Englert, and Robert O'Donnell

INDIANA PACK

Woof Woof Dogs of the Order:

To all Pound Keepers and Pound Dog Robbers, going forward the KMA is not taking paper payments! It will be all electronic from now on. Please get with Pack Dog Robber DD Ernie Maxwell to learn how to do all payments online. Also, bring plenty of Big Bones to the fall Conference! I am sure fines will be levied! And, remember that the children's hospital that will be benefiting in next year will be Riley's in Indianapolis!

Woof Woof
Your Worthy Pack Leader
PDD Kelly Gillihan



INDIANA PACK OFFICERS:

Pack Leader	PDD Kelly Gillihan
Senior Vice Pack Leader:	PDD Dan Tolson, Jr.
Junior Vice Pack Leader:	PDD Jim Snowberger
Pack Dog Robber:	DD Ernie Maxwell
Pack Police Dog:	PDD Jay Juan Rameriz
Pack Mad Dog:	PDD Mike Ross
Pack Dog Trainer:	PDD Lloyd Loucks
Pack Scratcher:	DD Tim Glidden
Pack Barking Dog:	DD Matt Spencer
Pack Watch Dog:	DD Matt Careins
Pack Smart Dog:	DD Brad Ulick
Awards Chairman:	TBD

The Indiana Pack promotes 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 league. We are also, very active in raising funds for children's hospitals and associated charities.

See you at our Growl on 4 October 2025!

You will need your cover and paid conference registration credential to enter the Growl!



MODD at Morning Colors at 2025 National Convention – WOOF! WOOF!

LADIES AUXILIARY

OFFICERS:	President	Loretta See
	Senior Vice President	Tami Williams
	Junior Vice President	Evangeline Anderson
	Judge Advocate	Karen Andrews
	Junior Past Auxiliary President	Theresa Clark
	Secretary	Alexa Wilson
	Treasurer	Sue Waters
	Chaplain	Pat Smith
	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.

The Department of Indiana Ladies Auxiliary meets during the Department's two conferences and summer convention. New members are always welcome!



SICK, IN DISTRESS, and TAPS

Department Chaplain Ernie Maxwell shared the following members have recently passed per Notice of Death transmittals submitted to him.

• Carolyn Allen	07-04-2023	Joseph A. Bray #471
• Thomas Aurand	01-28-2022	Tripoli #844
• Robert Black	07-24-2022	Joseph A. Bray #471
• John Bright	05-05-2024	Joseph A. Bray #471
• Jack G. Burgdorf	07-07-2025	River Cities #1090
• Fredrick Dykstra	10-09-2022	Joseph A. Bray #471
• Robert Earl	09-19-2025	Mounds #502
• Norman Hyatt	02-22-2024	Hiram I. Bearss #089
• Michael W. Parker	08-06-2025	Whitewater Valley #96
• Billie Potts	06-16-2023	Joseph A. Bray #471
• Charles Smith, Jr.	04-20-2022	River Cities #1090
• Clayton Stockley, Jr.	07-01-2024	Iram I. Bearss #089
• Judith Storms	11-24-2024	Joseph A. Bray #471
• Ronald Turner	05-02-2023	Tripoli #844

- Paul E. Weaver 09-09-2025 Morgan County #1367
- Michael Williamson 09-03-2-25 Hiram I. Bearss #089
- Robert R. Wilson 11-21-2022 River Cities #1090
- Charles Woods 07-16-2024 Hiram I. Bearss #089

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

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.



CHESTY PULLER

Lewis Burwell "Chesty" Puller (26 June 1898 – 11 October 1957) was a United States Marine Corps Lieutenant General who, early in his military career, fought guerrillas in Haiti and Nicaragua. He later went on to serve with distinction in World War II and the Korean War. Chesty Puller is the most decorated Marine in American history. He is one of two (2) U.S. servicemen awarded five (5) Navy Crosses and one Army Distinguished Service Cross. On October 31, 1955, after 37 years of service Puller, retired from the Marine Corps where he lived in Virginia until his death at the age of 73.



DEPARTMENT WEBSITE

DEPARTMENT WEBSITE ACCOUNT

Department Adjutant Craig McGlinn reminds every Department of Indiana member to create their account (if not done already) to access "for members only" information including reports. From the Department's website home page (<https://mcldeptofindiana.org>) click on the "DOCUMENTS" tab on header bar. This page below appears. Click on the "**CLICK HERE**" red box. Enter your e-mail and password. Issues with your account set up? E-Mail Junior Vice Commandant and Web Sergeant Dan Tolson at mcldepartmentofindiana@gmail.com with your issue.

Commandants, Department Officers, and Committees are to submit their written report (Word or PDF) to Department Adjutant Craig McGlinn no less than 2 weeks before the Summer Convention and both the Fall and Spring Conferences. All Detachment, Department officers, and committee reports are now posted on our website for members only access. ***The reports are no longer to be printed and placed in the meeting room!***

Our website's header tool bar includes the following tabs: Home, About Us (Officers, Paymaster, Adjutant, Committees, and Photos), Detachments, Documents, Newsletter, Awards (**new**), Calendar, and More (Events, MODD, Support, Department Auxiliary, Reports, and MCL Indy 2026). **Check out our awesome resource!**

Create Your
Account

HURRY! HURRY! HURRY!
IT IS NOT TOO LATE! RENEW NOW!

Membership Renewal

Annual Notice

Expires 31 August



Renew today with your
local Detachment Paymaster

As of 7 September 2025, the department membership is:

Division: CEDIV CENTRAL DIVISION

Department: IN DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA

	PLM	Paid	Total Paid	Unpaid
Regular	713	138	851	396
Associate	250	103	353	306
Multiple	4	0	4	2
Total	967	241	1,208	704
Voting	851			

The unpaid memberships will drop significantly over the next month as a surge of transmittals are processed by the Department Paymaster

AWARDS

2025 NATIONAL NEWSLETTER COMPETITION

Congratulations to the Department of Indiana and editor Terry Taylor, Sr. on earning the coveted **Leatherneck Award** as the **Best of the Best** in the 2025 National Newsletter Competition! After the judges completed reading and judging 677 pages from 18 entries to determine the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in the 4 divisions, they voted on the 4 first place winners to determine the Leatherneck Award winner.



DEPARTMENT COMMITTEES and OFFICER REPORTS

AWARDS by Craig McGlinn

The Department of Indiana Official Awards Manual (2025 Edition) is posted on the Department website on the newly added **AWARDS** page. The 2013 Edition was reviewed and updated by the Awards Committee. A motion to accept the updated 2025 Edition manual was made and seconded during this year's summer convention. Motion approved!

HISTORIAN by Matt Spencer

I need the history of each Detachment including pictures as soon as possible. Send your history to Matt at Matthewsspencer67@gmail.com at ASAP! Commandants, please make certain your Detachment submits your history!

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDANT by Dan Tolson

All members can assist with recruiting and retention. There are still a lot of Marines out there that do not know about the Marine Corps League, or even know we exist.

- If you see someone with a Marine Corps Veteran license plate, bumper sticker, hat, shirt, or anything Marine Corps related, stop them and talk with them. Let them know about the Marine Corps League and what we do. That person you stop, may be a potential new member, and may even want to help volunteer their time.
- Retention is a problem throughout the Marine Corps League. Make members feel welcome by talking with them, doing family functions, finding out about their hobbies. The Marine Corps League is more than just a nonprofit, trying to raise and donate money. A lot of younger members are not involved because of trying to juggle their work and family lives. Doing family functions that they could attend and bring the entire family is something small but can make that member feel welcome and want to participate more. Do not recruit members just to get a number now, and then you never hear from them again!
- Encourage Member's to attend the Department Conventions and Conferences. Numerous members have stated in the survey that was sent out, that they do not attend because they are either not a Department or Detachment Officer, they are just an associate member, or they served in another branch. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend. There is a lot of information that gets passed, and a lot of excellent classes that go on that any member can attend.

PAYMASTER POINTS TO PONDER by Dave Englert

Most detachments have taken advantage of the upgraded transmittal process yielding a significant postal cost savings and a substantial time savings. As of 7 September, 78 transmittals and supporting documents have been submitted by email with 96% successfully processed at National in 5 or less business days after submission by the detachment. 1 transmittal has been received by USPS. By comparison, transmittal processing time was typically 3-4 weeks after being mailed by the detachment under the old way of doing business. Instructions for how to submit transmittals and payments have been sent to all paymasters and are posted on the Department Website. Expect changes in the near future that will allow payments to be made by ACH, eliminating the need for mail completely. Detachments wishing to continue to use mail may do so.

The Crumbo Scholarship is now the "Crumbo Scholarship Foundation, Inc.", a separate 501c3 entity. This move was made to allow more flexibility in fundraising and to allow greater revenue slack in the Department accounting. Detachments and individuals wishing to make donations

should make the check payable to the "Crumbo Scholarship Foundation, Inc." instead of the Department. Expect changes in the near future to allow donations electronically.

Paymasters are reminded to submit their acceptance page for the 990N or page 1 of the 990 or 990EZ as soon as possible but no later than 15 November 2025.

Commandants and Paymasters, your Life member audits are due the by end of September 2025. If you have not completed it yet, please do so immediately!

Paymaster training at the 2025 Fall Conference will be conducted one on one at times other than the normal training and meeting times. If you feel the need for additional training, please let me know ahead of time so that I can prepare.

TOYS FOR TOTS by DAN TOLSON

The 2025 Toys for Tots Campaign in Indiana is rapidly approaching. Does your Detachment have its personnel in place, training completed, facility reserved, materials ready, collection events and locations arranged, and ready to help the families in need?

YOUNG MARINES by ROBERT O'DONNELL

We have 5 active Young Marine units in Indiana (Dunes/Valparaiso, Kentuckiana/Clarksville, Morgan County/Martinsville, Scott County, and Seymour).

We encourage all Detachments to support these units with an annual donation to the Department for Young Marines which will be split evenly between the active units. Make checks payable to "Dept of IN, MCL" with "Young Marines" on memo line.

YOUTH PHYSICAL FITNESS

Junior Past 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. There is no cost to the Detachment or school! The Detachment presents the program to schools, and can help the schools if requested. The program is now available on National's website.

WEBSITE by DAN TOLSON

Detachments are encouraged to submit to him re-occurring events (monthly breakfasts, monthly meetings, and so on) for the Department calendar. Send him a PDF on your special events (birthday ball, flag retirement, golf tournament, and so on) for the website.



NATIONAL VICE COMMANDANT CENTRAL DIVISION DAVE ENGLERT

At the request of our National Executive Director, my wife and I were fortunate enough to attend the Southern Illinois 100 to represent the Marine Corps League. To say it was an exciting, adrenaline pumping, and motivational day would be an understatement. The race was held on 31 August 2025 and was broadcast on Fox Sports. The broadcast was definitely watched.

I was joined by 5 members from my detachment Southern Indiana Leathernecks #931. We are a tight family of Marines and Associate Members. In my contingent was Commandant David Flynn who conducts video interviews for local and internet broadcasts of "Scuttlebutt". YouTube distribution is available at: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLy5QdLj2ivrI-st1B-jiiTGPXmEq81igA> . David conducted a fantastic interview with Josh during some slack time highlighting what Josh is all about. This interview has been shared numerous times across several social media platforms. Adjutant Beth Tyler also joined us. Beth is a highly motivated Associate Member who is frequently mistaken for a Marine. She lives and breathes the Marine Ethos. Beth was our photographer for this outing and provides content to our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/SILDMarines>. Associate Members Chris "Boone" and Janelle Taylor. Boone and Janelle are the Founders of and the energy behind "Operation Mind, Body, and Soul", which best described as a holistic approach to the health and welfare of the veteran population. <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100091568891750>

We were joined at the track with representation from other sponsors which included Dan Jarvis - Healing the Hero - <https://www.facebook.com/healingthehero>, Michael Parker and Laura Slawnikowski - Devil Dog Canines - <https://devildogcanine.com/>

The day was spent making connections, sharing experiences, and learning each other's operations. Josh and his wife were extremely accommodating and spent pretty much every free moment between race day requirements to talk with all of us, share thoughts, take pictures, do interviews, and educate us on racing. After car inspections, we were brought to the infield area and were able to watch practice rounds, qualification laps, and the race from a vantage point only feet from the entrance to pit row. As a bonus, we also watched the high intensity 20 lap dirt track car race which got the blood pumping. Just prior to the main event, all of us were able to join the cars on the track for the National Anthem.

Race time was exhilarating with an all-out battle. This was Josh's first race in 3 years and each lap of practice, qualifying and racing saw a continuous improvement as he found his rhythm in the #86 car. He held his own against racers who were vastly outspending his team but misfortune hit when his engine blew and he was forced to retire from the race. A fair amount of material has made it to the internet. Josh White Racing has posted several photos, videos and even a short MCL commercial that we shot. <https://www.facebook.com/JoshWhiteRacing>. Our support of Josh is not only a way to get our message out and reach our target audience, but is also an opportunity to help a fellow Marine get a start on a promising adventure!



#86 car emblazed with MCL logo



Dave Englert, NVC Central Division, joins Marine Josh White with his #86 car just prior to practice laps at the Southern Illinois 100 in DuQuione, Illinois.



Southern Indiana Leathernecks #931

Left to Right: Member Karen Englert, Adjutant Beth Tyler, Members Janelle and Taylor Boone, #86 Driver Josh White, NVC Dave Englert, and Commandant Dave Flynn

Boogity! Boogity! Boogity! Let's go racing!



Josh White and Support Organizations
 Left to Right: Boone Taylor of Operation Mind, Body, and Soul; Dan Jarvis of
 Healing the Hero, Michael Parker of Devil Dog Canines, Driver Josh White,
 Laura Slawnikowski, and NVC Dave Englert

Marines, Sailors, and Associates:

I would like to start off by saying CONGRATULATIONS to the Department of Indiana! You were the only Department within the Central Division to achieve 100% membership with 102.90%. 16 out of 25 Detachments within the Department achieved at least 100%, and that is outstanding! It is because all of you, that more Marines are hearing about the Marine Corps League and joining. While recruiting a new member is great, spend the additional time to get a new member that will stay. Continue to focus on retention, make your members want to be involved and feel welcome so they want to renew their membership. If you do not get a member to renew their membership, you are having to work twice as hard to maintain the same number of members and achieve 100%.

Semper Fi,
 Chris Taylor
 Membership Chair
 Central Division



250th MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY

Add your Detachment's 250th Marine Corps Birthday Ball or Celebration details to the new website <https://www.marine250.com>.

Be sure to submit your Detachment's 250th Birthday Ball details to Dan Tolson to add to the Department's website calendar!



PRIDE AND PURPOSE #1435 – FORT WAYNE

DATE: Saturday, 15 November 2025
PLACE: Grand Wayne Center, 120 W Jefferson Blvd, Fort Wayne, IN 46802
TIME: 5:00 p.m. Doors Open
6:00 p.m. Ceremony
6:45 p.m. Dinner, Awards, Dancing, and Celebrating 250 Years
DETAILS: Guest of Honor: Dr. Mark Harris, President - CEO, Woody Williams Foundation
PRICE: \$77 per person / Deadline is 31 October 2025 – **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
Tickets and details:
<https://mclprideandpurpose.com/250th-birthday-ball>

SOUTHERN LEATHERNECKS #931 - JASPER

DATE: Saturday, 8 November 2025
PLACE: Huntingburg Event Center, 110 E. 15th St., Huntingburg, IN
TIME: 6:00 p.m. Cocktail Hour
7:00 p.m. Ceremony
DETAILS: Guest Speaker: Senator Todd Young
PRICE: \$45 per person / Deadline is October 24th – **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
Tickets and details:
<https://sildmarines.com/marine-corps-birthday-ball>

DAVID M. SHOUP #547 – LAFAYETTE

DATE: Saturday, 22 November 2025
PLACE: Outpost Catering Hall, 2501 Old US 231, Lafayette, IN 47909
TIME: 6:00 p.m. Ceremony
DETAILS: Guest Speaker: James McCloughan, MOH Vietnam
PRICE: \$25 for David M Shoup members / \$30 for non-members
Tickets are limited



AROUND THE DEPARTMENT

PRIDE AND PURPOSE #1435 – FORT WAYNE

7th ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 7th Annual Charity Golf Tournament was held on Sunday, 31 August 2025 at Eel River Golf Course in Churubusco. Players competed for 18 proximity holes, a hole-in-one for \$1,000, and a hole-in-one for a one-year course membership. FW22 and The Shepherd's House – both local non-profit organizations founded by local Marines serve veterans in need. Each organization was presented a check for \$4,000!



6th ANNUAL CHARITY CAR, TRUCK, and BIKE SHOW

The 6th Annual Charity Car, Truck, and Bike Show was held on Saturday, 23 August 2025 At the Veterans National Memorial Shrine and Museum in Fort Wayne. The show as a Record number of participants (150 cars, trucks, and bikes)! The beneficiary, Guns 'N Hoses, serves area first responders, and they received a check for \$3,650 plus an additional \$135 from The Ice Cream Guy. Outstanding!

HONOR FLIGHT NORTHEAST INDIANA FLIGHT #52

The Detachment's second Commandant, Ron Moser, was aboard HFNEI Flight #52 on Wednesday, 10 September 2025. This flight, unlike the 51 preceding flights, spent an extra 2 hours in Washington, DC. Welcome Home, Ron!



Ron Moser



HIRAM A. BEARSS #89 - INDIANAPOLIS
CARMEL FEST PARADE 2025



SOUTHERN INDIANA LEATHERNECKS #931 – JASPER
2025 PAT O'KEEFE MEMORIAL GOLF SCRAMBLE

DATE: Saturday, 11 October 2025
TIME: Noon Registration
1PM Shotgun Start
PLACE: Buffalo Trace Golf Course, 1728 Jackson St, Jasper, IN
COST: \$60 per player
OTHER: Mulligans and grenades available for purchase
Prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams
\$10,000 hole-in-one contest on hole #3
DETAILS: Check out the website:
<https://sildmarines.com/golfscramble>



TRIPOLI #844 – MARION
LABOR DAY PARADE – UPLAND



WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA



★ **December 13, 2025** ★

National Wreaths Across America Day



Help Marine Corps League, Tripoli Detachment #844 honor local heroes!

Sponsor a wreath today to be placed on a veteran's grave this December at Marion National Cemetery

Scan the QR code to make a donation online or visit www.wreathsasscrossamerica.org/IN0226



#KeepMovingForward

YOUNG MARINES

There are currently five (5) Young Marine units in the State of Indiana. They are in Clarksville (Kentuckiana), Martinsville (Morgan County), Scott County, Seymour, and Valparaiso (Dunes).

Detachments are encouraged to support the Young Marine units, attend graduation ceremonies, and make monetary donations. You can earmark your donation to one specific unit or all in which case the donation would be split 5 ways. Donations can be submitted to Department Paymaster Dave Englert, and place in the "memo" line who it is for.

SEYMOUR YOUNG MARINES



Presenting Colors for the Indiana Fever game on 15 August 2025

YOUNG MARINE BOOTH at 2025 NATIONAL CONVENTION



RESOURCES

Marine Corps Military Honors

Website: <https://www.hqmc.marines.mil/Agencies/Casualty-MFPC/Funeral-Honors/>
Phone: 866-826-3628

Marine Corps League – National

Website: <https://www.mcleaguelibrary.org/>
Includes: Library
Member Library (requires 3-digit password)
Ship Store
Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/mclnational>

Marine Corps League – Central Division

Website: <https://mclcentdiv.org/>
Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/mclcentdiv>

Marine Corps League – Department of Indiana

Website: <https://mcldeptofindiana.org/>
Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/MCLDeptOfIndiana>

Marine Foundation of Indiana

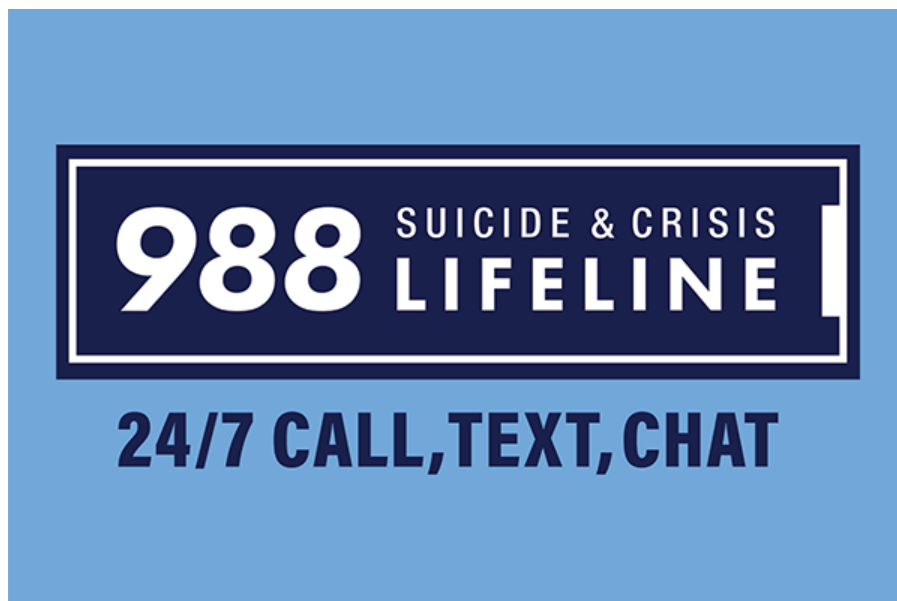
Website: <https://www.marinefoundationindiana.org/>
Phone: 708-522-7237

Military Order of Devil Dogs – Indiana Pack (Private Group)

Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/562766733818836>

Veterans Administration

Website: <https://www.va.gov/>



NEXT NEWSLETTER EDITION DEADLINE

Articles, event, information, and photos for the **FIRST QUARTER 2026** edition of our newsletter (covers January, February, and March 2026) are **due by 10 December 2025** to editor Terrence L. Taylor, Sr. (Terry) at lttaylorsr@frontier.com. Send your 250th Marine Corps Birthday Ball photos and details!

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 15th of December, 15th of March, 15th of June, and the 15th of September for the next quarterly issue. Help us communicate, inform, promote, and share to grow our Department and Detachments. Let us help you get the word out!
- Event information is subject to change without notice.

FINAL THOUGHTS



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