



Department of Indiana Newsletter The Hoosier Declassifieds FALL 2026



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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, Facebook page, and/or newsletter to communicate and share their activities, events, and services.

The Department hosts 2 conferences and 1 convention annually for members to gather, socialize, conduct business, and share best practices. **Every** member is encouraged to attend!

CONGRATULATIONS to the Department's 2026 National Convention committee, volunteers, and detachments for an outstanding job!

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!

2026

September 30

October 3-4

November 1

November 10

November 15

December 10

Final Day to Submit Detachment Life Member Audit

Department of Indiana Fall Conference

Time Change – Fall Back One Hour at 0200

251st Marine Corps Birthday

Final Date to Submit 990N, 990EZ, or 990

Department Winter 2027 Newsletter Article Deadline to Editor

2027

February 25-27

March 13-14

March 10

April 9-10

April 30

June 4-6

August 8-13

Midwinter Conference, Virginia Beach, VA

Department Spring Conference, Plainfield, IN

Department Spring Quarter 2027 Newsletter Article Deadline to Editor

Central Division Conference, Baraboo, WI

Crumbo Scholarship Application Deadline

Department Summer Convention, Plainfield, IN

National Convention, Buffalo, NY

CHIEF OF STAFF'S CORNER by Kelly Gillihan

District Vice Commandants, 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!

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





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

Once a Marine - Forever a Marine

DEPARTMENT COMMANDANT'S CORNER

Greetings, Marines!

It seems like this year has completely flown by! It's hard to believe we're already approaching the end of September. I hope you and your families had a wonderful summer, enjoyed some time together, and were able to make a few lifelong memories along the way.



It's also hard to believe that the 2026 Marine Corps League National Convention is now behind us! After so many months of planning and preparation, I am very proud to say that the convention was a great success. It was wonderful to welcome Marines, Associate members, Auxiliary members, and their families from across the country to Indiana and have the opportunity to show them some Hoosier hospitality.

I want to once again thank everyone who volunteered, helped behind the scenes, attended the convention, or supported us in any way. There were a lot of moving parts involved in putting together an event of this size, and its success truly was a team effort. I am incredibly grateful to everyone who helped make it happen.

Now that summer and the National Convention are behind us, we can take a moment to catch our breath and look ahead to what the rest of the year has in store for the Department of Indiana. First up is our Fall Conference during the first weekend of October.

The conference will be another opportunity for training, sharing ideas, and learning from one another, but most importantly, it gives us another chance to come together and enjoy the camaraderie that makes the Marine Corps League so special. I hope to see many of you there!

As we move into fall, there are also two important anniversaries that I believe are worth taking some time to reflect upon.

This year, we have had the opportunity to celebrate something pretty incredible—the 250th birthday of the United States of America. Two hundred and fifty years of freedom, sacrifice, service, and generations of Americans willing to stand up and defend this country.

But this September also marks a much more solemn anniversary. It has been 25 years since the attacks of September 11, 2001, and it is hard to believe that much time has passed.

For those of us who remember that day, I think most of us can still tell you exactly where we were when we heard the news. We remember watching television in disbelief as the events unfolded. We remember the towers, the Pentagon, Flight 93, and the thousands of innocent lives lost that day.

But I also remember what happened afterward. America came together. Flags were everywhere. Strangers helped strangers. We thanked our first responders and our military. For a while, the things that divided us didn't seem nearly as important. We were simply Americans.

And then another generation answered the call to serve. Thousands of young men and women raised their right hands knowing exactly what that decision might mean. Our Marines deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan, many of them multiple times. Some came home with wounds we could see, others with wounds we couldn't, and far too many never came home at all.

When I think about America's 250th birthday and the 25th anniversary of 9/11 happening in the same year, I can't help but think about what has kept this country going for two and a half centuries. America has certainly faced its share of difficult times, but generation after generation, Americans have continued to step forward when their country needed them.

Every Marine reading this did that at some point in our lives. We raised our right hand, put on the uniform, and promised to defend this country. And while we may no longer wear the uniform every day, our commitment to serving others did not end when we received our DD-214.

That is one of the reasons I believe the Marine Corps League remains so important. We have an opportunity—and a responsibility—to take care of our fellow Marines, support our veterans and their families, and make sure the sacrifices of those who came before us are never forgotten. We also have a responsibility to be there for the generations of Marines who have come after us and make sure they know there is still a place for them to belong, serve, and find the camaraderie they once had in the Corps.

So, as we celebrate America's 250th birthday, I hope we also take time this September to remember those we lost on 9/11, the first responders who ran toward danger, and the men and women who answered our country's call in the years that followed.

As Marines, remembering is important—but so is continuing to serve.

Twenty-five years later, we remember. Two hundred and fifty years later, we are still serving.

Semper Fidelis,

Kay

Commandant, Department of Indiana

2026 NATIONAL CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

As I mentioned in my Commandant's Corner, the 2026 MCL National Convention was a success!

We received so many compliments about the convention, and the best feedback we could have received was hearing that everyone had a great time. After all the months of planning, meetings, phone calls, emails, and preparation, it was wonderful to see everything finally come together.

It was certainly a "different" experience and quite a learning process working with the different groups at the National level to put on an event of this size. Thankfully, we had great communication across the board, and the Indiana crew was able to provide input and be involved in many aspects of the convention. We learned a lot along the way, and now we know what to expect the next time Indiana hosts a National Convention. According to my Chief of Staff, however, that won't be anytime soon!! Haha!

I would like to give a huge, heartfelt thank you to each and every one of you who attended the convention, volunteered, served on a committee, or helped us in any way. There were so many moving parts, and since this was our first time putting together an event at this level, we were learning as we went much of the time.

I also want to especially thank those of you who showed up ready and willing to volunteer, only to find that we didn't always have a job for you once you got there! Your willingness to help meant just as much, and we truly appreciate your patience and understanding when we didn't

always “have it together.” You also helped make the convention a success. We could not have done it without all of you.

I’d also like to give a big “shout out” to all of the Dogs who went through initiation and became PDDs during the convention. Going through that experience at a National Convention is something special, and I hope you all enjoyed every minute of it! Seeing everyone in their Growl attire is always so much fun and definitely adds to the memories of convention week.

Now it’s time to start looking ahead! Next year’s National Convention will be held in Buffalo, New York, August 9–13. I would love to see a large contingent from Indiana make the trip. This time, we won’t have to worry about running the convention—we can just show up, support our fellow Marines, make some memories, and have a lot of fun!

After hosting this year, I think we’ve earned it!

Thank you again to everyone who helped make the 2026 MCL National Convention in Indianapolis a success. I am incredibly proud of what our Indiana team accomplished TOGETHER!

Kay



Indiana Team with State of Indiana VSO





Indiana Convention Committee at Friday Evening Banquet



Congratulations! Indiana has your back!

AWARDS

2026 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 2026 National Newsletter Competition for the second consecutive year! After the judges completed reading and judging 1,879 pages from 32 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. Two years in a row!



Hiram I. Bearss #089 Honorable Mention
First Time Entering



Pride and Purpose #1435 Second Place
Class II



CONFERENCES & CONVENTIONS

2026 DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA FALL CONFERENCE

DATES: **OCTOBER 3-4, 2026**
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
 + Detachments requested to make a monetary donation for hospitality
 + Details on Department website under **MORE** under **REPORTS**



**DEPARTMENT OF
INDIANA**

FALL 
CONFERENCE

2027 NATIONAL MIDWINTER CONFERENCE

DATES: **Thursday-Saturday, February 25-27, 2027**
PLACE: The Founders Inn by Hilton
 5641 Indiana River Road
 Virginia Beach, VA 23464
ROOM RESERVATIONS: Call hotel direct at 866-246-1376 / Reference National MCL
DEADLINE: **January 25, 2027**
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

2027 DEPARTMENT SPRING CONFERENCE

DATES: Saturday and Sunday, March 13-14, 2027
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: February 10, 2027
ROOMS: \$149 plus tax
REGISTRATION: \$20 per person
Registrations due to Paymaster Dave Englert by February 20, 2027
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 February 1, 2027 (mail check to Dave Englert)



2027 CENTRAL DIVISION CONFERENCE

DATES: April 9-10, 2027
PLACE: Ho-Chunk Casino Wisconsin Dells Hotel
53214 County Road BD
Baraboo, WI
ROOMS: \$115.44 per night inclusive for standard room
ROOM RESERVATIONS: **Call hotel direct at 800-746-2486 / Use Code To Be Announced**
Please do not do on-line or through third party sites!
DEADLINE: **Monday, March 1, 2027**
REGISTRATION: \$TBD per Person by March 1, 2027 includes registration, hospitality
room, and Saturday banquet buffet
OTHER: Check updates, fees, agenda, and details on the Central Division website
<https://mclcentdiv.org>



2027 DEPARTMENT SUMMER CONVENTION

DATES: Friday-Sunday, June 4-6, 2027
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: May 10, 2027
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 May 10, 2027
BANQUET: Saturday, 6 June 2026
Installation of Officers and Annual Department Awards
OTHER: Adjutant McGlinn 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

INDIANA PACK

Woof Woof Dogs of the Order:

Reminder to all Worthy Pound Keepers and Worthy Pound Dog Robbers, the KMA is not taking paper payments! It is all electronic! Please get with Worthy 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!

Congratulations to the Dogs who earned their next degree during the National Convention!

Woof! Woof!
Your Worthy Pack Leader
PDD Dan Tolson



INDIANA PACK CHARTERED 1 MARCH 1990

INDIANA PACK OFFICERS:

Worthy Pack Leader	PDD Dan Tolson
Worthy Senior Vice Pack Leader:	PDD Jim Snowberger.
Worthy Junior Vice Pack Leader:	PDD Jim Roberson
Worthy Smart Dog:	PDD Chris Taylor
Worthy Police Dog:	PDD Matt Careins
Worthy Mad Dog:	PDD Matt Spencer
Worthy Dog Robber:	PDD Ernie Maxwell
Worthy Barking Dog:	PDD Ed Beatty
Worthy Watch Dog:	PDD Jay Juan Ramirez
Worthy Dog Scratcher:	PDD Tim Glidden
Worthy Pack Dog Trainer:	PDD Lloyd Louks

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.



Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis was the 2026 MODD National Convention \$110,000 donation recipient. Indiana Pack, your big bones stayed home in Indiana this year!



The Indy Humane received \$7,000!

The Indiana Pack had 22 Dogs achieve the degree of Pedigree Devil Dog (PDD) at the Supreme Growl on August 12, 2026 in Indianapolis. 3 of the Honor Dogs from the 10 Platoons were from the Indiana Pack with two more Dogs members of the Honor Platoon! WOOF! WOOF!



Who said "Dogs don't like CRAYONS?"



Howlin Dogs 419 is the newest Pound in Indiana

See you at our Growl on October 3, 2026 at 1930!

AUXILIARY

OFFICERS:	President	Loretta See
	Senior Vice President	Tami Williams
	Junior Vice President	Karen Andrews
	Judge Advocate	Theresa Clark
	Secretary	Alexia Wilson
	Treasurer	Susan Waters
	Chaplain	Debbie Nelson
	Captain of the Guard	Cheryl Mantle
	Auditor	Evangeline Anderson
	Auditor	Kay South
	Auditor	Tina Tolson

The Auxiliary was 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 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.

• Larry Brochin	14 June 2026	Southern Indiana Leathernecks #931
• Peter Buuterbaugh	25 August 2026	Tripoli #844
• Thomas Foglestad	28 July 2026	Southern Indiana Leathernecks #931
• Steven D. Kruger	4 July 2026	Southern Indiana Leathernecks #931
• Thomas D. Todd	21 July 2026	Michiana Marines #1348
• Robert L. Turner, Sr.	2 July 2026	Whitewater Valley #96
• Terry Weddle	25 June 2026	Morgan County #1367

Members, we have your watch. Rest easy. Fair winds and following seas. Semper Fidelis. Condolences to Department Adjutant Craig McGlinn on the passing of his wife of 49 years, Connie, on 19 March 2026. A Celebration of Life will take place 13 June 2026.

Sick and In Distress include:

- Dale Wilkinson, Pride and Purpose #1435 First Commandant and Life member

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 COMMITTEES and OFFICER REPORTS

ADJUTANT REPORT by Craig McGlinn

Every Department of Indiana member is encouraged 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!***

All Detachments are asked to send a copy of their most current Detachment Bylaws to both myself (Dept Adjutant) and the Department Judge Advocate. These are used (by me) to verify that information shown on your ROIs agrees with your Detachment Bylaws, etc. If your detachment would like recommendations and assistance in reviewing your bylaws, please reach out to the Department Judge Advocate or myself!

The Marine Corps League has its own app which is available for download on both iPhone and Android smartphones. Just go to the appropriate "app store" and search "Marine Corps league." There is **A LOT** of good information available!

AMERICANISM AWARD – PRESERVING OUR LEGACY by Dr. Jennifer Spencer

Now is the time to start your Americanism Book for the 2027 National Competition. I'd love to assist you in preparing an award-winning entry.

Congratulations to Tripoli #844 on earning 2nd Place in the Class II Americanism Award 2026. The award will be presented during the Midwinter Conference.

Jen Spencer
765-667-2861
perki999@gmail.com

CRUMBO SCHOLARSHIP by Kay Ross

THANK YOU to the detachments and individuals who donate to and support the Charles Crumbo Scholarship Program!

Deadline for the 2027 awards will be April 20, 2027.

Details and entry forms are on our department's website.

HISTORIAN by Matthew Spencer

The history of each Detachment including pictures needed as soon as possible. Send your history to me at ASAP to matthewsspencer67@gmail.com! Commandants, please make certain your Detachment submits your history!

NATIONAL NEWLETTER COMPETITION COMMITTEE by Terry Taylor, Sr.

Job well done, Indiana, in the 2026 National Newsletter Competition! Here's the summary:

Division I (under 49 members)	7	
Division II (50-100 members)	10	(Tripoli #844 and Pride and Purpose #1435)
Division III (101+ members)	7	(Bearss #89)
Department & Division	8	(Indiana)
TOTAL	32 Entries	and 1,878 Pages

Indiana had 4 entries - the most from any department! Outstanding!

Central Division had 8 entries – the most from any division! Awesome job!

PAYMASTER POINTS TO PONDER by Dave Englert

Many detachments used their time wisely to renew members before the annual crush hit. Well Done! Here are a few things to consider:

Detachment Roster – Detachment Commandants and Paymasters have direct access to up-to-date rosters via the database portal. Rosters have dues expiration dates for each member which should be reviewed carefully. Required detachment submissions are displayed on the last page of the roster. Downloading the roster requires a little bit of instruction but once you've done it, it's not too bad.

Expiration Date – Imagine that it's December and you just paid your September electric bill. The electric company says, thank you but you still owe for October and November. Do you call them and complain that you just paid your bill? That's the way it is with membership dues also. Some members paid their dues this year but had an expiration date of 9/1/2025 when they paid. Their one year of dues will only take them to 9/1/2026, so they are already showing as unpaid. It's not when you pay your dues, it's the period that you pay your dues for.

Transfers – Members cannot transfer if they are delinquent or owe money to the detachment they desire to transfer from.

Life Member Audit – Due date is rapidly approaching. Most detachments used the best practice of checking their life members during the month of June and were able to quickly complete and submit their audits.

IRS 990 – ALL detachments, units, and pounds have a fiscal year of 1 July to 30 June and belong to exemption group 955. They are all 501c (4) organizations. There are no exceptions. If you are using an accountant, make sure they know this when filing. If they question this, refer them to the Exempt Organizations Business Master File (EOBMF). If they don't know what this is, you might consider a new accountant.

Exploitation by For Profit Businesses – Every year we see a rash of attempts to exploit organizations by shady businesses that will "take care of all your filing needs" for an insane amount of money. You can expect emails or texts from these businesses that will let you know your 990 or some other filing is due and they will offer a link to file it for you. Just delete the email or text. Filing a 990N is free. Filing your Indiana Business Entity Report every other year costs \$21 plus \$1.50 convenience fee. Use the links provided in materials on the Department of Indiana website, Paymaster tab.

NEAR TERM DATES:

9/30 – Deadline for submission of Life Member Audit to Department

10/3 -10/4 –Fall Conference
11/15 – Final date to submit 990N, 990 EZ or 990

Indiana Business Entity Report – Due to Indiana Secretary of State biannually. Due dates listed in status report distributed with rosters.

Indiana Form NP 20 – Must be filed to claim sales tax exemption to Department of Revenue

WEBSITE by Dan Tolson

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

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. ***We appreciate your support!***

If you want to start a Young Marines unit, contact me at 812-595-0720. It would be my honor to help you start a unit. All it takes is 3 adults passing the background check and the commitment to help our kids.

More information can be found at the Young Marine website:

<https://youngmarines.org/#>





AROUND THE DEPARTMENT

MOUNDS #502 - ANDERSON
CHESTERFIELD JULY 4TH PARADE



**MARINES and ALL VETERANS
of the Armed Forces and Families**

You are INVITED (No Charge)

Saturday November 7th, 2026

UAW Hall 2840 S. Madison Ave. Anderson, IN 46016

**251st Marine Corps Birthday and
Veterans Day Celebration**

RSVP by October 23rd!

Social Hour 5:00pm

Ceremony and Dinner 6:00pm

**Traditional cake
cutting ceremony**



**Dress: Business
Casual , Cocktail, or
Uniform**

Raffle and Door Prizes



**Hosted by
The Mounds Detachment
of the Marine Corps League**



**For Information and to RSVP by October 23rd, 2026 :
Please contact Ernie Maxwell at enmaxwell3@gmail.com
or Tim Glidden at 765-730-5834**

ELKHART AREA #1397 – ELKHART

2 NEW MARINE MEMBERS: KRIS AND PAUL BROOKS – WELCOME ABOARD!



PRIDE AND PURPOSE #1435 – FORT WAYNE

8th ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

\$11,000 raised: \$4,000 to FW22 for veteran suicide prevention, \$4,000 to Shepherd's House to benefit veterans in transitional living treatment program, and \$3,000 for Honor Flight Northeast Indiana to pay Guardian fee for Marines on a flight



FALL FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY

Saturday, October 10, 2026 at 0900, and the public is invited!
VFW Post 857 Parking Lot, 2202 West Main Street, Fort Wayne, IN 46802



HIRAM I. BEARSS #089 – INDIANAPOLIS

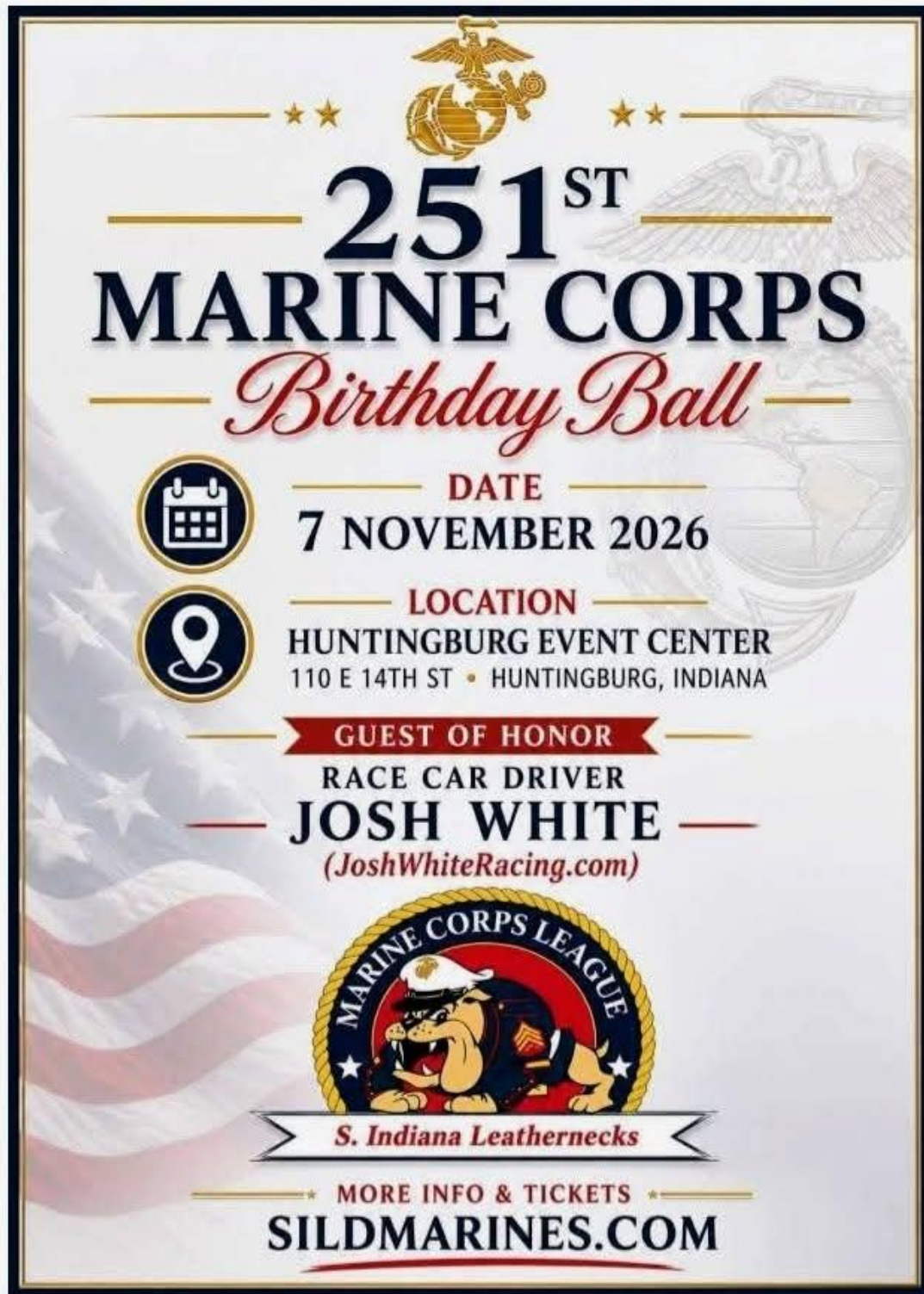
DEPLOYED CARE PACAKGES



JUNE 2026 GUNS AND BLADE SHOW



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2026



The poster is framed in a thick black border. At the top center is the Marine Corps emblem, a globe with an eagle and a anchor. Below it, three stars are on each side. The main title '251ST MARINE CORPS' is in large, bold, blue serif font. Below that, 'Birthday Ball' is in a red, cursive script font. To the left of the date and location information are two circular icons: a calendar and a location pin. The date is '7 NOVEMBER 2026' and the location is 'HUNTINGBURG EVENT CENTER, 110 E 14TH ST • HUNTINGBURG, INDIANA'. Below this is a red banner with 'GUEST OF HONOR' in white, followed by 'RACE CAR DRIVER JOSH WHITE' in bold black, and '(JoshWhiteRacing.com)' in red script. At the bottom is the Marine Corps League logo, featuring a bulldog in a sailor's uniform, with the text 'MARINE CORPS LEAGUE' above it and 'S. Indiana Leathernecks' below it. At the very bottom, it says 'MORE INFO & TICKETS' and 'SILDMARINES.COM' in bold black font.

251ST MARINE CORPS
Birthday Ball

DATE
7 NOVEMBER 2026

LOCATION
HUNTINGBURG EVENT CENTER
110 E 14TH ST • HUNTINGBURG, INDIANA

GUEST OF HONOR
RACE CAR DRIVER
JOSH WHITE
(JoshWhiteRacing.com)

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
S. Indiana Leathernecks

MORE INFO & TICKETS
SILDMARINES.COM

TRIPOLI #844 – MARION

2026 GOLF OUTING

Raised funds to support the Gunny Heslin College Scholarship Program



Closest to the Pin Award – a **HOLE-IN-ONE** and observed by Pride and Purpose 1435 Team

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.

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**)

- National Administrative Procedures 2026
- National Bylaws 2026
- Training
- Uniform Class

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>

Department of Indiana – Marine Corps League

Website: <https://mcldeptofindiana.org/>

Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61590414099253>

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/>





MARINE CORPS FUNERAL HONORS

Marine Corps Funeral Honors is dedicated to ensuring all Marines who have served honorably obtain the appropriate honors as a final salute to their life and the final demonstration of the country's gratitude to those, who in times of war and peace, have faithfully defended our nation.

The Marine Corps Funeral Honors ceremony consists of, at a minimum, the folding and presentation of the American flag and the sounding of Taps by a detail of two uniformed Marines.

All requests for Marine Corps Funeral honors should be submitted a minimum of 7 days prior to the date of service. Please allow a minimum of 72 hours to process requests.

You will need to e-mail or fax a copy of the DD-214 to the HQMC Funeral Honors Section. Once your request is complete, a Marine Corps Funeral Honors Clerk will call to verify the date and time of service.

MARINES, MAKE CERTAIN YOUR NEXT OF KIN, ESTATE EXECUTOR AND POWER OF ATTORNEY KNOW WHERE YOUR DD-214 IS KEPT!

Questions? Call the Marine Corps Funeral Honors at 1-866-826-3628 during normal weekday business hours or e-mail them at funeral.honors@usmc.mil.

Funeral homes are aware of the procedure and normally handle this request for the family including the burial flag that is provided locally. Families, simply ASK!

The local Marine Corps Military Funeral Honors Detail located at Grissom Air Reserve Base will be assigned for our area if the request is approved by the Marine Corps.

They will contact the nearest Marine Corps League Detachment for any assistance if needed.

NEXT NEWSLETTER EDITION DEADLINE

Articles, event, information, and photos for the **WINTER QUARTER 2027** edition of our newsletter (covers January, February, and March 2027) are **due by December 10, 2026** to editor Terrence L. Taylor, Sr. (Terry) at ttaylorsr@frontier.com. Let me help get the word out for you!

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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- 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. The newsletter will help you 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.

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FINAL THOUGHTS



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