



Department of Indiana Newsletter

The Hoosier Declassifieds Second Quarter 2024



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DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA NEWSLETTER

This is the **second quarterly edition** of the Department's **new** quarterly newsletter which is 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 Detachment members.

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

e-mail your information to newsletter editor Terry Taylor, Sr. by 10 June 2024 for the July 2024 Third 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 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.

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

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READ ALL ABOUT IT!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

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| 4-7 April | Central Division Conference, Kalamazoo, MI |
| 15 April | Quarterly Roster Distribution by Department Paymaster to Paymasters |
| 30 April | Crumbo Scholarship Application Deadline |
| 23 May | Department Summer Convention Hotel Reservation Cutoff |
| 25 May | Summer Convention Registration Postmark Cutoff |
| 7-9 June | Department Summer Convention, Plainfield, IN |
| 10 June | Department Third Quarter Newsletter Article Deadline to Editor |
| 15-30 June | Submit 2024 National Newsletter Competition Entry |
| 30 June | End of Fiscal Year for All Detachments |
| 1 July | First Day of Filing Period for 990N, 990EZ, and 990 |
| 8 July | National Convention Hotel Room Reservation Deadline |
| 15 July | Life Member Audit and Quarterly Roster Distribution by Department of Indiana Paymaster to Detachment Paymasters |
| 31 July | Deadline for Report of Annual Financial Audit by Detachment |
| 1 August | Deadline to Submit Americanism Award Entry to Department of Indiana Commandant |
| 11-16 August | National Convention, Rancho Mirage, CA |
| 10 September | Department Third Quarter Newsletter Article Deadline to Editor |
| 30 September | Deadline for Submission of Life Member Audit to Department Paymaster |
| 5-6 October | Department of Indiana Fall Conference |
| 15 October | Quarterly Roster Distribution by Department Paymaster |
| 10 November | 249th Marine Corps Birthday |
| 15 November | Final Date to Submit 990N, 990EZ, or 990 |

Other:

- The Indiana Business Entity Report is due to the Indiana Secretary of State biannually. The due dates listed in status report distributed with quarterly roster.
- Indiana Form NP-20 – file claiming sales tax exemption to Department of Revenue.

HONOR OUR HISTORY

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| 27 April 1805 | Lieutenant Presley O'Bannon and 7 Marines lead attack against Derna, Tripoli |
| 06 May 1937 | Marines at NAS Lakehurst helped rescue Hindenburg survivors |
| 15 May 1862 | Corporal John Mackie becomes first Marine to receive the Medal of Honor |
| 06 June 1918 | Marines advance into Belleau Wood against German machine guns |
| 12 June 1948 | President Truman authorized first women Marines in the regular Marine Corps |
| 22 June 1954 | President Eisenhower authorized the use of the first official Marine Corps Seal |
| 25 June 1971 | Last Marine ground troops depart Vietnam |

DEPARTMENT COMMANDANT'S CORNER

THANK YOU for your attendance and participation in our 2024 Spring Conference! We had a lot of fun, outstanding fellowship, exceptional comradery, and shared valuable tips.

Our 2024 Summer Convention is rapidly approaching! Watch your e-mails and our website for details, registration, lodging, agenda, and dress of the day. I invite you to join me at the Saturday evening banquet as we install our new officers and present our Department awards.

Detachments are reminded to appoint a Youth Physical Fitness committee chairman as soon as possible, and forward their name, address, phone, and e-mail to Department Adjutant Craig McGlenn.

I encourage every Detachment to submit to me your Americanism Award 2024 entry to personally deliver at the National Convention, and I encourage every Detachment to submit a 2024 National Newsletter Competition entry.

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!

Semper Fi!

Robert T. O'Donnell
Department of Indiana Commandant

NEVER FORGET

Dennis L. Englert, 72, was born on March 24, 1951 in Huntingburg, Indiana. He recently passed away on February 27, 2024 at Greenwood Health Care Center in Greenwood, Indiana. Dennis attended Jasper High School and Vincennes University. He worked for Jasper Engines and Transmissions, Precision Cutting Tools, doTERRA, and Thermwood. Dennis served in the United States Marine Corps. He was a member of the Southern Indiana Leathernecks #931.

Dennis is the older brother of Department Paymaster Dave Englert, and was responsible for inspiring Dave to earn the title of United States Marine. To honor his memory, donations can be made to St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Jasper, V.F.W. Post #673, or a favorite charity.

Our deepest condolences to Dave, family, and friends. Rest easy, Marine. Fair winds and following seas. May Dennis rest in eternal peace. Semper Fidelis.





Capt. Matthew J. Tomkiewicz
6/20/1994 – 3/19/2022
Fort Wayne



Cpl. Humberto "Bert" Sanchez
12/2/1998 – 8/26/2021
Logansport



2024 DEPARTMENT SUMMER CONVENTION

DATES: Friday-Sunday, 7-9 June 2024
PLACE: Embassy Suites
6089 Clarks Creek Road
Plainfield, Indiana 46168

ROOM RESERVATIONS: **Call hotel direct at 317-839-1106 / Use Code SCM**
Please do not do on-line or through third party sites!

DEADLINE: 21 May 2024

ROOMS: \$169 plus tax
REGISTRATION: \$20 per person and \$50 per person for Banquet
Registrations due to Paymaster Dave Englert by 21 May 2024

REPORTS: Posted on the Department's website under "MORE"
Submit to Department Adjutant by 21 May 2024

BANQUET: Saturday, 8 June 2024
Installation of Officers and Annual Department Awards

OTHER: Adjutant McGlinn will forward agenda and dress 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



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

DEALINE: Room reservation deadline is 8 July 2024

OTHER: More details as they become available



2024 DEPARTMENT SUMMER CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

Department of Indiana

2024 Convention June 7-9
 Embassy Suites Plainfield Indianapolis Airport, 6089 Clarks Creek Road Plainfield, IN 46168

Make Checks payable to "Dept of IN, MCL" and mail forms and checks to:

Dave Englert, Paymaster
 1885 Ferdinand Forest Rd
 Ferdinand, IN 47532-9523



Registration must be postmarked by May 21st to avoid late fee

Call Hotel Direct at 317-839-1106 to make reservations USE CODE IMC

For direct link go to www.mcldeptofindiana.org and follow links

Reserve NLT 5/23/2024 Banquet only guests will not receive Conference Credentials (nametags)

IMPORTANT: THIS FORM DOES NOT REGISTER YOUR DELEGATES. THE DELEGATE FORM MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE DETACHMENT PAYMASTER.

Detachment/Unit & Department Name _____ **Det/Unit #** _____

| NAME | OFFICE/TITLE | Attending? (Y/N) | |
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of Attendees _____ X \$20 = _____
 (\$30 after May 21st)

of Banquet _____ X \$50 = _____
 (\$60 after May 21st)

Make Checks payable to: Dept of IN, MCL TOTAL = _____

After due date: Registration \$30; Banquet \$60-Registration form and payment must be received by due date to avoid late fee

Refunds will be handled on a case by case basis up until 7 days prior to beginning of Convention, after which no refunds will be given.

CONTACT NAME: _____ PHONE NUMBER: _____

Provide an email if you'd like a confirmation of receipt: _____

PRINT, COMPLETE, AND SUBMIT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

MILITARY ORDER OF DEVIL DOGS

PACK OF INDIANA OFFICERS:

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| 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.

We hope to see you at our Growl on 7 June 2023!



The Department of Indiana Military Order of Devil Dogs Marching Band
Under the direction of Dog Leader Reggie Hess – Woof! Woof!

LADIES AUXILIARY

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| 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.

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



TAPS

Department Chaplain Ernie Maxwell shared the following members have passed.

- Alice Kick, Associate member, 1/1/2024, River Cities #1090
- Jerry Colby, 2/26/2024, Frankfort #967
- Dennis Englert, 2/27/2024, Southern Indiana Leathernecks #931
- Kerry Heichelbeck, 3/4/2024, Southern Indiana Leathernecks #931

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.



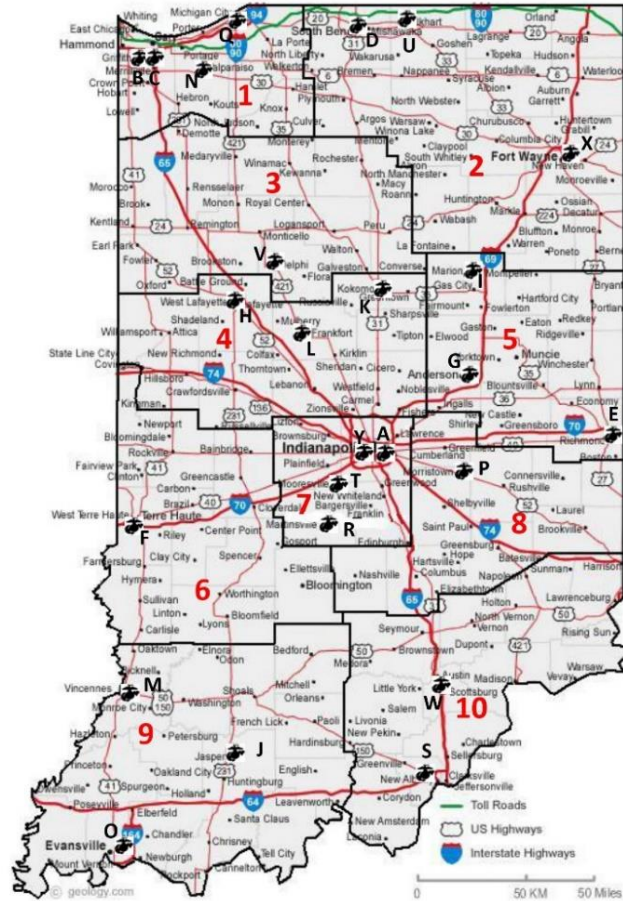
DEPARTMENT MAP



Marine Corps League- Department of Indiana District and Detachment Locations 14Dec2023

- A. H.I. Bearss Det. 089- Indianapolis
- B. Calumet Det. 092- Merrillville
- C. Howlin' Mad Det. 093- Merrillville
- D. St. Joseph Valley Det. 095- South Bend
- E. Whitewater Valley Det. 096- Richmond
- F. Joseph A. Bray Det. 471- Terre Haute
- G. Mounds Det. 502- Anderson
- H. David M. Shoup Det. 547- Lafayette
- I. Tripoli Det. 844- Marion
- J. So. Indiana Leathernecks Det. 931- Jasper
- K. Albert E. Shockey Det. 960- Kokomo
- L. Frankfort Det. 967- Frankfort
- M. Knox County Det. 1007- Vincennes
- N. Dunes Leatherneck Det. 1056- Valparaiso
- O. River Cities Det. 1090- Evansville
- P. Wortman Lowe Enduring Freedom Det. 1263- Morristown
- Q. Michiana Marines Det. 1348- E. Michigan City
- R. Morgan County Det. 1367- Martinsville
- S. Southeast Marines Det. 1394- Floyd's Knobs
- T. Lewis Chesty Puller Det. 1396- Mooresville
- U. Elkhart Area Marines Det. 1397- Elkhart
- V. Michael Walters Memorial Det. 1411- Delphi
- W. Cpl Jordan L. Spears Memorial Det. 1434- Scottsburg
- X. Pride and Purpose Det. 1435- Fort Wayne
- Y. Capt. James A. Graham Det. 1497- Indianapolis

District Numbers in Red, with boundaries in Black



WELCOME ABOARD to our newest Detachment:

Detachment #1497 Captain James A. Graham – Indianapolis

June 14: Flag Day

On this date in 1777, the Second Continental Congress adopted the flag of the United States.

Teaching resources at:
FCIT.USF.EDU/PROJECT/FLAG

NATIONAL CONVENTION 2026 BID

The Department of Indiana has officially submitted a bid to host the 2026 MCL National Convention in Indianapolis via a majority of the Detachment having voted to support it. More details will be forthcoming as we learn more.

Create Your Account

DEPARTMENT WEBSITE ACCOUNT

Department Adjutant Craig McGlenn 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 Sergeant-at-Arms 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 McGlenn no less than 2 weeks before the Summer Convention and both the Fall and Spring Conferences. All Detachment, Department officer, 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!***

The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the MCL Dept. of Indiana website with links for HOME, ABOUT US, DETACHMENTS, DOCUMENTS, NEWSLETTER, and MORE. Below the navigation is a banner for the Marine Corps League Library with a 'FIND OUT MORE' button. The main content area is titled 'DETACHMENT REPORTS' and features a section for 'Important Information' with a 'CLICK HERE' button. The text in this section explains that the page is for detachments to upload reports and that users must have an account. It also provides the email address for the Department Web Sergeant: mcldepartmentofindiana@gmail.com. A red speech bubble icon is visible in the bottom right corner of the page.

AWARDS and COMMITTEES

DEPARTMENT AWARDS

Detachment Commandants are to submit to Department Adjutant Craig McGlenn on or before 15 April 2024 your Detachment's nomination for the 2024 Department Awards. They are Marine of the Year, Associate of the Year, and Richard E. Renbarger / Michael R. Wukitsch Paymaster / Adjutant of the Year. The Awards Committee will review the nominations, and the awards will be presented during the 2024 Summer Convention Banquet after dinner. Nominations postmarked and/or received after 21 April 2024 will not be considered. A brief training session on awards will be held during the Summer Convention and noted on the agenda to be released. The awards manual (currently on the Department's website under the DOCUMENTS tab) is under review and update by the awards committee.

AMERICANISM AWARD

The Americanism Report (bound books, scrap books, or albums) is for the period National Marine Corps League Convention to Convention consisting of six (6) sections, and the entries must be hand delivered to the Americanism Committee by 1500 on Tuesday of the 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! Detachment Americanism Award Books can be turned into the Department Commandant Robert O'Donnell no later than 1 August 2024 for personal delivery to National Convention in Rancho Mirage.



CONGRATULATIONS to editor Naomi O'Donnell (left) and Cpl. Jordan L. Spears Memorial Detachment #1434 on earning 2023 Americanism Award Second Place Platoon Division (15-50 members)!

CRUMBO SCHOLARSHIP

Kay Ross reports that the Crumbo Scholarship is currently being updated. The new guidelines criteria, and application process will be announced for 2025 at a later date, and the program will be posted on the Department’s website once it is finalized and approved. In the meantime, Detachments are strongly encouraged to submit an annual donation for the Crumbo Scholarship Program to the Department Paymaster. And, members can purchase hoodies, long sleeve t-shirts, and short sleeve t-shirts from Kay Ross with all proceeds going to the scholarship program. We appreciate your donations and support!



SCHOLARSHIP



**Crumbo
Scholarship
Fundraiser**



Hoodie
\$36



Crewneck sweatshirt
\$30



T-shirt
\$24

Contact Kay Ross to place your order at
kayross@comcast.net or 317/698.6637

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

The new Department of Indiana newsletter "The Hoosier Declassifieds" will be submitting an entry for 2024 in the Department/Division category, and 2-time (2022 and 2023) First Place Company Division (51-100 members) Detachment #1435 Pride and Purpose will be entering, too!



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.

The Seymour Young Marines needs your support! They will be traveling to Pearl Harbor in December 2024 for the Pearl Harbor Remembrance Week. To get them there they need to raise approximately \$68,000!! That is about \$2,000 for each participating Young Marine and Adult Staff member. This covers airfare, lodging, ground transportation, meals, entry fees to activities/museums and other trip costs. (This amount could fluctuate.)

Units throughout the United States, youth members of the Young Marines travel to Hawaii each December to participate in the anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor – December 7, 1941.

Typically, more than 150 Young Marines attend the trip representing 20+ units. This will be their first time taking this trip!

The Young Marines along with the leadership of other veteran groups such as the American Legion, Marine Corps League, Vietnam Veterans of America, and AMVETS, perform a wreath laying ceremony at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, the Punchbowl, in memory of all the brave men and women who are interred there.

A significant honor for the Young Marines is leading the Pearl Harbor Memorial Parade in Honolulu. Young Marines carry the banners of the 12 capital ships that were attacked. In addition, the Young Marines perform community service by cleaning up beaches, Ft. Hase Beach, and Pyramid Rock Beach, at Marine Corps Base Hawaii.

Each year is different, but other fun and unique activities in Hawaii have included:

- * Beach luau and cookout
- * Nature hikes and tours
- * Tours of the USS Arizona
- * Meeting veteran survivors of the attack on Pearl Harbor
- * Hike to the famous Diamond Head Lighthouse

So how can you help support and send this amazing group of kids and their leaders to Pearl Harbor?

- You can purchase meat sticks through the unit! Just send us a message here on Facebook, and we will get back to you as soon as we can to fulfill your order! We can also work out a time to meet or arrange a time for pickup!!
- You can send a check to the
Seymour Young Marines
220 S Chestnut St,
Seymour, IN, 47274.
- If you go to youngmarines.org they have a donate now button that you can donate to our unit directly, just make sure to select the Seymour Young Marines!
- Our unit also has a Venmo!

If you are a business and would like to help support us, and want a small easy way to do so, consider purchasing a box of 30 meat sticks for just \$1.50 each (\$40) and set it up at your register or on your counter.



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. There is no cost to the Detachment. The Detachment presents the program to schools, and can help the schools if requested. The program is currently being updated and materials will soon be available on National's website.



AROUND THE DEPARTMENT

Anderson: Mounds Detachment #502 Toys for Tots Appreciation



Toys for Tots appreciation plaques presented to Neil Reber, President of Reber Machine & Tool, and Bill Bonshire by Mounds Detachment Commandant Ernie Maxwell



Detachment Commandant Ernie Maxwell presents a plaque to Warrior Breed MC in appreciation for their help with their Toys for Tots campaign

Elkhart: Elkhart Area #1397
Officer Installation



Tom Wyncott getting sworn in for 2024 Commandant

Fort Wayne: Pride and Purpose Detachment #1435
51st Fort Wayne Home and Garden Show

The Detachment had a booth during the 51st Fort Wayne Home and Garden Show. Booth 1100 was between the 2 exhibition halls with 650 vendors and over 10,000 visitors in 4 days. They received 19 applications and/or contact forms this year!



Flag Retirement Ceremony

The Detachment will host their annual Spring Flag Retirement Ceremony on Saturday, 1 June 2024 at VFW Post 857 in Fort Wayne at 9am and ending by noon. The event is open to the public and other veteran organizations. They anticipate retiring over 2,000 flags in their custom-made burner.



Martinsville: Morgan County Detachment #1367 Golf Tournament

DATE: Saturday, 1 June 2024
TIME: Noon Lunch / 1pm Shotgun Start
PLACE: Foxcliff Golf Club, 1970 Mapleturn Rd, Martinsville, IN
FEES: \$75 per person / \$300 per team
Includes lunch, cart, and green fees
OTHER: Awards for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place teams
Make checks payable to "Morgan County MCL"
PO Box 1053, Martinsville, IN 46151
Enclose names of 4 players on your team
CONTACT: Mel Rhoden at 317-342-3490



**Terre Haute: James A. Bray Detachment #471
Golf Tournament**

DATE: Saturday, 20 July 2024
TIME: 8am Registration / 9am Shotgun Start
PLACE: Forst Park Golf Course, 1018 S John Steele Dr, Brazil, IN
FEES: \$50 per person / \$200 per team / Must pay in advance
OTHER: Accepting first 20 teams
Awards for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place teams
Awards for Closest to the Pin and Longest Putt
After outing FREE food and awards at the Marine Corps
League, 3006 N 16th St, Terre Haute, IN
Proceeds to a non-profit of Detachment's choice
CONTACT: Randy Torrence at 812-870-2190



NEXT EDITION DEADLINE

Articles, event, information, and photos for the **THIRD QUARTER 2024** edition of our newsletter (covers July, August, and September) are **due by 10 June 2024** to editor Terrence L. Taylor, Sr. (Terry) at TLTAYLORSR@FRONTIER.COM.

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.

FINAL THOUGHTS

GOLD STAR FAMILIES' MEMORIAL

The Veterans National Memorial Shrine and Museum on O'Day Road in Fort Wayne is proud to host a permanent Healing Wall (retired traveling wall that is 80% the size of Washington, DC), a new museum, new chapel, new Korean war memorial, memorials for each conflict, and soon to host a Gold Star Families memorial by the Woody Williams Foundation and the Fort Wayne Committee. The design has been completed, and installation will be during May 2024. The dedication ceremony is to be determined, but will be communicated to the Department's Adjutant to forward to all Detachments. The committee invites everyone to attend to honor our Heros and their families.



Disclaimer: This is one Gold Star Family Memorial. Final design of the Fort Wayne Memorial has not been released until the dedication.

DEPARTMENT AWARDS FINAL CALL

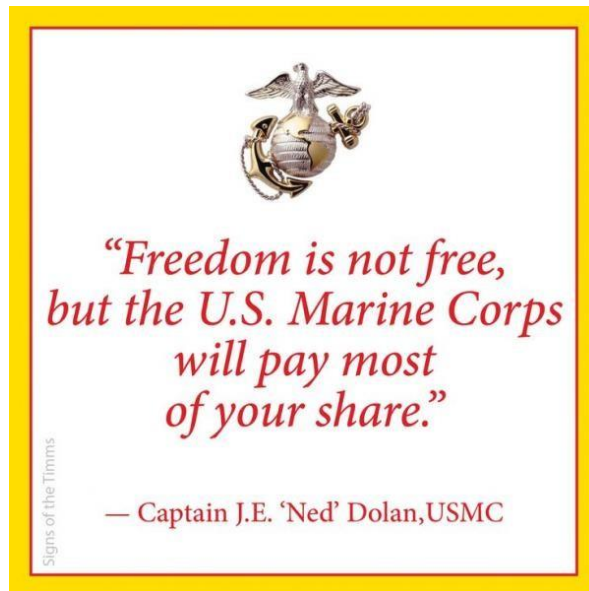
Commandants, submit your nomination for Department Marine of the Year, Department Associate of the Year, and Richard E. Renbarger / Michael A. Wukitsch Paymaster / Adjutant of the Year no later than Monday, 15 April 2024 to Department Adjutant and Awards Committee Chairman Craig McGlinn at cpmcglinn@gmail.com.

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