



Department of Indiana Newsletter

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Second Quarter 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 and community service.

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!

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!

PER CHIEF OF STAFF KELLY GILLIHAN

15 April	Quarterly Roster Distribution by Department Paymaster to Paymasters
15 April	Deadline for Department Awards Nominations to the Adjutant
30 April	Crumbo Scholarship Application Deadline
13 May	Department Summer Convention Hotel Reservation Cutoff
21 May	Summer Convention Registration Fee and Banquet Cost Increase
27 May	Summer Convention Registration and Banquet Postmark Cutoff
30 May	Committee and Detachment Convention PDF Reports to Dept. Adjutant
13-15 June	Department Summer Convention, Plainfield, IN
15 June	Department Third Quarter Newsletter Article Deadline to Editor
15-30 June	Submit 2025 National Newsletter Competition Entry
30 June	End of Fiscal Year for All Detachments
30 June	ROIs Deadline to Department Adjutant
1 July	First Day of Filing Period for 990N, 990EZ, and 990
7 July	2025 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 for Personal Delivery at National Convention
11-15 August	National Convention, Hyatt Regency DFW Airport, TX
15 September	Department Third Quarter Newsletter Article Deadline to Editor
19 September	Committee and Detachment Conference PDF Reports to Dept. Adjutant
30 September	Deadline for Submission of Life Member Audit to Department Paymaster
4-5 October	Department of Indiana Fall Conference
15 October	Quarterly Roster Distribution by Department Paymaster
10 November	250th 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 bi-annually. The due dates listed in status report distributed with quarterly roster.
- Indiana Form NP-20 – file claiming sales tax exemption to Department of Revenue.
- Report of Officer Installation - Detachment (ROI) are due to the Department Adjutant **within 5 days** of Detachment officer installation.

Once a Marine - Forever a Marine

HONOR OUR HISTORY

15 April 1962	HMM-362 becomes first Marine Unit in Mekong Delta during Operation Shufly
18 April 1864	Aboard Union ships, Marines engage Confederate ram Albermarle at New Bern
24 April 1980	3 Marines killed in desert accident during effort to rescue hostages in Teheran
26 April 1863	Captain John Broome and Marines seize New Orleans custom house & city hall
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
14 May 1917	First Marine Detachment transferred to the newly opened post at Quantico, VA
15 May 1862	Corporal John Mackie becomes the first Marine to receive the Medal of Honor
22 May 1912	First Lieutenant Alfred Cunningham becomes the first Marine aviator
1 June 1918	"Retreat Hell! We just got here," said the 5 th Marine Regiment in France
6 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
30 June 1834	Congress placed the Marine Corps under Navy Jurisdiction

DEPARTMENT COMMANDANT'S CORNER

THANK YOU for your attendance and participation in our 2025 Spring Conference! We had a lot of fun, outstanding fellowship, exceptional comradery, and shared valuable best practices.

Our 2025 Summer Convention will be here before we know it! I look forward to seeing you at the convention 13-15 June 2025. We will be nominating, electing, and installing our new officers during the Saturday banquet. Plan to join us!

Detachments are encouraged to donate to the Department Conference and Convention fund and Hospitality fund. These donations of cash, check, or food items are greatly appreciated and help us keep costs low while providing a quality experience for all.

I encourage Detachments to donate to the Young Marines. I invite all Detachments to donate to the Charles Crumbo Scholarship! They both need our support!

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 McGlinn.

Detachments are encouraged to start preparing their Americanism Award entry and Newsletter entry for the 2025 National Competitions. We had 2 Detachments enter and earn awards last year!

Our 2026 National Convention Committee meets every other week on a conference call. They are working through all the necessary planning and organization steps necessary. They will be reaching out for help from **EVERY** Detachment for manpower and sponsors. Stay tuned, and we appreciate everyone stepping up to help!

Detachment Commandants, you have until 15 April 2025 to nominate and submit to Craig McGlinn your Marine of the Year, Associate of the Year, and Renbarger/Wukitsch Paymaster/Adjutant of the Year award nominees for 2024-2025.

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

Join US!

CONFERENCES & CONVENTIONS

2025 DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA SUMMER CONVENTION

DATES: **13-15 JUNE 2025**
YES, last day of the convention is on **Father's Day!**
PLACE: Embassy Suites Plainfield Indianapolis Airport
6089 Clarks Creek Road
Plainfield, Indiana
COST: Conference cost \$20 and Saturday Banquet cost \$50 per person
REGISTRATION: \$20 per person / **DEADLINE 27 MAY 2025 (FORM ON NEXT PAGE)**
FEES INCREASE TO \$30 AND \$60 ON/AFTER 22 MAY 2025!
RESERVATIONS: Room reservation code is **DIM** with room rate of \$149 per night + taxes
The room reservation deadline is **13 May**, and the link is:

<https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=INDPLES&groupCode=CESDIM&arrivaldate=2025-06-12&departuredate=2025-06-14&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT>

NOTE: reservation link starts Thursday – but you can adjust arrival date!
OR you can call 1-800-362-2779 to make your room reservation.

OTHER: + Saturday dress is short sleeve undress with appropriate MCL cover
+ MCL Cover and credentials required to be admitted to meeting rooms
+ Must be registered for convention to attend the Growl
+ Department Officer nominations and elections on Saturday
+ Banquet is red coat or Sunday best and NO cover (ticket required)
+ Guests of members can register for the banquet only on the form
+ Cake cutting ceremony during the Saturday banquet
+ Sunday dress is red polo with MCL cover
+ Detachments requested to make monetary donation for hospitality suite by 27 May 2025 (mail to Dave Englert)

2025 NATIONAL CONVENTION

DATES: **MONDAY, 11 AUGUST 2025 – FRIDAY, 15 AUGUST 2025**
PLACE: Hyatt Regency DFW Airport
2334 N. International Pkwy., DFW Airport, TX 75261
OTHER: Phone Number for Reservations: 1-800-233-1234
Group Code: G-MCL5
Rates: \$159 inclusive of taxes per night
Parking: Free
LINK: <https://www.mcleaguelibrary.org/convention/>



Department of Indiana

2025 Convention

June 13-15

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 27th to avoid late fee

Call Hotel Direct at 317-839-1106 to make reservations

USE CODE DIM

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

Reserve NLT 5/13/2025

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)	
		Conference	Banquet
Ima Sample	Commandant	YES	YES

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: _____

INDIANA PACK

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.

Nominations, election, and installation of next year's Pack Officers will be held on 13 June 2025.

INDIANA PACK OFFICERS:

Pack Leader	PDD Kelly Gillihan
Senior Vice Pack Leader:	DD Greg Burke
Junior Vice Pack Leader:	PDD Dan Tolson, Jr.
Pack Dog Robber:	PDD Tom Duncan
Pack Police Dog:	PDD Jay Juan Rameriz
Pack Mad Dog:	DD Rob Burke
Pack Dog Trainer:	PDD Lloyd Loucks
Pack Scratcher:	DD Ernie Maxwell
Pack Barking Dog:	DD Matt Spencer
Pack Watch Dog:	DD Matt Careins
Pack Smart Dog:	DD Brad Ulick
Awards Chairman:	PDD Jim Atkinson

See you at our Growl on 13 June 2025!

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



8 March Growl featuring Pack Leader PDD Kelly Gillihan at the podium



Pack Smart Dog DD Brad Ulick holding the Golden \$32 Pineapple

LADIES AUXILIARY

OFFICERS:	President	Karen Andrews
	Senior Vice President	Deb Nelson
	Junior Vice President	Tami Williams
	Judge Advocate	Pat Smith
	Junior Past Auxiliary President	Pat Smith
	Secretary	Alexa Wilson
	Treasurer	Sue Waters
	Chaplain	Evangeline Anderson
	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!

Nominations and elections of next year's officers will be held on 14 June 2025.





SICK, IN DISTRESS, and TAPS

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

- Jay Beall, 25 January 2025, Tripoli #844
- Jerry Buss, 21 March 2024, St. Joseph Valley #095
- Mel Claymiller, 16 March 2025, Pride and Purpose #1435
- Jeffrey Handy, 19 February 2025, Tripoli#844
- Howard Penrod, 4 March 2025, Mounds #502
- George Scarberry, 22 January 2025, St. Joseph Valley #095
- Ned Wellmeier, 24 January 2025, River Cities #1090
- Bruce Wilkinson, 11 November 2024, Howlin' Mad #093

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 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 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 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



*"I pledge allegiance
to the flag
of the United States
of America,
and to the republic
for which it stands,
one nation
under God,
indivisible,
with liberty and
justice for all."*

NATIONAL AWARDS

2025 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 no later than 1 August 2025 for personal delivery to National Convention in Texas.

Last year we had 2 Detachments submit entries, and both earned 2nd Place in their categories. It is easy to do. Let us have more Detachments enter this year! **Just do it!**



Department of Indiana Commandant Robert O'Donnell (center) accepts from National Commandant TJ Morgan (right) the Cpl. Jordan L. Spears Memorial #1434 2024 Platoon Size Division Award during the Mid-Winter Conference. Congratulations Detachment and editor Naomi O'Donnell! Naomi has competed every year since 2016 with first and second place results! Outstanding!



Department of Indiana Commandant Robert O'Donnell (center) accepts from National Commandant TJ Morgan (right) the Pride and Purpose #1435 2024 Company Size Division Award during the Mid-Winter Conference. Congratulations Detachment and editor Terry Taylor, Sr. This was Pride and Purpose's first time entering with an awesome result! Job well done!

2025 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 e-mail should contain Detachment # /or Department, Detachment name, State, Detachment membership as of June 1 of the convention year, Newsletter name, and

newsletter editor name.

Submission Dates:

e-mails will be accepted from June 15 through June 30. Submissions must be e-mailed by June 30 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 competition SOP, judging criteria (scoresheet judges use), and newsletter tips are on the National website under Library.

Or you can reach out to Terry Taylor, Sr. who has been appointed to the 2025 National Newsletter Competition Committee for the 3rd consecutive year.

It would be nice to see more than one (1) Detachment entry from Indiana assuming Pride and Purpose #1435 submits their 6th entry! The Department newsletter will be entered!

DEPARTMENT COMMITTEES

ADJUTANT by Craig McGlinn

Detachments are entering the “**ROI Season.**” As such, Commandants and Adjutants please ensure the most current Detachment fillable Report of Officers (ROI) form is downloaded from the National Website and used. The ROI must be submitted to the Department Adjutant Craig McGlinn at cpmccglinn@gmail.com **within 5 days of the installation.**

The 2024 National Bylaws (MBL) and National Administrative Procedures (NAP) both have changes from their 2023 versions – NBL 940A and NAP 6015C, respectively. Commandants and Adjutants, please review and comply.

Guidance for ROI completion and submission is found on the Department of Indiana Website under the **ABOUT US > ADJUTANT** links. Doing it accurately and correctly is appreciated!

AWARDS by Craig McGlinn

The Department of Indiana Official Awards Manual (2013 Edition) is posted on the Department website on the newly added **AWARDS** page. The 2013 Edition is being reviewed and updated by the Awards Committee, and it will be posted on the website once approved by the committee. A motion to accept/reject the updated manual will occur during this year’s summer convention.

Department Awards nominations are due to the Department Awards Committee Chairman (Craig McGlinn) no later than 15 April 2025 at cpmccglinn@gmail.com.

Awards include Department Marine of the Year, Department Associate of the Year, Renbarger-Wukitsch Paymaster/Adjutant Leadership Award, Edward W. Storck Memorial “Semper Fidelis” Award, and Department of Indiana Commandant’s Special Award. Check out all award recipients on our website! Submit your nominations **NOW! Do not wait!**

BYLAWS by Alena Gillum

Proposed Department of Indiana Bylaw changes must be submitted in writing to Department Judge Advocate Alena Gillum no later than 15 April 2025 for discussion during the Summer Convention 2025. Proposals can be e-mailed to alena.gillum@gmail.com **by 15 April 2025**.



SCHOLARSHIP

CRUMBO SCHOLARSHIP by Kay Ross

The Charles A. Crumbo Scholarship has been slightly revised and is back! The scholarship began as a \$150 gift from the MCL sponsor and continues due to the generous donations received over the years. This scholarship is fully funded by the Department of Indiana MCL Detachments and Crumbo fundraisers. The scholarship committee is very appreciative of all the donations from the detachments and hope the detachments will keep the scholarship in mind when making their donation lists.

APPLICANT MUST BE a current regular or associate member of the Department of Indiana Marine Corps League or Marine Corps League Auxiliary **OR** the spouse, child, or grandchild of a current regular or associate member of the Department of Indiana Marine Corps League or Marine Corps League Auxiliary.

A minimum of a 2.0 GPA is required to be eligible, and applicant can now live in any of the 50 states and attend any accredited college, university, or trade school.

Failure to complete all requirements may disqualify you. Please read carefully!

- **All Applicants**
 - Completed applications **MUST** be postmarked **NO LATER THAN** April 30th of each award year.
 - **ALL** applicants must submit a signed statement from the sponsoring member of the Marine Corps League or Marine Corps League Auxiliary verifying their relationship and recommending the applicant.
 - Only full-time, undergraduate students (12 credit hours minimum) are eligible for the scholarship.
 - No applicant shall receive more than five (5) Crumbo Scholarship awards.
 - Applicant must submit a copy of their most recent (last semester) grades with their application. **Do not** withhold your application awaiting your final grades as such a delay may disqualify you by missing the April 30th deadline.
 - Applicants will be notified by May 15th if they have received the award. All decisions of the Crumbo Scholarship Committee are final, and the award values will differ from year to year.
 - Applicants receiving the award will be invited to the opening ceremony of the Marine Corps League Summer Convention to be recognized.
 - All awards will be sent directly to the college, university, or trade school to be deposited in the applicant's account.
 - In addition to the requirements listed above, also complete the following:

- **New Applicant** – Do this PLUS the items for *all applicants* above.
 - Applicant must submit a minimum of two (2) Reference Letters from people not related to the applicant who have known the applicant for a period of at least five (5) years.
 - Applicant must submit a copy of their Acceptance Letter by an accredited institution of higher learning (college, university, or trade school).
 - Applicants already attending an accredited institution need only submit their last grade transcript.
 - Applicant must submit an essay of a minimum of 500 words on any of the following subjects:
 - *The American Dream*: Describe how your family's story or your own journey reflects the pursuit of the American Dream, highlighting challenges and triumphs.
 - *Freedom and Responsibility*: Reflect on a time when you exercised your freedom and the responsibilities that came with it.
 - *Patriotism and Civic Engagement*: Discuss your understanding of American patriotism and how you have been involved in your community or country.
 - *American Values in Action*: Describe a time you saw American values put into practice and how it impacted you.
 - *The American Experience*: Share a personal story that highlights a unique aspect of the American experience.
- **Renewal Applicant** – Do this PLUS the items for *all applicants* above.
 - ❖ Applicant must re-apply each year of their eligibility.
 - ❖ Applicant must submit their most recent transcript showing all grades.
 - ❖ Do not withhold your application awaiting your final grades, as such a delay may disqualify you by missing the April 30 deadline.

Applicants may request an application from a Department of Indiana Marine Corps Detachment, by writing to the Crumbo Scholarship Committee Chairperson (Kay Ross), or by downloading it from the Department of Indiana website at <https://mcldeptofindiana.org/crumbo-scholarship>

Mailing address:

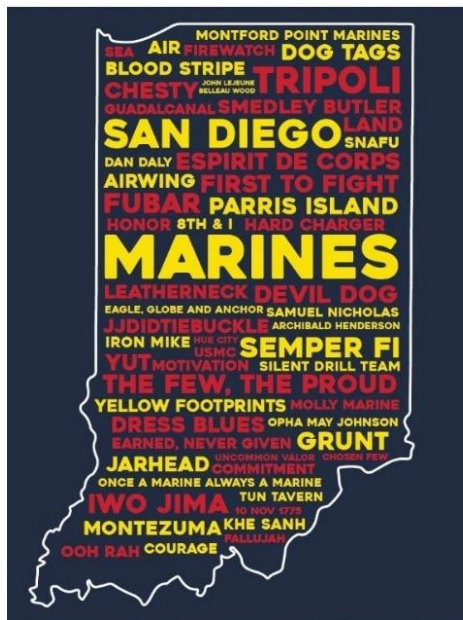
Kay Ross
 Chair Crumbo Scholarship Committee
 5088 Macaferty St.
 Plainfield, IN 46168

Thank You

FOR YOUR SUPPORT

CRUMBO SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER

The fundraiser has begun! This time around our shirts will be navy blue but will have the same design on the back (outline of Indiana with Marine words filling the center of the outline), and the MCL logo on the front left chest. The fundraiser will go from 15 March until 15 May.



SHORT SLEEVE

T-SHIRT

\$22.00

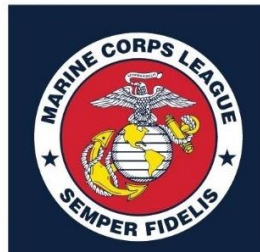


ildan 18500: Heavy Blend™ Hooded Sweatshirt - NAVY



HOODIE

\$40.00





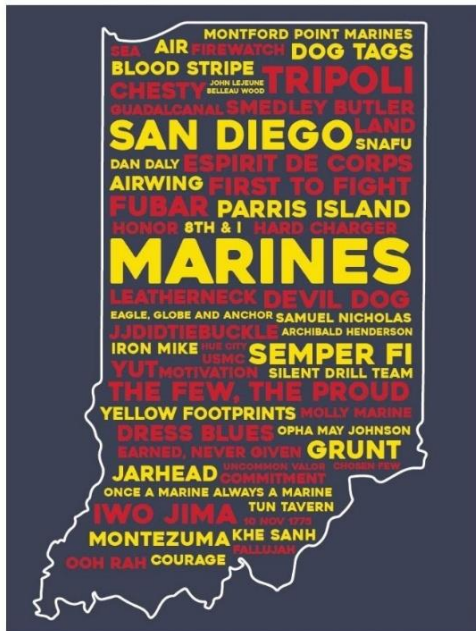
LONG SLEEVE

T-SHIRT

\$28.00



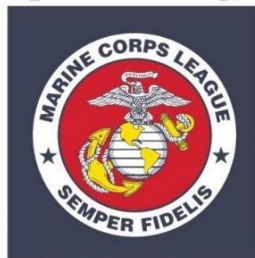
Hanes P160: Ecosmart® Crewneck Sweatshirt - NAVY



CREWNECK

SWEATSHIRT

\$35.00



If you would like to order any of these items, please contact Kay Ross at 317-698-6637 or kayross@comcast.net. All payments need to be made up front by cash, check, Zelle, PayPal, or Venmo.

When ordering, you can have your shirts mailed to you for a small shipping fee (\$8-\$10), or they can be picked up at the Summer Convention with no shipping fee.

HISTORIAN

Naomi O'Donnell needs the history of each Detachment including pictures as soon as possible. Send your history to Naomi at ASAP! Commandants, please make certain your Detachment submits your history!

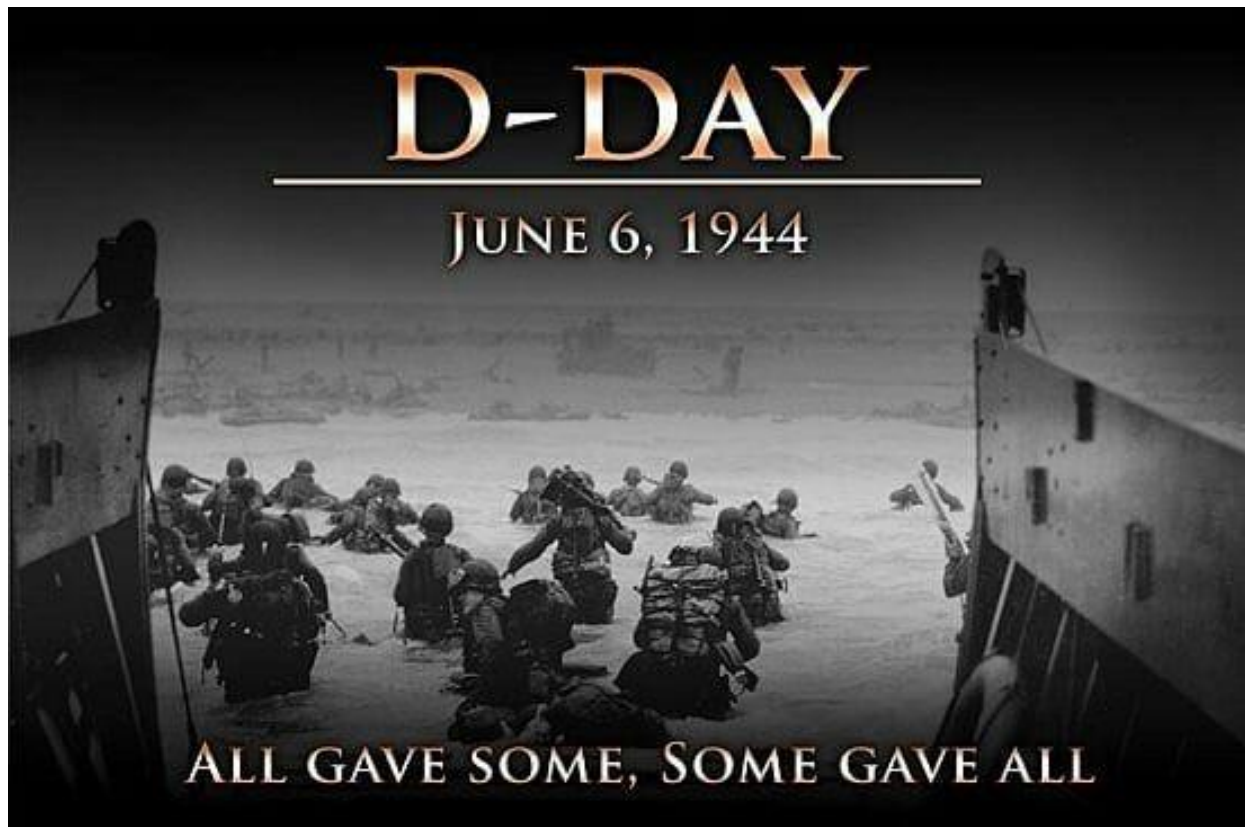
NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS OF 2025-2026 OFFICERS

The Department of Indiana will conduct nominations in the morning and elections in the afternoon of the 2025-2026 officers during the Summer Convention. Then, the 10 districts will caucus and elect their District Vice Commandant. All officers including the district vice commandants will be installed during the Saturday evening banquet.

During the Spring Conference the following members expressed an interest in being nominated for an office:

Commandant	Kay Ross
Senior Vice Commandant	Chris Taylor
Junior Vice Commandant	Dan Tolson
Judge Advocate	Alena Gillum
Adjutant	Craig McGlinn
Chaplain	Ernie Maxwell
Chief of Staff	Kelly Gillihan
Paymaster	Dave Englert
Sergeant-at-Arms	Tim Shortt

We are most grateful for the leadership and commitment by our current officers! ***THANK YOU!***



PAYMASTER POINTS TO PONDER by Dave Englert

DATABASE PORTAL – Paymasters and Commandants, if you are a frequent user of the Database portal, then you have probably already seen many of the great changes that have happened since the National Mid-Winter Conference within the portal. Detachment Paymasters and Commandants now have greater resources at their fingertips than ever! If you attended the Department Spring Conference, you have already seen the demonstration. If not, go to the Member Library on the national website and review the Database 101 and 102 classes there. Additionally, I plan on hosting a video conference call to help anyone that needs hands on training. Please watch for announcements for this conference call.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS – Please continue to send me scans or pictures of cards that need replacing. If you do not receive a new card within a few weeks after requesting a replacement, let me know and I will investigate the tracking on it. For some reason, we have experienced an extraordinary number of postal issues lately.

APPLICATIONS – Before accepting an application from a member, please ensure that the applications are an up to date one! The photo copies of 20-year-old applications are no longer valid. Visit the library or a recent copy of the Semper Fi magazine to find a current copy. Additionally, the member must check a box on the felony statement. If the answer is no and the application is signed, then it is good. If the answer is yes, then a statement must accompany the application explaining the felony.

TURNOVER – If the detachment replaces the paymaster, it is up to the detachment leadership to ensure a complete turnover occurs. The new paymaster cannot fully complete the assigned duties until the ROI is processed by National, giving the new paymaster the appropriate access level within the database.

THE FUTURE – Paymasters need to have access to a scanner and an e-mail. We are close to the day wherein “snail-mail” becomes virtually unused. The only thing that absolutely needs to be mailed at this time are checks. That can change soon! Be prepared to meet the future!

SERVICE OFFICER by Jim Atkinson

- Indiana has the Good Samaritan Act that protects and provide immunity to anyone that renders emergency first aid/care in good faith from civil liability.
- When filing a disability claim with the VA – remember how important it is for you to initially go in with a strong claim – submit medical evidence that supports your issues and submit lay/buddy statements that are relevant to your claim.
- If you receive a denial on part or all of your claim – you have 3 formal appeal processes that are available to you:
 - Supplemental appeal – opportunity to gather and submit new and relevant evidence
 - higher level appeal – if there has been a clear or unmistakable error on your claim this appeal goes to a supervisor who puts a set of new eyes on the issues
 - board of veterans appeals (BVA) sends your appeal to a federal judge that interprets the appropriate VA law to help overturn your denial or she/she can remand the claim back to the VA regional office for further development

TOYS FOR TOTS

The 2024 Toys for Tots Campaign in Indiana by 9 Detachments was most successful thanks to the exceptional generosity of business partners, community organizations, and the caring public! 108,578 toys were distributed to 29,017 children in 9 Indiana Counties in 2024. **Outstanding!**

YOUNG MARINES

We have 3 active Young Marine units in Indiana (Dunes, Scott County, and Seymour), and 2 new Young Marine units (Kentuckiana/Clarksville and Morgan County/Martinsville).

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

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

Webmaster Dan Tolson, Jr. invites Detachments 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.



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 the newsletter editor by 15 September 2025 for inclusion in the Fourth Quarter Newsletter and to Dan Tolson to add to the Detachment's website calendar!



103rd NATIONAL CONVENTION IN INDIANA

The Department of Indiana will be hosting the 103rd National Convention 9-15 August 2026 in Indianapolis at the Wyndham West hotel, located at 2544 Executive Drive near the old airport.

The committee has an online conference call every other Wednesday evening at 1900 to address all the details the Department needs to manage. The next call is 2 April. If you would like to log into the call, please contact Kelly Gillihan (765-507-0574 or ktgillihan@gmail.com).

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 volunteers!!

The committees that need a chairperson are:

- Transportation
- Early bird arrivals
- Airport "Welcome" table
- Coin design
- Ad book
- Excursions
- Sponsorships/Donations
- Fundraisers
- Banquet
- Indiana Hospitality room

As soon as the 501(c)3 is up and running, all the members need to be ready to assist with collecting ads from your local businesses, larger corporations, and veteran owned businesses. Additionally, sponsorships from businesses and donations from individuals, groups, or businesses will be the main focus of the committee. These "jobs" are not for just one person/detachment, but the entire department. As we get closer to the convention, all detachments will be requested to provide manpower to help host the convention.

Mark the dates 9-15 August 2026 for your vacation to attend our National Convention!

Stay tuned!



AROUND THE DEPARTMENT

RIVER CITIES #1090 - EVANSVILLE

NEW POP-UP TENT (RIGHT) AND SUPPLEMENTAL TENT (LEFT)



Great marketing!

COLOR GUARD



Right to Left: Bob Reutter, Chris Boyd, David Hunnicutt, and Tim Jones

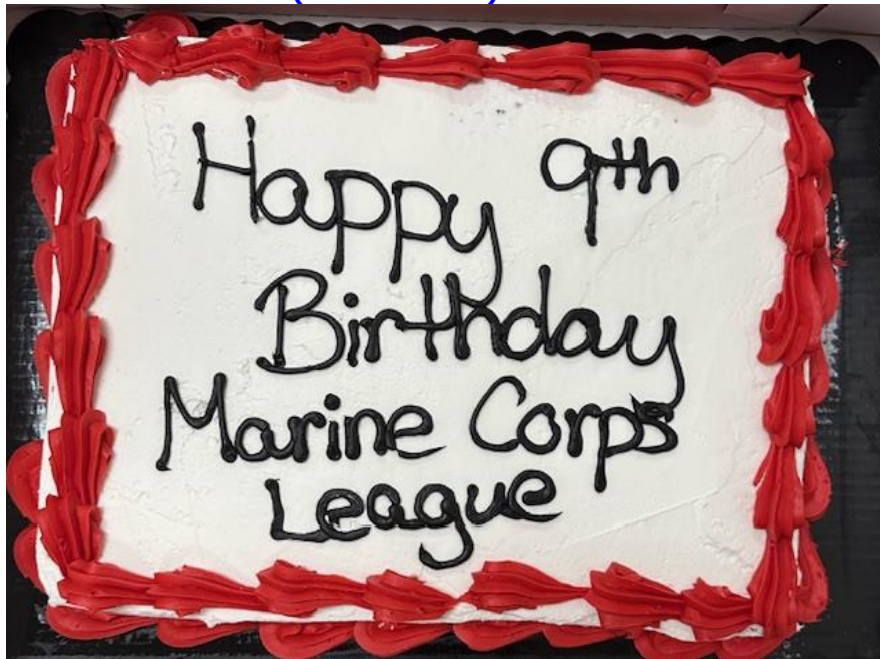
VA CLINIC VISIT



River Cities #1090 members at VA Clinic posing with Evansville Otters baseball team

PRIDE AND PURPOSE #1435 – FORT WAYNE

DETACHMENT 9th CHARTER (2 March 2026) BIRTHDAY



Detachment celebrated their 9th birthday with cake after the 17 March 2025 monthly membership meeting

HONOR FLIGHT NORTHEAST INDIANA HOMECOMINGS

Fort Wayne International Airport

8:00 p.m. (2000)

Pride and Purpose #1435 will join over 1,500 welcoming home 85 veterans per flight

FLIGHT #50

Wednesday, 23 April 2025

FLIGHT #51

Wednesday, 21 May 2025

FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY

Saturday, 3 May 2025
VFW Post 857
2202 West Main Street
Fort Wayne, IN 46808
9am
Open to the Public



HIRAM I. BEARSS #089 - INDIANAPOLIS **LOCAL SHOOL RECEIVED SCHOOL SUPPLIES DONATION**



Adjutant Otto Dowlen, III, presented the school on behalf of the Detachment school supplies to replace those destroyed when a classroom burned.

EAGLE SCOUT CERTIFICATES



Commandant Nathan Simcox (center) presented certificates to two new Eagle Scouts in Acton, Indiana



SOUTHERN INDIANA LEATHERNECKS #931 - JASPER IRELAND, INDIANA ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE



It was a chilly parade day, but the Detachment parade detail has a fantastic time! Members on A trailer pulled behind the truck passed out candy, Toys for Tots magnets, invites to the 250th Marine Corps Birthday Ball, and information on the detachment. Outstanding job!

MICHAEL WALTERS MEMORIAL #1411 – MONTICELLO

GOLF OUTING

Saturday, 12 July 2025
Pine View Golf Course
5310 Norway Road
Monticello, IN 47960
\$60 per person 4-man team
8am shotgun start
Meal provided after outing
Contact Mike McDonald at 574-870-0220 or Pine View Golf Course at 574-583-3339

BENEFIT RIDE – RIDING FOR HORSES and HEROES

Saturday, 16 August 2025
Monticello American Legion Post 81
405 East Washington Street
Monticello, IN 47960
10am Sign In
Noon Kickstands Up
\$20 Bike / \$5 Passenger
\$20 Cars and Trucks
50/50 Drawing
All proceeds to benefit Veterans and Courage Rock Stables
Information Contact: Jim Snowberger at 765-412-7441 or Scott Allen at 574-870-8430



YOUNG MARINES

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

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.

CLARKSVILLE YOUNG MARINE UNIT (INDIANA'S NEWEST UNIT)



Presenting Colors for the National Anthem at the University Of Louisville Men's Basketball Game on 22 February 2025



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>

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

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

Marine Foundation of Indiana

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

Veterans Administration

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

INDIANA MILITARY HISTORY

Indiana Military Museum

715 S 6th Street Rd
Vincennes, IN 47591
812-882-1941
<https://www.indianamilitarymuseum.org/>
10am-4pm
Admission: WWII Veterans – FREE
Veterans, Active Duty, and Seniors (62+) - \$7.00
18-61 Year Olds - \$8.00
5-17 Year Olds - \$5.00

Indiana War Memorials

51 E Michigan St
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204
317-232-7615

<https://www.indianawarmemorials.org/>

9am – 5pm / Closed Monday and Tuesday

Memorials Include: American Legion Mall
9/11 Memorial
Indiana War Memorial
Korean War Memorial
Medal of Honor Memorial
USS Indianapolis
Veterans Memorial Plaza
Vietnam Memorial
World War II Memorial

Veterans National Memorial Shrine and Museum

2122 O'Day Road
Fort Wayne, Indiana 46818
260-267-5022

<https://honoringforever.org/>

FREE – donations graciously accepted

Mon, Thu, Sat, and Sun 11am-4pm (Museum Open)

Grounds Open 24/7/365

Memorials and Collections Include:

80% Replica of the Healing Wall (permanent display of retired wall)
American Indiana War
Civil War
Gold Star Families Memorial
Gulf War
Korean War
Mexican-American War
New Sterling Chapel
Revolutionary War
Spanish-American War
The Merci Train
Vietnam
W. Paul Wolf Museum
War of 1812
World War I
World War II
Women's Memorial (coming soon)

Plan now to visit our Indiana military memorials and museums!

NEXT EDITION DEADLINE

Articles, event, information, and photos for the **THIRD QUARTER 2025** edition of our newsletter (covers July, August, and September 2025) are **due by 15 June 2025** to editor Terrence L. Taylor, Sr. (Terry) at ttaylorstr@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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- 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



HAPPY EASTER!

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