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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!

The Department is now focused on 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!

2026

15 April	Deadline for Department Awards Nominations and Bylaws Changes
23 April	Judge Advocate Class with Department Judge Advocate, 1900
30 April	Crumbo Scholarship Application Deadline
5-7 June	Department Summer Convention, Embassy Suites, Plainfield, IN
8-30 June	Submit 2026 National Newsletter Competition Entry
10 June	Department Summer 2026 Newsletter Article Deadline to Editor
30 June	End of Fiscal Year for All Detachments
1 July	First Day of Filing Period for 990N, 990EZ, and 990
3 July	Deadline for 2026 National Newsletter Competition Entries to be e-mailed
15 July	Life Member Audit Roster Distribution by Department of Indiana Paymaster to Detachment Commandants and Paymasters
31 July	Deadline for Report of Annual Financial Audit by Detachment
9-14 August	2026 National Convention, Wyndham West Hotel, Indianapolis
31 August	2027 Membership Dues Deadline to Detachment Paymaster
10 September	Department Fall 2026 Newsletter Article Deadline to Editor
30 September	Deadline for Submission of Life Member Audit to Department Paymaster
4-5 October	Department of Indiana Fall Conference
2 November	Time Change – Fall Back One Hour at 0200
10 November	251st Marine Corps Birthday
15 November	Final Date to Submit 990N, 990EZ, or 990
10 December	Department Winter 2027 Newsletter Article Deadline to Editor

OTHER:

- The Indiana Business Entity Report is due to the Indiana Secretary of State biannually. The due dates are listed on membership report.
- 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 14 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

Happy Spring!

I would like to express my thanks and gratitude to everyone who attended the Spring Conference. It is always great to see everyone and getting a little bit of knowledge while spending time together over the weekend is always a good thing!



This spring is going to be a busy one as I am trying to attend as many conferences and meetings as possible. I hope to learn new things and bring them back to the department to share with you all. In addition to the Central Division conference in Kentucky, I am going to attend the Wisconsin conference in late April, and hopefully many detachment meetings in between.

As the weather becomes warmer and your detachments begin to get back out in the community, I encourage you to take advantage of every opportunity to connect with other Marines, support local events, and showcase the great work you are doing. These interactions not only strengthen our presence but also help build lasting relationships within our communities.

Please remember to share your activities, successes, and ideas so we can continue learning from one another and growing together. Your efforts truly make a difference, and they do not go unnoticed.

I wish you all a safe, productive, and enjoyable spring season. I look forward to seeing many of you at the Summer Convention in June.

Semper Fi, Marines!
Kay Ross
Commandant, Department of Indiana



CONFERENCES & CONVENTIONS

2026 DEPARTMENT SUMMER CONVENTION

DATES: Friday-Sunday, 5-7 June 2026

PLACE: Embassy Suites
6089 Clarks Creek Road
Plainfield, Indiana 46168

ROOM RESERVATIONS: **Call hotel direct at 317-839-1106 / Use Code 90T or use the link on the Department of Indiana website**
Please do not book outside of the block through a 3rd party!
The code is usable through the app and via the online link.
ROOM RESERVATION DEADLINE is 5 May 2026

REGISTRATION: \$149 per night plus taxes
\$20 per person
Registration and payment deadline is 18 May 2026
\$45 per person for the formal Banquet and **seating is limited to the first 102 paid reservations!**
Online registration and payment (on Fezzy) are **now** available through the Department website link:
<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/2026-department-of-indiana-convention>
When checking out to avoid paying fees change the fee button to "OTHER" under FEES, insert "0", and submit

REPORTS: Posted on the Department's website under "**MORE**"
Submit to Department Adjutant by 15 May 2026

BANQUET: Saturday, 6 June 2026
Installation of Officers and Annual Department Awards
Guest of Honor to be announced

OTHER: Adjutant McGlinn will forward agenda and Uniform of the Day to members once the Department releases it, and it will also be on the MCL APP under events and our website under reports
Friday daytime schedule usually includes training sessions
Friday evening at 1930 is Devil Dog Growl
Saturday includes the joint opening, memorial service, reports, nominations, elections, and good of the league
Splendid opportunity for fellowship, fun, and sharing best practices



NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS OF 2026-2027 OFFICERS

The Department of Indiana will conduct nominations in the morning and elections in the afternoon of the 2026-2027 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
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We are most grateful for the leadership and commitment by our current officers! **THANK YOU!**



103rd NATIONAL CONVENTION IN INDIANA

2026 NATIONAL CONVENTION

This year is your chance to attend a national convention that will be the closest to Indiana it has been since 1977! The Department of Indiana is the host of this year's convention.

This is where you come in! The committee is looking for Marines and Associate members to assist with the Indiana Room 8am-5pm Sunday through Friday in shifts. The Indiana Room is where attendees purchase souvenir coins, shirts, and gear, and enter silent auctions for unique Indiana memorabilia. We need 4-5 members from every detachment to step up to help!

We need participation from all our members to make this convention a success! You do not have to have any experience to help with these committees, and all the committee members, as well as other Marines and Associate members in the department, are here to assist. **We need YOU!**

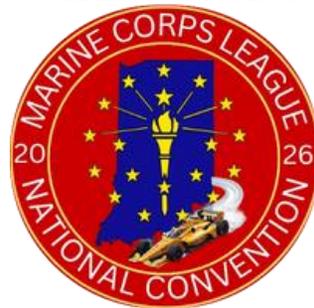
DATES: Sunday-Friday, August 9-14, 2026

PLACE: Wyndham West Hotel
2544 Executive Drive
Indianapolis, IN 46241

WEBSITE: <https://mclindy2026.org>

To volunteer, 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 volunteer manpower!**

Soon a volunteer signup form will be available on the national convention website.



2026 NATIONAL CONVENTION SPONSORSHIPS

Do you know a business who has an interest in being a sponsor of the 2026 Marine Corps League National Convention to be held 9-14 August 2026 in Indianapolis? Over 2,000 Marines, Sailors, Associate members, and their families to be in attendance! This is an opportunity to promote their business, brand, or expertise to thousands of people in one area.

At your earliest convenience, the committee would love to have an opportunity to discuss the levels of sponsorship with them. Please reach out to Tiffany Careins, National Convention Fundraising Committee Chairman, at 260-437-4835 (call or text) or e-mail at TKCareins85@gmail.com with the contact's name, business name, address, phone, and e-mail.

Marine Corps League members have been challenged to make a personal donation, too! A \$50-\$499 donation will give you one chance in a special prize basket drawing, and a \$500-\$1,000 donation will get you two chances in the drawing. Make check payable to "2026 MCL National Convention" and mail to Brad Ulick, Treasurer, 62610 County Road 7, Elkhart, IN 46517-8534.

**2026 MCL National Convention, Inc is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit,
and all donations are tax-deductible as allowed by law.
EIN: 33-4531991**

The National Convention Sponsorship Levels are:

\$10,000 & Up

- Logo on all printed materials.
- 2 tickets to the National Banquet
- Multiple posts on all social media leading up to the convention. • Logo on our website.
- Logo on our photo backdrop.
- Large logo on our sponsorship banner. • Full page ad in the program.

\$5,000 - \$9,999

- 8 posts on all social media leading up to the convention. • Logo on our website.
- Logo on our photo backdrop.
- Large logo on our sponsorship banner. • Full page ad in the program.

\$2,500 - \$4,999

- 5 posts on all social media leading up to the convention. • Logo on our website.
- Logo on our photo backdrop.
- Medium logo on our sponsorship banner. • Half page ad in the program.

\$1,000 - \$2,499

- 3 posts on all social media leading up to the convention. • Logo on our website.
- Logo on our photo backdrop.
- Medium logo on our sponsorship banner. • Half page ad in the program.

\$999 & Below

- 1 post on all social media leading up to the convention. • Logo on our website.
- Logo on our photo backdrop.
- Small logo on our sponsorship banner. • Business card ad in the program.



2026 NATIONAL CONVENTION EVENTS

Registration will be accepted until Monday, 27 July 2026. Registration fees are non-refundable. Event space and bus seating are limited and will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Walking and standing are required for some events; comfortable footwear is recommended. All events are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances. Payment will be accepted via credit/debit card online registration. All transportation will be ADA-compliant. We welcome the use of scooters and mobility devices which guests are responsible for providing.

Questions or concerns? Please reach out to the following:

Matthew Spencer	765-460-7083	matthewsspencer67@gmail.com
Dr. Jen Spencer	765-667-2861	perkij999@gmail.com

EARLY BIRD TRIVIA MIXER

Sunday, 9 August 2026
1930-2100
Wyndham Room

COMEDY NIGHT

Tuesday, 11 August 2026
Time and Location to be determined

INDIANA WAR MEMORIAL

Wednesday, 12 August 2026
1200-1630

INDIANAPOLIS MOTOR SPEEDWAY MUSEUM & KISS THE BRICKS EXPERIENCE

Thursday, 13 August 2026
1000-1600

CASINO AND DINNER

Thursday, 13 August 2026
1730-2230
Horseshoe Indianapolis
Casino-style gaming and dinner

NATIONAL CONVENTION BANQUEST

Friday, 14 August 2026
1800 Social Hour
1900 Dinner
\$65 per Person
Hall of Champions

More information and registration can be located on the website: <https://mclindy2026.org>. The information, details, and costs will be updated as soon as final plans are completed.

2026 NATIONAL CONVENTION DEVIL DOG ADVANCEMENT

Indiana Devil Dogs have the best chance this year to advance their degree in the Military Order of Devil Dogs in Indianapolis! The advancement program will not get any closer!

The advancement program is four (4) days – Sunday, 9 August 2026 through and including Wednesday, 12 August 2026.

To register you need to talk with your Pound Dog Robber to get the application for advancement started. Your Pound Dog Robber sends the completed application to the Pack Dog Robber Ernie Maxwell no later than 7 June 2026. The Pack Dog Robber sends the application on to National.

Cost for this advancement program is around \$75. This does not include your hotel, meals, conference registration, and/or conference special events after Wednesday.

Do not wait! Get your paperwork started now! WOOF! WOOF!



YOU CAN DO IT.

2026 DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA FALL CONFERENCE

DATES: 4-5 OCTOBER 2026

PLACE: Embassy Suites Plainfield Indianapolis Airport
6089 Clarks Creek Road
Plainfield, Indiana

COST: Conference cost \$20 per person

REGISTRATION: \$20 per person / **DEADLINE 10 SEPTEMBER 2026 on our website**

RESERVATIONS: Room reservation code is **DIF** with room rate of \$149 per night + taxes
The room reservation deadline is **3 September**. The link will be on our Department website once the Summer Convention concludes.
OR you can call 1-800-362-2779 to make your room reservation

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 suite by 10 September 2026 (transmit to Paymaster Dave Englert)

All registration links will be on the Department website after the Summer Convention!



INDIANA PACK

Woof Woof Dogs of the Order:

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

Woof! Woof!
Your Worthy Pack Leader
PDD Kelly Gillihan



INDIANA PACK CHARTERED 1 MARCH 1990

INDIANA PACK OFFICERS:

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

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.

Riely Children's Hospital in Indianapolis will be the 2026 MODD National Convention donation recipient. Indiana Pack, your big bones are staying home in Indiana this year!

See you at our Growl on 6 June 2026!



2 new Devil Pups at Spring Conference Growl with the Mad Dog (right)



The Indiana Pack Marching Band in hotel lobby

LADIES AUXILIARY

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

The Ladies Auxiliary will be holding an auction fundraiser during the summer convention 2026. Bring your bones and be prepared to bid for the goodies!

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



SICK, IN DISTRESS, and TAPS

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

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|--------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|
| • Carl Cornell | 1 September 2013 | Hiram I. Bearss #089 |
| • Richard "Dick" Cochran | 9 February 2026 | Elkhart Area Marines #1397 |
| • Kenneth R. Curtis | 26 March 2019 | River Cities #1090 |
| • Stanley K. Rickard | 13 March 2026 | River Cities #1090 |
| • Dan G. Switzer | 1 December 2025 | Hiram I. Bearss #089 |
| • Gregory L. Taylor | 23 December 2025 | St. Joseph Valley #095 |

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:

- Ed Beatty's mother
- Joe Spark
- Rich Forrester
- Michael "Doc" Doherty suffered his 4th mini-stroke
- Drew Terril wife's aunt passed away and her uncle is not doing well

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 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 – TELL YOUR STORY by Dr. Jennifer Spencer

Every Marine Corps League detachment across Indiana is doing incredible work in their communities. From parades and ceremonies to supporting veterans, youth programs, and community service, these moments reflect the core values of the Marine Corps League: honor, courage, and commitment.

The Americanism Award program exists for one important reason: to tell that story.

Unfortunately, we do not receive many submissions each year. That means many detachments doing great work never get recognized for it. The Americanism binder is your opportunity to capture the history of your detachment for the year and share it with the League. Even better, it becomes something you can keep and look back on for years to come.

What Is the Americanism?

The Americanism is a book that is a photo-heavy record of your detachment's activities during the year. It documents the ways your members serve the Marine Corps League and your local community.

Think of it as a yearbook of your detachment's service and patriotism. It does not need to be narrative heavy. In fact, photos tell the story best.

Good submissions usually include:

- Clear photos from detachment activities
- Short captions explaining the event
- Dates, location, and people in the photo
- A brief explanation of what was happening

What Time Period Should Be Included?

Your binder should document activities that occurred:

- June 1 through May 31 leading up to the convention.
- This means events that happened after the last national convention and before the upcoming convention in August.

What Should the Binder Look Like?

Submissions can take several forms. Your entry may be:

- A three-ring binder
- A scrapbook
- A bound book
- An album

The most important requirement is that it be sturdy enough for transport and handling during judging.

What Should Be Included?

Binders are organized into six possible sections:

- Detachment Activities
- Promotions
- Attendance
- Programs
- Community Events or Support
- Youth Programs

Detachments do not need to have entries for every section.

Include the sections that reflect the activities your detachment participated in during the year.

Helpful tips:

- Use 1–2 photos per event
- Avoid long written descriptions
- Include names, location, and dates
- Use clear captions
- Focus on quality over quantity

Why This Matters

- The Americanism binder is more than a competition entry.
- It is a record of your detachment's history.
- It also becomes a powerful tool for:
 - Recruiting new members
 - Showing the community what the Marine Corps League does
 - Celebrating the work of your members

Many detachments find that when they begin documenting their events throughout the year, it becomes easier to share their story on social media and with potential new members.

Awards

Awards are presented at the Department Convention in three membership categories, with first, second, and third place plaques in each category. All other submissions receive an Americanism participation certificate.

The top entry overall may receive the Gil Gray Award, one of the most distinguished honors a detachment can earn.

Need Help Getting Started?

If your detachment would like to participate but does not know where to begin, I am happy to help.

Sometimes all it takes is:

- organizing photos from your phone or social media
- choosing a binder format
- writing a few simple captions

If your detachment wants help starting your first Americanism book, please reach out. More information is available here <https://mcldeptofindiana.org/committees>

We want to see more Indiana detachments recognized for the outstanding work they are already doing.

Questions can be directed to:

Chris Taylor
Senior Vice Commandant
Department of Indiana
taylor.christopher09@gmail.com

OR Dr. Jennifer Spencer
Americanism Coordinator
perkij999@gmail.com

Let's tell the story of the incredible work our detachments are doing across Indiana.

AWARDS by Tim Jones

The Department of Indiana Official Awards Manual (2025 Edition) is posted on the Department website on the newly added **AWARDS** page. Commandants, submit your nominations for Department Marine of the Year, Department Associate Member of the Year, Renbarger-Wukitsch Paymaster/Adjutant Leadership Award, and other awards **no later than 15 April 2026!**

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 2026. Proposals can be e-mailed to ag.judgeadvocte@gmail.com **by 15 April 2026**.

There will be a 30-minute Judge Advocate class April 23 at 7pm. I will send each detachment judge advocate the information that will be discussed, along with the link for the class, approximately two weeks before and again 1 week before. I look forward to seeing you all there.

CHARLES CRUMBO SCHOLARSHIP by Kay Ross

The Charles A. Crumbo Scholarship began as a \$150 gift from a Marine Corps League 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. Applicants can live in any of the 50 states and attend any accredited college, university, or trade school.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION (NO EXCEPTIONS): 30 April 2026

PROGRAM GUIDELINES and APPLICATION:

<https://mcldeptofindiana.org/crumbo-scholarship>



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!

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDANT by Dan Tolson

As the Department Junior Vice Commandant, I've seen that the Detachment Junior Vice Commandant plays an essential role in our organization's growth. While the Commandant leads and the Senior Vice focuses on internal morale, the Junior Vice looks outward. You are the chief recruiting officer and the main person responsible for our public image.

Your main job is membership. This goes beyond just processing applications; it's about making sure the Detachment is a visible and welcoming home for Marines of all eras. To effectively promote the Marine Corps League's mission, you must be the "Face of the Corps" in your community. This means building relationships with local Veteran Service Organizations,

participating in civic parades, and making sure your Detachment has a professional presence at community events.

To recruit effectively, you need to reach out to Marines where they are. Don't just wait for them to come to your meeting hall. Set up information tables at local festivals, work with Active Duty or Reserve centers, and use social media to share the positive impact of your charitable work, like Toys for Tots or veteran funeral honors.

When speaking with potential members, emphasize camaraderie. Many Marines miss the brotherhood more than the uniform. Highlight how your Detachment offers a new "unit" to belong to. Remember, a successful Junior Vice doesn't just sign people up; they onboard them, making sure every new member feels valued from day one.

NATIONAL NEWSLETTER COMPETITION by Terry Taylor, Sr.

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 judging staff would be glad to help and advise you in any way possible. The newsletter should encourage members to attend meetings and to remain as active as possible in the Marine Corps League.

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 e-mail address:

MCLnewsletter.comp@gmail.com

The email should contain:

- Detachment or Department #
- Detachment, Department or Division name
- State
- Unit Membership as of June 1 of convention year
- Newsletter name
- Newsletter editor name
- Is this your first entry?

e-mail entries will be accepted from **June 8 through June 30, 2026**. Submissions must be e-mailed by July 3 of the convention year. **Do not** email your newsletters each month.

The published newsletter must be for the period of **July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026** of the Convention year. The detachment's classification will be determined by the detachment strength report published by National Headquarters as of June 1 of the convention year.

AWARDS:

12 plaques (1st, 2nd, and 3rd) will be awarded according to each class (membership strength).

- Class I (Platoon size detachments): up to 50 members
- Class II (Company size detachments): between 51 and 100 members
- Class III (Battalion size detachments): 101 or more members
- Class IV (Division size, i.e., departments)

Top award: Overall winner is **The Leatherneck Award**. To the top entry regardless of category to the best as determined by the judges for readability, informative, enjoyment & clear messaging.

Department of Indiana's Newsletter is the current reigning Leatherneck Award recipient – and it was awarded during our second year of a newsletter and competition participation!

We had 3 detachments participate in 2025. Hope we have at least 5 participate in 2026! The awards will be presented at the 2026 National Marine Corps League Convention in Indianapolis.

There is a Facebook Page ([Marine Corps League National Newsletters](#)) with samples of last year's winners at <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61579650969458>

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PAYMASTER POINTS TO PONDER by Dave Englert

It is a great time to be a detachment paymaster! If you haven't noticed, there have been a lot of The year is coming at us with a roar! Lots of good things are happening that will hopefully make the life of the detachment paymaster a little less taxing in the way of time and expense. It's easy to take advantage of them all with just a little initial effort.

Database Portal - Paymasters and Commandants, if you're a frequent user of the database portal, then you've 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've 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.

Transmittals. We are 11 months into the updated transmittal process which has reduced the postage costs tremendously. Detachments have been able to send all transmittals, applications, and supporting documents to me via email. The department has been electronically filing the transmittals and paying online directly with National. This has reduced the time to process and return transmittals significantly, in some cases, down to as little as 1-2 business days. Up until now, detachments have had to mail payment to the department, but that is changing now. Detachments will be able to remit transmittal payments online using a Zeffy link that is provided when transmittals are submitted. This is optional, with snail mail checks a viable option. Dog robbers are already familiar with the process. This is quicker and cheaper than writing and mailing checks.

Notice of Death. During the 2025 National Convention, a bylaw change was approved to simplify the NOD process. The paymaster no longer submits a transmittal for the NOD, with the detachment chaplain responsible for the NOD to be completed and submitted via the Department Chaplain.

Rosters. All detachment commandants and paymasters have the access to pull their detachment rosters as often as desired. If you haven't done it or can't seem to make it work, call, text or email!

Next steps. Many detachments have renewed their membership already and are building their membership. With the turnaround time of transmittals now, it is likely that if you submit a new member after your monthly meeting, you'll have a membership card in hand to present at the next meeting.

If your detachment is being on renewing members, it's time to get it done. Renewal only transmittals have been simplified to allow you to check a little box and leave the address and phone number blank for members who have not changed them.

Indiana Business Entity Reporting. The Secretary of State requires nonprofits to file every 2 years on the anniversary of your incorporation. Your detachment due date is on the detachment status report.

Life Member Audit. Mid-July annual, the detachment paymaster and commandant receive a copy of the detachment life member audit roster by email. Best practice is to check on life members prior to July. Whether you set up a phone tree or another contact scheme is up to you. If your audit roster is correct, then the Commandant and Paymaster sign and date it and send it to me. Changes due to member deaths are made with NOD's attached.

IRS 990 – Almost all detachments now are eligible to use the 990N- Electronic Postcard. There is a 990 class on the department website under the paymaster tab. Detachments can file the 990N as early as 1 July. It's usually a very simple and quick process of less than 10 minutes unless you wait until after the deadline passes. After 15 November, you will encounter issues with the IRS website as they prepare for the new year. Word to the wise, treat the month of July as your deadline to get this done and over.

TOYS FOR TOTS by Tim Shortt and Dan Tolson

As co-chairmen of the Department Toys for Tots Committee and a Toys for Tots Coordinator, we are glad to share the significant impact the Toys for Tots program has had across Indiana. Our mission goes beyond just giving a gift; it delivers a message of hope, sparks imagination, and ensures that every child in our community feels seen and valued during the holiday season.

The 2025 campaign season showcased the incredible generosity of Hoosiers. With the dedicated leadership of the Marine Corps League, our local campaigns reached impressive milestones.

Together, we distributed 105,731 toys to families in need. These toys were not just items; they became symbols of joy for 30,305 children across Indiana, giving them a reason to smile and feel wonder.

This achievement would not have been possible without the hard work of our volunteers and the strong support of our local business partners. When the Marine Corps League leads, they bring discipline and compassion that turn a logistics operation into a community movement. By providing books, games, and toys, we help motivate and inspire the next generation of leaders in Indiana.

Looking ahead, our goal stays the same: to actively support the development of one of our nation's most valuable resources, our children. Thank you to all the coordinators and volunteers for showing that when Indiana comes together, we can make a significant difference.

2025 TFT Campaign Numbers – Indiana

County	Toys Distributed	Children Supported
Henry, Madison	11,674	2,544
Elkhart, Lagrange	20,895	4,121
Gibson, Posey, Vanderburgh, Warrick	9,295	4,309
Lake, Newton	15,158	3,551
Dubois, Orange, Perry, Pike, Spencer	7,826	2,696
LaPorte	16,413	5,471
Clark, Floyd, Harrison, Scott, Washington	11,502	3,489
Porter, Starke, Jasper	9,355	2,923
Knox	3,613	1,201
TOTALS	105,731	30,305



WEBSITE by Dan Tolson

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

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/#>

YOUTH PHYSICAL FITNESS (NEED NEW CHAIRMAN)

Junior Past Commandant Robert O'Donnell reminds Detachments need to appoint a Youth Physical Fitness Chairman. The Marine Corps League's Youth Physical Fitness program is funded by the U.S. Marines Youth Foundation. There is no cost to the Detachment or school! The Detachment presents the program to schools, and can help the schools if requested. The program is now available on National's website.

CENTRAL DIVISION NATIONAL VICE COMMANDANT DAVE ENGLERT

It is indeed a dynamic time at MCL National! The National Board of Trustees has been working nonstop to improve the League and support of its membership.

National Headquarters to Move Announced at the National Mid-winter Conference, the Board of Trustees approved entry into negotiations for the purchase of what is currently known as "The Uniform Shop" at 300 Potomac Avenue in Quantico town. This purchase is possible because of the close relationship that the MCL has developed with the Marine Association with plans to move into the building during 2027. This purchase will provide the League greatly increased visibility with the active duty Marine Corps, lowered costs, and increased space. Look for information in the Semper Fi and Leatherneck magazines.

National Business Plan: The business plan for the League, with clear goals, organization and plans is undergoing a thorough review. Expect announcements at the National Convention as well as updates on the national website.

America 250: All detachments and departments should be looking for opportunities to join in celebrations of America's 250th year of independence. Showing the colors is the surest way to let the world know you exist. Every county in Indiana has a campaign for you to join in at some level. A sampling of events is posted to <https://www.in.gov/usa250/>.

Mobile App: If somehow you did not get the word, the Marine Corps League has an app for that! From the app, you can pull up your membership card, read the magazine, find links to all kinds of valuable information, look at schedules and agendas of events, review a calendar of events across the nation, receive alerts on MCL and USMC news, locate a detachment, find veteran services, and even shop from the store. You can download the app from either the Play Store or Apple Store by searching for "Marine Corps League." Login is your last name and your profile ID #, which is available from your paymaster.

Veteran Service Officer: The League returns to its core mission with the reinvigoration of the VSO program. Principle accreditation with the Marine Corps League is not a quick process as there is an abundance of training and clearances necessary to work as a VSO. The title "Detachment Service Officer" will be renamed to avoid confusion with the VSO program with an AP change at the National Convention.

Bylaws: Speaking of bylaw changes! Proposals to make changes to the National Bylaws or Administrative Procedures must be submitted to the National Executive Director no later than 1 April 2026. Follow the procedures and reach out for help from the chain of command to improve your chance of success. Bylaw change submissions are posted to the Convention tab of the national website and should be reviewed at the detachment level prior to the National Convention so that your delegates can vote with informed intelligence.

National Convention: Finally, this is Indiana's year to shine as the host of the National Convention. This is only the 2nd time in 50 years that Indiana has hosted it. Please, reach out to the Department staff to see where your particular skill set can be of help.

CENTRAL DIVISION MARINE OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to Kelly Gillihan, our Department's Chief of Staff and Indiana Pack Leader, on being named the Central Division Marine of the Year! Outstanding!



Left End: Dave Englert – 2025 Central Division Marine of the Year
Second from Left: Kelly Gillihan – 2026 Central Division Marine of the Year

CENTRAL DIVISION CONFERENCE 2026

Congratulations to Dave Englert for being nominated and elected to remain as the National Vice Commandant Central Division for two more years! The Department of Indiana was well represented!



Left to Right: Otto Dowlen, Teresa Gillihan, Tim Shortt, Kelly Gillihan, Karen Englert, Dave Englert, Dan Tolson, Kay Ross, and Robert O'Donnell

AROUND THE DEPARTMENT

MOUNDS #502 - ANDERSON

Mounds Detachment had a very successful Toys for Tots campaign with over 2,500 children served throughout Madison and Henry Counties with the assistance of many other participating organizations. Several new partnerships and opportunities were adopted and became very beneficial.

CALUMET #92 - MERRILLVILLE

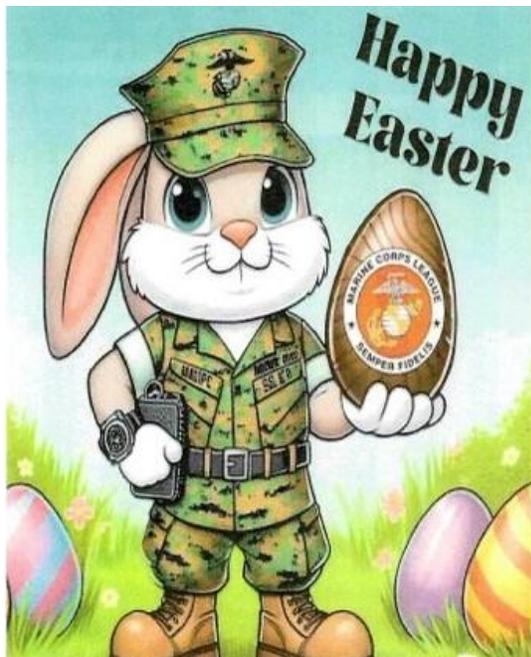
The Calumet Detachment held our inaugural bike run last June. We had 30 bikes attend the run which we felt was a good start and raised a few dollars for charity. We plan on holding our second bike run June 20, 2026 leaving out of Tun Tavern, 6880 Hendricks, Merrillville, IN. Registration will be start at 9am with kickstands up at 11:00 am. We will send out a flyer to this event soon.

In July 2024 the Calumet Detachment held a fundraiser for the Gary Sinise Foundation, having a band play with food sold and fun for the family. It was a successful day with all proceeds donated to the Foundation. With that in mind, we have approached Howling Mad with an idea to do the same type of fundraiser in conjunction with them. It has been agreed upon to work together to put this event together later this summer with dates and times to be determined.

The Detachment looks forward to contributing to the success in presenting the National Convention in August.

We will again be sponsoring, along with the rest of the 1st District, in the Annual Marine Corps Ball being held November 8 at the Hard Rock Casino

ELKHART AREA MARINES #1397 – ELKHART



2ND Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Elkhart Area Marine Corp League
Detachment 1397

Is sponsoring an egg hunt for
children ages: 3-5 and 6-12

Saturday, April 4th
10:00 AM-12:00 PM

OMEGA EVENT CENTER
2130 Middlebury St. Elkhart

RIVER CITIES #1090 – EVANSVILLE

4th ANNUAL ALL MARINE PICNIC and 250th PATRIOTIC FOREWORKS

DATE: Saturday, 11 July 2026
PLACE: Robinson Township Conservation Club
1015 Stierley Road N, Wadesville, IN 47638
TIME: 1600-2230
DETAILS: Pulled pork BBQ, hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, and condiments Provided
Bring a covered dish to share, chairs, and drinks for your family
Games for all ages, food, and fellowship
45-minute fireworks display second to none
Come join your fellow Marines and other veterans celebrate America 250
RSVP: Send e-mail to Chris Boyd at cboyd67@gmail.com to let him how many people you are bringing and what covered dish so they do not have 27 baked beans!



WINNER'S CHOICE RAFFLE

TICKETS: \$10 each – 3 for \$25 – 7 for \$50
Will be on sale during the 2026 Department Summer Convention
DRAWING: To be held on Saturday, 11 November 2026
Winner will be notified by phone
PRIZE: Winning ticket holder chooses one (1) of these three (3) prizes:
1. S&W Shield X 9mm with Mantis X3 Performance System, or
2. \$500 Timmi's Tours Gift Certificate good towards any Timmi Tour, or
3. \$500 cash

Important Notice: If the winner elects to receive the firearm, he/she must complete the Federal Firearms registration including ATF Form 4473, Firearms Transaction Record, and must be the person who is the owner of the firearm and be eligible to own a firearm. The FFL holder (Zach Will from Will's Outdoors in Poseyville, IN) will conduct the registration and background check.

PRIDE AND PURPOSE #1435 – FORT WAYNE

DETACHMENT 10th CHARTER (2 March 2026) ANNIVERSARY



Detachment celebrated their 10th anniversary with cake after the 16 March 2026 monthly meeting

HONOR FLIGHT NORTHEAST INDIANA HOMECOMINGS

Fort Wayne International Airport

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

FLIGHT #55: Wednesday, 22 April 2026 – arriving home at 10pm

FLIGHT #56: Wednesday, 20 May 2026 – arriving home at 10pm

Adjutant Terry Taylor, Sr. will be a Guardian on Flight #55 for a Vietnam veteran.

COLOR GUARD

Mechanical Mayhem inside Allen County War Memorial Coliseum on 6 March 2026



Entering Coliseum



National Anthem

FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY

Saturday, 9 May 2026

VFW Post 857 at 2202 West Main Street in Fort Wayne, IN 46808

9am and Open to the Public



HIRAM I. BEARSS #089 – INDIANAPOLIS



Doug Hadwick, member, leads the way for the Indianapolis 500 Gordon Pipers Horse Show Pipes and Drums on St. Patrick's Day 2026

DAVID M. SHOUP #547 - LAFAYETTE

Supporting Scouts of America and three (3) new Eagle Scouts in 2026



TRIPOLI #844 – MARION
GOLF TOURNAMENT

Saturday, 22 August 2026
Marion Elks Lodge and Golf Course, 1100 E Bond Rd, Marion, IN 46752
\$50 per person / \$200 per 4-player team
1200 check-in and grill open
1300 shotgun start
Lunch and 2 drink tickets included
Prizes for closest to the pin and longest drive
Silent auction
Sponsorships available: \$100, \$250, \$500, \$1,000, \$300 lunch, and \$300 beer cart
All proceeds support Hesling Memorial Scholarship and Veterans Treatment Court.
Call 765-460-7083 to register or e-mail mcltripoli844@gmail.com by 1 August 2026.



MICHAEL WALTERS MEMORIAL #1411 – MONTICELLO

Our Detachment is kicking our 2026 with a lot of activities planned, we have just kicked off a Memorial day pork raffle. We have three winners of pork packages for \$5.00 per ticket or 5 tickets for \$20.00.

We have our elections and swearing ceremony on our March 23rd and we are looking forward to our officers serving our Detachment for the next year.

We are just now reviewing the applications of the students in both counties for our scholarships we award each year.

Activities we are planning include Bingo in May, our Memorial Day services in Carroll and White Counties, a Golf outing in June, and a benefit Motorcycle-truck-car-Jeep ride. We are planning on helping the Department host the upcoming National Convention and Growl.

We are always looking for activities that we can attend to showcase our Marine Corps League, as well as attending the Counties Honor Guard activities

ST. JOSEPH VALLEY #095 – SOUTH BEND

The poster features a background of a weathered American flag at the top. In the upper right corner is the Marine Corps emblem, which includes an eagle with wings spread, perched atop a globe, with a rope and a anchor below it. The text is arranged in a central, bold, and distressed font style. The main title 'MARINE MUD RUN' is the largest and most prominent. Below it, the date 'SATURDAY, JULY 25, 2026' is highlighted in a yellow-orange color. The bottom half of the poster shows a man and a woman crawling through a thick layer of mud, both smiling and looking towards the camera. The overall aesthetic is rugged and military-themed.

SAVE THE DATE!

Marine Corps League

ST. JOSEPH VALLEY DETACHMENT #095's

— ANNUAL —

MARINE MUD RUN

WILL BE HELD

SATURDAY, JULY 25, 2026

At Abro Stadium and surrounding grounds

Marian High School Soccer Field

1500 S Logan St., Mishawaka, IN, 466545

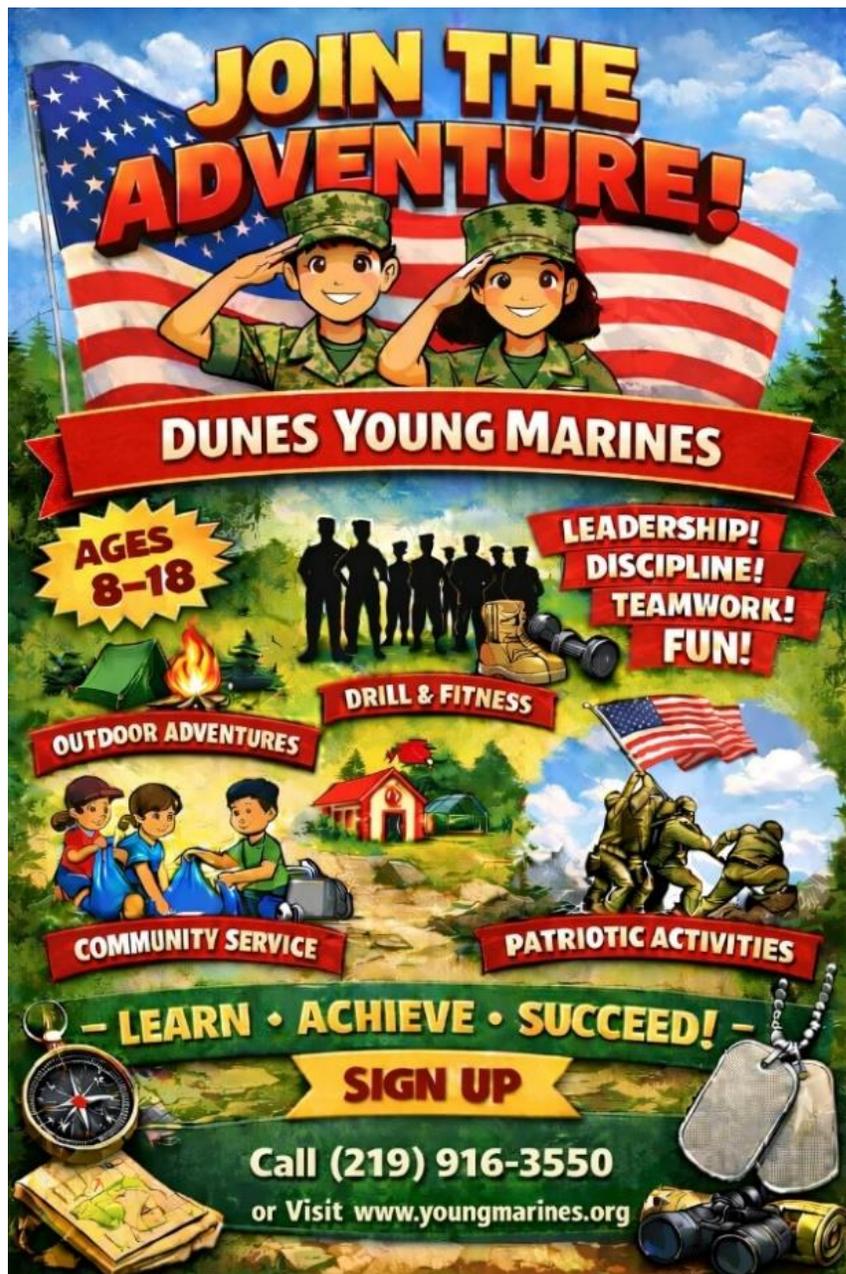
MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON!

Who is getting down and dirty?

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.





Scottsburg, Indiana

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/mcnational>

Marine Corps League – Central Division

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

Marine Corps League – Department of Indiana

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

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

Marine Foundation of Indiana

Website: <https://www.marinefoundationindiana.org/>

Phone: 708-522-7237

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

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

Veterans Administration

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



HAPPY EASTER – APRIL 5



MEMORIAL DAY – MAY 25

VETERAN PROPERTY TAX REFORM 2026

YES, all eligible veterans need to contact their local county veterans service office on or after 1 July 2026 to complete the **new** registration form to qualify.

Indiana Veteran Property Tax Reform 2026

What Does This Mean?

1. Total property tax relief for 100% Service Connected and Individual Unemployable veterans.
2. Eliminates all assessed value caps.
3. Simplifies tax structure with bottom-line credits.

Do I NEED to Do Something?

YES! You Must Act!

All Indiana veterans and surviving spouses currently receiving Indiana Disabled Veteran Property Tax Deductions, and new applicants, **MUST** register for property tax credits.

How Do I Register?

You must bring a completed and signed State Form 51186 to your County Auditor's Office.

- The State Form 51186 can be completed at your County Veteran Service Office.

When Do I Register?

After July 1, 2026 and before Dec. 30, 2026

- Be prepared. Get your State Form 51186 completed by making an appointment with your CVSO office.

When Will I See the Benefit?

The benefit will begin with your 2027 tax bill.

What About Surviving Spouses?

The surviving spouse is eligible if:

- The veteran satisfied the eligibility requirements at the time of passing; and
- Surviving spouse owns or is buying the property.
(Regardless of whether the property was owned by the deceased veteran)

How Do I Qualify?

Veteran must have a current VA Service Connected Disability rating of: 100% **OR** Individual Unemployability (IU) to earn: **100%** Annual Property Tax Deduction

Veteran must have a current VA Service Connected Disability rating of: 10%-90% **PLUS** Wartime Service **AND** be over age 62 to earn: **\$600.00** Annual Property Tax Credit

Veteran must have a Current VA Service Connected Disability rating of: 10%-90% **AND** be over age 62 to earn: **\$250.00** Annual Property Tax Credit

Veteran must have a Current VA Service Connected Disability rating of: 10%-90% **AND** Wartime Service to earn: **\$350.00** Annual Property Tax Credit

To be connected with your CVSO: visit www.in.gov/dva, call 317.232.3910, or scan this code.



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+) - \$9.00
18-61 Year Olds - \$10.00
5-17 Year Olds - \$6.00

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

Plan now to visit our Indiana military memorials and museums!

NEXT NEWSLETTER EDITION DEADLINE

Articles, event, information, and photos for the **SUMMER QUARTER 2026** edition of our newsletter (covers July, August, and September 2026) are **due by 10 June 2026** to editor Terrence L. Taylor, Sr. (Terry) at ttaylor@frontier.com. **Send your Detachment summer fundraiser information!**

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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.



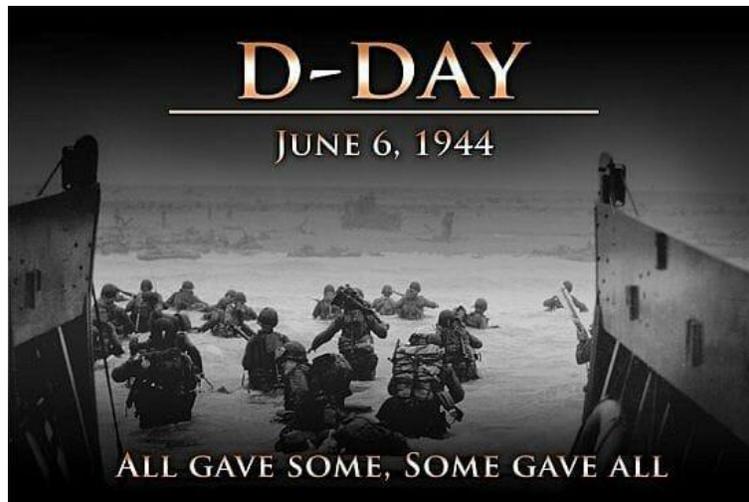
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- The Department's Quarterly Newsletter is e-mailed on the last Sunday morning of the month, and the Department's Web Sergeant will post it on the Department's website. The Department Adjutant e-mails it to the Detachment Adjutants to forward to their membership.

- 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.

FINAL THOUGHTS

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FLAG DAY – 14 JUNE