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DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA

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

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

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

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

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

DEPARTMENT NEWSLETTER

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

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

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

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

PER CHIEF OF STAFF KELLY GILLIHAN

1 July	First Day of Filing Period for 990N, 990EZ, and 990
7 July	National Convention Hotel Room Reservation Deadline
15 July	Life Member Audit and Quarterly Roster Distribution by Department of Indiana Paymaster to Detachment Paymasters
31 July	Deadline for Report of Annual Financial Audit by Detachment
1 August	Deadline to Submit Americanism Award Entry to Department of Indiana Commandant for Personal Delivery at National Convention
11-15 August	National Convention, Hyatt Regency DFW Airport, TX
3 September	Deadline for Fall Conference Hotel Room Reservations
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 14 days** of Detachment officer installation.

Once a Marine - Forever a Marine



HONOR OUR HISTORY

1 July 1920 – Major General John A. Lejeune became 13th Commandant of the USMC
11 July 1798 – President John Adams signs Act establishing the U.S. Marine Corps
15 July 1958 – 2nd Marines land at Beirut and seize airport at Lebanese government request
25 July 1930 – Lieutenant Puller wins first of 5 Navy Crosses chasing guerillas in Nicaragua
27 July 1953 – Korean War ended

4 August 1937 – Marine Corps League federal charter signed by President Roosevelt

6 August 1847 – Marines commenced their march on the "Halls of Montezuma" in Mexico
7 August 1942 – 1st Marine Division lands on Guadalcanal
19 August 1919 – Marines Hymn registered with the US Copyright Office
29 August 1916 – The Marine Corps Reserve was founded
13 September 1847 – Marines help seize the fortress of Chapultepec in Mexico City
13 September 1942 – Marines turn back Japanese attack in Battle of Edson's Ridge
15 September 1950 – 1st Marine Division landed at Inchon, Korea and moved on to Seoul
20 September 1994 – 1,900 Marines land in Haiti
28 September 1906 – Marine Brigade of 2,800 men lands in Havana

DEPARTMENT COMMANDANT'S CORNER

THANK YOU! Thank you for your support and friendship and for giving me the opportunity to serve as your Department Commandant! I am honored to follow in the footsteps of the great Marines who have held this office in the past. I will do everything in my power to support every member of the department, the detachments, and our auxiliaries.

Thank you for your attendance and participation in the summer convention! Everyone had a lot of fun and as always, the shared comradery was wonderful! I hope all the attendees took the time to sit in on the classes and instructional sessions, There was a lot of great information passed along, and I hope everyone that was there will take the information back to their detachments and share it with their members.

Thank you for attending the banquet and sharing that special night with me! It was awesome to have an installation and cake cutting ceremony staffed by female Marines. The Guest of Honor, LtCol. Sarah Deal Burrow, shared some great stories, and it was such an honor to meet her!

Special thanks to Tiffany Careins for the amazing artwork for the convention program and for making the beautiful centerpieces for the banquet and to Alena Gillum for being the Master of Ceremony and flowing with all of the late minute things I threw at her. I appreciate you ladies so very much!

Moving forward. Please make sure to put the upcoming Fall Conference on your calendars! I look forward to seeing you in Plainfield 4-5 October 2025, when we will meet again to share time with one another, learn from our committees and fill our bellies with some amazing soups. Be sure to check out the soup competition being held in the hospitality room.

Speaking of hospitality room. In order to keep costs down and still provide a quality experience for all attendees, I would like to encourage all detachments to donate to both the Department Fall Conference fund and to the Hospitality fund. No matter the size, all donations are greatly appreciated and very helpful to the committee.

The department has two important entities that need the ongoing support of each detachment, the Young Marines and the Charles Crumbo Scholarship. Both organizations help young kids in our communities in different ways but are both very important. Please consider a donation to one or both organizations as your detachment makes decisions about where to donate money from your individual fundraisers in the following year.

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

The 2026 National Convention is just a little over a year away! The committee meets every other week on a conference call to work through all the necessary planning and organization. We appreciate those who signed up at the summer convention to assist but we need many more volunteers to help. If



your detachment has not volunteered yet, we will be reaching out! Stay tuned, and we appreciate everyone stepping up to help!

Please 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!

Kay Ross

Department of Indiana Commandant

Join US!

CONFERENCES & CONVENTIONS

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/>



2025 DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA FALL CONFERENCE

DATES: **4-5 OCTOBER 2025**
PLACE: Embassy Suites Plainfield Indianapolis Airport
6089 Clarks Creek Road
Plainfield, Indiana
COST: Conference cost \$20 per person
REGISTRATION: \$20 per person / **DEADLINE 10 SEPTEMBER 2025**
RESERVATIONS: Room reservation code is **DIF** with room rate of \$149 per night + taxes
The room reservation deadline is **3 September**. The link is:

<https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/rooms/?ctyhocn=INDPLES&arrivalDate=2025-10-03&departureDate=2025-10-05&groupCode=CESDIF&room1NumAdults=1&cid=OM%2CWW%2CHILTONLINK%2CEN%2CDirectLink>

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
+ **Soup Cook-Off**: contact Beth Tyler at bethlhenke@gmail.com to enter and with any questions
+ Detachments requested to make a monetary donation for hospitality suite by 10 September 2025 (mail check to Dave Englert)

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 were held on 13 June 2025.

NEW INDIANA PACK OFFICERS:

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

See you at our Growl on 4 October 2025!

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



New Devil Pups re-entering the Growl at the Summer Convention



Pack Leader Kelly Gillihan (center) prepares to announce the 2025 Devil Dog of the Year during the banquet

LADIES AUXILIARY

NEW OFFICERS:

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

We were formed for the purposes of promoting the interests of the Marine Corps, the Marine Corps League, and to protect and advance the welfare of Marines and their dependents.

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



SICK, IN DISTRESS, and TAPS

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

- Michael Gaskill, Pride and Purpose #1435, May 9, 2025
- Thomas L. Kick, River Cities #1090, April 28, 2025
- John C. Larson, Howlin' Mad #093, March 24, 2025
- Dan Schult, Elkhart Area #1397, April 28, 2025
- Karla Schwartz, Elkhart Area #1397, May 6, 2025
- Carl Scott, Hiram I. Bearss #089, November 12, 2025

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

Pat Moriarty is improving from his stroke and Alena Gillum's mother-in-law passed away. Keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

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 2025-2026 OFFICERS

The Department of Indiana conducted nominations in the morning and elections in the afternoon for the 2025-2026 officers during the Summer Convention. Then, the 10 districts caucused and elected their District Vice Commandant. All officers and district vice commandants were installed during the Saturday evening banquet. **Congratulations to all!** We have your back!



Installation of Department of Indiana officers and district vice commandants during the 2025 Summer Convention banquet

MEET OUR NEW DEPARTMENT OFFICERS



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ROBERT T. O'DONNELL

THANK YOU for your exceptional leadership as Department Commandant the past two years, dedicated service above and beyond the call of duty, and commitment to our Department of Indiana, the Young Marines, and the Marine Corps League. We are most grateful.



DEPARTMENT WEBSITE

DEPARTMENT WEBSITE ACCOUNT

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

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

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

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Account

Membership Renewal

Annual Notice

Expires 31 August



Renew today with your
local Detachment Paymaster

AWARDS

2025 DEPARTMENT AWARDS

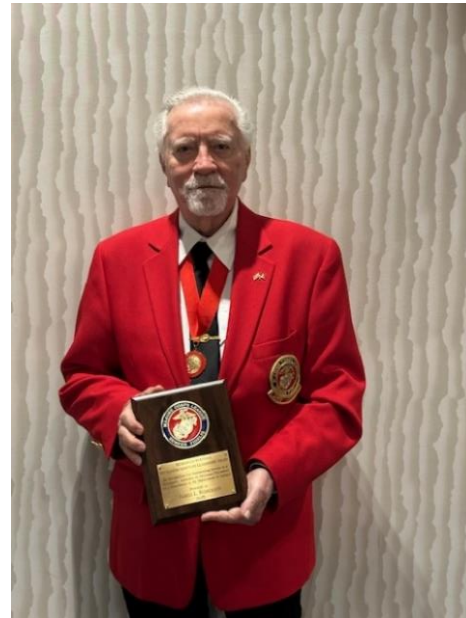


Department Marine of the Year

Kelly Gillihan, Albert E. Shockey #960 (third from right) with all Department Marines of the Year at banquet in the photo



Department Associate of the Year
Terrence Taylor, Sr. (left)
 Pride and Purpose #1435



Richard E. Renbarger / Michael T. Wukitsch
Paymaster / Adjutant Leadership Award
James Roberson
 Michael Walters Memorial #1411



Indiana Pack Dog of the Year
Ernie Maxwell (right)
 Mounds #502

2025 CENTRAL DIVISION AWARDS



MARINE OF THE YEAR
 Dave Englert
 Southern Indiana Leathernecks #931



ASSOCIATE MEMBER OF THE YEAR
 Terrence L. Taylor, Sr.
 Pride and Purpose #1435



2025 AMERICANISM AWARD by Jennifer Spencer

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.

St. Joseph Valley and Tripoli Detachments submitted entries as well as the Department! No entry received at press time from Pride and Purpose who has placed 1st or 2nd the last 5 years!

DEPARTMENT COMMITTEES and OFFICERS

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 14 days of the installation** (per National Bylaws Section 940A).

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!

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.

AWARDS by Craig McGlinn

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

BYLAWS by Alena Gillum

The 8 proposed Department of Indiana Bylaw changes were discussed and acted upon during the summer convention are posted on the Department website under “**MORE**” under “**REPORTS.**”

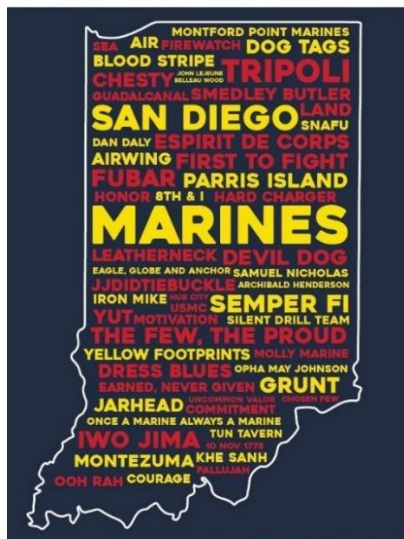
HISTORIAN by Matt Spencer

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

CRUMBO SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER by Kay Ross

The fundraiser continues. This time around our shirts are 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 now until September 15, 2025.

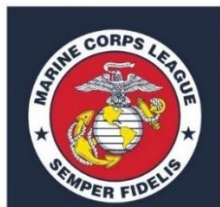
NEW – NOT PICTURED – ZIP UP HOODIE - \$42.00



SHORT SLEEVE

T-SHIRT

\$22.00

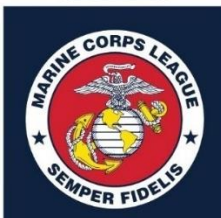


ildan 18500: Heavy Blend™ Hooded Sweatshirt - NAVY



HOODIE

\$40.00



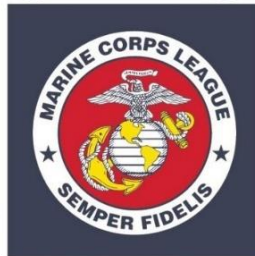


LONG SLEEVE

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 Fall Conference with no shipping fee.

SENIOR VICE COMMANDANT by Chris Taylor

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

- If you see someone with a Marine Corps Veteran license plate, bumper sticker, hat, shirt, or anything Marine Corps related, stop them and talk with them. Let them know about the Marine Corps League and what we do. That person you stop, may be a potential new member, and may even want to help volunteer their time.
- Build a relationship with the local recruiters as well and help them with Poolee functions, or see if you can talk to the Poolees about the Marine Corps League. Those Poolees may not be a member now, but they could be in 4 or 5 years when they get out of Active Duty, or even their parents may be a potential associate member.
- Retention is a problem throughout the Marine Corps League. Make members feel welcome by talking to them, doing family functions, finding out about their hobbies. The Marine Corps League is more than just a nonprofit, trying to raise and donate money. A lot of younger members are not involved because of trying to juggle their work and family lives. Doing family functions that they could attend and bring the entire family is something small but can make that member feel welcome and want to help out more. Do not recruit members just to get a number now, and then you never hear from them again.
- Encourage Member's to attend the Department Conventions and Conferences. Numerous members have stated in the survey that was sent out, that they do not attend because they are either not a Department or Detachment Officer, they are just an associate member, or they served in another branch. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend. There is a lot of information that gets passed, and a lot of excellent classes that go on that any member can attend.

PAYMASTER POINTS TO PONDER by Dave Englert

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.

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.

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 by DAN TOLSON

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

YOUNG MARINES by ROBERT O'DONNELL

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

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

YOUTH PHYSICAL FITNESS

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

WEBSITE by DAN TOLSON

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

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 on July 9. 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 committee chairmen and volunteers!**

The committees that need a chairperson and committee members are:

- Banquet
- Fundraising
 - Sponsors, Ad Book, Gaming
- Hospitality
 - Indiana Room
 - Early Arrival Events
 - Events (examples: ballgame, museum, and whatever)
- Information
 - Airport Information Booth
- Transportation
 - Airport Shuttle Buses
 - Off Site Event Buses

DETACHMENT CHALLENGE from CHIEF OF STAFF KELLY GILLIHAN: Every Indiana Detachment that donates \$1,000 for the National Convention 2026 they will receive a bottle of water from Belleau Wood Fountain and bottle of soil from the site. Do **NOW** while supplies last!

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. 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!

Website: <https://mcldeptofindiana.org/mclindy2026>



AROUND THE DEPARTMENT

MOUNDS #502 – ANDERSON

The Detachment had a great time April 3rd with those that could join them for dinner. They shared laughs, stories, and chips and salsa!



RIVER CITIES #1090 – EVANSVILLE

3rd ANNUAL ALL MARINE PICNIC and PATRIOTIC FOREWORKS

DATE: Saturday, 12 July 2025
PLACE: Robinson Township Conservation Club
1015 Stierley Road N, Wadesville, IN 47638
TIME: 1600-2230
DETAILS: Pulled Pork BBQ, Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Buns, and Condiment Provided
Bring a covered dish to pass, chairs, and drinks for your family
60-minute fireworks display second to none
RSVP: Send e-mail to Chris Boyd at cboyd67@gmail.com how many people you are bringing and what covered dish so they do not have 27 baked beans!



PRIDE AND PURPOSE #1435 – FORT WAYNE

6th ANNUAL CHARITY CAR, TRUCK, & BIKE SHOW

DATE: Saturday, 23 August 2025
PLACE: Veterans National Memorial Shrine and Museum (**NEW LOCATION**)
2122 O'Day Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46818
TIME: 10:00 a.m. Registration
2:00 p.m. Awards
COST: \$20 Entry per Car, Truck, and/or Bike Entered to Show
NO Preregistration – Show Up Day of Show
First 50 Entries Received Goody Bag
BENEFICIARY: Guns "N" Hoses Fort Wayne

7th ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

DATE: Sunday, 31 August 2025
PLACE: Eel River Golf Course, 1265 N 950 E, Churubusco, IN 46723
TIME: 8:00 a.m. Check-In
9:00 a.m. Shotgun Start after Announcements
1:30 p.m. Lunch and Awards
COST: \$85 per Player / \$340 per Foursome
Limited to the First 28 Teams to Register – **ALL TEAMS FILLED!**
Priority Given to Last Year's Participating Teams
Includes Lunch, 18 Proximity Holes, Cannon Gun on Hole #5, Cart, Greens Fees, Golf Balls, Golf Tees, Golf Towels, and Awards
PRIZES: First 3 Finishing Teams
\$50 per Proximity Hole – Designated Holes for Men and Women
BENEFICIARY: FW22 and Shepherd's House – local non-profit veteran organizations serving area active duty and veterans – both were founded by Marines!
REGISTER: Call 260-413-9144 to register team – need team name, players, phones, and e-mails

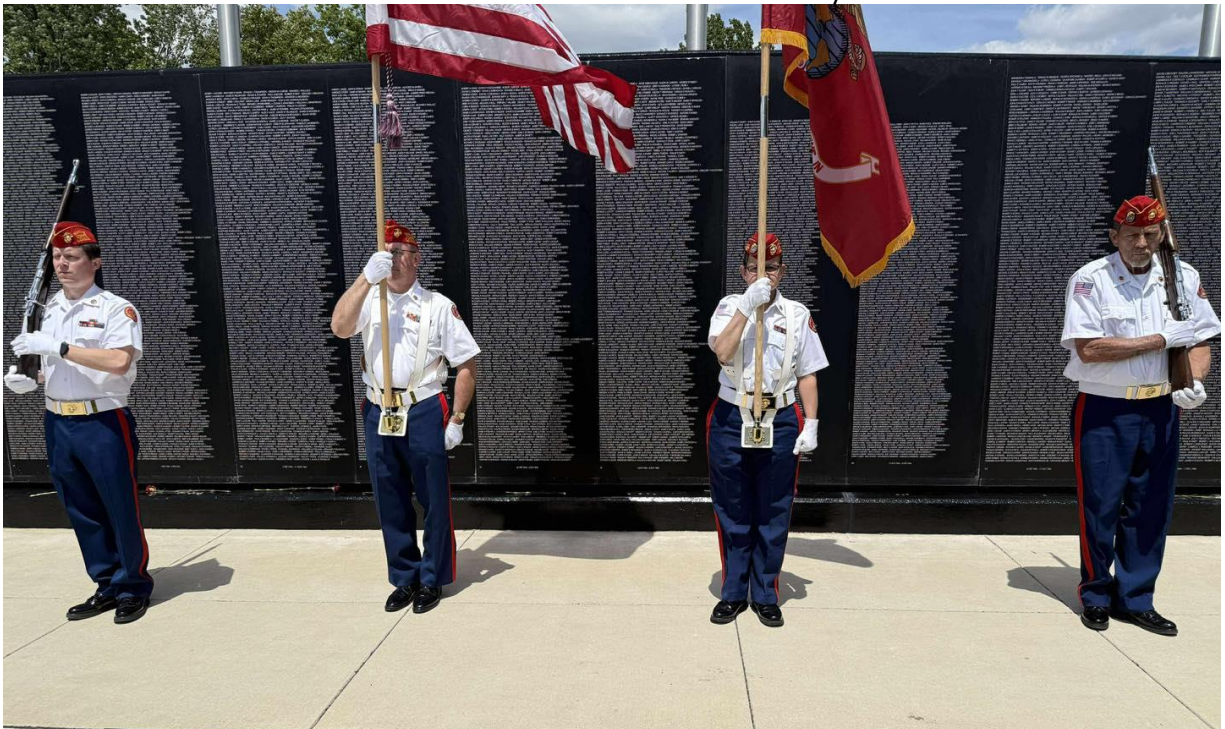
250th MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY BALL

DATE: Saturday, 15 November 2025
PLACE: Grand Wayne Center, 120 W Jefferson Blvd, Fort Wayne, IN 46802
TIME: 5:00 p.m. Doors Open
6:00 p.m. Ceremony
6:45 p.m. Dinner, Awards, Dancing, and Celebrating 250 Years
DETAILS: Stay tuned for more details as plans unfold

Annual Allen County Memorial Day Parade



Color Guard presents Colors at Rolling Thunder Chapter 1 Indiana Opening Ceremony on Memorial Day for the dedication of a POW/MIA bench at the Veterans National Memorial Shrine and Museum in Fort Wayne



SOUTHERN INDIANA LEATHERNECKS #931 – JASPER

**You Are Cordially Invited to the
250th Marine Corps Birthday Ball**

Hosted by the Southern Indiana Leatherneck
Detachment #931 Marine Corps League

Date: November 8, 2025

Location: Huntingburg Event Center
110 E 14th Street, Huntingburg, Indiana

Schedule of Events:

Cocktail Hour: 6:00 PM

Ceremony: 7:00 PM

Dress your best!

For more information and online ticket sales, visit SILDMarines.com

No tickets will be sold at the door.



TRIPOLI #844 – MARION

Detachment **R**emembers **E**veryone **D**eployed by wearing **RED** on Friday!



Marine Brad Robinson received the Ceremonial Guard Ribbon and the Membership award at the meeting on May 22nd. Congratulations, Brad, for your service and dedication to the Marine Corps League! Awards were presented by Commandant Spencer. Adjutant Bradley is pictured here with Robinson assisting in the presentation.



GOLF SCRAMBLE AND FUNDRAISER

Saturday, 23 August 2025
Marion Elks Lodge and Golf Course
1100 E Bond Rd
Marion, IN 46752
\$50 per person / \$200 per 4-man team
1200 check-in
1300 shotgun start
Lunch and 2 drink tickets included
Prizes for closest to the pin and longest drive
Silent auction
Call 765-460-7083 to register or e-mail mcltripoli844@gmail.com by 1 August 2025

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

Honor Guard at Carroll County cemeteries on Memorial Day
gravesite of Detachment namesake



Banner on street pole in Delphi, Indiana on the courthouse square
saluting hometown hero Jim Snowberger



ST. JOSEPH VALLEY #95 – SOUTH BEND

Detachment helped carry and present colors for opening South Bend Cubs baseball game on May 24, 2025.



Memorial Day Parade



MUD RUN

DATE: Saturday, July 26, 2025
TIME: START: 0700 (Yes, 7:00 a.m.)
END: 1200 (12:00 p.m.)
PLACE: Marian High School, 1311 S Logan St, Mishawaka, IN 46544



DUNES LEATHERNECKS #1056
21st ANNUAL GOLF SCRAMBLE

DATE: Saturday, July 19, 2025
TIME: REGISTRATION: 8:00 a.m.
SHOTGUN START: 9:00 a.m.
COST: \$80 per golfer / 4-man scramble teams
PLACE: Forest Park Golf Course, 1155 Sheffield Dr, Valparaiso, IN
PROCEEDS: All proceeds go to the 6 Porter County Food Pantries



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.

What an incredible experience! The Seymour Young Marines did an outstanding job representing the Young Marine organization at the AES 500 Festival Parade 2025. Thank you, Young Marines and parents, for taking time out of your holiday weekend and joining the parade in Indianapolis. And thank you parents for taking such fantastic pictures and videos all along the parade route!





The Scott County Indiana Young Marines from Scottsburg, IN were proud to support the PepsiCo Rolling Remembrance 2025, honoring the Children of Fallen Patriots Foundation. This nationwide relay carries an American flag originally flown in combat, reminding us of the cost of freedom. Events like this teach our Young Marines the value of patriotism, service, and honoring those who gave all.



The Seymour Young Marines participated in a Memorial Day service at Riverview Cemetery along Veterans Row.



Beautiful day on May 31 as the Dunes Young Marines attended the Crown Point Farmers Market.



Kentuckiana and Scott County Young Marines joined together for a great day of shooting. Thank you to Sgt. Ray for assisting in training and Mr. Likens for allowing the 2 Young Marine units on the range! Kentuckiana over all had the higher scoring and brought home the Ammo Can of Glory Trophy!



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

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
Revolutionary War
Spanish-American War
The Merci Train
Vietnam
W. Paul Wolf Museum (Open Mon, Thu, Sat, and Sun 11am-4pm)
War of 1812
World War I and World War II
Women's Memorial (coming soon)

NEXT NEWSLETTER EDITION DEADLINE

Articles, event, information, and photos for the **FOURTH QUARTER 2025** edition of our newsletter (covers October, November, and December 2025) are **due by 15 September 2025** to editor Terrence L. Taylor, Sr. (Terry) at ttaylor@frontier.com.

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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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- 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

Marine Corps Hymn Lyrics

**From the Halls of Montezuma
To the Shores of Tripoli;
We fight our country's battles
In the air, on land and sea;
First to fight for right and freedom
And to keep our honor clean;
We are proud to claim the title
of United States Marine.**

**Our flag's unfurled to every breeze
From dawn to setting sun;
We have fought in ev'ry clime and place
Where we could take a gun;
In the snow of far-off Northern lands
And in sunny tropic scenes;
You will find us always on the job
The United States Marines.**

**Here's health to you and to our Corps
Which we are proud to serve
In many a strife we've fought for life
And never lost our nerve;
If the Army and the Navy
Ever look on Heaven's scenes;
They will find the streets are guarded
By United States Marines.**



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