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## DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

### COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE:

Marines,

Spring is fast approaching, and with that, a new growth and emergence from the dark cold days of winter. The doors are slowly opening, and we can begin to venture out into the world and physically interact with one another.

National Mid-Winter Conference was cancelled in the physical form, but we did have a successful virtual conference. There are many videos and training sessions you may access on the National website, especially on the National database. I encourage all to take a look; you may find something of interest.

We had a good overall turnout at the Central Division Conference in Wisconsin, and your Department was well represented. We had an excellent video conference class on the database with COO Bob Borka, and the some of the National Officers jumped on as well. For those of you that know him, past NVC Nik Makaroff attended. Sadly to report that his fiancé Dawn passed away suddenly the next week. I am sending a card to him on behalf of the Department. If anyone would like his address, please contact me.

We just held our Department 3<sup>rd</sup> Staff Meeting in Bloomington this past weekend. I was told that we had 32 members attending. That is excellent, and I would like to thank everyone for attending. A special thank you to the Central Illinois Leathernecks #988 for hosting this. A lot of good information was passed, and the minutes will be distributed to all soon. We also ran our first hybrid meeting utilizing Zoom, with the amazing technological prowess of Judge Advocate Vicki Cobbett. Going forward, this is something we are going to be using on a regular basis. This is life as we know it now, and we need to stay ahead or at least keep up with the times.

The venue of our Department Convention has changed. For those of you that have not heard, the Grand Magnuson has been sold and is closing its doors. Thankfully, we found out about it in time and were able to locate a suitable venue, and lucky enough to keep the same dates. Thank you to Sr. Vice Burns for the heads up, and the Convention Committee for making this possible. The information is on the IL Marine website, and I think we are really going to like this new location.

I would be remiss if I did not mention our 98<sup>th</sup> National Convention in August in Springfield! We will need volunteers to help make this a successful event. If you can come for a few hours or a few days, it will be extremely appreciated. PDC Baker is the National Convention Committee Chairman and is the main point of contact, but you can contact any Department Officer for information or ideas. I am planning on an Illinois Veterans Vendor Day in the Illinois Room, probably on Tuesday (8/10/21). This will be for items not sold in the Ship's Store or the MODD

Quartermaster; generally, craftsman-type items such as wood or metal work, coffee, jerky, and things of that nature. If you know of someone who might be interested, please let me know.

Keep up the great work, Marines and fellow members!

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Semper Fi,  
Mike Sturch

### DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT, MCLA:

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Semper Fi  
Pat Buckley

### SR. VICE COMMANDANT:

Marines,

I hope this article finds everyone doing well. I, like everyone, hope that this Covid-19 will soon become a thing of the past. Just returned from a successful 3<sup>rd</sup> Staff meeting in Bloomington. I believe everyone had a good time. Hopefully, the State will be open for our Department Convention in June, and the National Convention in August.

Detachments, I still have plenty of Department Raffle tickets to sell for our Department. Please, feel free to contact me to get some to sell to help support our Department. The 1<sup>st</sup> Place prize is a Springfield Armory Saint Edge AR-15 (or) \$1000.00 cash, (or) a 2 - Night getaway for 2 at the Herrington Inn and Spa in Geneva, IL., 2<sup>nd</sup> Place is a Kimber Micro, Two-Tone (9MM) with Rosewood grips (or) \$500.00 cash. Winner must have a FOID card but need not be present to win. The drawing will be held at the Department Convention, June 19, 2021 in Normal, Illinois.

Raffle tickets are available by calling me at 618-593-0533 (or) emailing me at ronburns45@live.com. Tickets prices are \$10.00 each (or) 3 for \$25.00. Please, Detachments and Members support our biggest fundraiser of the year. Any questions or concerns; please, feel free to contact me.

I will be running for a 2<sup>nd</sup> year as your Sr. Vice Commandant at the Department Convention in June. I would like to thank all my supporters and looking for your continued support in the future.

My contact info is: ronburns45@live.com (or) 618-593-0533.

Semper Fidelis  
Ronald E. Burns, Sr.

## **JR. VICE COMMANDANT:**

Marines,

And just like that it is 2021! What a long strange trip it's been, I heard that somewhere.

The holidays are over so it is back to the new normal and in the League that means recruiting and retention, and I will add another recovering. All Detachments have their favorite venues for recruiting, something that has worked in the past, but we all need to think outside the box and explore a bit. All bulletin boards rate at least a business card. Anything free or cheap in the newspaper or a segment on local TV. You do what will work for you.

Retention depends on how good Marines feels about what is happening in the unit, how involved they are in not just the work but planning of that work. Responsibility for a task and that task being accomplished with recognition is important. Officers should not hesitate to delegate tasks but should always be there for guidance, mentoring, and ultimately rewards. This helps every Marine feel good and keeps them coming back.

Recovering seems to be harder as the recruiting was effective the first time but something happened that interest was lost. Sometimes just asking what was wrong can alleviate a problem. If one Marine felt that way maybe others do too. Losing one to a problem is bad but to lose more to the same problem would be worse.

Share thru the Illinois Marine what works for you! This publication is our best means of communicating with all the detachments.

I don't have the answers, but we all need to think about this.

The recruiting contest is ongoing and I am looking forward to the \$100.00 presentation to both the individual and unit winners. The winning Detachment also is awarded the Traveling Plaque engraved with their name. Please ensure all entries are legible, sponsor credit cannot be made if signatures are unreadable.

I can be reached at [311snakeandnape2@gmail.com](mailto:311snakeandnape2@gmail.com) or 618 402-5655

Respectfully Submitted,  
Robert R. "Randy" Weber

## **JUDGE ADVOCATE:**

Marines

I hope everyone had a joyous Christmas and a safe holiday season. 2020 was a year with unforgettable challenges; many priorities changed and family and friends became number one. Real or imagined slights or insults became insignificant when compared to health and safety and family. As Marines, we embrace the motto *Semper Fidelis* and already know just how vital faithfulness and loyalty and camaraderie are to living a full and complete life. Let's make 2021 the best year yet.

The third staff meeting included a trial hybrid-meeting with an opportunity for virtual attendance along with in-person attendance. Several members took advantage of this circumstance and were able to see and hear the meeting remotely. This is the beginning of a program to provide for a member to attend a staff meeting or convention who could otherwise not attend in person. There are many more steps in this process of actualizing remote attendance, but

this first attempt was successful. There are various ways to approach this idea and your input is welcome. For instance, Detachment 1009 has written an amendment to create a communications committee which will allow for virtual attendance at their meetings. If you have any proposed Department amendment, I must receive it no later than thirty days before the convention which begins 16 June 2021

If you have any questions or concerns of a Judge Advocate nature, I will try to assist and may be emailed at [v.cobbett@comcast.net](mailto:v.cobbett@comcast.net) or texted at 630-330-2571.

Semper Fidelis,  
Victoria Cobbett

## **PAYMASTER:**

Greeting Marines,

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Semper Fidelis,  
PDC Mike Malmstrom

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Semper Fidelis  
Bob Kappes

## **JR. PAST COMMANDANT:**

Marines,

The Staff Meeting is now history and it was a good one. An Audit was accomplished as well.

Get ready for the warmer weather and the Department Convention.

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Semper Fidelis  
PDC Bruc Blackmer

## **FROM THE EDITOR:**

The Illinois Marine publication is one of the ways that we can communicate what is happening in our Department, Districts, Detachment and Units. But, because it is published quarterly, information sometimes doesn't get dispersed in a timely fashion. With the advent of The Illinois Marine website ([www.theillinoismarine.com](http://www.theillinoismarine.com)), those with computer access can now obtain the most up to date information available. Anyone with events, functions or relevant information, can contact me and it will be posted within an hour or so. This is just another step within the Department to be able to keep our members and the general public aware of what is happening. Also, while on the Website please look for the link to the "Forms" Page. As I am able to install downloadable Department and National (when available) forms, I will do so. Some of the forms will require copies due to the original forms being layer forms which must be torn apart to process.

If you have a Detachment newsletter and want it to be published on the Illinois Marine website, please email me a copy or mail it to me and I will scan it in and post it. They are posted on the "Detachment Newsletters" page. Just click on the page link then look for the detachment name of the newsletter you wish to read, and then click on it.

As always, I welcome any comments and/or input from the general membership because, ultimately, this is your publication.

**Please note the change in issue publication dates to coincide with the adjustment in Convention dates. The new dates will be January, April, July and October.**

**All information and articles must be received by the 10<sup>th</sup> of June 2021 to be included in the July 2021 issue. There will be no exceptions!**

The invoice for all Illinois Marine dues of \$50.00 per Detachment/Unit/Pack and Pound [as per Department Bylaws 51.21(c)] will be arriving in the mail shortly after July 1<sup>st</sup>. All checks should be made payable to "Department of Illinois, MCL" and mailed to the Editor at the address listed below. These annual dues are the funds that allow the Illinois Marine to be published. If you have not yet paid, please bring your Detachment/Unit up to date ASAP. Paymasters check behind your detachments name in the Illinois Marine roster of Detachments. If you are up to date, it will say paid and the year (i.e.: Pd. 17-18.) If there is no year listed your Detachment or Unit or Pound is not paid. **PLEASE NOTE THERE ARE A NUMBER OF DETACHMENTS, UNITS AND A POUND OR**

**TWO THAT ARE STILL DELINQUENT.** If you did not receive an invoice, please let me now.

**REMINDER:** Annually on or about July 1<sup>st</sup>, an invoice will be sent to each Detachment/Unit/Pack and Pound for the annual dues.

We are continuing to update the email address list for those who wish to receive the Illinois Marine via email. If you are receiving this publication via hardcopy and have email, please consider requesting it by email. Each hardcopy mailed out costs the Department on average 85 to 95 cents. Any reduction of postage expenses benefits the Department of Illinois's budget. If you do not wish to receive the Illinois either by hard copy or email it can be downloaded from the Illinois Marine website in PDF format. Please let me know if that is the case. **I would ask that a list of all "New" members with Name, Address and email, if available, be submitted to the editor to facilitate addition to the mailing or email list.**

You may also notice that I am attempting to include our Officers email address to facilitate communication.

**Please see the Department Web Sergeant post further down regarding the website!!!**

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PDC Don Haines, Editor

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 62275-3057 618 669-2171 c-618 795-3339

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Pd. 20-21  
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 60174-3638 630 564-1804

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 61870- 217 497-3066  
 47974-8117 812 249-3293

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Comdt: Jason Torres, PO Box 777, Worth, IL

Paym: Joe Purpura, 8401 W. 151<sup>st</sup> St., Orland Park, IL

Adj: Richard Nolan Jr., 11548 Normandy, Worth, IL

Pd.  
 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday 1930  
 60482-0777 708 529-3786  
 604462- 708 460-3953  
 60482- 708 448-0177

Chapultepec Detachment #1408

Please go to [https://www.facebook.com/mcl1408/?hc\\_ref=NEWSFEED](https://www.facebook.com/mcl1408/?hc_ref=NEWSFEED) for time and place

Comdt: Theodore V. Martinez., Please see below for mailing

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Pd.  
 - 312 438-3881  
 60629- 773 503-0216  
 60638- 773 814-6475

Grundy County Detachment #1372

Meets at Morris American Legion, 212 W. Washington St., Morris, IL

Comdt: Art Chaves, 367 Baber Ln., Joliet, IL

Paym: Fred Gaddis, 165 Virginia St., Coal City, IL

Adj:

Pd.  
 4<sup>th</sup> Thurs. 1900  
 60435- 708 955-3208  
 60416- 815 634-3125

Joliet E 2/14 Detachment #808

Meets at Harwood American Legion, 705 S. Larkin Ave., Rockdale, IL

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Paym: John Cavallero Sr., 600 Clement, Joliet, IL

Pd.  
 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday 1930  
 60436- 815 671-5364  
 60435- 815 545-1995

Kankakee MCL Detachment #1253

Meets Bradley-Bourbonnais Sportsman's Club, 2672 Chippewa Dr., Bourbonnais

Comdt: Stan Bobka, 15 S. Pauls, Bourbonnais, IL

Paym: Margaret J. Myers, 345 Jeffery, Kankakee, IL

Adj: Roland Myers, 345 Jeffery, Kankakee, IL

Pd. 20-21  
 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday 1900  
 60914- 815 278-7848  
 60901-4958 815 933-2338  
 60901-4958 815 933-2338

Marine Corps League Kevin Clarke - Tinley Park Detachment #1217

Meets at Bremen Post 2791 V.F.W., 17147 S. Oak Park Ave., Tinley Park, IL

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Paym: Tom Donnelly, 6300 W. 157<sup>th</sup> Pl., Oak Forest, IL

Adj: John Murphy, 6636 Forestview Dr., Oak Forest, IL

Pd.  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday 1930  
 60477- 708 342-1084  
 60452- 708 535-3332  
 60452- 708 687-3714

**2<sup>nd</sup> District**

Chicago #1 Detachment #073

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Pd. 20-21  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 1300  
 60657-1020 773 929-5275  
 60076- 847 779-3053

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 Paym: Patrick, PO Box 8668, Chicago, IL  
 Adj:

Pd. 21-22  
 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday 1900  
 60680-8668 773 413-8762  
 60680-8668 773 413-8762

DuPage County Detachment #399  
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 Paym: Victoria Cobbett, 733 Singer Ave., Lemont, IL  
 Adj: John J. Schmitt, 8434 Mendingwall Dr., IL

Pd.  
 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 1930  
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 60439-3912 630 257-6423  
 60157- 630 432-4795

Elgin Detachment #077  
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Pd.  
 4<sup>th</sup> Monday 1900  
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 Adj: Lisa Garcia, 648 W. New York, Aurora, IL

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 60174-3638 630 564-1804  
 60506- 630 486-9896

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 Adj: John Jezioro, 1407 Barberrry, Round Lake Beach, IL

Pd.  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday 1900  
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 60002- 847 274-8144  
 60037- 847 807-0736

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Pd.  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 1900  
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 60098-0311 847 570-4107  
 60098-0311 847 730-9085

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Pd.  
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Tri-County Leathernecks Detachment #1395  
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Pd. 20-21  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday 1900  
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**3<sup>rd</sup> District**

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Pd. 20-21  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 1900  
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 61081- 815 625-8223  
 61021- 815 994-2697

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 Adj: David Cimei, PO Box 22, Oglesby, IL

Pd. 20-21  
 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday 1900  
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 61348-0022 815 200-2332  
 61348-0022 815 343-9364

Rockford Detachment #083  
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 Adj: Rick Rubendall, 1007 Ramona Ter., Machesney Park, IL

Pd.  
 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday 1900  
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 61088-8336 815 904-4534  
 31115-3841 815 979-6468

Tri-County Detachment #086: Meets at American Legion Post # 31, 1509 Railroad Ave, Kewanee, IL Comdt: Louis J. VanDeVoorde, 330 Emmons Ave., Kewanee, IL Adj/Pay: Glenn E. Morey, P. O. Box 207, Mineral, IL	Pd. 1 <sup>st</sup> Monday 1900 61443- 309 853-6661 61344-0207 309 290-4007
Lincoln Detachment #607 Meets at AMVETS, 827 15 <sup>th</sup> Ave., East Moline, IL Comdt: Joseph G. Pollock, 6609 Cresthill Dr., Davenport, IA Adj/Pay: Michael W. Malmstrom, 5107 48 <sup>th</sup> St., Moline, IL	Pd. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 1900 52806-1567 563 349-2423 61265-7516 309 764-9638
DeKalb County Detachment #847 Meets at Sycamore Vets Home, 121 S. California, Sycamore, IL Comdt: Brent Bacon, PO Box 321, Sycamore, IL Paym: Keith Keutzer, PO Box 321., Sycamore, IL Adj: Mike Sturch, PO Box 321., Sycamore, IL	Pd. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday 1900 60178-0321 815 751-6211 60178-0321 815 751-3641 60788-0321 815 441-2243
Sauk Valley Marine Detachment #913 Meets at A. L. Post 902, 712 Fourth Ave., Rock Falls, IL Comdt: Tim Martin, PO Box 708, Rock Falls, IL Paym: Howard Glispie, 6105 7 <sup>th</sup> Ave. Rock Falls, IL Adj: Tim Martin "See Comdt."	Pd. 20-21 3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday 1900 61071-0708 815 622-4629 61071- 815 59040639
<b>4<sup>th</sup> District</b> Peoria Leathernecks Detachment #081 Meets at Navy/Marine Club, 1310 E. Sieberling, Peoria Heights, IL 61616 Comdt: William Olsen, 21 N. Cherry St., Princeton, IL Adj/Pay: Harold W. Lundstrom, 10809 N. Dana Dr., Peoria, IL	Pd. 20-21 1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday 1900 61356- 309 642-8787 61615-1163 309 240-8782
Tobin-Nanninga Detachment #085 Meets at the, 13370 Garman Rd., Pekin, IL Comdt: William Clark, 308 Linden St., Pekin, IL Pay: Chris Celiberti, 4020 Chalmers, Bartonville, IL Adj: Mike Munoz, 9801 W. Guinivere Dr., Mapleton, IL	Pd. 20-21 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday 1600 61554- 309 241-0949 61607- 309 369-4982 61547-9578 309 453-3858
Decatur Detachment #799 Meets at American Legion Post #105, 1535 Legion Dr., Decatur, IL Comdt: Tom Scroggins, 1825 S. 33 <sup>rd</sup> St., Decatur, IL Paym: Robert Kimmons, 11242 N. Kenny Rd., Warrensburg, IL Adj: Robert Tyler, 324 Green Way Ln., Decatur, IL	Pd. 20-21 1 <sup>st</sup> Monday 1800 62521-4704 217 428-7588 62573- 217 972-9674 62524- 217 422-2983
Major Kenneth D. Bailey Detachment #824 Meets at American Legion Post #210, 201 Prospect Pl., Danville, IL Comdt: John Barrett, 29173 Bean Creek Rd., Potomac, IL Paym: Tina Cornell, 202 Prospect Pl., Danville, IL Adj: Bonnie Barrett, 29173 Bean Creek Rd., Potomac, IL	Pd. 20-21 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday 1600 61865- 217 987-6921 61832 217 260-2822 61865- 217 987-6921
Central Illinois Leathernecks Detachment #988 Meets at V.F.W. Post 454, 1006 Lincoln Ave., Bloomington, IL Comdt: Kevin D. Keller, 14030 Lara Trace, Bloomington, IL Paym: Kevin D. Keller, 14030 Lara Trace, Bloomington, IL Adj: David L. Edwards, 904 Star Drive, Heyworth, IL	Pd. 20-21 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 1900 61705- 618 554-1540 61705- 618 554-1540 61745-9213 309 498-1007
Richard L. Pittman Detachment #1231 Meets at Urbana V.F.W. Post #630, 1303 E. Main St., Urbana, IL Comdt: Bob Kappes, 1217 Joanne Ln., Champaign, IL Paym: Gregory Cozad, P.O. Box 6354. Champaign, IL Adj: Ron Castel, 206 South John St., Thomasboro, IL	Pd. 20-21 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday 1900 61821-1614 217 351-7095 60426-6354 61878-
Sgt. Robert "Bob" E. Graue Detachment #1336 Meets at Lincoln VFW Post, 915 5 <sup>th</sup> St., Lincoln, IL Comdt: James J. Harnacke, 1518 State Rt. 10, Lincoln, IL Adj/Pay: Gene F. Hickey, 795 950th Ave., Elkhart, IL	Pd. 20-21 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday 1700 62656-5353 217 737-4557 62634-6090 217 871-2972

### 5<sup>th</sup> District

Collier-Harrison Detachment #075

Meets at the Navy Club Quarters, 3100 Stanton St., Springfield, IL

Comdt: Jeff Wolfe, 7324 Oak Crest Rd., Riverton, IL

Adj/Pay: Sue Gibbons, 1733 W. Glenn Ave., Springfield, IL

Pd.

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday 1900

62561-9785 217 971-5663

62704-4826 217 622-8270

Gem City Detachment #790

Meets at Lippincott Hall, Veterans Home, 1707 N. 12<sup>th</sup> St., Quincy, IL

Comdt: Jeffrey W. Jansen, 1620 Gayla Dr., Quincy, IL

Adj/Pay: George A. Hendrendeen, 1707 N. 12<sup>th</sup> St., Quincy, IL

Pd. 20-21

1<sup>st</sup> Monday 1900

62305- 217 316-0219

62301- 217 246-1331

West Central Illinois Leathernecks #1177

Meets at the American Legions, 903 West Superior, Jacksonville, IL

Comdt: Tim Ritzo, 823 Grove St., Jacksonville, IL

Paym: Paul Kramer, 2057 Cherry Rd., Springfield, IL

Adj: Earl Turner, 1864 Plum St., Jacksonville, IL

Pd. 20-21

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 1900

62650- 217 883-0798

62704-3273 217 572-1820

62650-22437 217 243-6602

### 6<sup>th</sup> District

Effingham County Detachment #591

Meets at Iron Horse Cafe, 101 S. Merchant, Effingham, IL

Comdt: Aaron Mette, 14905 E. 1975<sup>th</sup> Ave., Effingham, IL

Adj/Pay: Darrell L. Schwerman, 9387 E. Nees Ave., Effingham, IL

Pd.

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 1200

62401-6905

62401-5088 217 821-2163

Thomas A. Jennings Detachment #546

Meets at VFW Post, 712 E. Main St., Robinson, IL

Comdt: John Griffin, 6501 North 2150<sup>th</sup> Street, Willow Hills, IL

Paym: Mark Brown, 20266 N. 525<sup>th</sup> St., Annapolis, IL

Pd.

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 1900

62480-

62413-2208 217 494-5021

### 7<sup>th</sup> District

Robert Windle Detachment #1031

Meets at American Legion, Legion Park, Jerseyville, IL

Comdt: Karl Bradshaw, 16645 Delhi Farms Rd. Jerseyville, IL

Paym: Marshal Lewis, 704 Cross Ave, Jerseyville, IL

Adj: Lonnie Saffell, 9287 N. Prairie St., Shipman, IL

Pd.

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday 1900

62052-3595 618 885-5684

62052- 618 946-9150

62685-6733 618 836-7388

Collinsville Detachment #074

Meets at VFW Post 805, 221 W. First St., O'Fallon, IL

Comdt: Frank Christie, 2802 Black Ln., Collinsville, IL

Paym: Ramona Witte, 505 W. Randle St., Lebanon, IL

Adj: Catherine Murphy, 29 N. Oakland Dr., Caseyville, IL

Pd.

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday 1900

62234-7607 618 344-3676 c-618 420-9920

62254-1428 618 808-0308

62232-1131

Alton Leathernecks Detachment #1160

Meets at Wood River VFW 2859, 231 E. Edwardsville, Wood River, IL 62095

Comdt: Glenn L. Heimer, 3819 Horn Ave., Alton, IL

Paym: Paul Schwendeman, 429 Oak St., East Alton, IL

Adj: Mark Nelson, 5679 Humbert Rd., Godfrey, IL

Pd.

3<sup>rd</sup> Monday 1900

62002-3151 618 433-1281

62024-1257 618 973-4825

62035-2102 618 972-3987

Lincoln Land Leathernecks Detachment #1174

Meets at VFW Post 1377, 2043 S. 4<sup>th</sup> St., Greenville, IL 62246

Comdt: Daphne Kappos, 340 Whitelaw Ave., Wood River, IL

Paym: Robert R. Weber, 1103 Haas Rd., Trenton, IL

Adj: Renee McGuan, 35 C Colonial Manor Dr., Highland, IL

Pd.

4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 1930

62095-1915 618 402-7620

62293-2117 618 402-5655

62249-1565 815 754-1455

Prairieland Leathernecks Detachment #1385

Meets at the Litchfield VFW Post, 215 W. Ryder St., Litchfield, IL

Comdt: Chris G. Gutierrez, PO Box 556, Litchfield, IL

Paym: Gary E. Doss, PO Box 556, Litchfield, IL

Adj: Terry L. Williams, PO Box 556, Litchfield, IL

Pd.

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday 1900

62056- 217 556-2410

62056- 217 532-2280

62056- 217 324-3574

### 8<sup>th</sup> District

Shawnee Detachment #812

Meets at the American Legion Post 127, 1700 Gartside St., Murphysboro, IL

Comdt: Mark Cosgrove, 172 Wild Rose Ln., Carbondale, IL

Paym: Phillip Lindberg, 2421 Country Club Rd., Carbondale, IL

Adj: Robert A. Edwards, 815 Young Ct., Carterville, IL

Pd.

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday 1900

62902- 618 967-9462

62901- 618 967-9239

62918-5052 618 534-2661

Southern Illinois Leathernecks Detachment #1013

Meets at the KC Hall, 213 N. 16<sup>th</sup> St., Herrin, IL

Comdt: Cindy Aschemann, 309 Missouri Ave., Carterville, IL

Paym: Joe Leenerts, 9594 Stotlar Rd., Johnston City, IL

Adj:

Pd.

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 1900

62918- 618 203-9401

62951-2945 618 942-3834

Randolph County Detachment # 575

Meets at the American Legion, 1001 Booster St., Evansville, IL

Comdt: Brent Piel, 5970 Richfield Rd., Red Bud, IL

Adj/Pay: John Preston, 1033 Thomas Dr., Red Bud, IL

Pd.

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 1900

62278-4534 618 282-4328

62278-2304 618 282-7783

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60629-2728 773 434-6633

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60102-3013 847 854-1188

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62650-9500 217 473-3057

5<sup>th</sup>: Rosalie Huebener, 424 Woodland Ave., Wood River, IL

62095- 618 258-1228

### 1<sup>st</sup> District

Burbank Unit MCLA #140

Meets at VFW Post 177, 10537 S. Ridgeland Ave., Chicago Ridge, IL

President: Mary Ann Kuchta 10052 S. Maplewood, Chicago, IL

Treasurer: Violet Tolsky, 9965 Cambridge Court "D", Mokena, IL

Secretary: Sharon Durkin, 19947 Martie Lane, Mokena, IL

Pd.

4<sup>th</sup> Thursday 2000

60650- 773 779-8463

60448-7914 708 479-6760

60448-1117 708 479-4882

Kankakee Unit MCLA #1253	Pd. 20-21	
Meets at the Bourbonnais Sportsmen's Club, 2672 Dr. Chippewa. Bourbonnais, IL	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday	1800
President: Margaret J. Myers, 345 W. Jeffery St., Kankakee, IL	60901-4958	815 933-2338
Treasurer: Sandy Britt, 114G Uncle Leo Dr., Bradley, IL	60915-	815 592-1976
Secretary: Judy Denoyer, 271 Randolph, Bradley, IL	60915-	815 933-9408

**3<sup>rd</sup> District**

DeKalb Sycamore Unit MCLA #382	Pd. 20-21	
Meets at Sycamore Vets Home, 121 S. California, Sycamore, IL	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday	1900
President: Rachael Hartman, 1036 Hartman Trail, Sandwich, IL	60548-	815 405-9731
Treasurer: Judy Bryant, 340 Parker St., Sycamore, IL	60178-1249	815 895-6696
Secretary: Judy Bryant, 340 Parker St., Sycamore, IL	60178-1249	815 895-6696

Illinois Valley Unit MCLA	Pd. 20-21	
Meets at MCL Clubhouse, 475 E. State St. (RT's 351 & 71), Oglesby, IL	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday	1800
President: Virginia Hegland, 321 N. Kenosha Ave., Oglesby, IL	61348-1145	480 980-7333
Treasurer: Lorene Munson, 505 Mormon St., Oglesby, IL	61348-1030	815 883-3636
Secretary: Lorene Munson, 505 Mormon St., Oglesby, IL	61348-1030	815 883-3636

McHenry County Unit MCLA #419	Pd. 20-21	
Meets at McHenry V.F.W. Post 4600, 3002 IL, Rt. 120, McHenry, IL	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday	1930
President: Jo Larson, 332 Ramble RD., Lake in the Hills, IL	60156-1332	847 687-3101
Treasurer: Colleen Helpers, 19810 River Rd., Marengo, IL	60152-9131	815 219-8550
Secretary: Colleen Helpers, 19810 River Rd., Marengo, IL	60152-9131	815 219-8550

Sauk Valley Unit MCLA #349	Pd.	
Meets at Rock Falls American Legion, 712 - 4 <sup>th</sup> Ave., Rock Falls, IL	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday	1600
President:		
Treasurer: Lisa Henry, 1507 16 <sup>th</sup> Ave., Sterling, IL	61081-	815 213-0413 (Text only)
Secretary: Carol Martin, PO Box 708, Rock Falls, IL	61071-0708	815 622-8687

**4<sup>th</sup> District**

West Central Illinois Leatherneck Unit MCLA #462	Pd.	
Meets at VFW Post 1379, 903 E. Morton, Jacksonville, IL	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday	1900
President: Caren Waltrip-Sexton, 727 Haardin, Jackdonville, IL	62650-3019	217 370-5214
Treasurer: Joy Komnick, 2800 Via Rosso, Unit 76, Springfield, IL	62703-	217 494-0759
Secretary: Carol Smith, 1411 W. Walnut, Jacksonville, IL	62650-1102	217 473-1161

**5<sup>th</sup> District**

Alton Leathernecks Unit MCLA #488	Pd. 20-21	
Meets at VFW, 231 E. Edwardsville Rd., Wood River, IL	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday	1900
President: April Butler, 120 Ohio St., East Alton, IL	62024-	618 580-3079
Treasurer: Kelley Chadwick-Mansker, 3526 Fullerton Ave., Alton, IL	62002-	616 660-5117
Secretary: Marty Campbell, 715 W. Wilbus St., Bunkerhill, IL	62014-	618 616-7402

Shawnee Unit	Pd.	
Meets at the Carbondale Elks Club	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	1845
President: Patty Morgan, 609 W. 11 <sup>th</sup> St., Johnston City, IL	62951-	618 694-9118
Treasurer: Debbie Donegue, 2390 Sycamore Rd., Carterville, IL	62918-	618 922-2432
Secretary: Sheri Crockett, 508 E. Main St., Desoto, IL	62924-1554	618 973-7271

**PLEASE NOTE**

**Because of the new style of listings of Officers, Committee Chairs and Committee members, it would add 10 pages to this publication which would substantially increase printing costs. Please visit [www.theillinoismarine.com](http://www.theillinoismarine.com) for the full current Committee assignments for both the MCL and MCLA. They are located on the Department page and Auxiliary page.**  
**"If you would like a hard copy of all Officers, Committees and their members, please contact me and I will mail out a copy to you"**

**AROUND THE LEAGUE**

Part of our mission as The Marine Corps League is to provide support and assistance to all past, present and future Marines! We, as Marines and/or family members, have experienced being away from our loved ones. We know what it is like to be

away from home whether it is at a duty base in the states or overseas in a strange land. It is now our turn and obligation to provide the "Marine Family" support to those still in combat and those returning from harm's way as well as all those non-combat individuals that support our troops.

### **2021 NATIONAL CONVENTION SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS**

As of this printing, we will be about 4 months away from the National Convention. The committee has been working out the details for the Early Bird reception on Sunday night and the Banquet on Friday night. It's been a little slow going because our hotel contacts are only working one day a week. We are asking for volunteers to help out during the week. We'll need people selling 50/50 tickets, some working the Illinois Room (auction items, banquet registration, etc.), and some to just float around and look happy and helpful. That last one may be a stretch of the imagination. I don't expect anyone to work all day. If you can help out, please contact me so we can set up a schedule. We also need someone with the voice of a meadowlark to sing the National Anthem at the Banquet and possibly for the opening ceremony. I get so many junk calls that I usually won't answer my phone if I don't recognize the number. Semper Fi and thank you

Committee Members:

Mike Sturch	Ron Burns	Randy Weber	Renee McGuan
Mike Malmstrom	Bruce & Judy Blackmer	C.O. & Carol Smith	Phil Race
Joe Pollock	Sue Gibbons	Don Haines	

The committee for the National Convention as been meeting and working on the details. **We could use volunteers in August in Springfield. If you would like help please let me know, or contact your Detachment Commandant.**  
I can be reached at 815-228-9767 or [glbaker078@comcast.net](mailto:glbaker078@comcast.net)

Committee Chair  
PDC Greg Baker

### **DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS 4<sup>th</sup> Staff and 77<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention**

Department of Illinois 77<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention will be held on June 16-20, 2021 at the Holiday Inn, 8 Traders Circle, Normal, IL 61761. (309 862-0101).

Room rate will be \$90.00 + 12% tax = \$100.80 (includes breakfast and complimentary parking.) Cut off for reservations at this rate is June 1, 2021.

Past Presidents/Commandants Luncheon on Friday June 18<sup>th</sup> and Banquet Saturday June 19<sup>th</sup>. (More information to follow for both events.)

**Please visit the Department web site ([www.theillinoismarine.com](http://www.theillinoismarine.com)) for information about Ad placement and Convention dinner meal choices.**

### **PAST PRESIDENTS AND COMMANDANTS LUNCHEON**

The Past Presidents Club invites you to the Past President/Past Commandant Luncheon to be held on June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Reservations are mandatory, no tickets will be sold at the door. Cost is \$25.00. Choice of Chicken A La King or Traditional Bettered Cod Filet and Chips. Please send choice and payment (checks made payable to Jo Larsen) by June 11<sup>th</sup> to Jo Larsen 332 Ramble Road, Lake In The Hills, IL 60156. (847 687-3101 email [larsen332@comcast.net](mailto:larsen332@comcast.net)) The Menu and additional information can be found on the Illinois Marine website.

Semper Fi,  
PDP Judy Blackmer

### **CENTRAL ILLINOIS LEATHERNECKS**

Please visit [www.theillinoismarine.com](http://www.theillinoismarine.com) website PHOTOS page.

### **GEM CITY**

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### **SHAWNEE DETACHMENT #812**

Semper Fidelis  
Harry Fanning, 8<sup>th</sup> District Comdt.

## VAVS

The VAVS newly appointed Marines has been temporarily sidelined by the C-19 pandemic, so you will notice a slightly different look as we end this year and begin another. Under this VAVS Committee we have three USDVA sites along with a few local DVA Clinics. Over to our State of IL we presently have four existing Homes operating under the IDVA, with the fifth new Vets Home-Chicago coming online this spring.

So, think about transferring loved ones from the distance Veteran Homes to the new facility on the north side of Chicago, you would need to get your Applications in now. We know the great travel over the many years has caused hardship on families in the northern counties.

Without going into great detail in this quarter's pub, many have heard of the IL. Vets Home at LaSalle where its Administrator had been recently fired due to the high cases of veteran deaths related to the COVID outbreak. The new Interim-Admin is the IDVA Acting Deputy Director, a Marine!

Another note the USDVA, Monthly Billing Statements on Co-Pays & Prescriptions will resume beginning Jan. 2021 after the C-19 postponement that took effect Apr thru Dec 31. They are now notifying veterans they are coming for any money owed. Please try to make a good faith debt relief arrangement immediately with either a repayment plan, better option to request a Waiver, Write-off or offer Compromise, but best is to pursue a VA Hardship Determination.

If your Detachment is planning any future events, such as BINGO, Bike Run for example at any of the VAVS facilities please let us know so that the Dept MCL will receive proper credit for Volunteer Services.

Please use E-contact for concerns & updates at: [LZ4vets@gmail.com](mailto:LZ4vets@gmail.com).

Semper Fi,  
George Mulvaney, VAVS Chairman

## YOUNG MARINES PROGRAM

If you have a Young Marine unit in your area, please reach out and contact them and give them all the support you possibly can. These young men and women are fantastic. For more information about the program, check out [www.youngmarines.com](http://www.youngmarines.com), or contact me at [mlsturch@hotmail.com](mailto:mlsturch@hotmail.com) or 815-441-2243.

As stated earlier, I am looking for a highly motivated and energetic Marine to take over this important position for me. Please contact me for details.

Semper Fi,  
Michael Sturch  
Young Marines Liaison, Dept of IL

## ILLINOIS PACK MODD

If you are planning to upgrade to PDD in August, please ensure your Pound Dog Robber submits the appropriate paperwork to Worthy Dog Robber PDD Malmstrom by the beginning of June. He needs to have it in to the Kennel, and that will give him some time to review the paperwork for any corrections. Plan on checking in on Sunday to get registered. This is a serious but fun-filled time. There is a lot of information to be learned and a short time to do it. So I ask that if you are committed to this, please commit 100%. This will be the closest Supreme Growl in some time, so take advantage of it! Let's have an amazing turnout, but please remember, only PDD's are allowed to attend the Supreme Growl.

My contact info is [815-441-2243](tel:815-441-2243) or [mlsturch@hotmail.com](mailto:mlsturch@hotmail.com).

Semper Woof,  
Michael Sturch  
Worthy Pack Leader, IL Pack  
Military Order of the Devil Dogs

## DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Please visit [www.theillinoismarine.com](http://www.theillinoismarine.com) website for information on the Department Scholarship Program.

Semper Fidelis,  
Victoria Cobbett, Chair

## DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS MARINE OF THE YEAR AWARD SOCIETY

Now is the time to start working on your nominations and submissions for the 2021 Department Marine of the Year. Please follow all the instructions and guidelines in accordance with 45.20 of our Department Bylaws.

My contact info is [815-441-2243](tel:815-441-2243) or [mlsturch@hotmail.com](mailto:mlsturch@hotmail.com).

Semper Fidelis,  
Michael Sturch

## DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AUXILIARY

The Department of Illinois Marine Corps League Auxiliary received a bequest from PDP Lois Olson Lemke. We decided to use the funds to establish the PDP Lois Olson Lemke Memorial Fund to assist members and their families who are experiencing financial hardship.

The following criteria was approved by the members: Eligibility for funds - to be used to assist a member of the Dept. of IL MCL or MCLA or their family members. Rules are to be distributed via *The Illinois Marine*. There is a limit of \$500 per individual or family (one time only per individual or family). Requests for assistance from the fund are to be sent to PDP Renee McGuan, Chairman, Department of Illinois Past Presidents Council. All decisions to approve or deny distributions are to be made by members of the MCLA Department of Illinois Past Presidents Council at a Staff meeting, Convention or by email. Donations to the fund are encouraged and appreciated. In addition, members hope to raise funds through raffles to be held at Department of Illinois events. My contact information is: [rsm1455@yahoo.com](mailto:rsm1455@yahoo.com) or 815 751-1455.

Semper Fidelis  
PDP Renee McGuan



### MARINE CORPS LEAGUE MISSION STATEMENT

Members of the Marine Corps League join together in camaraderie and fellowship for the purpose of preserving the traditions and promoting the interests of the United States Marine Corps, banding together those who are now serving in the United States Marine Corps and those who have been honorably discharged from that service that they may effectively promote the ideals of American freedom and democracy, voluntarily aiding and rendering assistance to all Marines, FMF Corpsmen and former Marines and FMF corpsmen 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.

### THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AUXILIARY OUR PURPOSE

#### **PATRIOTIC:**

- (A) To preserve the traditions and promote the interests of the United States Marine Corps;
- (B) To maintain true allegiance to American institutions;

#### **HISTORICAL:**

- (C) TO hold sacred the history and memory of the men and women who gave their lives to this Nation;
- (D) To perpetuate the history of the United States Marine Corps and by fitting acts, to observe the anniversary of historical occasions of particular interest to Marines;

#### **FRATERNAL:**

- (E) To create a bond of comradeship between the Auxiliary and the Marine Corps League, Inc.;
- (F) To aid voluntarily and to render assistance to all Marines and former Marines as well as to their families;
- (G) To help decorate the graves of all deceased Marines whenever and wherever possible;

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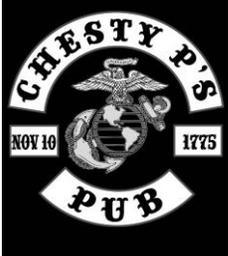
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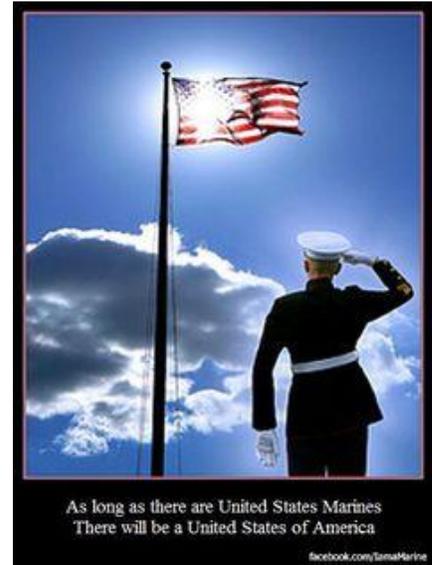
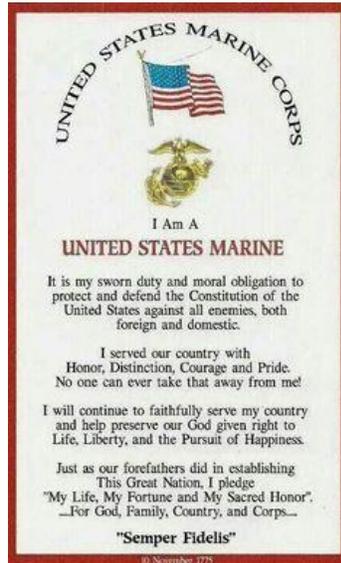
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**The Marines' Prayer**

Almighty Father, whose command is over all and whose love never fails, make me aware of Thy presence and obedient to Thy will. Keep me true to my best self, guarding me against dishonesty in purpose and in deed and helping me to live so that I can face my fellow Marines, my loved ones and Thee without shame or fear. Protect my family. Give me the will to do the work of a Marine and to accept my share of responsibility with vigor and enthusiasm. Grant

me the courage to be proficient in my daily performance. Keep me loyal and faithful to my superiors and to the duties my country and the Marine Corps have entrusted to me. Make me considerate of those committed to my leadership. Help me to wear my uniform with dignity, and let it remind me daily of the traditions which I must uphold. If I am inclined to doubt, steady my faith, if I am tempted, make me strong to resist, if I should miss the mark, give me the courage to try again. Guide me with the light of truth and grant me wisdom by which I may understand the answer to my prayer. Amen



### OATH OF ENLISTMENT AND OFFICE (Oh so long ago for some of us)

The Oath of enlistment is something that every service member must promise and adhere to for his/her entire military career. From the Oath, you can see that you will be defending the Constitution - not a person. Discipline and accepting orders is sworn to. Finally, you vow to face the UCMJ (Uniform Code of Military Justice) should any disputes arise.

The Oath of Enlistment (for enlisted): "I, \_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I will obey the orders of the President of the United States and the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to regulations and the Uniform Code of Military Justice. So help me God."

The Oath of Office (for officers): "I, \_\_\_\_\_ (SSAN), having been appointed an officer in the \_\_\_\_\_ (Military Branch) of the United States, as indicated above in the grade of \_\_\_\_\_ do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign or domestic, that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservations or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office upon which I am about to enter; So help me God." Before you raise your right hand, make sure you understand what you are swearing or attesting to. The oath of enlistment should not be taken lightly, you will be bound by it for the next 4 to 6 years at a minimum.

# Department of Illinois



2021

## DEPT. OF ILLINOIS MARINE OF THE YEAR

This completed check list **must be** a part of the nomination letter.

Note: Circle Yes or No as appropriate

Refer to section 45.20 in the Department Bylaws for full details

1. Is there a "Letter of Nomination/Certification" from the Detachment attesting that the candidate was approved by a majority vote, signed by both the Detachment Commandant and Adjutant ? ..... Yes No

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2. Is there a photograph of the candidate? ..... Yes No

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3. Does the letter contain a Biography of the candidate? ..... Yes No

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4. Is there a Marine Corps League Record (Detachment, Department and/or National, as appropriate)
5. of the candidate? ..... Yes No
  - a. Participates at Detachment Level? ..... Yes No
  - b. Participates at Department Level? ..... Yes No
  - c. Participates at Division Level? ..... Yes No
  - d. Participates at National Level? . . . . . Yes No
  - e. Are noticeable accomplishments included? ..... Yes No

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5. Is there a resume' of Marine Corps League awards and other awards received by the candidate? ..... Yes No

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6. Is there a resume' of community involvement, including letters from community leaders, for the candidate? ..... Yes No

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7. If photographs are submitted do they include: ..... Yes No
  - a. Are these photographs captioned? ..... Yes No
  - (1) Is date of activity included? ..... Yes No
  - (2) Is place of activity included? ..... Yes No
  - (3) Is purpose of activity included? . . . . . Yes No

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Total Yes's \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: All nominations must be received by the Committee Chairman by the end of the fourth Staff Conference preceding the annual Department Convention. Nominations may be mailed via Certified Mail/ Return Receipt Requested or "hand carried" to the Convention.**

# Department of Illinois MARINE CORPS LEAGUE



2021

## DEPT. OF ILLINOIS MARINE OF THE YEAR

It is not too early to consider your potential nominees for the "DEPARTMENT OF THE YEAR" award. Plans carefully laid bring the best results.

### SUBJECT: SUBMISSION PROCEDURE FOR DEPARTMENT MARINE OF THE YEAR AWARD

1. Any member of any detachment, or member at large, within this Department, who has been in good standing with the Marine Corps League for two (2) consecutive years (including the current year) is eligible to nominate a member in good standing of his/her choice to receive this award, likewise, such nominee must be in good standing for a minimum of a two (2) year period.
2. To qualify the nominee for consideration, a letter of submission must be submitted by the Detachment Commandant of which the nominee is a member. Should the nominee be the Detachment Commandant, this submission letter must be signed by the next ranking Detachment Officer. **This letter must have a statement of certification from the Detachment Commandant and the Adjutant stating that the nominee was approved by the Detachment by a majority vote.** and in the event the nominee is submitted for "National Marine of the Year" by the Department Marine of the Year committee.
3. The required "Letter of Submission" is merely the vehicle which carries the nomination to the Department Marine of the Year committee. The letter of submission is to be accompanied by a Nomination letter for to the candidate, which must, as a minimum, include:
  - (a) A photograph of the candidate.
  - (b) A personal biography (in the third person) of the candidate.
  - (c) Marine Corps League record (both Detachment and, as applicable, the Department of the Candidate, to include citing of notable accomplishments.
  - (d) Resume' of Marine Corps League and other awards received by the candidate.
  - (e) Resume' of candidate's involvement within his/her community.
  - (f) Any other facts and information that will assist the committee in their deliberation process.
  - (g) All photographs of activities participated in **must be captioned** giving the date, place and purpose of the activity.
4. The annual **deadline** of the **Department's Fourth Staff Conference** is established for the submission of all nominations; that is, to be, "**in the hands**" of the Department Marine of the year committee Chairman no later than the close of the staff conference. Letters of submission and forwarding of nominations may be mailed or "hand carried" to meet such deadline. This deadline is **absolutely necessary** to allow ample time for the Department Marine of the Year committee to process the submission, the announcement and the presentation of the award which will be made during the annual convention banquet.
5. After conclusion of the convention, the Marine of the Year Committee will submit the above supporting documentation for the recipient of the Department of the Year award to National Headquarters for consideration as a candidate for the National Marine of the Year award. The letter of submission included with the presentation for the National Marine of the Year Award needs to be revised if necessary to show that this nomination is for the **National** award and must be from the candidate's **Detachment** and be signed by the **Detachment** Commandant and **Detachment** Adjutant.

Be fair to your nominee. Give proper attention to all details, especially paragraphs 2 and 3. Check the work sheet and **use it**. Often worthy candidates are not afforded just recognition due to the absence of details in hastily prepared brochures or documentation.

Refer to Section 300 (i), Page 3-4 of National Administrative Procedures for full details.

Please mail your nominations to:

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2020 Department Marine of the Year

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