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COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE:

Marines,

I attended the National Mid-Winter Conference in Norfolk in February. We had a good turn-out and had some good classes. This information was passed along at our 3rd Staff and will be reiterated at Convention.

Speaking of 3rd Staff, I think it was a pretty successful one this past weekend (at the time of this writing; March 13th), along with a fun Mini-Growl. Now we can look forward to our next Department Convention. That will be June 2-5, 2022, at the Holiday Inn in Normal. This is the same place we had it last year, and they have assured us they have made some positive changes. The roof has been fixed, and the restaurant is better staffed, to name a few.

I will be representing our Department along with the Division at our Division Conference this weekend in Springfield, Ohio. From what I understand, it should be well-attended, as all the rooms have been booked.

Remember to contact Sr. Vice Commandant Ron Burns, Sr., for you Sr. Vice Raffle tickets. This is our only fund raiser for the Department, so I really appreciate your support. We are working on a Department Golf Outing for another fund raiser. As soon as we have any details, we will let everyone know.

This will be the last IL Marine publication before our Department Convention, so I want to take this time to thank each and every one of you for your support in this Department, and for your support for me as your Commandant. It has been some challenging and trying times, but you all made it a little easier on me. Thank you for your support with the National Convention. We could not have done that without the help of volunteers. Lastly, I want to thank my Department Staff for being there when I needed you. Please continue to support the upcoming newly elected and appointed Officers of this Department, as well as those who continue to serve in their positions.

I suppose I don't have a choice but to announce my intention of serving as the Jr. Past Commandant. It does have a nice ring to it!

Always remember our Brothers and Sisters who are serving, those who never came home, and those who came home but never returned.

Keep up the great work, Marines and fellow members! My contact info is [815-441-2243](tel:815-441-2243) or mlsturch@hotmail.com

Semper Fi,
Mike Sturch

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT, MCLA:

We will close out the 2020-2021 year at our State Convention in June and I will be stepping down as State President. I have had a few loyal members attending the Staff meetings; however the absence of most of the past presidents has been noticeable.

At Fourth Staff, Jo Larson will be hosting the Past Presidents and Past Commandants Luncheon. It would be a shame to be outnumbered by the Past Commandants.

My contact info is 773 434-6633 or patbuckley39@comcast.net.

Semper Fi
Pat Buckley

SR. VICE COMMANDANT:

Hello Marines,

Recently returned from 3rd Staff in Rock Island, Illinois and truly enjoyed the stay and seeing friends. Hopefully, the weather is ready to turn the corner and blow the old Covid-19 out of our lives. Truly looking forward to getting things back to some type of normalcy which I feel everyone will agree.

Spring brings with it planning events with the Detachments and the Department and wish that we can all get involved, support and enjoy with our fellow members and families. The Department will host it's first golf outing this spring and it would be great if the Detachments can support it. The illinoismarine will have more information on the golf outing in this addition. Also, I still have plenty tickets for the Sr. Vice Commandant's Raffle. Please, call or email me if you want tickets mailed to you. We need to make this a successful fundraiser for the Department.

I'll be running for Department Commandant at the Department Convention in June and would greatly appreciate your support. See you at Department Convention in June!

My contact information for raffle tickets or other concerns is:

Ronald E. Burns. Sr.
525 N. Pearl Street
Lebanon, Illinois 62254-1428

I will be running for the Commandant position.

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

Semper Fidelis
Ronald E. Burns, Sr.

JR. VICE COMMANDANT:

Marines,

Greetings and Salutations

I will be running for the Sr. Vice Commandant position.

Another issue of the Illinois Marine is due out and as the Junior Vice Commandant I continue to beat the drum for Recruiting and Retention. This issue will be a little different as the National Marine Corps League Members Library has a tremendous amount of information covering Recruiting and Retention. I hope every member has the passwords to access the entire Library! Ask your Commandant or Paymaster, any Department officer or call National Headquarters.

I specifically recommend the National Junior Vice T.J. Morgan's Youtube videos addressing these areas. These videos are available to download for all Members. Marines from the entire League participate in them including National Commandant Baker and other National officers.

National Junior Vice T.J. Morgan also hosts a monthly Zoom meeting that are also conducted League-wide that are uploaded as Youtube videos so the content of the Members Library is changing and being updated constantly. Lots of good information!!

I can also recommend the videos called Commandants Corner. This is a more general conversation area addressing a designated topic and sometimes an open forum. National officers also join in these meetings so information flows all ways, up, down and sideways. Please use these tools provided to us!

Since the last issue I have attended National Mid Winter Conference in Norfolk, Va., Department 3rd Staff in Rock Island, Il, and Central Division Conference in Springfield, OH., and all meetings of Detachment 1174. At 3rd Staff I declared my intention to seek the Department Senior Vice Commandant position.

I would appreciate your support! Thank you!

I can be reached at 311snakeandnape2@gmail.com or 618 402-5655

Respectfully Submitted,
Robert R. "Randy" Weber

JUDGE ADVOCATE:

The Department By-laws are being updated to reflect compliance and agreement with the National By-laws (BL) and Administrative Procedures (AP) adopted at the 2019 convention. The changes are mainly maintenance to match section and article numbers. One addition from the 2021 National convention is the new category for Associate Member of the Year.

The changes will be reviewed at the Department Convention.

I will be running for the Jr. Vice Commandant position.

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 or text to 630-330-2571.

Semper Fidelis,
Victoria Cobbett

PAYMASTER:

I will be running to remain the Paymaster.

I can be contacted at mikem3280@gmail.com or 309-269-2012.

Semper Fidelis,
PDC Mike Malmstrom

SERGEANT AT ARMS:

Marines,

I will be running to remain the Sgt At Arms.

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Semper Fidelis
Bob Kappes

JR. PAST COMMANDANT:

Marines,

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Semper Fidelis
PDC Bruc Blackmer

TRUSTEE RANK AND FILE:

I will be running to remain the R/F Trustee.

Semper Fidelis
John Olenicki

ILLINOIS MODD PACK LEADER

This is my last article as the Worthy Pack Leader. Thank all y'all for your support; I hope I didn't lead you astray! Along with the Grand Growl, we were able to have a couple fun-filled Mini-Growls as well. Please continue to support the Pack and all the Worthy Pack Officers, as we continue our mission of helping the children in need. Keep sniffin' around to find new members. There are plenty of hard-charging and motivated potential Dogs out there.

Please plan to attend this year's Grand Growl and make it the best one yet.

Semper Woof,
[PDD Mike Sturch](#)

FROM THE EDITOR:

For those that might not be aware, this will be my last issue as Editor of the Illinois Marine publication. I started back in 2004 when, after being elected to his second term as Commandant, PDC Alan Ruble appointed me as the new editor at the 1st Staff meeting.

I have enjoyed filling that role for 18 years, but I've made the decision to move on and spend time

basking in the Florida sun. I want to thank everyone who has supported me and will still advise the new Editor (Whomever that may be.)

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), 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 10th of March 2022 to be included in the April 2022 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 1st. 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 1st 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

Department of Illinois Webmaster

For those that might not be aware, I will be leaving as the Webmaster of the Illinois Marine website. I created the site as a means of real time posting of information back in July of 2005.

I have enjoyed filling that role for 16 years but I've made the decision to move on and spend time basking in the Florida sun. I want to thank everyone who has supported me and will be happy to advise the new Webmaster (Whomever that may be.)

NOTICE

All information in this publication is deemed to be accurate/correct as of the date of publication. Any notice of incorrect information or changes should be brought to the attention of the editor as soon as possible. **Since this publication is quarterly, if any information is found to be incorrect, please visit our website for the most current information available. All articles included are in no way the expressed opinion of the Editor and the submitters are responsible for the content.**

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| DR: PDD Mike M. Malmstrom, 5107 48 th St., Moline, IL | 61265-7516 309 764-9638 c-309 269-2012 |
| Chicago Metro Pound #12 MODD | Pd. 21-22 |
| PK: DD Victoria Cobbett, 733 Singer Ave., Lemont, IL | 60439-3912 630 257-6423 |
| DR: PDD John Bigwood, 7719 East Prairie Road, Skokie, IL | 60076- 847 779-3053 |
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| PK: PDD Joseph Pollock, 6609 Cresthill Dr., Davenport, IA | 52806-1567 563 386-7692 |
| DR: PDD Mike M. Malmstrom, 5107 48 th St., Moline, IL | 61265-7516 309 764-9638 c-309 269-2012 |
| Central Illinois Pound #226 MODD | Pd. 21-22 |
| PK: PDD Tom Geise, 1625 Lind St., Quincy IL | 62301-2425 217 223-5894 |
| DR: PDD William A. Woollen, 2804 Ridge Ave., Springfield, IL | 62702-4444 217 638-2510 |
| Grand Pound #1000 MODD | Pd. 21-22 |
| PK: PDD Dale Miller, 211 E. Elaine, Peoria, IL | 61614- |
| DR: DD Harold W. Lundstrom, 10809 N. Dana Dr., Peoria, IL | 61615-1163 309 240-8782 |
| Untamed Dogs Pound #351 MODD | Pd. 21-22 |
| PK: PDD Ronald E. Burns, 525 N. Pearl St., Lebanon, IL | 62254-1428 618 593-0533 |
| DR: PDD Daniel Betts, 310 W. State St., Pocahontas, IL | 62275-3057 618 669-2171 c-618 795-3339 |
| North Pound #369 MODD | Pd. 21-22 |
| PK: DD Marty Smith III, 5315 Cobblers Crossing, McHenry IL | 60050- 847 668-9591 |
| DR: PDD Don Haines, 1005 Prairie St., St. Charles, IL | 60174-3638 630 564-1804 |
| LCpl. Joshua E. Witsman Pound #384 MODD | Pd. 21-22 |
| PK: DD George Haworth, PO Box 165, Ridge Farm, IL | 61870- 217 497-3066 |
| DR: DD Jeffrey B. Wakeland, 7762 N. Meridian Rd., Perrysville, IN | 47974-8117 812 249-3293 |

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1st District

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| Burbank Detachment #072 | Pd. 21-22 |
| Meets at Marrs-Meyer Legion Post #991, 11001 S. Depot, Worth, IL 60482 | 4 th Thursday 1930 |
| Comdt: Jason Torres, PO Box 777, Worth, IL | 60482-0777 708 529-3786 |
| Paym: Joe Purpura, 8401 W. 151 st St., Orland Park, IL | 604462- 708 460-3953 |
| Adj: Richard Nolan Jr., 11548 Normandy, Worth, IL | 60482- 708 448-0177 |
| Chapultepec Detachment #1408 | Pd. |
| Please go to https://www.facebook.com/mcl1408/?hc_ref=NEWSFEED for time and place | - |
| Comdt: Theodore V. Martinez., Please see below for mailing | 312 438-3881 |
| Paym: Frank Lanzarotta., 5942 S. Mozart, Chicago IL | 60629- 773 503-0216 |
| Adj: Ines Gardea, 5824 S. Rutherford, Chicago, IL | 60638- 773 814-6475 |
| Grundy County Detachment #1372 | Pd. 21-22 |
| Meets at Morris American Legion, 212 W. Washington St., Morris, IL | 4 th Thurs. 1900 |
| Comdt: Art Chaves, 367 Baber Ln., Joliet, IL | 60435- 708 955-3208 |
| Paym: Fred Gaddis, 165 Virginia St., Coal City, IL | 60416- 815 634-3125 |
| Adj: | |

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| Joliet E 2/14 Detachment #808 | Pd. | |
| Meets at Harwood American Legion, 705 S. Larkin Ave., Rockdale, IL | 1 st Thursday | 1930 |
| Comdt: Joseph Donnelly, 227 S. Williams St., Joliet, IL | 60436- | 815 671-5364 |
| Paym: John Cavallero Sr., 600 Clement, Joliet, IL | 60435- | 815 545-1995 |

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| Kankakee MCL Detachment #1253 | Pd. 21-22 | |
| Meets Bradley-Bourbonnais Sportsman's Club, 2672 Chippewa Dr., Bourbonnais | 1 st Tuesday | 1900 |
| Comdt: Stan Bobka, 15 S. Pauls, Bourbonnais, IL | 60914- | 815 278-7848 |
| Paym: Margaret J. Myers, 345 Jeffery, Kankakee, IL | 60901-4958 | 815 933-2338 |
| Adj: Roland Myers, 345 Jeffery, Kankakee, IL | 60901-4958 | 815 933-2338 |

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| Marine Corps League Kevin Clarke - Tinley Park Detachment #1217 | Pd. 21-22 | |
| Meets at Bremen Post 2791 V.F.W., 17147 S. Oak Park Ave., Tinley Park, IL | 3 rd Monday | 1930 |
| Comdt: Donald Tomich, 6614 Pondview Dr., Tinley Park, IL | 60477- | 708 342-1084 |
| Paym: Tom Donnelly, 6300 W. 157 th Pl., Oak Forest, IL | 60452- | 708 535-3332 |
| Adj: John Murphy, 6636 Forestview Dr., Oak Forest, IL | 60452- | 708 687-3714 |

2nd District

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| Chicago #1 Detachment #073 | Pd. 21-22 | |
| Meets at F.D.R American Legion Post 923, 1824 W. Courtland, Chicago, IL | 3 rd Sunday | 1300 |
| Comdt: Zataniel Ortega, 1820 W. Cornelia Ave., Chicago, IL | 60657-1020 | 773 929-5275 |
| Adj/Pay: John M. Bigwood, 7719 East Prairie Road, Skokie, IL | 60076- | 847 779-3053 |

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| Chicago Police Marines Detachment #553 | Pd. 21-22 | |
| Meets at F.O.P. Hall, 1412 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago, IL | 1 st Tuesday | 1900 |
| Comdt: Paul, PO Box 8668, Chicago, IL | 60680-8668 | 773 413-8762 |
| Paym: Patrick, PO Box 8668, Chicago, IL | 60680-8668 | 773 413-8762 |
| Adj: | | |

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| DuPage County Detachment #399 | Pd. 21-22 | |
| Meets at V.F.W. Post 2164, 0N731 Papworth St., Wheaton, IL | 4 th Tuesday | 1930 |
| Comdt: Roger Gaden, 1232 N. Webster St., Naperville, IL | 60563-2649 | 630 854-9587 |
| Paym: Victoria Cobbett, 733 Singer Ave., Lemont, IL | 60439-3912 | 630 257-6423 |
| Adj: John J. Schmitt, 8434 Mendingwall Dr., IL | 60157- | 630 432-4795 |

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| Elgin Detachment #077 | Pd. | |
| Meets at the Elgin Moose Lodge, 925 S. McLean Blvd., Elgin, IL 60123 | 4 th Tuesday | 1900 |
| Comdt: Fred Zimmermann, 2444 Tall Oaks Dr., Elgin, IL | 60124- | 847 841-1340 |
| Adj/Pay: Tom Culumber, 12981 Applewood Dr., Huntley, IL | 60142- | 630 513-9758 |

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| Fox Valley Marines Detachment #1233 | Pd. 21-22 | |
| Meets at AMVETS Post 103, 1194 Jericho Rd., Aurora, IL | 2 nd Thursday | 1900 |
| Comdt: Kris Kearns, 403 Highland Ct., Oswego, IL | 60543- | 630 669-6316 |
| Paym: Donald Haines, 1005 Prairie St., St. Charles, IL | 60174-3638 | 630 564-1804 |
| Adj: Lisa Garcia, 648 W. New York, Aurora, IL | 60506- | 630 486-9896 |

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| Lake County Detachment #801 | Pd. 21-22 | |
| Meets at Steven's Steakhouse, 401 N. Riverside Dr., Gurnee, IL | 3 rd Tuesday | 1900 |
| Comdt: Ed Mampe, 24883 Cedarwood Ln., Ingleside, IL | 60041- | 847 641-9689 |
| Paym: Mel Ellingsen, 1855 Sterling Heights Ct., Antioch, IL | 60002- | 847 274-8144 |
| Adj: John Jezioro, 1407 Barberry, Round Lake Beach, IL | 60037- | 847 807-0736 |

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| McHenry County Detachment #1009 | Pd. | |
| Meets at McHenry V.F.W. Post 4600, 3002 IL Rt. 120, McHenry, IL | 3 rd Thursday | 1900 |
| Comdt: Charles S. Matijevic, PO Box 311, Woodstock, IL | 60098-0311 | 847 239-0786 |
| Paym: Mike Ruffner, PO Box 311, Woodstock, IL | 60098-0311 | 847 570-4107 |
| Adj: James French, PO Box 311, Woodstock, IL | 60098-0311 | 847 730-9085 |

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| Northwest Suburban Detachment #080 | Pd. | |
| Meets at Merle Guild A.L. Post 208, 121 N. Douglas, Arlington Heights, IL | 3 rd Wednesday | 1930 |
| Comdt: Michael Huttner, 235 W. Chasse Cr., St. Charles, IL | 60174- | 630 650-0424 |
| Paym: Kevin Lollock, 2502 Ardmore Ave., Inverness, IL | 60067- | 847 682-4245 |
| Adj: John Madejczyk, 2706 George Ct., Rolling Meadows, IL | 60008- | 847 577-7803 |

Tri-County Leathernecks Detachment #1395
Meets at the American Legion Post #964, 51 Lions Dr., Lake Zurich, IL
Comdt: Bill Thompson, PO Box 491, Lake Zurich, IL
Adj/Pay: Scott Forester, PO Box 491, Lake Zurich, IL

Pd.
2nd Wednesday 1900
60047- 847 997-6658
60047- 847 414-9630

3rd District

Dixon Area Detachment #076
Meets at Sterling Post 296, 601 1st Ave., Sterling, IL
Comdt: Nick Garcia, 208 8th Ave., Sterling, IL
Paym: Ed Nicklaus, 204 18th Ave., Sterling, IL
Adj: Megan Skeffington, 1132 Center St., Dixon, IL

Pd. 21-22
3rd Wednesday 1900
61081- 765 520-8724
61081- 815 625-8223
61021- 815 994-2697

Illinois Valley Detachment #078
Meets at MCL Clubhouse, 475 E. Rt. 351, PO Box 22, Jonesville, IL
Comdt: Art Meyer, PO Box 22, Oglesby, IL
Paym: Mike Mallie, P.O. Box 22, Oglesby, IL
Adj: David Cimei, PO Box 22, Oglesby, IL

Pd. 21-22
1st Tuesday 1900
61348-0022 815 780-0931
61348-0022 815 200-2332
61348-0022 815 343-9364

Rockford Detachment #083
Meets at the VFW Post 9759, 2018 Windsor Dr., Loves Park IL
Comdt: Rick Rubendall, 1007 Ramona Ter., Machesney Park, IL
Paym: Bruce Giersch, 613 Dickerson Dr., Winnebago, IL
Adj: Dave Price, 5760 Clarendon Dr., Rockford, IL

Pd. 21-22
1st Wednesday 1900
31115-3841 815 979-6468
61088-8336 815 904-4534
61114- 815 877-2158

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. 21-22
1st Monday 1900
61443- 309 853-6661
61344-0207 309 290-4007

Lincoln Detachment #607
Meets at AMVETS, 827 15th Ave., East Moline, IL
Comdt: Joseph G. Pollock, 6609 Cresthill Dr., Davenport, IA
Adj/Pay: Michael W. Malmstrom, 5107 48th St., Moline, IL

Pd. 21-22
3rd 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.
3rd 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 7th Ave. Rock Falls, IL
Adj: Tim Martin "See Comdt."

Pd.
3rd Monday 1900
61071-0708 815 622-4629
61071- 815 59040639

4th District

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. 21-22
1st Wednesday 1900
61356- 309 642-8787
61615-1163 309 240-8782

Tobin-Nanninga Detachment #085
Meets at the MCL Club House, 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. 21-22
3rd 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. 33rd St., Decatur, IL
Paym: Robert Kimmons, 11242 N. Kenny Rd., Warrensburg, IL
Adj: Robert Tyler, 324 Green Way Ln., Decatur, IL

Pd. 21-22
1st 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. 21-22
3rd 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.
2nd 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. 21-22
3rd Thursday 1900
61821-1614 217 351-7095
60426-6354
61878-

Sgt. Robert "Bob" E. Graue Detachment #1336
Meets at Lincoln VFW Post, 915 5th St., Lincoln, IL
Comdt: James J. Harnacke, 1518 State Rt. 10, Lincoln, IL
Adj/Pay: Gene F. Hickey, 795 950th Ave., Elkhart, IL

Pd. 21-22
3rd Sunday 1400
62656-5353 217 737-4557
62634-6090 217 871-2972

5th 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. 21-22
1st Wednesday 1900
62561-9785 217 971-5663
62704-4826 217 622-8270

Gem City Detachment #790
Meets at the American Legion Post #37, 116 N. 8th St., Quincy, IL
Comdt: Jeffrey W. Jansen, 1620 Gayla Dr., Quincy, IL
Adj/Pay: George A. Hendrendeen, 1707 N. 12th St., Quincy, IL

Pd.
1st 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. 21-22
3rd Wednesday 1800
62650- 217 883-0798
62704-3273 217 572-1820
62650-22437 217 243-6602

6th District

Effingham County Detachment #591
Meets at Iron Horse Cafe, 101 S. Merchant, Effingham, IL
Comdt: Aaron Mette, 14905 E. 1975th Ave., Effingham, IL
Adj/Pay: Darrell L. Schwerman, 9387 E. Nees Ave., Effingham, IL

Pd. 21-22
3rd 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 2150th Street, Willow Hills, IL
Paym: Mark Brown, 20266 N. 525th St., Annapolis, IL
Adj: Dwight Piper, 13687 E. 1425th Ave., Robinson, IL

Pd.
3rd Tuesday 1900
62480- 608 553-1902
62413-3208 217 494-5021
62454-

7th 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.
2nd 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.
1st 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. 21-22
 3rd 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. 4th St., Greenville, IL 62246
 Comdt: Daphine Kappos, 340 Whitelaw Ave., Wood River, IL
 Paym: Robert R. Weber, 1103 Haas Rd., Trenton, IL
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 Pd. 21-22
 4th 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.
 1st Thursday 1900
 62056- 217 556-2410
 62056- 217 532-2280
 62056- 217 324-3574

8th 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. 21-22
 2nd 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. 16th St., Herrin, IL
 Comdt: Cindy Aschemann, 309 Missouri Ave., Carterville, IL
 Paym: Joe Leenerts, 9594 Stotlar Rd., Johnston City, IL
 Adj:
 Pd.
 3rd 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
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 3rd Tuesday 1900
 62278-4534 618 282-4328
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1st District

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| Burbank Unit MCLA #140 | Pd. 21-22 | |
| Meets at Marrs-Meyer Legion Post #991, 11001 S. Depot, Worth, IL 60482 | 4 th Thursday | 2000 |
| President: Mary Ann Kuchta 10052 S. Maplewood, Chicago, IL | 60650- | 773 779-8463 |
| Treasurer: Violet Tolsky, 9965 Cambridge Court "D", Mokena, IL | 60448-7914 | 708 479-6760 |
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| Kankakee Unit MCLA #1253 | Pd. 20-21 | |
| Meets at the Bourbonnais Sportsmen's Club, 2672 Dr. Chippewa. Bourbonnais, IL | 1 st 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 |

3rd District

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| DeKalb Sycamore Unit MCLA #382 | Pd. 21-22 | |
| Meets at Sycamore Vets Home, 121 S. California, Sycamore, IL | 3 rd 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 |
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| Illinois Valley Unit MCLA | Pd. 21-22 | |
| Meets at MCL Clubhouse, 475 E. State St. (RT's 351 & 71), Oglesby, IL | 3 rd Tuesday | 1800 |
| President: Virginia Hegland, 321 N. Kenosha Ave., Oglesby, IL | 61348-1145 | 480 980-7333 |
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| McHenry County Unit MCLA #419 | Pd. 21-22 | |
| Meets at McHenry V.F.W. Post 4600, 3002 IL, Rt. 120, McHenry, IL | 3 rd Thursday | 1930 |
| President: Jo Larson, 332 Ramble RD., Lake in the Hills, IL | 60156-1332 | 847 687-3101 |
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| Secretary: Colleen Helpers, 19810 River Rd., Marengo, IL | 60152-9131 | 815 219-8550 |

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

4th District

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| West Central Illinois Leatherneck Unit MCLA #462 | Pd. | |
| Meets at VFW Post 1379, 903 E. Morton, Jacksonville, IL | 2 nd Wednesday | 1900 |
| President: Caren Waltrip-Sexton, 727 Haardin, Jackdonville, IL | 62650-3019 | 217 370-5214 |
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5th District

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| Alton Leathernecks Unit MCLA #488 | Pd. | |
| Meets at VFW, 231 E. Edwardsville Rd., Wood River, IL | 2 nd Thursday | 1900 |
| President: April Butler, 120 Ohio St., East Alton, IL | 62024- | 618 580-3079 |
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| Shawnee Unit | Pd. 21-22 | |
| Meets at the Toys for Tots Building | 4 th Tuesday | 1845 |
| President: Patty Cosgrove, 172 Wild Rose Lane, Carbondale IL | 62902- | 618 201-2808 |
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- (B) To maintain true allegiance to American institutions;

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- (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;

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- (E) To create a bond of comradeship between the Auxiliary and the Marine Corps League, Inc.;
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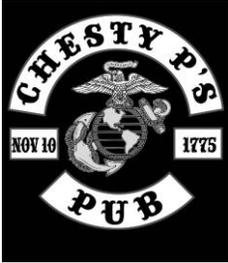
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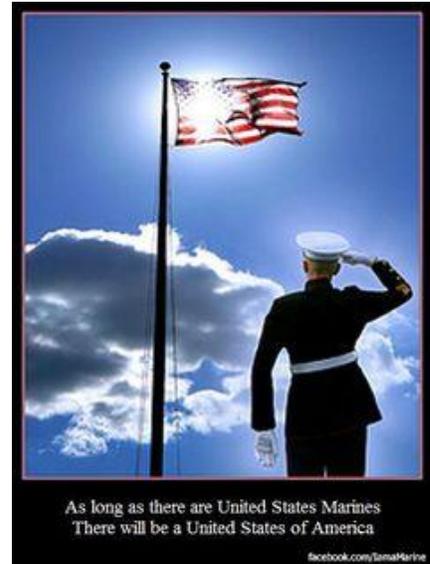
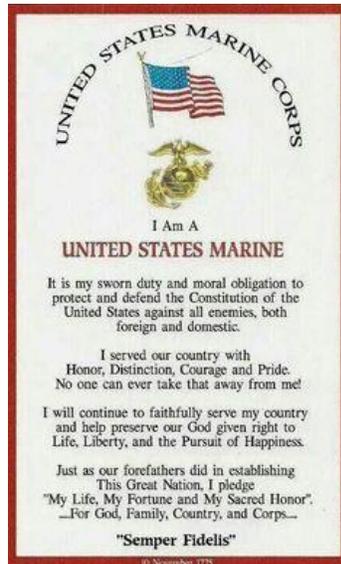
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2022

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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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2021 Department Marine of the Year

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**Department of Illinois
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE**



2022

**DEPT. OF ILLINOIS MARINE OF THE YEAR
CRITERIA CHECK-LIST**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.



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