



Marine Corps League

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Happy 247th Birthday United State Marine Corps



The United States Marine Corps was established on November 10, 1775, to augment naval forces in the Revolutionary War. The recruiting headquarters was set up by Capt. Samuel Nicholas in the Tun Tavern on Water Street in Philadelphia, which is considered to be the birthplace of the Marines.

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CONGRATULATIONS to **RON BURNS SR.**** as the new Department Marine of the Year**

COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE:

Marines,

I hope this message will find everyone doing well. I attended the Marine Corps League National Convention at Daytona Beach, Florida and the convention was well attended. It was rather pricy; but, I guess we should've expected that to be the case.

The Supreme Growl for the Devil Dogs was a highlight in the convention with the donation of \$83,000 Big Bones to the Children's Hospital there! The MCL meetings had some good highlights, also. Next year the convention will be in OKC, the 100th convention will be very large.

As the Department gets back into the swing of things this fall, I'm looking forward to the planned Department Wide Training Program this fall. Two (2) members from each Detachment will be invited to attend. There will be more information coming for the Training Program soon. This Training Program is much needed and hopefully we'll be able to get all detachments represented.

I'm still working on filling some important opening within the Department. The District Commandants have been working on bringing the Detachment rosters current which is much needed. I'm working on Districts #1 & 2 Detachments, myself. If there is a Marine in either of these Detachments interested in becoming a District Commandant; please, contact me. Also, we definitely need a Eagle Scout Coordinator and a Department Historian.

Hoping to see you all at 2nd Staff. My contact information: Cell – 618-593-0533 (or) email – ronburns45@live.com.

Semper Fidelis
Ronald E. Burns, Sr.

NOTE FROM AUXILIARY PRESIDENT:

Happy Autumn Ladies

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer. Personally, Fall is my favorite time of the year. As some of you may know already, on July 12th I suffered a stroke. I had no warning signs and I wasn't in any pain. Fortunately, my daughter was visiting me and knew how to check for signs of a stroke. We went to the emergency room immediately. After several tests they figured I did have a stroke, and immediately gave me the tPA medication, which is clot busting medicine. I was in the hospital for 1 week followed by 4 weeks of therapy. I'm fine now. I'm telling you this, to make you aware that this can happen to anyone and to PLEASE get help if you feel something is wrong.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you in Springfield next month at our Staff meeting.

If any unit would like me to do your installation, please call or text me 857-687-3101.

Semper Fi
Jo Larsen

SR. VICE COMMANDANT:

Marines,

Fall is finally here in Southern Illinois and it feels good. National Convention was hot and expensive in Daytona. Department of Illinois was well represented with at least a dozen Marines. I hope all had a good time and a lot of business accomplished.

Second Staff is coming up October 7 – 9, Ramada, 3281 Northfield Dr., Springfield, IL, 62792, Phone 217-523-4000. I hope you have made your reservations as it may be past time by the time this reaches you. Third Staff and Convention venues and dates are on the schedule in the Illinois Marine.

Weapons Raffle tickets will be sent soon. We have two outstanding prizes this year, a Springfield Armory Spirit AR (MSRP \$969.99) and a Springfield Armory Garrison .45 ACP (MSRP \$849.99). Winner takes choice, second receives the other. Drawing will be during the Convention banquet. We will also have a weeks' vacation raffle (more to follow).

I would like to poll the Marines to judge the interest in a White Elephant auction at Convention in June. I know we all have items, specifically Marine Corps or League related, that we could bear to part with, (duplicates of items, books, memorabilia, gear, etc., or ask your wife what she wants to get rid of). I have seen this generate a good amount of money. Golf outing is being researched, workers, format (tournament or fun outing), number of teams from the League, etc.

The Department needs a good contact name and address, phone and e-mail for all Detachments to maintain lines of communication. You don't have an opportunity to win if I can't get tickets to you. Please return all unsold tickets to me by one June so they can be sent to other Detachments.

Please let me know some ideas YOU would like to see presented. Department of Illinois Marine Corps League is YOUR Department and by cooperating and sharing ideas to make it better it will be!

Semper Fidelis,
Robert R. "Randy" Weber

JR. VICE COMMANDANT:

I hope that everyone had an outstanding summer and prepared for fall and of course the winter months that are fast approaching. The National Marine Corps League Convention took place in August at Daytona Beach, Florida. I did attend the Convention and had an outstanding week. My Detachment was awarded a plaque for third place for the Americanism. Americanism is nothing more than putting together a book of all your Detachment has done in pictures and who, what where and when. This is then turned in at National Convention and the committee will decide the outcome and plaques will be awarded. On the National website a couple of forms needed to be filled out and printed.

As far as awards are concerned, I have only received one submission for an award for the entire Department. Please look at your Detachments and if anyone deserves an award, please submit them to me. I know we have Marines and Associates that deserve thanks and this is one way to do that. If you do not know how to submit an award please call, text, email me and I can help guide you through the process. It is a simple process.

The Department has a Marine and Associate of the Year to be awarded to a deserving member. What is needed is for the Detachments to submit a package for this award. If your Detachment has given either of these awards then please submit a package to the Department.

I want to thank all the members of the Marine Corps League for all the work that is being done to help out our Veterans, families and community.

Semper Fi,
Kevin D. Keller

JUDGE ADVOCATE:

Congratulations to all elected personnel. Hopefully we will enjoy a year free from Covid.

I am looking forward to serving the department as the new judge advocate.

If you have questions or concerns I may be reached at marjk311@hotmail.com.

Semper Fidelis
John Olejnicki

PAYMASTER:

I would like to thank all for their great jobs and keep up the good work. I can be contacted at mikem3280@gmail.com

Semper Fidelis,
PDC Mike Malmstrom

SERGEANT AT ARMS:

I can be reached at 217-418-1757

Semper Fidelis
Bill Schultz

JR. PAST COMMANDANT:

My apologies as I will not be able to attend the 2nd Staff Meeting. As the NVC for Central Division, I am required to attend a Fall Conference with the Dept of Ohio.

The holidays are fast approaching, and with that comes both the Marine Corps birthday and Toys for Tots campaigns. Please support all of these, and attend a Birthday Ball or celebration when possible.

I hope everyone has a great time with family and friends, and I will see everyone at 3rd Staff if not sooner. I hope to see many of you at our Central Division Conference in Plainfield, IN, 30 March – 1 April. I guarantee it will be a productive and informative time for all.

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 or mlsturch@hotmail.com

Semper Fi,
JPDC Mike Sturch

FROM THE EDITOR:

THE ILLINOIS MARINE PUBLICATION is not the only one way that we communicate with you. There are email's and our website (www.TheIllinoisMarine.com) as well, the website has current information and various forms available for your convenience. We would like to keep our Departments, Districts, Detachment and Units up to date. If you wish to announce future events, functions, or relevant information, including your Detachment Newsletters, please forward information to me.

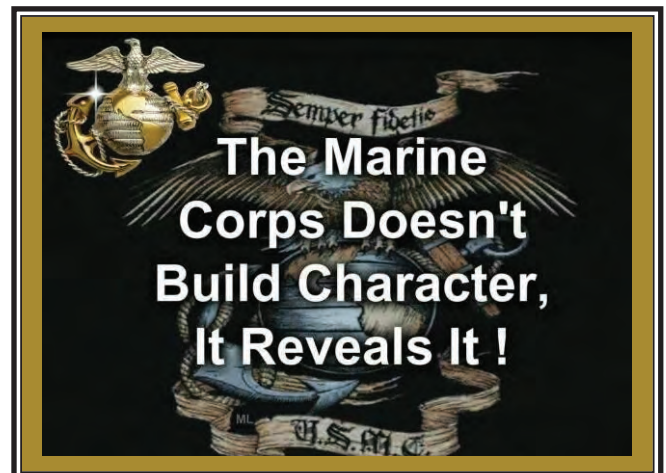
NEXT NEWSLETTER IS JANUARY 2023
Please send announcements by December 15, 2022

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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. Because of the new style of listings of Officers, Committee Chairs and Committee members, it adds 10 pages to this publication which would substantially increase printing costs. Please visit 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.

The current Illinois Marine annual dues of \$50.00 should be mailed to the Department from Paymaster Mike Malmstrom.

Thank you,
Lori Boyle
MCLIllinoisNewsletter@gmail.com



VAVS

Please use E-contact for concerns & updates at:
LZ4vets@gmail.com.

Semper Fi,
George Mulvaney, VAVS Chairman

DEPT OF IL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

We received several donations to the Scholarship fund in the memory of Committee Member PDC Bill Barta who will be missed greatly. He would have enjoyed the essays this year; they were inventive and a pleasure to read. The committee selected four recipients to receive the Barbara M Olejnicki Memorial Scholarship:

Paige Straight (U of Alabama) granddaughter of Luke Straight MCL #1217

Amanda Barta (IL State U) granddaughter of Bill Barta MCL #399

Joseph Metcalf (DePaul U) grandson of Bill Barta MCL #399

Haley Ferguson (Kent State U) granddaughter of Larry Olson MCL #399

We wish them success in all of their future endeavors.

Dept IL MCL Scholarship Committee
Victoria Cobbett & John Olejnicki

CURRENT COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Please visit 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.

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.

ASSISTANCE TO ALL PAST, PRESENT and FUTURE MARINES!

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.



McHenry MCL Annual Fishing Derby



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 Corpomen and former Marines and FMF corpomen 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.

Marine Corps League

McHenry County Marine Corps League is hosting the
247TH U.S. MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY

1800 November 5th 2022

Crystal Lake Holiday Inn
800 S IL RT 31
Crystal Lake, IL 60014

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

RSVP By October 30 2022

\$85 PER PERSON INCLUDES MEAL

(choice of beef, chicken, vegetarian or fish)

& 3 HOURS OPEN BAR

(Beer, Wine & Soda) mixed drinks are on a cash basis.

Event will have a reception followed by USMC birthday ceremony, dinner, short recognition of Marines,

FOLLOWED BY MUSIC AND DANCING

HOLIDAY INN HAS SPECIAL EVENT PRICING OF \$89/NIGHT

Must mention McHenry County Marine Corps League

Deadline October 15th

More information is available on our website
www.MchenryCountyMCL.com

Additional Questions? McHenryCountyMCL@gmail.com



**75TH
ANNIVERSARY**



**Please Bring a New
Unwrapped Toy!**

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2nd	OPEN				
3rd	Joseph Pollock	6609 Cresthill Dr pimarine63@aol.com	Davenport, IA	52806-1567	563 349-2423
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Military Order of Devil Dogs, Pack of Illinois

PK:	PDD Mike Sturch	1652 Brower Pl	Sycamore, IL	62301-2425	815 441-2243
DR:	PDD Mike M. Malmstrom	5107 48th St	Moline, IL	61265-7516	c-309 269-2012

Chicago Metro Pound #12 MODD

PK:	DD Victoria Cobbett	733 Singer Ave	Lemont, IL	60439-3912	630 257-6423
DR:	PDD Bruce Blackmer	4530 W. Marquette Rd.	Chicago, IL	60629-5627	773 284-1212

Third District Pound #117 MODD

PK:	PDD Joseph Pollock	6609 Cresthill Dr	Davenport, IA	52806-1567	563 386-7692
DR:	PDD Mike M. Malmstrom	5107 48th St.	Moline, IL	61265-7516	c-618 795-3339

Central Illinois Pound #226 MODD

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

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

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	c-618 795-3339

North Pound #369 MODD

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

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

Department of Illinois, Marine Corps League Detachments:**1st District****Burbank Detachment #072****Meets at Marrs-Meyer Legion Post #991, 11001 S. Depot, Worth, IL 60482 4th Thursday 1930**

Commandant:	Joe Mendoza	615 S. Austin Blvd	Cicero IL	60804-4151	708 548-2701
Paymaster:	Joe Purpura	8401 W. 151st St.,	Orland Park, IL	604462	708 460-3953
Adjutant:	Juan Martinez	11340 Ridgeland	Worth, IL	60482	708 738-0994

Chapultepec Detachment #1408**Please go to https://www.facebook.com/mcl1408/?hc_ref=NEWSFEED for time and place**

Commandant:	Alejandro Morales	7616 Bridgeview		60454	773 988-2773
Paymaster:	John Gonzalez	449 86th Pl	Chicago IL	60620	312 613-5276
Adjutant:	Sergio Correa Jr.	6006 S. Green St. Apt 3S	Chicago, IL	60621	312 383-0924

Grundy County Detachment #1372**Meets at Morris American Legion, 212 W. Washington St., Morris, IL 4th Thurs. 1900**

Commandant:	Art Chaves	367 Baber Ln	Joliet, IL	60435	708 955-3208
Paymaster:	Fred Gaddis	165 Virginia St	Coal City, IL	60416	815 634-3125
Adjutant:					

Kankakee MCL Detachment #1253**Meets Bradley-Bourbonnais Sportsman's Club, 2672 Chippewa Dr., Bourbonnais 1st Tuesday 1900**

Commandant:	Stan Bobka	15 S. Pauls	Bourbonnais, IL	60914	815 278-7848
Paymaster:	Margaret J. Myers	345 Jeffery	Kankakee, IL	60901-4958	815 933-2338
Adjutant:	Roland Myers	345 Jeffery	Kankakee, IL	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 3rd Monday 1930**

Commandant:	Donald Tomich	6614 Pondview Dr	Tinley Park, IL	60477	708 342-1084
Paymaster:	Tom Donnelly	6300 W. 157th Pl.,	Oak Forest, IL	60452-	708 535-3332
Adjutant:	Donald Tomich	6614 Pondview Dr	Tinley Park, IL	60477	708 342-1084

2nd District**Chicago #1 Detachment #073****Meets at F.D.R American Legion Post 923, 1824 W. Courtland, Chicago, IL 3rd Sunday 1300**

Commandant:	Zataniel Ortega	1820 W. Cornelia Ave	Chicago, IL	60657-1020	773 929-5275
Adjutant/Paymaster:	John M. Bigwood	7719 East Prairie Road	Skokie, IL	60076	847 779-3053

Chicago Police Marines Detachment #553**Meets at F.O.P. #7 Hall, 1412 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago, IL 1st Tuesday 1900 chicagopolicemarines@gmail.com**

Commandant:	Paul	PO Box 8668	Chicago, IL	60680-8668	773 413-8762
Paymaster:	Patrick	PO Box 8668	Chicago, IL	60680-8668	773 413-8762
Adjutant:					

DuPage County Detachment #399**Meets at V.F.W. Post 2164, ON731 Papworth St., Wheaton, IL 4th Tuesday 1930**

Commandant:	Merrill Albertus	1N044 West St	Carol Stream	60188	630 800-7198
Paymaster:	Victoria Cobbett	733 Singer Ave	Lemont, IL	60439-3912	630 330-2571
Adjutant:	Victoria Cobbett	733 Singer Ave	Lemont, IL	60439-3912	630 330-2571

Elgin Detachment #077**Meets at the Elgin Moose Lodge, 925 S. McLean Blvd., Elgin, IL 60123 4th Tuesday 1900**

Commandant:	Fred Zimmermann	2444 Tall Oaks Dr	Elgin, IL	60124	847 841-1340
Adjutant/Paymaster:	Tom Culumber	12981 Applewood Dr	Huntley, IL	60142	630 513-9758

Fox Valley Marines Detachment #1233**Meets at AMVETS Post 103, 1194 Jericho Rd., Aurora, IL 2nd Thursday 1900**

Commandant:	Joe West	304 Stonelesh	Oswego, IL	60543	630 809-4117
Paymaster:	TBD				
Adjutant:	Lisa Garcia	648 W. New York	Aurora, IL	60506	630 486-9896

Lake County Detachment #801**Meets at Steven's Steakhouse, 401 N. Riverside Dr., Gurnee, IL 3rd Tuesday 1900**

Commandant:	Ed Mampe	24883 Cedarwood Ln	Ingleside, IL	60041	847 641-9689
Paymaster:	Mel Ellingsen	1855 Sterling Heights Ct.	Antioch, IL	60002	847 274-8144
Adjutant:	John Jezioro	1407 Barberry	Round Lake Beach	60037	847 807-0736

McHenry County Detachment #1009**Meets at Woodstock VFW Post 5040 240 N Throop St Woodstock, IL 3rd Thursday 1900**

Commandant:	Jason Herta	PO Box 311	Woodstock, IL	60098-0311	224 245-4474
Paymaster:	Mike Ruffner	PO Box 311	Woodstock, IL	60098-0311	847 570-4107
Adjutant:	James French	PO Box 311	Woodstock, IL	60098-0311	847 730-9085

Northwest Suburban Detachment #080**Meets at Merle Guild A.L. Post 208, 121 N. Douglas, Arlington Heights, IL 3rd Wednesday 1930**

Commandant:	Michael Huttner	235 W. Chasse Cr	St. Charles, IL	60174	630 650-0424
Paymaster:	Kevin Lollock	2502 Ardmore Ave	Inverness, IL	60067	847 682-4245
Adjutant:	John Madejczyk	2706 George Ct	Rolling Meadows	60008	847 577-7803

Tri-County Leathernecks Detachment #1395**Meets at the American Legion Post #964, 51 Lions Dr., Lake Zurich, IL 2nd Wednesday 1900**

Commandant:	Bill Thompson	PO Box 491	Lake Zurich, IL	60047	847 997-6658
Adjutant/Paymaster:	Scott Forester	PO Box 491	Lake Zurich, IL	60047	847 414-9630

3rd District**Dixon Area Detachment #076****Meets at Sterling Post 296, 601 1st Ave., Sterling, IL 3rd Wednesday 1900**

Commandant:	Nick Garcia	208 8th Ave	Sterling, IL	61081	765 520-8724
Paymaster:	Ed Nicklaus	204 18th Ave	Sterling, IL	61081	815 625-8223
Adjutant:	Megan Skeffington	1132 Center St	Dixon, IL	61021	815 994-2697

Illinois Valley Detachment #078**Meets at MCL Clubhouse, 475 E. Rt. 351, PO Box 22, Jonesville, IL 1st Tuesday 1900**

Commandant:	Art Meyer	PO Box 22	Oglesby, IL	61348-0022	815 780-0931
Paymaster:	Mike Mallie	PO Box 22	Oglesby, IL	61348-0022	815 200-2332
Adjutant:	David Cimei	PO Box 22	Oglesby, IL	61348-0022	815 343-9364

Rockford Detachment #083***Meets at the VFW Post 9759, 2018 Windsor Dr., Loves Park IL 1st Wednesday 1900***

Commandant:	Rick Rubendall	1007 Ramona Ter	Machesney Park	31115-3841	815 979-6468
Paymaster:	Bruce Giersch	613 Dickerson Dr	Winnebago, IL	61088-8336	815 904-4534
Adjutant:	Dave Price	5760 Clarendon Dr.	Rockford, IL	61114	815 877-2158

Tri-County Detachment #086:***Meets at American Legion Post # 31, 1509 Railroad Ave, Kewanee, IL 1st Monday 1900***

Commandant:	Louis J. VanDeVoorde	330 Emmons Ave	Kewanee, IL	61443	309 853-6661
Adjutant/Paymaster:	Glenn E. Morey	P. O. Box 207	Mineral, IL	61344-0207	309 290-4007

Lincoln Detachment #607***Meets at AMVETS, 827 15th Ave., East Moline, IL 3rd Tuesday 1900***

Commandant:	Joseph G. Pollock	6609 Cresthill Dr.,	Davenport, IA	52806-1567	563 349-2423
Adjutant/Paymaster:	Michael W. Malmstrom	5107 48th St.,	Moline, IL	61265-7516	309 764-9638

DeKalb County Detachment #847***Meets at Sycamore Vets Home, 121 S. California, Sycamore, IL 3rd Thursday 1900***

Commandant:	Brent Bacon	PO Box 321	Sycamore, IL	60178-0321	815 751-6211
Paymaster:	Keith Keutzer	PO Box 321	Sycamore, IL	60178-0321	815 751-3641
Adjutant:	Mike Sturch	PO Box 321	Sycamore, IL	60178-0321	815 441-2243

Sauk Valley Marine Detachment #913***Meets at A. L. Post 902, 712 Fourth Ave., Rock Falls, IL 3rd Monday 1900***

Commandant:	Tim Martin	P.O. Box 708	Rock Falls, IL	61071-0708	815 622-4629
Paymaster:	Howard Glispie	6155 7th Ave	Rock Falls, IL	61071	815 590-0639
Adjutant:	Tim Martin	P.O. Box 708	Rock Falls, IL	61071-0708	815 622-4629

4th District**Peoria Leathernecks Detachment #081*****Meets at Navy/Marine Club, 1310 E. Sieberling, Peoria Heights, IL 61616 1st Wednesday 1900***

Commandant:	William Olsen	21 N. Cherry St	Princeton, IL	61356	309 642-8787
Adjutant/Paymaster:	Harold W. Lundstrom	10809 N. Dana Dr	Peoria, IL	61615-1163	309 240-8782

Tobin-Nanninga Detachment #085***Meets at the MCL Club House, 13370 Garman Rd., Pekin, IL 3rd Sunday 1600***

Commandant:	William Clark	308 Linden St.,	Pekin, IL	61554	309 241-0949
Paymaster:	Chris Celiberti	4020 Chalmers	Bartonville, IL	61607	309 369-4982
Adjutant:	Mike Munoz	9801 W. Guinivere Dr	Mapleton, IL	61547-9578	309 453-3858

Decatur Detachment #799***Meets at American Legion Post #105, 1535 Legion Dr., Decatur, IL 1st Monday 1800***

Commandant:	Tom Scroggins	1825 S. 33rd St	Decatur, IL	62521-4704	217 428-7588
Paymaster:	Robert Kimmons	11242 N. Kenny Rd	Warrensburg, IL	62573	217 972-9674
Adjutant:	Robert Tyler	324 Green Way Ln	Decatur, IL	62524	217 422-2983

Major Kenneth D. Bailey Detachment #824***Meets at American Legion Post #210, 201 Prospect Pl., Danville, IL 3rd Sunday 1600***

Commandant:	John Barrett	29173 Bean Creek Rd.,	Potomac, IL	61865	217 987-6921
Paymaster:	Tina Cornell	202 Prospect Pl	Danville, IL	61832	217 260-2822
Adjutant:	Bonnie Barrett	29173 Bean Creek Rd.	Potomac, IL	61865	217 987-6921

Central Illinois Leathernecks Detachment #988***Meets at V.F.W. Post 454, 1006 Lincoln Ave., Bloomington, IL 2nd Tuesday 1900***

Commandant:	Kevin D. Keller	14030 Lara Trace	Bloomington, IL	61705	618 554-1540
Paymaster:	Rick Parker	1 Pine Cone Court # 118	Bloomington, IL	61704	309 824-0349
Adjutant:	Rick Parker	1 Pine Cone Court # 118	Bloomington, IL	61704	309 824-0349

Richard L. Pittman Detachment #1231**Meets at Urbana V.F.W. Post #630, 1303 E. Main St., Urbana, IL 3rd Thursday 1900**

Commandant:	Jeff Wakeland	7762 N Meridian Rd	Perrysville IN	47974	812-264-3610
Paymaster:	Gregory Cozad	P.O. Box 6354	Champaign, IL	60426-6354	217-377-4815
Adjutant:	Mary Coventry	1012 Broadmoor	Champaign, IL	61821	217-855-4917

Sgt. Robert "Bob" E. Graue Detachment #1336**Meets at Lincoln VFW Post, 915 5th St., Lincoln, IL 3rd Sunday 1400**

Commandant:	James J. Harnacke	1518 State Rt. 10	Lincoln, IL	62656-5353	217 737-4557
Adjutant/Paymaster:	Gene F. Hickey	795 950th Ave.,	Elkhart, IL	62634-6090	217 871-2972

5th District**Collier-Harrison Detachment #075****Meets at the Navy Club Quarters, 3100 Stanton St., Springfield, IL 1st Wednesday 1900**

Commandant:	Jeff Wolfe	7324 Oak Crest Rd	Riverton, IL	62561-9785	217 971-5663
Adjutant/Paymaster:	Sue Gibbons	1733 W. Glenn Ave	Springfield, IL	62704-4826	217 622-8270

Gem City Detachment #790**Meets at the American Legion Post #37, 116 N. 8th St., Quincy, IL 1st Monday 1900**

Commandant:	Jeffrey W. Jansen	1620 Gayla Dr	Quincy, IL	62305	217 316-0219
Adjutant/Paymaster:	George A. Hendredeen	1707 N. 12th St	Quincy, IL	62301	217 246-1331

West Central Illinois Leathernecks #1177**Meets at the American Legions, 903 West Superior, Jacksonville, IL 3rd Wednesday 1800**

Commandant:	Tim Ritzo	823 Grove St	Jacksonville, IL	62650	217 883-0798
Paymaster:	Paul Kramer	2057 Cherry Rd.,	Springfield, IL	62704-3273	217 572-1820
Adjutant:	Earl Turner	1864 Plum St.,	Jacksonville, IL	62650-22437	217 243-6602

6th District**Effingham County Detachment #591****Meets at Iron Horse Cafe, 101 S. Merchant, Effingham, IL 3rd Thursday 1200**

Commandant:	Aaron Mette	14905 E. 1975th Ave	Effingham, IL	62401-6905	
Adjutant/Paymaster:	Darrell L. Schwerman	9387 E. Nees Ave.,	Effingham, IL	62401-5088	217 821-2163

Thomas A. Jennings Detachment #546**Meets at VFW Post, 712 E. Main St., Robinson, IL 3rd Tuesday 1900**

Commandant:	John Griffin	6501 North 2150th Street	Willow Hills, IL	62480	608 553-1902
Paymaster:	Mark Brown	20266 N. 525th St	Annapolis, , IL	62413-3208	217 494-5021
Adjutant:	Dwight Piper	13687 E. 1425th Ave	Robinson, IL	62454	

7th District**Robert Windle Detachment #1031****Meets at American Legion, Legion Park, Jerseyville, IL 2nd Monday 1900**

Commandant:	Karl Bradshaw	16645 Delhi Farms Rd	Jerseyville, IL	62052-3595	618 885-5684
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Commandant:	Mike Murphy	29 N. Oakland Dr	Caseyville, IL	62232	618 444-0064
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Adjutant:	Catherine Murphy	29 N. Oakland Dr	Caseyville, IL	62232-1131	618 920-7864

Alton Leathernecks Detachment #1160**Meets at Wood River VFW 2859, 231 E. Edwardsville, Wood River, IL 62095 3rd Monday 1900**

Commandant:	James C. Freeman	146 22nd St	Alton, IL	62002-6812	618-465-2723
Paymaster:	Mark Nelson	5679 Humbert Rd	Godfrey, IL	62035-2102	618 972-3987
Adjutant:	Mark Nelson	5679 Humbert Rd	Godfrey, IL	62035-2102	618 972-3987

Lincoln Land Leathernecks Detachment #1174**Meets at VFW Post 1377, 2043 S. 4th St., Greenville, IL 62246 4th Wednesday 1930**

Commandant:	Daphine Kappos	340 Whitelaw Ave.,	Wood River, IL	62095-1915	618 402-7620
Paymaster:	Robert R. Weber	1103 Haas Rd	Trenton, IL	62293-2117	618 402-5655
Adjutant:	Renee McGuan	35 C Colonial Manor Dr	Highland, IL	62249-1565	815 754-1455

PrairieLand Leathernecks Detachment #1385**Meets at 6061/2 East College St. Carbondale, IL 2nd Thursday 1900**

Commandant:	Chris G. Gutierrez	PO Box 556	Litchfield, IL	62056	217 556-2410
Paymaster:	Gary E. Doss	PO Box 556	Litchfield, IL	62056	217 532-2280
Adjutant:	Dave Strowmatt	PO Box 556	Litchfield, IL	62056	217 556-0444

8th District**Shawnee Detachment #812****Meets at 6061/2 East College St. Carbondale, IL 2nd Thursday 1900**

Commandant:	Harry Fanning	1 Shawnee Hills Rd	Carbondale, IL	62902	618 967-9462
Paymaster:	Phillip Lindberg	2421 Country Club Rd	Carbondale, IL	62901	618 967-9239
Adjutant:	Robert A. Edwards	815 Young Ct	Cartersville, IL	62918-5052	618 534-2661

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Commandant:	Cindy Aschemann	309 Missouri Ave	Cartersville, IL	62918	618 203-9401
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Randolph County Detachment # 575**Meets at the American Legion, 1001 Booster St., Evansville, IL 3rd Tuesday 1900**

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1st District

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Meets at Marris-Meyer Legion Post #991, 11001 S. Depot, Worth, IL 60482 4th Thursday 2000

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Kankakee Unit MCLA #1253

Meets at the Bourbonnais Sportsmen's Club, 2672 Dr. Chippewa. Bourbonnais, IL 1st Tuesday 1800

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Secretary:	Judy Denoyer	271 Randolph	Bradley, IL	60915	815 933-9408

3rd District

DeKalb Sycamore Unit MCLA #382

Meets at Sycamore Vets Home, 121 S. California, Sycamore, IL 3rd 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

Meets at MCL Clubhouse, 475 E. State St. (RT's 351 & 71), Oglesby, IL 3rd 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

Meets at McHenry V.F.W. Post 4600, 3002 IL, Rt. 120, McHenry, IL 3rd Thursday 1930

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Treasurer:	Colleen Helfers	19810 River Rd	Marengo, IL	60152-9131	815 219-8550
Secretary:	Colleen Helfers	19810 River Rd	Marengo, IL	60152-9131	815 219-8550

Sauk Valley Unit MCLA #349

22-23

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4th District

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5th District

Alton Leathernecks Unit MCLA #488

Meets at VFW, 231 E. Edwardsville Rd., Wood River, IL 2nd Thursday 1900

President:	April Butler	120 Ohio St., East	Alton, IL	62024	618 580-3079
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Shawnee Unit

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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

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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."

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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

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- (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.

EDUCATIONAL:

- (H) To strive for the passage of legislation favorable to the Marine Corps League, Inc. and to the United States Marine Corps and its personnel.
- (I) To always foster love of honesty, loyalty and Truth, and reverence to our God.

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Submitted by Mike Ruffner

???? Marine Corps History Quiz ????

1. Where was the Marine Corps first formed?
2. What color were the first Marine Corps uniform jackets?
3. Who was the first Marine Corps aviator?
4. Where did the first Marine Corps amphibious landing take place?
5. Who was the first Marine to receive the Medal of Honor?
6. What type of sword do Marine Corps officers carry?
7. In what battle did the Marines receive the nickname Tufel Hunden (Devil Dogs)?
8. What does the iconic Marine Corps Eagle, Anchor, and Globe symbol represent?
9. Which jet plane did the Marine Corps adopt in 1963?
10. Which Marine has been awarded five Navy Crosses and become a symbol of the Marine Corps' esprit-de-corps?

1. The first two battalions of Marines were formed at the Tun Tavern in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
2. The very first Marine Corps uniform jackets were made of green broadcloth.
3. Capt. Alfred Cunningham became the first Marine Corps aviator and the first Director of Marine Corps Aviation.
4. The first amphibious landing of the Marine Corps took place during the Battle of Nassau. 210 marines successfully landed and secured stockpiles of ammunition and gunpowder.
5. Corporal John Mackie received the Medal of Honor during the American Civil War for maintaining fire on enemy positions while his boat was battered by enemy artillery.
6. The Mameluke sword was adopted in 1825 and reflects the Marine Corps' success during the First Barbary War.
7. According to Marine Corps legend, during the Battle of Belleau Wood in 1918 German soldiers remarked that U.S. Marines were so ferocious that they were like dogs from hell.
8. The Eagle, Anchor, and Globe was officially adopted in 1868 by Brigadier General Jacob Zeilin to adorn caps. The general design was most likely inspired by the Royal Marines' Globe and Laurel.
9. The F4B Phantom was frequently used by the Marine Corps during the Vietnam war. It is a two-seat, supersonic fighter-bomber.
10. Lt. Gen. Lewis "Chesty" Puller is the only person to have received six medals second-highest to the Medal of Honor. His feats and legacy have become deeply ingrained in the modern Marine Corps culture.

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Bahamas. The 220 Marines had journeyed to the Caribbean with a Continental Navy flotilla in search of military supplies. After landing unopposed near Nassau, they captured the town and took possession of its two forts, both of which surrendered after a token resistance. New Providence's British governor managed to ship more than 150

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