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COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE:

Marines,

It's Installation time once again. At the Central ILL. Leatherneck Det. Installation, I was assisted by Dept. Sr. Vice Mike Sturch. At the Gem City Detachment Installation, I was assisted by the Dept. Jr. Vice and the Dept. J.A. (Ron Burns and Randy Weber). Thank you.

Next will be the Lincolnland Leathernecks Det. Installation.

Please notify me of your detachment's Installation date so I can schedule it on my calendar.

At Burbank Detachment's Marine Corps Birthday Ball, we were joined by Dept. Sr. Vice Commandant Mike Sturch and his wife, Linette. Unfortunately, my wife, Judy was unable to attend (still recuperating from surgery).

The 2021 National Convention Committee is at work planning the convention. This is a major undertaking and will require the support and cooperation of detachments throughout Illinois. If you know what you (or your detachment) can help with, contact Committee Chair PDC Greg Baker.

The Dept.'s 3rd Staff Meeting will take place on 21 and 22 March 2020. Best Western Plus, Bloomington East, 604 1/2 1AA Dr. Bloomington, IL. (309) 808-0628 Mention MCL for the room rate of \$91.84 with tax per night. Cutoff date for Reservations is 28 Feb.

Come and find out how your department operates. This is the deadline for Dept. ByLaw change submissions. Hope your Toys for Tots drives were successful and many children had Merrier Christmases.

Judy and I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and are having a healthy and Happy New Year. Let's continue marching forward!

I can be reached at: (773) 284-1212 (home) or jbmarines_81@yahoo.com.

Semper Fi,
Bruce Blackmer

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT, MCLA:

I have enjoyed traveling around the state visiting MCLA units, installing their officers and meeting so many new friends! It's so inspiring to hear about all the many MCLA activities that members participate in that help our veterans and their families. This participation and dedication by each member in each unit helps MCLA reach more and more veterans and their families. Also, growing our unit membership is essential to this goal. Thank you to each member for everything you do!

I'm honored to be in the midst of the best MCLA members

anywhere!

My contact info is s_crcktt@yahoo.com and 618-973-7271.

Semper Fi
Shari Crockett
Department of Illinois
MCLA President

SR. VICE COMMANDANT:

Another year has come to pass. I hope everyone had a great Christmas and enjoyed family and friends in holiday celebrations. I had the pleasure of attending several Marine Corps Birthday Balls, and I have assisted our Commandant in a couple of Detachment Installations. Honestly, it has been a fairly quiet and uneventful quarter, which is not necessarily a bad thing.

We are entering the time of year when the Detachment Installations begin to pick up. Please reach out to Commandant Blackmer for guidance. Protocol dictates that the Department Commandant should be invited to conduct the installation. If he cannot attend, he will assign someone to take his place.

I do have the Sr. Vice Raffle tickets available now. I added an additional 1st prize option of a 2-night stay for 2 at the Harrington Inn and Spa in downtown Geneva, IL. It is a very nice resort, and there are plenty of things to do and see in this area. Please contact me by phone or email to purchase these tickets. If you want a bulk supply to sell in your area, please let me know and I will get them to you. I will be sending out some tickets to each Detachment. As I have said before, if each Detachment bought only 5 tickets, that will bring in over \$2000 to the Department. You can always turn around and raffle off the prize for your own Detachment fundraiser.

I still have the uniform ribbons for the 75th Anniversary award available, as well as the 75th Anniversary coin. The ribbon will be worn junior, or to the left (to the right as you are looking at them), of the MCL Membership award. The price for these ribbons is \$2.00 each plus S&H. The coins are \$10 each. Please email or call me.

Please visit the Illinois Marine website for information on the Sr. Vice Raffle for this year.

My contact info is **815-441-2243** or mlsturch@hotmail.com.

Semper Fidelis,
Michael Sturch

JR. VICE COMMANDANT:

Marines,

Please see the current membership statistics located farther along in the publication.

My contact info is: 618 593-0533 or email me at ronburns45@live.com.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ronald E. Burns, Sr.

JUDGE ADVOCATE:

Happy New Year Marines

The Birthday Balls are over, holidays are done, and I hope you all had something under the tree you really wanted but hopefully, for some of you, not what you deserved.

The Marine Corps is well into our 245th year and it will be as successful as the previous 244 because of the caliber of today's Marines.

As the Department of Illinois Marine Corps League enters our 76th year I hope we are as successful, remembering it is the good of the League that should be the result of all we do. There cannot be divisiveness between members based on personality conflicts or hurt feelings. Items voted on and passed in a meeting deserve the full support of all members.

I continue to receive questions on procedures and bylaws and hope my responses are clear and concise. If there are ever any questions to a response, please let me know so I can learn. The specific procedure/bylaw section of both the Department and National are reviewed on all queries but that does not mean I read them the same as you and I do hope they are being read before contacting me. If there is ever anything unclear to me, I will contact National Judge Advocate TJ Morgan for assistance and together we will find the answer.

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

Semper Fidelis,
Robert R. "Randy" Weber

ADJUTANT:

Semper Fidelis
Dave Allen

PAYMASTER:

Greeting Marines,

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

Semper Fidelis,
PDC Mike Malmstrom

SERGEANT AT ARMS:

Semper Fidelis
Kevin Enlow

TRUSTEE TIM MARTIN:

Suffering from PTS? Call Me

Suffering from Post Traumatic Stress from Combat? So am I and we can help one another just by talking on the phone. No one knows what you are really going through? I DO! Please call me at 815-622-4629, if I can't answer, I will call you back. Leave a message saying you need to talk, you don't have to give your name.

I have severe PTS from Vietnam (USMC, Hill 55, AnLoc 1967) and maybe I can help. **I am not a doctor!** Talk with someone who has walked in your shoes. Any war you served in, it doesn't matter. Please call someone who cares. 815-622-4629.

PDC Tim Martin
[815-622-4629](tel:815-622-4629)

JR. PAST COMMANDANT:

I can be reached at 815-228-9767 or by email at glbaker078@comcast.net.

Semper Fi, Brothers
and Sisters
PDC Greg Baker,
Used Commandant
(for sale)

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), 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 2020 to be included in the April 2020 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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61348-0022
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Pd.
 62254-1428 618 593-0533
 62275-3057 618 669-2171 c-618 795-3339

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PK: DD Marty Smith III, 5315 Cobblers Crossing, McHenry IL
 DR: PDD Don Haines, 1005 Prairie St., St. Charles, IL

Pd. 19-20
 60050- 847 668-9591
 60174-3638 630 564-1804

LCpl. Joshua E. Witsman Pound #384 MODD

PK: DD George Haworth, PO Box 165, Ridge Farm, IL
 DR: DD Jeffery B. Wakeland, 7762 N. Meridian Rd., Perrysville, IN

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

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Burbank Detachment #072

Meets at Marrs-Meyer Legion Post #991, 11001 S. Depot, Worth, IL 60482

Comdt: Joseph Torres, PO Box 777, Worth, IL
 Paym: Joe Purpura, 8401 W. 151st St., Orland Park, IL
 Adj: Richard Nolan, 11548 Normandy, Worth, IL

Pd. 19-20
 4th Thursday 1930
 60482-0777 708 529-3786
 604462- 708 460-3953
 60482- 708 448-0177

Chapultepec Detachment #1408

https://www.facebook.com/mcl1408/?hc_ref=NEWSFEED for time and place

Comdt: Sergio Correa Jr., 3848 W. 57th Pl., Chicago, IL
 Paym: Frank Lanzarotta., PO Box 891148, Chicago, IL
 Adj: Ines Gardea, 5824 S. Rutherford, Chicago, IL

Pd. Please go to
 60629- 312 383-0924
 60808- 773 503-0216
 60638- 773 814-6475

Grundy County Detachment #1372

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

Comdt: Harion Enervold, 3655 Bennett Rd., Verona, IL
 Paym: Fred Gaddis, 165 Virginia St., Coal City, IL
 Adj: Rick Martinez, 1712 Brighton Ln., Plainfield, IL

Pd. 19-20
 4th Thurs. 1900
 60479- 815 287-2040
 60416- 815 634-3125
 60586- 815 258-8901

Joliet E 2/14 Detachment #808

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

Comdt: Joseph Donnelly, 227 S. Williams St., Joliet, IL
 Paym: John Cavallero Sr., 600 Clement, Joliet, IL

Pd.
 1st 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: Dave Allen Jr., 1312 W. Park Hill Dr., Bourbonnais, IL
 Paym: Margaret J. Myers, 345 Jeffery, Kankakee, IL
 Adj: Roland Myers, 345 Jeffery, Kankakee, IL

Pd. 19-20
 1st Tuesday 1900
 60914-4347 815 263-1635
 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

Comdt: Donald Tomich, 6614 Pondview Dr., Tinley Park, IL
 Paym: Tom Donnelly, 6300 W. 157th Pl., Oak Forest, IL
 Adj: John Murphy, 6636 Forestview Dr., Oak Forest, IL

Pd. 19-20
 3rd Monday 1930
 60477- 708 342-1084
 60452- 708 535-3332
 60452- 708 687-3714

2nd District

Chicago #1 Detachment #073

Meets at F.D.R American Legion Post 923, 1824 W. Courtland, Chicago, IL

Comdt: Zataniel Ortega, 1820 W. Cornelia Ave., Chicago, IL
 Adj/Pay: John M. Bigwood, 7719 East Prairie Road, Skokie, IL

Pd. 19-20
 3rd Sunday 1300
 60657-1020 773 929-5275
 60076- 847 779-3053

Chicago Police Marines Detachment #553

Meets at F.O.P. Hall, 1412 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago, IL

Comdt: Paul, PO Box 8668, Chicago, IL
 Paym: Patrick, PO Box 8668, Chicago, IL
 Adj: Wally, PO Box 8668, Chicago, IL

Pd.
 1st Tuesday 1900
 60680-8668 773 413-8762
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DuPage County Detachment #399
 Meets at V.F.W. Post 2164, 0N731 Papworth St., Wheaton, IL
 Comdt: Emanuel Bucur, 759 Spruce Ln., Bartlett, IL
 Paym: Victoria Cobbett, 733 Singer Ave., Lemont, IL
 Adj: Tom Gillespie, 433 Patricia Ln., Hampshire, IL

Pd. 19-20	
4 th Tuesday	1930
60103-5650	630 823-8018
60439-3912	630 257-6423
60140-8372	224 218-1152

Elgin Detachment #077
 Meets at the Elgin Moose Lodge, 925 S. McLean Blvd., Elgin, IL 60123
 Comdt: Fred Zimmermann, 2444 Tall Oaks Dr., Elgin, IL
 Adj/Pay: Tom Culumber, 39W745 Crosscreek Ln., St. Charles, IL

Pd. 19-20	
4 th Monday	1900
60124-	847 841-1340
60175-	630 513-9758

Fox Valley Marines Detachment #1233
 Meets at AMVETS Post 103, 1194 Jericho Rd., Aurora, IL
 Comdt: Kris Kearns, 403 Highland Ct., Oswego, IL
 Paym: Donald Haines, 1005 Prairie St., St. Charles, IL
 Adj: Lisa Garcia, 648 W. New York, Aurora, IL

Pd. 19-20	
4 th Thursday	1900
60543-	630 669-6316
60174-3638	630 564-1804
60506-	630 486-9896

Lake County Detachment #801
 Meets at Steven's Steakhouse, 401 N. Riverside Dr., Gurnee, IL
 Comdt: Gerald Pedrin, 37523 N. Holdridge Ave., Beach Park, IL
 Paym: Ed Mampe, 24883 Cedarwood Ln., Ingleside, IL
 Adj: John Jezioro, 1407 Barberrry, Round Lake Beach, IL

Pd. 19-20	
3 rd Monday	1900
60087-	847 687-6663
60041-	847 641-9689
60037-	847 807-0736

McHenry County Detachment #1009
 Meets at McHenry V.F.W. Post 4600, 3002 IL Rt. 120, McHenry, IL
 Comdt: Rick Prescott, PO Box 311, Woodstock, IL
 Paym: Mike Ruffner, PO Box 311, Woodstock, IL
 Adj: James French, PO Box 311, Woodstock, IL

Pd. 19-20	
3 rd Thursday	1900
60098-0311	847 702-6059
60098-0311	847 570-4107
60098-0311	847 730-9085

Northwest Suburban Detachment #080
 Meets at Merle Guild A.L. Post 208, 121 N. Douglas, Arlington Heights, IL
 Comdt: Michael Huttner, 235 W. Chasse Cr., St. Charles, IL
 Paym: Kevin Lollock, 2502 Ardmore Ave., Inverness, IL
 Adj: John Madejczyk, 2706 George Ct., Rolling Meadows, IL

Pd. 19-20	
3 rd Wednesday	1930
60174-	630 650-0424
60067-	847 682-4245
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. 19-20	
2 nd 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. 19-20	
3 rd 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: Ron Brambora, PO Box 22, Oglesby, IL
 Paym: Mike Mallie, P.O. Box 22, Oglesby, IL
 Adj: David Cimei, PO Box 22, Oglesby, IL

Pd. 19-20	
1 st Tuesday	1900
61348-0022	309 432-3351
61348-0022	
61348-0022	

Rockford Detachment #083
 Meets at the VFW Post 9759, 2018 Windsor Dr., Loves Park IL
 Comdt: Donald Reynolds, 4122 Martina, Rockford, IL
 Paym: Bruce Giersch, 613 Dickerson Dr., Winnebago, IL
 Adj: Rick Rubendall, 1007 Ramona Ter., Machesney Park, IL

Pd. 19-20	
1 st Wednesday	1900
61114-	815 742-5416
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 st 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. 19-20
 3rd Tuesday 1930
 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: Don Anderson, PO Box 321., Sycamore, IL

Pd. 19-20
 3rd Thursday 1900
 60178-0321 847 751-6211
 60178-0321 815 751-3641
 60788-0321

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: Esteban Ramos, 407 Avenue I, Sterling, IL
 Adj: Tim Martin "See Comdt."

Pd.
 3rd Monday 1900
 61071-0708 815 622-4629
 61081-3260 815 441-9440

4th District

Peoria Leathernecks Detachment #081
 Meets at Navy/Marine Club, 1310 E. Sieberling, Peoria Heights, IL 61616
 Comdt: Kevin Enlow, 511 Main St., Pekin, IL
 Adj/Pay: Harold W. Lundstrom, 10809 N. Dana Dr., Peoria, IL

Pd. 19-20
 1st Wednesday 1900
 61554- 309 634-1609
 61615-1163 309 240-8782

Tobin-Nanninga Detachment #085
 Meets at the, 13370 Garman Rd., Pekin, IL
 Comdt: Richard Byars, 1822 Fawnridge Ln., Pekin, IL
 Adj/Pay: Mike Munoz, 9801 W. Guinivere Dr., Mapleton, IL

Pd. 19-20
 3rd Sunday 1600
 61554- 309 241-6252
 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
 Adj/Pay: Harry Kracht, 640 W. Forest Ave., Decatur, IL

Pd. 19-20
 1st Monday 1800
 62521-4704 217 428-7588
 62522-3220 217 422-6403

Major Kenneth D. Bailey Detachment #824
 Meets at American Legion Post #210, 201 Prospect Pl., Danville, IL
 Comdt: Michael Montgomery, 321 Fletcher Dr., Danville, IL
 Adj/Pay: John Barrett, 29173 Bean Creek Rd., Potomac, IL

Pd. 19-20
 3rd Sunday 1600
 61832- 217 474-1149
 61865- 217 987-6921

Central Illinois Leathernecks Detachment #988
 Meets at V.F.W. Post 454, 1006 Lincoln Ave., Bloomington, IL
 Comdt: Art Wynn, 403 Priscilla Ln., Bloomington, IL
 Adj/Pay: David L. Edwards, 904 Star Drive, Heyworth, IL

Pd. 19-20
 2nd Tuesday 1900
 61704- 309 663-5880
 61745-9213 309 498-1007

Richard L. Pittman Detachment #1231
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 Paym: Gregory Cozad, P.O. Box 6354. Champaign, IL
 Adj: Ron Castel, 206 South John St., Thomasboro, IL

Pd.
 3rd Thursday 1900
 61821-1614 217 351-7095
 60426-6354
 61878-

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

Pd. 19-20
 3rd Sunday 1700
 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: Sue Gibbons, 1733 W. Glenn Ave., Springfield, IL
 Adj/Pay: William A. Woollen, 2804 Ridge Ave., Springfield, IL

Pd. 19-20
 1st Thursday 1930
 62704-4826 217 622-8270
 62702-4444 217 638-2510

Gem City Detachment #790
 Meets at Lippincott Hall, Veterans Home, 1707 N. 12th St., Quincy, IL
 Comdt: Luke Doellman, 2700 Lind St., Quincy, IL
 Adj/Pay: Stephen Cane, 2119 Jackson St., Quincy, IL

Pd. 19-20
 1st Monday 1900
 62301-3551 217 617-3152
 62301- 217 224-6360

West Central Illinois Leathernecks #1177	Pd. 19-20
Meets at the VFW Post 1379, 903 East Morton, Jacksonville, IL	2 nd Wednesday 1900
Comdt: Tim Ritzo, 823 Grove St., Jacksonville, IL	62650- 217 473-1128
Paym: Paul Kramer, 2057 Cherry Rd., Springfield, IL	62704-3273 217 572-1820
Adj: Earl Turner, 1864 Plum St., Jacksonville, IL	62650-22437 217 243-6602

6th District

Effingham County Detachment #591	Pd. 19-20
Meets at Iron Horse Cafe, 101 S. Merchant, Effingham, IL	3 rd Thursday 1200
Comdt: Aaron Mette, 14905 E. 1975 th Ave., Effingham, IL	62401-6905
Adj/Pay: Darrell L. Schwerman, 9387 E. Nees Ave., Effingham, IL	62401-5088 217 821-2163

Thomas A. Jennings Detachment #546	Pd.
Meets at VFW Post, 712 E. Main St., Robinson, IL	3 rd Tuesday 1900
Comdt: David Houser, 405 N. Range St., Oblong, IL	62445- 618 544-7047
Paym: Robert Manning, 603 Beech St., Robinson, IL	62454-2653 618 544-2653

7th District

Robert Windle Detachment #1031	Pd.
Meets at American Legion, Legion Park, Jerseyville, IL	2 nd Monday 1900
Comdt: Martin Andrews, 23371 Peachtree Ln, Jerseyville, IL	62052-3595 618 498-2558
Paym: Marshal Lewis, 704 Cross Ave, Jerseyville, IL	62052- 618 946-9150
Adj: Lonnie Saffell, 9287 N. Prairie St., Shipman, IL	62685-6733 618 836-7388

Collinsville Detachment #074	Pd.
Meets at VFW Post 805, 221 W. First St., O'Fallon, IL	1 st Wednesday 1900
Comdt: Frank Christie, 2802 Black Ln., Collinsville, IL	62234-7607 618 344-3676 c-618 420-9920
Paym: Ramona Witte, 505 W. Randle St., Lebanon, IL	62254-1428 618 808-0308
Adj: Catherine Murphy, 29 N. Oakland Dr., Caseyville, IL	62232-1131

Alton Leathernecks Detachment #1160	Pd. 19-20
Meets at VFW 1308, 4445 Alby, Alton, IL 62002	3 rd Monday 1900
Comdt: Glenn L. Heimer, 3819 Horn Ave., Alton, IL	62002-3151 618 433-1281
Paym: Paul Schwendeman, 429 Oak St., East Alton, IL	62024-1257 618 973-4825
Adj: Mark Nelson, 5679 Humbert Rd., Godfrey, IL	62035-2102 618 972-3987

Lincoln Land Leathernecks Detachment #1174	Pd. 19-20
Meets at VFW Post 1377, 2043 S. 4 th St., Greenville, IL 62246	3 rd Thur. 1930
Comdt: Ray B. Hughes, 3109 N. 1 st St., Sorento, IL	62086-2025 217 556-8293
Paym: Robert R. Weber, 1103 Haas Rd., Trenton, IL	62293-2117 618 402-5655
Adj: Gregory G. Stoff, 335 Sunflower Dr., Highland, IL	62249-2914 618 978-3081

Prairieland Leathernecks Detachment #1385	Pd. 19-20
Meets at the Litchfield VFW Post, 215 W. Ryder St., Litchfield, IL	1 st Thursday 1900
Comdt: Chris Gutierrez, PO Box 556, Litchfield, IL	62056- 217 556-2410
Paym: Gary Doss, PO Box 556, Litchfield, IL	62056- 217 532-2390
Adj: Terry Williams, PO Box 556, Litchfield, IL	62056- 217 324-3574

8th District

Shawnee Detachment #812	Pd. 19-20
Meets at the American Legion Post 127, 1700 Gartside St., Murphysboro, IL	2 nd Thursday 1900
Comdt: Mark Cosgrove, 172 Wild Rose Ln., Carbondale, IL	62902- 618 967-9462
Paym: Phillip Lindberg, 2421 Country Club Rd., Carbondale, IL	62901- 618 967-9239
Adj: Robert A. Edwards, 815 Young Ct., Carterville, IL	62918-5052 618 534-2661

Southern Illinois Leathernecks Detachment #1013	Pd. 19-20
Meets at the KC Hall, 213 N. 16 th St., Herrin, IL	3 rd Wednesday 1900
Comdt: Cindy Aschemann, 309 Missouri Ave., Carterville, IL	62918- 618 203-9401
Paym: Joe Leenerts, 9594 Stotlar Rd., Johnston City, IL	62951-2945 618 942-3834
Adj:	

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.
3rd Tuesday 1900
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1st District

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Meets at VFW Post 177, 10537 S. Ridgeland Ave., Chicago Ridge, IL 4th Thursday 2000
President: Mary Ann Kuchta 10052 S. Maplewood, Chicago, IL 60650- 773 779-8463
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Meets at the Bourbonnais Sportsmen's Club, 2672 Chippawa Dr. Bourbonnais, IL Pd. 19-20
1st 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

DeKalb Sycamore Unit MCLA #382 Pd.
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
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Illinois Valley Unit MCLA	Pd. 19-20
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
Treasurer: Lorene Munson, 505 Mormon St., Oglesby, IL	61348-1030 815 883-3636
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McHenry County Unit MCLA #419	Pd. 19-20
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
Treasurer: Colleen Helpers, 19810 River Rd., Marengo, IL	60152-9131 815 219-8550
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Sauk Valley Unit MCLA #349	Pd. 19-20
Meets at Rock Falls American Legion, 712 - 4 th Ave., Rock Falls, IL	2 nd Tuesday 1600
President: Betty Wescott, 1600 Riverside Rd. #21, Rock Falls, IL	61071- 815 625-8756
Treasurer: Carol Martin, PO Box 708, Rock Falls, IL	61071-0708 815 622-8687
Secretary: Carol Martin, PO Box 708, Rock Falls, IL	61071-0708 815 622-8687

4th District

Decatur Unit MCLA #342	Pd.
Meets at American Legion Post 105, 1535 Legion Drive, Decatur, IL	2 nd Wednesday 1700
President: Kathy Kracht, 640 W. Forest Ave., Decatur, IL	62522- 217 422-6403
Treasurer: Doris Ruble 27784 S. Wind Ln., Decatur, IL	62521- 217 619-2471
Secretary: Karen Dotson, 957 N. Union, Decatur, IL	62522-1758 217 422-7214

West Central Illinois Leatherneck Unit MCLA #462	Pd. 19-20
Meets at VFW Post 1379, 903 E. Morton, Jacksonville, IL	2 nd Wednesday 1900
President: Tonya Crosier, 12625 Tebbe Rd., New Berlin, IL	62670-4507 217 415-0446
Treasurer: Jeanette Geise, 1625 Lind, Quincy, IL	62301-2425 217 223-5894
Secretary: Carol Smith, 1411 W. Walnut, Jacksonville, IL	62650-1102 217 473-1161

5th District

Alton Leathernecks Unit MCLA #488	Pd. 19-20
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
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. 19-20
Meets at the Carbondale Elks Club	4 th Tuesday 1845
President: Patty Morgan, 609 W. 11 th St., Johnston City, IL	62951- 618 694-9118
Treasurer: Debbie Donegue, 2390 Sycamore Rd., Carterville, IL	62918- 618 922-2432
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"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.

DEPARTMENT WEB SERGEANT

NOTICE---- The new website is ready and online.... The most efficient method of making your detachment information current is to let me know of any changes in officers, meeting places, date and time.

PDC Don Haines
Department Webmaster

DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS 3rd Staff Meeting

Department 3rd Staff meeting will be held on March 21-22, 2020 at the Best Western Plus, Bloomington East 604 ½ IAA Drive, Bloomington, IL. Room rates will be 82.00 plus 12% tax for a total of \$91.84 per night. Reservation cut-off date is February 28, 2020. Call for reservations at 309-808-0628.

CENTRAL ILLINOIS LEATHERNECK DETACHMENT

Marine Corporal Colt Stovall had received injuries due to an IED Explosion in Afghanistan and was recovering from his injuries at Walter Reed Hospital. Meanwhile Eric Womack of the Springfield, Illinois Detachment put out the call to Normal American Legion Post 635 and the Marine Corps League Detachment, Marine Vets Motorcycle Club and many others. On October 17, 2019 the call was answered. At 0800 hours with all furniture removed the task of removing the tile floors had begun. Multiple rooms and hallway were completed and cleaned up by 1200 hours along with tree trimming in the backyard. During the renovation it was found that new kitchen cabinets would be needed. Again, Eric Womack informed me that Lowe's could help with this issue. I then contacted Lowe's in Bloomington, Illinois for new cabinets. Lowe's can through with new cabinets and Gina Keller, Associate Member went to Lowe's and loaded up the cabinets and haled them to the Stovall residence and then were installed. Home renovations of new floors and kitchen was needed and accomplished with the help of twenty-three Marines, Legionaries and others.



Pictured: Central Illinois Leathernecks Det #988 Kevin Keller, Gina Keller, Art Wynn, Andrew Shaw, and Nick Pate. Marine Vets Motorcycle Club, American Legion Post #635 and others that are unknown.



From Left to Right JVC Brandon Cruz, SVC Dept. of Illinois Mike Sturch, Kevin Keller Det. Commandant, Commandant Dept. of Illinois Bruce Blackmer and Paymaster/Adjutant Dave Edwards.

Marine of the Central Illinois Leatherneck Detachment #988 of Bloomington, Illinois receive the oath of Office from Department of Illinois Commandant Bruce Blackmer November 12, 2019.

GEM CITY



Quincy Veterans Day Parade



Al Schlosser at 911 Memorial



Comdt Luke Doellman & JA Jesus Delgado with Marine Havasack



Comdt Luke Doellman and JA Delgado with Marine Lasey



POW-MIA Table at the Birthday Dinner



Gem City Birthday Ball attendees at the Elks Hall in Quincy



Oldest and Youngest Marine at the Quincy Illinois Veterans Home



Oldest and Youngest (Jeff Jansen) cutting the cake at the Elks Hall

VAVS

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Semper Fi,
Stanley Olenjack, VAVS Chairman

MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT COMMITTEE

Semper Fidelis,
Michael Sturch
Chairman, Middle East Wars Committee

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, or contact me at 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

WARS COMMITTEE

If you have special events in your community, get the word out. I would be honored to attend any events, as I know most of the other Department Officers and Committee Members would as well, circumstances permitting.

Semper Fidelis,
Michael Sturch
Wars Committee Chairman

ILLINOIS PACK MODD

I have our IL Pack 75th Anniversary coins available. These things are beautiful, if I do say so myself. Please contact me to order them. They are only available to Dogs and Pups of the Order. They are \$12 each.

I want to keep this “Bags For Kids” campaign going strong. If you have collected any and donated them locally, please let me know. The DCFS is always in need of bags and backpacks for foster children, no matter the time of year. So get out there and collect backpacks, duffle bags, suitcases, or anything we can donate to your local DCFS office to allow these children to carry their personal items to their new homes.

Thank you and Semper Woof!
My contact info is [815-441-2243](tel:815-441-2243) or mlsturch@hotmail.com .



Semper Fidelis,
Michael Sturch
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2019 Pack Dog of the Year

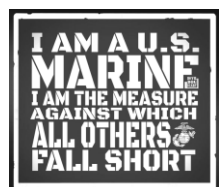
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72	Burbank	50	42	84%
73	Chicago #1	22	17	77%
74	Collinsville	39	16	41%

75	Collier-Harrison	47	39	83%
76	Dixon Area	24	20	83%
77	Elgin	21	20	95%
78	Illinois Valley	65	33	51%
80	Northwest Suburban	72	48	67%
81	Peoria Leathernecks	72	46	64%
83	Rockford	48	44	92%
85	Tobin-Nanninga	59	33	56%
86	Tri-County	12	12	100%
399	Dupage County	143	126	88%
546	Thomas A Jennings	15	7	47%
553	Chicago Police Marines	228	88	39%
575	Randolph County Marines	29	20	69%
591	Effingham County	31	22	71%
607	Lincoln	26	16	62%
790	Gem City	49	38	78%
799	Decatur	38	27	71%
801	Lake County	127	97	76%
808	Joliet E 2/14	30	29	97%
812	Shawnee	56	32	57%
824	Maj Kenneth D Bailey	25	21	84%
847	Dekalb County	45	19	42%
869	Perry County	7	7	100%
913	Sauk Valley Marine	27	25	93%
988	Central Illinois Leathernecks	19	14	74%
1009	McHenry County	119	113	95%
1013	Southern Illinois Leathernecks	23	17	74%
1031	Robert Windle	39	27	69%
1160	Alton Leathernecks	22	20	91%
1174	Lincoln Land Leathernecks	36	26	72%
1174	West Central Illinois Leathernecks	46	37	80%
1217	Kevin Clarke-Tinley Park	40	34	85%
1231	Richard L Pittman	59	27	46%
1233	Fox Valley Marines	43	28	65%
1253	Kankakee	61	55	90%
1336	Sgt Robert "Bob" Graue	25	10	40%
1372	Grundy County	23	24	104%
1385	Prairie Land Leathernecks	31	23	74%
1395	Tri-County Leathernecks	32	10	31%
1408	Chapultepec	24	5	21%
	Department of Illinois	2049	1414	69%



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
MISSION STATEMENT

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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;

FRATERNAL:

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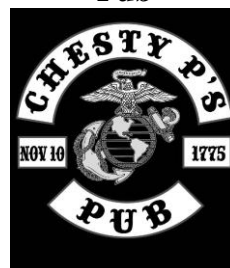
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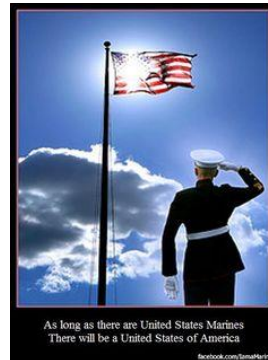
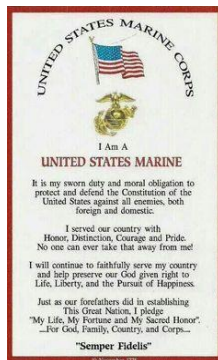
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