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### COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE:

Marines,

I trust that everyone had happy and enjoyable holiday celebrations, as well as keeping safe and healthy. With the promise of a vaccine on the horizon, I hope that we can end this pandemic soon. I ask that everyone do their part in knocking this thing down. Please adhere to the local and state health and safety guidelines, such as wearing a mask. It is the easiest thing we can do to help. It may be uncomfortable at times, and perhaps you do not necessarily believe it helps, but please follow the advice from the experts, as well as the rules and regulations. As Marines we didn't always agree with orders, but we followed them anyway. These policies are put in place for the general concern and well-being for ALL. We set the example for all others to follow.

Now through spring is the time for most elections and installations. I have sent out a letter from National extending the Emergency Election Procedures through this month. This will be reviewed before the end of the month, and any information will be passed along as soon as it is received. Please continue to conduct your meetings in a safe and healthy manner, keeping with the local guidelines. I am happy to conduct your installations by phone or video conference, until such a time that we may meet in person.

At the time of this writing, the National Mid-Winter Conference in Norfolk at the end of February is scheduled as planned. We also have our Central Division Conference in Sheboygan, WI, and Department Staff Meeting in Bloomington coming up in March. And let's not forget our 98<sup>th</sup> National Convention in August in Springfield! We will need volunteers to help make this a successful event. If you can come for a few hours or a few days, it will be extremely appreciated. PDC Baker is the National Convention Committee Chairman and is the main point of contact, but you can contact any Department Officer for information or ideas.

Keep up the great work, Marines and fellow members!

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

Semper Fi,  
Mike Sturch

### DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT, MCLA:

As your new State President, I want to thank those few who attended the State Convention in Carlinville and though we were few in number made for a successful and productive convention.

Going forward we need more member participation on the State level. I have appointed a new Web Master who will advertise our auxiliary and make the application process accessible on line. I am asking the unit Presidents

to send me information about your unit; date you were formed, activities, anything unique about your unit.

In August 2021, the Department of Illinois will be hosting the National Convention in Springfield. I am asking the members to step up and volunteer to do Illinois proud, as I know you can.

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

Semper Fi  
Pat Buckley

### SR. VICE COMMANDANT:

Hello Marines,

My first article as Sr. Vice Commandant, and I hope it finds everyone healthy. As in the past, I'm working on the Sr. Vice's Raffle. I'm hoping that Corvid-19 will not hinder our raffle's future. I feel that this year's choices of weapons are different and hopefully finds more interest in the raffle.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Place prize is a Springfield Armory Saint Edge AR-15, or \$1000.00 Cash, or a 2-night getaway for 2 at the Herrington Inn and Spa in Geneva, IL..2<sup>nd</sup> Place prize is a Kimber Micro Two-Tone (9mm) with Rosewood grips (or similarly priced weapon), or \$500.00 Cash. Winner must have a FOID card, but need not be present to win. The drawing will be at the Department's Convention, June 19, 2021 in Carlinville, Illinois.

Raffle tickets are available by calling me at 618-593-0533 or emailing me at ronburns45@live.com. Tickets prices are \$10.00 each or 3 for \$25.00. Please, Detachments and members support our biggest fundraiser of the year. Any questions or concerns; please, feel free to contact me. I will be contacting Detachments in our Department shortly with more on the raffle.

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

Semper Fidelis  
Ronald E. Burns, Sr.

### JR. VICE COMMANDANT:

Marines,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
Robert R. "Randy" Weber

#### JUDGE ADVOCATE:

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

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

Semper Fidelis,  
Victoria Cobbett

#### PAYMASTER:

Greeting Marines,

I hope this email finds you well. Happy New Year. I would like to thank all of you that supported me at the October Convention, it mean a lot to me. Over the years as your Paymaster, I've enjoyed getting to know all of you. If I can be of service to any member.

I can be contacted at [mikem3280@gmail.com](mailto:mikem3280@gmail.com) or 309-269-2012.

Semper Fidelis,  
PDC Mike Malmstrom

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Semper Fidelis  
Bob Kappes

#### JR. PAST COMMANDANT:

Marines,

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Semper Fidelis  
PDC Bruc Blackmer

#### FROM THE EDITOR:

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

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

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

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

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

The invoice for all Illinois Marine dues of \$50.00 per Detachment/Unit/Pack and Pound [as per Department Bylaws 51.21(c)] will be arriving in the mail shortly after July 1<sup>st</sup>. All checks should be made payable to "Department of Illinois, MCL" and mailed to the Editor at the address listed below. These annual dues are the funds that allow the Illinois Marine to be published. If you have not yet paid, please bring your Detachment/Unit up to date ASAP. Paymasters check behind your detachments name

in the Illinois Marine roster of Detachments. If you are up to date, it will say paid and the year (i.e.: Pd. 17-18.) If there is no year listed your Detachment or Unit or Pound is not paid. **PLEASE NOTE THERE ARE A NUMBER OF DETACHMENTS, UNITS AND A POUND OR TWO THAT ARE STILL DELINQUENT.** If you did not receive an invoice, please let me now.

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

We are continuing to update the email address list for those who wish to receive the Illinois Marine via email. If you are receiving this publication via hardcopy and have email, please consider requesting it by email. Each hardcopy mailed out costs the Department on average 85 to 95 cents. Any reduction of postage expenses benefits the Department of Illinois's budget. If you do not wish to receive the Illinois either by hard copy or email it can be downloaded from the Illinois Marine website in PDF

format. Please let me know if that is the case. **I would ask that a list of all "New" members with Name, Address and email, if available, be submitted to the editor to facilitate addition to the mailing or email list.**

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

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

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PDC Don Haines, Editor

### **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 <sup>th</sup> St., Moline, IL	61265-7516 309 764-9638 c-309 269-2012

**Central Illinois Pound #226 MODD**

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**Grand Pound #1000 MODD**

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DR:	DD Harold W. Lundstrom, 10809 N. Dana Dr., Peoria, IL	61615-1163 309 240-8782

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**North Pound #369 MODD**

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

Pd. 20-21  
 60050- 847 668-9591  
 60174-3638 630 564-1804

**LCpl. Joshua E. Witsman Pound #384 MODD**

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 DR: DD Jeffery B. Wakeland, 7762 N. Meridian Rd., Perrysville, IN

Pd. 20-21  
 61870- 217 497-3066  
 47974-8117 812 249-3293

**Department of Illinois, Marine Corps League Detachments:****1<sup>st</sup> District**

Burbank Detachment #072

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

Comdt: Jason Torres, PO Box 777, Worth, IL  
 Paym: Joe Purpura, 8401 W. 151<sup>st</sup> St., Orland Park, IL  
 Adj: Richard Nolan Jr., 11548 Normandy, Worth, IL

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

Chapultepec Detachment #1408

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

Comdt: Theodore V. Martinez., Please see below for mailing  
 Paym: Frank Lanzarotta., 5942 S. Mozart, Chicago IL  
 Adj: Ines Gardea, 5824 S. Rutherford, Chicago, IL

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

Grundy County Detachment #1372

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

Comdt: Art Chaves, 367 Baber Ln., Joliet, IL  
 Paym: Fred Gaddis, 165 Virginia St., Coal City, IL  
 Adj:

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

Joliet E 2/14 Detachment #808

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

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

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

Kankakee MCL Detachment #1253

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

Comdt: Stan Bobka, 15 S. Pauls, Bourbonnais, IL  
 Paym: Margaret J. Myers, 345 Jeffery, Kankakee, IL  
 Adj: Roland Myers, 345 Jeffery, Kankakee, IL

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

Marine Corps League Kevin Clarke - Tinley Park Detachment #1217

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

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

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

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

Chicago #1 Detachment #073

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. 20-21  
 3<sup>rd</sup> 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:

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

DuPage County Detachment #399

Meets at V.F.W. Post 2164, 0N731 Papworth St., Wheaton, IL

Comdt: Roger Gaden, 1232 N. Webster St., Naperville, IL  
 Paym: Victoria Cobbett, 733 Singer Ave., Lemont, IL  
 Adj: John J. Schmitt, 8434 Mendingwall Dr., IL

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

Elgin Detachment #077

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.

4<sup>th</sup> 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. 20-21

4<sup>th</sup> 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: Ed Mampe, 24883 Cedarwood Ln., Ingleside, IL

Paym: Mel Ellingsen, 1855 Sterling Heights Ct., Antioch, IL

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

Pd.

3<sup>rd</sup> Monday 1900  
60041- 847 641-9689  
60002- 847 274-8144  
60037- 847 807-0736

McHenry County Detachment #1009

Meets at McHenry V.F.W. Post 4600, 3002 IL Rt. 120, McHenry, IL

Comdt: Charles S. Matijevic, PO Box 311, Woodstock, IL

Paym: Mike Ruffner, PO Box 311, Woodstock, IL

Adj: James French, PO Box 311, Woodstock, IL

Pd.

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 1900  
60098-0311 847 239-0786  
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.

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 1930  
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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

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Adj/Pay: Scott Forester, PO Box 491, Lake Zurich, IL

Pd. 20-21

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday 1900  
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60047- 847 414-9630

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

Dixon Area Detachment #076

Meets at Sterling Post 296, 601 1<sup>st</sup> Ave., Sterling, IL

Comdt: Nick Garcia, 208 8<sup>th</sup> Ave., Sterling, IL

Paym: Ed Nicklaus, 204 18<sup>th</sup> Ave., Sterling, IL

Adj: Megan Skeffington, 1132 Center St., Dixon, IL

Pd. 20-21

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 1900  
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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

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Paym: Mike Mallie, P.O. Box 22, Oglesby, IL

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

Pd. 20-21

1<sup>st</sup> 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: Larry Barr, 3015 Coleman Ave., Rockford, IL

Paym: Bruce Giersch, 613 Dickerson Dr., Winnebago, IL

Adj: Rick Rubendall, 1007 Ramona Ter., Machesney Park, IL

Pd.

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday 1900  
61104- 815 218-6752  
61088-8336 815 904-4534  
31115-3841 815 979-6468

Tri-County Detachment #086:

Meets at American Legion Post # 31, 1509 Railroad Ave, Kewanee, IL

Comdt: Louis J. VanDeVoorde, 330 Emmons Ave., Kewanee, IL

Adj/Pay: Glenn E. Morey, P. O. Box 207, Mineral, IL

Pd.

1<sup>st</sup> Monday 1900  
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61344-0207 309 290-4007

Lincoln Detachment #607

Meets at AMVETS, 827 15<sup>th</sup> Ave., East Moline, IL

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Adj/Pay: Michael W. Malmstrom, 5107 48<sup>th</sup> St., Moline, IL

Pd.

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 1900  
52806-1567 563 349-2423  
61265-7516 309 764-9638

DeKalb County Detachment #847

Meets at Sycamore Vets Home, 121 S. California, Sycamore, IL  
Comdt: Brent Bacon, PO Box 321, Sycamore, IL  
Paym: Keith Keutzer, PO Box 321., Sycamore, IL  
Adj: Mike Sturch, PO Box 321., Sycamore, IL

Pd.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 1900  
60178-0321 815 751-6211  
60178-0321 815 751-3641  
60788-0321 815 441-2243

Sauk Valley Marine Detachment #913

Meets at A. L. Post 902, 712 Fourth Ave., Rock Falls, IL  
Comdt: Tim Martin, PO Box 708, Rock Falls, IL  
Paym: Howard Glispie, 6105 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. Rock Falls, IL  
Adj: Tim Martin "See Comdt."

Pd. 20-21  
3<sup>rd</sup> Monday 1900  
61071-0708 815 622-4629  
61071- 815 59040639

**4<sup>th</sup> 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. 20-21  
1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday 1900  
61356- 309 642-8787  
61615-1163 309 240-8782

Tobin-Nanninga Detachment #085

Meets at the, 13370 Garman Rd., Pekin, IL  
Comdt: William Clark, 308 Linden St., Pekin, IL  
Pay: Chris Celiberti, 4020 Chalmers, Bartonville, IL  
Adj: Mike Munoz, 9801 W. Guinivere Dr., Mapleton, IL

Pd. 20-21  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 1600  
61554- 309 241-0949  
61607- 309 369-4982  
61547-9578 309 453-3858

Decatur Detachment #799

Meets at American Legion Post #105, 1535 Legion Dr., Decatur, IL  
Comdt: Tom Scroggins, 1825 S. 33<sup>rd</sup> St., Decatur, IL  
Paym: Robert Kimmons, 11242 N. Kenny Rd., Warrensburg, IL  
Adj: Robert Tyler, 324 Green Way Ln., Decatur, IL

Pd. 20-21  
1<sup>st</sup> Monday 1800  
62521-4704 217 428-7588  
62573- 217 972-9674  
62524- 217 422-2983

Major Kenneth D. Bailey Detachment #824

Meets at American Legion Post #210, 201 Prospect Pl., Danville, IL  
Comdt: John Barrett, 29173 Bean Creek Rd., Potomac, IL  
Paym: Tina Cornell, 202 Prospect Pl., Danville, IL  
Adj: Bonnie Barrett, 29173 Bean Creek Rd., Potomac, IL

Pd. 20-21  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 1600  
61865- 217 987-6921  
61832 217 260-2822  
61865- 217 987-6921

Central Illinois Leathernecks Detachment #988

Meets at V.F.W. Post 454, 1006 Lincoln Ave., Bloomington, IL  
Comdt: Kevin D. Keller, 14030 Lara Trace, Bloomington, IL  
Paym: Kevin D. Keller, 14030 Lara Trace, Bloomington, IL  
Adj: David L. Edwards, 904 Star Drive, Heyworth, IL

Pd. 20-21  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 1900  
61705- 618 554-1540  
61705- 618 554-1540  
61745-9213 309 498-1007

Richard L. Pittman Detachment #1231

Meets at Urbana V.F.W. Post #630, 1303 E. Main St., Urbana, IL  
Comdt: Bob Kappes, 1217 Joanne Ln., Champaign, IL  
Paym: Gregory Cozad, P.O. Box 6354, Champaign, IL  
Adj: Ron Castel, 206 South John St., Thomasboro, IL

Pd. 20-21  
3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 1900  
61821-1614 217 351-7095  
60426-6354  
61878-

Sgt. Robert "Bob" E. Graue Detachment #1336

Meets at Lincoln VFW Post, 915 5<sup>th</sup> St., Lincoln, IL  
Comdt: James J. Harnacke, 1518 State Rt. 10, Lincoln, IL  
Adj/Pay: Gene F. Hickey, 795 950th Ave., Elkhart, IL

Pd. 20-21  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 1700  
62656-5353 217 737-4557  
62634-6090 217 871-2972

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

Collier-Harrison Detachment #075

Meets at the Navy Club Quarters, 3100 Stanton St., Springfield, IL  
Comdt: Jeff Wolfe, 7324 Oak Crest Rd., Riverton, IL  
Adj/Pay: Sue Gibbons, 1733 W. Glenn Ave., Springfield, IL

Pd.  
1<sup>st</sup> Thursday 1900  
62561-9785 217 971-5663  
62704-4826 217 622-8270

Gem City Detachment #790

Meets at Lippincott Hall, Veterans Home, 1707 N. 12<sup>th</sup> St., Quincy, IL  
Comdt: Jeffrey W. Jansen, 1620 Gayla Dr., Quincy, IL  
Paym: Stephen Cane, 2119 Jackson St., Quincy, IL  
Adj: George A. Herendeen, 1707 N. 12<sup>th</sup> Sst., Quincy, IL

Pd. 20-21  
1<sup>st</sup> Monday 1900  
62305- 217 616-0219  
62301- 217 224-6360  
62301- 217 246-1331

West Central Illinois Leathernecks #1177  
Meets at the VFW Post 1379, 903 East Morton, Jacksonville, IL  
Comdt: Tim Ritzo, 823 Grove St., Jacksonville, IL  
Paym: Paul Kramer, 2057 Cherry Rd., Springfield, IL  
Adj: Earl Turner, 1864 Plum St., Jacksonville, IL

Pd. 20-21  
2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday 1900  
62650- 217 473-1128  
62704-3273 217 572-1820  
62650-22437 217 243-6602

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

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

Pd.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 1200  
62401-6905  
62401-5088 217 821-2163

Thomas A. Jennings Detachment #546  
Meets at VFW Post, 712 E. Main St., Robinson, IL  
Comdt: David Houser, 405 N. Range St., Oblong, IL  
Paym: Mark Brown, 116 W. Tyler, Litchfield, IL

Pd.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 1900  
62445- 618 544-7047  
62056- 217 4945021

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

Robert Windle Detachment #1031  
Meets at American Legion, Legion Park, Jerseyville, IL  
Comdt: Karl Bradshaw, 16645 Delhi Farms Rd. Jerseyville, IL  
Paym: Marshal Lewis, 704 Cross Ave, Jerseyville, IL  
Adj: Lonnie Saffell, 9287 N. Prairie St., Shipman, IL

Pd.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Monday 1900  
62052-3595 618 885-5684  
62052- 618 946-9150  
62685-6733 618 836-7388

Collinsville Detachment #074  
Meets at VFW Post 805, 221 W. First St., O'Fallon, IL  
Comdt: Frank Christie, 2802 Black Ln., Collinsville, IL  
Paym: Ramona Witte, 505 W. Randle St., Lebanon, IL  
Adj: Catherine Murphy, 29 N. Oakland Dr., Caseyville, IL

Pd.  
1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday 1900  
62234-7607 618 344-3676 c-618 420-9920  
62254-1428 618 808-0308  
62232-1131

Alton Leathernecks Detachment #1160  
Meets at VFW 1308, 4445 Alby, Alton, IL 62002  
Comdt: Glenn L. Heimer, 3819 Horn Ave., Alton, IL  
Paym: Paul Schwendeman, 429 Oak St., East Alton, IL  
Adj: Mark Nelson, 5679 Humbert Rd., Godfrey, IL

Pd.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Monday 1900  
62002-3151 618 433-1281  
62024-1257 618 973-4825  
62035-2102 618 972-3987

Lincoln Land Leathernecks Detachment #1174  
Meets at VFW Post 1377, 2043 S. 4<sup>th</sup> St., Greenville, IL 62246  
Comdt: Daphne Kappos, 340 Whitelaw Ave., Wood River, IL  
Paym: Robert R. Weber, 1103 Haas Rd., Trenton, IL  
Adj: Renee McGuan, 35C Colonial Manos Dr., Highland, IL

Pd.  
4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 1930  
62095-1915 618 402-7620  
62293-2117 618 402-5655  
62249-1565 815 751-1455

Prairieland Leathernecks Detachment #1385  
Meets at the Litchfield VFW Post, 215 W. Ryder St., Litchfield, IL  
Comdt: Chris G. Gutierrez, PO Box 556, Litchfield, IL  
Paym: Gary E. Doss, PO Box 556, Litchfield, IL  
Adj: Terry L. Williams, PO Box 556, Litchfield, IL

Pd.  
1<sup>st</sup> Thursday 1900  
62056- 217 556-2410  
62056- 217 532-2280  
62056- 217 324-3574

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

Shawnee Detachment #812  
Meets at the American Legion Post 127, 1700 Gartside St., Murphysboro, IL  
Comdt: Mark Cosgrove, 172 Wild Rose Ln., Carbondale, IL  
Paym: Phillip Lindberg, 2421 Country Club Rd., Carbondale, IL  
Adj: Robert A. Edwards, 815 Young Ct., Carterville, IL

Pd.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday 1900  
62902- 618 967-9462  
62901- 618 967-9239  
62918-5052 618 534-2661

Southern Illinois Leathernecks Detachment #1013  
Meets at the KC Hall, 213 N. 16<sup>th</sup> St., Herrin, IL  
Comdt: Cindy Aschemann, 309 Missouri Ave., Carterville, IL  
Paym: Joe Leenerts, 9594 Stotlar Rd., Johnston City, IL  
Adj:

Pd.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 1900  
62918- 618 203-9401  
62951-2945 618 942-3834

Randolph County Detachment # 575  
Meets at the American Legion, 1001 Booster St., Evansville, IL  
Comdt: Brent Piel, 5970 Richfield Rd., Red Bud, IL  
Adj/Pay: John Preston, 1033 Thomas Dr., Red Bud, IL

Pd. NO  
3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 1900  
62278-4534 618 282-4328  
62278-2304 618 282-7783

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

Burbank Unit MCLA #140 Pd.  
Meets at VFW Post 177, 10537 S. Ridgeland Ave., Chicago Ridge, IL 4<sup>th</sup> 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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Meets at the Bourbonnais Sportsmen's Club, 2672 Chippawa Dr. Bourbonnais, IL Pd.  
President: Margaret J. Myers, 345 W. Jeffery St., Kankakee, IL 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday 1800  
Treasurer: Sandy Britt, 114G Uncle Leo Dr., Bradley, IL 60901-4958 815 933-2338  
Secretary: Judy Denoyer, 271 Randolph, Bradley, IL 60915- 815 592-1976  
60915- 815 933-9408

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> District

DeKalb Sycamore Unit MCLA #382 Pd. 20-21  
Meets at Sycamore Vets Home, 121 S. California, Sycamore, IL 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 1900  
President: Rachael Hartman, 1036 Hartman Trail, Sandwich, IL 60548- 815 405-9731  
Treasurer: Judy Bryant, 340 Parker St., Sycamore, IL 60178-1249 815 895-6696  
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Illinois Valley Unit MCLA	Pd. 20-21
Meets at MCL Clubhouse, 475 E. State St. (RT's 351 & 71), Oglesby, IL	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 1800
President: Virginia Hegland, 321 N. Kenosha Ave., Oglesby, IL	61348-1145 480 980-7333
Treasurer: Lorene Munson, 505 Mormon St., Oglesby, IL	61348-1030 815 883-3636
Secretary: Lorene Munson, 505 Mormon St., Oglesby, IL	61348-1030 815 883-3636

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

Sauk Valley Unit MCLA #349	Pd.
Meets at Rock Falls American Legion, 712 - 4 <sup>th</sup> Ave., Rock Falls, IL	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 1600
President:	
Treasurer: 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

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

West Central Illinois Leatherneck Unit MCLA #462	Pd.
Meets at VFW Post 1379, 903 E. Morton, Jacksonville, IL	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday 1900
President: Tonya Crosier, 12625 Tebbe Rd., New Berlin, IL	62670-4507 217 415-0446
Treasurer:	
Secretary: Carol Smith, 1411 W. Walnut, Jacksonville, IL	62650-1102 217 473-1161

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

Alton Leathernecks Unit MCLA #488	Pd.
Meets at VFW, 231 E. Edwardsville Rd., Wood River, IL	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday 1900
President: April Butler, 120 Ohio St., East Alton, IL	62024- 618 580-3079
Treasurer: Kelley Chadwick-Mansker, 3526 Fullerton Ave., Alton, IL	62002- 616 660-5117
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Shawnee Unit	Pd.
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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 CHAIRMAN OF NATIONAL CONVENTION

Happy New Year, hope all is well with all of you, stay well during these times.

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

PDC Greg Baker

## DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS 3<sup>rd</sup> Staff Staff Meeting

Because of the the postponed and rescheduled Staff meetings and Convention, 2<sup>nd</sup> staff will not be held this year. Please visit the Department web site ([www.theillinoismarine.com](http://www.theillinoismarine.com)) for information.

**\*\*\*\*\*Congratulations to Mike Sturch who was chosen as the Department's 2020 Marine of the Year.\*\*\*\*\***

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## Shawnee Detachment #812 Toys for Tots 2020 Campaign

The annual Toys for Tots campaign was completed on December 19, 2020 with the final two distributions. This year over 3000 children received new toys for Christmas. The combined efforts of detachment members, auxiliary members, and other volunteers make this annual event a wonderful success. The annual toy drive begins with the planning and coordination meeting in October. This is followed by the placement of collection boxes at drop off locations throughout Southern Illinois. This is also the time for our major toy collection drives and fundraisers. This year, several of our major fund raisers and toy collections were cancelled due the Covid-19 virus. Fortunately, local businesses and individuals stepped up to the challenge and helped us accomplish our goal.

The Toys for Tots campaign has been one of the detachment's major initiatives since 1992 and has experienced annual growth. Currently, we conduct Toys for Tots activities in five Southern Illinois counties. This includes toy collection, fundraising and toy distribution. Our distributions begin the first weekend in December and finish the Saturday before Christmas. Toys are distributed at five locations.

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

## VAVS

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

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

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

Another note the USDVA, Monthly Billing Statements on Co-Pays & Prescriptions will resume beginning Jan. 2021 after the C-19 postponement that took effect Apr thru Dec 31. They are now notifying veterans they are coming for any money

owed. Please try to make a good faith debt relief arrangement immediately with either a repayment plan, better option to request a Waiver, Write-off or offer Compromise, but best is to pursue a VA Hardship Determination.

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

Please use E-contact for concerns & updates at: [LZ4vets@gmail.com](mailto:LZ4vets@gmail.com). S/F George VAVS Chair.

Semper Fi,  
George Mulvaney, VAVS Chairman

### **YOUNG MARINES PROGRAM**

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

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

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

### **WARS COMMITTEE**

### **ILLINOIS PACK MODD**

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

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

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Semper Fidelis,  
Victoria Cobbett, Chair



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Members of the Marine Corps League join together in camaraderie and fellowship for the purpose of preserving the traditions and promoting the interests of the United States Marine Corps, banding together those who are now serving in the United States Marine Corps and those who have been honorably discharged from that service that they may effectively promote the ideals of American freedom and democracy, voluntarily aiding and rendering assistance to all Marines, FMF Corpsmen and former Marines and FMF corpsmen and to their widows and orphans; and to perpetuate the history of the United States Marine Corps and by fitting acts to observe the anniversaries of historical occasions of particular interest to Marines.

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

**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;
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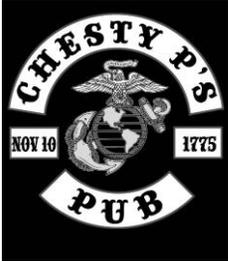


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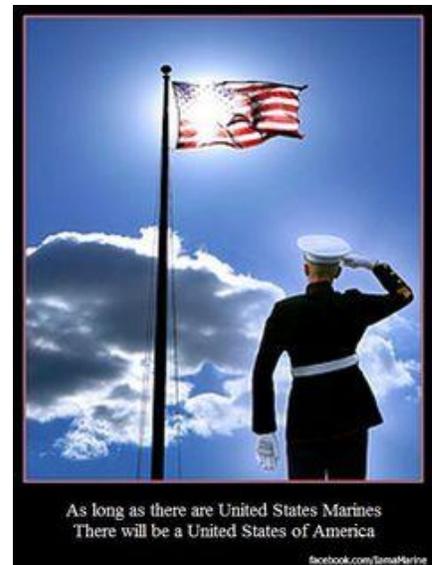
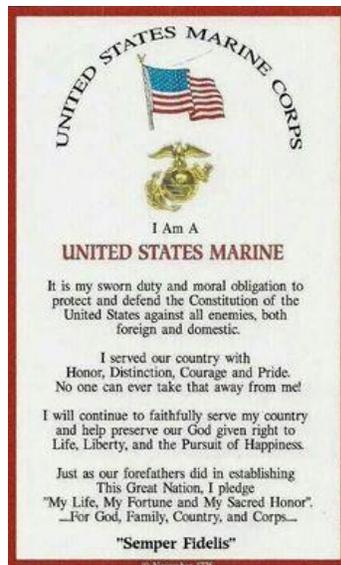
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