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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 98th 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 1st 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..2nd 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 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 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 or 309-269-2012.

Semper Fidelis,
PDC Mike Malmstrom

SERGEANT AT ARMS:

I can be reached at 217 419-1566 or paymaster@cumarines.org

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), 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 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 1st. All checks should be made payable to "Department of Illinois, MCL" and mailed to the Editor at the address listed below. These annual dues are the funds that allow the Illinois Marine to be published. If you have not yet paid, please bring your Detachment/Unit up to date ASAP. Paymasters check behind your detachments name

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

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

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

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

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

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

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PDC Don Haines, Editor

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

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Pd. 20-21
 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: Jason Torres, PO Box 777, Worth, IL

Paym: Joe Purpura, 8401 W. 151st St., Orland Park, IL

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

Pd.
 4th 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 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.
 4th 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.
 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: 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
 1st 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. 157th Pl., Oak Forest, IL

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

Pd.
 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: Zatanuel Ortega, 1820 W. Cornelia Ave., Chicago, IL

Adj/Pay: John M. Bigwood, 7719 East Prairie Road, Skokie, IL

Pd. 20-21
 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:

Pd.
 1st 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.
 4th Tuesday 1930
 60563-2649 630 854-9587
 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.

4th 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

4th 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.

3rd 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.

3rd 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.

3rd 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. 20-21

2nd Wednesday 1900

60047- 847 997-6658

60047- 847 414-9630

3rd District**Dixon Area Detachment #076**

Meets at Sterling Post 296, 601 1st Ave., Sterling, IL

Comdt: Nick Garcia, 208 8th Ave., Sterling, IL

Paym: Ed Nicklaus, 204 18th Ave., Sterling, IL

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

Pd. 20-21

3rd Wednesday 1900

61081- 765 520-8724

61081- 815 625-8223

61021- 815 994-2697

Illinois Valley Detachment #078

Meets at MCL Clubhouse, 475 E. Rt. 351, PO Box 22, Jonesville, IL

Comdt: Art Meyer, PO Box 22, Oglesby, IL

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

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

Pd. 20-21

1st Tuesday 1900

61348-0022 815 780-0931

61348-0022 815 200-2332

61348-0022 815 343-9364

Rockford Detachment #083

Meets at the VFW Post 9759, 2018 Windsor Dr., Loves Park IL

Comdt: 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.

1st 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.

1st Monday 1900

61443- 309 853-6661

61344-0207 309 290-4007

Lincoln Detachment #607

Meets at AMVETS, 827 15th Ave., East Moline, IL

Comdt: Joseph G. Pollock, 6609 Cresthill Dr., Davenport, IA

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

Pd.

3rd Tuesday 1900

52806-1567 563 349-2423

61265-7516 309 764-9638

DeKalb County Detachment #847

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

Comdt: Brent Bacon, PO Box 321, Sycamore, IL

Paym: Keith Keutzer, PO Box 321., Sycamore, IL

Adj: Mike Sturch, PO Box 321., Sycamore, IL

Pd.

3rd Thursday 1900

60178-0321 815 751-6211

60178-0321 815 751-3641

60788-0321 815 441-2243

Sauk Valley Marine Detachment #913

Meets at A. L. Post 902, 712 Fourth Ave., Rock Falls, IL

Comdt: Tim Martin, PO Box 708, Rock Falls, IL

Paym: Howard Glispie, 6105 7th Ave. Rock Falls, IL

Adj: Tim Martin "See Comdt."

Pd. 20-21

3rd Monday 1900

61071-0708 815 622-4629

61071- 815 59040639

4th District**Peoria Leathernecks Detachment #081**

Meets at Navy/Marine Club, 1310 E. Sieberling, Peoria Heights, IL 61616

Comdt: William Olsen, 21 N. Cherry St., Princeton, IL

Adj/Pay: Harold W. Lundstrom, 10809 N. Dana Dr., Peoria, IL

Pd. 20-21

1st 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

3rd Sunday 1600

61554- 309 241-0949

61607- 309 369-4982

61547-9578 309 453-3858

Decatur Detachment #799

Meets at American Legion Post #105, 1535 Legion Dr., Decatur, IL

Comdt: Tom Scroggins, 1825 S. 33rd St., Decatur, IL

Paym: Robert Kimmons, 11242 N. Kenny Rd., Warrensburg, IL

Adj: Robert Tyler, 324 Green Way Ln., Decatur, IL

Pd. 20-21

1st Monday 1800

62521-4704 217 428-7588

62573- 217 972-9674

62524- 217 422-2983

Major Kenneth D. Bailey Detachment #824

Meets at American Legion Post #210, 201 Prospect Pl., Danville, IL

Comdt: John Barrett, 29173 Bean Creek Rd., Potomac, IL

Paym: Tina Cornell, 202 Prospect Pl., Danville, IL

Adj: Bonnie Barrett, 29173 Bean Creek Rd., Potomac, IL

Pd. 20-21

3rd Sunday 1600

61865- 217 987-6921

61832 217 260-2822

61865- 217 987-6921

Central Illinois Leathernecks Detachment #988

Meets at V.F.W. Post 454, 1006 Lincoln Ave., Bloomington, IL

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Adj: David L. Edwards, 904 Star Drive, Heyworth, IL

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2nd Tuesday 1900

61705- 618 554-1540

61705- 618 554-1540

61745-9213 309 498-1007

Richard L. Pittman Detachment #1231

Meets at Urbana V.F.W. Post #630, 1303 E. Main St., Urbana, IL

Comdt: Bob Kappes, 1217 Joanne Ln., Champaign, IL

Paym: Gregory Cozad, P.O. Box 6354, Champaign, IL

Adj: Ron Castel, 206 South John St., Thomasboro, IL

Pd. 20-21

3rd Thursday 1900

61821-1614 217 351-7095

60426-6354

61878-

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

Comdt: James J. Harnacke, 1518 State Rt. 10, Lincoln, IL

Adj/Pay: Gene F. Hickey, 795 950th Ave., Elkhart, IL

Pd. 20-21

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

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

Pd.

1st Thursday 1900

62561-9785 217 971-5663

62704-4826 217 622-8270

Gem City Detachment #790Meets at Lippincott Hall, Veterans Home, 1707 N. 12th 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. 12th Sst., Quincy, IL

Pd. 20-21

1st 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

2nd Wednesday 1900

62650- 217 473-1128

62704-3273 217 572-1820

62650-22437 217 243-6602

6th District

Effingham County Detachment #591

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

Comdt: Aaron Mette, 14905 E. 1975th Ave., Effingham, IL

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

Pd.

3rd Thursday 1200

62401-6905

62401-5088 217 821-2163

Thomas A. Jennings Detachment #546

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

Comdt: David Houser, 405 N. Range St., Oblong, IL

Paym: Mark Brown, 116 W. Tyler, Litchfield, IL

Pd.

3rd Tuesday 1900

62445- 618 544-7047

62056- 217 494-5021

7th District

Robert Windle Detachment #1031

Meets at American Legion, Legion Park, Jerseyville, IL

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

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

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

Pd.

2nd Monday 1900

62052-3595 618 885-5684

62052- 618 946-9150

62685-6733 618 836-7388

Collinsville Detachment #074

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

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

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

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

Pd.

1st Wednesday 1900

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

62254-1428 618 808-0308

62232-1131

Alton Leathernecks Detachment #1160

Meets at 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.

3rd Monday 1900

62002-3151 618 433-1281

62024-1257 618 973-4825

62035-2102 618 972-3987

Lincoln Land Leathernecks Detachment #1174

Meets at VFW Post 1377, 2043 S. 4th St., Greenville, IL 62246

Comdt: 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.

4th 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.

1st Thursday 1900

62056- 217 556-2410

62056- 217 532-2280

62056- 217 324-3574

8th District

Shawnee Detachment #812

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

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

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

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

Pd.

2nd Thursday 1900

62902- 618 967-9462

62901- 618 967-9239

62918-5052 618 534-2661

Southern Illinois Leathernecks Detachment #1013

Meets at the KC Hall, 213 N. 16th St., Herrin, IL

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

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

Adj:

Pd.

3rd Wednesday 1900

62918- 618 203-9401

62951-2945 618 942-3834

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

Pd. NO
3rd Tuesday 1900
62278-4534 618 282-4328
62278-2304 618 282-7783

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1st District

Burbank Unit MCLA #140	Pd.
Meets at VFW Post 177, 10537 S. Ridgeland Ave., Chicago Ridge, IL	4 th Thursday 2000
President: Mary Ann Kuchta 10052 S. Maplewood, Chicago, IL	60650- 773 779-8463
Treasurer: Violet Tolsky, 9965 Cambridge Court "D", Mokena, IL	60448-7914 708 479-6760
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Kankakee Unit MCLA #1253

Meets at the Bourbonnais Sportsmen's Club, 2672 Chippawa Dr. Bourbonnais, IL	Pd.
President: Margaret J. Myers, 345 W. Jeffery St., Kankakee, IL	1 st 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

3rd District

DeKalb Sycamore Unit MCLA #382	Pd. 20-21
Meets at Sycamore Vets Home, 121 S. California, Sycamore, IL	3 rd Thursday 1900
President: Rachael Hartman, 1036 Hartman Trail, Sandwich, IL	60548- 815 405-9731
Treasurer: Judy Bryant, 340 Parker St., Sycamore, IL	60178-1249 815 895-6696
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
President: Virginia Hegland, 321 N. Kenosha Ave., Oglesby, IL
Treasurer: Lorene Munson, 505 Mormon St., Oglesby, IL
Secretary: Lorene Munson, 505 Mormon St., Oglesby, IL

Pd. 20-21
3rd Tuesday 1800
61348-1145 480 980-7333
61348-1030 815 883-3636
61348-1030 815 883-3636

McHenry County Unit MCLA #419
Meets at McHenry V.F.W. Post 4600, 3002 IL, Rt. 120, McHenry, IL
President: Jo Larson, 332 Ramble RD., Lake in the Hills, IL
Treasurer: Colleen Helfers, 19810 River Rd., Marengo, IL
Secretary: Colleen Helfers, 19810 River Rd., Marengo, IL

Pd.
3rd Thursday 1930
60156-1332 847 687-3101
60152-9131 815 219-8550
60152-9131 815 219-8550

Sauk Valley Unit MCLA #349
Meets at Rock Falls American Legion, 712 - 4th Ave., Rock Falls, IL
President:
Treasurer: Carol Martin, PO Box 708, Rock Falls, IL
Secretary: Carol Martin, PO Box 708, Rock Falls, IL

Pd.
2nd Tuesday 1600
61071-0708 815 622-8687
61071-0708 815 622-8687

4th District

West Central Illinois Leatherneck Unit MCLA #462
Meets at VFW Post 1379, 903 E. Morton, Jacksonville, IL
President: Tonya Crosier, 12625 Tebbe Rd., New Berlin, IL
Treasurer:
Secretary: Carol Smith, 1411 W. Walnut, Jacksonville, IL

Pd.
2nd Wednesday 1900
62670-4507 217 415-0446
62650-1102 217 473-1161

5th District

Alton Leathernecks Unit MCLA #488
Meets at VFW, 231 E. Edwardsville Rd., Wood River, IL
President: April Butler, 120 Ohio St., East Alton, IL
Treasurer: Kelley Chadwick-Mansker, 3526 Fullerton Ave., Alton, IL
Secretary: Marty Campbell, 715 W. Wilbus St., Bunkerhill, IL

Pd.
2nd Thursday 1900
62024- 618 580-3079
62002- 616 660-5117
62014- 618 616-7402

Shawnee Unit
Meets at the Carbondale Elks Club
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Treasurer: Debbie Donegue, 2390 Sycamore Rd., Carterville, IL
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Pd.
4th Tuesday 1845
62951- 618 694-9118
62918- 618 922-2432
62924-1554 618 973-7271

PLEASE NOTE

Because of the new style of listings of Officers, Committee Chairs and Committee members, it would add 10 pages to this publication which would substantially increase printing costs. Please visit www.theillinoismarine.com for the full current Committee assignments for both the MCL and MCLA. They are located on the Department page and Auxiliary page.

"If you would like a hard copy of all Officers, Committees and their members, please contact me and I will mail out a copy to you"

AROUND THE LEAGUE

Part of our mission as The Marine Corps League is to provide support and assistance to all past, present and future Marines! We, as Marines and/or family members, have experienced being away from our loved ones. We know what it is like to be away from home whether it is at a duty base in the states or overseas in a strange land. It is now our turn and obligation to provide the "Marine Family" support to those still in combat and those returning from harm's way as well as all those non-combat individuals that support our troops.

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 has 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

PDC Greg Baker

DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS 3rd Staff Staff Meeting

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

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

CENTRAL ILLINOIS LEATHERNECKS

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GEM CITY

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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, 8th 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. 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, 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

ILLINOIS PACK MODD

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

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

DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Please visit www.theillinoismarine.com website for information on the Department Scholarship Program.

Semper Fidelis,
Victoria Cobbett, Chair



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE **MISSION STATEMENT**

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

THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AUXILIARY
OUR PURPOSE

PATRIOTIC:

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

HISTORICAL:

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

FRATERNAL:

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

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.

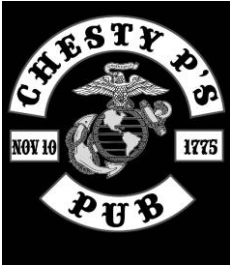





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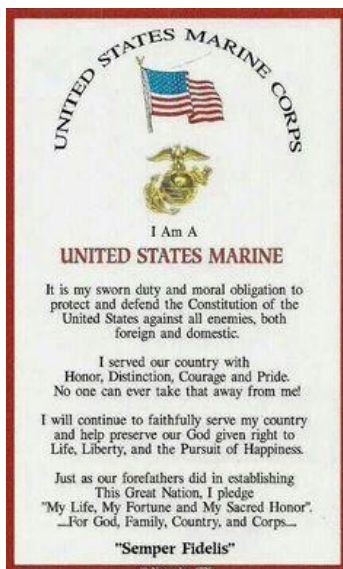
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The Marines' Prayer

Almighty Father, whose command is over all and whose love never fails, make me aware of Thy presence and obedient to Thy will. Keep me true to my best self, guarding me against dishonesty in purpose and in deed and helping me to live so that I can face my fellow Marines, my loved ones and Thee without shame or fear. Protect my family. Give me the will to do the work of a Marine and to accept my share of responsibility with vigor and enthusiasm. Grant me the courage to be proficient in my daily performance. Keep me loyal and faithful to my superiors and to the duties my country and the Marine Corps have entrusted to me. Make me considerate of those committed to my leadership. Help me to wear my uniform with dignity, and let it remind me daily of the traditions which I must uphold. If I am inclined to doubt, steady my faith, if I am tempted, make me strong to resist, if I should miss the mark, give me the courage to try again. Guide me with the light of truth and grant me wisdom by which I may understand the answer to my prayer. Amen



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

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

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

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





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