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## DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

### COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE:

Marines,

I trust everyone had an enjoyable holiday season. I was able to attend a few Marine Corps Birthday balls with family and friends, and we had a fabulous time. Thanksgiving and Christmas was spent with family, and now it is time to get to work.

National Mid-Winter Conference is in Norfolk, February 24-26, and our Central Division Conference is in Springfield, OH, March 17-19. We are working on our 3<sup>rd</sup> Staff Conference, probably the first weekend of March as well. It will be a busy late-winter/spring time.

With the mid-term election campaigns in full-swing, please remember that we are an a-political organization. You have the freedom to choose or support whomever or whatever you want as an individual, but you cannot do so while representing the MCL.

In just over a year, we will be celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the MCL. Our Department Historian, Arlene Davis, is putting together a "Century Project" to submit to National. There is the intent to put together some sort of book documenting the history of each Department over the last 100 years. If you would like your Detachment to be included, please reach out to her with your information.

Always remember our Brothers and Sisters who are serving, those who never came home, and those who came home but never returned. Keep up the great work, Marines and fellow members!

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

Semper Fi,  
Mike Sturch

### DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT, MCLA:

This last year has been a challenge, but we have survived. Hosting the National Convention was successful. The Burbank unit which I belong to has gained four new members. I hope your units also grew in membership.

We will be holding the third staff in March or April. At this writing I don't know when or where. I am asking you to make an attempt to attend and state the position you would like to hold. Attendance has been low, and we miss you.

My contact info is 773 434-6633 or [patbuckley39@comcast.net](mailto:patbuckley39@comcast.net).

Semper Fi  
Pat Buckley

### SR. VICE COMMANDANT:

Hello Marines,

I hope the Holiday Seasons find each and every Marine, FMF Corpsman, FMF Chaplin and their loved ones, safe, healthy and virus free!

With the New Year coming alive, I hope 2022 is a better year than the last two years have been for our nation. As we gear up for a full year of new projects and hopefully a great year for our Marine Corps League, I hope every detachment's recruiting, fundraisers and membership drives are successful.

It's that time of the year to get the Sr. Vice Commandant's Raffle going for 2022. The drawing will be held at the Department Convention in June 2022. This year we're offering as prizes two (2) very nice weapons or cash for those not wanting the weapon. Winners of the weapons (if a Illinois resident) must have a valid FOID card.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize: Your choice of a M & P AR-15, SPT 11 5.56 w/optic (or) \$1000.00 cash (or) 2-Night stay at the Herrington Inn & Spa in downtown Geneva, Illinois.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: Sig. P365, 9MM, 3.1 BBL. (or) \$500.00 cash.

Please, check [www.theillinoismarine.com](http://www.theillinoismarine.com) for more future information on the raffle. I want to once again, thank you for allowing me to serve as our Sr. Vice Commandant for this 2<sup>nd</sup> year.

My contact information for raffle tickets for Detachments and others is:  
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Semper Fidelis,  
Ronald E. Burns, Sr.

### JR. VICE COMMANDANT:

Marines,

The 246<sup>th</sup> Birthday is over, the holidays are past and it's back to reality

As I process the transmittals, the new members surpass the numbers of deaths but the number of other members that are dropped from the roles because of not renewing their membership is too high. My last Illinois Marine article spoke to this. All members need to be involved at Detachment meetings and functions. Everyone can participate in some way. Marines given a task or asked to do something will get it done and feel like part of the unit. Recruiting seems to be going well and retention should be doing better. Let's all reach out to members who have not

been attending meetings and functions and ask why. It may be lack of a ride, not driving at night, something happened or was said that can be explained to solve a problem. We cannot be complacent and think the current members will keep our League alive.

The radio spot program had very little response. We are a social media society now and any and all ideas, suggestions that work for you to get our message out are appreciated. There are probably Marines that are more comfortable with social media that would serve as media point men for each Detachment.

Please pass things along so we can continue to grow the League.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
Robert R. "Randy" Weber

#### **JUDGE ADVOCATE:**

The MCL uniform is our public image. We need to be sure we are all wearing it in accordance with adopted rules and regulations. Several changes to the Administrative Procedures were adopted at the 2021 National Convention. As before, the appearance of the MCL uniform is standard for everyone with exceptions for particular awards or pins or patches or clothing.

The changes to Enclosure (3) describe several new pins and the new Associate Member of the Year device.

Enclosure (3) section VIII Lapel Pins describes the addition of particular pins that may be worn and where they should be positioned on the lapel of the Red Blazer or the Evening Dress Jacket.

Three new pins are authorized:

- The National Associate Member of the Year pin
- The Gold Star
- The Next of Kin Deceased Personnel Pin

As before, only two pins may be worn at any time and the crossed flag pin remains unauthorized on this uniform.

Enclosure (3) section XI Associate Member Uniform change describes the uniform code for wearing of the newly created Associate Member of the Year Medallion. The Medallion may be worn accordance with the same rules as the Marine of the Year Medallion.

Enclosure (4) Marine Corps League Awards has added a new miniature medal Heroism, the Associate Member of the Year ribbon in the order of precedence sequence, and two new Commendation Awards: MCL Community Service (JrROTC) and MCL Youth Physical Fitness Award (JrROTC). The awards and criteria are described in the body of the enclosure with additional information in updated NOTES 2 and 4.

The Administrative Procedures describe and clarify the day-to-day operations of the MCL to enable and assist efficient functioning of each detachment and the members therein.

If you have any questions, send me an email or text or a phone message and I will reply. If you have any questions or concerns of a Judge Advocate nature, I will try to assist

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Semper Fidelis,  
Victoria Cobbett

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Semper Fidelis,  
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Semper Fidelis  
Bob Kappes

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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 2022 issue. There will be no exceptions!**

The invoice for all Illinois Marine dues of \$50.00 per Detachment/Unit/Pack and Pound [as per Department Bylaws 51.21(c)] will be arriving in the mail shortly after July 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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 61615-1163 309 240-8782

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

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

Pd. 21-22  
 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

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Comdt: Art Chaves, 367 Baber Ln., Joliet, IL

Paym: Fred Gaddis, 165 Virginia St., Coal City, IL

Adj:

Pd. 21-22  
 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

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Adj: Roland Myers, 345 Jeffery, Kankakee, IL

Pd. 21-22  
 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday 1900  
 60914- 815 278-7848  
 60901-4958 815 933-2338  
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Marine Corps League Kevin Clarke - Tinley Park Detachment #1217

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

Pd. 21-22  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday 1930  
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 60452- 708 535-3332  
 60452- 708 687-3714

## 2<sup>nd</sup> District

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

Pd. 21-22  
3rd Sunday 1300  
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60076- 847 779-3053

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Adj:

Pd. 21-22  
1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday 1900  
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60680-8668 773 413-8762

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Adj: John J. Schmitt, 8434 Mendingwall Dr., IL

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60157- 630 432-4795

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Pd.  
4<sup>th</sup> Monday 1900  
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Adj: Lisa Garcia, 648 W. New York, Aurora, IL

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2nd Thursday 1900  
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60174-3638 630 564-1804  
60506- 630 486-9896

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Pd. 21-22  
3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 1900  
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60002- 847 274-8144  
60037- 847 807-0736

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

Pd.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 1900  
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60098-0311 847 370-4107  
60098-0311 224 654-6252

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Paym: TBD

Adj: TBD

Pd.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 1930  
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Adj/Pay: Scott Forester, PO Box 491, Lake Zurich, IL

Pd. 21-22  
2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday 1900  
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60047- 847 414-9630

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

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

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3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 1900  
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61021- 815 994-2697

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

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1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday 1900  
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61348-0022 815 200-2332  
61348-0022 815 343-9364

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 Paym: Bruce Giersch, 613 Dickerson Dr., Winnebago, IL1007  
 Adj: Rick Rubendall, 1007 Ramona Ter., Machesney Park, IL

	Pd. 21-22	
	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday	1900
61104-		815 218-6752
61088-8336		815 904-4534
61115-3841		815 979-6468

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	Pd. 21-22	
	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday	1900
61443-		309 853-6661
61344-0207		309 290-4007

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

	Pd. 21-22	
	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. 21-22	
	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.	
	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. 21-22	
	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday	1900
61356-		309 642-8787
61615-1163		309 240-8782

Tobin-Nanninga Detachment #085  
 Meets at the MCL Club House, 13370 Garman Rd., Pekin, IL  
 Comdt: William Clark, 308 Linden St., Pekin, IL  
 Pay: Chris Celiberti, 4020 Chalmers, Bartonville, IL  
 Adj: Mike Munoz, 9801 W. Guinivere Dr., Mapleton, IL

	Pd. 21-22	
	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. 21-22	
	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. 21-22	
	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.	
	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. 21-22	
	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, 795 950<sup>th</sup> Ave., Elkhart, IL

Pd. 21-22  
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. 21-22  
1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday 1900  
62561-9785 217 971-5663  
62704-4826 217 622-8270

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

Pd.  
1<sup>st</sup> Monday 1900  
62305- 217 316-0219  
62301- 217 246-1331

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

Pd. 21-22  
3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 1800  
62650- 217 883-0798  
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. 21-22  
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: John Griffin, 6501 North 2150<sup>th</sup> Street, Willow Hills, IL  
Paym: Mark Brown, 20266 N. 525<sup>th</sup> St., Annapolis, IL

Pd.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 1900  
62480-  
62413-2208 217 494-5021

#### 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 Wood River VFW 2859, 231 E. Edwardsville, Wood River, IL 62095  
Comdt: Glenn L. Heimer, 3819 Horn Ave., Alton, IL  
Paym: Paul Schwendeman, 429 Oak St., East Alton, IL  
Adj: Mark Nelson, 5679 Humbert Rd., Godfrey, IL

Pd. 21-22  
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: Daphine Kappos, 340 Whitelaw Ave., Wood River, IL  
Paym: Robert R. Weber, 1103 Haas Rd., Trenton, IL  
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Pd. 21-22  
4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 1930  
62095-1915 618 402-7620  
62293-2117 618 402-5655  
62249-1565 815 754-1455

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Meets at the Litchfield VFW Post, 215 W. Ryder St., Litchfield, IL  
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Paym: Gary E. Doss, PO Box 556, Litchfield, IL  
Adj: Terry L. Williams, PO Box 556, Litchfield, IL

Pd. 21-22  
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. 21-22

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.

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 1900

62278-4534 618 282-4328

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Pd. 21-22

4<sup>th</sup> Thursday 2000

60650- 773 779-8463

60448-7914 708 479-6760

60448-1117 708 479-4882

Kankakee Unit MCLA #1253

Meets at the Bourbonnais Sportsmen's Club, 2672 Dr. Chippewa. Bourbonnais, IL

President: Margaret J. Myers, 345 W. Jeffery St., Kankakee, IL

Treasurer: Sandy Britt, 114G Uncle Leo Dr., Bradley, IL

Secretary: Judy Denoyer, 271 Randolph, Bradley, IL

Pd. 20-21

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday 1800

60901-4958 815 933-2338

60915- 815 592-1976

60915- 815 933-9408

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

DeKalb Sycamore Unit MCLA #382

Meets at Sycamore Vets Home, 121 S. California, Sycamore, IL  
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Treasurer: Judy Bryant, 340 Parker St., Sycamore, IL  
Secretary: Judy Bryant, 340 Parker St., Sycamore, IL

Pd. 21-22  
3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 1900  
60548- 815 405-9731  
60178-1249 815 895-6696  
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Pd. 21-22  
3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Helpers, 19810 River Rd., Marengo, IL  
Secretary: Colleen Helpers, 19810 River Rd., Marengo, IL

Pd. 21-22  
3<sup>rd</sup> 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 - 4<sup>th</sup> Ave., Rock Falls, IL  
President: Lisa Henry, 1507 16<sup>th</sup> Ave., Sterling, IL  
Treasurer: Carol Martin, PO Box 708, Rock Falls, IL  
Secretary: Carol Martin, PO Box 708, Rock Falls, IL

Pd.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 1600  
61081- 815 213-0413 (Text only)  
61071-0708 815 622-8687  
61071-0708 815 622-8687

### 4<sup>th</sup> District

West Central Illinois Leatherneck Unit MCLA #462

Meets at VFW Post 1379, 903 E. Morton, Jacksonville, IL  
President: Caren Waltrip-Sexton, 727 Haardin, Jackdonville, IL  
Treasurer: Joy Komnick, 2800 Via Rosso, Unit 76, Springfield, IL  
Secretary: Carol Smith, 1411 W. Walnut, Jacksonville, IL

Pd.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday 1900  
62650-3019 217 370-5214  
62703- 217 494-0759  
62650-1102 217 473-1161

### 5<sup>th</sup> District

Alton Leathernecks Unit MCLA #488

Meets at VFW, 231 E. Edwardsville Rd., Wood River, IL  
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Pd. 21-22  
2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday 1900  
62024- 618 580-3079  
62002- 616 660-5117  
62014- 618 616-7402

Shawnee Unit

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President: Patty Morgan, 609 W. 11<sup>th</sup> St., Johnston City, IL  
Treasurer: Debbie Donegue, 2390 Sycamore Rd., Carterville, IL  
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Pd. 21-22  
4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 1845  
62951- 618 694-9118  
62918- 618 922-2432  
62924-1554 618 973-7271

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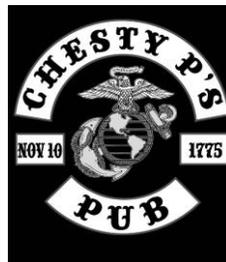
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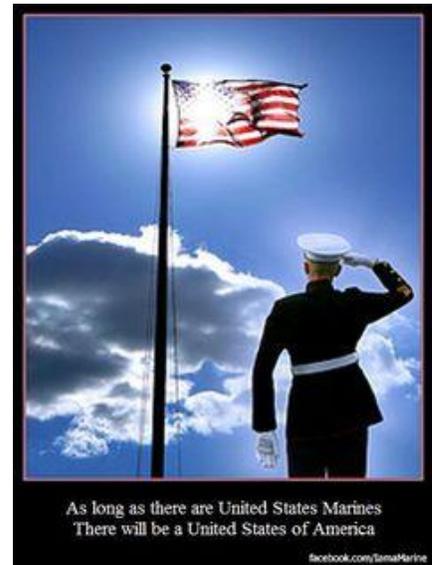
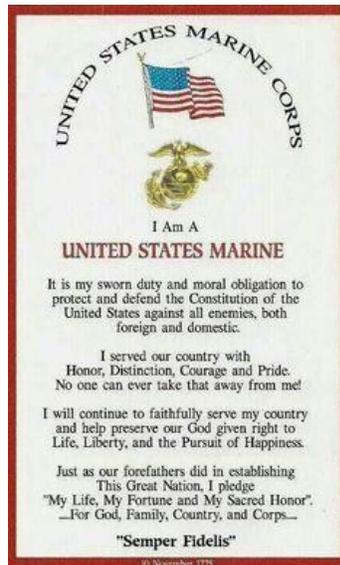
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