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COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE:

Marines,

Adapt, Improvise and Overcome. It's what Marines do.

Two of our planned detachment installations were postponed and ultimately accomplished by conference call. Assisting with the Richard L. Pittman Det. Install was Sr Vice Mike Sturch and 4th Dist. Commandant Kevin Keller. Congratulations Det Cmdt Bob Kappes and Officers. The Burbank Detachment Installation had Mike Sturch once again assisting me with the Installation. Congratulations Det Cmdt Jason Torres and Officers. Conference calls have proven to be a useful tool.

These are definitely challenging times for Marine Corps League detachments but you will climb over any obstacles in your way. Just find the correct solution.

The Department Convention will be held September 30th to October 4th, 2020 at the Magnusson Grand Hotel in Carlinville, Illinois. Schedule will be posted on the Illinois Marine web site when available.

It has been the honor of a lifetime to serve the Department as its Commandant. But now, let's elect the leadership of the Department's future.

I can be reached at 773 316-6976 or email jbmarnes81@yahoo.com

Thank you and Semper Fi,
Bruce Blackmer

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT, MCLA:

We are living in challenging times and we are adapting to the new normal. We all need to take care of ourselves, of each other, of veterans, and of those in our communities. We missed seeing everyone at the March staff and in June. However, our convention is rescheduled for September 30-October 4.

It has been an honor to serve as the Department of Illinois MCLA President for the past two years! I have enjoyed traveling around the state visiting MCLA units and installing their officers. It's inspiring to hear about all the many MCLA activities that units participate in to help our veterans and their families. This participation and dedication by each member in each unit helps MCLA reach more and more veterans and their families. Thank you to each member for everything you do!

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

Semper Fi
Shari Crockett

SR. VICE COMMANDANT:

And we continue marching on.....

The Commandant and I have been honored to perform a few Phone Installations (i.e., Detachment Installations through phone conference calls. We do not work for Ma Bell!) While they are adequate and serve the purpose, we both cannot wait until we are allowed to actually do these in person again. I know we all miss that comradery and physical interaction with one another.

Speaking of such, as the communities and businesses open up, please follow and adhere to the guidance and recommendations from the local, state, and federal levels. We all want this health crisis to end quickly, and for everyone to remain safe and healthy.

Not only do we continue to find ourselves in this pandemic crisis, we are now faced with another serious issue. I have included a message from General Berger, Commandant of the Marine Corps, which, ironically, was issued 20 April 2020. This was obviously before the tragic situation in Minneapolis, and concerns the displaying of the confederate battle flag on military installations. His words, however, ring true, and I believe inspire us all, to remember our dedication and commitment to not only our beloved Corps, but this nation as a whole. We are one team, one family. We don't always have to agree or even get along with each other all the time, but we do need to show that respect and appreciation to all, the same as we would expect to be treated by others.

Sr. Vice Raffle tickets are still available. I will hold the raffle at our Department Convention in October. It will be at the banquet Saturday night, as usual. If we do not have the banquet, it will be the last order of business during the Convention. Tickets are \$10 each. Please contact me by phone or email to purchase them. Tickets may also be purchased in a bulk supply to sell in your communities. You can always turn around and raffle off the prize for your own Detachment fundraiser.

I also have the uniform ribbons for the 75th Anniversary award available, as well as the 75th Anniversary coin. The ribbon will be worn junior, or to the left (to the right as you are looking at them), of the MCL Membership award. The price for these ribbons is \$2.00 each plus S&H, and the coins are \$10 each. Again, don't hesitate to email or call me.

I would like to again announce my intention of seeking the nomination and election as your Department Commandant. I truly appreciate all of the support you have shown me through these years, and I intend to keep

this Department running strong. We are one of the best Departments in the League, and together, we will only get stronger.

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

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

Semper Fidelis,
Mike Sturch

JR. VICE COMMANDANT:

Marines,

What a year 2020 has been so far. CORVID-19 has rocked the world, and I hope you and your families have weathered the virus. The MCL has taken a big blow, also. I'm looking forward to the rescheduled Department Convention starting on September 30 – October 4th in Carlinville.

The new Membership and Recruiting contest is a on-going program, and I'm looking forward to awarding the winner of each contest a \$100.00 check and a Department Certificate for a job well done. The Detachment with the most new members will also receive the Traveling Plaque with their name, detachment number and the year on it. They'll keep this plaque for a year before it moves to the next year's winner.

I will also be running for the office of Sr. Vice Commandant at this Department Convention.

Call me 618-593-0533 or email me at ronburns45@live.com with any questions or concerns about this article.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ronald E. Burns Sr.

JUDGE ADVOCATE:

We are still having problems in some Detachments, mainly concerning opinion and personality conflicts. During these interesting times both of these items are the major contributors to the strife affecting our country. Opinions concerning League business are great during a Detachment meeting but opinions of other members lead to conflicts which will do nothing for the Detachment or the League.

Personalities are as diverse as opinions and are often linked inexorably. Before saying something that will cause problems with another member, stop and think, "Is what I am going to say in the best interest of the Detachment/League?"

Meetings are once or twice a month for an hour or so. Other events happen but we can all make an effort to tolerate one another for these short times.

Sectarian and political debate are both not allowed as stated in our Membership Oath with good reason, as very few people can agree on either. Opinions and personalities are the same. Some you like, some you don't but it never hurts to listen to a different view or even find why a member has the personality they have. You might learn something which is always a good thing.

Please, please use your chain of command! Detachment Commandant and Detachment Judge Advocate are first, go thru them to the Department Commandant and Judge Advocate. Please do not submit anything to Marine Corps League National without Department approval

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

Semper Fidelis,
Robert R. "Randy" Weber

ADJUTANT:

Semper Fidelis

PAYMASTER:

Greeting Marines,

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

Semper Fidelis,
PDC Mike Malmstrom

SERGEANT AT ARMS:

Semper Fidelis
Kevin Enlow

TRUSTEE TIM MARTIN:

Suffering from PTS? Call Me

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

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

PDC Tim Martin
815-622-4629

JR. PAST COMMANDANT:

Illinois will be hosting the 2021 MCL National Convention next year in Springfield. Now that the state is moving toward Phase 4 of our Governor's Covid-19 plan, our convention committee will be moving forward with all the necessary planning involved with making this a successful event. Hotel reservations will be available starting August 15th of this year. All info will be available on the illinoismarine.com website. PDC Don Haines is working on setting up a site just for convention info. We will keep everyone informed as we go. We will be needing volunteers to help during convention week, i.e. selling raffle tickets, running our Illinois room (challenge coins, shirts,

other merchandise sales), registration, and just being visible to the attendees if they have questions.

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

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

FROM THE EDITOR:

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

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

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

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

All information and articles must be received by the 10th of September 2020 to be included in the October 2020 issue. There will be no exceptions!

The invoice for all Illinois Marine dues of \$50.00 per Detachment/Unit/Pack and Pound [as per Department Bylaws 51.21(c)] will be arriving in the mail shortly after July 1st. All checks should be made payable to "Department of Illinois, MCL" and mailed to the Editor at the address listed below. These annual dues are the funds that allow the Illinois Marine to be published. If you have not yet paid, please bring your Detachment/Unit up to date ASAP. Paymasters check behind your detachments name in the Illinois Marine roster of Detachments. If you are up to date, it will say paid and the year (i.e.: Pd. 17-18.) If there is no year listed your Detachment or Unit or Pound is not paid. **PLEASE NOTE THERE ARE A NUMBER OF DETACHMENTS, UNITS AND A POUND OR TWO THAT ARE STILL DELINQUENT.** If you did not receive an invoice, please let me now.

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

We are continuing to update the email address list for those who wish to receive the Illinois Marine via email. If you are receiving this publication via hardcopy and have email, please consider requesting it by email. Each hardcopy mailed out costs the Department on average 85 to 95 cents. Any reduction of postage expenses benefits the Department of Illinois's budget. If you do not wish to receive the Illinois either by hard copy or email it can be downloaded from the Illinois Marine website in PDF format. Please let me know if that is the case. **I would ask that a list of all "New" members with Name, Address and email, if available, be submitted to the editor to facilitate addition to the mailing or email list.**

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

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

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Pd. 19-20
60629-5627 773 284-1212
61265-7516 309 764-9638 c-309 269-2012

Chicago Metro Pound #12 MODD

PK: DD Victoria Cobbett, 733 Singer Ave., Lemont, IL
DR: PDD John Bigwood, 7719 East Prairie Road, Skokie, IL

Pd. 19-20
60439-3912 630 257-6423
60076- 847 779-3053

Third District Pound #117 MODD

PK: PDD Brian Lucas, PO Box 22, Oglesby, IL
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Pd. 19-20
61348-0022
61265-7516 309 764-9638 c-309 269-2012

Central Illinois Pound #226 MODD

PK: PDD Tom Geise, 1625 Lind St., Quincy IL
DR: PDD William A. Woollen, 2804 Ridge Ave., Springfield, IL

Pd. 19-20
62301-2425 217 223-5894
62702-4444 217 638-2510

Grand Pound #1000 MODD

PK: PDD Kevin Enlow, 511 Main St., Pekin, IL
DR: DD Harold W. Lundstrom, 10809 N. Dana Dr., Peoria, IL

Pd. 19-20
61554- 309 634-1609
61615-1163 309 240-8782

Untamed Dogs Pound #351 MODD

PK: PDD Ronald E. Burns, 525 N. Pearl St., Lebanon, IL
DR: PDD Daniel Betts, 310 W. State St., Pocahontas, IL

Pd.
62254-1428 618 593-0533
62275-3057 618 669-2171 c-618 795-3339

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

LCpl. Joshua E. Witsman Pound #384 MODD

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

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

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1st 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. 151st St., Orland Park, IL

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

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

Chapultepec Detachment #1408

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

Comdt: Theodore V. Martinez., PO Box 8911, Chicago, IL

Paym: Frank Lanzarotta., PO Box 891148, Chicago, IL

Adj: Ines Gardea, 5824 S. Rutherford, Chicago, IL

Pd. Please go to
60629- 312 438-3881
60808- 773 503-0216
60638- 773 814-6475

Grundy County Detachment #1372

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

Comdt: Harion Enervold, 3655 Bennett Rd., Verona, IL

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

Adj: Rick Martinez, 1712 Brighton Ln., Plainfield, IL

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

Joliet E 2/14 Detachment #808

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

Comdt: Joseph Donnelly, 227 S. Williams St., Joliet, IL

Paym: John Cavallero Sr., 600 Clement, Joliet, IL

Pd.
1st Thursday 1930
60436- 815 671-5364
60435- 815 545-1995

Kankakee MCL Detachment #1253	Pd. 19-20	
Meets Bradley-Bourbonnais Sportsman's Club, 2672 Chippewa Dr., Bourbonnais	1 st Tuesday	1900
Comdt: Stan Bobka, 15 S. Pauls, Bourbonnais, IL	60914-	815 278-7848
Paym: Margaret J. Myers, 345 Jeffery, Kankakee, IL	60901-4958	815 933-2338
Adj: Roland Myers, 345 Jeffery, Kankakee, IL	60901-4958	815 933-2338

Marine Corps League Kevin Clarke - Tinley Park Detachment #1217	Pd. 19-20	
Meets at Bremen Post 2791 V.F.W., 17147 S. Oak Park Ave., Tinley Park, IL	3 rd Monday	1930
Comdt: Donald Tomich, 6614 Pondview Dr., Tinley Park, IL	60477-	708 342-1084
Paym: Tom Donnelly, 6300 W. 157 th Pl., Oak Forest, IL	60452-	708 535-3332
Adj: John Murphy, 6636 Forestview Dr., Oak Forest, IL	60452-	708 687-3714

2nd District

Chicago #1 Detachment #073	Pd. 19-20	
Meets at F.D.R American Legion Post 923, 1824 W. Courtland, Chicago, IL	3 rd Sunday	1300
Comdt: Zatanuel Ortega, 1820 W. Cornelia Ave., Chicago, IL	60657-1020	773 929-5275
Adj/Pay: John M. Bigwood, 7719 East Prairie Road, Skokie, IL	60076-	847 779-3053

Chicago Police Marines Detachment #553	Pd.	
Meets at F.O.P. Hall, 1412 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago, IL	1 st Tuesday	1900
Comdt: Paul, PO Box 8668, Chicago, IL	60680-8668	773 413-8762
Paym: Patrick, PO Box 8668, Chicago, IL	60680-8668	773 413-8762
Adj: Wally, PO Box 8668, Chicago, IL	60680-8668	773 413-8762

DuPage County Detachment #399	Pd. 19-20	
Meets at V.F.W. Post 2164, 0N731 Papworth St., Wheaton, IL	4 th Tuesday	1930
Comdt: Roger Gaden, 1232 N. Webster St., Naperville, IL	60563-2649	630 854-9587
Paym: Victoria Cobbett, 733 Singer Ave., Lemont, IL	60439-3912	630 257-6423
Adj: John J. Schmitt, 8434 Mendingwall Dr., IL	60157-	630 432-4795

Elgin Detachment #077	Pd. 19-20	
Meets at the Elgin Moose Lodge, 925 S. McLean Blvd., Elgin, IL 60123	4 th Monday	1900
Comdt: Fred Zimmermann, 2444 Tall Oaks Dr., Elgin, IL	60124-	847 841-1340
Adj/Pay: Tom Culumber, 39W745 Crosscreek Ln., St. Charles, IL	60175-	630 513-9758

Fox Valley Marines Detachment #1233	Pd. 19-20	
Meets at AMVETS Post 103, 1194 Jericho Rd., Aurora, IL	4 th Thursday	1900
Comdt: Kris Kearns, 403 Highland Ct., Oswego, IL	60543-	630 669-6316
Paym: Donald Haines, 1005 Prairie St., St. Charles, IL	60174-3638	630 564-1804
Adj: Lisa Garcia, 648 W. New York, Aurora, IL	60506-	630 486-9896

Lake County Detachment #801	Pd. 19-20	
Meets at Steven's Steakhouse, 401 N. Riverside Dr., Gurnee, IL	3 rd Monday	1900
Comdt: Gerald Pedrin, 37523 N. Holdridge Ave., Beach Park, IL	60087-	847 687-6663
Paym: Ed Mampe, 24883 Cedarwood Ln., Ingleside, IL	60041-	847 641-9689
Adj: John Jezioro, 1407 Barberry, Round Lake Beach, IL	60037-	847 807-0736

McHenry County Detachment #1009	Pd. 19-20	
Meets at McHenry V.F.W. Post 4600, 3002 IL Rt. 120, McHenry, IL	3 rd Thursday	1900
Comdt: Charles S. Matijevic, PO Box 311, Woodstock, IL	60098-0311	847 239-0786
Paym: Mike Ruffner, PO Box 311, Woodstock, IL	60098-0311	847 570-4107
Adj: James French, PO Box 311, Woodstock, IL	60098-0311	847 730-9085

Northwest Suburban Detachment #080	Pd. 19-20	
Meets at Merle Guild A.L. Post 208, 121 N. Douglas, Arlington Heights, IL	3 rd Wednesday	1930
Comdt: Michael Huttner, 235 W. Chasse Cr., St. Charles, IL	60174-	630 650-0424
Paym: Kevin Lollock, 2502 Ardmore Ave., Inverness, IL	60067-	847 682-4245
Adj: John Madejczyk, 2706 George Ct., Rolling Meadows, IL	60008-	847 577-7803

Tri-County Leathernecks Detachment #1395	Pd. 19-20	
Meets at the American Legion Post #964, 51 Lions Dr., Lake Zurich, IL	2 nd Wednesday	1900
Comdt: Bill Thompson, PO Box 491, Lake Zurich, IL	60047-	847 997-6658
Adj/Pay: Scott Forester, PO Box 491, Lake Zurich, IL	60047-	847 414-9630

3rd District

Dixon Area Detachment #076

Meets at Sterling Post 296, 601 1st Ave., Sterling, IL
Comdt: Nick Garcia, 208 8th Ave., Sterling, IL
Paym: Ed Nicklaus, 204 18th Ave., Sterling, IL
Adj: Megan Skeffington, 1132 Center St., Dixon, IL

Pd. 19-20
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: Ron Brambora, PO Box 22, Oglesby, IL
Paym: Mike Mallie, P.O. Box 22, Oglesby, IL
Adj: David Cimei, PO Box 22, Oglesby, IL

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

Rockford Detachment #083

Meets at the VFW Post 9759, 2018 Windsor Dr., Loves Park IL
Comdt: 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. 19-20
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. 19-20
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
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Paym: Keith Keutzer, PO Box 321., Sycamore, IL
Adj: Mike Sturch, PO Box 321., Sycamore, IL

Pd. 19-20
3rd Thursday 1900
60178-0321 847 751-6211
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.
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: Kevin Enlow, 511 Main St., Pekin, IL
Adj/Pay: Dave Edwards, 904 Star Dr., Heyworth, IL

Pd. 19-20
1st Wednesday 1900
61554- 309 214-0949
61745- 309 498-1007

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. 19-20
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
Adj/Pay: Harry Kracht, 640 W. Forest Ave., Decatur, IL

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

Major Kenneth D. Bailey Detachment #824

Meets at American Legion Post #210, 201 Prospect Pl., Danville, IL
Comdt: 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. 19-20
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
Comdt: Kevin D. Keller, 14030 Lara Trace, Bloomington, IL
Adj/Pay: David L. Edwards, 904 Star Drive, Heyworth, IL

Pd. 19-20
2nd Tuesday 1900
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.
3rd Thursday 1900
61821-1614 217 351-7095
60426-6354
61878-

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

Meets 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. 19-20
3rd Sunday 1700
62656-5353 217 737-4557
62634-6090 217 871-2972

5th District

Collier-Harrison Detachment #075

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

Pd. 19-20
1st Thursday 1900
62561-9785 217 971-5663
62704-4826 217 622-8270

Gem City Detachment #790

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

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

West Central Illinois Leathernecks #1177

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. 19-20
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. 19-20
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: Robert Manning, 603 Beech St., Robinson, IL

Pd.
3rd Tuesday 1900
62445- 618 544-7047
62454-2653 618 544-2653

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. 19-20
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. 19-20
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 Gutierrez, PO Box 556, Litchfield, IL
Paym: Gary Doss, PO Box 556, Litchfield, IL
Adj: Terry Williams, PO Box 556, Litchfield, IL

Pd. 19-20
1st Thursday 1900
62056- 217 556-2410
62056- 217 532-2390
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. 19-20
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. 19-20
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
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60102-3013 847 854-1188
62650-9500 217 473-3057
62095- 618 258-1228

1st District

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Meets at VFW Post 177, 10537 S. Ridgeland Ave., Chicago Ridge, IL

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Treasurer: Violet Tolsky, 9965 Cambridge Court "D", Mokena, IL

Secretary: Sharon Durkin, 19947 Martie Lane, Mokena, IL

Pd. 19-20

4th 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 Chippawa Dr. 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. 19-20

1st Tuesday 1800

60901-4958 815 933-2338

60915- 815 592-1976

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3rd District

DeKalb Sycamore Unit MCLA #382

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

President: Rachael Hartman, 1036 Hartman Trail, Sandwich, IL

Treasurer: Judy Bryant, 340 Parker St., Sycamore, IL

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Pd.

3rd Thursday 1900

60548- 815 405-9731

60178-1249 815 895-6696

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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. 19-20

3rd Tuesday 1800

61348-1145 480 980-7333

61348-1030 815 883-3636

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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

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Pd. 19-20

3rd Thursday 1930

60156-1332 847 687-3101

60152-9131 815 219-8550

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Sauk Valley Unit MCLA #349

Meets at Rock Falls American Legion, 712 - 4th Ave., Rock Falls, IL

President: Betty Wescott, 1600 Riverside Rd. #21, Rock Falls, IL

Treasurer: Carol Martin, PO Box 708, Rock Falls, IL

Secretary: Carol Martin, PO Box 708, Rock Falls, IL

Pd. 19-20

2nd Tuesday 1600

61071- 815 625-8756

61071-0708 815 622-8687

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4th District

Decatur Unit MCLA #342

Meets at American Legion Post 105, 1535 Legion Drive, Decatur, IL

President: Kathy Kracht, 640 W. Forest Ave., Decatur, IL

Treasurer: Doris Ruble 27784 S. Wind Ln., Decatur, IL

Secretary: Karen Dotson, 957 N. Union, Decatur, IL

Pd.

2nd Wednesday 1700

62522- 217 422-6403

62521- 217 619-2471

62522-1758 217 422-7214

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: Jeanette Geise, 1625 Lind, Quincy, IL

Secretary: Carol Smith, 1411 W. Walnut, Jacksonville, IL

Pd. 19-20

2nd Wednesday 1900

62670-4507 217 415-0446

62301-2425 217 223-5894

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. 19-20

2nd 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. 11th St., Johnston City, IL

Treasurer: Debbie Donegue, 2390 Sycamore Rd., Carterville, IL

Secretary: Sheri Crockett, 508 E. Main St., Desoto, IL

Pd. 19-20

4th Tuesday 1845

62951- 618 694-9118

62918- 618 922-2432

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

AROUND THE LEAGUE

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

DEPARTMENT WEB SERGEANT

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

PDC Don Haines
Department Webmaster

DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS 4th Staff, Convention and 1st Staff Meeting

The postponed Staff meetings and Convention have been moved to September 30 – October 4th at the same location as last year, the Magnuson Grand Hotel and Conference Center in Carlinville IL (Exit 60 off I-55). Room rates should be the same – Cut-off date September 1, 2020. Please visit the Department web site (www.theillinoismarine.com) for information

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I can be reached at swbojack@sbcglobal.net or at 815 674-2440

Semper Fi,
Stanley Olenjack, 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

Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 restrictions, we have not been able to hold or attend any ceremonies or functions as of this date. I hope everyone was able to celebrate Armed Forces Day in their own way, as well as take a moment to remember and reflect on this past Memorial Day.

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

Semper Fidelis,
Michael Sturch
Wars Committee Chairman

ILLINOIS PACK MODD

This year is our 75th Anniversary of the IL Pack. I hope to have a large turn-out for our Grand Growl this fall. The 59th Chief Devil Dog has announced that the criteria for elevation has been temporarily suspended for this year, due to the COVID-19 restrictions. What this means is any Pup wishing to elevate to Devil Dog at our Grand Growl this year, will still be eligible to elevate to PDD at the Supreme Growl in Springfield next year.

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

I have had to suspend our "Bags For Kids" campaign this year, for obvious reasons. As soon as we are allowed to donate items, I will bark at you.

Please remember to get your nominations in for the 2020 Pack Dog of the Year. I will need the nominations in my paws by Wednesday, 30 September 2020.

I will also take this time to announce my intention of seeking the nomination and election of your Pack Leader. I thank you for your support.

We will be celebrating the 75th anniversary of the MODD Pack of Illinois at our department convention. This will take place as circumstances permit.

As Sr. Vice Pack Leader I want to remind all Dogs to get nominations for Pack Dog of the Year to me before the Convention and Grand Growl.

Thank you and Semper Woof!

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

Semper Fidelis,
Michael Sturch
Sr. Vice Pack Leader, IL Pack
2019 Pack Dog of the Year

We are planning on having a silent auction and are requesting donation from members. Please bring any item new or used that you would like to donate.

I am asking Pound Keepers to request your members to contribute to our silent auction.

Woof Woof,
PDD John R Olejnicki
Department Trustee
Illinois Pack Jr. Vice Pack Leader

DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

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

20 April 2020



A LETTER FROM THE COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS

Fellow Marines,

There has been some discussion lately concerning reports that I intend to curtail displays of the confederate battle flag. I want to provide you my views on this issue—directly.

All of our installations have regulations prohibiting the display of symbols related to hate speech. These regulations are not intended to weigh the value or specific meaning of any particular symbol. Rather, they help cultivate an environment which promotes unity and security by limiting offensive or divisive displays. Leaders must always act thoughtfully when enforcing these provisions because they directly impact a precious constitutional right—the right to free speech.

As Commandant, my primary job is to prepare Marines to fight and win in combat. Winning in combat requires a successful team. From the time Marines enter the force—whether at Parris Island, San Diego, or Quantico, Virginia—we emphasize that all of our expectations for them relate to their identifying with the team. We train, eat, sleep, sweat, succeed, or fail, together. Our pride in the uniform underscores our bond; it reminds us that we are a Corps; that we prize the team more than the individual. In every facet of every significant endeavor involving Marines, the team has been the primary component. We are a warfighting organization, an elite institution of warriors who depend on each other to win the tough battles. Anything that divides us, anything that threatens team cohesion must be addressed head-on.

I ask every Marine to understand that I fully accept my duty and responsibility to help build this team. That means I must identify symbols or subcultures that degrade the cohesion that combat demands of us. It is not enough to show up; we fight to win. Failure to accomplish our assigned mission has never been an option for Marines.

In this vein, I have determined it is time to act to exclude from our Corps public displays of the battle flag carried by the Confederate Army during the American Civil War. In doing so, I am mindful that many people believe that flag to be a symbol of heritage or regional pride. But

I am also mindful of the feelings of pain and rejection of those who inherited the cultural memory and present effects of the scourge of slavery in our country. My intent is not to judge the specific meaning anyone ascribes to that symbol or declare someone's personally held view to be incorrect. Rather, I am focused solely on building a uniquely capable warfighting team whose members come from all walks of life and must learn to operate side-by-side. This symbol has shown it has the power to

inflame feelings of division. I cannot have that division inside our Corps.

Marines are committed to Country, Corps, and our fellow Marines. While we serve on this team, we must respect the views of other Marines and embody the priorities of the team. Building strong teams requires seeing things through each other's eyes; walking in each other's shoes. When we do so, it is not uncommon for us to find that ideas we held in our youth, or language we thought was common, was in fact considered offensive and unacceptable to others.

To do my duty and build this team, I must focus on the constant and timeless values that we share with the Navy—Honor, Courage, and Commitment. We must remove those symbols that have the effect of division and not mere disagreement.

I am asking every Marine to focus on the team and the symbols that bring us together—the eagle, globe and anchor. The stars and stripes. Our battle colors. Our MarPat uniform. Team over self: that is how we must operate to fight and win.

Semper Fidelis,

David H. Berger
General, U.S. Marine Corps
Commandant of the Marine Corps



LCPL MORGAN L.R. BURGESS, USMC



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.

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OUR PURPOSE

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- (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;

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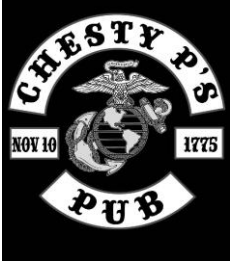
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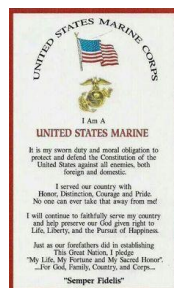
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The Marines' Prayer

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



DEPARTMENT MARINE FOF THE YEAR INFORMATION

Department of Illinois MARINE CORPS LEAGUE



2020

DEPT. OF ILLINOIS MARINE OF THE YEAR

It is not too early to consider your potential nominees for the "DEPARTMENT OF THE YEAR" award. Plans carefully laid bring the best results.

SUBJECT: SUBMISSION PROCEDURE FOR DEPARTMENT MARINE OF THE YEAR AWARD

1. Any member of any detachment, or member at large, within this Department, who has been in good standing with the Marine Corps League for two (2) consecutive years (including the current year) is eligible to nominate a member in good standing of his/her choice to receive this award, likewise, such nominee must be in good standing for a minimum of a two (2) year period.
2. To qualify the nominee for consideration, a letter of submission must be submitted by the Detachment Commandant of which the nominee is a member. Should the nominee be the Detachment Commandant, this submission letter must be signed by the next ranking Detachment Officer. **This letter must have a statement of certification from the Detachment Commandant and the Adjutant stating that the nominee was approved by the Detachment by a majority vote.** and in the event the nominee is submitted for "National Marine of the Year" by the Department Marine of the Year committee.
3. The required "Letter of Submission" is merely the vehicle which carries the nomination to the Department Marine of the Year committee. The letter of submission is to be accompanied by a Nomination letter for to the candidate, which must, as a minimum, include:
 - (a) A photograph of the candidate.
 - (b) A personal biography (in the third person) of the candidate.
 - (c) Marine Corps League record (both Detachment and, as applicable, the Department of the Candidate, to include citing of notable accomplishments.
 - (d) Resume' of Marine Corps League and other awards received by the candidate.
 - (e) Resume' of candidate's involvement within his/her community.
 - (f) Any other facts and information that will assist the committee in their deliberation process.
 - (g) All photographs of activities participated in **must be captioned** giving the date, place and purpose of the activity.
4. The annual **deadline** of the **Department's Fourth Staff Conference** is established for the submission of all nominations; that is, to be, "**in the hands**" of the Department Marine of the year committee Chairman no later than the close of the staff conference. Letters of submission and forwarding of nominations may be mailed or "hand carried" to meet such deadline. This deadline is **absolutely necessary** to allow ample time for the Department Marine of the Year committee to process the submission, the announcement and the presentation of the award which will be made during the annual convention banquet.
5. After conclusion of the convention, the Marine of the Year Committee will submit the above supporting documentation for the recipient of the Department of the Year award to National Headquarters for consideration as a candidate for the National Marine of the Year award. The letter of submission included with the presentation for the National Marine of the Year Award needs to be revised if necessary, to show that this nomination is for the **National** award and must be from the candidate's **Detachment** and be signed by the **Detachment** Commandant and **Detachment** Adjutant.

Be fair to your nominee. Give proper attention to all details, especially paragraphs 2 and 3. Check the work sheet and **use it**. Often worthy candidates are not afforded just recognition due to the absence of details in hastily prepared brochures or documentation.

Refer to Section 300 (i), Page 3-4 of National Administrative Procedures for full details.

Please mail your nominations to:

Joseph Pollock
2018 Department Marine of the Year
6609 Cresthill Dr.
Davenport, IA, 52806-1567
563 349-2423

Any questions email me at pimarine63@aol.com

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DEPT. OF ILLINOIS MARINE OF THE YEAR CRITERIA CHECK-LIST

This completed check list **must be** a part of the nomination letter.

Note: Circle Yes or No as appropriate

Refer to section 45.20 in the Department Bylaws for full details

1. Is there a "Letter of Nomination/Certification" from the Detachment attesting that the candidate was approved by a majority vote, signed by both the Detachment Commandant and Adjutant ? . . . Yes No

2. Is there a photograph of the candidate? Yes No

3. Does the letter contain a Biography of the candidate? Yes No

4. Is there a Marine Corps League Record (Detachment, Department and/or National, as appropriate)
5. of the candidate? Yes No
 - a. Participates at Detachment Level? Yes No
 - b. Participates at Department Level? Yes No
 - c. Participates at Division Level? Yes No
 - d. Participates at National Level? Yes No
 - e. Are noticeable accomplishments included? Yes No

5. Is there a resume' of Marine Corps League awards and other awards received by the candidate? Yes No

6. Is there a resume' of community involvement, including letters from community leaders, for the candidate? Yes No

7. If photographs are submitted do they include: Yes No
 - a. Are these photographs captioned? Yes No
 - (1) Is date of activity included? Yes No
 - (2) Is place of activity included? Yes No
 - (3) Is purpose of activity included? Yes No

Total Yes's _____

NOTE: All nominations must be received by the Committee Chairman by the end of the fourth Staff Conference preceding the annual Department Convention. Nominations may be mailed via Certified Mail/ Return Receipt Requested or "hand carried" to the Convention.

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