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"Striving to serve more since 2004"

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**Detachment #1177
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE**



**Unit #462
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AUXILIARY**

I WANT YOU!



**For the
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE**

The West Central Illinois Leathernecks Detachment #1177 and Auxiliary Unit meet monthly at 1900 from September through July at VFW Post 1379 in Jacksonville. Please join us!

COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE

Marines, FMF Corpsmen, and Ladies!

It is an honor to serve as your Commandant! Hopefully, we can maintain our current members and attract some new ones. I look forward to a positive and productive year with the assistance of our membership.

Our Marine Corps Birthday Party held at American Legion Post 279 was well-attended and enjoyed by approximately 100 attendees: members and their families, prospective members of the detachment and unit, and a number of veterans of other branches of the military. Congratulations to Bill and Betty Buren who celebrated their 72nd wedding anniversary at the party. Bill was also our honored guest for the official cake cutting ceremony, and Jerry Lowe had the distinction of being the oldest Marine present. Local Marine Corps Recruiter, Staff Sgt. Sills, had the honor of being the youngest Marine present.

There are several that are owed our thanks for the success of the celebration: American Legion manager, Toni Turner, for preparing the chili and hot dogs and setting up the room; Jim and Jan Carleton for making the SOS, even though they were both sick; Eddie Lowe, nephew of Marine Jerry Lowe, for manning the computer for the viewing of the USMC Silent Drill Platoon; Troy DeLay for the donation of a case of Kilo Kai Spiced Rum for giveaways and the auction; and Connie Bryant and Earlita Howland for selling raffle tickets for us.

The following morning I attended the Veterans' Day ceremonies at AMVETS Post 100. There was a very small crowd due to the cold weather, snow, and blustery winds, but it was a nice event nevertheless. Thank you to our other members in attendance: Auxiliary Unit President Caren Waltrip-Sexton, Rick and Earlita Howland, and C.O. and Carol Smith.

With the celebration of the 244th birthday of the United States Marine Corps and Veteran's Day now in the record books, I look forward to our upcoming events...Toys for Tots, Christmas party for Marines and FMF Corpsmen at the Quincy Veterans' Home, annual raffle ticket sales, and Bingo at IVHQ.

With 2019 being the 15th year that the West Central Illinois Leathernecks have faithfully served our Marines, their families, and our community, may we continue the tradition in the future. Thank you to all who improvise, adapt, and overcome to assist in any way. Know that you are appreciated.

If you are not a member but would like to join, please contact any member (see page 3).

Semper Fi, Tim

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WHAT IS THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE?

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 and former Marines 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.

CHARTERS

The West Central Illinois Leathernecks detachment and Auxiliary unit are located in Jacksonville, Illinois. The detachment's Charter was signed on July 24, 2004, and the Charter Ceremony, Initiation of Members, and Installation of Officers were held on October 14, 2004 with then Department of Illinois Commandant Allen Ruble presiding. The detachment celebrated its 10th anniversary with a dinner in October, 2014 and in 2019 completed 15 years as a detachment. The Auxiliary unit received its Charter in a ceremony on April 1, 2006 with then Department of Illinois President Vi Eggert presiding.



FUNDRAISING

The West Central Illinois Leathernecks detachment and unit have always worked closely together in support of the principles of the Marine Corps League and Marine Corps League Auxiliary. We have held several annual fundraising events: a Raffle for the choice of a rifle, pistol, or \$500 cash; a Traffic Stop where we solicited donations and offered American flag decals (not held since 2015 due to a lack of participation); and, for eleven years, we held a Dice Run for boaters on Lake Jacksonville with music provided by a DJ. It was discontinued in 2016 due to a lack of available help. Our Traffic Stop ended in 2016 for the same reason.

A chili cook-off and auction were held in October 2010 which realized over \$8000 for Land of Lincoln Honor Flight. The unit members have also sold two cookbooks as fundraisers. In 2015, we also sponsored a Trivia Night to assist the family of Jacob Crosier with funeral expenses and raised over \$6000. We also held a Trivia Night in 2016.

Currently, our only fundraiser is an annual raffle with three prizes awarded. We have been able to continue to provide financial support to very worthy veterans' causes using the proceeds of this raffle.

See our list of organizations and individuals that have received funds from the West Central Illinois Leathernecks, the list of community projects that we have supported, and the list of awards we have received.

Financial Support

We have provided financial support to the following:

- American Gold Star Mothers
- Cpl. John Peck Fund
- Crisis Center Foundation – Jacksonville
- 1st Marine Division Association
- Illinois Veterans' Home – Quincy
- Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund
- Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund
- Jacksonville Food Pantry
- Land of Lincoln Honor Flight
- MCL Foundation Memorial Fund
- MCL Foundation Scholarship Fund
- MCL Foundation Youth Fitness Program
- Marines Helping Marines
- Marine Week, St. Louis 2011
- Marine Military Academy, Harlingen, TX
- Gold Star Families Memorial Monument
- Operation Little Angel
- Toys for Tots
- Trees for Troops
- USMC Recruiting Program (poolee t-shirts)
- USO of North Carolina (Camp Lejeune tornado relief)
- Local disabled Marine widow and orphan
- Major Reid Nannen Memorial Children's Fund
- Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1379
- American Legion Post 279
- St. Andrews Society of Central Illinois (In memory of member Jacob Crosier)
- Jacob Crosier Family Fund
- Jonathan Austiff Family Fund
- National and Department Convention and Central Division Conference program books
- US Marines Youth Physical Fitness Foundation
- Wreaths Across America

In addition, we host Bingo for the residents at the Illinois Veterans' Home in Quincy and host a Christmas party for resident Marines and FMF Corpsmen, complete with Marine Trivia, Christmas Carols, refreshments, and camaraderie, at which time they are presented with Christmas gifts. Refreshments are provided by the members of the Auxiliary unit for these events. We also support the Department of Illinois, Central Division, and National Mid-Winter Conference and National Convention with program ads.



We provide:

- Color Guards for Memorial Day and Veterans Day Services, parades and other patriotic occasions
- Honor Guards for funerals and visitations of military veterans
- Support for Land of Lincoln Honor Flight
- Care packages to deployed Marines and FMF Corpsmen
- Toys for Tots program
- Speakers for local and area schools and civic organizations and for patriotic occasions
- Certificates of Appreciation to community leaders and private citizens who demonstrate patriotism
- Good Citizenship Awards to Boy Scouts who attain the rank of Eagle Scout
- Flag Folding Demonstrations for local and area schools and civic organizations
- Flag Retirement Ceremonies

The detachment also sponsored the USMC Silent Drill Platoon performance at the Illinois College Athletic Field, August 8, 2008.



The West Central Illinois Leathernecks Detachment #1177 has been awarded the following:

National Jr. Vice Commandant's Citation for 100% Membership, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2014

Department of Illinois Traveling Membership Plaque, 2006, 2010

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Dept. level), 2006, 2007, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014

National Newsletter Competition: 2nd Place, 2009 and 2010; Honorable Mention, 2008, 2011, 2012, 2014; 1st Place, 2015 and 2018.

meeting

The West Central Illinois Leathernecks Detachment and Auxiliary Unit meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the 2nd Wednesday at Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1379, 903 East Morton, Jacksonville, IL during the months of September through July. There is no August meeting. Members also meet weekly for coffee and camaraderie at Norma's North Star Cafe each Tuesday morning at 0730.



Detachment #1177 Marines of the Year

The following members have been honored as detachment Marines of the Year:

2006-07	C.O. Smith
2007-08	Jim Carleton
2008-09	Jerry Lowe
2009-10	Kelly Surratt
2010-11	Hal Scarbrough (Posthumously)
2011-12	Warren Musch
2012-13	Bob Komnick
2013-14	John Waltrip
2014-15	Tim Ritzo
2015-16	Ralph Tucker
2016-17	Paul Kramer
2017-18	Jim Crosier
2018-19	None
2019-20	Rick Howland

Department of Illinois Marine of the Year

The following member has been honored as Department of Illinois Marine of the Year:

2010	C.O. Smith
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Central Division Marine of the Year

The following member has been honored as Central Division Marine of the Year:

2013	C.O. Smith
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"West Central Illinois Leathernecks"

WEST CENTRAL ILLINOIS LEATHERNECKS DETACHMENT #1177 LIFE MEMBERS

ALAN APPLEBEE	ALEX APPLEBEE
ANDY APPLEBEE	KEN BROWN
CONNIE BRYANT	BILL BUREN
JIM CARLETON	DANNY DAVISON
TROY DELAY	BUD DIETSCH
LARRY EVANS	TOM GEISE
TERRY HELMICK	RICK HOWLAND
SCOTT JESS	JOE KEEN
BOB KOMNICK	PAUL KRAMER
PAUL LAMBERT	JERRY LOWE
MIKE MARTIN	DICK MATTHEWS
BOB MCLIN	JESS MEADO
WARREN MUSCH	JIM REED
C.O. SMITH	CAROL SMITH
COLE STREET	KELLY SURRATT
RALPH TUCKER	EARL TURNER
DAVID WALTRIP	LEE YOUNG

***Take out a Life Membership and
save time and money!***

WEST CENTRAL ILLINOIS LEATHERNECKS AUXILIARY UNIT LIFE MEMBERS

Betty Allen	Anna Baugher
Connie Bryant	Jan Carleton
Connie Evans	Jeanette Geise
Linda Hudgens	Joy Komnick
Carolyn Lantz	Darlene Leithoff
Donna Meado	Pat Schroat
Caren Waltrip-Sexton	Carol Smith
Lois Spencer	Ruth Waltrip

ATTENTION!

Are your dues paid? Send check to Paymaster Kramer. Not sure? Give him a call. Don't be delinquent!!!

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

WINTER BIRTHDAYS

December

Carol Smith (2nd), Allen Tucker (3rd), Rick Howland (4th), Tom Geise (5th), Danny Kindred (31st), Kelly Surratt (31st)

January

Jerry Lowe (7th), Larry Evans (13th), Terry Helmick (15th), Les Utley (17th)

February

Ruth Waltrip (10th), Donna Meado (18th)

March

C.O. Smith (7th), Gayle Schlosser (20th), Lois Spencer (20th), Anna Baugher (23rd), Bill Buren (23rd), Bruce Surratt (29th), Paul Lambert (29th)

Please notify the editor if your birthday has been omitted.



USMC HISTORY

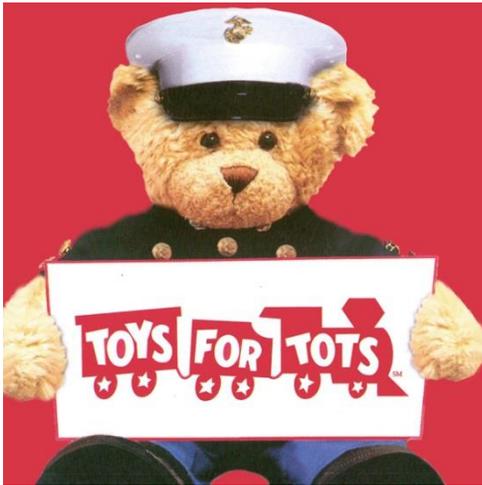
December, January, February and March

- 07 Dec 1941 The Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor left more than 3,000 Marines and sailors killed in action.
- 09 Dec 1968 The 1st, 5th, 7th, and 26th Marine Regiments participated in Operation Meade River in Vietnam.
- 31 Dec 1930 Eight Marines were killed and two escaped when surrounded at Ocotal, Nicaragua.
- 06 Jan 1859 BGen Archibald Henderson died in office after serving 39 years at the 5th Commandant of the Marine Corps.
- 12 Jan 1991 The 5th MEB arrived in the Persian Gulf in support of Operation Desert Shield.
- 15 Jan 1943 Capt Joe Foss shot down three Japanese planes for a record total of 26 kills.
- 20 Jan 1968 The second Battle of Khe Sanh, Vietnam, began.
- 02 Feb 1968 The Tet Offensive began in Vietnam.
- 15 Feb 1898 28 Marines were lost when USS *Maine* sank in Havana Harbor, Cuba.
- 21 Feb 1945 3rd Marine Division went ashore at Iwo Jima.
- 28 Feb 1991 Operation Desert Storm ended.
- 04 Mar 1801 The Marine Band performed at a Presidential Inauguration for the first time.
- 07 Mar 1951 The 1st, 7th, and 11th Marine Regiments commenced operations against the enemy at Hongcheon, Korea.
- 23 Mar 2003 The battle of Nasiriyah began during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monthly	MCL/MCLA Coffee, Norma's North Star Café, 7:30 a.m., Tuesdays
Sat., Dec. 7	Toy Distribution, American Legion, 4-7
Wed, Dec. 11	MCL/MCLA meetings – 7 p.m., VFW
Sat, Dec 19	Toy distribution, Community Center
Wed, Jan 8	MCL/MCLA meetings – 7 p.m., VFW
Wed. Feb. 12	MCL/MCLA meetings – 7 p.m., VFW
Sat, Feb 29	Bingo, IL Vets Home, Quincy, 1:30 pm
Wed, Mar 10	MCL/MCLA meetings – 7 p.m., VFW

**Complete Toys for Tots
Schedule on page 8!**



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QUINCY VETERANS HOME CHECK PRESENTATION

W. Central IL Leathernecks Detachment member, Tom Geise, presented a check from the Dept. of IL MCL to a representative of the Quincy Veterans Home during the October meeting of the Advisory Council.

244th MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY

American Legion Post 279, 10 Nov 2019



During the official cake cutting ceremony, oldest Marine present, Jerry Lowe, cuts the first piece of cake as youngest Marine, Staff Sgt. Sills (left), looks on. Assisting Marine Lowe is Detachment Commandant Tim Ritzo.

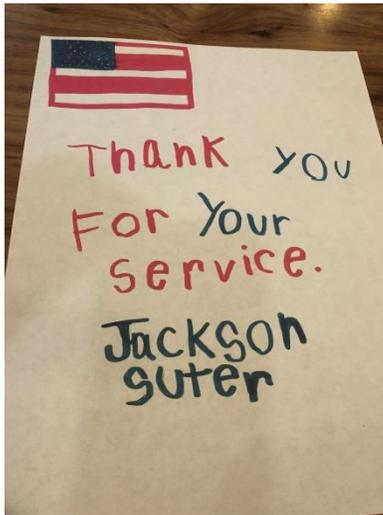
- Tues., 11/19 **Walmart toy purchase** by 9 a.m. – Volunteers meet by layaway department
- Fri., 11/29 Walmart all day starting at 8 a.m.
- Sat., 11/30 Walmart all day starting at 8 a.m.
- Thur., 12/5 Walmart 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Sat., 12/7 **American Legion Toy Distribution** – Volunteers needed at noon to decorate and 4 p.m. – 7 p.m. to verify and sign up parents. Need help moving extra toys to Senior Center after 7.
- Sun., 12/8 Senior Center – 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Volunteer meeting at 2 and organizing afterwards.
- Mon., 12/9 Senior Center – 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- Tues., 12/10 **Walmart toy purchase** by 9 a.m. – Volunteers meet by layaway department
Senior Center – 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- Wed., 12/11 Senior Center – 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- Thur., 12/12 Senior Center – 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- Fri., 12/13 Senior Center – 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- Sat., 12/14 **Senior Center Toy Distribution** – noon to 5 p.m. Volunteers needed to sign up parents and help parents pick out toys
- Fri., 12/20 Walmart – 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sign up remaining kids, hand out mission brochures and thank you cards. Pick up remaining boxes.

VETERANS DAY

AMVETS POST 100, 11 Nov 2019



Some of the dignitaries present at the Veterans' Day Ceremony are pictured above. Seated L to R: West Central Illinois Leathernecks Unit President Caren Waltrip-Sexton, West Central Illinois Leathernecks Detachment Commandant Tim Ritzo, and AMVETS Commander Jimmy Duncan. Laura Doss, an Army veteran (standing) served as Keynote Speaker.



Veterans present at the American Legion Post 279 following the ceremony were personally thanked for their service by Jackson Suter (pictured below in middle) and presented with an American flag picture which he drew. He also shook hands with each veteran.



L to R: 57th Chief Devil Dog C.O. Smith, Jr. Vice Commander of the American Legion Dick Stout, Jackson Suter, Commander of the American Legion Bill Morrow, and Jr. Vice Commander Mike Morrow. Thank you, Jackson!

TOYS FOR TOTS SHOPPING

Walmart, 19 Nov 2019



Several volunteers for Toys for Tots spent a recent morning shopping for toys. L to R: Recruiter Staff Sgt. Sills, Carol Smith, Rick Howland, Caren Waltrip-Sexton, and Toys for Tots Coordinator Jim Crosier. (Photo by C.O. Smith)

A Few Words from the Auxiliary President:
Ladies,

It is an honor and a privilege to serve as your President. My goal is to make my dad, the late Marine John Waltrip, proud of his daughter.

Thanks to all who assisted with and/or attended the Marine Corps Birthday party. It was awesome! I had the honor of representing our organization at the Veterans Day ceremony the following morning.

We are now in the midst of Toys for Tots and busy preparing for the upcoming Christmas party for the Marines and FMF Corpsmen at the Quincy Veterans Home, scheduled for Saturday, December 21 at 1:30 in Smith Hall. I hope that many of you will be there to help bring them some holiday joy.

Also, on February 29, we will be back at the Veterans Home for Bingo for all residents. Please consider joining us there. We can always use help in serving drinks and cookies and helping veterans who need assistance reading their Bingo cards.

Thank you for all you do for our Marines and their families, other veterans, and our community.

Semper Fidelis, Caren

MERRY CHRISTMAS, MY FRIEND

BY LCPL James M. Schmidt, 1986

'Twas the night before Christmas, he lived all alone,
In a one-bedroom house made of plaster and stone.
I had come down the chimney, with presents to give
and to see just who in this home did live.

As I looked all about, a strange sight I did see,
no tinsel, no presents, not even a tree.
No stocking by the fire, just boots filled with sand.
On the wall hung pictures of a far distant land.

With medals and badges, awards of all kind,
a sobering thought soon came to my mind.
For this house was different, unlike any I'd seen.
This was the home of a U.S. Marine.

I'd heard stories about them, I had to see more,
so I walked down the hall and pushed open the door.
And there he lay sleeping, silent, alone,
Curled up on the floor in his one-bedroom home.

He seemed so gentle, his face so serene,
Not how I pictured a U.S. Marine.
Was this the hero, of whom I'd just read?
Curled up in his poncho, a floor for his bed?

His head was clean-shaven, his weathered face tan.
I soon understood, this was more than a man.
For I realized the families that I saw that night,
owed their lives to these men, who were willing to fight.

Soon around the Nation, the children would play,
And grown-ups would celebrate on a bright Christmas day.
They all enjoyed freedom, each month and all year,
because of Marines like this one lying here.

I couldn't help wonder how many lay alone,
on a cold Christmas Eve, in a land far from home.
Just the very thought brought a tear to my eye.
I dropped to my knees and I started to cry.

He must have awoken, for I heard a rough voice,
"Santa, don't cry, this life is my choice
I fight for freedom, I don't ask for more.
My life is my God, my country, my Corps."

With that he rolled over, drifted off into sleep,
I couldn't control it, I continued to weep.

I watched him for hours, so silent and still.
I noticed he shivered from the cold night's chill.
So I took off my jacket, the one made of red,
and covered this Marine from his toes to his head.
Then I put on his T-shirt of scarlet and gold,
with an eagle, globe and anchor emblazoned so bold.
And although it barely fit me, I began to swell with pride,

and for one shining moment, I was Marine Corps deep inside.

I didn't want to leave him so quiet in the night,
this guardian of honor so willing to fight.
But half asleep he rolled over, and in a voice clean and pure,
said "Carry on, Santa, it's Christmas Day, all secure."
One look at my watch and I knew he was right,
Merry Christmas my friend, Semper Fi and goodnight.

Note:

Written by James M. Schmidt in 1986 when he was a Lance Corporal stationed at Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C. In December 2002, Mr. Schmidt stated that in 1986 he wrote this poem to hang on the door of the gym in the enlisted quarters. When his commanding officer saw the poem, he immediately had copies sent throughout the Barracks, and promptly dismissed the entire Battalion early for Christmas leave.

The same day, poem was enclosed in the *Marine Corps Gazette*, distributed worldwide, and was later printed on page 79 in the December 1991 issue of "Leatherneck," which in 2003 gave this explanation:

"'Merry Christmas, My Friend,'" has been a holiday favorite among 'leatherneckphiles' for nearly the time it takes to complete a Marine Corps career. Few, however, know who wrote it and when. Former Corporal James M. Schmidt, stationed at Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C., pounded it out over 17 years ago on a typewriter while awaiting the commanding officer's Christmas holiday decorations inspection...while other leathernecks strung lights for the Barracks' annual Christmas decoration contest, Schmidt contributed his poem to his section."

With a slight change of wording, the poem has become known as "A Soldier's Silent Night," and was recorded under that title by Father Ted Berndt as a tribute. Berndt was a World War II Marine veteran and recipient of the Purple Heart. At the time of the recording in late 2003, Father Berndt was a priest at Bread of Life Charismatic Episcopal Church in Dousman, Wisconsin. He died March 19, 2004. The poem was recorded in one take. The recording received a national A.I.R. (Achievement in Radio) award from the March of Dimes.



**MILITARY ORDER OF THE DEVIL DOGS
CENTRAL ILLINOIS POUND #226**



**HOME POUND OF PCDD C.O. SMITH
57TH CHIEF DEVIL DOG**

**FROM UNDER THE FRONT PORCH
News from Pound 226**

DEVIL DOG'S CREED

By PDD George E. Williams, August 1989
(Modified, August 2008)

I am an American, I was born in France. I hold the title of United States Marine, and understand the commitment of holding the title, Devil Dog. It is a tradition born at Belleau Wood in the year 1918, of a force in readiness and the "First to Fight." As a Devil Dog, I ask no quarter and give no quarter. I will do everything in my power to uphold the objectives of the Military Order of Devil Dogs and to carry out my duties to a swift and satisfactory completion.

MODD Pound #226 Officers (2018-19)

Pound Keeper	PDD Tom Geise (Det. 1177)
Sr. Vice Pound Keeper	DD Rick Howland (Det. 1177)
Jr. Vice Pound Keeper	PDD Luke Doellman (Det. 790)
Dog Robber	PDD Bill Woollen (Det. 75)
Smart Dog	PDD Bill Barta (Det. 399)
Dog Trainer	PDD Don Haines (Det. 399)
Police Dog	PUP Jesus Delgado (Det. 790)
Recording Dog	PDD Bill Woollen (Det. 75)
Mad Dog	PDD Sue Gibbons (Det. 75)
Watch Dog	Pup Jeffrey Jansen (Det. 790)

Central IL Pound 226 Dogs of the Year

2003	PDD Ralph Timpe (deceased)
2007	PCDD C.O. Smith

2008	PDD Jim Carleton
2009	DD Kelly Surratt
2010	PDD Warren Musch
2011	PDD Bill Woollen
2012	PDD Bob Komnick
2013	DD Tony Bingham
2014	PDD Bill Barta
2015	PDD Don Haines
2016	PDD Sue Gibbons
2017	PDD Dan Spilker
2018	PDD John Olejnicki
2019	None

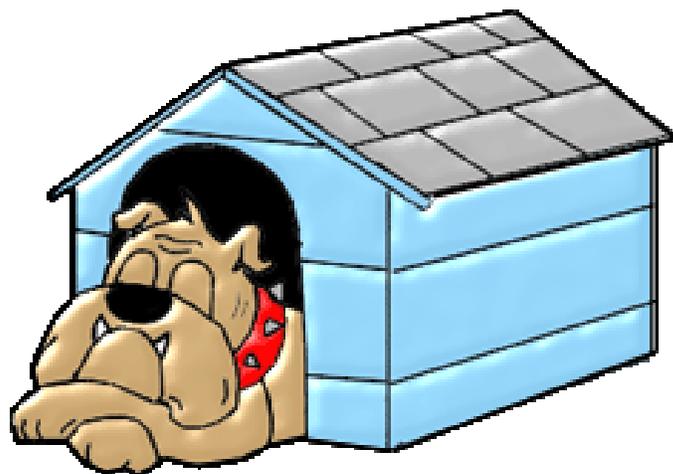
IL Pack Dogs of the Year from Pound 226

2003	PDD Ralph Timpe (deceased)
2008	PCDD C.O. Smith
2009	PDD Jim Carleton
2010	PDD Warren Musch
2011	PDD Tom Geise
2013	PDD Bill Woollen
2014	PDD Bill Barta
2015	PDD Don Haines

Kennel Dog of the Year from Pound 226

2010	PCDD C.O. Smith
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**NEXT GROWL OF POUND 226
Sunday, 15 March 2020
VFW Post 1379, 1300**



**Good night,
Chesty...wherever you are!**

In Loving Memory of our Deceased Marine Brothers and Sisters



MEMBER

MARINE WILLIAM (BILL) BRYANT

MARINE HAROLD (HAL) SCARBROUGH

MARINE ROBERT LEE (BOB) FISHER

MARINE WALTER ALLEN BOWSER, JR.

MARINE JAMES E. (JIM) VANNIER

MARINE KEN NORTON, SR.

MARINE JACOB D. CROSIER

MARINE RAYMOND "RIP" VAN WINKLE

MARINE HARVEY B. MYERS

MARINE AUGUST R. (RALPH) TIMPE

MARINE LEROY (BUD) BARTON

MARINE RUTH SHEPPARD ALLER

MARINE ETHEL M. "BUZZY" BAKER (MCLA)

MARINE KEN STARK

MARINE THOMAS A. WILSON

MARINE DON "HUDGE" HUDGENS

MARINE JOHN WALTRIP

MARINE RICHARD A. JOHNSON

SAILOR DANNY STONE (ASSOC. MEMBER)

DATE OF DEATH

08 JANUARY 2005

05 AUGUST 2010

25 MAY 2011

09 AUGUST 2012

21 JUNE 2013

18 SEPTEMBER 2013

11 DECEMBER 2014

15 FEBRUARY 2015

06 APRIL 2015

14 MAY 2015

28 AUGUST 2015

21 SEPTEMBER 2015

16 MARCH 2016

23 OCTOBER 2016

29 NOVEMBER 2016

31 MARCH 2017

29 APRIL 2017

02 JUNE 2017

09 AUGUST 2017