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CONGRATULATIONS to **Ron Burns Sr.**** as the new Department Marine of the Year**

COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE:

Marines,

I hope everyone that attended the 78th Department Convention in Bloomington / Normal had a enjoyable and productive convention. I hope you had good face- to- face fellowship and camaraderie.

It was truly a great surprise being named Department Marine of the Year for 2022. I have some thoughts regarding getting Red Hats and more Detachments involved in Staff Meetings and Department Convention. I plan to use the District Commandants more in other concerns I have regarding the Detachment's involvement.

I want to thank our guest speakers, Miss Noel Reidy and Lt. Col. Scott Groton owners of Moraine View R & R for addressing our members at the convention. Lt. Col. Scott Groton is now a Associate Member of Central Illinois Leathernecks #988. More information on Moraine View R & R will be coming soon.

I want to extend my most sincere and humble appreciation for being elected your Department Commandant for 2022. I hope I can do our department proud with my Staff and Detachments members.

Please, remember that it is WE not ME, one large Team; also, remember to honor and respect each other. With everyone working as a Team, we'll be able to Adapt, Improvise and Overcome and hopefully have a very successful year, My contact info is: ronburns45@live.com (or) 618-593-0533.

Semper Fidelis
Ronald E. Burns, Sr.

NOTE FROM AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Greetings Ladies,

I want to thank everyone that came to our Convention in Normal Illinois. As your new Department President I will be honored to attend your installations, so please let me know when and where it will be and I will try to attend each one.

We only had 2 Unit Presidents in attendance at our convention. It would be great if we could get more ladies to attend. The Department Staff Meetings are held for the benefit of the Unit Presidents, Officers and Members. If you have any questions, or if you need help with anything in your Units, the Department is here to assist and help you.

Our next Staff meeting will be at the Ramada by Wyndham Springfield North, October 7 thru 9. Hoping to see you there.

Have a great summer!!!

Semper Fi Jo Larsen

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT, MCLA:

My contact info is 773 434-6633 or

Semper Fi
Jo Larsen

SR. VICE COMMANDANT:

Thank you for showing your confidence in me by selecting me as YOUR Senior Vice Commandant for the coming year. I have to uphold the standards set previously!

Weapons raffle will start soon and with your continued support it will again be a success. Live or silent auction of Marine related items

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Robert R. "Randy" Weber

JR. VICE COMMANDANT:

I hope that all the dad's had an outstanding and safe Father's Day and everyone had a safe 4th of July. Celebrate but ALWAYS BE SAFE.

Here it is July 2022 and the days of summer are slipping by all to quickly for me. The Department just completed the Department Convention in Normal, Illinois. Where by God's grace and your votes elected myself as your Department Junior Vice. For those who do not know I spent 13 years in the Corps all active duty and then retired from the U.S. Army Active. I am also a Desert Storm Vet and completed two tours of Iraq. I also retired from the Illinois Department of Corrections. Enough about me. Down to business.

Recruiting and Retention as we all know are a major issue for all Veterans Organizations. My Detachment has had some success in this area in the last three years. We have been awarded the traveling trophy two of the last three years and I was awarded the Department of Illinois Recruiter Award. If you win one award you do not automatically win the other. The traveling trophy is by the most increase in membership by percentage. The Recruiter award is for an individual with the most NEW members. Both of these awards come with a \$100.00 award. Three years ago, my Detachment was at 17 members now we are at approximately 35. This is not a brag on myself but to give you a history of my Detachments success in recruiting. To me recruiting is the easy part, retention is the hard part. Early on we lost new members due to lack of activity outside of our meetings and recently to COVID. We have to change the way we do business if we want the younger Veterans to join our ranks. We cannot walk up to a Vet and

just ask them to join. It seems that the Veterans immediately lost interest. Let the Veteran talk and you can soon tell the Feelings and where they stand.

I always carry business cards with me with my info on the front and on the back meeting time and place. Since we all have phone, I then try to get the Veterans information. No, I did not come up with these ideas but learned from other Marines and Detachment throughout the Marine Corps League through various meetings.

Since being elected I have visited the Sgt Robert "Bob" Grau Detachment in Lincoln, Illinois. They host an outstanding roadside chow hall if you're in the area. They seem to always sell out. They actually gave me an apron and put me to work.

I can be reached by phone at: 1(618)554-1540 or email: Detcommandnat988@gmail.com or kkeller64@yahoo.com

Semper Fi,
Kevin Keller

JUDGE ADVOCATE:

Congratulations to all elected personnel. Hopefully we will enjoy a year free from Covid.

I am looking forward to serving the department as the new judge advocate.

If you have questions or concerns I may be reached at marjk311@hotmail.com.

Semper Fidelis
John Olejnicki

PAYMASTER:

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

Semper Fidelis,
PDC Mike Malmstrom

SERGEANT AT ARMS:

Marines,

I can be reached at (TBA)

Semper Fidelis
Bill Schultz

JR. PAST COMMANDANT:

What a great Convention! Small attendance, but we had fun none the less. Congratulations to all who were elected or appointed for this coming year. I know this Department is in good hands and will continue to succeed and move forward.

And congratulations to our newly elected Commandant Ron Burns Sr, who was awarded the 2022 Department Marine of the Year! Well-deserved and well-earned!

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

Semper Fi,
JPDC Mike Sturch

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.

TO BE INCLUDED IN THE OCTOBER 2022 ISSUE all information and articles must be received by the 15TH OF SEPTEMBER 2022

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 NOTE

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

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

All information in this publication is deemed to be accurate/correct as of the date of publication. Any notice of incorrect information or changes should be brought to the attention of the editor as soon as possible.

Since this publication is quarterly, if any information is found to be incorrect, please visit our website for the most current information available. All articles included are in no way the expressed opinion of the Editor and the submitters are responsible for the content.

AROUND THE LEAGUE

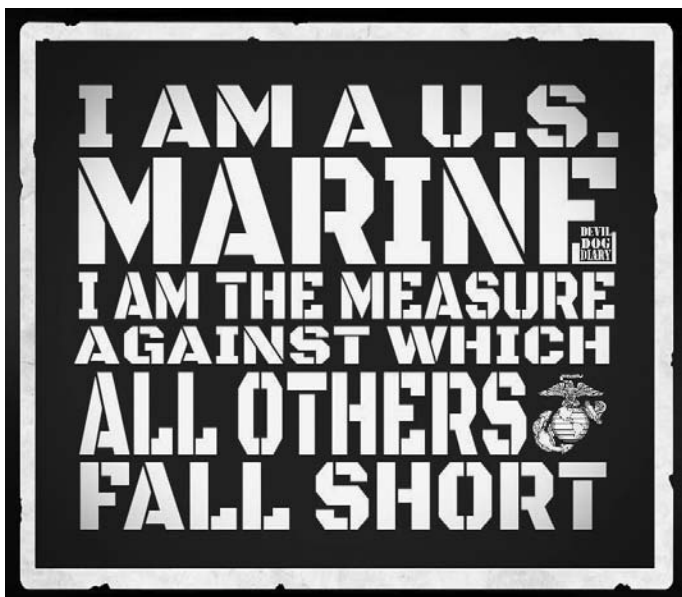
Part of our mission as The Marine Corps League is to provide support and assistance to all past, present and future Marines! We, as Marines and/or family members, have experienced being away from our loved ones. We know what it is like to be away from home whether it is at a duty base in the states or 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.

CENTRAL ILLINOIS LEATHERNECKS

Please visit www.TheIllinoisMarine.com website PHOTOS page.

GEM CITY

Please visit www.TheIllinoisMarine.com website PHOTOS page. Officer.



VAVS

Please use E-contact for concerns & updates at: LZ4vets@gmail.com.

Semper Fi,
George Mulvaney, VAVS Chairman

NOTE FROM VICTORIA COBBETT

Marines, Thank you to everyone who supported me as Judge Advocate.

Due to serious health issues with my family, I was unable to continue on my path of advancement as an elected Department Semper Fidelis, Victoria Cobbett”

DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Scholarship Report:

We received several donations to the Scholarship fund in the memory of Committee Member PDC Bill Barta who will be missed greatly. He would have enjoyed the essays this year; they were inventive and a pleasure to read. The committee selected four recipients to receive the Barbara M Olejnicki Memorial Scholarship:

Paige Straight (U of Alabama) granddaughter of Luke Straight MCL #1217

Amanda Barta (IL State U) granddaughter of Bill Barta MCL #399

Joseph Metcalf (DePaul U) grandson of Bill Barta MCL #399
Haley Ferguson (Kent State U) granddaughter of Larry Olson MCL #399

We wish them success in all of their future endeavors.

*Dept IL MCL Scholarship Committee
Victoria Cobbett & John Olejnicki*

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE MISSION STATEMENT

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

THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AUXILIARY OUR PURPOSE

PATRIOTIC:

(A) To preserve the traditions and promote the interests of the United States Marine Corps.

(B) To maintain true allegiance to American institutions.

HISTORICAL:

(C) TO hold sacred the history and memory of the men and women who gave their lives to this Nation;

(D) To perpetuate the history of the United States Marine Corps and by fitting acts, to observe the anniversary of historical occasions of particular interest to Marines.

FRATERNAL:

(E) To create a bond of comradeship between the Auxiliary and the Marine Corps League, Inc.;

(F) To aid voluntarily and to render assistance to all Marines and former Marines as well as to their families.

(G) To help decorate the graves of all deceased Marines whenever and wherever possible.

EDUCATIONAL:

(H) To strive for the passage of legislation favorable to the Marine Corps League, Inc. and to the United States Marine Corps and its personnel.

(I) To always foster love of honesty, loyalty and Truth, and reverence to our God.

THE MARINES' PRAYER

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

to my prayer.

Amen

OATH OF ENLISTMENT AND OFFICE

(Oh so long ago for some of us)

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

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

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

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Military Order of Devil Dogs, Pack of Illinois

Pd.

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Pd.

PK:	DD Victoria Cobbett	733 Singer Ave	Lemont, IL	60439-3912	630 257-6423
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PK:	PDD Dale Miller	211 E. Elaine	Peoria, IL	61614	
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PK:	PDD Ronald E. Burns	525 N. Pearl St	Lebanon, IL	62254-1428	618 593-0533
DR:	PDD Daniel Betts	310 W. State St.	Pocahontas, IL	62275-3057	c-618 795-3339

North Pound #369 MODD*Pd.*

PK:	DD Marty Smith III,	5315 Cobblers Crossing	McHenry IL	60050	847 668-9591
DR:	PDD Don Haines	1005 Prairie St	St. Charles, IL	60174-3638	630 564-1804

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

PK:	DD George Haworth	PO Box 165	Ridge Farm, IL	61870	217 497-3066
DR:	DD Jeffrey B. Wakeland	7762 N. Meridian Rd	Perrysville, IN	47974-8117	812 249-3293

Department of Illinois, Marine Corps League Detachments:**1st District****Burbank Detachment #072***Pd.***Meets at Marrs-Meyer Legion Post #991, 11001 S. Depot, Worth, IL 60482 4th Thursday 1930**

Commandant:	Joe Mendoza	615 S. Austin Blvd	Cicero IL	60804-4151	708 548-2701
Paymaster:	Joe Purpura	8401 W. 151st St.,	Orland Park, IL	604462	708 460-3953
Adjutant:	Juan Martinez	11340 Ridgeland	Worth, IL	60482	708 738-0994

Chapultepec Detachment #1408*Pd.***Please go to https://www.facebook.com/mcl1408/?hc_ref=NEWSFEED for time and place**

Commandant:	Theodore V. Martinez				312 438-3881
Paymaster:	Frank Lanzarotta	5942 S. Mozart	Chicago IL	60629	773 503-0216
Adjutant:	Ines Gardea	5824 S. Rutherford	Chicago, IL	60638	708 738-0994

Grundy County Detachment #1372*Pd.***Meets at Morris American Legion, 212 W. Washington St., Morris, IL 4th Thurs. 1900**

Commandant:	Art Chaves	367 Baber Ln	Joliet, IL	60435	708 955-3208
Paymaster:	Fred Gaddis	165 Virginia St	Coal City, IL	60416	815 634-3125
Adjutant:					

Kankakee MCL Detachment #1253*Pd.***Meets Bradley-Bourbonnais Sportsman's Club, 2672 Chippewa Dr., Bourbonnais 1st Tuesday 1900**

Commandant:	Stan Bobka	15 S. Pauls	Bourbonnais, IL	60914	815 278-7848
Paymaster:	Margaret J. Myers	345 Jeffery	Kankakee, IL	60901-4958	815 933-2338
Adjutant:	Roland Myers	345 Jeffery	Kankakee, IL	60901-4958	815 933-2338

Marine Corps League Kevin Clarke - Tinley Park Detachment #1217*Pd.***Meets at Bremen Post 2791 V.F.W., 17147 S. Oak Park Ave., Tinley Park, IL 3rd Monday 1930**

Commandant:	Donald Tomich	6614 Pondview Dr	Tinley Park, IL	60477	708 342-1084
Paymaster:	Tom Donnelly	6300 W. 157th Pl.,	Oak Forest, IL	60452-	708 535-3332
Adjutant:	John Murphy	6636 Forestview Dr	Oak Forest, IL	60452-	708 687-3714

2nd District**Chicago #1 Detachment #073***Pd.***Meets at F.D.R American Legion Post 923, 1824 W. Courtland, Chicago, IL 3rd Sunday 1300**

Commandant:	Zataniel Ortega	1820 W. Cornelia Ave	Chicago, IL	60657-1020	773 929-5275
Adjutant/Paymaster:	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 1st Tuesday 1900**

Commandant:	Paul	PO Box 8668	Chicago, IL	60680-8668	773 413-8762
Paymaster:	Patrick	PO Box 8668	Chicago, IL	60680-8668	773 413-8762
Adjutant:					

DuPage County Detachment #399*Pd.***Meets at V.F.W. Post 2164, ON731 Papworth St., Wheaton, IL 4th Tuesday 1930**

Commandant:	Roger Gaden	1232 N. Webster St	Naperville, IL	60563-2649	630 854-9587
Paymaster:	Victoria Cobbett	733 Singer Ave	Lemont, IL	60439-3912	630 257-6423
Adjutant:	John J. Schmitt	8434 Mendingwall Dr	IL	60157	630 432-4795

Elgin Detachment #077*Pd.***Meets at the Elgin Moose Lodge, 925 S. McLean Blvd., Elgin, IL 60123 4th Tuesday 1900**

Commandant:	Fred Zimmermann	2444 Tall Oaks Dr	Elgin, IL	60124	847 841-1340
Adjutant/Paymaster:	Tom Culumber	12981 Applewood Dr	Huntley, IL	60142	630 513-9758

Fox Valley Marines Detachment #1233*Pd.***Meets at AMVETS Post 103, 1194 Jericho Rd., Aurora, IL 2nd Thursday 1900**

Commandant:	Joe West	304 Stonelesh	Oswego, IL	60543	630 809-4117
Paymaster:	TBD				
Adjutant:	Lisa Garcia	648 W. New York	Aurora, IL	60506	630 486-9896

Lake County Detachment #801*Pd.***Meets at Steven's Steakhouse, 401 N. Riverside Dr., Gurnee, IL 3rd Tuesday 1900**

Commandant:	Ed Mampe	24883 Cedarwood Ln	Ingleside, IL	60041	847 641-9689
Paymaster:	Mel Ellingsen	1855 Sterling Heights Ct.	Antioch, IL	60002	847 274-8144
Adjutant:	John Jezioro	1407 Barberry	Round Lake Beach	60037	847 807-0736

McHenry County Detachment #1009*Pd.***Meets at Woodstock VFW Post 5040 240 N Throop St Woodstock, IL 3rd Thursday 1900**

Commandant:	Jason Herta	PO Box 311	Woodstock, IL	60098-0311	224 245-4474
Paymaster:	Mike Ruffner	PO Box 311	Woodstock, IL	60098-0311	847 570-4107
Adjutant:	James French	PO Box 311	Woodstock, IL	60098-0311	847 730-9085

Northwest Suburban Detachment #080*Pd.***Meets at Merle Guild A.L. Post 208, 121 N. Douglas, Arlington Heights, IL 3rd Wednesday 1930**

Commandant:	Michael Huttner	235 W. Chasse Cr	St. Charles, IL	60174	630 650-0424
Paymaster:	Kevin Lollock	2502 Ardmore Ave	Inverness, IL	60067	847 682-4245
Adjutant:	John Madejczyk	2706 George Ct	Rolling Meadows	60008	847 577-7803

Tri-County Leathernecks Detachment #1395*Pd.***Meets at the American Legion Post #964, 51 Lions Dr., Lake Zurich, IL 2nd Wednesday 1900**

Commandant:	Bill Thompson	PO Box 491	Lake Zurich, IL	60047	847 997-6658
Adjutant/Paymaster:	Scott Forester	PO Box 491	Lake Zurich, IL	60047	847 414-9630

3rd District**Dixon Area Detachment #076***Pd.***Meets at Sterling Post 296, 601 1st Ave., Sterling, IL 3rd Wednesday 1900**

Commandant:	Nick Garcia	208 8th Ave	Sterling, IL	61081	765 520-8724
Paymaster:	Ed Nicklaus	204 18th Ave	Sterling, IL	61081	815 625-8223
Adjutant:	Megan Skeffington	1132 Center St	Dixon, IL	61021	815 994-2697

Illinois Valley Detachment #078*Pd.***Meets at MCL Clubhouse, 475 E. Rt. 351, PO Box 22, Jonesville, IL 1st Tuesday 1900**

Commandant:	Art Meyer	PO Box 22	Oglesby, IL	61348-0022	815 780-0931
Paymaster:	Mike Mallie	PO Box 22	Oglesby, IL	61348-0022	815 200-2332
Adjutant:	David Cimei	PO Box 22	Oglesby, IL	61348-0022	815 343-9364

Rockford Detachment #083*Pd.****Meets at the VFW Post 9759, 2018 Windsor Dr., Loves Park IL 1st Wednesday 1900***

Commandant:	Rick Rubendall	1007 Ramona Ter	Machesney Park	31115-3841	815 979-6468
Paymaster:	Bruce Giersch	613 Dickerson Dr	Winnebago, IL	61088-8336	815 904-4534
Adjutant:	Dave Price	5760 Clarendon Dr.	Rockford, IL	61114	815 877-2158

Tri-County Detachment #086:*Pd.****Meets at American Legion Post # 31, 1509 Railroad Ave, Kewanee, IL 1st Monday 1900***

Commandant:	Louis J. VanDeVoorde	330 Emmons Ave	Kewanee, IL	61443	309 853-6661
Adjutant/Paymaster:	Glenn E. Morey	P. O. Box 207	Mineral, IL	61344-0207	309 290-4007

Lincoln Detachment #607*Pd.****Meets at AMVETS, 827 15th Ave., East Moline, IL 3rd Tuesday 1900***

Commandant:	Joseph G. Pollock	6609 Cresthill Dr.,	Davenport, IA	52806-1567	563 349-2423
Adjutant/Paymaster:	Michael W. Malmstrom	5107 48th St.,	Moline, IL	61265-7516	309 764-9638

DeKalb County Detachment #847*Pd.****Meets at Sycamore Vets Home, 121 S. California, Sycamore, IL 3rd Thursday 1900***

Commandant:	Brent Bacon	PO Box 321	Sycamore, IL	60178-0321	815 751-6211
Paymaster:	Keith Keutzer	PO Box 321	Sycamore, IL	60178-0321	815 751-3641
Adjutant:	Mike Sturch	PO Box 321	Sycamore, IL	60178-0321	815 441-2243

Sauk Valley Marine Detachment #913*Pd.****Meets at A. L. Post 902, 712 Fourth Ave., Rock Falls, IL 3rd Monday 1900***

Commandant:	Tim Martin	P.O. Box 708	Rock Falls, IL	61071-0708	815 622-4629
Paymaster:	Howard Glispie	6155 7th Ave	Rock Falls, IL	61071	815 590-0639
Adjutant:	Tim Martin	P.O. Box 708	Rock Falls, IL	61071-0708	815 622-4629

4th District**Peoria Leathernecks Detachment #081***Pd.****Meets at Navy/Marine Club, 1310 E. Sieberling, Peoria Heights, IL 61616 1st Wednesday 1900***

Commandant:	William Olsen	21 N. Cherry St	Princeton, IL	61356	309 642-8787
Adjutant/Paymaster:	Harold W. Lundstrom	10809 N. Dana Dr	Peoria, IL	61615-1163	309 240-8782

Tobin-Nanninga Detachment #085*Pd.****Meets at the MCL Club House, 13370 Garman Rd., Pekin, IL 3rd Sunday 1600***

Commandant:	William Clark	308 Linden St.,	Pekin, IL	61554	309 241-0949
Paymaster:	Chris Celiberti	4020 Chalmers	Bartonville, IL	61607	309 369-4982
Adjutant:	Mike Munoz	9801 W. Guinivere Dr	Mapleton, IL	61547-9578	309 453-3858

Decatur Detachment #799*Pd.****Meets at American Legion Post #105, 1535 Legion Dr., Decatur, IL 1st Monday 1800***

Commandant:	Tom Scroggins	1825 S. 33rd St	Decatur, IL	62521-4704	217 428-7588
Paymaster:	Robert Kimmons	11242 N. Kenny Rd	Warrensburg, IL	62573	217 972-9674
Adjutant:	Robert Tyler	324 Green Way Ln	Decatur, IL	62524	217 422-2983

Major Kenneth D. Bailey Detachment #824*Pd.****Meets at American Legion Post #210, 201 Prospect Pl., Danville, IL 3rd Sunday 1600***

Commandant:	John Barrett	29173 Bean Creek Rd.,	Potomac, IL	61865	217 987-6921
Paymaster:	Tina Cornell	202 Prospect Pl	Danville, IL	61832	217 260-2822
Adjutant:	Bonnie Barrett	29173 Bean Creek Rd.	Potomac, IL	61865	217 987-6921

Central Illinois Leathernecks Detachment #988*Pd.****Meets at V.F.W. Post 454, 1006 Lincoln Ave., Bloomington, IL 2nd Tuesday 1900***

Commandant:	Kevin D. Keller	14030 Lara Trace	Bloomington, IL	61705	618 554-1540
Paymaster:	Kevin D. Keller	14030 Lara Trace	Bloomington, IL	61705	618 554-1540
Adjutant:	David L. Edwards	904 Star Drive	Heyworth, IL	61745-9213	309 498-1007

Richard L. Pittman Detachment #1231

Pd.

Meets at Urbana V.F.W. Post #630, 1303 E. Main St., Urbana, IL 3rd Thursday 1900

Commandant:	Bob Kappes	1217 Joanne Ln	Champaign, IL	61821-1614	217 351-7095
Paymaster:	Gregory Cozad	P.O. Box 6354	Champaign, IL	60426-6354	
Adjutant:	Ron Castel	206 South John St	Thomasboro, IL	61878	

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

Pd.

Meets at Lincoln VFW Post, 915 5th St., Lincoln, IL 3rd Sunday 1400

Commandant:	James J. Harnacke	1518 State Rt. 10	Lincoln, IL	62656-5353	217 737-4557
Adjutant/Paymaster:	Gene F. Hickey	795 950th Ave.,	Elkhart, IL	62634-6090	217 871-2972

5th District**Collier-Harrison Detachment #075**

Pd.

Meets at the Navy Club Quarters, 3100 Stanton St., Springfield, IL 1st Wednesday 1900

Commandant:	Jeff Wolfe	7324 Oak Crest Rd	Riverton, IL	62561-9785	217 971-5663
Adjutant/Paymaster:	Sue Gibbons	1733 W. Glenn Ave	Springfield, IL	62704-4826	217 622-8270

Gem City Detachment #790

Pd.

Meets at the American Legion Post #37, 116 N. 8th St., Quincy, IL 1st Monday 1900

Commandant:	Jeffrey W. Jansen	1620 Gayla Dr	Quincy, IL	62305	217 316-0219
Adjutant/Paymaster:	George A. Hendredeen	1707 N. 12th St	Quincy, IL	62301	217 246-1331

West Central Illinois Leathernecks #1177

Pd.

Meets at the American Legions, 903 West Superior, Jacksonville, IL 3rd Wednesday 1800

Commandant:	Tim Ritzo	823 Grove St	Jacksonville, IL	62650	217 883-0798
Paymaster:	Paul Kramer	2057 Cherry Rd.,	Springfield, IL	62704-3273	217 572-1820
Adjutant:	Earl Turner	1864 Plum St.,	Jacksonville, IL	62650-22437	217 243-6602

6th District**Effingham County Detachment #591**

Pd.

Meets at Iron Horse Cafe, 101 S. Merchant, Effingham, IL 3rd Thursday 1200

Commandant:	Aaron Mette	14905 E. 1975th Ave	Effingham, IL	62401-6905	
Adjutant/Paymaster:	Darrell L. Schwerman	9387 E. Nees Ave.,	Effingham, IL	62401-5088	217 821-2163

Thomas A. Jennings Detachment #546

Pd.

Meets at VFW Post, 712 E. Main St., Robinson, IL 3rd Tuesday 1900

Commandant:	John Griffin	6501 North 2150th Street	Willow Hills, IL	62480	608 553-1902
Paymaster:	Mark Brown	20266 N. 525th St	Annapolis, , IL	62413-3208	217 494-5021
Adjutant:	Dwight Piper	13687 E. 1425th Ave	Robinson, IL	62454	

7th District**Robert Windle Detachment #1031**

Pd.

Meets at American Legion, Legion Park, Jerseyville, IL 2nd Monday 1900

Commandant:	Karl Bradshaw	16645 Delhi Farms Rd	Jerseyville, IL	62052-3595	618 885-5684
Paymaster:	Marshal Lewis	704 Cross Ave	Jerseyville, IL	62052	618 836-7388
Adjutant:	Lonnie Saffell	9287 N. Prairie St.,	Shipman, IL	62685-6733	618 836-7388

Collinsville Detachment #074

Pd.

Meets at VFW Post 805, 221 W. First St., O'Fallon, IL 1st Wednesday 1900

Commandant:	Mike Murphy	29 N. Oakland Dr	Caseyville, IL	62232	618 444-0064
Paymaster:	Stacie Quimby	731 E. US Highway 40	Troy IL	62294	618 974-1782
Adjutant:	Catherine Murphy	29 N. Oakland Dr	Caseyville, IL	62232-1131	618 920-7864

Alton Leathernecks Detachment #1160

Pd.

Meets at Wood River VFW 2859, 231 E. Edwardsville, Wood River, IL 62095 3rd Monday 1900

Commandant:	Glenn L. Heimer	3819 Horn Ave	Alton, IL	62002-3151	618 433-1281
Paymaster:	Paul Schwendeman	429 Oak St	East Alton, IL	62024-1257	618 973-4825
Adjutant:	Mark Nelson	5679 Humbert Rd	Godfrey, IL	62035-2102	618 972-3987

Lincoln Land Leathernecks Detachment #1174*Pd.***Meets at VFW Post 1377, 2043 S. 4th St., Greenville, IL 62246 4th Wednesday 1930**

Commandant:	Daphine Kappos	340 Whitelaw Ave.,	Wood River, IL	62095-1915	618 402-7620
Paymaster:	Robert R. Weber	1103 Haas Rd	Trenton, IL	62293-2117	618 402-5655
Adjutant:	Renee McGuan	35 C Colonial Manor Dr	Highland, IL	62249-1565	815 754-1455

PrairieLand Leathernecks Detachment #1385*Pd.***Meets at 6061/2 East College St. Carbondale, IL 2nd Thursday 1900**

Commandant:	Chris G. Gutierrez	PO Box 556	Litchfield, IL	62056	217 556-2410
Paymaster:	Gary E. Doss	PO Box 556	Litchfield, IL	62056	217 532-2280
Adjutant:	Terry L. Williams	PO Box 556	Litchfield, IL	62056	217 324-3574

8th District**Shawnee Detachment #812***Pd.***Meets at 6061/2 East College St. Carbondale, IL 2nd Thursday 1900**

Commandant:	Harry Fanning	1 Shawnee Hills Rd	Carbondale, IL	62902	618 967-9462
Paymaster:	Phillip Lindberg	2421 Country Club Rd	Carbondale, IL	62901	618 967-9239
Adjutant:	Robert A. Edwards	815 Young Ct	Cartersville, IL	62918-5052	618 534-2661

Southern Illinois Leathernecks Detachment #1013*Pd.***Meets at the KC Hall, 213 N. 16th St., Herrin, IL 3rd Wednesday 1900**

Commandant:	Cindy Aschemann	309 Missouri Ave	Cartersville, IL	62918	618 203-9401
Paymaster:	Joe Leenerts	9594 Stotlar Rd	Johnston City, IL	62951-2945	618 942-3834
Adjutant:					

Randolph County Detachment # 575*Pd.***Meets at the American Legion, 1001 Booster St., Evansville, IL 3rd Tuesday 1900**

Commandant:	Brent Piel	5970 Richfield Rd	Red Bud, IL	62278-4534	618 282-4328
Adjutant/Paymaster:	John Preston	1033 Thomas Dr	Red Bud, IL	62278-2304	618 282-7783

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1st District

Burbank Unit MCLA #140

Pd.

Meets at Marris-Meyer Legion Post #991, 11001 S. Depot, Worth, IL 60482 4th Thursday 2000

President:	Mary Ann Kuchta	10052 S. Maplewood	Chicago, IL	60650	773 779-8463
Treasurer:	Violet Tolsky	9965 Cambridge Court D	Mokena, IL	60448-7914	708 479-6760
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Kankakee Unit MCLA #1253

Pd.

Meets at the Bourbonnais Sportsmen's Club, 2672 Dr. Chippewa. Bourbonnais, IL 1st Tuesday 1800

President:	Margaret J. Myers	345 W. Jeffery St	Kankakee, IL	60901-4958	815 933-2338
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3rd District

DeKalb Sycamore Unit MCLA #382

Pd.

Meets at Sycamore Vets Home, 121 S. California, Sycamore, IL 3rd Thursday 1900

President:	Rachael Hartman	1036 Hartman Trail	Sandwich, IL	60548	815 405-9731
Treasurer:	Judy Bryant	340 Parker St	Sycamore, IL	60178-1249	815 895-6696
Secretary:	Judy Bryant	340 Parker St	Sycamore, IL	60178-1249	815 895-6696

Illinois Valley Unit MCLA

Pd.

Meets at MCL Clubhouse, 475 E. State St. (RT's 351 & 71), Oglesby, IL 3rd Tuesday 1800

President:	Virginia Hegland	321 N. Kenosha Ave	Oglesby, IL	61348-1145	480 980-7333
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Secretary:	Lorene Munson	505 Mormon St	Oglesby, IL	61348-1030	815 883-3636

McHenry County Unit MCLA #419

Pd.

Meets at McHenry V.F.W. Post 4600, 3002 IL, Rt. 120, McHenry, IL 3rd Thursday 1930

President:	Jo Larsen	332 Ramble RD	Lake in the Hills	60156-1332	847 687-3101
Treasurer:	Colleen Helfers	19810 River Rd	Marengo, IL	60152-9131	815 219-8550
Secretary:	Colleen Helfers	19810 River Rd	Marengo, IL	60152-9131	815 219-8550

Sauk Valley Unit MCLA #349

Pd. 22-23

Meets at Rock Falls American Legion, 712 - 4th Ave., Rock Falls, IL 2nd Tuesday 1600

President:	Breann Riggins	9507 Shore Dr	Machesney Park	61115	779 888-0139
Treasurer:	Carol Martin	PO Box 708	Rock Falls, IL	61071-0708	815 622-8687
Secretary:	Carol Martin	PO Box 708	Rock Falls, IL	61071-0708	815 622-8687

4th District

West Central Illinois Leatherneck Unit MCLA #462

Pd.

Meets at VFW Post 1379, 903 E. Morton, Jacksonville, IL 2nd Wednesday 1900

President:	Caren Waltrip-Sexton	727 Haardin,	Jacksonville, IL	62650-3019	217 370-5214
Treasurer:	Joy Komnick	2800 Via Rosso, Unit 76	Springfield, IL	62703	217 494-0759
Secretary:	Carol Smith	1411 W. Walnut	Jacksonville, IL	62650-1102	217 473-1161

5th District

Alton Leathernecks Unit MCLA #488

Pd.

Meets at VFW, 231 E. Edwardsville Rd., Wood River, IL 2nd Thursday 1900

President:	April Butler	120 Ohio St., East	Alton, IL	62024	618 580-3079
Treasurer:	Kelley Chadwick-Mansker	3526 Fullerton Ave	Alton, IL	62002	616 660-5117
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Shawnee Unit

Pd.

Meets at the Toys for Tots Building 4th Tuesday 1845

President:	Patty Cosgrove	172 Wild Rose Lane	Carbondale IL	62902	618 201-2808
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