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## COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE:

Marines,

What a fantastic Convention we had!! I know it wasn't nearly what we had planned and hoped for, but despite the situation around us, we had an impressive attendance. I am truly honored and sincerely thankful for your support in electing me as your Department Commandant. We still have some challenging times ahead, but I have no doubt we will navigate through these obstacles as one team; one family. I am most deeply humbled, and quite frankly stunned, for being selected the 2020 Department Marine of the Year. I understand there were several well-deserving nominations this year. My congratulations and respect to all nominees.

I want to thank each and every one of you that has stepped up in these trials and tribulations to keep this League running strong. I absolutely love the imagination and determination many of you have shown in the creative ways to continue our mission.

With the Marine Corps Birthday, along with the other holidays approaching, celebrate the best that you can keeping everyone safe and healthy. Have smaller and more intimate celebrations when possible. We will get through this just as we have the last 245 years.

Congratulations to all who were elected and/or accepted appointments to this year's Department Staff, and to all the 1<sup>st</sup> timers or new-comers, welcome to the team! Again, 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.

I want to thank everyone who participated and assisted in this year's Sr. Vice Raffle. Despite COVID and the lockdowns, we were able to raise somewhere around \$4000! So the winners were:

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize (Sig Sauer or \$500 cash) – Lincoln Detachment #607

1<sup>st</sup> Prize (M1A, \$1000 cash, or the weekend getaway) Kankakee Detachment #1253

Congratulations and thank you!

My contact info is [815-441-2243](tel:815-441-2243) or [mlsturch@hotmail.com](mailto:mlsturch@hotmail.com)

Semper Fi,  
Mike Sturch

## DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT, MCLA:

As your new State President, I want to thank those few who attended the State Convention in Carlinville and though we were few in number made for a successful and productive convention.

Going forward we need more member participation on the State level. I have appointed a new Web Master who will advertise our auxiliary and make the application

process accessible on line. I am asking the unit Presidents to send me information about your unit; date you were formed, activities, anything unique about your unit.

In August 2021, the Department of Illinois will be hosting the National Convention in Springfield. I am asking the members to step up and volunteer to do Illinois proud, as I know you can.

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

Semper Fi  
Pat Buckley

## SR. VICE COMMANDANT:

Hello Marines,

We have just completed our 76<sup>th</sup> Department Convention. I truly appreciate the confidence the membership has shown me with my election to Sr. Vice Commandant for the Department. I plan to continue the work of the previous Sr. Vice Commandant. The pandemic crisis has thrown everything off base, and I hope the remainder of this year improves greatly! I plan to get a new raffle going as soon as possible. I plan to and will assist our Commandant in any manner to help make our Department one of the best in the Marine Corp League.

My contact info is [ronburns45@live.com](mailto:ronburns45@live.com) or 618-593-0533.

Semper Fidelis  
Ronald E. Burns, Sr.

## JR. VICE COMMANDANT:

Marines,

You have selected me as YOUR Junior Vice Commandant and I do thank you all. The Convention was a success and better attended than what was anticipated. The pandemic did not stand in the way of getting the mission accomplished. Thank you to all attendees!

The Junior Vice is charged with recruitment and retention. I hope to have an even busier year than last. This will only happen with your help in gathering new members and ensuring current members are retained. Please share your methods via Illinois Marine articles and word of mouth discussions at Staff and Convention meetings, even what may not have been effective for your Detachment might work for someone else.

Let's all review our Oath of Membership and Oath of Office.

Together we can grow the League!

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
Robert R. "Randy" Weber

### JUDGE ADVOCATE:

Thank you to everyone for your confidence in me. I know this will be a great year because of all of you and everything you do to make this a great Department. Five By-Law changes were proposed at the convention: two were approved by a majority vote.

The first approved change is to By-Law 62.72 REORGANIZATION OF INACTIVE OR DEFUNCT DETACHMENT. This By-Law changes **Sr. Vice Commandant to Jr Vice Commandant** as the empowered officer. The Department Jr Vice Commandant is in charge of membership, so this change amends the By-Law to reflect the current description of duties of the Jr Vice Commandant. The rest of the By-Law wording remains the same.

The approved By-Law now reads:

62.72 REORGANIZATION OF INACTIVE OR DEFUNCT DETACHMENT: The Department Staff may vote to reorganize an Inactive or Defunct Detachment by declaring all Offices of affected Detachment vacant and appoint temporary Officers. The **Department Jr Vice Commandant** and applicable District Commandant shall be empowered to effectuate necessary recruitment activities to secure the minimum of twenty (20) members, and to monitor the initial reorganization process.

The second approved By-Law amendment covers 56.32 GENERAL EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT under 56.30 NATIONAL CONVENTION EXPENSE. This change removes the clause **“for the purchase of the Convention “strip ticket” for himself only”** from the first sentence. The Department has not used strip tickets in 12 years and thus is no longer used or needed and should be removed from Department Bylaws.

The approved By-Law now reads:

56.32 GENERAL EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT: The Department Commandant shall be allowed reimbursement for expenses for Lodging (and) meals. Incidentals are not reimbursable.

If you have any questions or concerns, I may be contacted at [v.cobbett@comcast.net](mailto:v.cobbett@comcast.net)

Semper Fidelis,  
Victoria Cobbett

### ADJUTANT:

Semper Fidelis  
Phil Race

### PAYMASTER:

Greeting Marines,

I can be contacted at [mikem3280@gmail.com](mailto:mikem3280@gmail.com) or 309-269-2012.

Semper Fidelis,  
PDC Mike Malmstrom

### SERGEANT AT ARMS:

Semper Fidelis  
Bob Kappes

### JR. PAST COMMANDANT:

Marines,

The Department Convention has come and gone. Our streamlined convention went very well.

We have new leadership so please support Commandant Mike Sturch and his staff of officers.

As the 2021 National Convention approaches, we will need more help from the detachments. Step up and help the Department succeed.

If I can be of assistance, call me.

Please visit Website Photo Page for convention pictures.

I can be reached at 773 284-1212 or [jbmarines\\_81@yahoo.com](mailto:jbmarines_81@yahoo.com)

### FROM THE EDITOR:

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

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

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

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

**All information and articles must be received by the 10<sup>th</sup> of December 2020 to be included in the January 2021 issue. There will be no exceptions!**

The invoice for all Illinois Marine dues of \$50.00 per Detachment/Unit/Pack and Pound [as per Department Bylaws 51.21(c)] will be arriving in the mail shortly after July 1<sup>st</sup>. All checks should be made payable to “Department of Illinois, MCL” and mailed to the Editor at the address listed below. These annual dues are the funds that allow the Illinois Marine to be published. If you have not yet paid, please bring your Detachment/Unit up to date ASAP. Paymasters check behind your detachments name in the Illinois Marine roster of Detachments. If you are up

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

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

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

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

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

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

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PDC Don Haines, Editor

### **NOTICE**

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.**

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Pd. 20-21  
 61870- 217 497-3066  
 47974-8117 812 249-3293

**Department of Illinois, Marine Corps League Detachments:****1<sup>st</sup> 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. 151<sup>st</sup> St., Orland Park, IL

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

Pd.  
 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday 1930  
 60482-0777 708 529-3786  
 604462- 708 460-3953  
 60482- 708 448-0177

Chapultepec Detachment #1408

Please go to [https://www.facebook.com/mcl1408/?hc\\_ref=NEWSFEED](https://www.facebook.com/mcl1408/?hc_ref=NEWSFEED) for time and place

Comdt: Theodore V. Martinez., Please see below for mailing

Paym: Frank Lanzarotta., 5942 S. Mozart, Chicago IL

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

Pd.  
 - 312 438-3881  
 60629- 773 503-0216  
 60638- 773 814-6475

Grundy County Detachment #1372

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

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

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

Adj:

Pd.  
 4<sup>th</sup> Thurs. 1900  
 60435- 708 955-3208  
 60416- 815 634-3125

Joliet E 2/14 Detachment #808

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

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

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

Pd.  
 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday 1930  
 60436- 815 671-5364  
 60435- 815 545-1995

Kankakee MCL Detachment #1253

Meets Bradley-Bourbonnais Sportsman's Club, 2672 Chippewa Dr., Bourbonnais

Comdt: Stan Bobka, 15 S. Pauls, Bourbonnais, IL

Paym: Margaret J. Myers, 345 Jeffery, Kankakee, IL

Adj: Roland Myers, 345 Jeffery, Kankakee, IL

Pd. 20-21  
 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday 1900  
 60914- 815 278-7848  
 60901-4958 815 933-2338  
 60901-4958 815 933-2338

Marine Corps League Kevin Clarke - Tinley Park Detachment #1217

Meets at Bremen Post 2791 V.F.W., 17147 S. Oak Park Ave., Tinley Park, IL

Comdt: Donald Tomich, 6614 Pondview Dr., Tinley Park, IL

Paym: Tom Donnelly, 6300 W. 157<sup>th</sup> Pl., Oak Forest, IL

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

Pd.  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday 1930  
 60477- 708 342-1084  
 60452- 708 535-3332  
 60452- 708 687-3714

**2<sup>nd</sup> District**

Chicago #1 Detachment #073

Meets at F.D.R American Legion Post 923, 1824 W. Courtland, Chicago, IL

Comdt: Zataniel Ortega, 1820 W. Cornelia Ave., Chicago, IL

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

Pd. 20-21  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 1300  
 60657-1020 773 929-5275  
 60076- 847 779-3053

Chicago Police Marines Detachment #553

Meets at F.O.P. Hall, 1412 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago, IL

Comdt: Paul, PO Box 8668, Chicago, IL

Paym: Patrick, PO Box 8668, Chicago, IL

Adj: Wally, PO Box 8668, Chicago, IL

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

DuPage County Detachment #399

Meets at V.F.W. Post 2164, 0N731 Papworth St., Wheaton, IL

Comdt: Roger Gaden, 1232 N. Webster St., Naperville, IL

Paym: Victoria Cobbett, 733 Singer Ave., Lemont, IL

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

Pd.  
 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 1930  
 60563-2649 630 854-9587  
 60439-3912 630 257-6423  
 60157- 630 432-4795

Elgin Detachment #077	Pd.
Meets at the Elgin Moose Lodge, 925 S. McLean Blvd., Elgin, IL 60123	4 <sup>th</sup> 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. 20-21
Meets at AMVETS Post 103, 1194 Jericho Rd., Aurora, IL	4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday 1900
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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.
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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.
Meets at McHenry V.F.W. Post 4600, 3002 IL Rt. 120, McHenry, IL	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday 1900
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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.
Meets at Merle Guild A.L. Post 208, 121 N. Douglas, Arlington Heights, IL	3 <sup>rd</sup> 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. 20-21
Meets at the American Legion Post #964, 51 Lions Dr., Lake Zurich, IL	2 <sup>nd</sup> 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
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> District</b>	
Dixon Area Detachment #076	Pd. 20-21
Meets at Sterling Post 296, 601 1 <sup>st</sup> Ave., Sterling, IL	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 1900
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Paym: Ed Nicklaus, 204 18 <sup>th</sup> Ave., Sterling, IL	61081- 815 625-8223
Adj: Megan Skeffington, 1132 Center St., Dixon, IL	61021- 815 994-2697
Illinois Valley Detachment #078	Pd. 20-21
Meets at MCL Clubhouse, 475 E. Rt. 351, PO Box 22, Jonesville, IL	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday 1900
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Adj: David Cimei, PO Box 22, Oglesby, IL	61348-0022
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Paym: Bruce Giersch, 613 Dickerson Dr., Winnebago, IL	61088-8336 815 904-4534
Adj: Rick Rubendall, 1007 Ramona Ter., Machesney Park, IL	31115-3841 815 979-6468
Tri-County Detachment #086:	Pd.
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Adj/Pay: Glenn E. Morey, P. O. Box 207, Mineral, IL	61344-0207 309 290-4007
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Meets at AMVETS, 827 15 <sup>th</sup> Ave., East Moline, IL	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 1900
Comdt: Joseph G. Pollock, 6609 Cresthill Dr., Davenport, IA	52806-1567 563 349-2423
Adj/Pay: Michael W. Malmstrom, 5107 48 <sup>th</sup> St., Moline, IL	61265-7516 309 764-9638

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 Paym: Keith Keutzer, PO Box 321., Sycamore, IL  
 Adj: Mike Sturch, PO Box 321., Sycamore, IL

Pd.  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 1900  
 60178-0321 847 751-6211  
 60178-0321 815 751-3641  
 60788-0321 815 441-2243

Sauk Valley Marine Detachment #913  
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 Paym: Howard Glispie, 6105 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. Rock Falls, IL  
 Adj: Tim Martin "See Comdt."

Pd. 20-21  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday 1900  
 61071-0708 815 622-4629  
 61071- 815 59040639

**4<sup>th</sup> District**

Peoria Leathernecks Detachment #081  
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 Adj/Pay: Dave Edwards, 904 Star Dr., Heyworth, IL

Pd. 20-21  
 1<sup>st</sup> 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. 20-21  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 1600  
 61554- 309 241-0949  
 61607- 309 369-4982  
 61547-9578 309 453-3858

Decatur Detachment #799  
 Meets at American Legion Post #105, 1535 Legion Dr., Decatur, IL  
 Comdt: Tom Scroggins, 1825 S. 33<sup>rd</sup> St., Decatur, IL  
 Paym: Robert Kimmons, 11242 N. Kenny Rd., Warrensburg, IL  
 Adj: Robert Tyler, 324 Green Way Ln., Decatur, IL

Pd. 20-21  
 1<sup>st</sup> Monday 1800  
 62521-4704 217 428-7588  
 62573- 217 972-9674  
 62524- 217 422-2983

Major Kenneth D. Bailey Detachment #824  
 Meets at American Legion Post #210, 201 Prospect Pl., Danville, IL  
 Comdt: John Barrett, 29173 Bean Creek Rd., Potomac, IL  
 Paym: Tina Cornell, 202 Prospect Pl., Danville, IL  
 Adj: Bonnie Barrett, 29173 Bean Creek Rd., Potomac, IL

Pd. 20-21  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 1600  
 61865- 217 987-6921  
 61832 217 260-2822  
 61865- 217 987-6921

Central Illinois Leathernecks Detachment #988  
 Meets at V.F.W. Post 454, 1006 Lincoln Ave., Bloomington, IL  
 Comdt: Kevin D. Keller, 14030 Lara Trace, Bloomington, IL  
 Paym: Kevin D. Keller, 14030 Lara Trace, Bloomington, IL  
 Adj: David L. Edwards, 904 Star Drive, Heyworth, IL

Pd. 20-21  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 1900  
 61705- 618 554-1540  
 61705- 618 554-1540  
 61745-9213 309 498-1007

Richard L. Pittman Detachment #1231  
 Meets at Urbana V.F.W. Post #630, 1303 E. Main St., Urbana, IL  
 Comdt: Bob Kappes, 1217 Joanne Ln., Champaign, IL  
 Paym: Gregory Cozad, P.O. Box 6354. Champaign, IL  
 Adj: Ron Castel, 206 South John St., Thomasboro, IL

Pd. 20-21  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 1900  
 61821-1614 217 351-7095  
 60426-6354  
 61878-

Sgt. Robert "Bob" E. Graue Detachment #1336  
 Meets at Lincoln VFW Post, 915 5<sup>th</sup> St., Lincoln, IL  
 Comdt: James J. Harnacke, 1518 State Rt. 10, Lincoln, IL  
 Adj/Pay: Gene F. Hickey, 795 950th Ave., Elkhart, IL

Pd. 20-21  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 1700  
 62656-5353 217 737-4557  
 62634-6090 217 871-2972

**5<sup>th</sup> District**

Collier-Harrison Detachment #075  
 Meets at the Navy Club Quarters, 3100 Stanton St., Springfield, IL  
 Comdt: Jeff Wolfe, 7324 Oak Crest Rd., Riverton, IL  
 Adj/Pay: Sue Gibbons, 1733 W. Glenn Ave., Springfield, IL

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

Gem City Detachment #790  
 Meets at Lippincott Hall, Veterans Home, 1707 N. 12<sup>th</sup> St., Quincy, IL  
 Comdt: Jeffrey W. Jansen, 1620 Gayla Dr., Quincy, IL  
 Paym: Stephen Cane, 2119 Jackson St., Quincy, IL  
 Adj: George A. Herendeen, 1707 N. 12<sup>th</sup> Sst., Quincy, IL

Pd. 20-21  
 1<sup>st</sup> Monday 1900  
 62305- 217 616-0219  
 62301- 217 224-6360  
 62301- 217 246-1331



West Central Illinois Leathernecks #1177  
 Meets at the VFW Post 1379, 903 East Morton, Jacksonville, IL  
 Comdt: Tim Ritzo, 823 Grove St., Jacksonville, IL  
 Paym: Paul Kramer, 2057 Cherry Rd., Springfield, IL  
 Adj: Earl Turner, 1864 Plum St., Jacksonville, IL

Pd. 20-21  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday 1900  
 62650- 217 473-1128  
 62704-3273 217 572-1820  
 62650-22437 217 243-6602

**6<sup>th</sup> District**

Effingham County Detachment #591  
 Meets at Iron Horse Cafe, 101 S. Merchant, Effingham, IL  
 Comdt: Aaron Mette, 14905 E. 1975<sup>th</sup> Ave., Effingham, IL  
 Adj/Pay: Darrell L. Schwerman, 9387 E. Nees Ave., Effingham, IL

Pd.  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 1200  
 62401-6905  
 62401-5088 217 821-2163

Thomas A. Jennings Detachment #546  
 Meets at VFW Post, 712 E. Main St., Robinson, IL  
 Comdt: David Houser, 405 N. Range St., Oblong, IL  
 Paym: Mark Brown, 116 W. Tyler, Litchfield, IL

Pd.  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 1900  
 62445- 618 544-7047  
 62056- 217 4945021

**7<sup>th</sup> District**

Robert Windle Detachment #1031  
 Meets at American Legion, Legion Park, Jerseyville, IL  
 Comdt: Karl Bradshaw, 16645 Delhi Farms Rd. Jerseyville, IL  
 Paym: Marshal Lewis, 704 Cross Ave, Jerseyville, IL  
 Adj: Lonnie Saffell, 9287 N. Prairie St., Shipman, IL

Pd.  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday 1900  
 62052-3595 618 885-5684  
 62052- 618 946-9150  
 62685-6733 618 836-7388

Collinsville Detachment #074  
 Meets at VFW Post 805, 221 W. First St., O'Fallon, IL  
 Comdt: Frank Christie, 2802 Black Ln., Collinsville, IL  
 Paym: Ramona Witte, 505 W. Randle St., Lebanon, IL  
 Adj: Catherine Murphy, 29 N. Oakland Dr., Caseyville, IL

Pd.  
 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday 1900  
 62234-7607 618 344-3676 c-618 420-9920  
 62254-1428 618 808-0308  
 62232-1131

Alton Leathernecks Detachment #1160  
 Meets at 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.  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday 1900  
 62002-3151 618 433-1281  
 62024-1257 618 973-4825  
 62035-2102 618 972-3987

Lincoln Land Leathernecks Detachment #1174  
 Meets at VFW Post 1377, 2043 S. 4<sup>th</sup> St., Greenville, IL 62246  
 Comdt: 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.  
 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 1930  
 62095-1915 618 402-7620  
 62293-2117 618 402-5655  
 62249-1565 815 751-1455

Prairieland Leathernecks Detachment #1385  
 Meets at the Litchfield VFW Post, 215 W. Ryder St., Litchfield, IL  
 Comdt: Chris G. Gutierrez, PO Box 556, Litchfield, IL  
 Paym: Gary E. Doss, PO Box 556, Litchfield, IL  
 Adj: Terry L. Williams, PO Box 556, Litchfield, IL

Pd. 19-20  
 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday 1900  
 62056- 217 556-2410  
 62056- 217 532-2280  
 62056- 217 324-3574

**8<sup>th</sup> District**

Shawnee Detachment #812  
 Meets at the American Legion Post 127, 1700 Gartside St., Murphysboro, IL  
 Comdt: Mark Cosgrove, 172 Wild Rose Ln., Carbondale, IL  
 Paym: Phillip Lindberg, 2421 Country Club Rd., Carbondale, IL  
 Adj: Robert A. Edwards, 815 Young Ct., Carterville, IL

Pd.  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday 1900  
 62902- 618 967-9462  
 62901- 618 967-9239  
 62918-5052 618 534-2661

Southern Illinois Leathernecks Detachment #1013  
 Meets at the KC Hall, 213 N. 16<sup>th</sup> St., Herrin, IL  
 Comdt: Cindy Aschemann, 309 Missouri Ave., Carterville, IL  
 Paym: Joe Leenerts, 9594 Stotlar Rd., Johnston City, IL  
 Adj:

Pd.  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 1900  
 62918- 618 203-9401  
 62951-2945 618 942-3834

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

Pd. NO  
3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 1900  
62278-4534 618 282-4328  
62278-2304 618 282-7783

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#### 1<sup>st</sup> District

Burbank Unit MCLA #140 Pd. 19-20  
Meets at VFW Post 177, 10537 S. Ridgeland Ave., Chicago Ridge, IL 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday 2000  
President: Mary Ann Kuchta 10052 S. Maplewood, Chicago, IL 60650- 773 779-8463  
Treasurer: Violet Tolsky, 9965 Cambridge Court "D", Mokena, IL 60448-7914 708 479-6760  
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#### Kankakee Unit MCLA #1253

Meets at the Bourbonnais Sportsmen's Club, 2672 Chippawa Dr. Bourbonnais, IL Pd. 19-20  
President: Margaret J. Myers, 345 W. Jeffery St., Kankakee, IL 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday 1800  
Treasurer: Sandy Britt, 114G Uncle Leo Dr., Bradley, IL 60901-4958 815 933-2338  
Secretary: Judy Denoyer, 271 Randolph, Bradley, IL 60915- 815 592-1976  
60915- 815 933-9408

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

DeKalb Sycamore Unit MCLA #382 Pd.  
Meets at Sycamore Vets Home, 121 S. California, Sycamore, IL 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 1900  
President: Rachael Hartman, 1036 Hartman Trail, Sandwich, IL 60548- 815 405-9731  
Treasurer: Judy Bryant, 340 Parker St., Sycamore, IL 60178-1249 815 895-6696  
Secretary: Judy Bryant, 340 Parker St., Sycamore, IL 60178-1249 815 895-6696

Illinois Valley Unit MCLA Meets at MCL Clubhouse, 475 E. State St. (RT's 351 & 71), Oglesby, IL President: Virginia Hegland, 321 N. Kenosha Ave., Oglesby, IL Treasurer: Lorene Munson, 505 Mormon St., Oglesby, IL Secretary: Lorene Munson, 505 Mormon St., Oglesby, IL	Pd. 19-20 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 1800 61348-1145 480 980-7333 61348-1030 815 883-3636 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 Helpers, 19810 River Rd., Marengo, IL Secretary: Colleen Helpers, 19810 River Rd., Marengo, IL	Pd. 19-20 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday 1930 60156-1332 847 687-3101 60152-9131 815 219-8550 60152-9131 815 219-8550
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Sauk Valley Unit MCLA #349 Meets at Rock Falls American Legion, 712 - 4 <sup>th</sup> 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 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 1600 61071- 815 625-8756 61071-0708 815 622-8687 61071-0708 815 622-8687
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**4<sup>th</sup> District**

West Central Illinois Leatherneck Unit MCLA #462 Meets at VFW Post 1379, 903 E. Morton, Jacksonville, IL President: Tonya Crosier, 12625 Tebbe Rd., New Berlin, IL Treasurer: Jeanette Geise, 1625 Lind, Quincy, IL Secretary: Carol Smith, 1411 W. Walnut, Jacksonville, IL	Pd. 19-20 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday 1900 62670-4507 217 415-0446 62301-2425 217 223-5894 62650-1102 217 473-1161
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**5<sup>th</sup> 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 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday 1900 62024- 618 580-3079 62002- 616 660-5117 62014- 618 616-7402
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**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 3<sup>rd</sup> Staff Staff Meeting**

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

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

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Semper Fi,  
George Mulvaney, VAVS Chairman

### **YOUNG MARINES PROGRAM**

If you have a Young Marine unit in your area, please reach out and contact them and give them all the support you possibly can. These young men and women are fantastic. For more information about the program, check out [www.youngmarines.com](http://www.youngmarines.com), or contact me at [mlsturch@hotmail.com](mailto:mlsturch@hotmail.com) or 815-441-2243. As stated earlier, I am looking for a highly motivated and energetic Marine to take over this important position for me. Please contact me for details.

Semper Fi,  
Michael Sturch  
Young Marines Liaison, Dept of IL

### **WARS COMMITTEE**

### **ILLINOIS PACK MODD**

**\*\*\*\*\*Congratulations to PDD Joe Pollock who was chosen as the  
2020 Pack Dog of the Year.\*\*\*\*\***

DOGS!

What a superb Grand Growl! We had a great turn-out. Welcome to the new Pup, and congratulations to the 12 new members who earned the elevation to Devil Dog. I would like to thank you for your confidence in electing me as your Pack Leader. It is truly an honor.

Congratulations to VCDD PDD Joe Pollock in being selected as the 2020 Pack Dog of the Year. Joe has accomplished so much for the Pound, Pack, and Kennel, and he has definitely earned and deserves this recognition. Keep up the good work, Crash!!

Now is the time to get busy and creative in the ways we can assemble. All pounds need to do their best in having Growls, and especially training for the Dogs who will be advancing next August in Springfield.

Continue looking for members who exemplify the qualities we seek to grow our membership. Along with everything else, this is a team effort.

Enjoy the upcoming holidays and let's keep everyone safe and healthy.

My contact info is [815-441-2243](tel:815-441-2243) or [mlsturch@hotmail.com](mailto:mlsturch@hotmail.com).

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

## DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Please visit [www.theillinoismarine.com](http://www.theillinoismarine.com) website for information on the Department Scholarship Program.

Three applicants were selected to receive the 2020 Department of Illinois scholarship grant of \$1000 each because of a scholarship grant received from the Marine Corps Coordinating Council (MCCC). They are:

Mr. Jax Hernandez, son of Mark Hernandez, Fox Valley MCL #1233 who received the *Barbara M. Olejnicki Memorial Department Scholarship*;

Ms. Mackenna Clayton, granddaughter of Larry Olson, DuPage Marines MCL #399 who received the MCCC Scholarship; and Ms. Nadia Chavez, daughter of Arturo Chavez, Grundy County MCL #1372 who received the other MCCC Scholarship.

Mr. Hernandez has been accepted at the University of Illinois, Champaign/Urbana; Ms. Clayton will be attending Marquette University in Madison, Wisconsin; and Ms. Chavez will further her education at the University of St. Francis in Joliet.

Each of their essays was a unique interpretation of *Semper Fidelis* as well as being interesting, and heartfelt. Congratulations to all three and best wishes for a successful future.

Semper Fidelis,  
Victoria Cobbett, Chair



### MARINE CORPS LEAGUE MISSION STATEMENT

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

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- (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.;
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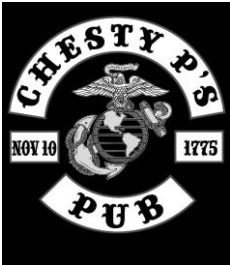
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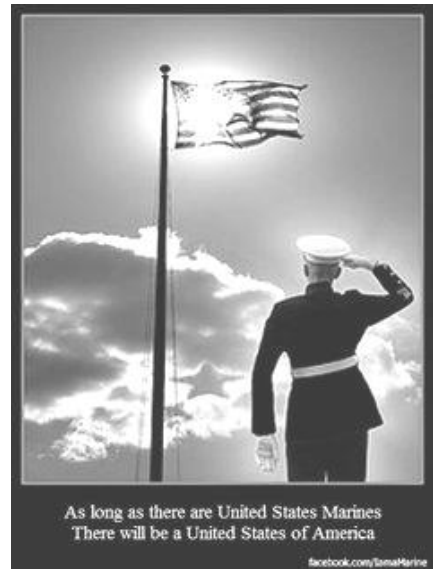
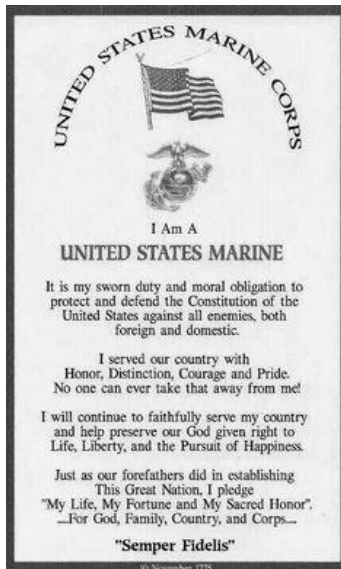
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Almighty Father, whose command is over all and whose love never fails, make me aware of Thy presence and obedient to Thy will. Keep me true to my best self, guarding me against dishonesty in purpose and in deed and helping me to live so that I can 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





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National Headquarters

From: Dennis Tobin, National Commandant/CEO//MCL  
To: All Members of the Marine Corps League  
Subj: 2020 Birthday Message from the MCL National Commandant

The United States Marine Corps is celebrating its 245th Birthday. November 10, 1775 is celebrated in every clime and place where Marines may be. Regardless of job duty or tenure in the Corps, Marines hold our history in the highest of regards. Our beloved Corps of Marines continues to instill this deference in the newest recruits.

Founded in 1923 and chartered by the U. S. Congress in 1937, the Marine Corps League continues to preserve the traditions of our Corps. Our membership is spread across the Nation. We come from every city, county, and state just as the Marines currently serving in the Marine Corps.

The Marine Corps League is dedicated to services like funeral honors, Toys for Tots, and assisting transitioning Marines and their families. Our efforts, through patriotic volunteerism, directly support the Commandant of the Marine Corps and our Marines. Thank you for what you do every day.

We have strengthened our partnership with the Marine Corps Association and Foundation to foster the spirit and preserve the traditions of the Marine Corps perpetuated by history on common ground dating back almost one hundred years to our common founder LtGen John A. Lejeune. This partnership will further support the Commandant of the Marine Corps, General Berger, and his successors.

As Marines around the world continue to serve in harm's way to keep us safe, let us take time to once again celebrate the glorious history of our beloved Corps.  
Happy Birthday Marines Semper Fidelis

*Dennis Tobin*

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