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COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE:

Marines,

I am writing this on 9/10/21, the eve before Patriot's Day, and the 20th anniversary of that tragic day; not to mention in conjunction with the ending of our involvement in the Afghanistan War. As the NVC for Central Division, I received a letter from the CMC and the SMMC a few weeks ago addressing this very issue. I in turn sent this out to all Department Officers and Detachment Commandants, with this message attached:

"Many of us have served during a time of conflict, and sometimes wonder if it was worth it, especially if you lost someone close to you. Just remember that despite any political decisions that are made (or not made), we all served honorably and to the best of our abilities. We all did our best to protect those who needed protecting, and to try to instill the American values and freedoms around the world. Please reach out to talk to someone, anyone, if you need. We are all here to help our brothers and sisters, even if it is to just sit and LISTEN."

A member of my Detachment (DeKalb) called me just the other night to check up on me, and asked if I would do the same. I have, and I am now asking each and every one of you to continue this mission. Call your buddies to see how they are doing – even if it's just a few minutes on the phone. We all deal with and cope with these events in our own ways. Just a friendly voice on the phone or meet for a cup of coffee somewhere just to say I'm thinking about you and I'm here to listen helps tremendously.

I believe we had a very successful National Convention. I wouldn't say it went off without a hitch, but it was an overall smooth operation. I think we were very pleased with the numbers. We had an estimated 900 members attending, and over 450 Grand Banquet tickets sold. These numbers are on the larger side of our conventions, so we had a very impressive attendance. Thank you for everyone who showed up and helped out.

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

Keep up the great work, Marines and fellow members!
My contact info is 815-441-2243 or mlsturch@hotmail.com

Semper Fi,
Mike Sturch

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT, MCLA:

We had the state convention in July where I was reelected as your President. The National convention in August went well. It was nice to interact with members

from around the country. I want to thank the Illinois Convention committee for planning and executing an excellent convention.

It is now time to make your dues payment for 2021-2022. It is also time to file your 990.

My contact info is 773 434-6633 or patbuckley39@comcast.net.

Semper Fi
Pat Buckley

SR. VICE COMMANDANT:

Hello Marines,

National Convention held in Springfield, Illinois was rather successful considering not being truly knowledgeable if it would be held due to the uncertain status involving the up surge in the Covid-19 and Delta virus.

Those individuals that did attend, I'm sure they met and socialized with new Marine Corps League members. I found the knowledge learned after meetings in a social environment very good as there are plenty of free information free for those interested.

Department of Illinois members had a fair showing; but, was somewhat sad that more members don't show in their home state. I think the Illinois Room was very well ran, thanks to members and volunteers. Raffles, raffles and more raffles were everywhere and should've done very well.

Hopefully, I'll have some information on this year's Sr. Vice Commandant's Raffle before Thanksgiving holiday season. Please, check The Illinoismarine for more information.

I want to once again thank everyone for allowing me to serve as your Sr. Vice Commandant for a 2nd year. See you at 2nd Staff in October at Bloomington.

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

Semper Fidelis
Ronald E. Burns, Sr.

JR. VICE COMMANDANT:

Marines,

The 2021 Marine Corps League National Convention is in the books! If you were there you know we did the work, had a good time and reconnected with old friends and made new ones. If you did not attend, you do owe it to yourself and the League to be an active participant. I have had the opportunity to help members attending for the first time, they are grateful, and it is gratifying to me. All of our Department Conventions, Staff meetings try to follow

this format. This is exactly how Detachment meetings should be.

A prospective member, when attending their first meeting, should not feel intimidated or left out. Mentor the new members, explain what and why things are happening. If they have questions don't give them answers unless they are correct, just because we have done it this way forever is not a good answer. The National library has the answers. We want that member to tell other Marines about the League and draw them in. Word of mouth can be a very effective recruiting method.

I still need feedback on the radio spots as to stations contacted and how effective the ads are. The tri-fold brochures with your contact information or a business card left on a vehicle gets the word out. The tri-fold brochures are available on the Marine Corps League National website and business cards are not expensive. Any vehicle with Marine Corps related items displayed should have contact information left on it.

Please contact me with what recruiting idea works for your Detachment. All methods should be shared. What isn't effective for you or in one AO may work somewhere else.

See you at 2nd Staff!!

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Robert R. "Randy" Weber

JUDGE ADVOCATE:

Marines

The bylaw amendment submitted to allow for hybrid meetings was passed at the 2021 Convention business meeting. Now, the detail work begins. This amendment is to allow access for members who are disabled, incapacitated or uniquely unable to attend conferences and conventions and wish to do so.

At this time, anyone desiring to join virtually is able to view and/or listen only through a privately purchased program and personal equipment. A program for virtual access has to be decided upon and equipment purchased. The position of access technician should be created. No protocols have yet been established for input of any kind. If you are a computer guru or have an idea or suggestion to enable secure participation virtually, please send it to me via email, postal mail, or even a telephone call.

In addition to sharing information in a timely manner, the ability to provide access for our elderly, infirm, or disabled members will surely promote and reinforce our Marine Corps brotherhood.

If you have any questions or concerns of a Judge Advocate nature, I will try to assist and may be emailed at v.cobbett@comcast.net or texted at 630-330-2571.

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Victoria Cobbett

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Semper Fidelis
PDC Bruc Blackmer

FROM THE EDITOR:

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

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

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

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

All information and articles must be received by the 10th of December 2021 to be included in the January 2022 issue. There will be no exceptions!

The invoice for all Illinois Marine dues of \$50.00 per Detachment/Unit/Pack and Pound [as per Department

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

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

We are continuing to update the email address list for those who wish to receive the Illinois Marine via email. If you are receiving this publication via hardcopy and have email, please consider requesting it by email. Each hardcopy mailed out costs the Department on average 85

to 95 cents. Any reduction of postage expenses benefits the Department of Illinois's budget. If you do not wish to receive the Illinois either by hard copy or email it can be downloaded from the Illinois Marine website in PDF format. Please let me know if that is the case. **I would ask that a list of all "New" members with Name, Address and email, if available, be submitted to the editor to facilitate addition to the mailing or email list.**

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

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

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Pd. 21-22
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 Paym: Joe Purpura, 8401 W. 151st St., Orland Park, IL
 Adj: Richard Nolan Jr., 11548 Normandy, Worth, IL

Pd. 21-22
 4th 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 for time and place
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 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. 21-22
 4th 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.
 1st 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. 21-22
 1st 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. 157th Pl., Oak Forest, IL
 Adj: John Murphy, 6636 Forestview Dr., Oak Forest, IL

Pd. 21-22
 3rd Monday 1930
 60477- 708 342-1084
 60452- 708 535-3332
 60452- 708 687-3714

2nd District**Chicago #1 Detachment #073**

Meets at F.D.R American Legion Post 923, 1824 W. Courtland, Chicago, IL
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 Adj/Pay: John M. Bigwood, 7719 East Prairie Road, Skokie, IL

Pd. 21-22
 3rd Sunday 1300
 60657-1020 773 929-5275
 60076- 847 779-3053

Chicago Police Marines Detachment #553	Pd. 21-22
Meets at F.O.P. Hall, 1412 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago, IL	1 st Tuesday 1900
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Paym: Patrick, PO Box 8668, Chicago, IL	60680-8668 773 413-8762
Adj:	

DuPage County Detachment #399	Pd. 21-22
Meets at V.F.W. Post 2164, 0N731 Papworth St., Wheaton, IL	4 th Tuesday 1930
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Paym: Victoria Cobbett, 733 Singer Ave., Lemont, IL	60439-3912 630 257-6423
Adj: John J. Schmitt, 8434 Mendingwall Dr., IL	60157- 630 432-4795

Elgin Detachment #077	Pd.
Meets at the Elgin Moose Lodge, 925 S. McLean Blvd., Elgin, IL 60123	4 th Monday 1900
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Adj/Pay: Tom Culumber, 12981 Applewood Dr., Huntley, IL	60142- 630 513-9758

Fox Valley Marines Detachment #1233	Pd. 21-22
Meets at AMVETS Post 103, 1194 Jericho Rd., Aurora, IL	4 th 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. 21-22
Meets at Steven's Steakhouse, 401 N. Riverside Dr., Gurnee, IL	3 rd Tuesday 1900
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Paym: Mel Ellingsen, 1855 Sterling Heights Ct., Antioch, IL	60002- 847 274-8144
Adj: John Jezioro, 1407 Barberrry, 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 rd Thursday 1900
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Adj: James French, PO Box 311, Woodstock, IL	60098-0311 847 730-9085

Northwest Suburban Detachment #080	Pd.
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Adj: John Madejczyk, 2706 George Ct., Rolling Meadows, IL	60008- 847 577-7803

Tri-County Leathernecks Detachment #1395	Pd.
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Adj/Pay: Scott Forester, PO Box 491, Lake Zurich, IL	60047- 847 414-9630

3rd District

Dixon Area Detachment #076	Pd. 21-22
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Illinois Valley Detachment #078	Pd. 21-22
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Adj: David Cimei, PO Box 22, Oglesby, IL	61348-0022 815 343-9364

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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

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Lincoln Detachment #607 Pd. 21-22
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 Adj/Pay: Michael W. Malmstrom, 5107 48th St., Moline, IL 61265-7516 309 764-9638

DeKalb County Detachment #847 Pd.
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 Adj: Mike Sturch, PO Box 321., Sycamore, IL 60788-0321 815 441-2243

Sauk Valley Marine Detachment #913 Pd.
 Meets at A. L. Post 902, 712 Fourth Ave., Rock Falls, IL 3rd Monday 1900
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 Adj: Tim Martin "See Comdt."

4th District

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 Adj: Robert Tyler, 324 Green Way Ln., Decatur, IL 62524- 217 422-2983

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5th District

Collier-Harrison Detachment #075

Meets at the Navy Club Quarters, 3100 Stanton St., Springfield, IL

Comdt: Jeff Wolfe, 7324 Oak Crest Rd., Riverton, IL

Adj/Pay: Sue Gibbons, 1733 W. Glenn Ave., Springfield, IL

Pd. 21-22

1st Wednesday 1900

62561-9785 217 971-5663

62704-4826 217 622-8270

Gem City Detachment #790

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

Comdt: Jeffrey W. Jansen, 1620 Gayla Dr., Quincy, IL

Adj/Pay: George A. Hendrendeen, 1707 N. 12th St., Quincy, IL

Pd.

1st Monday 1900

62305- 217 316-0219

62301- 217 246-1331

West Central Illinois Leathernecks #1177

Meets at the American Legions, 903 West Superior, Jacksonville, IL

Comdt: Tim Ritzo, 823 Grove St., Jacksonville, IL

Paym: Paul Kramer, 2057 Cherry Rd., Springfield, IL

Adj: Earl Turner, 1864 Plum St., Jacksonville, IL

Pd. 21-22

3rd Wednesday 1800

62650- 217 883-0798

62704-3273 217 572-1820

62650-22437 217 243-6602

6th District

Effingham County Detachment #591

Meets at Iron Horse Cafe, 101 S. Merchant, Effingham, IL

Comdt: Aaron Mette, 14905 E. 1975th Ave., Effingham, IL

Adj/Pay: Darrell L. Schwerman, 9387 E. Nees Ave., Effingham, IL

Pd. 21-22

3rd Thursday 1200

62401-6905

62401-5088 217 821-2163

Thomas A. Jennings Detachment #546

Meets at VFW Post, 712 E. Main St., Robinson, IL

Comdt: John Griffin, 6501 North 2150th Street, Willow Hills, ILPaym: Mark Brown, 20266 N. 525th St., Annapolis, IL

Pd.

3rd Tuesday 1900

62480-

62413-2208 217 494-5021

7th District

Robert Windle Detachment #1031

Meets at American Legion, Legion Park, Jerseyville, IL

Comdt: Karl Bradshaw, 16645 Delhi Farms Rd. Jerseyville, IL

Paym: Marshal Lewis, 704 Cross Ave, Jerseyville, IL

Adj: Lonnie Saffell, 9287 N. Prairie St., Shipman, IL

Pd.

2nd Monday 1900

62052-3595 618 885-5684

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62685-6733 618 836-7388

Collinsville Detachment #074

Meets at VFW Post 805, 221 W. First St., O'Fallon, IL

Comdt: Frank Christie, 2802 Black Ln., Collinsville, IL

Paym: Ramona Witte, 505 W. Randle St., Lebanon, IL

Adj: Catherine Murphy, 29 N. Oakland Dr., Caseyville, IL

Pd.

1st Wednesday 1900

62234-7607 618 344-3676 c-618 420-9920

62254-1428 618 808-0308

62232-1131

Alton Leathernecks Detachment #1160

Meets at Wood River VFW 2859, 231 E. Edwardsville, Wood River, IL 62095

Comdt: Glenn L. Heimer, 3819 Horn Ave., Alton, IL

Paym: Paul Schwendeman, 429 Oak St., East Alton, IL

Adj: Mark Nelson, 5679 Humbert Rd., Godfrey, IL

Pd. 21-22

3rd Monday 1900

62002-3151 618 433-1281

62024-1257 618 973-4825

62035-2102 618 972-3987

Lincoln Land Leathernecks Detachment #1174

Meets at VFW Post 1377, 2043 S. 4th St., Greenville, IL 62246

Comdt: Daphine Kappos, 340 Whitelaw Ave., Wood River, IL

Paym: Robert R. Weber, 1103 Haas Rd., Trenton, IL

Adj: Renee McGuan, 35 C Colonial Manor Dr., Highland, IL

Pd. 21-22

4th Wednesday 1930

62095-1915 618 402-7620

62293-2117 618 402-5655

62249-1565 815 754-1455

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Meets at the Litchfield VFW Post, 215 W. Ryder St., Litchfield, IL

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Paym: Gary E. Doss, PO Box 556, Litchfield, IL

Adj: Terry L. Williams, PO Box 556, Litchfield, IL

Pd.

1st Thursday 1900

62056- 217 556-2410

62056- 217 532-2280

62056- 217 324-3574

8th District

Shawnee Detachment #812

Meets at the American Legion Post 127, 1700 Gartside St., Murphysboro, IL

Comdt: Mark Cosgrove, 172 Wild Rose Ln., Carbondale, IL

Paym: Phillip Lindberg, 2421 Country Club Rd., Carbondale, IL

Adj: Robert A. Edwards, 815 Young Ct., Carterville, IL

Pd. 21-22

2nd Thursday 1900

62902- 618 967-9462

62901- 618 967-9239

62918-5052 618 534-2661

Southern Illinois Leathernecks Detachment #1013

Meets at the KC Hall, 213 N. 16th St., Herrin, IL

Comdt: Cindy Aschemann, 309 Missouri Ave., Carterville, IL

Paym: Joe Leenerts, 9594 Stotlar Rd., Johnston City, IL

Adj:

Pd.

3rd Wednesday 1900

62918- 618 203-9401

62951-2945 618 942-3834

Randolph County Detachment # 575

Meets at the American Legion, 1001 Booster St., Evansville, IL

Comdt: Brent Piel, 5970 Richfield Rd., Red Bud, IL

Adj/Pay: John Preston, 1033 Thomas Dr., Red Bud, IL

Pd.

3rd Tuesday 1900

62278-4534 618 282-4328

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1st District

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Meets at Marrs-Meyer Legion Post #991, 11001 S. Depot, Worth, IL 60482

President: Mary Ann Kuchta 10052 S. Maplewood, Chicago, IL

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

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Pd. 21-22

4th Thursday 2000

60650- 773 779-8463

60448-7914 708 479-6760

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Kankakee Unit MCLA #1253

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

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

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

Secretary: Judy Denoyer, 271 Randolph, Bradley, IL

Pd. 20-21

1st Tuesday 1800

60901-4958 815 933-2338

60915- 815 592-1976

60915- 815 933-9408

3rd District

DeKalb Sycamore Unit MCLA #382

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

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

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

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Pd. 21-22

3rd Thursday 1900

60548- 815 405-9731

60178-1249 815 895-6696

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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

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Pd. 21-22

3rd Tuesday 1800

61348-1145 480 980-7333

61348-1030 815 883-3636

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McHenry County Unit MCLA #419

Meets at McHenry V.F.W. Post 4600, 3002 IL, Rt. 120, McHenry, IL

President: Jo Larson, 332 Ramble RD., Lake in the Hills, IL

Treasurer: Colleen Helfers, 19810 River Rd., Marengo, IL

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Pd. 21-22

3rd Thursday 1930

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Treasurer: Lisa Henry, 1507 16th Ave., Sterling, IL

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Pd.

2nd Tuesday 1600

61081- 815 213-0413 (Text only)

61071-0708 815 622-8687

4th District

West Central Illinois Leatherneck Unit MCLA #462

Meets at VFW Post 1379, 903 E. Morton, Jacksonville, IL

President: Caren Waltrip-Sexton, 727 Haardin, Jackdonville, IL

Treasurer: Joy Komnick, 2800 Via Rosso, Unit 76, Springfield, IL

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

Pd.

2nd Wednesday 1900

62650-3019 217 370-5214

62703- 217 494-0759

62650-1102 217 473-1161

5th District

Alton Leathernecks Unit MCLA #488

Meets at VFW, 231 E. Edwardsville Rd., Wood River, IL

President: April Butler, 120 Ohio St., East Alton, IL

Treasurer: Kelley Chadwick-Mansker, 3526 Fullerton Ave., Alton, IL

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Pd.

2nd Thursday 1900

62024- 618 580-3079

62002- 616 660-5117

62014- 618 616-7402

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Pd. 21-22

4th Tuesday 1845

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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"

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.

*******BREAKING NEWS FROM NATIONAL CONVENTION*******

Congratulations to PDC Mike Sturch for being chosen as the new National Central Division Vice Commandant.

AUXILLARY NEWS

The Department of Illinois Marine Corps League Auxiliary received a bequest from PDP Lois Olson Lemke. We decided to use the funds to establish the PDP Lois Olson Lemke Memorial Fund to assist members and their families who are experiencing financial hardship.

The following criteria was approved by the members: Eligibility for funds - to be used to assist a member of the Dept. of IL MCL or MCLA or their family members. Rules are to be distributed via *The Illinois Marine*. There is a limit of \$500 per individual or family (one time only per individual or family). Requests for assistance from the fund are to be sent to PDP Renee McGuan, Chairman, Department of Illinois Past Presidents Council. All decisions to approve or deny distributions are to be made by members of the MCLA Department of Illinois Past Presidents Council at a Staff meeting, Convention or by email. Donations to the fund are encouraged and appreciated. In addition, members hope to raise funds through raffles to be held at Department of Illinois events.

I can be reached at rsm1455@yahoo.com or 815-751-1455

Semper Fi,
Renee McGuan

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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

DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The essays submitted for the 2021 scholarship grant were outstanding. The process to evaluate and score them requires blind assessment. Each entry is assigned a random code and is graded based on an established key. Committee members John Olejnicki and Bill Barta submit their individual scores and only then are demographics viewed. The few additional points are applied according to the key and a total score is obtained.

This year the final scores were very close. Five applicants were awarded an individual grant of \$1000. They are:

Sarah Catherine Ames who is accepted at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and is the daughter of Curtis Ames, #1009 McHenry.

Paige Marie Leslie who is accepted at Purdue University and is the granddaughter of Edward Modla, #72 Burbank.

Jenica Elizabeth Limon who is accepted at Carthage College and is the granddaughter of Mike Malmstrom, #607Lincoln.

Kelsey Renee Neihls who is accepted at Lakeland College and is the granddaughter of Larry Neihls, #591 Effingham County.

Christopher Joseph O’Gara who is accepted at Illinois State University and is the grandson of Leroy Totman, #1009 McHenry.

The winners were invited to the Joint Opening Ceremonies and the Past Presidents luncheon. Ms Paige Leslie read her essay aloud at the meeting and also honored us with her a’cappella rendition of our National Anthem. Congratulations to all recipients and thank you to everyone who submitted an application.

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

Semper Fidelis,
Victoria Cobbett, Chair



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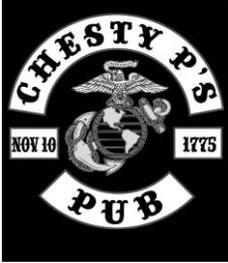
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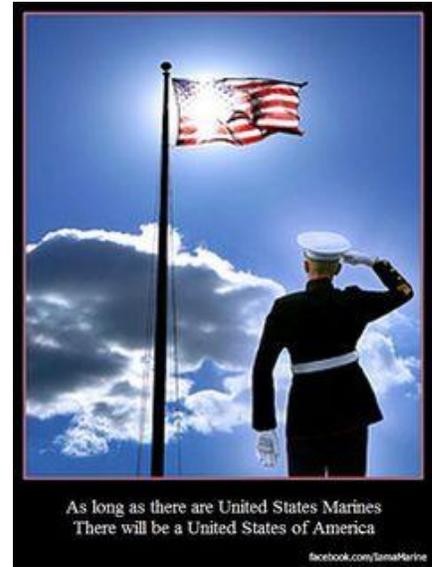
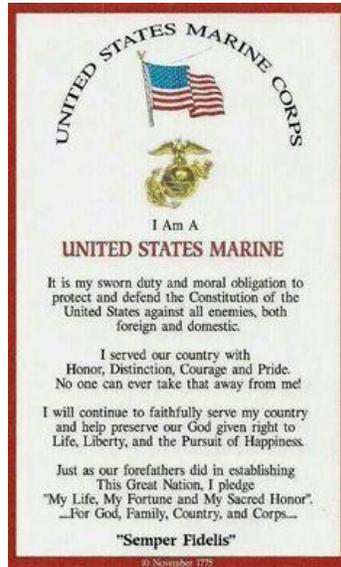
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The Oath of enlistment is something that every service member must promise and adhere to for his/her entire military career. From the Oath, you can see that you will be defending the Constitution - not a person. Discipline and accepting orders is sworn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

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