



Department of Illinois

Marine Corps League

1st Staff Meeting & 2023 Convention

RON BURNS - COMMANDANT

Type of Meeting: 1st Staff Meeting, Springfield IL, June 25, 2023

Opening: The meeting was called to order by Department Commandant, 0900 @ Northfield Inn, Springfield, IL.

Opening Ceremony and Prayer:

Conducted by Sgt at Arms and Chaplain: Open at 0900

Honorary guests/officers and Dignitaries are recognized: PDC Mike Sturch, PDC Bruce Blackmer, PDC Joe Pollock
Past PDC's and Department Marines of the Year are recognized.

Attendance taken by the Adjutant; report attached. Quorum is established.

Minutes approved as presented by the Adjutant. Approved as corrected.

Correspondence: Commandant discussed correspondence.

Paymaster Report: Given during the Convention, nothing new to report.

Sick and disabled: Given during the Convention, Daughter of a member has skin cancer.

Report of Officers:

Officers gave reports at the Convention. See Convention minutes for further detail.

Commandant Burns thanks all for attending. Need to find a way to improve attendance at meetings and Convention and 1st Staff.

Sr Vice Commandant Weber: Given during the Convention, Thanks for participation at raffles. \$4,760.00 for raffles. No figure for the silent auction. Make reservations and meal selection as soon as possible. Hotel already taking reservations.

Jr Vice Commandant Cobbett: Thanks members for her selection. Wants to get more participation and attendance.

Judge Advocate: Given during the Convention, Thank you to Victoria Cobbett as MC last night.

Paymaster: Given during the Convention, nothing new to report.

Sgt at Arms: Given during the Convention, no problems and helps to improve attendance.

Junior Past Commandant: Getting a quorum is important. No nominations for Dog of the Year. We need to get participation from the Pack.

Trustees: Given during the Convention, Thank you for PDC Mike Malmstrom's years of dedication as Paymaster.

Adjutant: Given during the Convention, nothing new to report.

District Commandants Reports: Given during the Convention, nothing new to report.

District 1: Looking forward to learning and serving.

District 3: PDC Joe Pollock was embarrassed that we had NO Pack Dog of the Year forwarded to the Pound.

District 4: Dan Powers stated the same thing about getting attendance and participation improved, mat consider a carpool.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Scholarship Report:

They took the young man to lunch; he is an excellent young man.

State Fair:

Mike Malmstrom mentioned we need more volunteers for the State Fair booth.

Paymasters need to get names of volunteers and contact chairman ASAP.

Illinois Web Site:

Commandant:

Very pleased with the hotel and thanks them. We need to re-work the schedule and see if we can close Saturday evening, and everyone can leave early Sunday morning.

Terry Prince cannot receive monetary or other rewards for speaking.

PDC Malmstrom, 2nd PDC Blackmer to make Mr. Prince a Life Member. JA reminded us to get it done before July 1, 2023.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Good of the League:

PDC Sturch:

Division Meeting in Michigan; more information to follow.

PDC Blackmer: Reminds that we need to fill appointed vacancies.

DC BURNS: Closing comments:

Announcements:

2nd Staff at the Ramada Inn, 3281 Northfield Dr., Springfield, IL., October 20-22, 2023.

- This will also be a training session for Detachments. More information will follow.

3rd Staff TBD

4th Staff, Convention 80 and 1st Staff at Northfield Inn, June 12-16, 2024.

Commandant: Ask for other comments and welcomes suggestions. Thank you to those who stayed to attend the 1st Staff Meeting.

CLOSING: Closed by Sgt at Arms and Chaplain performing closing ceremony at

Department Officers, JUNE 25, 2023

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Commandant	Ron Burns, Sr.	X
Sr. Vice Commandant	Randy Weber	X
Jr. Vice Commandant	Victoria Cobbett	X
Judge Advocate	John Olejnicki	X
Paymaster	PDC Mike Ruffner	EX
Sergeant at Arms	Bill Schultz	X
Jr. Past Commandant	PDC Mike Sturch	X
PDC Trustee #1	PDC Tom Geise	EX
PDC Trustee#2	PDC Bruce Blackmer	X
Rank & File Trustee #3	Gary Hoeffken	X
Rank & File Trustee #4	Dale Miller	X
Adjutant	Gary Hoeffken	X
Chaplain	Brent Bacon	EX
1st District Commandant	Juan Martinez	X
2nd District Commandant	Rick Prescott	E
3rd District Commandant	PDC Joe Pollock	X
4th District Commandant	Dan Powers	X
5th District Commandant	Dan Davis	X
6th District Commandant	Phil Mette	X
7th District Commandant	Chris Gutierrez	EX
8th District Commandant	Harry Fanning	EX

ROLL CALL OF DETACHMENTS

DETACHMENT	06/25
#72 Burbank	X
#73 Chicago #1	
#74 Collinsville	X
#75 Collier-Harrison	
#76 Dixon	
#77 Elgin	
#78 Illinois Valley	
#80 Northwest Suburban	
#81 Peoria Leathernecks	X

#83 Rockford	
#85 Tobin-Nanninga	
#86 Tri-County	
#399 Dupage County	X
#546 Thomas A. Jennings	
#553 Chicago Police Marines	
#575 Randolph County	
#591 Effingham County	X
#607 Lincoln	X
#790 Gem City	
#799 Decatur	
#801 Lake County	
#812 Shawnee	X
#824 Maj Kenneth D. Bailey	
#847 DeKalb County	X
#913 Sauk Valley	
#988 Central IL Leathernecks	
#1009 McHenry County	
#1013 Southern IL Leathernecks	
#1031 Robert Windle	
#1160 Alton Leathernecks	X
#1174 Lincoln Land Leathernecks	X
#1177 West Central IL Leathernecks	
#1217 Kevin-Clarke Tinley Park	
#1231 Richard L. Pittman	X
#1233 Fox Valley Marines	
#1253 Kankakee	
#1336 Sgt Robert "Bob" E. Graue	
#1372 Grundy County	
#1385 Prairieland Leathernecks	
#1395 Tri-County Leathernecks	
#1408 Chapultepec	