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## DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

### COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE:

Greetings everyone! This will be my last Illinois Marine article as your Department Commandant. I know what you're thinking, "Thank God, we don't have to listen to his soap box rantings anymore". My tour of duty has passed quickly and there are still many issues to resolve.

Foremost on the agenda is the problem we have encountered with the Detachment 990 tax filings. The Detachments, for the most part, have been complying. Dept. Paymaster Malmstrom and I have found several of our Detachments listed on the IRS revocation of not-for-profit status list. This is automatically done by the IRS for failing to file for 3 consecutive years. Reinstating involves a considerable amount of paperwork plus a filing fee (fine). Detachments that publicly fundraise or accept donations with a loss of status are in serious violation of the law. Hopefully, by the time of this publication, we will have a game plan for these Detachments and will work with them to get them squared away.

Each Detachment is required by law to incorporate with the Illinois Secretary of State and will receive an incorporation number. Subsequently, each Detachment must submit a yearly report (at a cost of \$10) listing their Officers. Once again, there are several Detachments in non-compliance. By not being incorporated, a Detachment could be subject to lawsuits against each individual member in the event of an accident or injury incurred during an event. Once again, we will target those Detachments and try to get everyone in compliance.

The National Marine Corps League is our "parent" organization. We receive blanket bonding under their Gen 0955 group exemption for not-for-profit. The IRS has been coming down on them for having subsidiaries (Departments, Detachments, Devil Dog Packs and Pounds, and Auxiliaries) that are not complying with the laws. Of course, we all know what kind of material flows downhill. We need to get everyone back onboard.

As with all the service organizations, our membership is declining. Our total paid members stands at about 1900. Our delinquent list is at about 500 members. Quite a few are on the list because of National's new policy on membership. They are no longer sending out the renewal notices and quite a few members are forgetting when they are due. Detachment Commandants need to work with their Jr. Vices to review the arrears list. Contact your members and inform them of their due dates. Let's try and get these lists cleaned up.

This year will be a change year for Department Officers. I hope many of you will be attending the Dept. Convention June 2-3 in Springfield. (June 1, 4<sup>th</sup> Staff..... June 4, 1<sup>st</sup> Staff)

I can be contacted at 815-228-9767 (anytime, cause I'm retired) or E-mail [glbaker078@comcast.net](mailto:glbaker078@comcast.net)

As always, Semper Fi Brothers and Sisters & Woof Woof, Dogs

Commandant Greg Baker

### DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT, MCLA:

Hello MCL/MCLA Sisters and Brothers,

Ladies and gentlemen I have to say, even though our winter has been relatively calm compared to past winters, I am glad our "long winter's nap is coming to an end!! This past quarter just felt extremely long. That being said, I want to take a moment to say how awesome you all are and THANK YOU for all that you do.

Having just returned from our 3<sup>rd</sup> Staff weekend reaffirmed that in my mind. To learn all of what our Units and Detachments have been doing since we last met, or are planning to do in the future, was amazing!! I ask that you all please keep doing what you are doing!!! We are most definitely fulfilling our Auxiliary purpose and goals. We are making a difference..... whether it be a day spent with a group, a gift (large or small) for an individual or a group, or moment spent just talking and/or listening. One day at a time, one person at a time, one group at a time..... everything you are doing is making a difference!!! THANK YOU!!! I would also like to ask, while you are doing all that you do, please remember to keep an eye out for new members. The more there are of us, the more we may accomplish.

In closing, I'd like to ask that we keep our Marines (and all who love & care for them) in your prayers as their missions take them where they are needed once again.

I can be contacted at 815 276-5544 or [deb4deptmcla@gmail.com](mailto:deb4deptmcla@gmail.com)

Semper Fidelis  
Respectfully submitted,  
Deb Sosnowski

### SR. VICE COMMANDANT:

With this edition 3rd Staff will be behind us and closing in on our 73rd Department Convention.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members and officers for the support over the last two years. I will be seeking the nomination and election as Your next Department Commandant. I will look forward to carrying on the work of my predecessors. I hope I can count on everyone's support.

I am still urging all members to get their tickets on the weapons raffle. For those who haven't heard, first prize is the choice of a Springfield M-1A (M-14 without automatic) or \$1000. Second prize is a Remington 1911 R1 .45 pistol or \$500. Tickets are \$10 each. The drawing will be held at the close of the Saturday afternoon business

session 3 June 2017. You need not be present to win. Tickets will be available until time of drawing or we run out.

I can be reached at (815)252-4769 or my e-mail address is [USMCVET72@aol.com](mailto:USMCVET72@aol.com)

Semper Fidelis,  
Dale Munson

#### **JR. VICE COMMANDANT:**

Marines,

We now move into the final push on the Department Recruiting Contest. Thank you for the excellent work. Ooh Rah!

Membership Dues Transmittals received later than 16 May 2017 will not be included in the totals for the Winners. Good Luck!

I have announced my candidacy for Sr. Vice Commandant. I appreciate your support. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Convention!

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

Semper Fidelis,  
Bruce Blackmer

#### **JUDGE ADVOCATE:**

By the time this goes to print, 3<sup>rd</sup> Staff will be behind us. Now is the time to start looking forward to a great and enjoyable Department Convention.

We are almost there! I have had contact with all Detachments concerning the bylaws. I now have all but 3 Detachments on file, and I am working closely with those last 3 to get 100% by the Department Convention. Thank you so much to all Detachments in helping me complete this mission.

I would like to take this opportunity to again thank you in your confidence and support in me as your Department Judge Advocate. I hope that I have made a positive difference, or have at least left the Department as squared away as I found it.

I would ask for your continued support as I seek the nomination and election for your Department Junior Vice Commandant. I truly believe we have an outstanding team serving the Department, and I am confident we will continue our dedication moving forward.

Always remember the Department is here for you and because of you. Do not hesitate to call or contact me with any questions or issues; but I will ask that you follow the proper chain of command. If I cannot resolve an issue, we will find someone who can.

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

Semper Fidelis,  
Michael Sturch

#### **ADJUTANT:**

If you have any questions or info you can contact me at 618 224-9437 or at [311snakeandnape2@gmail.com](mailto:311snakeandnape2@gmail.com). Thank you in advance.

Semper Fidelis,  
Robert Weber

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Semper Fidelis,  
PDC Mike Malmstrom

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Semper Fidelis,  
Bob Kappes

#### **TRUSTEE TIM MARTIN:**

Suffering from PTS? Call Me

Suffering from Post Traumatic Stress from Combat? So am I and we can help one another just by talking on the phone. No one knows what you are really going through? I DO! Please call me at 815-622-4629, if I can't answer I will call you back. Leave a message saying you need to talk, you don't have to give your name.

I have severe PTS from Vietnam (USMC, Hill 55, 1967) and maybe I can help. **I am not a doctor!** Talk with someone who has walked in your shoes. Any war you served in, it doesn't matter. Please call someone who cares. 815-622-4629.

Tim Martin  
[815-622-4629](tel:815-622-4629)

#### **JR. PAST COMMANDANT:**

Marines, FMF Corpsmen, FMF Chaplains, Associates, and Auxiliary Ladies,

Am I the only one who is way too ready for spring? The robins have made an early appearance in my area, so they will appreciate the warmer weather as much as I will. My detachment hosted Bingo for the residents of the Illinois Veterans' Home in Quincy in February where I served as Bingo caller. We are also actively selling tickets for our annual "guns or money" raffle with the drawing to be held on Memorial Day.

In March, I traveled to Fredericksburg, VA for the annual Mid-Winter Conference. It was great to see so many members from the Department of Illinois in attendance there. I count at least a dozen. Those members learned a lot and will be sharing this information with their respective detachments. The new venue served our purposes

well, and the 2018 Mid-Winter Conference will be held at the same hotel.

Our Department of Illinois 3rd Staff was held a couple of weeks ago in Rock Island. We had a good turnout of Marines for the meeting and received a lot of important information to share with our detachments. Just a reminder...when Detachment Commandants receive League information from Department Commandant Baker, that information is expected to be shared with the collective membership.

I hope to see many of you again at the upcoming Central Division Conference to be held in Richmond, IN. I know that Central Division Vice Commandant Ray Dailey will have a lot of important items to discuss, one of those being compliance with requirements that each detachment files an annual 990N and is incorporated in its respective state. This is a directive from National Headquarters that cannot be ignored.

Please remember to buy some raffle tickets for our Department raffle. Several members, including myself, have tickets available for purchase. See Department Senior Vice Commandant Dale Munson for additional tickets. A Marine can never have too many weapons!

I can be reached at 217 473-1160 or by email [carolnco@mchsi.com](mailto:carolnco@mchsi.com).

Semper Fidelis,  
PDC C.O. Smith  
Jr. Past Commandant

#### **DEPARTMENT QUARTERMASTER:**

It has been a pleasure to be the Quartermaster for the Dept. of IL, Marine Corps League for the past 16 years and look forward to seeing you in June at the State Convention in Springfield. I have downsized the Ship's Store the past 2 years so that I can put the containers in my car instead of hauling the trailer also. The wife and I plan to continue on with the Ship's Store and the important news that I have to share with you is that in the next month or so, we will be accepting credit cards for purchases. Figured it was about time and we have found that if we are at places and if someone doesn't have cash or check and they have to go get money, we may not see them come back.

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Semper Fidelis  
Tom Geise

#### **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 June 2017 to be included in the July 2017 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. 16-17.) 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.

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<b>North Pound #369 MODD</b>	Pd. 15-16
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Comdt: Michael J. Haas, 9126 S. Ridgeland, Oak Lawn, IL	60453-1416 708 430-4339
Paym: Dan Perrino Sr., 4517 W. 102 <sup>nd</sup> St., Oak Lawn, IL	60453-4219 708 636-0228
Adj: Richard Nolan, 11548 Normandy, Worth, IL	60482- 708 448-0177
Chapultepec Detachment #1408	Pd. NO
Meets at the American Legion McKinley Post, 1954 W. 35 <sup>th</sup> St. Chicago, IL	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday 1600
Comdt: Sergio Correa Jr., 3848 W. 57 <sup>th</sup> Pl., Chicago, IL	60629- 773 236-9070
Paym: Antonio J. Miranda., 5237 S. Albany Chicago, IL	60632- 773 480-4583
Adj: Ines Gardea, 5824 S. Rutherford, Chicago, IL	60638- 773 815-6475

Chicago #1 Detachment #073	Pd. NO	
Meets at F.D.R American Legion Post 923, 1824 W. Courtland, Chicago, IL	3rd Sunday	1300
Comdt: Zatanuel Ortega, 1820 W. Cornelia Ave., Chicago, IL	60657-1020	773 929-5275
Adj/Pay: John M. Bigwood, 7719 East Prairie Road, Skokie, IL	60076-	847 779-3053

Grundy County Detachment #1372	Pd. NO	
Meets at Morris American Legion, 212 W. Washington St., Morris, IL	4 <sup>th</sup> Thurs.	1900
Comdt: Harion Enervold, 3655 Bennett Rd., Verona, IL	60479-	815 287-2040
Paym: Fred Gaddis, 165 Virginia St., Coal City, IL	60416-	815 634-3125
Adj: Rick Martinez, 1712 Brighton Ln., Plainfield, IL	60586-	815 258-8901

Joliet E 2/14 Detachment #808	Pd. NO	
Meets at Harwood American Legion, 705 S. Larkin Ave., Rockdale, IL	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday	1930
Comdt: Joseph Donnelly, 227 S. Williams St., Joliet, IL	60436-	815 671-5364
Paym: John Cavallero Sr., 600 Clement, Joliet, IL	60435-	815 545-1995
Adj:		

Kankakee MCL Detachment #1253	Pd. 15-16	
Meets Bradley-Bourbonnais Sportsman's Club, 2672 Chippewa Dr., Bourbonnais	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday	1900
Comdt: Roland B. Myers, 345 W. Jeffery St., Kankakee, IL	60901-4958	815 933-2338
Paym: Richard E. Bateman, 589 Turnberry Dr., Bourbonnais, IL	60914-9160	815 932-8588
Adj: Jim Weber, 450 Locust St. Manteno, IL	60950-1225	815 928-9941

Marine Corps League Kevin Clarke - Tinley Park Detachment #1217	Pd. 15-16	
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Adj: John Murphy, 6636 Forestview Dr., Oak Forest, IL	60452-	708 687-3714

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

Band of Brothers Detachment #986	Pd. 15-16	
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Adj: Andrew S. Roszel, 340 Mc Kinley Ave., Elmhurst, IL	60126-1113	630 888-8217

Chicago Police Marines Detachment #553	Pd. 15-16	
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DuPage County Detachment #399	Pd. 15-16	
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Adj: Rebecca LaFar-Tyson, 742 Oak Ave., Aurora IL	60506-	630 768-3473

Lake County Detachment #801	Pd. 15-16	
Meets at Primo Restaurant, 720 Milwaukee Ave., Gurnee, IL	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday	1900
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Paym: Ed Mampe, 24883 Cedarwood Ln., Ingleside, IL	60041-	847 641-9689
Adj: John Jezioro, 1407 Barberrry, Round Lake Beach, IL	60037-	847 807-0736

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Pd. 15-16  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 1930  
 60098-0311 808 482-1658  
 60098-0311 815 931-3793  
 60098-0311 815 307-6627

Northwest Suburban Detachment #080  
 Meets at Merle Guild A.L. Post 208, 121 N. Douglas, Arlington Heights, IL  
 Comdt: Alfred Kolodziej, 20 W. Kathleen Dr., Des Plaines, IL  
 Paym: Michael Huttner, 235 W. Chasse Cr., St. Charles, IL  
 Adj: Terri Kemp, 2705 Campbell St., Rolling Meadows, IL

Pd. 15-16  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 1930  
 60016- 847 910-0509  
 60174- 847 553-6118  
 60018- 847 508-6449

Tri-County Leathernecks Detachment #1395  
 Meets at the American Legion Post #964, 51 Lions Dr., Lake Zurich, IL  
 Comdt: Bill Thompson, 4001 Newport Dr., Island Lake, IL  
 Adj:Pay: Jim Trafford, 302 Osage, Wauconda, IL

Pd. 15-16  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday 1900  
 60042-8206 847 997-6658  
 60048-1749 224 633-0439

**3<sup>rd</sup> District**

Dixon Area Detachment #076  
 Meets at V.F.W. Post 540, Rt. 38 East, Dixon, IL  
 Comdt: Tony Miller, 1921 Palmyra Rd., Dixon, IL  
 Adj/Pay: Jim James, 406 N. Franklin Ave., Polo, IL

Pd. 15-16  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 1900  
 61021- 815 991-1588  
 61064-1215 815 973-9193

Illinois Valley Detachment #078  
 Meets at MCL Clubhouse, 475 E. Rt. 351, PO Box 22, Jonesville, IL  
 Comdt: Brian Lucas, PO Box 22, Oglesby, IL  
 Paym: Dale Munson, PO Box 22, Oglesby, IL  
 Adj: Art Meyer, PO Box 22, Oglesby, IL

Pd. 15-16  
 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday 1900  
 61348-0022  
 61348-0022 815 252-4769  
 61348-0022

Rockford Detachment #083  
 Meets at the VFW Post 9759, 2018 Windsor Dr., Loves Park IL  
 Comdt: Alfred Laseke, 2642 Cimarron Ln., Rockford, IL  
 Paym: Bruce Giersch, 613 Dickerson Dr., Winnebago, IL  
 Adj: Donald Reynolds, 4122 Martina, Rockford, IL

Pd. 15-16  
 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday 1900  
 61109-6908 815 370-1151  
 61088-8336 815 904-4534  
 61114- 815 742-5416

Tri-County Detachment #086:  
 Meets at American Legion Post # 31, 1509 Railroad Ave, Kewanee, IL  
 Comdt: Louis J. VanDeVoorde, 330 Emmons Ave., Kewanee, IL  
 Adj/Pay: Glenn E. Morey, P. O. Box 207, Mineral, IL

Pd. 15-16  
 1<sup>st</sup> Monday 1900  
 61443- 309 853-6661  
 61344-0207 309 290-4007

Lincoln Detachment #607  
 Meets at AMVETS, 827 15<sup>th</sup> Ave., East Moline, IL  
 Comdt: Joseph G. Pollock, 6609 Cresthill Dr., Davenport, IA  
 Adj/Pay: Michael W. Malmstrom, 5107 48<sup>th</sup> St., Moline, IL

Pd. 15-16  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 1930  
 52806-1567 563 349-2423  
 61265-7516 309 764-9638

DeKalb County Detachment #847  
 Meets at Sycamore Vets Home, 121 S. California, Sycamore, IL  
 Comdt: Brent Bacon, PO Box 321, Sycamore, IL  
 Paym: Keith Keutzer, PO Box 321., Sycamore, IL  
 Adj: Jeff Anderson, PO Box 321., Sycamore, IL

Pd. 15-16  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 1900  
 60178-0321 847 7515-6211  
 60178-0321 815 825-5209  
 60788-0321 815 899-8360

Sauk Valley Marine Detachment #913  
 Meets at A. L. Post 902, 712 Fourth Ave., Rock Falls, IL  
 Comdt: Tim Martin, PO Box 708, Rock Falls, IL  
 Adj/Pay: Esteban Ramos, 407 Avenue I, Sterling, IL

Pd. 15-16  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 1900  
 61071-0708 815 622-4629  
 61081-3260 815 441-9440

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

Peoria Leathernecks Detachment #081  
 Meets at Navy/Marine Club, 1310 E. Sieberling, Peoria Heights, IL 61616  
 Comdt: Kevin Enlow, 511 Main St., Pekin, IL  
 Paym: Robert Whitledge, 902 DeSoto, Bartonville, IL  
 Adj: Harold W. Lundstrom, 10809 N. Dana Dr., Peoria, IL

Pd. NO  
 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday 1930  
 61554- 309 634-1609  
 61607-1716 309 697-1481  
 61615-1163 309 240-8782



Tobin-Nanninga Detachment #085 Pd. 15-16  
 Meets at the, 13370 Garman Rd., Pekin, IL 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday 1800  
 Comdt: Michael Munoz, 9801 Guinivere Dr., Mapleton, IL 61547- 309 453-3858  
 Adj/Pay: Scott Young, 1414 S. 10<sup>th</sup> St. Pekin, IL 61554- 309 267-0496

Decatur Detachment #799 Pd. 15-16  
 Meets at American Legion Post #105, 1535 Legion Dr., Decatur, IL Last Sunday 1400  
 Comdt: Tom Scroggins, 1825 S. 33<sup>rd</sup> St., Decatur, IL 62521-4704 217 428-7588  
 Adj/Pay: Harry Kracht, 640 W. Forest Ave., Decatur, IL 62522-3220 217 422-6403

Major Kenneth D. Bailey Detachment #824 Pd. 15-16  
 Meets at American Legion Post #210, 201 Prospect Pl., Danville, IL 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 1600  
 Comdt: George Haworth, PO Box 165, Ridge Farm, IL 61870-  
 Adj/Pay: John Barrett, 29173 Bean Creek Rd., Potomac, IL 61865- 217 987-6921

Central Illinois Leathernecks Detachment #988 Pd. 15-16  
 Meets at V.F.W. Post 454, 1006 Lincoln Ave., Bloomington, IL 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 1900  
 Comdt: Art Wynn, 403 Priscilla Lane, Bloomington, IL 61704-4603 309 663-5080  
 Adj/Pay: David L. Edwards, 3012 Ridge Crest Drive, Bloomington, IL 61704-8304 309 663-5014

Richard L. Pittman Detachment #1231 Pd. 15-16  
 Meets at Urbana V.F.W. Post #630, 1303 E. Main St., Urbana, IL 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 1900  
 Comdt: Chris Hanson, 810 S. New St., Champaign, IL 61820- 217 202-5114  
 Paym: Bob Kappes, 1905 Melinda, Champaign, IL 61821-1530 217 351-7095  
 Adj: Dale Harper, 308 Independence Dr., Savoy, IL 61874- 217 954-1150

Sgt. Robert "Bob" E. Graue Detachment #1336 Pd. NO  
 Meets at Lincoln VFW Post, 915 5<sup>th</sup> St., Lincoln, IL 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 1700  
 Comdt: James J. Harnacke, 1518 State Rt. 10, Lincoln, IL 62656-5353 217 737-4557  
 Adj/Pay: Gene F. Hickey, 795 950th Ave., Elkhart, IL 62634-6090 217 871-2972

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

Collier-Harrison Detachment #075 Pd. 15-16  
 Meets at the Navy Club Quarters, 3100 Stanton St., Springfield, IL 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday 1930  
 Comdt: Sue Gibbons, 1733 W. Glenn Ave., Springfield, IL 62704-4826 217 622-8270  
 Adj/Pay: William A. Woollen, 2804 Ridge Ave., Springfield, IL 62702-4444 217 638-2510

Gem City Detachment #790 Pd. 15-16  
 Meets at Lippincott Hall, Veterans Home, 1707 N. 12<sup>th</sup> St., Quincy, IL 1<sup>st</sup> Monday 1900  
 Comdt: Glenn Meyers, 102 E. Main St., La Prairie, IL 62346- 217 506-2490  
 Paym:Adj Luke Doellman, 2700 Lind St., Quincy, IL 62301-3551 217 617-3152

West Central Illinois Leathernecks #1177 Pd. 15-16  
 Meets at the VFW Post 1379, 903 East Morton, Jacksonville, IL 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday 1900  
 Comdt: Tom Geise, 1625 Lind St., Quincy, IL 62301-2425 217 617-7212  
 Paym: Paul Kramer, 2057 Cherry Rd., Springfield, IL 62704-3273 217 572-1820  
 Adj: Earl Turner, 1864 Plum St., Jacksonville, IL 62650-22437 217 243-6602

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

Effingham County Detachment #591 Pd. 15-16  
 Meets at Iron Horse Cafe, 101 S. Merchant, Effingham, IL 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 1200  
 Comdt: Philip H. Mette, 14959 E. 1975<sup>th</sup> Ave., Effingham, IL 62401-9445  
 Adj/Pay: Darrell L. Schwerman, 9387 E. Nees Ave., Effingham, IL 62401-5088 217 821-2163

Thomas A. Jennings Detachment #546 Pd. NO  
 Meets at VFW Post, 712 E. Main St., Robinson, IL 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 1900  
 Comdt: Perry H. Graves III, 1712 W. Lincoln, Robinson, IL 62454-2515  
 Paym: Robert Manning, 603 Beech St., Robinson, IL 62454-2653 618 544-2655

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

Robert Windle Detachment #1031 Pd. 15-16  
 Meets at American Legion, Legion Park, Jerseyville, IL 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday 1900  
 Comdt: Karl Bradshaw, 16645 Delhi Farms Rd., Jerseyville, IL 62052- 618 885-5684  
 Paym: Marshal Lewis, 704 Cross Ave, Jerseyville, IL 62052- 618 946-9150  
 Adj: Lonnie Saffell, 9287 N. Prairie St., Shipman, IL 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., Collonsville, IL  
Adj/Pay: Claude Cable, 9103 Bunkum Rd., Fairview Heights., IL

Pd. 15-16  
4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 1900  
62234-7607 618 344-3676 c-618 420-9920  
62208-1006 618 397-3906

Alton Leathernecks Detachment #1160  
Meets at VFW 1308, 4445 Alby, Alton, IL 62002  
Comdt: Glenn Heimer, 3819 Horn Ave., Alton, IL  
Paym: Paul Schwendeman, 429 Oak St., East Alton, IL  
Adj: Mark Nelson, 5679 Humbert Rd., Godfrey, IL

Pd. 15-16  
3<sup>rd</sup> Monday 1900  
62002- 618 433-1281  
62024-1257 618 973-4825  
62035- 618 466-6444

Lincoln Land Leathernecks Detachment #1174  
Meets at VFW Post 1377, 2043 S. 4<sup>th</sup> St., Greenville, IL 62246  
Comdt: Ronald E. Burns Sr., 525 N. Pearl St., Lebanon, IL  
Paym: Herb Knobeloch, Jr., 10131 Perrin Rd., Mascoutah, IL  
Adj: Daniel Betts, 310 W. State St., Pocahtontas, IL

Pd. 15-16  
3<sup>rd</sup> Thur. 1930  
62254-1428 618 537-6734  
62258- 618 566-4137  
62275-0415 618 795-3339

Prairie Land Leathernecks Detachment #1385  
Meets at the Litchfield VFW Post, 215 W. Ryder St., Litchfield, IL  
Comdt: Luke Funk, PO Box 556, Litchfield, IL  
Paym: Dave Strowmatt, PO Box 556, Litchfield, IL  
Adj: Chris Gutierrez, PO Box 556, Litchfield, IL

Pd. 15-16  
1<sup>st</sup> Thursday 1900  
62056- 217 827-4092  
62056- 217 556-0444  
62056- 217 556-2410

### 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. 15-16  
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: E.J. Callahan, PO Box 174, Herrin, IL  
Adj:

Pd. 15-16  
3rd Wednesday 1900  
62918- 618 203-9401  
62948- 618 988-1852

Perry County Detachment #869  
Meets at the KC Hall, North Gordon St., Pinckneyville, IL  
Comdt: Leonard Heisner Jr., 312 W. Randolph St., Pinckneyville, IL  
Paym: Leonard Heisner

Pd. NO  
4<sup>th</sup> Monday 2000  
62274-1326 618 357-5686

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.  
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. 15-16
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
Secretary: Sharon Durkin, 19947 Martie Lane, Mokena, IL	60448-1117 708 479-4882

Kankakee Unit MCLA #1253	Pd. 15-16
Meets at the Bourbonnais Sportsmen's Club, 2672 Chippawa Dr. Bourbonnais, IL	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday 1800
President: Margaret J. Myers, 345 W. Jeffery St., Kankakee, IL	60901-4958 815 933-2338
Treasurer: Sandy Britt, 141 S. Dearborn, Bradley, IL	60915- 815 592-1976
Secretary: Judy Denoyer, 271 Randolph, Bradley, IL	60915- 815 933-9408

**3<sup>rd</sup> District**

DeKalb Sycamore Unit MCLA #382	Pd. 15-16
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: Virginia Scoughton, 634 N. 7 <sup>th</sup> St. #1, DeKalb, IL	60115-3422 815 756-7959
Secretary: Judy Bryant, 340 Parker St., Sycamore, IL	60178-1249 815 895-6696

Illinois Valley Unit MCLA	Pd. 15-16
Meets at MCL Clubhouse, 475 E. State St. (RT's 351 & 71), Oglesby, IL	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 1800
President: Virginia Hegland, 321 N. Kenosha Ave., Oglesby, IL	61348- 815 883-3154
Treasurer: Lorene Munson, 505 Mormon St., Oglesby, IL	61348-1030 815 883-3636
Secretary: Lorene Munson, 505 Mormon St., Oglesby, IL	61348-1030 815 883-3636

McHenry County Unit MCLA #419	Pd. 15-16
Meets at McHenry V.F.W. Post 4600, 3002 IL, Rt. 120, McHenry, IL	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday 1930
President: Jo Larson, 332 Ramble RD., Lake in the Hills, IL	60156-1332 815 687-3101
Treasurer: Colleen Helpers, 19810 River Rd., Marengo, IL	60152-9131 815 219-8550
Secretary: Colleen Helpers, 19810 River Rd., Marengo, IL	60152-9131 815 219-8550

Sauk Valley Unit MCLA #349	Pd. 15-16
Meets at Rock Falls American Legion, 712 - 4 <sup>th</sup> Ave., Rock Falls, IL	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 1600
President: Carol Martin, PO Box 708, Rock Falls, IL	61071-0708 815 622-5454
Treasurer: Betty Wescott, 1600 Riverdale Dr., Rock Falls, IL	61071- 815 625-8756
Secretary: Carol Martin, PO Box 708, Rock Falls, IL	61071-0708 815 622-5454

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

Tobin-Nanninga Unit MCLA #150	Pd. NO
Meets at 2630 Overhill Drive, Pekin, IL	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday 1900
President: Kathleen Hodgson, 2700 S. 14 <sup>th</sup> St. Apt. 113, Pekin, IL	61554- 309 353-9670
Treasurer: Rosemary Barcmann, 15862 Joseph Ct., Pekin, IL	61554- 309 547-2551
Secretary: Vivian Rivor, 2814 Overhill Dr., Pekin, IL	61554- 309 347-3910

Decatur Unit MCLA #342  
Meets at American Legion Post 105, 1535 Legion Drive, Decatur, IL  
President: Doris Ruble, 7784 South Wind Ln. Decatur, IL  
Treasurer: Kathy Kracht, 640 W. Forest Ave., Decatur, IL  
Secretary: Karen Dotson, 957 N. Union, Decatur, IL

Pd. NO  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 1700  
62521-6503 217 864-2965  
62522- 217 422-6403  
62522-1758 217 422-7214

West Central Illinois Leatherneck Unit MCLA #462  
Meets at VFW Post 1379, 903 E. Morton, Jacksonville, IL  
President: Carol Smith, 1411 W. Walnut, Jacksonville, IL  
Treasurer: Jeanette Geise, 1625 Lind, Quincy, IL  
Secretary: Joy Komnick, 2800 Via Rossa #105, Springfield, IL

Pd. 15-16  
2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday 1900  
62650-1102 217 473-1161  
62301- 217 223-5894  
62703-5842 217 494-0759

#### 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, East Alton, IL  
Treasurer: Kelly Mansker, 3526 Fullerton Ave., Alton, IL  
Secretary: Marty Campbell, 715 W. Wilbus St., Bunkerhill, IL

Pd. NO  
2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday 1900  
62024- 618 580-3079  
62002-  
62014-

Shawnee Unit  
Meets at the Carbondale Elks Club  
President: Patty Cosgrove, 172 Wild Rose Lane, Carbondale, IL  
Treasurer: Debbie Upton, 1107 N. Maple, Carterville, IL  
Secretary: Sheri Crockett, 503 E. Main St., Desoto, IL

Pd. NO  
4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 1845  
62902- 618 201-2808  
62918-6302 618 985-4302  
62924-1554 618 867-2030

#### **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](http://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”**

#### **CALL TO 4<sup>th</sup> STAFF and 73<sup>rd</sup> DEPARTMENT CONVENTION**

4<sup>th</sup> Staff and 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Department Convention will be hosted by the Department of Illinois. The convention will run from 1 June 2017 to 4 June 2017. There is an early bird check in on 31 April. The “Past” President’s and Commandant’s luncheon will be held on Friday 2 June. Additional info is located further in this issue. **All convention documents will be available at [www.theillinoismarine.com](http://www.theillinoismarine.com)** on either the Events page or the Forms and Files page under Department Convention.

#### **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.

#### **DEPARTMENT WEB SERGEANT**

With the reorganization of National Headquarters underway, the old Web Sergeant program is gone. Please keep tuned for addition information on the Department Web Site. 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

**BURBANK DETACHMENT, AUXILIARY and MODD CHICAGO POUND 12**

**CHICAGO POLICE MARINES**

**GEM CITY**

The 241<sup>st</sup> Cake Cutting Ceremony of the Marines took place at the All Wars Museum on the grounds of the Illinois Veterans Home, Quincy, IL. This was the fourth party hosted by the museum.



Oldest and Youngest Marine  
Wayne Griep James Crittenden

Dawn Whitcomb Chuck Vespa  
Corpsman Tom McKinney (Middle)

Party on Marines  
All photos by Marge Griep

**LINCOLN LAND LEATHERNECKS**



Members of the Lincoln Land Leathernecks present a \$300 Check to the Bellville Salvation Army.

Members of the Lincoln Land Leathernecks present a \$300 check to the St. Louis Airport USO.

Members of the Lincoln Land Leathernecks present a \$300 check to the East St. Louis Joseph Center.

Dan Betts  
Lincoln Land Leathernecks

**EFFINGHAM DETACHMENT**

**MCHENRY COUNTY**

McHenry County Detachment #1009 – 2017 Range Crawl

On May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017, the Marine Corps League (MCL) McHenry County Detachment #1009 is hosting a shooting competition consisting of four courses of fire at three indoor ranges in McHenry County. Each team consisting of four or five members are scored using the top four scores from each of the courses of fire. The cost is \$50.00 per shooter and individual shooter options are available.

Shooting will begin at 0900 using a shotgun start at the three ranges with one team reporting to each of the four courses of fire. Each team will check in at the range competition table and receive a safety brief then proceed to the firing line.

The host range, course of fire and weapons are:

- On-Target Range and Tactical Training Center, Crystal Lake, IL - Precision Rifle. A course of fire for rifle at the standing and bench rest positions shooting at approximately 50 yards. Targets will simulate a distance of 100 yards using similar target size adjustments in use by the Appleseed Project.
- Second Amendment Sports, McHenry, IL - Precision Pistol. A course of fire simulating one string of fire with three stages (slow, timed, and rapid fire) at 23 yards using a modified Marine Corps League Pistol Qualification format.
- Alpha Range, McHenry, IL - Active Pistol. Accuracy and time are the key factors on this course. The course will present obstacles and require movement to engage the target. The accuracy of fire and time will be used to compute the score. Reloading will be required during this course of fire; use of holster will not be employed.
- Alpha Range, McHenry, IL - Active Shotgun. Accuracy and time are the key factors on this course. The course will present obstacles and require movement to engage the target. The accuracy of fire and time will be used to compute the score. Reloading will be required during this course of fire; maximum number of shells loaded will be used to force the reload.

Please visit The MCL McHenry County Detachment #1009 at <http://mchenrycountymcl.com/range-crawl.html> for registration information or contact Michael Breslin at 815.451.5915 (mobile) or [rso@mchenrycountymcl.com](mailto:rso@mchenrycountymcl.com) for more information.

Shooters and non-shooters are encouraged to look over the Steak Fry Dinner Fundraiser at the VFW in McHenry, IL, that will end the day for dinner, awards, and exciting raffle opportunities beginning at 1730. There will be a Wall of Guns raffle, Silent Auction, and more. The webpage for the dinner is [http://mchenrycountymcl.com/steak\\_fry.html](http://mchenrycountymcl.com/steak_fry.html).

### **VAVS**

I'm currently seeking volunteers from Detachments to serve as VAVS representatives at two of our State VA medical facilities. One is Jessie Brown in Chicago and the other is in Marion down state. Notify me and I will be able to explain what the program is about. I can be reached by email at [swbojack@sbcglobal.net](mailto:swbojack@sbcglobal.net) or at 815 674-2440.

Semper Fi,  
Stanley Olenjack, VAVS Chairman

### **Middle East Conflict Committee**

Armed Forces Day and Memorial Day are approaching. These are days with events that are definitely on opposite ends of the spectrum, but both are very important to recognize, participate in, and support. If you have special events in your community, get the word out. I would be honored to attend any events, as I know most of the other Department Officers and Committee Members would as well, circumstances permitting.

Semper Fidelis,  
Michael Sturch  
Chairman, Middle East Wars Committee

### **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.

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

### **THIRD DISTRICT Pound #117**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> District Pound #117 will have our next Growl on Saturday, 4/1/17, at Past Pack Leader PDD Don Anderson's dog house. All Dogs and Pups are welcome. As usual, we will have some excellent chow and kibble at 1200 with the Growl following. You may call me for directions or information.

Semper Woof,  
PDD Michael Sturch  
Junior Pack Leader, IL Pack  
Smart Dog, Pound #117

## **NORTH POUND #369 MODD**

We are always looking for new Dogs to come aboard. If you know someone that is a hard charger and wants to help to raise funds to assist veterans and children, contact your detachment commandant and let him know that person might be a candidate for the Military Order of the Devil Dogs. Our next fund raiser will be at the Wauconda Jewel on April 22 from 1000 to 1400.

WOOF WOOF and Semper Fidelis,  
PK PDD Don Haines

## **“UNTAMED DOGS POUND #351 MODD**

Woof Woof and Semper Fi,  
PDD Dan Betts

## **MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION**

### **2 Recruiting Tips for this Issue**

- Detachment provide members with MCL Business Cards & Applications
- Create a Committee to conduct Health & Welfare Checks on members missing meetings.

### **Should we host 2019 National Marine Corps Convention?**

- 2017 Marine Corps League Department Convention this will be discussed if we want to organize the Committee and Bid.
- Concept is utilizing Rosemont with the close proximity of O'Hare Airport & the Interstate System.
- This will require manpower from the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> District and we could use Central Division as a Rehearsal prior to Convention.
- If we do not take this opportunity in 2019, the next window is 2023.

Semper Fidelis  
PDC Mike Ruffner

## **THE HEART OF A MARINE FOUNDATION**

Serving military personnel from all branches of our Armed Forces, including veterans and their families.

### **In Memory of Lance Corporal Phillip E. Frank, USMC Born 7/5/83 – KIA 4/8/04 Operation Vigilant Resolve, Iraq**

Phil was a very special young man. He loved his family and he was a loyal friend. He always put the needs of others before his own. On September 11, 2001, after watching a plane hit the World Trade Center and then watching as the first tower collapsed, he resolved to do something to protect his country and those he loved. He had just begun his senior year in high school.

Phil enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in November 2002. On the day he graduated Boot Camp at MCRD in San Diego, as he introduced us to his fellow graduates, he explained that because these were his brothers, they were now our sons.

Phil honored us by the way he lived his life and by the way he gave his life. To honor his memory and continue his caring spirit, we have begun THE HEART OF A MARINE FOUNDATION.

For more information about the Foundation please email us at: [theheartofamarine@comcast.net](mailto:theheartofamarine@comcast.net)

### **Heart of a Marine Mission Statement:**

**The Heart Of A Marine Foundation** in a non-profit organization that provides comfort, support, financial assistance and educational resources to improve the quality of life of military personnel in all branches of the United States Armed Forces, including veterans and their families.

Roy and Georgette Frank

## **MARINE 4 LIFE" PROGRAM**

As our Marines transition out into civilian life, they may be in need of jobs or training to get them back into the main stream. You can become a mentor/resource for them to contact by visiting the Marine 4 Life web site at [www.marineforlife.org](http://www.marineforlife.org) and registering. This worthwhile program has already helped a number of Marines and many more may need it. These young men and women are now a part of our family and, as you would seek to help your own family, I would ask that you try to do the same for them.

Major Matt Tune is hard at work with the program. Business owners and the corporate sponsors, who put these luncheons together, deserve a large thank you for the work that they do. The Luncheons are held on a rotating location at Gibson's Steakhouse Restaurants in Oak Brook and Chicago.

More information can be obtained by contacting Major Matt Tune at [chicago2@gomarineforlife.net](mailto:chicago2@gomarineforlife.net) or Major Danielle Sanzi at [chicago1@gomarineforlife.net](mailto:chicago1@gomarineforlife.net).

At MidWinter Conference, Major General Wittman announced that the Marine for Life program is expanding to include a limited tracking program to help follow transitioning Marines which will allow a better understanding of how and where they are .

### **Marine Corps Coordinating Council of Chicago**

Thank You to Everyone who participated in our recent Go Fund Me Campaign to get Computer Software for Captain James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center Vocational Rehabilitation Unit & Domiciliary serving Homeless & Low Income Veterans to upgrade the UPS Donated Computers.

The Software Value \$11,700.00 Great Job Marines!

### **ILLINOIS MARINE WEBSITE NEWS**

The Illinois Marine website has a new look and is being updated with improvements, corrections and new information. The web address is still the same [www.theillinoismarine.com](http://www.theillinoismarine.com).

The site now has the report from National Adjutant/Paymaster Meg Thoburn regarding the filing of the required 990-N. If you are having trouble with the IRS when attempting to file the report, please read her report. There is also links to the Professional Development Program and the Guide Book for Officers, both worth looking at.

### **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.



**Department Convention Banquet Forms**

**DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS  
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE and AUXILIARY  
CONVENTION BANQUET  
SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 2017**

**Wyndham Springfield City Centre  
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**Department IL, Marine Corps League & Auxiliary Banquet**

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&/or Ranch Dressing  
Sauteed Vegetable Medley**

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**Fresh Baked Dinner Rolls with Butter**

**Coffee and Assorted Teas**

**Any special diet requirements need to be sent to Carol Martin ASAP.**

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**Please mail checks to: Carol Martin, PO Box 708, Rock Falls, IL 61071-0708.**

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO "DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS CONVENTION"**

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**Thanking you in Advance,**

**Cmdt. Greg Baker, Pres. Deb Sosnowski, Director of Conventions Tim Martin**

**Luncheon Chairwoman PPC Regent Pat Buckley, Conv. Banquet Chairwoman Carol Martin**

**Dept. IL Convention Banquet Reservation Voucher**

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**Prime Rib is \$38 each**

**Grilled Salmon is \$36 each**

**Payee's Name \_\_\_\_\_**

**Payee's Phone Number or Email \_\_\_\_\_**

**Names of those ordering Prime Rib Dinners @ \$38 each**

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**PAST PRESIDENT'S/COMMANDANTS LUNCHEON FORM**

Let's Begin the Department Convention by Honoring Our



**PAST PRESIDENTS AND PAST COMMANDANTS**

**A Luncheon will be hosted by the Past President' Club**

**Friday, June 2, 2017 at 12:00 p.m.**

**In the Ambassador Room of the Wyndham Springfield City Centre**

**MENU**

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## DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS MARINE OF THE YEAR

Marines,

We all know deserving Marines who rate this award! Follow the instructions below in this issue of The Illinois Marine. Closely follow the Checklist as well. Both the Check list and submission forms can be found later on in this publication

Make the choice by the Marine of the Year Selection Committee a tough one. Turn in all packages by the end of the 4th Staff Meeting. Good Luck! Forms are also available at [www.theillinoismarine.com](http://www.theillinoismarine.com) on the Forms and Files page.

Semper Fidelis,  
Bruce Blackmer

**45.20 DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS MARINE OF THE YEAR AWARD SOCIETY.** A Standing Committee shall be formed to be known as the “Department of Illinois Marine of the Year Society”, to be responsible for choosing the recipient and presenting the annual Marine of the Year award. This Committee shall be formed, similar to the National Marine of the Year Society as provided for in section 300(i) of the National Administrative Procedures.

### (a) Composition

(1) The Department Marine of the Year Society shall be composed of all past recipients of the Department of Illinois Marine of the Year Award. The most recent recipient of the award shall serve as Chairman. In the event this person is not able to serve in this capacity, the Committee shall choose another Member of this Committee who is present at the annual Convention of the Department of Illinois to serve in this capacity.

(2) Each Member of this Committee shall be a Member in good standing of the Marine Corps League.

(b) Nominations. All nominations are to be submitted in the following manner in accordance with section 300 (i) of the National Administrative Procedures.

(1) Any Member in good standing of the Department of Illinois may initiate the nomination of any other Member of the Department of Illinois for this award subject to the provisions of the following paragraphs.

(2) Nominations will be accepted only from the nominee’s Detachment within the Department of Illinois and must include all of the supporting documents as outlined in the Department of Illinois Marine of the Year Criteria Checklist [see Enclosure **One** (1)]. Nomination presentations are to be in a **letter** format.

(3) All nominations shall include a Statement of Certification signed by the Detachment Commandant and attested to by the Detachment Adjutant stating that the nominee for the Department Marine of the Year was approved by the Detachment by a majority vote of the membership. In the event the nominee is the Detachment Commandant the letter should be signed by the Sr. Vice Commandant and the Adjutant. In the event the nominee is the Adjutant the letter should be signed by the Commandant and the Sr. Vice Commandant. Note: this letter will need to be revised before forwarding the winner’s book to the National Marine of the Year society to show that the proposal is for the National Marine of the Year award.

(4) All nominations must be received by the Committee Chairman by the end of the fourth Staff Conference preceding the annual Department Convention. Nominations may be mailed via Certified Mail/Return Receipt Requested or “hand carried” to the Convention.

### (c) Duties and responsibilities of the Marine of the Year Committee Chairman

(1) The Chairman shall be charged with the responsibility to publicize and promote the program.

(1) The Chairman will receive all nomination presentations and keep them in a confidential and safe place until presenting them for judging by the full Committee. The time and place for judging will be determined by the Chairman but must be during the Convention at a place where the full Committee can have privacy for their deliberations and at a time and place where there will be minimum of interference with the proceedings of the Convention. All conversations taking place during the meeting shall be considered on a confidential basis to ensure a free flow of ideas from all present. Voting shall be by a secret, paper ballot.

(2) The Chairman, together with the full Committee, will present the recipient to the entire membership of the Department of Illinois and present him/her with the Department Marine of the Year Medallion at the banquet at the conclusion of the Convention.

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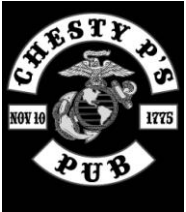

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(3)The chairman will be responsible for obtaining a suitable Award Certificate and a Department Marine of the Year Ribbon Bar and a Marine of the Year Jacket to be presented to the recipient no later than the Department Second Staff Conference.



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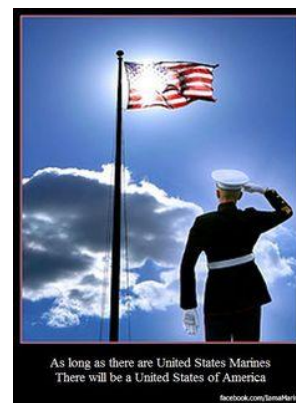
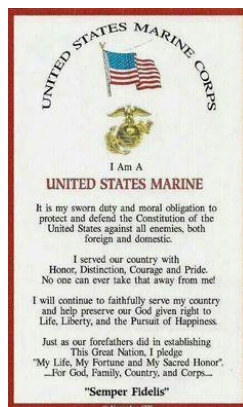
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## The Marines' Prayer

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



**Department of Illinois  
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE**



2017

**DEPT. OF ILLINOIS MARINE OF THE YEAR  
CRITERIA CHECK-LIST**

**Note: Circle Yes or No as appropriate**

1. Is there a "Letter of Nomination/Certification" from the Detachment attesting that the candidate was approved by a majority vote, signed by both the Detachment Commandant and Adjutant? . . . Yes No

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2. Is there a photograph of the candidate? . . . . . Yes No

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3. Does the letter contain a Personal Biography of the candidate? . . . . . Yes No

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4. Is there a Marine Corps League Record (Detachment, Department, Division and/or National, as appropriate) of the candidate? . . . . . Yes No
  - a. Participates at Detachment Level? . . . . . Yes No
  - b. Participates at Department Level? . . . . . Yes No
  - c. Participates at Division Level? . . . . . Yes No
  - d. Participates at National Level? . . . . . Yes No
  - e. Are noticeable accomplishments included? . . . . . Yes No

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5. Is there a resume of Marine Corps League awards and other awards received by the candidate? . . . . . Yes No

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6. Is there a resume of community involvement, including letters from community leaders, for the candidate? . . . . . Yes No

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7. Are photographs of activities participated in by the candidate included? . . . . . Yes No
  - a. Are these photographs captioned? . . . . . Yes No
    - (1) Is date of activity included? . . . . . Yes No
    - (2) Is place of activity included? . . . . . Yes No
    - (3) Is purpose of activity included? . . . . . Yes No

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8. Are there any other facts and/or information that will assist this committee in selecting the appropriate Candidate? List on lines below. . . . . Yes No

Total Yes's \_\_\_\_\_

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**NOTE: All nomination letters must be received by the Committee Chairman by the end of the fourth Staff Conference preceding the annual Department Convention. Nominations may be mailed via Certified Mail/Return Receipt Requested or "hand carried" to the Convention.**

**Enclosure One (1)**

# Department of Illinois MARINE CORPS LEAGUE



2017

## DEPT. OF ILLINOIS MARINE OF THE YEAR

It is not too early to consider your potential nominees for the "DEPARTMENT OF THE YEAR" award. Plans carefully laid bring the best results.

### SUBMISSION PROCEDURE FOR DEPARTMENT MARINE OF THE YEAR AWARD

1. Any member of any Detachment, within this Department, who has been in good standing with the Marine Corps League for two (2) consecutive years (including the current year) is eligible to nominate a member in good standing of his/her choice to receive this award, likewise, such nominee must be in good standing for a minimum of a two (2) year period.
2. To qualify the nominee for consideration, a letter of submission must be submitted by the Detachment Commandant of which the nominee is a member. Should the nominee be the Detachment Commandant, this submission letter must be signed by the next ranking Detachment Officer. **This letter must have a statement of certification from the Detachment Commandant and the Adjutant stating that the nominee was approved by the Detachment by a majority vote.** and in the event the nominee is submitted for "National Marine of the Year" by the Department Marine of the Year committee.
3. The required "Letter of Submission" is merely the vehicle which carries the nomination to the Department Marine of the Year committee. The letter of submission is to be accompanied by a brochure type presentation relative to the candidate, which must, as a minimum, include:
  - (a) A photograph of the candidate.
  - (b) A personal biography (in the third person) of the candidate.
  - (c) Marine Corps League record (both Detachment and, as applicable, the Department of the Candidate, to include citing of notable accomplishments.
  - (d) Resume' of Marine Corps League and other awards received by the candidate.
  - (e) Resume' of candidate's involvement within his/her community including any such letters.
  - (f) Any other facts and information that will assist the committee in their deliberation process.
  - (g) All photographs of activities participated in **must be captioned** giving the date, place and purpose of the activity.
4. The annual **deadline** of the Department's **Fourth Staff Conference** is established for the submission of all nominations; that is, to be, "**in the hands**" of the Department Marine of the year committee Chairman no later than the close of the staff conference. Letters of submission and forwarding of nominations may be mailed or "hand carried" to meet such deadline. This deadline is **absolutely necessary** to allow ample time for the Department Marine of the Year committee to process the submission, the announcement and the presentation of the award which will be made during the annual convention banquet.
5. After conclusion of the convention, the recipient's Detachment may submit the above supporting documentation for the recipient of the Department of the Year award to National Headquarters for consideration as a candidate for the National Marine of the Year award. The letter of submission included with the presentation for the National Marine of the Year Award must be revised to show that this nomination is for the **National** award. This letter must be from the candidate's **Detachment** and be signed by the **Detachment** Commandant and **Detachment** Adjutant.

Be fair to your nominee. Give proper attention to all details, especially paragraphs 2 and 3. Check the work sheet and **use it**. Often worthy candidates are not afforded just recognition due to the absence of details in hastily prepared brochures or documentation.

Refer to Section 300 (i), Page 3-4 of National Administrative Procedures for full details.

Please mail your nominations to:

Bruce Blackmer  
4530 W. Marquette Rd.  
Chicago, IL 60629-5627  
773 284-1212

Any questions email me at: [jbmarines\\_81@yahoo.com](mailto:jbmarines_81@yahoo.com)

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