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COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE:

By the time this comes out we will be through the Christmas and New Year holidays. I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and a hangover free New Years Day.

I must apologize for not being able to attend the Birth-day celebrations (including my own Detachment) I was invited to. I somehow contracted an infection that even the best bourbon couldn't shake.

With the start of the new year I hope we are getting the dues situation under control. I realize this has been a bit of a problem for many of us, but hopefully this will help in keeping members current.

I have been keeping up with our District Commandants with problems with some Detachments. I must commend them on their persistence in trying to resolve these problems. I have been honored to handle a few Detachment Officer Installations the past few months and look forward to visiting more Detachments as my schedule permits. Again thank you for your confidence in me as your Commandant.

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Semper Fi and
Woof Woof
Dale Munson

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT, MCLA:

Hello!! Hello!! Hello ladies and gentlemen of the MCLA and MCL!!! Hoping you all are doing well!!! This time of year, I know we are all very busy elves, putting in many hours, running here & there, collecting and/or delivering toys with our amazing Toys 4 Tots programs. There are so many children whose Christmas will be extra joyful due to all of our efforts and long hours. We are also going here & there to visit our Veterans, wherever they may be. Throughout all of our activities, I would like to ask that you all remember to take care of yourselves as well (yes, that is the mother in me speaking ☺). Take a few moments and enjoy some of this beautiful season! But, seriously, we need to care for ourselves because if we go down, we are unable to help anyone. So, just do it!!

As we move on into the new year, I would like to remind our ladies that we should always be on the look out for, and be bringing in, new members. Yes, I mean you should Recruit, Recruit, Recruit!!! Our numbers are down a bit this year and I would love to see that trend turn around. Maybe we can celebrate some new faces at both 3rd Staff and Convention this coming year? That would be a pretty awesome way to bring in 2018!!

In closing, I'd like to wish you and your family's the Merriest of Christmas's and a Happy & Healthy New Year!!

I can be contacted at 815 276-5544 or deb4deptmcla@gmail.com

Semper Fidelis
Respectfully submitted,
Deb Sosnowski

SR. VICE COMMANDANT:

Marines,

Due to scheduling problems, the Shooting Event planned for 3rd Staff Meeting weekend, has been cancelled. We are working on details for a Shooting Event at the 2018 Department Convention in Crystal Lake. More info to come!

Weapons Raffle Tickets are on Sale and selling fast !
Contact me for tickets !

Please return Sold ticket stubs and proceeds so we can keep the Department Checking Account in the BLACK!

I can be reached at: (773) 284-1212 (home)
or jbmarines_81@yahoo.com.

Semper Fi,
Bruce Blackmer

JR. VICE COMMANDANT:

Marines,

I hope everyone had a great time celebrating our 242nd birthday. By the time this comes out, we will have celebrated all of our fall and winter holidays with family and friends. I truly believe 2018 will be an exciting year for us.

Now is the time to get back to work. RECRUITING and RETENTION is one of my primary missions as Junior Vice Commandant. With the change in membership dues, it is now more than ever a major responsibility for our Detachments. I charge the Paymasters and Adjutants to review the quarterly rosters and send out dues notices to all members who are coming up on their expiration dates or may be past due. Page 10 of the fall issue of the "Semper Fi" has a complete overview of the dues process. You should refer to this for information. Please don't wait until the last minute; let's be pro-active with this. Get these transmittals sent in on time. They should be submitted at least monthly, if not sooner.

There have been "glitches" on the rosters with members popping up or disappearing. I ask that you be patient while they straighten this system out.

I would also like to form an informal Recruiting/Retention Committee. I know we have several former Recruiters and Career Jammers (Planners; I meant Career Planners!) out there. I'm looking for volunteers in each of the Districts to get those who have fallen by the wayside back up and marching again.

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

Semper Fidelis,
Michael Sturch

JUDGE ADVOCATE:

Greetings Marines,

Hopefully, all had a very happy holiday season... Looking forward to a very successful upcoming year for our Department. If you have any questions or feel that I can assist you in any way.

I can be reached at 618 539-0533 or at email ronburns45@live.com

Respectfully Submitted,
Ronald E. Burns, Sr.

ADJUTANT:

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

Semper Fidelis,
Robert R. Weber

PAYMASTER:

Greeting Marines,

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Semper Fidelis,
PDC Mike Malmstrom
Department Paymaster

SERGEANT AT ARMS:

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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, AnLoc 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:

I can be reached at 815-228-9767 or by email at glbaker078@comcast.net.

Semper Fi, Brothers
and Sisters
Greg Baker,
Used Commandant
(for sale)

DEPARTMENT QUARTERMASTER:

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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), 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 March 2018 to be

included in the April 2018 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.

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Pd. 17-18
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Pd. 17-18
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 60050- 847 668-9591

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Meets at VFW Post 177, 10537 S. Ridgeland Ave., Chicago Ridge, IL 60415

Comdt: Michael J. Haas, 9126 S. Ridgeland, Oak Lawn, IL

Paym: Dan Perrino Sr., 4517 W. 102nd St., Oak Lawn, IL

Adj: Richard Nolan, 11548 Normandy, Worth, IL

Pd. 17-18
 4th Thursday 1930
 60453-1416 708 297-4904
 60453-4219 708 636-0228
 60482- 708 448-0177

Chapultepec Detachment #1408

Please go to https://www.facebook.com/mcl1408/?hc_ref=NEWSFEED for time and place

Comdt: Sergio Correa Jr., 3848 W. 57th Pl., Chicago, IL

Paym: Antonio J. Miranda., 5237 S. Albany Chicago, IL

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

Pd. 17-18
 60629- 773 236-9070
 60632- 773 480-4583
 60638- 773 815-6475

Chicago #1 Detachment #073

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

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

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

Pd. 17-18
 3rd Sunday 1300
 60657-1020 773 929-5275
 60076- 847 779-3053

Grundy County Detachment #1372

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

Comdt: Harion Enervold, 3655 Bennett Rd., Verona, IL

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

Adj: Rick Martinez, 1712 Brighton Ln., Plainfield, IL

Pd. 17-18
 4th Thurs. 1900
 60479- 815 287-2040
 60416- 815 634-3125
 60586- 815 258-8901

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. NO
 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: Dave Allen Jr., 1312 W. Park Hill Dr., Bourbonnais, IL

Paym: Richard E. Bateman, 589 Turnberry Dr., Bourbonnais, IL

Adj: Stan Bobka, 15 St. Pauls, Bourbonnais, IL

Pd. 17-18
 1st Tuesday 1900
 60914-4347 815 263-1635
 60914-9160 815 932-8588
 60914-9124 815 278-7848

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: Jim Taylor, 15712 St. Louis ave., Markham, IL

Paym: Tom Donnelly, 6300 W. 157th Pl., Oak Forest, IL

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

Pd. 17-18
 3rd Monday 1930
 60428- 708 715-1536
 60452- 708 535-3332
 60452- 708 687-3714

2nd District

Band of Brothers Detachment #986

Meets at Villa Park V.F.W., 39 E. St. Charles Road, Villa Park, IL

Comdt: Joseph Vincze, 16 W. Terrace St. #1S., Villa Park, IL

Paym: Bill Barta, 11 Hiawatha Dr., Clarendon Hills, IL

Adj: Andrew S. Roszel, 340 Mc Kinley Ave., Elmhurst, IL

Pd. 17-18
 4th Monday 1930
 60181- 630 815-1310
 60514-1113 630 654-2154
 60126-1113 630 888-8217

Chicago Police Marines Detachment #553

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

Comdt: Dominick, PO Box 8668, Chicago, IL

Paym: Paul, PO Box 8668, Chicago, IL

Adj: Wally, PO Box 8668, Chicago, IL

Pd. 17-18
 1st Tuesday 1900
 60680-8668 773 413-8762
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DuPage County Detachment #399	Pd. 17-18
Meets at V.F.W. Post 2164, 0N731 Papworth St., Wheaton, IL	4 th Tuesday 1930
Comdt: Victoria Cobbett, 733 Singer Ave., Lemont, IL	60439-3912 630 257-6423
Paym: Charles W. Wingard, 719 Lombard Ave., Lombard, IL	60148-3453 630 627-1766
Adj: Hector Quiroga, 1262 Harleyford Rd., Woodridge, IL	60517- 630 287-1171

Elgin Detachment #077	Pd. 17-18
Meets at the Elgin Moose Lodge, 925 S. McLean Blvd., Elgin, IL 60123	4 th Monday 1900
Comdt: Fred Zimmermann, 2444 Tall Oaks Dr., Elgin, IL	60124- 847 841-1340
Adj/Pay: Tom Culumber, 39W745 Crosscreek Ln., St. Charles, IL	60175- 630 513-9758

Fox Valley Marines Detachment #1233	Pd. 17-18
Meets at the Aurora AMVETS Post #103, 1194 Jericho Rd., Aurora, IL	2 nd Thursday 1900
Comdt: Gordon Dodge, 8S558 Barnes Rd., Aurora, IL	60506- 630 310-0018
Paym: Bob Brockmann, 711 Harmony Ct., North Aurora, IL	60542- 630 486-3140
Adj: TBA	

Lake County Detachment #801	Pd. 17-18
Meets at Primo Restaurant, 720 Milwaukee Ave., Gurnee, IL	3 rd Monday 1900
Comdt: Gerald Pedrin, 37523 N. Holdridge Ave., Beach Park, IL	60087- 847 687-6663
Paym: Ed Mampe, 24883 Cedarwood Ln., Ingleside, IL	60041- 847 641-9689
Adj: John Jezioro, 1407 Barberry, Round Lake Beach, IL	60037- 847 807-0736

McHenry County Detachment #1009	Pd. 17-18
Meets at McHenry V.F.W. Post 4600, 3002 IL Rt. 120, McHenry, IL	3 rd Thursday 1930
Comdt: Rick Prescott, PO Box 311, Woodstock, IL	60098-0311 847 702-6059
Paym: Mike Ruffner, PO Box 311, Woodstock, IL	60098-0311 847 570-4107
Adj: James French, PO Box 311, Woodstock, IL	60098-0311 847 730-9085

Northwest Suburban Detachment #080	Pd. 17-18
Meets at Merle Guild A.L. Post 208, 121 N. Douglas, Arlington Heights, IL	3 rd Wednesday 1930
Comdt: Phil C. Wicklein, 121 N. Peartree Ln., Arlington Heights, IL	60004- 847 392-7688
Paym: Michael Huttner, 235 W. Chasse Cr., St. Charles, IL	60174- 847 553-6118
Adj: Terri Kemp, 2705 Campbell St., Rolling Meadows, IL	60018- 847 508-6449

Tri-County Leathernecks Detachment #1395	Pd. NO
Meets at the American Legion Post #964, 51 Lions Dr., Lake Zurich, IL	2 nd Wednesday 1900
Comdt: Bill Thompson, 4001 Newport Dr., Island Lake, IL	60042-8206 847 997-6658
Adj:Pay: Jim Trafford, 302 Osage, Wauconda, IL	60048-1749 224 633-0439

3rd District

Dixon Area Detachment #076	Pd. NO
Meets at V.F.W. Post 540, Rt. 38 East, Dixon, IL	3 rd Wednesday 1900
Comdt: Tony Miller, 1921 Palmyra Rd., Dixon, IL	61021- 815 991-1588
Adj/Pay: Jim James, 406 N. Franklin Ave., Polo, IL	61064-1215 815 973-9193

Illinois Valley Detachment #078	Pd. 17-18
Meets at MCL Clubhouse, 475 E. Rt. 351, PO Box 22, Jonesville, IL	1 st Tuesday 1900
Comdt: Brian Lucas, PO Box 22, Oglesby, IL	61348-0022
Paym: Dale Munson, PO Box 22, Oglesby, IL	61348-0022 815 252-4769
Adj: Art Meyer, PO Box 22, Oglesby, IL	61348-0022

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Meets at the VFW Post 9759, 2018 Windsor Dr., Loves Park IL	1 st Wednesday 1900
Comdt: Alfred Laseke, 2642 Cimarron Ln., Rockford, IL	61109-6908 815 370-1151
Paym: Bruce Giersch, 613 Dickerson Dr., Winnebago, IL	61088-8336 815 904-4534
Adj: Donald Reynolds, 4122 Martina, Rockford, IL	61114- 815 742-5416

Tri-County Detachment #086:	Pd. NO
Meets at American Legion Post # 31, 1509 Railroad Ave, Kewanee, IL	1 st Monday 1900
Comdt: Louis J. VanDeVoorde, 330 Emmons Ave., Kewanee, IL	61443- 309 853-6661
Adj/Pay: Glenn E. Morey, P. O. Box 207, Mineral, IL	61344-0207 309 290-4007

Lincoln Detachment #607 Meets at AMVETS, 827 15 th Ave., East Moline, IL Comdt: Joseph G. Pollock, 6609 Cresthill Dr., Davenport, IA Adj/Pay: Michael W. Malmstrom, 5107 48 th St., Moline, IL	Pd. 17-18 3 rd 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. 17-18 3 rd 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. 17-18 3 rd Monday 1900 61071-0708 815 622-4629 61081-3260 815 441-9440
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Central Illinois Leathernecks Detachment #988 Meets at V.F.W. Post 454, 1006 Lincoln Ave., Bloomington, IL Comdt: Art Wynn, 403 Priscilla Lane, Bloomington, IL Adj/Pay: David L. Edwards, 3012 Ridge Crest Drive, Bloomington, IL	Pd. 17-18 2 nd Tuesday 1900 61704-4603 309 663-5080 61704-8304 309 663-5014
Richard L. Pittman Detachment #1231 Meets at Urbana V.F.W. Post #630, 1303 E. Main St., Urbana, IL Comdt: Bob Kappes, 1217 Joanne Ln., Champaign, IL Paym: Jesse Allen, 11175 Stoll Rd., Frankfort, IL Adj: Ron Castel, 206 South John St., Thomasboro, IL	Pd. 17-18 3 rd Thursday 1900 61821-1614 217 351-7095 60423- 61878-
Sgt. Robert "Bob" E. Graue Detachment #1336 Meets at Lincoln VFW Post, 915 5 th St., Lincoln, IL Comdt: James J. Harnacke, 1518 State Rt. 10, Lincoln, IL Adj/Pay: Gene F. Hickey, 795 950th Ave., Elkhart, IL	Pd. 17-18 3 rd Sunday 1700 62656-5353 217 737-4557 62634-6090 217 871-2972
5th District	
Collier-Harrison Detachment #075 Meets at the Navy Club Quarters, 3100 Stanton St., Springfield, IL Comdt: Sue Gibbons, 1733 W. Glenn Ave., Springfield, IL Adj/Pay: William A. Woollen, 2804 Ridge Ave., Springfield, IL	Pd. 17-18 1 st Thursday 1930 62704-4826 217 622-8270 62702-4444 217 638-2510
Gem City Detachment #790 Meets at Lippincott Hall, Veterans Home, 1707 N. 12 th St., Quincy, IL Comdt: Glenn Meyers, 102 E. Main St., La Prairie, IL Paym:Adj Luke Doellman, 2700 Lind St., Quincy, IL	Pd. NO 1 st Monday 1900 62346- 217 506-2490 62301-3551 217 617-3152

West Central Illinois Leathernecks #1177
 Meets at the VFW Post 1379, 903 East Morton, Jacksonville, IL
 Comdt: Jim Crosier, 12625 Tebbe Rd., New Berlin, IL
 Paym: Paul Kramer, 2057 Cherry Rd., Springfield, IL
 Adj: Earl Turner, 1864 Plum St., Jacksonville, IL
 62650-22437 217 243-6602

Pd. 17-18
 2nd Wednesday 1900
 62670-4507 217 341-6416
 62704-3273 217 572-1820

6th District

Effingham County Detachment #591
 Meets at Iron Horse Cafe, 101 S. Merchant, Effingham, IL
 Comdt: Philip H. Mette, 14959 E. 1975th Ave., Effingham, IL
 Adj/Pay: Darrell L. Schwerman, 9387 E. Nees Ave., Effingham, IL

Pd. 17-18
 3rd Thursday 1200
 62401-9445
 62401-5088 217 821-2163

Thomas A. Jennings Detachment #546
 Meets at VFW Post, 712 E. Main St., Robinson, IL
 Comdt: David Houser, 405 N. Range St., Oblong, IL
 Paym: Robert Manning, 603 Beech St., Robinson, IL

Pd. 17-18
 3rd Tuesday 1900
 62445- 618 544-7047
 62454-2653 618 544-2655

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. NO
 2nd Monday 1900
 62052- 618 885-5684
 62052- 618 946-9150
 62685-6733 618 836-7388

Collinsville Detachment #074
 Meets at VFW Post 805, 221 W. First St., O'Fallon, IL
 Comdt: Frank Christie, 2802 Black Ln., Collinsville, IL
 Adj/Pay: Claude Cable, 9103 Bunkum Rd., Fairview Heights., IL

Pd. NO
 1st 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: James Freeman, 146 22nd St., Alton, IL
 Paym: Paul Schwendeman, 429 Oak St., East Alton, IL
 Adj: Mark Nelson, 5679 Humbert Rd., Godfrey, IL

Pd. 17-18
 3rd Monday 1900
 62002-6812 618 465-2723
 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: Ronald E. Burns Sr., 525 N. Pearl St., Lebanon, IL
 Paym: Herb Knobloch, Jr., 10131 Perrin Rd., Mascoutah, IL
 Adj: Daniel Betts, 310 W. State St., Pocahontas, IL

Pd. 17-18
 3rd Thur. 1930
 62254-1428 618 593-0533
 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: Chris Gutierrez, PO Box 556, Litchfield, IL
 Paym: Gary Doss, PO Box 556, Litchfield, IL
 Adj: Terry Williams, PO Box 556, Litchfield, IL

Pd. 17-18
 1st Thursday 1900
 62056- 217 556-2410
 62056- 217 532-2390
 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. 17-18
 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: E.J. Callahan, PO Box 174, Herrin, IL
 Adj:

Pd. NO
 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
 4th 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. NO
3rd Tuesday 1900
62278-4534 618 282-4328
62278-2304 618 282-7783

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1st District

Burbank Unit MCLA #140 Pd. 17-18
Meets at VFW Post 177, 10537 S. Ridgeland Ave., Chicago Ridge, IL 4th Thursday 2000
President: Mary Ann Kuchta 10052 S. Maplewood, Chicago, IL 60650- 773 779-8463
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Kankakee Unit MCLA #1253

Meets at the Bourbonnais Sportsmen's Club, 2672 Chippawa Dr. Bourbonnais, IL Pd. 17-18
1st 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

3rd District

DeKalb Sycamore Unit MCLA #382 Pd. 17-18
Meets at Sycamore Vets Home, 121 S. California, Sycamore, IL 3rd Thursday 1900
President: Rachael Hartman, 1036 Hartman Trail, Sandwich, IL 60548- 815 405-9731
Treasurer: Judy Bryant, 340 Parker St., Sycamore, IL 60178-1249 815 895-6696
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Illinois Valley Unit MCLA

Meets at MCL Clubhouse, 475 E. State St. (RT's 351 & 71), Oglesby, IL Pd. 17-18
3rd Tuesday 1800
President: Virginia Hegland, 321 N. Kenosha Ave., Oglesby, IL 61348-1145 480 980-7333
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
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
Secretary: Colleen Helfers, 19810 River Rd., Marengo, IL

Pd. 17-18
3rd Thursday 1930
60156-1332 815 687-3101
60152-9131 815 219-8550
60152-9131 815 219-8550

Sauk Valley Unit MCLA #349
Meets at Rock Falls American Legion, 712 - 4th Ave., Rock Falls, IL
President: Tracey Pillars, 1107 9th Ave., Rock Falls, IL
Treasurer: Carol Martin, PO Box 708, Rock Falls, IL
Secretary: Carol Martin, PO Box 708, Rock Falls, IL

Pd. 17-18
2nd Tuesday 1600
61071- 815 564-7228
61071-0708 779 245-1270
61071-0708 779 245-1270

4th District

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. 17-18
2nd Wednesday 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: Tonya Crosier, 12625 Tebbe Rd., New Berlin, IL
Treasurer: Jeanette Geise, 1625 Lind, Quincy, IL
Secretary: Carol Smith, 1411 W. Walnut, Jacksonville, IL

Pd. 17-18
2nd Wednesday 1900
62670-4507 217 415-0446
62301- 217 223-5894
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, East Alton, IL
Treasurer: Kelly Mansker, 3526 Fullerton Ave., Alton, IL
Secretary: Marty Campbell, 715 W. Wilbus St., Bunkerhill, IL

Pd. 17-18
2nd Thursday 1900
62024- 618 580-3079
62002-
62014-

Shawnee Unit
Meets at the Carbondale Elks Club
President: Patty Morgan, 609 W. 11th St., Johnston City, IL
Treasurer: Debbie Donegue, 2390 Sycamore Rd., Carterville, IL
Secretary: Sheri Crockett, 508 E. Main St., Desoto, IL

Pd. 17-18
4th Tuesday 1845
62951- 618 694-9118
62918- 618 922-2432
62924-1554 618 973-7271

PLEASE NOTE

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

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

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

3RD STAFF MEETING

Date: March 10-11, 20189
Place: Rt. 66 Hotel and Conference Center, 625 E. Sait Joseph St., Springfield, IL 662703 (Located on Historic Rt 66).
Phone #: 217 529-6626 Email: Route66hotel@gmail.com
Rate: \$54.66 Tax: 10% Total Rate/Tax - \$60.13 (As of 11/17)

Rates are good for March 9th (Friday)

Last date to make reservations – February 24, 2018 (**Reservations may be made now**)

Mention Department of Illinois Marine Corps League and you need 1st floor.

Restaurant and Bar on site, restaurant opens at 0600 (6AM) and stays open till 2200 (10PM). Hospitality and Ship Store will be available Friday and Saturday.

DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS CONVENTION

Dates: 6/13-17/2018 (Wednesday 6/13 available for early arrival check in)
Place: Crystal Lake Holiday Inn, 800 South Route 31, Crystal Lake, IL 60014
Phone #: 815 477-7000
Website: www.hicrystallake.com
Rate: \$92.00 + 7.75% Tax. Full amenities & Handicap accessible on location, with easy access to numerous Quality Shopping and Restaurant nearby. Registration no later than June 1, 2018

More Information will become available in the near future.

MCL and MCLA Members:

The Department of Illinois Marine Corps League Auxiliary's Past Presidents Club has voted not to sponsor a Past Presidents/Past Commandants Luncheon during the 2018 Department of Illinois Convention.

Thank you and Semper Fidelis,

Carol Smith, Regent

Past Presidents Club, Dept. of IL MCLA

2ND DISTRICT

2ND DISTRICT Second to None!

District is working on the issues related with the changes on how membership process and targeting new members as provided by the Department Junior Vice Commandant. Each Detachment in the District has also committed to helping with Selling/Purchasing of 20 of the Department Raffle Tickets!

Scuttle Butt on 2018 Marine Week Chicago.

Early May District Breakfast, location & date to be determined.

Semper Fi,
PDD Mike Ruffner

BURBANK DETACHMENT, AUXILIARY and MODD CHICAGO POUND 12

CHICAGO POLICE MARINES

The Chicago Police Marines held their annual fundraiser on October 29th, 2017 at the Chicago Police FOP Hall, 1412 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago from noon to 1700. For a \$20.00 donation, the gathering of patriots watched the Bears play New Orleans Saints, ate all the S.O.S (served up by your truly), Chili and Hot Dogs that they could handle. Included were beverages for all ages. There were three (3) chances to win cash prizes, raffles and UNLIMITED ESPRIT de CORPS!!!

This is the only fund raiser we hold and the proceeds allow us to do what we are chartered to do.

As A PDC and proud member of the Chicago Police Marines Detachment, I was invited and had the honor and pleasure of installing the 2018 officers at a post holiday dinner held at the FOP Hall in Chicago.

Semper Fi,
PDC Don Haines

ELGIN DETACHMENT #077



Elgin detachment members spending time with Mr. & Mrs. Claus and local Marines while collecting toys thanks to the local Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Starck Real Estate office.

GEM CITY DETACHMENT



The Summer Dance Group Gem City Detachment 790 Marine Corp League sponsors summer dances at the Illinois Veterans Home in Quincy, IL (1-r) front wheelchairs, John Bohlander and Bob Ericson. (back) (1-r) Steve Crabtree, Wayne Griep, Stephen Cane, Roger Knuffman, Glenn Meyer and Luke Doellman.

Semper Fi,
Wayne Griep

VAVS

I can be reached by email at swbojack@sbcglobal.net or at 815 674-2440.

Semper Fi,
Stanley Olenjack, VAVS Chairman

MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT COMMITTEE

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, or contact me at mlsturch@hotmail.com or 815-441-2243.

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

THIRD DISTRICT Pound #117

Semper Woof,
PDD Mike Malmstrom
Pound Dog Robbert #117

NORTH POUND #369

WOOF WOOF and Semper Fidelis,
PK PDD Don Haines

“UNTAMED DOGS POUND #351 MODD



Members of the “Untamed Dogs Pound 351, Military Order of the Devil Dogs, Greenville IL” presented a \$1000 check and Certificate to Chakota Therapeutic Riding Center in Germantown IL on October 3rd, 2017. The Therapeutic Riding Center provides help to disabled children and Veterans by interaction on and with horses to facilitate recovery and treatment of their injuries. Kay Langenhorst, husband Dave and their staff help young people with assisted riding in the metro East area, having just purchased a lifting device to aid in mounting the disabled. The device was purchased with \$11,000 in donations over the last year. This is the second year the Pound has been able to donate a large sum to the Chakota Stables. Pound 351 has Dogs from Bond, Clinton, Fayette, St. Clair and Madison counties, with Pound Keeper Ron Burns Sr. presenting the check and certificate in a separate photo. Shown in the wheel chair is Beth O’Brien of Trenton, who also gave us a test run of the Lifting Device. Pictured are the families of Dog member, Chakota staff, and Dogs (in red covers) L-R: PDD Ray Hughes of Sorento, PDD Roger Holtgrave of Trenton, Pup Mike Murphy of Caseyville, Pup Chris Gutierrez of Hillsboro, PDD Dan Betts of Pochontas, Pup Frank Christie of Collinsville, PDD Ron Burns, Sr. of Lebanon, and DD Mike McDonald of Ramsey. PDD Herb Knobloch, Jr. missed the photo shoots and was fined 5 Big Bones. Woof Woof!

Woof Woof and Semper Fi,
PDD Dan Betts

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

Heart of a Marine Mission Statement:

The Heart Of A Marine Foundation is 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

“WARRIOR for 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 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.

Expect changes for 2018, staff is looking to make changes due to the low unemployment rate.

TRANSITIONING MARINES COMMITTEE

Unemployment numbers are low, so Illinois Department of Employment Security Veteran Employment Representatives are available to help with Quality Jobs! Has your Detachment found any Marines struggling to find employment contact Mike Ruffner at Michael.Ruffner@Illinois.gov or Ruffnermb@aol.com.

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.

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;

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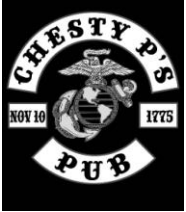
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- (F) To aid voluntarily and to render assistance to all Marines and former Marines as well as to their families;
- (G) To help decorate the graves of all deceased Marines whenever and wherever possible;


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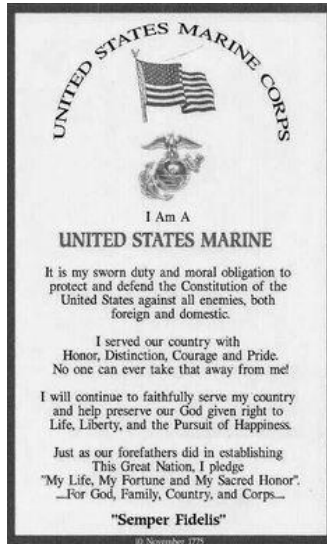
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