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COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE:

Marines,

First I must apologize for missing Convention. Many of you may know, I have been diagnosed with cancer. Since I just got this news a week before Convention, I still don't have all the facts yet. I will keep you up to date.

Thank you to McHenry County Detachment and Auxiliary for hosting our Annual Convention.

I owe Sr Vice Commandant Blackmer a huge thank you for the job he did at short notice. Also the Department staff stepped up to aid Bruce through this. I would like to take this time to congratulate the newly elected members to the Department Staff. New members are; Jeffery Bruce, 2nd District Commandant, Sue Gibbons, 5th District Commandant, and Kevin Enlow, Sgt at Arms. Thank you to Bob Kappes, Sgt at Arms for your years of service at this position. I would also like to thank past 2nd District Commandant Ruffner and past 5th District Commandant Carlton for your service at those positions.

Job well done to Vicki Cobbett on her first scholarship competition. Vicki put in a lot of work and thought into how to work this program and I think did an outstanding job.

Looking forward, We have a big year coming up. We must continue our recruiting efforts, especially the younger Marines we know are out there. I would ask our younger Marine members to help with recruiting efforts by using social media. Share with our non members the activities we have such as honor guard, color guard, and community services.

The Department as a whole, needs to come up with some new fund raising ideas. Bruce did a good job with the weapons raffle, but it would be a big help if we got more input on different fund raising ideas from our membership. We cannot just leave everything to the Chairperson for raising money. This is our Department and I know most of us worry about our Detachments succeeding, but we all need to stop and think about what it takes to run the Department. Most of us never see what is involved in running an organization at a state level with multiple local levels, but we really do more than run conventions and staff meetings. Enough preaching.

In closing, I again want to thank my Sr Vice Commandant and entire staff for picking up the ball and getting through Convention.

I can be reached at (815)883-3636 or (815)252-4769
e-mail USMCVET72@aol.com

Semper Fi,
PDC Dale Munson

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT, MCLA:

I am honored to be your incoming Department of Illinois MCLA President. I was raised to be a proud American and to honor and respect all veterans. My Dad was a WWII veteran. My uncle was a flamethrower Marine on Iwo Jima and received a Purple Heart. Larry was a Vietnam vet.

I was raised going to the American Legion. My Mom, Dad and I helped with every pancake breakfast, potluck, and event, with my Dad's WWII buddies and families. My Dad led the 21-gun salute at all the military funerals. His white helmet, white gloves and white rifle impressed me so much. He wrote a book about his experiences in WWII. I was his editor and typist. I learned many more stories of his experiences from the 200 pages he had hand written and I typed.

We all have so much we can do to honor and respect all veterans and we have the very best auxiliary members! I will do all I can to be my very best as your President!

Semper Fi
Shari Crockett
Department of Illinois
MCLA President

SR. VICE COMMANDANT:

Marines,

It was my honor to be the Acting Commandant [and Sr. Vice] at the 74th Department Convention. Get Well, Comdt. Dale Munson. It was both interesting and challenging.

Thank you for your confidence in reelecting me as your Sr. Vice.

Weapons Raffle results: Pete Alukas won the Springfield M1A Rifle and Dave Keener won the Remington M1911 45cal. Pistol. Congratulations enjoy your fine firearms.

Thank you to all who supported the Department through the Weapons Raffle.

A new Department fundraising committee is being formed. If interested, don't hesitate to contact me.

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

Semper Fi,
Bruce Blackmer

JR. VICE COMMANDANT:

Marines,

The bylaw changes were a blast, second only to the budget fun! The bylaw changes that I remember being passed were 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12. Change 4 was withdrawn, and 7 was rejected. I'm not sure about the other ones, as Dale had submitted a couple of changes to contradict what Ruffner had submitted. So I would suggest getting with Adjutant Randy-Bob to get the official tally.

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

Semper Fidelis,
Michael Sturch

JUDGE ADVOCATE:

Greetings Marines,

I just returned from the Department Convention at Crystal Lake, Illinois. It was a very interesting convention to say the least. We now have sixteen (16) revised by-laws approved at this convention and should appear in theillinoismarine shortly. I'm looking forward to the remainder of 2018 and hopefully, many positive things happen within the department.

Thanks for electing me for another year to serve you.

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

SERGEANT AT ARMS:

I can be contacted at kevin.torch.enlow@gmail.com or call me at 309-634-1609.

Semper Fidelis,
Kevin Enlow

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.

PDC 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
PDC Greg Baker,
Used Commandant
(for sale)

DEPARTMENT QUARTERMASTER:

Fellow Marine Corps League Members:

It has been a pleasure to be the Quartermaster for the Department of Illinois since June of 2001. At the end of the 2019 State Convention, I am retiring (NOT A JOKE, I MEAN IT THIS TIME.)

In the coming Staff meetings and etc., I will be having sales to dwindle down the MCL, Auxiliary and Devil Dog merchandise. So please check the sales out, remember the money raised in the Ships Store belongs to our Department. I will still take orders over the phone (some members do call me and place an order for uniform items) until the June 2019 convention. I will still attend any installations that I am asked to come to, until June 2019. Since this is a volunteer job, the detachments that invite me pay for my motel and dinner.

During the past 18 years (come June 2019) Jeanette and I have had the pleasure to travel all over the state and some neighboring states for events that the Department of Illinois MCL Quartermaster has been invited to. We have meet some wonderful people that we now consider friends. During this same time, we have attended National Conventions all across the United States and Mid-Winter in Virginia, what a wonderful experience it has been.

I can be reached at jgeise@adams.net or 217-223-5894.

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 September 2018 to be included in the October 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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PL: PDD Bruce Blackmer, 4530 W. Marquette Rd., Chicago, IL	60629-5627 773 284-1212
DR: PDD Mike M. Malmstrom, 5107 48 th St., Moline, IL	61265-7516 309 764-9638 c-309 269-2012
Chicago Metro Pound #12 MODD	Pd. 17-18
PK: DD Victoria Cobbett, 733 Singer Ave., Lemont, IL	60439-3912 630 257-6423
DR: PDD John Bigwood, 7719 East Prairie Road, Skokie, IL	60076- 847 779-3053
Third District Pound #117 MODD	Pd. 17-18
PK: PDD Brian Lucas, PO Box 22, Oglesby, IL	61348-0022
DR: PDD Mike M. Malmstrom, 5107 48 th St., Moline, IL	61265-7516 309 764-9638 c-309 269-2012
Central Illinois Pound #226 MODD	Pd. 17-18
PK: PDD Don Haines, 1005 Prairie St., St. Charles, IL	60174-3638 630 564-1804
DR: PDD William A. Woollen, 2804 Ridge Ave., Springfield, IL	62702-4444 217 744-3710
Grand Pound #1000 MODD	Pd. 17-18
PK: PDD Kevin Enlow, 511 Main St., Pekin, IL	61554- 309 634-1609
DR: DD Harold W. Lundstrom, 10809 N. Dana Dr., Peoria, IL	61615-1163 309 240-8782
Untamed Dogs Pound #351 MODD	Pd. 17-18
PK: PDD Ronald E. Burns, 525 N. Pearl St., Lebanon, IL	62254-1428 618 593-0533
DR: PDD Daniel Betts, 310 W. State St., Pocahtontas, IL	62275-3057 618 669-2171 c-618 795-3339
North Pound #369 MODD	Pd. 17-18
PK: PDD Don Haines, 1005 Prairie St., St. Charles, IL	60174-3638 630 564-1804 (c)
DR: DD Marty Smith III, 5315 Cobblers Crossing, McHenry IL	60050- 847 668-9591

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1st District

Burbank Detachment #072	Pd. 17-18
Meets at VFW Post 177, 10537 S. Ridgeland Ave., Chicago Ridge, IL 60415	4 th Thursday 1930
Comdt: Edward G. Modla, 10522 S. 81 st Ave., Palos Hills, IL	60453-1416 708 974-4046
Paym: Joe Purpura, 8401 W. 151 st St., Orland Park, IL	604462-
Adj: Richard Nolan, 11548 Normandy, Worth, IL	60482- 708 448-0177
Chapultepec Detachment #1408	Pd. 17-18
Please go to https://www.facebook.com/mcl1408/?hc_ref=NEWSFEED for time and place	
Comdt: Sergio Correa Jr., 3848 W. 57 th 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
Grundy County Detachment #1372	Pd. 17-18
Meets at Morris American Legion, 212 W. Washington St., Morris, IL	4 th 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 st 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
Kankakee MCL Detachment #1253	Pd. 17-18
Meets Bradley-Bourbonnais Sportsman's Club, 2672 Chippewa Dr., Bourbonnais	1 st Tuesday 1900
Comdt: Dave Allen Jr., 1312 W. Park Hill Dr., Bourbonnais, IL	60914-4347 815 263-1635
Paym: Richard E. Bateman, 589 Turnberry Dr., Bourbonnais, IL	60914-9160 815 932-8588
Adj: Stan Bobka, 15 St. Pauls, Bourbonnais, IL	60914-9124 815 278-7848

Marine Corps League Kevin Clarke - Tinley Park Detachment #1217	Pd. 17-18	
Meets at Bremen Post 2791 V.F.W., 17147 S. Oak Park Ave., Tinley Park, IL	3 rd Monday	1930
Comdt: Jim Taylor, 15712 St. Louis Ave., Markham, IL	60428-	708 715-1536
Paym: Tom Donnelly, 6300 W. 157 th Pl., Oak Forest, IL	60452-	708 535-3332
Adj: John Murphy, 6636 Forestview Dr., Oak Forest, IL	60452-	708 687-3714

2nd District

Band of Brothers Detachment #986	Pd. 17-18	
Meets at Villa Park V.F.W., 39 E. St. Charles Road, Villa Park, IL	4 th Monday	1930
Comdt: Joseph Vincze, 16 W. Terrace St. #1S., Villa Park, IL	60181-	630 815-1310
Paym: Bill Barta, 11 Hiawatha Dr., Clarendon Hills, IL	60514-1113	630 654-2154
Adj: Andrew S. Roszel, 340 Mc Kinley Ave., Elmhurst, IL	60126-1113	630 888-8217

Chicago #1 Detachment #073	Pd. 17-18	
Meets at F.D.R American Legion Post 923, 1824 W. Courtland, Chicago, IL	3 rd 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

Chicago Police Marines Detachment #553	Pd. 17-18	
Meets at F.O.P. Hall, 1412 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago, IL	1 st Tuesday	1900
Comdt: Dominick, PO Box 8668, Chicago, IL	60680-8668	773 413-8762
Paym: Paul, PO Box 8668, Chicago, IL	60680-8668	773 413-8762
Adj: Wally, PO Box 8668, Chicago, IL	60680-8668	773 413-8762

DuPage County Detachment #399	Pd. 17-18	
Meets at V.F.W. Post 2164, 0N731 Papworth St., Wheaton, IL	4 th Tuesday	1930
Comdt: Emanuel Bucur, 759 Spruce Ln., Bartlet, IL	60103-5650	630 935-7722
Paym: Charles W. Wingard, 719 Lombard Ave., Lombard, IL	60148-3453	630 627-1766
Adj: Charles W. Wingard, 719 Lombard Ave., Lombard, IL (Temp)	60148-3453	630 627-1766

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: James Butler Sr., 195 Hanks Rd. Aurora, IL	60506-	847 571-4007
Paym: William Barnett, 3 Hampton Rd., Montgomery, IL	60538-	630 400-6494
Adj: Jennifer Slown, 789 Four Seasons Blvd., Aurora, IL	60504-	

Lake County Detachment #801	Pd. 17-18	
Meets at Steven's Steakhouse, 401 N. Riverside Dr., 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. 18-19	
Meets at the American Legion Post #964, 51 Lions Dr., Lake Zurich, IL	2 nd Wednesday	1900
Comdt: Bill Thompson, PO Box 491, Lake Zurich, IL	60047-	847 997-6658
Adj/Pay: Scott Forester, PO Box 491, Lake Zurich, IL	60047-	847 414-9630

3rd 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. 17-18

3rd 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. 17-18

1st Tuesday 1900

61348-0022

61348-0022 815 252-4769

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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. 17-18

1st 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. NO

1st Monday 1900

61443- 309 853-6661

61344-0207 309 290-4007

Lincoln Detachment #607

Meets at AMVETS, 827 15th Ave., East Moline, IL

Comdt: Joseph G. Pollock, 6609 Cresthill Dr., Davenport, IA

Adj/Pay: Michael W. Malmstrom, 5107 48th St., Moline, IL

Pd. 17-18

3rd 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

3rd Thursday 1900

60178-0321 847 7515-6211

60178-0321 815 751-3641

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

3rd Monday 1900

61071-0708 815 622-4629

61081-3260 815 441-9440

4th 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

Adj/Pay: Harold W. Lundstrom, 10809 N. Dana Dr., Peoria, IL

Pd. 17-18

1st Wednesday 1930

61554- 309 634-1609

61615-1163 309 240-8782

Tobin-Nanninga Detachment #085

Meets at the, 13370 Garman Rd., Pekin, IL

Comdt: Richard Byars, 1822 Fawnridge Ln., Pekin, IL

Paym: Randy Fuller, 2005 Westgate Dr., Pekin, IL

Adj: Ronald E. Simpson, 11938 Tower Line Dr., Pekin, IL

Pd. 17-18

3rd Sunday 1600

61554- 309 241-6252

61554- 309 202-1466

61554- 309 202-9420

Decatur Detachment #799

Meets at American Legion Post #105, 1535 Legion Dr., Decatur, IL

Comdt: Tom Scroggins, 1825 S. 33rd St., Decatur, IL

Adj/Pay: Harry Kracht, 640 W. Forest Ave., Decatur, IL

Pd. 17-18

3rd Wednesday 1900

62521-4704 217 428-7588

62522-3220 217 422-6403

Major Kenneth D. Bailey Detachment #824

Meets at American Legion Post #210, 201 Prospect Pl., Danville, IL

Comdt: Michael Montgomery, 321 Fletcher Dr., Danville, IL

Adj/Pay: John Barrett, 29173 Bean Creek Rd., Potomac, IL

Pd. 17-18

3rd Sunday 1600

61832- 217 474-1149

61865- 217 987-6921

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, 904 Star Drive, Heyworth, IL

Pd. 17-18

2nd Tuesday 1900

61704-4603 309 275-5959

61745-9213 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 Adj/Pay: 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	Pd. 17-18 2 nd Wednesday 1900 62670-4507 217 341-6416 62704-3273 217 572-1820 62650-22437 217 243-6602
6th District Effingham County Detachment #591 Meets at Iron Horse Cafe, 101 S. Merchant, Effingham, IL Comdt: Philip H. Mette, 14959 E. 1975 th Ave., Effingham, IL Adj/Pay: Darrell L. Schwerman, 9387 E. Nees Ave., Effingham, IL	Pd. 17-18 3 rd 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 3 rd 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 2 nd 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 Paym: Ramona Witte, 505 W. Randle St., Lebanon, IL Adj: Catherine Murphy, 29 N. Oakland Dr., Caseyville, IL	Pd. 17-18 1 st Wednesday 1900 62234-7607 618 344-3676 c-618 420-9920 62254-1428 618 808-0308 62232-1131
Alton Leathernecks Detachment #1160 Meets at VFW 1308, 4445 Alby, Alton, IL 62002 Comdt: James Freeman, 146 22 nd St., Alton, IL Paym: Paul Schwendeman, 429 Oak St., East Alton, IL Adj: Mark Nelson, 5679 Humbert Rd., Godfrey, IL	Pd. 17-18 3 rd 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. 4 th St., Greenville, IL 62246 Comdt: Ronald E. Burns Sr., 525 N. Pearl St., Lebanon, IL Adj/Pay: Daniel Betts, 310 W. State St., Pocahontas, IL	Pd. 17-18 3 rd Thur. 1930 62254-1428 618 593-0533 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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60629-5627 773 284-1212
60102-3013 847 854-1188
62650-9500 217 473-3057
62095- 618 402-8766

1st District

Burbank Unit MCLA #140

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

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

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

Secretary: Sharon Durkin, 19947 Martie Lane, Mokena, IL

Pd. 17-18

4th Thursday 2000

60650- 773 779-8463

60448-7914 708 479-6760

60448-1117 708 479-4882

Kankakee Unit MCLA #1253

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

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

Treasurer: Sandy Britt, 141 S. Dearborn, Bradley, IL

Secretary: Judy Denoyer, 271 Randolph, Bradley, IL

Pd. 17-18

1st Tuesday 1800

60901-4958 815 933-2338

60915- 815 592-1976

60915- 815 933-9408

3rd District

DeKalb Sycamore Unit MCLA #382

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

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

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

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

Pd. 17-18

3rd Thursday 1900

60548- 815 405-9731

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

President: Virginia Hegland, 321 N. Kenosha Ave., Oglesby, IL

Treasurer: Lorene Munson, 505 Mormon St., Oglesby, IL

Secretary: Lorene Munson, 505 Mormon St., Oglesby, IL

Pd. 17-18

3rd Tuesday 1800

61348-1145 480 980-7333

61348-1030 815 883-3636

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McHenry County Unit MCLA #419

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

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

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

Secretary: Colleen Helpers, 19810 River Rd., Marengo, IL

Pd. 17-18

3rd Thursday 1930

60156-1332 815 687-3101

60152-9131 815 219-8550

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Sauk Valley Unit MCLA #349

Meets at Rock Falls American Legion, 712 - 4th Ave., Rock Falls, ILPresident: 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

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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 St., East Alton, IL

Treasurer: Kelley 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- 618 660-5117

62014- 618 616-7402

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO MARINE JOE POLLOCK WHO WAS CHOSEN AS THE 2018 DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS MARINE OF THE YEAR

DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS 2nd STAFF MEETING

The Department 2nd Staff meeting will be hosted by the Kankakee Detachment. Below is the current information. Please check Department website for any updates.

Dates: October 20/21, 2018
Place: Comfort Inn, 1500 Illinois Highway 50, Bourbonnais, IL 60914
Rate: \$79.00 + 6.25% tax = \$83.94
Cut-off Date: September 19, 2018
Phone #: 815 401-5043

FIRST DISTRICT

Judy and I attended the Kevin Clarke-Tinley Park Det. Installation on Monday evening June 18th. Past Det. Comdt, Don Tomich was proud to announce that his son, Col. Donald J. Tomich was taking command of Marine Barracks Washington, D.C. 8th and I Streets on June 20, 2018. OUTSTANDING!

Semper Fidelis,
Bruce Blackmer

GEM CITY DETACHMENT



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"The Buddy/Adopt a grandparent" program. The residents of the Illinois Veterans Home Quincy, IL partner with the 5th grade class of Saint Dominic School in Quincy, IL. Marine Corps League Detachment 790 members participate in the program.

(1) (l-r) Don O'Hara, Emma Jennings and Wayne Griep (Senior Vice Commandant), (2) Allen McGlaughlin with Aidan Albert and (3) (l-r) Oliver Moore, Don Pechous and Wayne Griep (Senior Vice Commandant).



(l-r) Scout Troop 1 - Blessed Sacrament School - Quincy, IL - Scout Master, Brent Costigan with Eagle Scouts Evan Gerald Deters, Jadan Anand Sangoi and Jack Logan Secrest with Wayne Griep (Sr. Vice Commandant Marine Corps League Gem City Detachment 790, Quincy, IL

Lincoln Land Leathernecks Detachment 1174



Educational Grant winners (3 of 5) and parents at June 21st Detachment Meeting L-R: Hannah Timmermann & mom; Lacey Hanratty; and Alexis Klostermann and parents. Committee Chair Dick Niepert and Aide-de-camp Henry Steiner are mugging in the background, with Sr. Vice Ray Hughes at the table. (photo by Adjutant Betts)

The Lincoln Land Leathernecks Detachment 1174, Department of IL, Greenville IL, presented 5 (five) \$500 Educational Grants on June 21st to local graduating High School Seniors at the Detachment meeting. Only 3 of the 5 were able to attend due to college visits elsewhere, but all were very happy to receive their Grants. Hannah Timmermann is from Germantown IL, Lacey Hanratty is from Highland IL, and Alexis Klostermann is from Aviston IL. Not present were Sarah Dotzert from Marine IL, and Emma Schuster from Highland IL. Applicants were required to submit a 100 word essay explaining why they should receive the Grant, have a GPA of B or better, along with special consideration for family members having served in the Marines or other branches of the US Armed Forces. Congratulations to all these young ladies and may they do as well in college as they did in High School.

SGT. ROBERT "Bob" E. GRAUE DETACHMENT



Sgt. Robert "Bob" E. Graue Detachment #1336 members posing after Memorial Day Services in Lincoln IL.

ILLINOIS PACK MODD

Woof, Woof, all Dogs of the Pack,
Thank you for electing me as your Packleader.
Start burying bones for the 2019 Grand Growl. The Grand Growl will be held on 21 June 2019. Mark your calendars!
As we head into the Dog Days of Summer, drink plenty of water, roll in the shady grass and lay down on the cool concrete in the shade. If you feel heat exhausted, eat some cool grass.
Remember: It is an Honor to be a Devil Dog!

Woof, Woof,
PDD Bruce Blackmer, Packleader

POW/MIA CHAIRMAN

Thank you to everyone who helped set up, participate in and on the Table Ceremony, and helped take it all down and load my van. The ceremony was a huge success as many people commented on how much they enjoyed the changes made to include all wars. We have all lost family and/or friends in recent conflicts and wars and they should be remembered as well.

Semper Fi,
Tim Martin

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

THE HEART OF A MARINE FOUNDATION

On a sad note, the Heart Of A Marine Foundation has ended their program. We all owe Roy and Georgette Frank and this wonderful foundation a great debt of gratitude. Because of their willingness to help veterans in need, an untold number of people have been helped and no doubt some lives saved. Roy and Georgette have returned home to New Jersey after 13 years of supporting our veterans and families in the name and loving memory of their son Phillip.

“Through the years, many have added to the success of The Heart Of A Marine Foundation. We have had the privilege of working with some of the most selfless, wonderful people. Their commitment to our military and veterans is unparalleled. We have experienced an incredible amount of fun along the way. Georgette and I have undying gratitude for those who committed their time, energy, talents, and abilities to make this organization a success. We will never forget them.”



“We have accomplished a lot in 13 years. When we started out, we never would have imagined the lives that we touched, and those that have touched ours. Everyone is etched in our hearts.”

Roy and Georgette Frank

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.

Past Department Commandant Mike Ruffner

What is the Department & Detachment going to do about RECRUITING?

Our March 2018 membership count was 1771, down 1000 members in 12 years.

We have a society that wants to place blame, but it is our fault.

1. Not having Fun Detachment Events.
2. Electing Marines that are not up to the task.
3. Not holding our leadership accountable.
4. Not holding to true to Our Marine Traditions.

Excerpt from Detachment/Department Installation Ceremony

Installing Officer: “Commandant, Sir, upon you reposes the highest and most important responsibility that can rest upon any officer of the Marine Corps.

Hold constantly before the eyes of your fellow members, the great principles for which the League strives. Lead and govern fairly and impartially. Strike quickly to prevent political, sectarian, or other improper debate in your meetings. ***Strive to promote harmonious interest*** and effort among your fellow members.

Be alert in supervising the work of your Officers. ***Require them to constantly bear in mind the obligation of their oath.*** Nevertheless. Exercise a kindly attitude in all you say and do. Be quick to praise and cautious to admonish. To you is given the opportunity of so ***administering the affairs of the Detachment/Department that it can and will improve in interest, work, and growth.***

Call upon y our Staff of Officers for assistance and advice. With their help, ***formulate a progressive program for your term of office.***

Do not accept your office lightly. Conduct yourself with the determination that the end of your tour of duty will mark a task well done.”

What does this guidance mean?

What will you do to make it better than before?

Do you have a Clue what to do or who to ask for assistance?

Are you aware of the Talent at your disposal in the membership?

The Commandant has to initiate action!

**Trouble Recruiting, Take Action! Find our Marines!
Do Outreach at:**

1. Attend Gun Shows
2. Local Business Expos
3. IL Dept of Employment Security Offices Veteran Employment Representative
4. IL Dept of Veterans Affairs Veteran Service Officers
5. County Veteran Assistance Commission
6. Local Community Colleges Student Veterans Association
7. Health Clubs
8. Shooting Clubs
9. County & State Fairs
10. Chamber of Commerce
11. Network
12. National Guard & Reserve Units

**Convention Update!
We have two things in Common
We are Illinois Residents & Marines/Corpsman
Department of Illinois Marine Corps League 2018 Convention 14-17 June at Crystal Lake Holiday Inn.**

All Programs have been shipped to each Detachment not in Attendance, every VA Facility in Illinois, each full time IL DVA VSO & Home, Each USO site in Illinois and Camp Pendleton & Camp Lejeune as our way to help Marine Corps League Recruiting, compliments of the McHenry County Detachment.

Newsletter Question of the Quarter: Why does Department have all these Staff Conferences other than hear “Report on File”?

**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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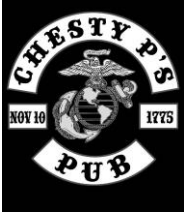
- (E) To create a bond of comradeship between the Auxiliary and the Marine Corps League, Inc.;
- (F) To aid voluntarily and to render assistance to all Marines and former Marines as well as to their families;
- (G) To help decorate the graves of all deceased Marines whenever and wherever possible;

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.

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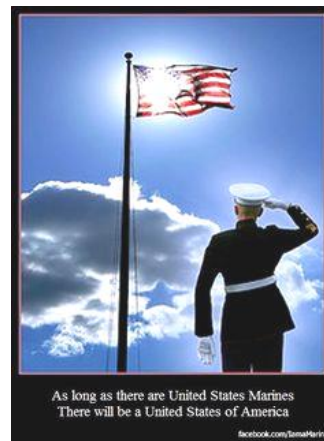
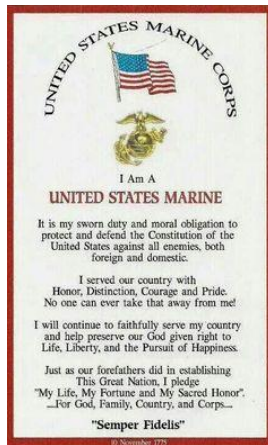
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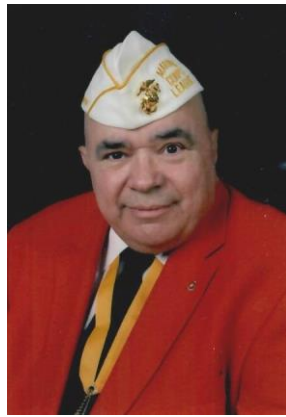
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The Marines' Prayer

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





On April 21st of 2017, Frank Kish left us for his place in eternity. The friend and executor of his will, Kathy Cumbee, passed along to the Department, many items from Frank's estate. It was Frank's will that that they be used by the Department as it saw fit. This thought was typical of the Marine we knew as being thoughtful and generous. The items have been passed along to our Department Quartermaster for sale at our staff conferences and convention.

Frank's Marine Corps League record started as a member of the DuPage County Marines sometime in the seventies or early eighties. He held several positions and was also involved with many of the detachment's functions, such as color guard in parades, Toys-for-Tots and fundraising.

Marine Kish was a member of several Detachments in the League and went through the Department chairs as a member of Chicago #1. He was called to be the National Judge Advocate after being the Department Commandant of Illinois and the Department Marine of the Year in 1999.

He was the National Commandant of the Marine Corps League in 2006. Frank served on the Combined Veterans Association, as president, where he received the association's Man of the Year Award in 2015. He also received the Chapel of Four Chaplain Award. He was a lifetime member of Military Order of Devil Dogs. Frank was a past-president of Rotary Club of Lombard and was the recipient of the Paul Harris Fellowship Award from Rotary International.

He is dearly missed by those of us who knew and loved him.

Semper Fi, Frank



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