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## DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

### COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE:

As we look forward to 2nd Staff, I would like to commend our new Judge Advocate on his acting upon a couple problems in Detachments. Thanks to Ron for staying on top of these issues. As Marines, we had to follow rules. The league also has rules and regulations on the wearing of the uniforms of the League. Please familiarize yourself with these rules and adhere to them.

Hopefully everyone is getting the dues situation under control. It will make keeping up with dues easier as everyone will be paying at the same time. I know it has been difficult with due dates being spread out all year. Ideally National will begin sending dues notices out again. Sr Vice Commandant Bruce Blackmer will be starting his main fund raising effort at 2nd Staff. Please support this raffle as you supported mine last year.

I will be available for installations as my schedule allows. If you have any problems or suggestions feel free to contact me or other Department Staff.

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Semper Fi and  
Woof Woof  
Dale Munson

### DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT, MCLA:

Hello ladies and gentlemen of the MCL Auxiliary and Leagues,

Are you ready to fall into Fall? I know I am!! Although this summer seemed to fly by with all our activities, both organizational and personal, I think we are all ready to take a moment to breathe and take in the smells & sights of the new season (especially since T4T season is on it's way ☺).

I am hoping you all had a great summer filled with parades and Community fellowship!! I also hope that your fundraising efforts have been abundantly successful as we head into that time of year that is traditionally our "giving" time. I want to thank all of you for all that you do to keep our missions moving forward. Without all of you, none of what we do would be possible!!

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at our Third Staff in Kankakee the weekend of October 14-15, 2017. If you have not received the Call to Staff and need information, please contact me at [deb4deptmcla@gmail.org](mailto:deb4deptmcla@gmail.org) and I will make sure to get that **information out to you. In the meantime, please remember** our motto, RECRUIT, RECRUIT, RECRUIT, so we can grow our membership and do even more of the wonderful things we do!!! Also, please continue to keep our Military (Active, Reserve, IRR, Veterans) and their families in your prayers.

Respectfully submitted,  
Deb Sosnowski

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Semper Fidelis  
Respectfully submitted,  
Deb Sosnowski

### SR. VICE COMMANDANT:

Marines,

Weapons raffle tickets will go on sale at the 2nd Staff Meeting (hosted by the Kankakee Detachment and Auxiliary Unit).

Also, at 2nd Staff, details will be announced for the Pistol Shoot at the 3rd Staff Meeting (hosted by the Shawnee Detachment and Auxiliary Unit).

Further info concerning the Pistol Shoot will be posted on the Illinois Marine Website under Events.

Let's raise some money for the Department and have some fun at the same time!

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Semper Fi,  
Bruce Blackmer

### JR. VICE COMMANDANT:

Marines,

It's been fairly quiet for me since returning from Overland Park. We had a good time and a great turnout to represent our Department at the National Convention.

The Jr. Vice Recruitment Contest is in full-swing. Please ensure the sponsor's name is legible on the new member applications. If I can't decipher who the sponsor is, I cannot give you credit.

Awards, awards, awards. We have all these blank award certificates just waiting for a name of an outstanding and deserving Marine. Recognize your members for a job well done.

My contact info is **815-441-2243** or [mlsturch@hotmail.com](mailto:mlsturch@hotmail.com). I'll see you in Bourbonnays.....burbon.....mayona.....at 2<sup>nd</sup> Staff!!

Semper Fidelis,  
Michael Sturch

### JUDGE ADVOCATE:

Greetings,

Bylaws... I recently mailed a letter to all Detachments regarding their bylaws. To date, I've received very few replies. Are your bylaws current? Do they reflect the manner in which your detachment is governed? If you

haven't reviewed your bylaws: please do so, and notify me that your bylaws are current.  
I can be reached at 618 539-0533 or 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

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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 [gibaker078@comcast.net](mailto:gibaker078@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](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 December 2017 to be included in the January 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 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. 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 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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PDC Don Haines, Editor

### **NOTICE**

All information in this publication is deemed to be accurate/correct as of the date of publication. Any notice of incorrect information or changes should be brought to the attention of the editor as soon as possible. All Articles included are in no way the expressed opinion of the Editor.

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Pd. 17-18  
61317- 815 228-9767  
61265-7516 309 764-9638 c-309 269-2012

**Chicago Metro Pound #12 MODD**

PK: PDD John Olejnicki, 1021 Garner, Wheaton, IL  
DR: PDD John Bigwood, 7719 East Prairie Road, Skokie, IL

Pd. 17-18  
60178-4413 630 665-8769  
60076- 847 779-3053

**Third District Pound #117 MODD**

PK: PDD Mike Sturch, 1652 Brower Pl., Sycamore, IL  
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Pd. 17-18  
60178- 815 441-2243  
61344-0207 309 288-5221

**Central Illinois Pound #226 MODD**

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Pd. 16-17  
60174-3638 630 564-1804  
62702-4444 217 744-3710

**Grand Pound #1000 MODD**

PK: PDD Jackson C. Ford, 1511 W. Clarewood Ave., Peoria, IL  
DR: PDD Bob Whitledge, 902 DeSoto, Bartonville, IL

Pd. 17-18  
61614- 309 369-0582  
61607-1716 309 697-1481

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

## Department of Illinois, Marine Corps League Detachments:

### 1<sup>st</sup> District

Burbank Detachment #072	Pd. 16-17	
Meets at VFW Post 177, 10537 S. Ridgeland Ave., Chicago Ridge, IL 60415	4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	1930
Comdt: Michael J. Haas, 9126 S. Ridgeland, Oak Lawn, IL	60453-1416	708 297-4904
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	
Please go to <a href="https://www.facebook.com/mcl1408/?hc_ref=NEWSFEED">https://www.facebook.com/mcl1408/?hc_ref=NEWSFEED</a> for time and place		
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. 17-18	
Meets at F.D.R American Legion Post 923, 1824 W. Courtland, Chicago, IL	3rd Sunday	1300
Comdt: Zatanier 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. 17-18	
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

Kankakee MCL Detachment #1253	Pd. 17-18	
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. NO	
Meets at Bremen Post 2791 V.F.W., 17147 S. Oak Park Ave., Tinley Park, IL	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday	1930
Comdt: Jim Taylor, 15712 St. Louis ave., Markham, IL	60428-	708 715-1536
Paym: Tom Donnelly, 6300 W. 157 <sup>th</sup> Pl., Oak Forest, IL	60452-	708 535-3332
Adj: John Murphy, 6636 Forestview Dr., Oak Forest, IL	60452-	708 687-3714

### 2<sup>nd</sup> District

Band of Brothers Detachment #986	Pd. NO	
Meets at Villa Park V.F.W., 39 E. St. Charles Road, Villa Park, IL	4 <sup>th</sup> 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 Police Marines Detachment #553	Pd. NO	
Meets at F.O.P. Hall, 1412 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago, IL	1 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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  
 Meets at the Elgin Moose Lodge, 925 S. McLean Blvd., Elgin, IL 60123  
 Comdt: Fred Zimmermann, 2444 Tall Oaks Dr., Elgin, IL  
 Adj/Pay: Tom Culumber, 39W745 Crosscreek Ln., St. Charles, IL

Pd. 17-18	
4 <sup>th</sup> Monday	1900
60124-	847 841-1340
60175-	630 513-9758

Fox Valley Marines Detachment #1233  
 Meets at the Aurora AMVETS Post #103, 1194 Jericho Rd., Aurora, IL  
 Comdt: Gordon Dodge, 8S558 Barnes Rd., Aurora, IL  
 Paym: Bob Brockmann, 711 Harmony Ct., North Aurora, IL  
 Adj: TBA

Pd. 17-18	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday	1900
60506-	630 310-0018
60542-	630 486-3140

Lake County Detachment #801  
 Meets at Primo Restaurant, 720 Milwaukee Ave., Gurnee, IL  
 Comdt: Richard Butler, 2808 13<sup>th</sup> St., Winthrop Harbor, IL  
 Paym: Ed Mampe, 24883 Cedarwood Ln., Ingleside, IL  
 Adj: John Jezioro, 1407 Barberry, Round Lake Beach, IL

Pd. 17-18	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday	1900
60096-	847 872-7040
60041-	847 641-9689
60037-	847 807-0736

McHenry County Detachment #1009  
 Meets at McHenry V.F.W. Post 4600, 3002 IL Rt. 120, McHenry, IL  
 Comdt: Daniel Boucek, PO Box 311, Woodstock, IL  
 Paym: Thom Gillespie, PO Box 311, Woodstock, IL  
 Adj: Steinar Andersen PO Box 311, Woodstock, IL

Pd. NO	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday	1930
60098-0311	808 482-1658
60098-0311	815 931-3793
60098-0311	847 293-6332

Northwest Suburban Detachment #080  
 Meets at Merle Guild A.L. Post 208, 121 N. Douglas, Arlington Heights, IL  
 Comdt: Phil C. Wicklein, 121 N. Peartree Ln., Arlington Heights, IL  
 Paym: Michael Huttner, 235 W. Chasse Cr., St. Charles, IL  
 Adj: Terri Kemp, 2705 Campbell St., Rolling Meadows, IL

Pd. NO	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday	1930
60004-	847 392-7688
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. NO	
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. NO	
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. 17-18	
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. 17-18	
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. NO	
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. 17-18	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday	1930
52806-1567	563 349-2423
61265-7516	309 764-9638

DeKalb County Detachment #847	Pd. 17-18
Meets at Sycamore Vets Home, 121 S. California, Sycamore, IL	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday 1900
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Adj: Jeff Anderson, PO Box 321., Sycamore, IL	60788-0321 815 899-8360
Sauk Valley Marine Detachment #913	Pd. 17-18
Meets at A. L. Post 902, 712 Fourth Ave., Rock Falls, IL	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday 1900
Comdt: Tim Martin, PO Box 708, Rock Falls, IL	61071-0708 815 622-4629
Adj/Pay: Esteban Ramos, 407 Avenue I, Sterling, IL	61081-3260 815 441-9440
<b>4<sup>th</sup> District</b>	
Peoria Leathernecks Detachment #081	Pd. 17-18
Meets at Navy/Marine Club, 1310 E. Sieberling, Peoria Heights, IL 61616	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday 1930
Comdt: Kevin Enlow, 511 Main St., Pekin, IL	61554- 309 634-1609
Paym: Robert Whitledge, 902 DeSoto, Bartonville, IL	61607-1716 309 697-1481
Adj: Harold W. Lundstrom, 10809 N. Dana Dr., Peoria, IL	61615-1163 309 240-8782
Tobin-Nanninga Detachment #085	Pd. 17-18
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. 17-18
Meets at American Legion Post #105, 1535 Legion Dr., Decatur, IL	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 1900
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. 17-18
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. 17-18
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. 17-18
Meets at Urbana V.F.W. Post #630, 1303 E. Main St., Urbana, IL	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday 1900
Comdt: Bob Kappes, 1217 Joanne Ln., Champaign, IL	61821-1614 217 351-7095
Paym: Jesse Allen, 11175 Stoll Rd., Frankfort, IL	60423-
Adj: Ron Castel, 206 South John St., Thomasboro, IL	61878-
Sgt. Robert "Bob" E. Graue Detachment #1336	Pd. 17-18
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
<b>5<sup>th</sup> District</b>	
Collier-Harrison Detachment #075	Pd. 17-18
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. NO
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. 17-18
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

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

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

### 7<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>nd</sup> 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., Collonsville, IL  
Adj/Pay: Claude Cable, 9103 Bunkum Rd., Fairview Heights., IL

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

Pd. 17-18  
3<sup>rd</sup> 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<sup>th</sup> 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., Pocahtonat, IL

Pd. 17-18  
3<sup>rd</sup> 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  
1<sup>st</sup> Thursday 1900  
62056- 217 556-2410  
62056- 217 532-2390  
62056- 217 324-3574

### 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. 17-18  
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. NO  
3<sup>rd</sup> 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. NO  
3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 1900  
62278-4534 618 282-4328  
62278-2304 618 282-7783

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<b>1<sup>st</sup> District</b>	
Burbank Unit MCLA #140	Pd. 17-18
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
<b>Kankakee Unit MCLA #1253</b>	
Meets at the Bourbonnais Sportsmen's Club, 2672 Chippawa Dr. Bourbonnais, IL	Pd. 17-18 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
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> District</b>	
DeKalb Sycamore Unit MCLA #382	Pd. 17-18
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: Judy Bryant, 340 Parker St., Sycamore, IL	60178-1249 815 895-6696
Secretary: Judy Bryant, 340 Parker St., Sycamore, IL	60178-1249 815 895-6696
<b>Illinois Valley Unit MCLA</b>	
Meets at MCL Clubhouse, 475 E. State St. (RT's 351 & 71), Oglesby, IL	Pd. 16-17 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  
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  
3<sup>rd</sup> 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 - 4<sup>th</sup> Ave., Rock Falls, IL  
President: Tracey Pillars, 1107 9<sup>th</sup> Ave., Rock Falls, IL  
Treasurer: Carol Martin, PO Box 708, Rock Falls, IL  
Secretary: Carol Martin, PO Box 708, Rock Falls, IL

Pd. 16-17  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 1600  
61071- 815 564-7228  
61071-0708 779 245-1270  
61071-0708 779 245-1270

#### 4<sup>th</sup> 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  
2<sup>nd</sup> 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: Carol Smith, 1411 W. Walnut, Jacksonville, IL  
Treasurer: Jeanette Geise, 1625 Lind, Quincy, IL  
Secretary: Joy Komnick, 2800 Via Rossa #105, Springfield, IL

Pd. 16-17  
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 Morgan, 609 W. 11<sup>th</sup> St., Johnston City, 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  
62951- 618 694-9118  
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”**

#### 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

The Chicago Police Marines will be holding their annual fundraiser on October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at the Chicago Police FOP Hall, 1412 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago from noon to 1700. For a \$20.00 donation, you will be able to watch the Bears play New Orleans, partake of all the S.O.S (served up by your truly), Chili and Hot Dogs that you can eat. Also included are beverages for all ages. There will be three (3) chances to win cash prizes, raffles and UNLIMITED ESPRIT de CORPS!!!

Email the Detachment ([chicagopolicemarines@gmail.com](mailto:chicagopolicemarines@gmail.com)) to buy tickets and/or to purchase an AD in our AD book. This is our only fund raiser and the proceeds allow us to do what we are chartered to do.

Semper Fi,  
PDC Don Haines

### DEPARTMENT CONVENTION HONORARY PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDANT (HPDC) AWARDS

Two long time Marine Corps League members were presented with the Honorary Past Department Commandant Awards for their long and faithful service.



8<sup>th</sup> District Commandant John Morgan (behind John "Jack" Whitlock and his wife Sue,) presented Jack with his HPDC Award.



Ralph Hodgson and his wife Kathleen with Department Chaplain Jim Carleton (L) and PDC Tim Martin (R) who presented Ralph with his HPDC Award.

### PRAIRIE LAND LEATHERNECKS DETACHMENT #1385

The Prairie Land Leathernecks Detachment was proud to help Travis, Angie and their son Dalton Tefteller on September 13<sup>th</sup> with a \$200 donation. The donation will help Dalton get to the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia to be included in a new clinical trial.



Pictured l-r are David Strowmatt, Dalton Tefteller, Comdt. Chris Gutierrez and Paymaster Gary Doss

## VAVS

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

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 Pound and Lincoln Detachment will also host a Grownl and Turkey Shoot in Moline at North Shore INN in Moline on October 8<sup>th</sup>. The shoot will start at 1200. We would like to invite all **MARINES** and **DOGS**.  
Email me at [mikem3280@gmail.com](mailto:mikem3280@gmail.com) or call (309) 269-2012.

Semper Woof,  
PDD Mike Malmstrom  
Pound Dog Robbert #117

## NORTH POUND #369 MODD

North Pound #369 held a fund raiser on April 22 at the Wauconda Jewel/Osco and raised a nice little bag of Bones to help us support our Veterans, their families and children in need around the northeast part of the state. We presented a certificate to Jewel/Osco for their dedication and providing a venue for us to use.

Jewel/Osco has always been more than willing to step up and work with us on several occasions when it comes to fund raising and although they are thrilled to receive recognition via a certificate, their willingness to help is appreciated more than they might realize. THANK YOU JEWEL/OSCO!! We also selected 3 organizations to present a 500 Big Bone check to each.

WOOF WOOF and Semper Fidelis,  
PK PDD Don Haines

## “UNTAMED DOGS POUND #351 MODD

Woof Woof and Semper Fi,  
PDD Dan Betts

## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

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** 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

#### **MARINE/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](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 MSGT Shawn Doty 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. You will notice that the program is changing its name/title to Warrior for Life to encompass all Warriors

#### **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;

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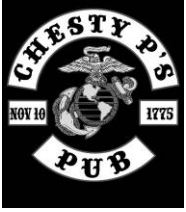

- (E) To create a bond of comradeship between the Auxiliary and the Marine Corps League, Inc.;
- (F) To aid voluntarily and to render assistance to all Marines and former Marines as well as to their families;
- (G) To help decorate the graves of all deceased Marines whenever and wherever possible;

**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;
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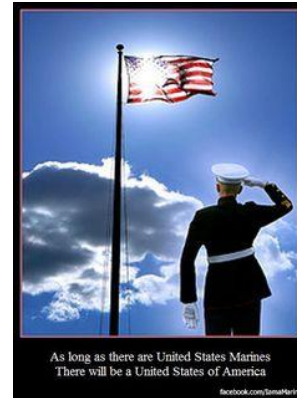
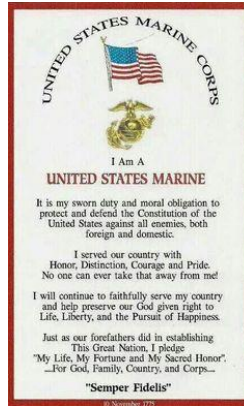
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Almighty Father, whose command is over all and whose love never fails, make me aware of Thy presence and obedient to Thy will. Keep me true to my best self, guarding me against dishonesty in purpose and in deed and helping me to live so that I can 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





## District Map of the Department of Illinois Marine Corps League

Because of being printed in grayscale, the boundaries of 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> are not very clear. **To clear up any confusion from the last issue, I have included all Districts and Counties they include.**

First District includes – Kendall, Grundy, Southern Cook (South of I-290), Will and Kankakee

Second District includes – Boone, McHenry Lake, Kane, DuPage and Northern Cook (North of I-290)

Third District includes - Jo Daviess, Stephenson, Winnebago, Carroll, Ogle, DeKalb, Whiteside, Lee, Rock Island, Henry, LaSalle, Mercer, Bureau, Putnam, Stark and Marshall.

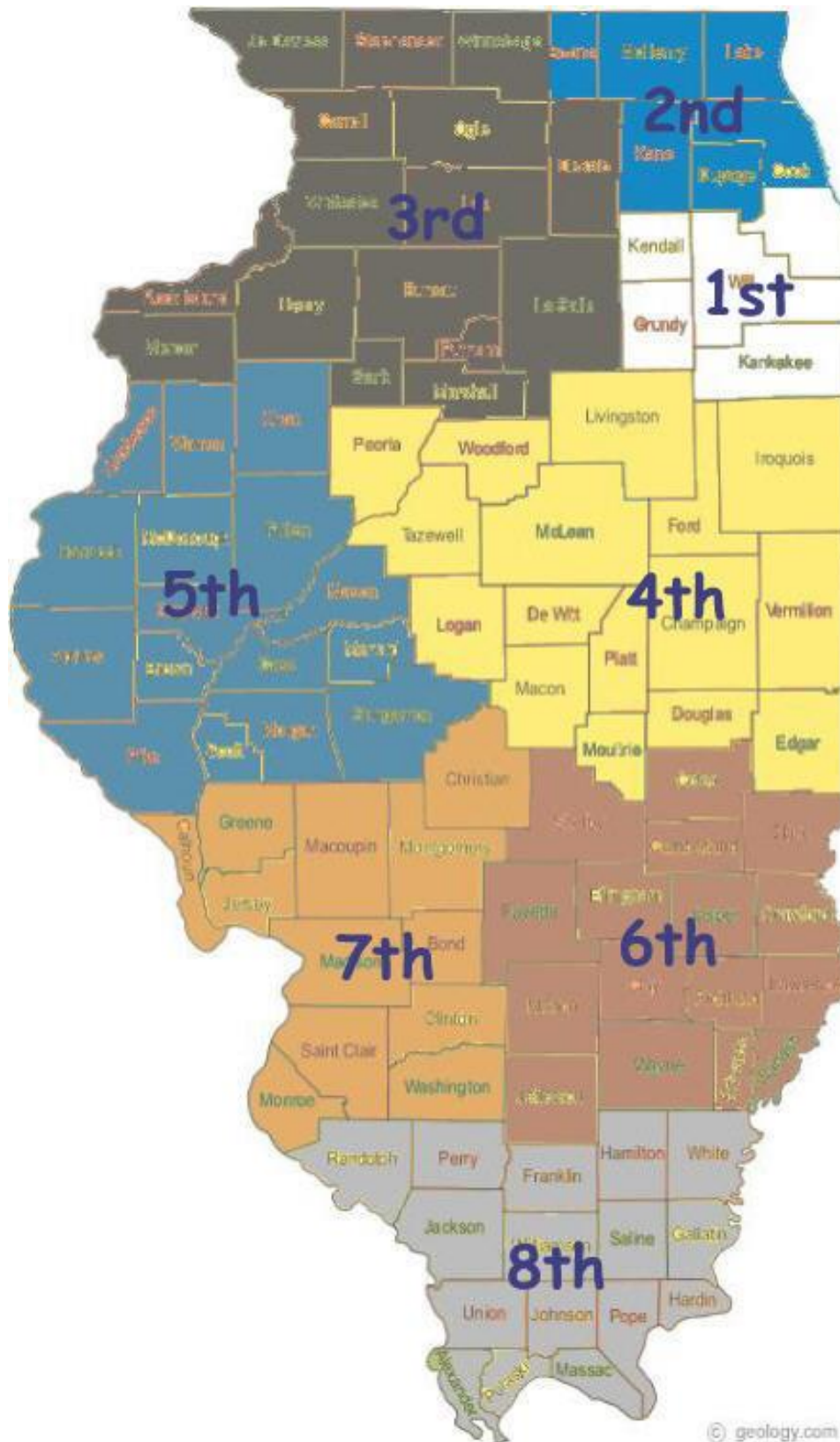
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Fifth District includes - Henderson, Warren, Knox, Hancock, McDonough, Fulton, Adams, Schuyler, Mason, Brown, Cass, Menard, Pike, Morgan, Scott and Sangamon.

Sixth District includes – Shelby, Coles, Cumberland, Clark, Fayette, Effingham, Jasper, Crawford, Marion, Clay, Richland, Lawrence, Jefferson, Wayne, Edwards and Wabash.

Seventh District includes – Calhoun, Greene, Macoupin, Montgomery, Jersey, Madison, Bond, St. Clair, Clinton, Monroe and Washington.

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