

# Leatherneck Knowledge

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## CENTRAL ILLINOIS LEATHERNECKS DETACHMENT # 988

Meeting are conducted at the VFW POST #454, 1006 East Lincoln Street #1, Bloomington, Illinois 61701 at 7:00 p.m.

### **MARINE CORPS LEAGUE MISSION STATEMENT**

Members of the Marine Corps League join in camaraderie and fellowship for the purpose of preserving traditions, promoting the interests of the United States Marine Corps, banding together with those who are now serving in the United States Marine Corps and those who have been honorably discharged from their service. Effectively promote the ideals of American freedom and democracy. Voluntarily aiding and rendering assistance to all Marines, FMF Corpsmen, FMF Chaplains, and former Marines, FMF Corpsmen and FMF Chaplains and 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.

Commandant: Art Wynn  
Senior Vice Commandant: Rick Probus  
Junior Vice Commandant: Kevin D. Keller  
Payroll/Adjutant: Dave Edwards  
SGT at Arms: Kevin D. Keller

### Meeting Dates for 2019

April 9	July 9	October 8
May 14	August 13	November BDAY
June 11	September 10	December 10

## Marine Corps League History

The Marine Corps League is the outgrowth of Marine Clubs established by Marines returning to the U. S. from the trenches of France in 1918. As those clubs grew in size and number, they became more active in the pursuit of objectives of interest to their members and in support of the Corps. In November 1923, Major General John A. Lejeune, then the Commandant of the Marine Corps, convened the first conference of Marines in support of the Corps. It was apparent that there was a need for a formal organization. Plans were drawn and a petition was sent to Congress to grant a Congressional Charter to the League. A charter was granted on 3 August 1937, by Public Law #243, passed by the 74<sup>th</sup> Congress, USA.

### **DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS** **MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AND** **AUXILIARY** **75<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION**

Host: Department of Illinois  
Marine Corps League  
Place: Magnuson Grand Hotel  
I-55 & State Route 108 (Exit #60)  
Carlinville, Illinois 62626  
Phone Number: (217) 324-2100



### ***Road Guards in Attendance***

Our Detachment participated in the Annual St. Patrick's Day 5K Run on March 17, 2019 hosted by Lake Run Club & VFW Post #454. Detachment members that attended this event are pictured left to right, Senior Vice Commandant: Rick Probus, Paymaster: Dave Edwards, and Junior Vice Commandant: Kevin D. Keller. Commandant: Art Winn



### Central Division Conference 2019

Junior Vice Commandant Kevin D. Keller at the Central Division Conference which took place March 21<sup>st</sup> thru 23<sup>rd</sup> of 2019. Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> consisted of classes taught on the proper wear of Uniforms, Ribbons and Awards. It was an outstanding learning experience and I was able to meet other Marines from all over the Division. Looking forward to attending the Department of Illinois 75<sup>th</sup> Convention.

## 2019 NATIONAL CONVENTION IN BILLINGS, MONTANA

THE NATIONAL CONVENTION IS A GATHERING OF MARINE CORPS LEAGUE MEMBERS FROM ALL ACROSS THE UNITED STATES.

MAKE SURE TO CHECK OUT THE

[LOCAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE WEBSITE](#)

FOR ACTIVITIES AND INFORMATION!

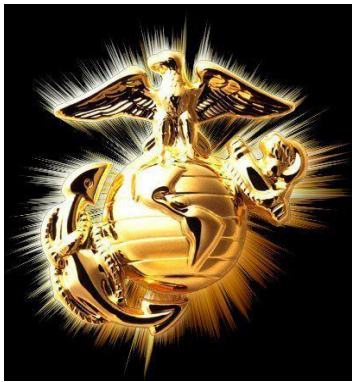
8/4 – MCL ByLaws, MCL Foundation, MCLA ByLaws, MODD Staff Growl, MCL Board of Trustees, MCLA Board of Trustees,

8/5 – Joint Opening Session, Department Commandant's Council, 8/6 – Continuing Sessions

8/7 – Marine of the Year Society, MODD Initiations and Supreme Growl, National Convention Committee,

8/8 – PNC Breakfast, Continuing Sessions, 8/9 – Continuing Sessions, Grand Banquet (Formal),

8/10 – Travel Day, Board of Trustees Meetings



New Moto for the Detachment

### “SEE ONE ASK ONE”

MEANING: IF YOU SEE A MARINE ASK A MARINE TO JOIN THE LEAGUE. ALWAYS CARRY AN APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP. REMEMBER THE OLD SAYING, “DON'T LEAVE HOME WITHOUT IT.” All of the Marines that I have talked with, none of them knew that the Marine Corps League exists. When possible, give them an application, exchange personal contact information and extend an open invite to the upcoming meetings. Text or call as a reminder that they are needed and their voice on issues is important.

The Veterans Administration in October of 2019 in the city of Bloomington, Illinois will be opening a VA CLINIC. Due to this on May 18, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Illinois State University Alumni Center in Normal, Illinois the Veterans Administration will be on hand to sign up Veterans and take questions and give out information on services that will be provided at the clinic. If you do not have a VA ID, then bring your DD-214 to the Alumni Center and sign up.

**Semper Parati**

## Marine Corps League Members can use Veterans Holidays!

Veterans Holidays is a “Space Available” program that offers veterans the opportunity to enjoy vacations at popular destinations around the world – for the incredibly low price of just \$349\* USD per unit, per week. Those eligible and their family and friends have access to spacious accommodations at more than 4,000 resorts, apartments, condominiums and homes in more than 100 countries.

Membership with Veterans Holidays is FREE to all veterans of the U.S. military. Please make sure you associate with “The Marine Corps League” when you sign up.

[www.veteransholidays.com](http://www.veteransholidays.com)



### **VETERANS CRISIS LINE**

The Veterans Crisis Line is a free, confidential resource that’s available to anyone, even if you’re not registered with VA or enrolled in VA health care. The caring, qualified responders at the Veterans Crisis Line are specially trained and experienced in helping Veterans of all ages and circumstances.

Send a text message to **838255** to connect with a VA responder.

Start a confidential online chat session at [VeteransCrisisLine.net/Chat](http://VeteransCrisisLine.net/Chat).

Take a self-check quiz at [VeteransCrisisLine.net/Quiz](http://VeteransCrisisLine.net/Quiz) to learn whether stress and depression might be affecting you.

[Find a VA facility](#) near you.

Visit [MilitaryCrisisLine.net](http://MilitaryCrisisLine.net) if you are an active duty Service member, Guardsman, or Reservist.

Connect through chat, text, or TTY if you are [deaf or hard of hearing](#).

[www.veteranscrisisline.net](http://www.veteranscrisisline.net)

Call: 800-273-8255 and Press 1

### USEFUL LINKS

**Department of Illinois:** [theillinoismarine.com](http://theillinoismarine.com)

**Marine Corps League National:** [mclnational.org](http://mclnational.org)

**Veterans Affairs:** [VA.gov](http://VA.gov)

**U.S. Department of Defense:** [Defense.gov](http://Defense.gov)

**Young Marines:** [youngmarines.com](http://youngmarines.com)

**Military Order of the Devil Dog:** [moddkennel.org](http://moddkennel.org)

**Marine Corps League Foundation:** [mclfoundation.org](http://mclfoundation.org)

**Marine Corps League Central Division:** [mclcentdiv.org](http://mclcentdiv.org)

**U.S. Marine Corps:** [marines.mil](http://marines.mil)