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COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE:

Has the year flown by or is it just me?

It's installation time. Since 2nd Staff Meeting. 3rd Dist. Cmdt. and Dept. Marine of the Year, Joe Pollock assisted me installing the Illinois Valley Det. It was a joint installation with the M.C.L.A. Good grub, thanks Il. Valley!

At the Gem City Det. Installation, Dept. Judge Advocate Randy Weber assisted. It was interesting, and the Quincy Veterans Home is quite the setting for a meeting/installation.

My next installation will be Lincolnland Leathernecks. If I haven't been notified of your installation, please contact me A.S.A.P. If someone else will be the Installing Officer, let me know. Installation reports must have all required information filled in including: Det. Fed. EIN# and Det. Incorporation ID# and date filed as well.

Central Division Conference will be in Rock Island, IL, March 21st- 23rd.

There will be several classes on the schedule. Be there. This is excellent training for your detachment officers.

On Friday, there will be a Mini-Growl run by the Illinois Pack. Bring your Bones and be ready for a barking and howling good time.

Our Dept. 3rd Staff Meeting will be Sunday, March 24th. This is the deadline for By-Law change submissions. Judy and I hope everyone had a Blessed Thanksgiving, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Let's hope it's both happy and healthy!

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

Semper Fi,
Bruce Blackmer

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT, MCLA:

I was honored to participate in the installations at Kankakee and Oglesby auxiliary units. Thank you to the units for their warm hospitality of friendship and a delicious meal. I look forward to participating in other unit's installations in the upcoming year.

Thank you to everyone for a successful 1st Staff! It is inspiring to hear about all the dedicated work being done for veterans and their families by the units all across the state. We are blessed to have so many people working toward the common goal of assisting veterans in every possible way. It is by the work of every single one of us in every unit that we succeed.

Blessings to everyone in this holiday season and throughout the year!

Semper Fi
Shari Crockett
Department of Illinois
MCLA President

SR. VICE COMMANDANT:

I hope everyone has had a wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas. I had the honor and pleasure of attending McHenry County Detachment's Birthday Ball and 20th Anniversary. It was a great time. Commandant Prescott and his Detachment ensured my family and I were welcomed with warm hospitality.

My Department fundraiser is underway. First prize is again a Springfield M1A (M14) or \$1000 cash; 2nd prize is a Sig Sauer P320 (9mm; for concealed carry) or \$500 cash. Tickets are \$10 apiece. Please contact me for tickets. I will send you as many as you want, but please sell, sell, sell! We have 1000 tickets available, and I would love to sell every one of them. Remember, this is for *our* Department. This is available to anyone, but you must have a valid FOID to take possession of the weapons. The drawing will be held at our Dept Convention, Saturday night at the banquet. You need not be present to win. These sell great at local guns shows, camping, or outdoor and hunting events.

Speaking of the Convention, did you know this will be our Department's **75th** Convention?! I have plans in the way of striking a special medal that will be authorized to wear on our uniforms to commemorate this special occasion. The criteria to receive this will be your attendance at the Convention. This is actually in the National Administrative Procedures, so we can not circumvent that. I am also working on challenge coins that should be available at our 3rd Staff/Central Division Conference.

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

Semper Fidelis,
Michael Sturch

JR. VICE COMMANDANT:

Marines,

I hope everyone had a happy, enjoyable and safe holiday season! I for one feel relieved that the holidays are over, back to normal. The new appointment to Jr. Vice has truly been a very different experience. It is very interesting

to say the least with the logging of new members and membership renewals for the department. Please, continue to send all copies of your membership applications. Please, make sure that they are legible, especially the sponsor's name so that they get the credit.

Please, consider Awards for your outstanding and deserving detachment member. The department would love to honor these outstanding members.

The Jr. Vice recruiting drive is going strong and I hope the membership continues to grow and retention stays strong. Commandants and Paymasters please stay on top of your detachment's dues and the recruiting of new members

See you at Central Division & 3rd Staff at Rock Island in March.

My contact info is: 618-593-0533 or email me at ronburns45@live.com.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ronald E. Burns, Sr.

JUDGE ADVOCATE:

Marines,

Thank you for the vote of confidence in allowing me to serve you as Judge Advocate. We are working on some issues I inherited, but they will be resolved in the near future.

Reread your oath of membership and ask yourself, am I still being true to this? Please do not allow personal differences to interfere with what is best for the League.

Resolve issues at the detachment level utilizing your Judge Advocate and common sense. Detachment, Department, and National is the progression of the Chain of Command.

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. "Randy" Weber

ADJUTANT:

Semper Fidelis
Dave Allen

PAYMASTER:

Greeting Marines,

I can be contacted at mikem3280@gmail.com or 309-269-2012.

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 met 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 March 2019 to be included in the April 2019 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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Chicago Metro Pound #12 MODD

PK:	DD Victoria Cobbett, 733 Singer Ave., Lemont, IL	Pd. 18-19 60439-3912 630 257-6423
DR:	PDD John Bigwood, 7719 East Prairie Road, Skokie, IL	60076- 847 779-3053

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PK: PDD Brian Lucas, PO Box 22, Oglesby, IL
 DR: PDD Mike M. Malmstrom, 5107 48th St., Moline, IL

Pd. 18-19
 61348-0022
 61265-7516 309 764-9638 c-309 269-2012

Central Illinois Pound #226 MODD

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Pd. 18-19
 62301-2425 217 223-5894
 62702-4444 217 744-3710

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Pd. 18-19
 61554- 309 634-1609
 61615-1163 309 240-8782

Untamed Dogs Pound #351 MODD

PK: PDD Ronald E. Burns, 525 N. Pearl St., Lebanon, IL
 DR: PDD Daniel Betts, 310 W. State St., Pocahontas, IL

Pd. 18-19
 62254-1428 618 593-0533
 62275-3057 618 669-2171 c-618 795-3339

North Pound #369 MODD

PK: DD Marty Smith III, 5315 Cobblers Crossing, McHenry IL
 DR: PDD Don Haines, 1005 Prairie St., St. Charles, IL

Pd. 18-19
 60050- 847 668-9591
 60174-3638 630 564-1804

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Meets at Marrs-Meyer Legion Post #991, 11001 S. Depot, Worth, IL 60482
 Comdt: Edward G. Modla, 10522 S. 81st Ave., Palos Hills, IL
 Paym: Joe Purpura, 8401 W. 151st St., Orland Park, IL
 Adj: Richard Nolan, 11548 Normandy, Worth, IL

Pd. 18-19
 4th Thursday 1930
 60453-1416 708 974-4046
 604462-
 60482- 708 448-0177

Chapultepec Detachment #1408

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

Comdt: Sergio Correa Jr., 3848 W. 57th Pl., Chicago, IL
 Paym: Antonio J. Miranda., 5237 S. Albany Chicago, IL
 Adj: Ines Gardea, 5824 S. Rutherford, Chicago, IL

Pd. NO
 60629- 773 236-9070
 60632- 773 480-4583
 60638- 773 815-6475

Grundy County Detachment #1372

Meets at Morris American Legion, 212 W. Washington St., Morris, IL
 Comdt: Harion Enervold, 3655 Bennett Rd., Verona, IL
 Paym: Fred Gaddis, 165 Virginia St., Coal City, IL
 Adj: Rick Martinez, 1712 Brighton Ln., Plainfield, IL

Pd. 18-19
 4th Thurs. 1900
 60479- 815 287-2040
 60416- 815 634-3125
 60586- 815 258-8901

Joliet E 2/14 Detachment #808

Meets at Harwood American Legion, 705 S. Larkin Ave., Rockdale, IL
 Comdt: Joseph Donnelly, 227 S. Williams St., Joliet, IL
 Paym: John Cavallero Sr., 600 Clement, Joliet, IL

Pd. NO
 1st Thursday 1930
 60436- 815 671-5364
 60435- 815 545-1995

Kankakee MCL Detachment #1253

Meets Bradley-Bourbonnais Sportsman's Club, 2672 Chippewa Dr., Bourbonnais
 Comdt: Dave Allen Jr., 1312 W. Park Hill Dr., Bourbonnais, IL
 Paym: Richard E. Bateman, 589 Turnberry Dr., Bourbonnais, IL
 Adj: Stan Bobka, 15 St. Pauls, Bourbonnais, IL

Pd. 18-19
 1st Tuesday 1900
 60914-4347 815 263-1635
 60914-9160 815 932-8588
 60914-9124 815 278-7848

Marine Corps League Kevin Clarke - Tinley Park Detachment #1217

Meets at Bremen Post 2791 V.F.W., 17147 S. Oak Park Ave., Tinley Park, IL
 Comdt: Jim Taylor, 15712 St. Louis Ave., Markham, IL
 Paym: Tom Donnelly, 6300 W. 157th Pl., Oak Forest, IL
 Adj: John Murphy, 6636 Forestview Dr., Oak Forest, IL

Pd. 18-19
 3rd Monday 1930
 60428- 708 715-1536
 60452- 708 535-3332
 60452- 708 687-3714

2nd District

Band of Brothers Detachment #986

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

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

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

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

Pd. NO

4th Monday 1930

60181- 630 815-1310

60514-1113 630 654-2154

60126-1113 630 888-8217

Chicago #1 Detachment #073

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

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

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

Pd. 18-19

3rd Sunday 1300

60657-1020 773 929-5275

60076- 847 779-3053

Chicago Police Marines Detachment #553

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

Comdt: Paul, PO Box 8668, Chicago, IL

Paym: Patrick, PO Box 8668, Chicago, IL

Adj: Wally, PO Box 8668, Chicago, IL

Pd. 18-19

1st Tuesday 1900

60680-8668 773 413-8762

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DuPage County Detachment #399

Meets at V.F.W. Post 2164, 0N731 Papworth St., Wheaton, IL

Comdt: Emanuel Bucur, 759 Spruce Ln., Bartlet, IL

Paym: Charles W. Wingard, 719 Lombard Ave., Lombard, IL

Adj: Charles W. Wingard, 719 Lombard Ave., Lombard, IL (Temp)

Pd. 18-19

4th Tuesday 1930

60103-5650 630 935-7722

60148-3453 630 627-1766

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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. 18-19

4th 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: James Butler Sr., 195 Hankes Rd. Aurora, IL

Paym: William Barnett, 3 Hampton Rd., Montgomery, IL

Adj: Jennifer Slown, 789 Four Seasons Blvd., Aurora, IL

Pd. 18-19

2nd Thursday 1900

60506- 847 571-4007

60538- 630 400-6494

60504-

Lake County Detachment #801

Meets at Steven's Steakhouse, 401 N. Riverside Dr., Gurnee, IL

Comdt: Gerald Pedrin, 37523 N. Holdridge Ave., Beach Park, IL

Paym: Ed Mampe, 24883 Cedarwood Ln., Ingleside, IL

Adj: John Jezioro, 1407 Barberry, Round Lake Beach, IL

Pd. 18-19

3rd Monday 1900

60087- 847 687-6663

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: Rick Prescott, PO Box 311, Woodstock, IL

Paym: Mike Ruffner, PO Box 311, Woodstock, IL

Adj: James French, PO Box 311, Woodstock, IL

Pd. 18-19

3rd Thursday 1900

60098-0311 847 702-6059

60098-0311 847 570-4107

60098-0311 847 730-9085

Northwest Suburban Detachment #080

Meets at Merle Guild A.L. Post 208, 121 N. Douglas, Arlington Heights, IL

Comdt: Michael Huttner, 235 W. Chasse Cr., St. Charles, IL

Paym: John Huttner, 526 Orchard Ct., Des Plaines, IL

Adj: Elizabeth Lollock, 2502 Ardmore Ave., Inverness, IL

Pd. NO

3rd Wednesday 1930

60174- 630 650-0424

60016-3117 847 827-7409

60067- 847 496-7460

Tri-County Leathernecks Detachment #1395

Meets at the American Legion Post #964, 51 Lions Dr., Lake Zurich, IL

Comdt: Bill Thompson, PO Box 491, Lake Zurich, IL

Adj/Pay: Scott Forester, PO Box 491, Lake Zurich, IL

Pd. 18-19

2nd Wednesday 1900

60047- 847 997-6658

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:

Pd. 18-19

3rd Wednesday 1900

61021- 815 991-1588

Illinois Valley Detachment #078	Pd. 18-19
Meets at MCL Clubhouse, 475 E. Rt. 351, PO Box 22, Jonesville, IL	1 st Tuesday 1900
Comdt: Ron Brambora, PO Box 22, Oglesby, IL	61348-0022 309 432-3351
Paym: Mike Mallie, P.O. Box 22, Oglesby, IL	61348-0022
Adj: David Cimei, PO Box 22, Oglesby, IL	61348-0022
Rockford Detachment #083	Pd. 18-19
Meets at the VFW Post 9759, 2018 Windsor Dr., Loves Park IL	1 st Wednesday 1900
Comdt: Alfred Laseke, 2642 Cimarron Ln., Rockford, IL	61109-6908 815 370-1151
Paym: Bruce Giersch, 613 Dickerson Dr., Winnebago, IL	61088-8336 815 904-4534
Adj: Donald Reynolds, 4122 Martina, Rockford, IL	61114- 815 742-5416
Tri-County Detachment #086:	Pd. NO
Meets at American Legion Post # 31, 1509 Railroad Ave, Kewanee, IL	1 st Monday 1900
Comdt: Louis J. VanDeVoorde, 330 Emmons Ave., Kewanee, IL	61443- 309 853-6661
Adj/Pay: Glenn E. Morey, P. O. Box 207, Mineral, IL	61344-0207 309 290-4007
Lincoln Detachment #607	Pd. 18-19
Meets at AMVETS, 827 15 th Ave., East Moline, IL	3 rd Tuesday 1930
Comdt: Joseph G. Pollock, 6609 Cresthill Dr., Davenport, IA	52806-1567 563 349-2423
Adj/Pay: Michael W. Malmstrom, 5107 48 th St., Moline, IL	61265-7516 309 764-9638
DeKalb County Detachment #847	Pd. 18-19
Meets at Sycamore Vets Home, 121 S. California, Sycamore, IL	3 rd Thursday 1900
Comdt: Brent Bacon, PO Box 321, Sycamore, IL	60178-0321 847 7515-6211
Paym: Keith Keutzer, PO Box 321., Sycamore, IL	60178-0321 815 751-3641
Adj: Jeff Anderson, PO Box 321., Sycamore, IL	60788-0321 815 899-8360
Sauk Valley Marine Detachment #913	Pd. 18-19
Meets at A. L. Post 902, 712 Fourth Ave., Rock Falls, IL	3 rd 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
4th District	
Peoria Leathernecks Detachment #081	Pd. 18-19
Meets at Navy/Marine Club, 1310 E. Sieberling, Peoria Heights, IL 61616	1 st Wednesday 1900
Comdt: Kevin Enlow, 511 Main St., Pekin, IL	61554- 309 634-1609
Adj/Pay: Harold W. Lundstrom, 10809 N. Dana Dr., Peoria, IL	61615-1163 309 240-8782
Tobin-Nanninga Detachment #085	Pd. NO
Meets at the, 13370 Garman Rd., Pekin, IL	3 rd Sunday 1600
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Paym: Randy Fuller, 2005 Westgate Dr., Pekin, IL	61554- 309 202-1466
Adj: Ronald E. Simpson, 11938 Tower Line Dr., Pekin, IL	61554- 309 202-9420
Decatur Detachment #799	Pd. 18-19
Meets at American Legion Post #105, 1535 Legion Dr., Decatur, IL	3 rd Wednesday 1900
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Adj/Pay: Harry Kracht, 640 W. Forest Ave., Decatur, IL	62522-3220 217 422-6403
Major Kenneth D. Bailey Detachment #824	Pd. NO
Meets at American Legion Post #210, 201 Prospect Pl., Danville, IL	3 rd Sunday 1600
Comdt: Michael Montgomery, 321 Fletcher Dr., Danville, IL	61832- 217 474-1149
Adj/Pay: John Barrett, 29173 Bean Creek Rd., Potomac, IL	61865- 217 987-6921
Central Illinois Leathernecks Detachment #988	Pd. 18-19
Meets at V.F.W. Post 454, 1006 Lincoln Ave., Bloomington, IL	2 nd Tuesday 1900
Comdt: Art Wynn, 403 Priscilla Lane, Bloomington, IL	61704-4603 309 275-5959
Adj/Pay: David L. Edwards, 904 Star Drive, Heyworth, IL	61745-9213 309 663-5014
Richard L. Pittman Detachment #1231	Pd. 18-19
Meets at Urbana V.F.W. Post #630, 1303 E. Main St., Urbana, IL	3 rd 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. 18-19
 Meets at Lincoln VFW Post, 915 5th St., Lincoln, IL 3rd 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

5th District

Collier-Harrison Detachment #075 Pd. 18-19
 Meets at the Navy Club Quarters, 3100 Stanton St., Springfield, IL 1st 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. 18-19
 Meets at Lippincott Hall, Veterans Home, 1707 N. 12th St., Quincy, IL 1st Monday 1900
 Comdt: Luke Doellman, 2700 Lind St., Quincy, IL 62301-3551 217 617-3152
 Adj/Pay: Stephen Cane, 2119 Jackson St., Quincy, IL 62301- 217 224-6360

West Central Illinois Leathernecks #1177 Pd. 18-19
 Meets at the VFW Post 1379, 903 East Morton, Jacksonville, IL 2nd Wednesday 1900
 Comdt: Jim Crosier, 12625 Tebbe Rd., New Berlin, IL 62670-4507 217 341-6416
 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

6th District

Effingham County Detachment #591 Pd. 18-19
 Meets at Iron Horse Cafe, 101 S. Merchant, Effingham, IL 3rd Thursday 1200
 Comdt: Philip H. Mette, 14959 E. 1975th Ave., Effingham, IL 62401-9445
 Adj/Pay: Darrell L. Schwerman, 9387 E. Nees Ave., Effingham, IL 62401-5088 217 821-2163

Thomas A. Jennings Detachment #546 Pd. 18-19
 Meets at VFW Post, 712 E. Main St., Robinson, IL 3rd Tuesday 1900
 Comdt: David Houser, 405 N. Range St., Oblong, IL 62445- 618 544-7047
 Paym: Robert Manning, 603 Beech St., Robinson, IL 62454-2653 618 544-2653

7th District

Robert Windle Detachment #1031 Pd. NO
 Meets at American Legion, Legion Park, Jerseyville, IL 2nd Monday 1900
 Comdt: Karl Bradshaw, 16645 Delhi Farms Rd., Jerseyville, IL 62052- 618 885-5684
 Paym: Marshal Lewis, 704 Cross Ave, Jerseyville, IL 62052- 618 946-9150
 Adj: Lonnie Saffell, 9287 N. Prairie St., Shipman, IL 62685-6733 618 836-7388

Collinsville Detachment #074 Pd. 18-19
 Meets at VFW Post 805, 221 W. First St., O'Fallon, IL 1st Wednesday 1900
 Comdt: Frank Christie, 2802 Black Ln., Collinsville, IL 62234-7607 618 344-3676 c-618 420-9920
 Paym: Ramona Witte, 505 W. Randle St., Lebanon, IL 62254-1428 618 808-0308
 Adj: Catherine Murphy, 29 N. Oakland Dr., Caseyville, IL 62232-1131

Alton Leathernecks Detachment #1160 Pd. 18-19
 Meets at VFW 1308, 4445 Alby, Alton, IL 62002 3rd Monday 1900
 Comdt: James Freeman, 146 22nd St., Alton, IL 62002-6812 618 465-2723
 Paym: Paul Schwendeman, 429 Oak St., East Alton, IL 62024-1257 618 973-4825
 Adj: Mark Nelson, 5679 Humbert Rd., Godfrey, IL 62035-2102 618 972-3987

Lincoln Land Leathernecks Detachment #1174 Pd. 18-19
 Meets at VFW Post 1377, 2043 S. 4th St., Greenville, IL 62246 3rd Thur. 1930
 Comdt: Ronald E. Burns Sr., 525 N. Pearl St., Lebanon, IL 62254-1428 618 593-0533
 Adj/Pay: Daniel Betts, 310 W. State St., Pocahontas, IL 62275-0415 618 795-3339

Prairieland Leathernecks Detachment #1385 Pd. 18-19
 Meets at the Litchfield VFW Post, 215 W. Ryder St., Litchfield, IL 1st Thursday 1900
 Comdt: Chris Gutierrez, PO Box 556, Litchfield, IL 62056- 217 556-2410
 Paym: Gary Doss, PO Box 556, Litchfield, IL 62056- 217 532-2390
 Adj: Terry Williams, PO Box 556, Litchfield, IL 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. 18-19

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: Joe Leenerts, 9594 Stotlar Rd., Johnston City, IL

Adj:

Pd. 18-19

3rd Wednesday 1900

62918- 618 203-9401

62951-2945

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

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62650-9500 217 473-3057

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62095- 618 258-1228

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. 18-19

4th Thursday 2000

60650- 773 779-8463

60448-7914 708 479-6760

60448-1117 708 479-4882

Kankakee Unit MCLA #1253	Pd. 18-19	
Meets at the Bourbonnais Sportsmen's Club, 2672 Chippawa Dr. Bourbonnais, IL	1 st Tuesday	1800
President: Margaret J. Myers, 345 W. Jeffery St., Kankakee, IL	60901-4958	815 933-2338
Treasurer: Sandy Britt, 2715 Gouda Drive, Kankakee, IL	60901-	815 592-1976
Secretary: Judy Denoyer, 271 Randolph, Bradley, IL	60915-	815 933-9408

3rd District

DeKalb Sycamore Unit MCLA #382	Pd. 18-19	
Meets at Sycamore Vets Home, 121 S. California, Sycamore, IL	3 rd 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

Illinois Valley Unit MCLA	Pd. 18-19	
Meets at MCL Clubhouse, 475 E. State St. (RT's 351 & 71), Oglesby, IL	3 rd Tuesday	1800
President: Virginia Hegland, 321 N. Kenosha Ave., Oglesby, IL	61348-1145	480 980-7333
Treasurer: Lorene Munson, 505 Mormon St., Oglesby, IL	61348-1030	815 883-3636
Secretary: Lorene Munson, 505 Mormon St., Oglesby, IL	61348-1030	815 883-3636

McHenry County Unit MCLA #419	Pd. 18-19	
Meets at McHenry V.F.W. Post 4600, 3002 IL, Rt. 120, McHenry, IL	3 rd Thursday	1930
President: Jo Larson, 332 Ramble RD., Lake in the Hills, IL	60156-1332	847 687-3101
Treasurer: Colleen Helfers, 19810 River Rd., Marengo, IL	60152-9131	815 219-8550
Secretary: Colleen Helfers, 19810 River Rd., Marengo, IL	60152-9131	815 219-8550

Sauk Valley Unit MCLA #349	Pd. 18-19	
Meets at Rock Falls American Legion, 712 - 4 th Ave., Rock Falls, IL	2 nd Tuesday	1600
President: Tracey Pillars, 1107 9 th Ave., Rock Falls, IL	61071-	815 564-7228
Treasurer: Carol Martin, PO Box 708, Rock Falls, IL	61071-0708	779 245-1270
Secretary: Carol Martin, PO Box 708, Rock Falls, IL	61071-0708	779 245-1270

4th District

Decatur Unit MCLA #342	Pd.	
Meets at American Legion Post 105, 1535 Legion Drive, Decatur, IL	2 nd Wednesday	1700
President: Doris Ruble, 7784 South Wind Ln. Decatur, IL	62521-6503	217 864-2965
Treasurer: Kathy Kracht, 640 W. Forest Ave., Decatur, IL	62522-	217 422-6403
Secretary: Karen Dotson, 957 N. Union, Decatur, IL	62522-1758	217 422-7214

West Central Illinois Leatherneck Unit MCLA #462	Pd. 18-19	
Meets at VFW Post 1379, 903 E. Morton, Jacksonville, IL	2 nd Wednesday	1900
President: Tonya Crosier, 12625 Tebbe Rd., New Berlin, IL	62670-4507	217 415-0446
Treasurer: Jeanette Geise, 1625 Lind, Quincy, IL	62301-2425	217 223-5894
Secretary: Carol Smith, 1411 W. Walnut, Jacksonville, IL	62650-1102	217 473-1161

5th District

Alton Leathernecks Unit MCLA #488	Pd.	
Meets at VFW, 231 E. Edwardsville Rd., Wood River, IL	2 nd Thursday	1900
President: April Butler, 120 Ohio St., East Alton, IL	62024-	618 580-3079
Treasurer: Kelley Mansker, 3526 Fullerton Ave., Alton, IL	62002-	618 660-5117
Secretary: Marty Campbell, 715 W. Wilbus St., Bunkerhill, IL	62014-	618 616-7402

Shawnee Unit	Pd. 18-19	
Meets at the Carbondale Elks Club	4 th Tuesday	1845
President: Patty Morgan, 609 W. 11 th St., Johnston City, IL	62951-	618 694-9118
Treasurer: Debbie Donegue, 2390 Sycamore Rd., Carterville, IL	62918-	618 922-2432
Secretary: Sheri Crockett, 508 E. Main St., Desoto, IL	62924-1554	618 973-7271

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“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

DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS CENTRAL DIVISION CONFERENCE and 3rd STAFF MEETING

The Department of Illinois will be holding the Central Division Conference and 3rd Staff Meeting at the Holiday Inn Rock Island-Quad Cities in Rock Island, IL. Central Division Conference will be Thursday thru Saturday March 21-23 and Department 3rd Staff will be Sunday March 24. Below is the current information. Please check Department website for any updates. www.theillinoismarine.com/events.php

Dates: March 21-24, 2019
Place: Holiday Inn Rock Island – Quad Cities, 226 17th St., Rock Island, IL
Rate: \$89.00 + 13% tax = \$100.57
Cut-off Date: February 22, 2019
Phone #: 309 794-1212
There is free parking and a restaurant on site.

The Department of Illinois Marine Corps League is hosting the Central Division Conference in Rock Island March 21 - 23, 2019.

As many of you remember from the last time we hosted, our Hospitality Room was “top notch” based on the generous donations from the Detachments, Units and individuals. I would like to ask again that you consider helping us out to provide a Hospitality Room that gives our attendees a variety of food and drinks.

Items we need are as follows: Meat (i.e., Italian Beef, sloppy joes, pulled pork etc.), hot dog and hamburger buns, vegetable trays & dips, fruit trays, Chips, Pretzels, Dips, Cheese & cracker trays, Sweet snacks (cookies, brownies, etc.) Paper products (plates, napkins, cups, plastic utensils) Beer, bottled water and soda (pop). Of course, monetary donations are also welcome!

Please contact me and let me know how you’d like to contribute. Rsm1455@yahoo.com or 815-751-1455.

Semper Fi,
Renee McGuan
Hospitality Chair

CHICAGO POLICE MARINES

The Chicago Police held their annual fundraiser on October 14, at the FOP #7 Hall, 1412 W. Washington Blvd, Chicago from 1200 – 1700. I great time was had by all despite the Miami Dolphins sneaking in a win.

The new Commandant, Master Sergeant Paul Zogg, is continuing the attitude of moving the Detachment forward. Congratulations Master Sergeant Zogg.

Semper Fidelis
PDC Don Haines

GEM CITY



Veterans Day Ceremony at the Illinois Veterans Home, Quincy, IL

(l-r) Wayne Griep (Sr. Vice Commandant) Marine Corps League Gem City Detachment 790, Quincy, IL, Resident Frank Gavenia, Roger Knuffman MCL Member and resident Patty Willard.

Submitted by, Marge Griep



Veterans Day Ceremony at the Illinois Veterans Home, Quincy, IL

(l-r) Troy Culbertson (Home Administrator), Sarah Colgrove (Home Activities Director), resident and MCL member, George Herendeen and Wayne Griep (Sr. Vice Commandant Marine Corps League Gem City Detachment 790 Quincy, IL. Submitted by Marge Griep

VAVS

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

Semper Fi,
Stanley Olenjack, VAVS Chairman

MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT COMMITTEE

Semper Fidelis,
Michael Sturch
Chairman, Middle East Wars Committee

KOREAN WAR CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL

U.S. House of Representatives Bill (HR 5222) now has 28 backers in the House. All Congressmen from Cook County are on board.

HR 5222 provides all Korean War Veterans with the nation's highest civilian award, the Congressional Gold Medal. It will be awarded to Veterans from 16 supporting countries as well.

At the MCL National Convention in Buffalo, NY, a Resolution was passed for the MCL to become the first National Veterans Organization to support HR 5222.

Let's get HR 5222 reintroduced in the next Congressional Session. Ask your Congressman to support the Veterans of the "Forgotten War" in receiving this Award, now, rather than later.

Semper Fidelis,
Bruce Blackmer

SR. VICE PACK LEADER MODD

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I have a special mission for us all. We all know that we take care of the children in our areas. Our bones collected go to help those in need. Here is something we can do locally.

The DCFS is always in need of bags and backpacks for foster children. Many times, when these children find a home, they have to pack what they have in garbage bags or sacks, because they just don't have anything else available. So I charge you with conducting a BAG DRIVE in your area. Go out and collect backpacks, duffle bags, suitcases, or anything we can donate to your local DCFS office to allow these children to carry their personal items to their new homes. Allow them some dignity and self-esteem in what can already be an embarrassing and sometimes traumatic experience.

Thank you and Semper Woof!

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

Semper Fidelis,
PDD Michael Sturch
Sr. Vice Pack Leader, IL Pack

YOUNG MARINES PROGRAM

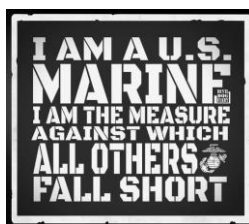
If you have a Young Marine unit in your area, please reach out and contact them and give them all the support you possibly can. These young men and women are fantastic. For more information about the program, check out www.youngmarines.com, or contact me at mlsturch@hotmail.com or 815-441-2243.

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

ILLINOIS MARINE WEBSITE NEWS

The Illinois Marine website has a new look and is being updated with improvements, corrections and new information. The web address is still the same www.theillinoismarine.com.

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



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
MISSION STATEMENT

Members of the Marine Corps League join together in camaraderie and fellowship for the purpose of preserving the traditions and promoting the interests of the United States Marine Corps, banding together those who are now serving in the United States Marine Corps and those who have been honorably discharged from that service that they may effectively promote the ideals of American freedom and democracy, voluntarily aiding and rendering assistance to all Marines, FMF Corpsmen and former Marines and FMF corpsmen and to their widows and orphans; and to perpetuate the history of the United States Marine Corps and by fitting acts to observe the anniversaries of historical occasions of particular interest to Marines.

THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AUXILIARY
OUR PURPOSE

PATRIOTIC:

- (A) To preserve the traditions and promote the interests of the United States Marine Corps;
- (B) To maintain true allegiance to American institutions;

HISTORICAL:

- (C) TO hold sacred the history and memory of the men and women who gave their lives to this Nation;
- (D) To perpetuate the history of the United States Marine Corps and by fitting acts, to observe the anniversary of historical occasions of particular interest to Marines;

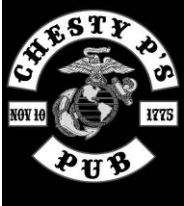
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- (E) To create a bond of comradeship between the Auxiliary and the Marine Corps League, Inc.;
- (F) To aid voluntarily and to render assistance to all Marines and former Marines as well as to their families;
- (G) To help decorate the graves of all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

EDUCATIONAL:

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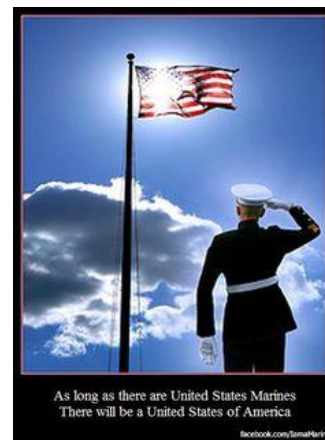
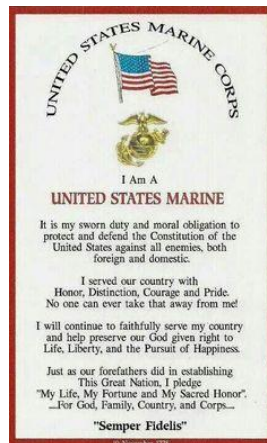
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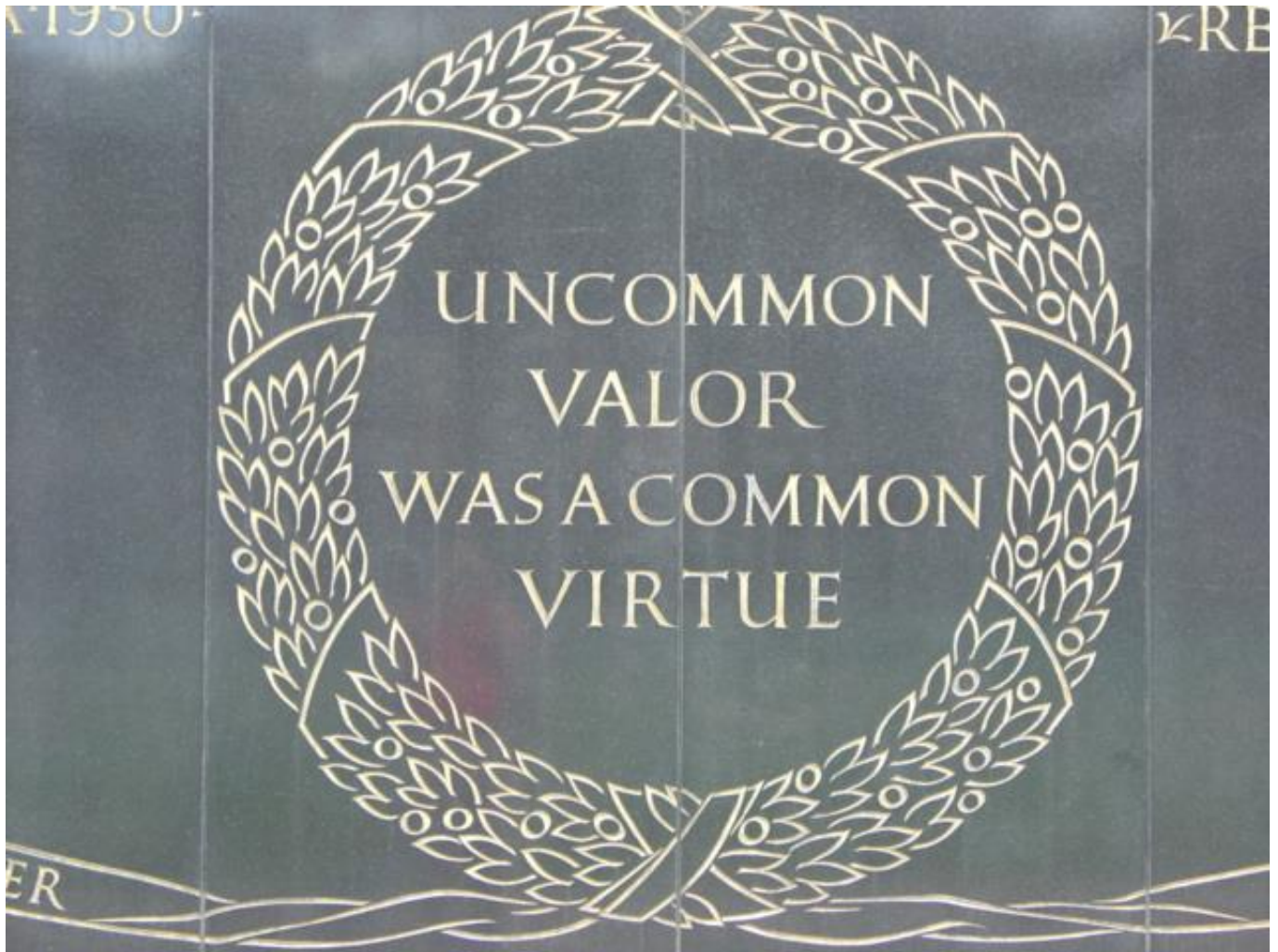
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Almighty Father, whose command is over all and whose love never fails, make me aware of Thy presence and obedient to Thy will. Keep me true to my best self, guarding me against dishonesty in purpose and in deed and helping me to live so that I can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





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