



The Few. The Proud.

## The DuPage MCL Detachment 399

Meeting at DuPage Memorial VFW Post #2164 · 0N731 Papworth Rd. · Wheaton, IL 60187

### Officers

Commandant: R. Gaden

Sr Vice Comdt: M. Albertus

Jr Vice Comdt: P. Beaudion

Paymaster/Adjutant: V. Cobbett

Chaplain: D. Kenyon

Judge Advocate: G. Bormann

Sgt at Arms: H. Quiroga

Jr Past Commandant: J. Olejnicki

Trustee: C. Wingard (2022)

Trustee: B. Barta (2023)

Trustee: J. Meschi (2024)

Trustee: L. Olson (2025)

### Committee Chairs

Bingo: R. Gaden

Color Guard: H. Quiroga

Eagle Scout: D. Kenyon

Fund-Raising: L. Olson

Historian: D. Igrisan

Membership: P. Beaudion

News Memo:

V. Cobbett/ D. Igrisan

Picnic: G. Bormann

Quartermaster: M. Albertus

Scholarship: V. Cobbett

Special Awards:

B Barta/J Olejnicki

TFT: C. Heiman/L. Bellow

VAC: J. Meschi

Valentine Party: L. Bellow

Web Sgt: J. Stanovich

### Website

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### DATES TO REMEMBER

**Dec 25** *Merry Christmas*

**Dec 28** NO MEETING

**Jan 2022** *Happy New Year!*

**Jan 25** #399 General Meeting begins 1930

**Feb 22** #399 General Meeting begins 1930

### MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDANT

As 2021 comes to an end, I want to thank all those who attended monthly meetings in person and zoom. (THANK YOU, VICKI)

Our Detachment overcame and adapted to the COVID pandemic. OOHRAH!

Members completed the successful sale of our trailer and roaster. We had a successful scholarship program. Our Eagle Scout program was one of the best in recent years. Our Paymaster/Adjutant won Department of Illinois Marine of the Year!

Otherwise, our fundraising efforts and Veterans services were greatly curtailed. Our last goal is to complete a successful Toys for Tots program. I hope we can all contribute in some way.

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Semper Fi, Roger Gaden

### EAGLE SCOUT COURT OF HONOR

On 18 DEC 2021 there will be an ES COH for four (4) new Eagle Scouts. The COH will be held in Naperville, IL 60564 at 2000 hrs. The MCL Good Citizenship Award and a USMC Ka-Bar will be presented to each of the four Eagle Scouts.

Then there will be another ES COH on 2 JAN 2022 for four (4) more new Eagle Scouts. This COH will be held at Wesley United Methodist Church, 21E Franklin, Naperville at 1500.

Please let ES Chair Don Kenyon know if you can attend any ES COH.

An ES COH held on 20 NOV 2021 at Gary United Methodist Church in Wheaton IL. MCL Good Citizenship Award and USMC Ka-Bar was presented to Eagle Scout James F. Podell by Commandant Roger Gaden, ES Chair/Chaplin Donald Kenyon & PDC Victoria Cobbett. The Ka-Bar was presented by Marine Combat Veteran and family friend Mike Arrington (pictured to far right)



**TOYS FOR TOTS CAMPAIGN 2021**

How about it Marines...please help us with a few more trips to the warehouse. We need your help on Toys for Tots 2021 Campaign. If you can spare some time to receive toys, separate toys, pack-up toys, or assist as needed, join us at the warehouse. Then, the warehouse needs preparation for shut down by packing up boxes with the remaining toys for Corrigan’s final pick up which will be Monday, December 13 through Friday, December 18

The warehouse is located at 8255 Lemont Road, Darien on the East side of Lemont Road, north of 83rd Street, back of property.

General E-Mail: [toysfortotsdupage@gmail.com](mailto:toysfortotsdupage@gmail.com)

Main Phone: 888-267-4449

The hours of operation are:

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Mon-day</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednes-day</u>	<u>Thurs-day</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
October 8 - November 23	9a - 1p	9a - 1p 6-9p	closed	6-9p	9a-1p	closed	closed
November 29 - December 11	8a - 4p	8a - 4p 6-9p	8a -4p	8a - 4p 6-9p	8a - 4p	8a - 1p	closed

FACILITY WRAP UP = December 13 - December 18

***“EVERY CHILD DESERVES A LITTLE CHRISTMAS”***

**USMC 246TH BIRTHDAY**

The Tradition Carried On – At our detachment meeting on 23 NOV 2021, the Oldest Marine Charles Wingard kept up our tradition by passing the first slice of USMC 246th birthday cake to youngest Marine Kim Mebane who was a guest at our meeting.



**MEMBERS WHO WERE SWORN IN TO MCL 399 OVER TWENTY YEARS AGO:**

\* Frank L. Foster – 21 Years, 26 December 2000

**THOUGHTS & PRAYERS**

Please keep Bill Barta, Marty Bourgeois, John Burlace, Charlie Castino, Roland Johnson, Vito Markas, Mike Mikulecky, Richard and Lois Nazimek, Terry Owens, Harper Orbell, Sharon Passero, Read Rogers, Gail(Hanck)Shilkaitis, Kyle Micheal Koener, and Thomas Stuckey in your thoughts and prayers; perhaps contact them with a phone call or a card. Many of our members have long term illnesses or disabilities and a word of good cheer may brighten their day. Some of them have lost their Marine and some are in long-term residences away from family and friends. The pandemic continues to put a strain on many members so if you check-in on a member with a phone call or visit, notify Chaplain Kenyon or Commandant Gaden or Adjutant Cobbett, particularly if our detachment can assist in any way.

**R.I.P.** Marine Daniel Michalek answered his last roll call 21 OCT 2021. Danny enlisted in the Marines in 1946. Per the minutes of the 22 December 1998 meeting, he was sworn into DuPage Marines that evening by then Commandant Mel Perry. He became a Life Member on 12 MAR 2001.

### **GOOD OF THE LEAGUE**

We need every member to check on another to make sure they have their essentials during this pandemic. A home visit or a phone call can make a huge difference for a Marine who may not be doing well. Marines are proud and do not ask for help even when it is needed, but the well being of each and every member is of concern at all times and particularly during this unusual time of global pandemic and season of Grace. Remember, Marines take care of their own!

### **VIRTUAL or ACTUAL MEETING ATTENDANCE**

We had another great in person and virtual attendance meeting: 7 members on Zoom and 17 in the room. The wonderful fact about joining on the Zoom link is the ability to join the meeting from the comfort of your own home. If you missed our last meeting, bring your smiling face and **join us at our next detachment meeting 25 January 2022** at 1930 virtually via the zoom invitation or in person at VFW Post 2164 in Wheaton. Have a wonderful holiday season.

Improvise! Adapt! Overcome!



**SEMPER FIDELIS**