



The Few. The Proud.

The DuPage MCL Detachment 399

Meeting at DuPage Memorial VFW Post #2164 · 0N731 Papworth

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

www.mcleague399.org

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2022 DATES TO REMEMBER

- Jan 25** #399 General Meeting begins 1930
 - Feb 22** #399 General Meeting begins 1930
 - Mar 11-13** Dept 3rd Staff, Rock Island Holiday Inn, 226 17th St., Rock Island, IL
 - Mar 17-19** Central Division Conference, Marriott Hotel, 100 South Fountain Ave, Springfield, Ohio 45502
 - Mar 22** #399 General Meeting begins 1930
First call for 2022-23 Board nominations
 - Apr 26** #399 General Meeting begins 1930
Final call for 2022-23 Board nominations
- ELECTION OF 2022-2023 BOARD OF OFFICERS**
- May 24** #399 General Meeting begins 1930
Date and Location for Installation of Officers and Annual Awards Ceremonies **TBD**
 - Jun 28** #399 General Meeting begins 1930

MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDANT

Happy New Year!

THANK YOU!! to all who participated in Toys for Tots. We had another very successful drive;

Mission Accomplished! OOH RAH!

I hope you and your families enjoyed a safe and healthy holiday season.

I am looking forward to seeing you at our January meeting.

Semper Fi, Roger Gaden

EAGLE SCOUT COURT OF HONOR

Be proud of your detachment! During 2021 we were invited to and participated in (23) Eagle Scouts Courts of Honor presenting each Eagle Scout with the Marine Corps League Good Citizenship Award. There were sixteen Ka-Bars requested and presented and the Ka-Bar was used in one cake cutting ceremony.

The MCL Good Citizenship Award and USMC Ka-Bar were presented to four Eagle Scouts at the ES/COH held on 18 DEC 2021 in Naperville IL.

Pictured are Eagle Scouts Armaan Panjwani, Armaan Rehmani, Amsal Khimani, & Ammar Ladhani with PDC Victoria Cobbett, ES Chair/Chaplin Donald Kenyon & Commandant Roger Gaden.



Did you know that, "If a Boy Scout obtains the rank of Eagle Scout and then enlists in the Marine Corps and completes boot camp, it is an automatic promotion to PFC."

TOYS FOR TOTS CAMPAIGN 2021

We had a great group of volunteers from our detachment this year as always. Thank you to everyone who participated in the campaign. The after-action report will be posted when available, but a preliminary summary shows we provided toys for approximately 341 families, 32,008 children, and collected over \$48,000 in donations. There was once again the option for online or virtual donations and we even had a "QR" code to scan with a phone! We collaborated with Kane County TFT on the charity golf outing and the 19th District VFW & Auxiliary assisted by hosting numerous drop sites and volunteering in the warehouse. Thank you, again, to ALL volunteers.

2021 TFT Campaign Volunteers from MCL#399:

Cortney Heiman (Co-ord)
 Linda Bellow (Asst.Co-ord)
 Rita T. Kollias (Consult.)
 John P. Meschi
 (Santa Claus,Consult.)
 Charles J. Bruser
 Victoria L. Cobbett
 Robert G. Henry
 Brian M. Kollias
 Jack McInerney

Larry J. Olson
 Thaddeus E. Rapsin
 Traci "Doc" Tunney
 Darlene F. Wingard
 Emanuel Bucur
 Roger C. Gaden
 Patrick J. Kackert, CWO-4
 Robert C. Kulseth
 Danielle Provenzale

Ronald J. Sassano
 Ed Weingartner
 Charles W. Wingard Jr.
 Paul L. Casazza
 Lynne F. Grezek
 Javier F. Martinez
 Mara V. Myrick
 Nikola Prvulov
 Richard J. "Dick" Schie
 Charles W. Wingard

Marine Corps Volunteers (Regular & Active Reservists)

G/Sgt AJ Aporongao(Events)
 S/Sgt Aquino
 M/Sgt Shawn Doty

Capt Jennifer Slown
 Sgt Roy Pura
 L/Cpl Diaz

LCpl Sebastian

DUES/MEMBERSHIP

RECRUITMENT Five (5) new members recruited in a detachment fiscal year (1 June-31 May) rates the Detachment Recruiter Ribbon.

ANNUAL DUES As of 1 September 2021, if you have not paid your annual dues of \$32, you are in arrears. National MCL works a fiscal year which ends 31 August. If you have difficulty paying your dues, please contact Paymaster Vicki Cobbett and confidentiality will be maintained. You are very important to our detachment.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP Consider becoming a Life Member! After one (1) year of membership, any member can become a Life Member of the Marine Corps League.

Life Membership costs:

Age Group	\$
0 – 35	\$500.00
36 – 50	\$400.00
51 – 64	\$300.00
65 – Over	\$200.00

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

- * John A. "Andy" Doyle – 24 years, sworn in 27 January 1998
- * Helen G. Ehlers – 24 years, sworn in 27 January 1998
- * Catherine M. Godfrey – 24 years, sworn in 27 January 1998

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. 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.

*As an update, Bill Barta was out of the hospital for Christmas and is on the road to recovery.

Other detachment members have recovered from their infirmities, surgeries, or illnesses but do not wish to share publicly or are not named on the prayer list. A visit, a phone call, or a card from any detachment member to another whether ill or hale and hearty is always a good deed and welcome.

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 or may be caring for a loved one, alone. 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.

Marines take care of their own!

VIRTUAL or ACTUAL MEETING ATTENDANCE

We would love to see your smiling face in person or on the computer screen. **Join us at our next detachment meeting 25 January 2022** at 1930 in person at VFW Post 2164 in Wheaton or virtually via the zoom invitation. Remember to wear your Red Fore & Aft Cover.

Improvise! Adapt! Overcome!



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