



The Few. The Proud.

The DuPage MCL Detachment 399

C/O DuPage Memorial V.F.W. Post #2164 · 0N731 Papworth Rd. · Wheaton, IL 60187

Officers

Commandant: E. Bucur
 Sr Vice Comdt: M. Albertus
 Jr Vice Comdt: Pete Beaudion
 Paymaster: C. Wingard
 Chaplain: D. Kenyon
 Judge Advocate: J. Schmitt
 Sgt at Arms: R. Gaden
 Jr Past Commandant: J. Olejnicki
 Trustee: V. Cobbett (2022)
 Trustee: L. Olson (2021)
 Trustee: J. Meschi (2020)
 Trustee: B. Barta (2019)
 Adjutant: Tom Gillespie

Committee Chairs

Bingo: R. Gaden
 Color Guard: R. Gaden
 Eagle Scout: R. Gaden
 Fund-Raising: L. Olson
 Historian: D. Igrisan
 Membership: J. Winquist
 News Memo: V. Cobbett
 Picnic: G. Bormann
 Quartermaster: M. Albertus
 Scholarship: V. Cobbett
 Special Awards: Barta & Olejnicki
 TFT: R. Kollias
 VAC: J. Meschi
 Valentine Party: D. Provenzale
 Web Sgt: J. Stanovich

Website

mcleague399.org

Contact any officer

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DATES TO REMEMBER

14 Apr **BINGO**, Hines Hospital
 15 Apr **Dept IL MCL scholarship** application deadline
 23 Apr **General meeting**, 1930, VFW Post 2164,
 second nominations, detachment elections,
pizza party
 17 May **Installation and Awards dinner** at the
 Bohemian Crystal Restaurant
 30 Jun **Detachment scholarship** application
 deadline

BOARD OF OFFICERS

Nominations for our detachment board of officers began in March. The following members have been nominated for for 2019 Officers and Trustees:

Commandant – Manny Bucur
 Sr. Vice Commandant – Merrill Albertus
 Jr. Vice Commandant – Pete Beaudion
 Paymaster – Vicki Cobbett
 Adjutant – Tom Gillespie
 Judge Advocate – John Schmitt (to be accepted)
 Chaplin – Don Kenyon
 Trustee – Bill Bartan
 Sgt. at Arms – Roger Gaden
 Jr. Past Commandant – John Olejnicki

Job descriptions were provided at the march meeting, but they are also available in your new member packet. Nominations will reopen at the April meeting before the election.

MARINE ROSE

We will be fund raising with the Marine Rose and US flags at the Lombard Jewel Food Store, 1177 S Main St, Lombard, IL 60148 on **27 April and 11 May** from 0945-1300. Contact Larry or Merrill to select your time to volunteer. The Marine rose is an effortless way to provide funds for your detachment, the scholarship program and all veteran services we support

HINES BINGO

The first "Bingo" of 2019 is Sunday, 10 March 2019 at Hines Veterans Hospital in Maywood, from 1400 until 1530, in the first-floor cafeteria of the "extended care unit" building #217. You may park in the Oklahoma lot, southwest corner of the hospital complex.

The schedule for 2019 is as follows: 14 April, 12 May, 9 June, 14 July 14, 11 August, 8 Sep, 13 Oct, 10 Nov, 8 Dec.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Detachment Scholarship Application & Instructions are available online at: www.mcleague399.org. Hardcopies are available by request at every meeting. Entries need to be postmarked by 30 June.

TOYS FOR TOTS

A big THANK YOU to our detachment warehouse daily crew:

Don Kenyon, Roger Gaden, Dick Schie, Marty Bourgeois, and Ed Weingartner. They kept the doors open, the toys sorted, and the orders filled!

CENTRAL DIVISION CONFERENCE

Five detachment members attended the conference: Bill Barta, John Olejnicki, Don Haines, Gary Cobbett, and Vicki Cobbett. Marine Barta gave his uniform presentation which was excellent as always. The conference is held in Illinois every six years and is an opportunity to meet and network with Marines from our surrounding states of Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, Michigan, and Wisconsin.

PRAYER LIST

The following members, their family, and friends of the detachment need our prayers and well wishes; perhaps a phone call or a card: John Schmitt, John Burlace, Read Rogers, Thomas Stuckey, John Finn, Allen Zenner, Merrill Albertus, Gary Cobbett, Wayne Harrison, Brett Lauten, Richard Doria, Mike Mikulecky, Don Haines, Terry Owens, Vito Markas, Richard Nazimek and spouse, Roland Johnson and spouse, Gary & Gail Shilkaitis, Harper Orbell, Charlie Castino, Kilyn Winquist, and Sharon Passero. Some of the names above have long term illnesses and problems and remain on our prayer list to remind us that not all issues are easily resolved. If you know of anyone who should be added to this list, contact Chaplain Kenyon or Commandant Bucur.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

Our own Paymaster Charles "Chuck" Wingard, MOY '02-'03, was sworn in to our detachment 40 years ago on 11 April 1979.

Russell "Russ" Kamradt, Founding Commandant - 42 years, 30 April 1977 [5 May 1997 Charter Signing Member]

Michael "Mike" McNeice, 1st Sr. Vice Commandant - 42 years, 30 April 1977 [5 May 1977 Charter Signing Member]

SEMPER FIDELIS

Col Mark A Smith USMCR (Ret), 54 of Indianapolis, passed away Friday, March 29, 2019 at Community Hospital South in Indianapolis. Born August 18, 1964, Mark was the son of late Arthur L. and Lee (Cuculo) Smith.

<https://www.orileyfuneralhome.com/obituaries/Mark-A-Smith?obId=4262346#/celebrationWall>

Mark was a graduate of Perry Meridian High School and received a bachelor's degree in political science from I.U.P.U.I. He proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corps for 32 years; during his long, distinguished military career, Mark was awarded the Legion of Merit and the Bronze Star with Valor along with many others. Mark continued to serve his community as a Master Trooper for the Indiana State Police for 24 years; he retired in 2014.

A devout Catholic, Mark was a member of St. Mark Catholic Church and was currently studying to become an Oblate at St. Meinrad Archabbey. He was also the founder of the Col Mark A Smith Cancer Patient Foundation.

Survivors include his former spouse, mother of his two daughters, and best friend, Sheila A. Smith of Indianapolis; two daughters, Nichole M. (Corey) Slick of Stow, Ohio and Brittani A. Smith of Indianapolis; his five siblings, Stephanie M. Smith of Indianapolis, Carol L. (Doug) Carter, Elaine M. Smith, and Lesley A. Smith all of Cicero, Indiana and A.L. (Terri) Smith of Indianapolis; and his four nieces, Megan (Chris) DeFalco, Ali Smith, Emma (Fiance, Clay) Smith, and LeeAnn Carter.

Family and friends will gather to celebrate the life of Mark Smith from 2:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 2, 2019 in the Daniel F. O'Riley Funeral Home, 6107 S. East Street, Indianapolis; recitation of the Rosary will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home. Mass of Christian Burial will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 3, 2019 at St. Mark Catholic Church, 535 E. Edgewood Avenue, Indianapolis. Burial will follow at Calvary Cemetery with full military honors provided by the United States Marine Corps. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a memorial contribution to The Andy Nowacki Memorial Scholarship Fund; envelopes will be provided at the funeral home. Visit www.OrileyFuneralHome.com where you may express online condolences to the Smith family.

Visitation:

Tuesday, April 02, 2019, 2:00PM -
7:30PM
Daniel F. O'Riley Funeral Home
6107 S. East St
Indianapolis, IN 46227

Wednesday, April 03, 2019, 10:00AM
Mass of Christian Burial
St. Mark Catholic Church
535 E. Edgewood Ave.
Indianapolis, IN 46227

REST IN PEACE, MARINE