



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: V. Cobbett  
 Chaplain: D. Kenyon  
 Judge Advocate: G. Bormann  
 Adjutant: V. Cobbett  
 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:  
 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](http://www.mcleague399.org)

### To contact any officer:

[websgt@mcleague399.org](mailto:websgt@mcleague399.org)

### DATES TO REMEMBER

**Nov 2** Election Day  
**Nov 10** **USMC 246th Birthday**  
**Nov 11** Veterans' Day  
**Nov 23** MCL 399 meeting at VFW Post 2164:  
 Board meeting at 1830  
 General meeting begins 1930  
 USMC Birthday celebration following  
**Dec 25** **Merry Christmas**  
**Dec 28** NO MEETING  
**Jan 2022** **Happy New Year!**  
**Jan 25** #399 General Meeting begins 1930

### MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDANT

Our last meeting in 2021 will be November 23rd. THANK YOU ALL! for everything; each one of you has contributed to continue the mission of our Detachment and to the Marine Corps League. We still have our last event, Toys for Tots! Please do what you're able. WAREHOUSE HELP NEEDED!

Belated Happy Birthday, Helen Ehlers!

Stay safe. Take care.

Semper Fi,

Roger Gaden

### EAGLE SCOUT COURT OF HONOR

A Court of Honor is scheduled at 1400 on 20 November in Wheaton at Gary United Methodist Church, 224 N. Main Street, Wheaton IL 60187. Notify Chaplain Kenyon if able to attend. The MCL Good Citizenship Award and USMC Ka-Bar will be presented to Eagle Scout James F. Podell. Red Blazer uniform.

### VETERAN DAY DISCOUNTS

<https://www.military.com/veterans-day/veterans-day-military-discounts.html>

**MISSION BBQ**

Veterans and active-duty military get a free sandwich on November 11. Visit the Mission BBQ website for locations:

<https://mission-bbq.com/locations/>

**TOYS FOR TOTS CAMPAIGN 2021**

We have a warehouse located at 8255 Lemont Road, Darien on the East side of Lemont Road, north of 83rd Street, back of property. You can help by 1) picking up toys from businesses 2) unloading toys as they are delivered to warehouse 3) separating toys 4) bagging toys for delivery to charities 5) there is always something to do.

DuPage County Toys for Tots Team

Coordinator: Cortney Heiman

Asst Coordinator: Linda Bellow

Main Phone: 888-267-4449

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

The hours of operation are:

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
October 8 - November 23	9a - 1p	9a - 1p 6-9p	<u>Y</u> closed	<u>Y</u> 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”*****NEW MEMBER**

Marine Nicola Prvulov was sworn in At our 28 SEPT 2021 detachment meeting as our newest detachment member by Commandant Gaden. LCpl Prvulov, MOS 2531 (Field Radio Repair Operator) served in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. Welcome aboard Nik Prvulov!

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

- \* Alfred Douglas – 29 Years, 2 November 1992
- \* Roland O. Johnson – 29 Years, 24 November 1992
- \* Raymond C. Travis – 20 Years, 27 November 2001

## 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. 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. Marines take care of their own.

## GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

### USMC BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

There are several local USMC Birthday Balls that still have tickets. Links to the information are listed below:

**11/10/2021**

**Naperville Marines Judd Kendall VFW Post 3873 Naperville**

<https://www.napmar.com/birthday-ball-info>

**11/13/2021**

**McHenry County MCL Marine Corps Ball, Holiday Inn - Crystal Lake, IL**

<https://mchenrycountymcl.com/marine-corps-ball-2021/>

**11/13/2021 , 2/24 Marines USMC B-day Ball**

<https://chicagomarines.com/events>

### HONOR FLIGHT

Paymaster/Adjutant Vicki Cobbett was selected to participate in the all female Veteran Honor Flight to Washington DC on 6 October 2021. It was an amazing day!



**TFT ASSIST**

If you have access to AAA, AA, C, or 9volt batteries, 32 gallon (large) heavy duty trash bags, or office supplies, please think about donating for use at the TFT warehouse.

**VIRTUAL or ACTUAL MEETING ATTENDANCE**

We had another great in person and virtual attendance meeting: 7 members on Zoom and 15 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 detachment meeting on 23 November at 1930 virtually via the zoom invitation or in person at VFW Post 2164 in Wheaton. Come and celebrate our 246th USMC birthday at the 23 November detachment meeting. There will be a cake cutting ceremony after our detachment meeting: who will be our oldest Marine and who will be our youngest Marine? Attend the meeting and find out: it might be you!

Remember to wear your Red Fore & Aft Cover!



**SEMPER FIDELIS**