



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
 VAC: J. Meschi
 Valentine Party: L. Bellow
 Web Sgt: J. Stanovich

Website

www.mcleague399.org

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2022 DATES TO REMEMBER

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**

MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDANT

I hope we will meet this month, weather permitting. We have a new year's budget to deal with. The Board members have a proposal for vote. THANK YOU VICKI! As the new year continues, we're optimistic about our fundraising efforts. The Detachment needs your support! Please volunteer as you are able, when requested. A new year means the election of new Officer's!

Consider running for a position.

Looking forward to our meeting on February 22nd.

Semper Fi, Roger Gaden

TOYS FOR TOTS CAMPAIGN 2021

A summary of the AAR (after action report) shows the distribution of over 69,503 toys via 68 qualifying organizations and 346 families assisting 34,071 children. There were an approximate total of (171) volunteers; including (29) detachment members, (7) Marines (Reserves & Active), (1) Army and (134) non-members

Thank you to ALL volunteers without whom this great effort could not succeed.

EAGLE SCOUT COURT OF HONOR

The ES COH that was scheduled for 2 JAN 2022 has been rescheduled for Sunday, 13 MAR 2022. 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/help either ES COH.

"If a Boy Scout obtains the rank of Eagle Scout and then enlists in the Marine Corps and completes boot camp, the ES recruit receives an automatic promotion to PFC."

DUES/MEMBERSHIP



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

Russ Kamradt, our first Detachment Commandant, received the **National Recruiter of the Year in 1977** from National Vice Commandant Hank White. To the left is a photo of that plaque.

ANNUAL DUES If you have not paid your annual dues of \$32 for the 2022 year, you are **VERY LATE!** Please contact Paymaster Vicki Cobbett and confidentiality will be maintained. You are very important to our detachment and arrangements will be made.

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:

- * Daniel E. Igrisan – 33 years, sworn in 21 February 1989
- * Richard A. Anderson - 22 years, sworn in on 22 February 2000
- * Fredrick H. Schwerdtner - 33 years, sworn in on 21 February 1989

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

The election of officers is approaching. Think about getting involved: YOU CAN DO IT AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE. Learn about each office by reading our DUPAGE COUNTY DETACHMENT 399 BY-LAWS; the duties and requirements of each office are listed. Or a

printed copy of individual offices is available at any meeting. If you are a regular member, you can hold any office. If you are an associate member, you may be our Adjutant. Any past officer will mentor and assist you. Your detachment needs you to step forward. Our meeting on 22 MAR 2022 is the first round of officers' nominations for 2022-2023.; the second round of nominations and the election is at our 26 APR 2022 meeting.

Our Detachment has several Past Department of IL Commandants:

79-80	CHARLES L. PROSEK
84-85	RAYMOND F. NEY
85-86	RAYMOND F. NEY
09-11	WILLIAM B. BARTA
11-13	DONALD L. HAINES (dual member DuPage MCL & Chicago Police Marines)

These members all began their journey at the Detachment level and advanced to serve the League; some went on to the Division and National level. Who knows what hidden skills and abilities you have that are waiting to be recognized. Try it; You'll like it!

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, Thomas Stuckey, and Mike Deegan 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 the names on our prayer list have lost their Marine and some are in long-term residences away from family and friends and some are precious family members; Marines take care of their own.

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 them in any way

Our condolences to John Meschi and his family on the loss of Gwendolyn Fleck.

SEMPER FIDELIS



Improvise! Adapt! Overcome!