



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

To contact any officer:

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2022 DATES TO REMEMBER

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 1800

May 24 Installation of Officers and Awards Ceremony at VFW Post 2164, 0N 731 Papworth, Wheaton
 Dinner begins immediately after installation

Jun 2-5 Dept IL MCL 78th Convention, Holiday Inn, 8 Traders Circle, Normal, IL 61761

MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDANT

Thank you! to all of you who have continued to support the Detachment. The past Two years have been a challenge; to continue meeting, without fundraising activities, no picnic's or other activities to get our membership going. COVID has, and continues to disrupt us. I am pleased however, we had successful Toys for Tots years and a very good Eagle Scout program.

I'm hoping, as we have fundraising events coming up, to see our League membership revive. As our active membership is low, those who are active have to step up.

The Detachment needs new life!

The second round of nominations for Detachment Officers and elections is coming up. I hope to see more members attending to vote for our new leaders. Stay safe. Semper Fi, Rog Gaden

EAGLE SCOUT COURT OF HONOR

On Sunday, 13 MAR 2022, there was an ES COH for four (4) new Eagle Scouts including one Marine held at Wesley United Methodist Church in Naperville. ES Chair/Chaplain Donald Kenyon presented the MCL Good Citizenship Awards and USMC Ka-Bars to Eagle Scouts pictured above: Cody R. Krieg, PFC (USMC), Harry Wolf, Luke D. Lipien, & Alexandra Smith.

If any other member has earned the Boys Scout Eagle Scout award, please provide your name and document of proof to your detachment historian, Dan Igrisan, at deiggy1@gmail.com.



"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."

FUNDRAISING

Flag/Rose fundraising has been scheduled as follows; All dates are Saturdays from 1000-1400; contact Chairmen Larry (oly18@comcast.net) or Merrill (wmalbertus@comcast.net) if able to work any of the dates:

23 April 2022	Danada Square Jewel 30 Danada Square W Wheaton, IL 60189
7 May 2022	Bartlett Jewel 125 E Stearns Rd Bartlett, IL 60103
21 May 2022	Danada Square Jewel 30 Danada Square W Wheaton, IL 60189

DUES/MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERSHIP

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

Russell "Russ" Kamradt, Founding Commandant – 45 years, 30 April 1977
[Signing Member, 5 May 1977 Charter]

Michael "Mike" McNeice, Founding Sr Vice Commandant – 45 years, 30 April 1977
[Signing Member, 5 May 1977 Charter]

Charles W. "Chuck" Wingard – 43 years, 11 April 1979

John Burlace – 36 years, 15 April 1986

ANNUAL DUES If you have not paid your annual dues of \$32 for the 2022 year, you are VERY LATE! All annual memberships expire 31 August of each year; this new rule was adopted over five years ago. Please contact Paymaster Vicki Cobbett if you have difficulty paying and confidentiality will be maintained. You are very important to our detachment and arrangements will be made.

RECRUITMENT The DuPage Marines are looking for a few good Marines! Make sure you get credit for being the recruiter/sponsor.

* (5) new members recruited in a commandant year rates the Detachment Recruiter Ribbon. *

2022 OFFICER ELECTIONS

Our meeting on 22 MAR 2022 was the first round of officers' nominations for 2022-2023; the second round of nominations and the election is at our 26 APR 2022 meeting.

THE NOMINATIONS ARE:

- M. Albertus for Commandant
- U. "Pete" Beaudion for Sr Vice Commandant
- H. Quiroga for Jr Vice Commandant
- V. Cobbett for Paymaster/Adjutant
- R. Kollias for Judge Advocate
- D. Kenyon for Chaplain
- C. Wingard, Sr for Trustee (through 2026)
- M. Mikulecky for Sgt at Arms
- J. Olejnicki for Jr Past Commandant
- R. Gaden for Jr. Past Commandant

COMMITTEES

Several members have double or triple duty as an elected or appointed Officer and a Committee Chair. If you wish to become more involved, perhaps a Committee membership is the way to begin. The By-laws need to be reviewed and updated; the Valentine Day party or volunteer picnic committees always need help; the news memo editor could use relief; Eagle Scout and Fund raising Committees need reliable volunteers; and any of the listed committees could use another volunteer. Ask the current Committee chair about joining a committee or talk to the Commandant about the By-law review.

SCHOLARSHIPS 2022

DETACHMENT MCL The Sgt. Thomas Gilbert Memorial Scholarship program is a grant that is available to detachment members and family. Application & Instructions may be downloaded at: www.mcleague399.org. Hardcopies are available by request at every meeting. If you are planning to pursue or currently are obtaining any type of educational advancement whether scholastic or technical or vocational, apply for the scholarship. Your information is kept confidential and secure. All applications must be postmarked no later than **30 June 2022**. No online applications are accepted; postal mail only.

DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS MCL The Barbara M. Olejnicki Memorial Scholarship is available to any Illinois High School senior who is family of an MCL member, MCLA member, or MAL from Illinois and may be downloaded at: <https://theillinoismarine.com>. This

grant scholarship is open to students seeking vocational training, attending trade schools or college level schooling. All applications must be postmarked no later than **30 April 2022**. No online applications are accepted; postal mail only.

NATIONAL MCL The Marine Corps League National Scholarship program, www.mclnational.org is open to all Marines and their family in the USA seeking an undergraduate degree.

THOUGHTS & PRAYERS

Please keep Bill and Ruth Anne 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, Gary Cobbett, 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 have recent illnesses or hospitalizations and are on their way to recovery. 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

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

In 2021, the Awards and Installation Dinner was held buffet style at the Post after a short General meeting and it was a huge success. This year we will begin the general **meeting at 1800 and the dinner/installation will immediately follow**. The cost will be \$10 per person which is less than half the price of each meal. Donated hors d'ouerves or desserts will be appreciated. The buffet selection will be similar to last year's.

Department of IL MCL Sr Vice Commandant, Ronald Burns, is hosting a fundraising Raffle. The drawing will be held at the Department Convention in June 2022. Ticket donations: \$10 each, or 3 for \$25. 1st and 2nd prizes will be awarded. More information is available on the Illinois Marine website. Roger and Vicki will have tickets for sale at the Detachment meetings.

We missed you at our March meeting; join us in-person on 26 April at the VFW Post 2164 in Wheaton or virtually via Zoom. Seven members attended virtually at our March meeting.

SEMPER FIDELIS



Improvise!

Adapt!

Overcome!