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# The DuPage MCL Detachment 399

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Meeting at DuPage Memorial VFW Post #2164 · 0N731 Papworth Rd. · Wheaton, IL 60187

## 2023 DATES TO REMEMBER

### Officers

- Commandant: M Albertus
- Sr Vice Comdt: P Beaudion
- Jr Vice Comdt: H Quiroga
- Paymaster/Adjutant: V. Cobbett
- Chaplain: D. Kenyon
- Judge Advocate: R Kollias
- Sgt at Arms: R Gaden
- Assistant: M Mikulecky
- Jr Past Commandant: J. Olejnicki
- Trustee: vacant (2023)
- Trustee: J. Meschi (2024)
- Trustee: L. Olson (2025)
- Trustee: C. Wingard (2026)

### Committee Chairs

- Bingo: R. Gaden
- Color Guard: R Gaden
- Eagle Scout: D. Kenyon
- Fund-Raising: L. Olson
- Historian: D. Igrisan
- News Memo: V. Cobbett/ D. Igrisan
- Picnic: G. Bormann
- Quartermaster: R. Kollias
- Scholarship: V. Cobbett
- Special Awards: J Olejnicki/V Cobbett
- TFT: D Bowman/R Kollias
- 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)

<b>JAN 1</b>	<b>2023 HAPPY NEW YEAR</b>
<b>JAN 21</b>	MCL 2ND DISTRICT MEETING
<b>JAN 24</b>	#399 General Meeting begins 1930, <i>Zoom</i> access; 2023 proposed Budget review, revise, and action to accept; Board meeting begins 1830
<b>FEB 2</b>	GROUNDHOG DAY!
<b>FEB 28</b>	#399 General Meeting begins 1930, <i>Zoom</i> access; Board meeting begins 1830
<b>MAR 17-19</b>	Dept 3rd Staff meeting and Training Session
<b>MAR 28</b>	#399 General Meeting begins 1930, <i>Zoom</i> access; Board meeting begins 1830

### MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDANT #399

Hello fellow Marines,  
 I am waiting to see everyone for the JAN. 24TH MEETING TO BRING IN THE New year and review and finalize the 2023 detachment Budget. Hopefully the weather will cooperate with us. We have to think on new fund raising abilities for our detachment to maintain operating expenses, also ideas on how we can attract new members. Hoping everyone had a safe and wonderful holiday.  
 Semper Fidelis, Merrill Albertus

### MCL 2ND DISTRICT MEETING

THE MCL SECOND DISTRICT will again hold a meeting at the American Legion (121 N Douglas Ave, Arlington Heights, IL 60004) from **1300-1500**. This is an opportunity to share ideas, concerns, questions, and generally hobnob with Marines from other Detachments in our area. Commandants and officers are expected, but all Marines are welcome. As the date gets closer, an **RSVP to PDC Mike Ruffner** by text or email would be appreciated (847) 370-4107 or [ruffnermb@outlook.com](mailto:ruffnermb@outlook.com).

The Department Commandant should be attending and available for questions and a representative from RS Chicago, so plan to be there or be square!

## DEPARTMENT OF IL MCL THIRD STAFF MEETING (19 March) and TRAINING SESSION (18 March)

The Dept Third staff meeting will be held at **Ramada by Wyndham**, (3281 Northfield Dr, Springfield, IL 62702); use **(217)-523-4000** for reservations and **mention the MCL Training**. Lodging will be reimbursed for all training attendees through an MCCC grant.

**Friday** night, a corned beef and cabbage or Italian beef dinner will be available for \$12. Contact Renee McGuan: [rsm1455@yahoo.com](mailto:rsm1455@yahoo.com) or 815-751-1455 and mail checks to 35C colonial Manor, Highland, IL 62249 to reserve your dinner.

**Saturday**, 0900-1600, a training session will be presented to learn everything you always wanted to know about Officer duties: Commandant, Sr Vice, Jr Vice, Chaplain, Paymaster, Sgt-at-Arms, and JA. A representative from IDVA will be speaking before the training begins and available for questions or concerns. At the conclusion of the day, a presentation on preparing MOY submissions will be presented. A stipend for mileage and meals will be provided.

**Sunday**, the Department Staff meeting begins at 0830 and will allow you to learn about all of the Department activities and committees and meet fellow Marines from around the state. If you are able, do attend this informative weekend.

## SCHOLARSHIPS 2023

The Dept IL MCL Scholarship may now be *submitted electronically*. Instructions are available on the Illinois Marine website. Also, *the date for submission has changed to 1 March*.

#399 Detachment scholarship instructions are unchanged.

National MCL scholarship information can be obtained online.

Any questions, contact Department scholarship and Detachment scholarship Chairwoman Victoria Cobbett: text 630-330-2571 or email [v.cobbett@comcast.net](mailto:v.cobbett@comcast.net) or telephone 630-257-6423 and leave a message.

**NATIONAL MCL** The Marine Corps League National Scholarship program, [www.mclnational.org](http://www.mclnational.org) is open to all Marines and their family in the USA seeking an undergraduate degree. Requirements for applying and other FAQ's may be found at: <https://www.mclnational.org/youth-development-programs.html>. Questions regarding the Program may be directed to Mike Rainbolt, [mike@1040Quick.com](mailto:mike@1040Quick.com), Phone: 609-744-5684.

**DEPARTMENT IL MCL** The Barbara M Olejnicki Memorial Scholarship program is a grant that is available to Department of II MCL, MCLA, & MAL members family who are IL High School Seniors. The Application may be emailed or postal mailed and must be received by **1 March 2023**. Instructions may be downloaded at: <https://theillinoismarine.com/>.

**DETACHMENT #399 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](http://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 2023**. No online applications are accepted; postal mail only.

## TOYS FOR TOTS "EVERY CHILD DESERVES A LITTLE CHRISTMAS"

The 2022 campaign has concluded. A review will be provided at the January meeting.



## HINES HOSPITAL BINGO

No Bingo scheduled due to the COVID-19 virus

## MARINE ROSE/FLAGS

No fund raising events have yet been scheduled for 2023.

## EAGLE SCOUTS

Be proud of your detachment. During 2022 we were invited and participated in thirty-one (31) Eagle Scout Courts of Honor presenting each Eagle Scout with the Marine Corps League Good Citizenship Award. There were thirty (30) USMC Ka-Bars requested and presented.



ES COH held on 14 DEC 2022 in Elmhurst IL. The MCL Good Citizenship Award and a USMC Ka-Bar were presented to Eagle Scout Ryan Riley by Commandant Merrill "Doc" Albertus and ES Chair. Chaplain Donald Kenyon.

## PRAYER LIST

Please keep Pete Beaudion, Marty Bourgeois, John Burlace, Charlie Castino, Mike Deegan, the Gaden Family, Roland Johnson, Kyle Michael Koener, Vito Markas, Mike Mikulecky, Richard Nazimek, Terry Owens, Harper Orbell, Sharon Passero, Read Rogers, 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 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 and some are friends of the detachment. **Some of our members wish to remain anonymous, but still need to be in our prayers.**

**DUES/MEMBERSHIP**

**All annual dues HAVE expired!** If you have any difficulty paying your dues, contact Paymaster Cobbett (630-257-6423 or 630-330-2571) and confidentiality will be maintained. Marines take care of their own.

**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 – 25 years, sworn in 27 January 1998

Helen G. Ehlers – 25 years, sworn in 27 January 1998

Catherine M. Godfrey – 25 years, sworn in 27 January 1998

**GOOD OF THE LEAGUE**

Our very first Commandant, Russell Kamradt, has remained busy with his charitable views on life and demonstrates by giving back to others. His Christmas letter has been circulated to our detachment members via email which details some of his various activities. The following link is to a recent news article about his continued Christian generosity and service to others. <https://www.claytodayonline.com/stories/i-do-all-i-can-to-give-back,48167?> The newspaper site is: <https://www.facebook.com/ClayTodayFL/>, dated 21 December 2022, if your browser won't connect the first link.

Did you miss our November meeting? We would love to see your smiling face in January. Join us at our detachment meeting on 24 January at 1930 at the VFW Post #2164 in Wheaton or join us virtually using the *Zoom* free application. The *Zoom* link is emailed one or two days before the meeting. If you do not know how to download the *Zoom* application (app), ask your grandkids or great-grandkids or anyone under thirty years of age to show you how it's done. *Improvise, adapt, overcome!*

Remember to wear your Red Fore & Aft Cover!

SEMPER FIDELIS



Improvise!

Adapt!

Overcome!