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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)

**12 MAR** DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS  
**17 MAR** Happy St Patrick Day  
**17-19 MAR** Dept 3rd Staff meeting and Training Session  
**28 MAR** #399 General Meeting begins 1930  
 1st round Officer **Nominations**, *Zoom* access;  
 Board meeting begins 1830  
**30 MAR-2 APR** Central Division Conference, Embassy Suites,  
 6089 Clarks Creek Rd, Plainfield, IN  
**25 APR** #399 General Meeting begins 1930, *Zoom* access;  
 Board meeting begins 1830  
 2nd round Officer **Nominations**, ELECTIONS  
**23 MAY** **EARLY START**#399 General Meeting begins **1900**,  
 (will be an abbreviated meeting) *Zoom* access;  
 INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS & BUFFET DINNER  
 Board meeting begins **1800**  
**22-25 Jun** Department 4th Staff and 79th Convention, Northfield  
 Inn Suites&Conference Center, 3280 Northfield Dr,  
 Springfield, IL. 217 523-7900

#### MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDANT #399

Hello fellow Marines, It was great to see everyone after the Holidays. Glad to see everyone was doing well. We are exploring new ways and opportunities for fund raising and recruiting new members for our detachment. Having fund raising tickets for booze raffles, meat raffles, Gun raffles were just some thoughts; if you have ideas bring them to the next meeting. More good news as we have purchased our own laptop, a step in the right direction. Hoping to see everyone on March 28th meeting. Semper Fidelis, Merrill Albertus

#### 2022 TOYS FOR TOTS

##### Dear Toys for Tots DuPage Supporter,

As we've just closed out our 2022 USMC Toys for Tots DuPage campaign, we want to thank you for your kindness and support in bringing smiles to children in need simply by giving them a toy at the holidays. Many people stopped by our "Santa's Workshop" in Lisle and got to see the abundance of toys, books, bikes, and more. The experience illustrates how one toy can change lives. Give Toys...Give Hope, Diane Busman, DuPageCampaign.



## SCHOLARSHIPS 2023

**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-program-s.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 IL 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**. (**Updated to 15 March**). 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.

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.

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## DETACHMENT ELECTIONS

**Your detachment needs you to step forward. Think about getting involved.**

YOU CAN DO IT AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

The meeting on 28 MAR 2023 is the first round of officers' nominations for 2022-2023. Second round of nominations and election of officers is at our 25 APR 2023 meeting. Would you like a copy of duties of each office? Look at learning about each office or, moving up in office?

Our DUPAGE COUNTY MCL DETACHMENT 399 BY-LAWS lists the duties of each office or ask any officer.

## MEMBERSHIP

**MEMBERS WHO WERE SWORN IN TO OUR DETACHMENT OVER TWENTY YEARS AGO:**

- Robert J. Beran – 37 years, 18 March 1986
- John P. Meschi – 36 years, 17 March 1987
- Richard “Mike” Mikulecky – 30 years, 11 March 1993
- Jerome S. Bonkowski – 28 years, early 1995

## 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.

## DEPARTMENT OF IL MCL 4TH STAFF AND 79TH CONVENTION

The convention will be held at the Northfield Inn Suites and Conference Center, 3280 Northfield Dr., IL. 217 523-7900. Room rate 92.00 + 14% tax = \$104.88. Call the hotel directly to use the MCL rate. The convention is your chance to voice your opinion, vote, be involved with the activities your Department MCL has to offer, meet with other IL Marines, and have a good time. You would be surprised that many other MCL Members are just like you!

If you are able to attend, the detachment pays your delegate fee. We can have a huge influence on all things Department, but first, you must attend

The Department of Illinois is selling ads for the 2023 Convention Program Book to help defray some of the expenses incurred with hosting the 2023 Convention.

**HELP!** We need a new ad designed for our detachment to submit to the Department convention book. Our previous ad used the eagle globe and anchor which NOW requires a disclaimer to use and another uses the Iwo Jima photo which has a copy-write disagreement. We need the new design by 5 May.

## PRAYER LIST

Please add Merrill Albertus, Beth Gaden, and Linda Bellow to your prayers; they have newer medical problems that are complex. And 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 or are recovering from medical problems and other health issues.** A word of good cheer or a card may brighten their day; some have recent illnesses or hospitalizations and some 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. If you need an address for a card or a number for a phone call, contact Chaplain Don Kenyon or Adjutant Vicki Cobbett.

**Some of our members wish to remain anonymous, but still need to be in our prayers.**

## GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

Our Korean War veteran, Marty Bourgeois, received his shower/bath chair on Wednesday 1 March. The purchase was supported by Lynne Grezek & Vicki Cobbett who donated enough to cover the entire amount.

Vicki delivered the chair and visited with Marty who is recovering well. He is receiving in-house physical therapy and transfers well with minimal to no assist. He was very happy with his new chair. Now we are working on obtaining a new prepaid phone for him as his current phones are no longer functioning or useable.

Semper Fi, Marty!



## SEMPER FIDELIS



Improvise!

Adapt!

Overcome!