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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

To contact any officer:

websgt@mcleague399.org

- 25 APR** Special TFT meeting upstairs at VFW #2164 begins 1700 with LtCol David Cooper
- 25 APR** #399 General Meeting begins 1930, Zoom access; Board meeting begins 1830
- 23 MAY** 2nd round Officer **Nominations**, ELECTIONS **EARLY START**#399 General Meeting begins 1900, (will be an abbreviated meeting) no 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.

Our first round of Officer nominations are as follows:

- Commandant: M Albertus
- Sr Vice Comdt: H Quiroga
- Jr Vice Comdt: no one
- Paymaster/Adjutant: V. Cobbett
- Chaplain: D. Kenyon
- Judge Advocate: R Kollias
- Sgt at Arms: R Gaden
- Jr Past Commandant: J. Olejnicki
- Trustee: Ed Weingartner (2027)

Semper Fidelis, Merrill Albertus

2022 TOYS FOR TOTS

LtCol Dave Cooper, VP of Operations for Marine Toys for Tots Foundation will be meeting with select member from DuPage County's Toys for Tots Campaign to address the challenges and concerns from the 2023 campaign. All involved members are welcome to attend. The special meeting will begin at 1700, upstairs at the Post.



SCHOLARSHIPS 2023

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. 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, Phone: 609-744-5684.

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. 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 or telephone 630-257-6423 and leave a message.

THE ILLINOIS MARINE IS THE DEPARTMENT WEBSITE. You can access information about all things Marine Corps League. The address is: <https://theillinoismarine.com/>
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MEMBERSHIP

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

Russell "Russ" Kamradt, Founding Commandant – 46 years, 30 April 1977

[5 May 1977 Charter Signing Member]

Michael "Mike" McNeice, our 1st Sr. Vice Commandant – 46 years, 30 April 1977

[5 May 1977 Charter Signing Member]

Charles W. "Chuck" Wingard – 44 years, 11 April 1979

John Burlace – 37 years, 15 April 1986

DEPARTMENT OF IL MCL TRAINING SESSION (18 March 2023)

The Dept training session was very informative and helpful to anyone wanting to learn about the structure and duties of the Marine Corps League. Each presenter was interesting and answered all questions. The stipend for mileage and meals was reimbursed promptly. The very informative day is planned to be repeated.

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.

PRAYER LIST

Please keep Merrill Albertus, Beth Gaden, and Linda Bellow to your prayers; Merrill and Linda both had successful surgeries and are recovering; Beth Gaden is still hospitalized in the transplant unit. The Cobbett family lost Vicki's long time step-father, Jerry Egermaier, a Korean War era Army National Guard veteran.

The prayers for healing of members and family 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 needs to remain 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

DETACHMENT ELECTIONS

Your detachment needs you! Our detachment meeting on Tuesday 25 April will provide for the second and final round of nominations for 2023-24 officers; please come to meeting. You can make a difference! Get involved! - Would you like a copy of duties of each office? The DUPAGE COUNTY DETACHMENT MCL BY-LAWS lists duties of each office and every job or ask a current officer. Look at learning about each office or, moving up in office? The new member packet has a copy or contact Judge Advocate Rita Kollias at Rita.Kollias@carotrans.com for another email copy of by-laws.

NEWSLETTER

We need a news letter editor. Many hands make light work and someone needs to take up the mantle of newsletter editor. We need a monthly newsletter to send out to the detachment to encapsulate any current events or activities of interest to the membership. You can do it!

SEMPER FIDELIS



Improvise!

Adapt!

Overcome!