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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: H Quiroga
 Jr Vice Comdt: P Beaudion
 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: J. Meschi (2024)
 Trustee: L. Olson (2025)
 Trustee: C. Wingard (2026)
 Trustee: E. Weingartner (2027)

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Bingo: R. Gaden/L. Grezek
 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: R Kollias
 VAC: J. Meschi
 Valentine Party: L. Bellow
 Web Sgt: J. Stanovich

WEBSITE

www.mcleague399.org

4 JULY INDEPENDENCE DAY! E Pluribus Unum
25 JUL #399 General Meeting begins 1930, Zoom access;
 Board meeting begins 1830
27 JUL 27 JULY 1953 Korean War Cease Fire Declared
22 AUG #399 General Meeting begins 1930, Zoom access;
 Board meeting begins 1830
 Recognition of our Dept AMOY Lynne Grezek
4 SEP LABOR DAY

MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDANT #399

Hello fellow Marines. It was so good to see everyone again. We have a couple of events coming in July, a rose and flag fund raising at Danada Square Jewel on the 15th, and 2 Eagle Scout in August. Also, the VFW will be having a car show on 29 July from 10 till 2 and we will be able to set up a table for roses and flag fundraising. Come out and help if you can. Hoping everyone has a safe Fourth of July. Our next meeting will be on July 25th and hoping to see everyone there.

Semper Fidelis Merrill Albertus

2023 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

The 79th Annual MCL Department of Illinois Convention was held in Springfield on June 21-25. The turnout was exceptionally poor and less than half of the detachments were represented; of those present, most had a single delegate. It was a very enjoyable convention in spite of the poor attendance. The DuPage Marines were represented by John Olejnicki, Gary Cobbett, and Victoria Cobbett. Congratulations to John Olejnicki on being re-elected as Dept Judge Advocate and to Victoria Cobbett who was elected as Dept Jr Vice Commandant.

A special shout-out and congratulations go to our own Lynne Grezek who was selected as the Department Associate Member of the Year! Congratulations to Ms Lydia Metcalf and Mr. Mason Straight, the two recipients of the 2023 Barbara M Olejnicki Memorial Scholarship. Each recipient received \$1000 to be used at their future school for books and tuition. Mason read his essay at the joint opening session of the convention followed by lunch with his family and Dept Commandant Ron Burns. The evaluation and selection committee members are John Olejnicki (DuPage Marines #399), Harry Fanning (Shawnee #812), and Chairwoman Victoria Cobbett (DuPage Marines #399).

FUND RAISING

A Marine Rose and Flag fundraising event is scheduled at: Jewel Food Store, Danada Square, 30 Danada Sq West (Naperville & Butterfield Rd/) on **Saturday, July 15** / From 1000 to 1400 (10am – 2pm folks). Wear your MCL attire (Dupage MCL polos or T-shirts). Set-up 0945.

It is best to confirm availability with LARRY via text: 630 569 7395 or email: oly18@comcast.net.

Larry will be working the full shift (it's not work like digging foxholes, bunkers... but it will require you to smile, form full sentences, and hand out flags). Feel free to bring a lawn chair to sit.

One person can't do it all, but everybody can do something. Remember ...the best gift you can give anybody ... is your time

We had two Marine Rose events at the Jewel in Bartlett, 27 May & 28 MAY.

Meschi, Schie

B. & R. Kollias, Albertus

Schie, Bellow



Olson, B. Kollias, Comd. Albertus



Nine members volunteered; some worked some both days.
Team work is the key to DuPage Marines success!

ES/COH

ES COH was held on 4 JUN 2023 in Naperville. The MCL Good Citizenship Award and a USMC style Ka-Bar were presented to Eagle Scouts Patrick Norton, Jonathan Mannisto, and Daniel P. Fiems by Commandant Merrill "Doc" Albertus, PDC Roger Gaden and Chaplain Donald Kenyon (all are pictured to the left). A Court of Honor is scheduled on Saturday 12 August at 1400 at Our Savior Lutheran Church, Carol Stream. Another, on 13 August at 1700 at 6350 Minkler Road, Yorkville, IL 60560 for two Eagle Scouts. Contact ES Chair Don Kenyon: dskenyon@sbc-global.net or (630) 561-8741 if you are able to participate. These recognitions are good for the Scouts and good for the League!

TOYS FOR TOTS

SHE'S BACK; YES, SHE IS! Congratulations to Rita Kollias for being selected as the 2023 TFT campaign coordinator! Another successful year is in the making. And Javier Martinez is the Kane County TFT coordinator. DuPage Marines rule!

TFT MOTORCYCLE RUN

A fundraising motorcycle run will begin at *Knuckleheads* in Elburn at 0930 on 23 July. Contact Judge Advocate Rita Kollias for details, rita.kollias@carotrans.com.

TFT GOLF OUTING

The **Kane & DuPage Counties Golf Charity Golf Outing** scheduled for Friday 22 SEPT 2023 at *Bliss Creek Golf Club*. 9 AM REGISTRATION, 10 AM Shotgun Start, 18 Holes of Golf with Cart, Lunch and Raffles; dinner to follow. Contests for Golfers of ALL Skill Levels! Exciting Awards Banquet and Dinner! Receive a FREE Raffle Ticket for every New and Unwrapped Toy Donated valued at \$20 or more. Bliss Creek Golf Club, 1 Golf View Road, Sugar Grove, IL 630-466-4177 Contact Rita if you can volunteer four hours, half day, or all day.

THE ILLINOIS MARINE IS THE DEPARTMENT WEBSITE.

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KOREAN WAR REMEMBRANCE

On Saturday, July 29, 2023 in Chicago's Kennedy Pk 11320 S. Western Ave, Chicago 60643 at 11:15 am, a remembrance ceremony will be held to reflect on and honor all veterans on the seventieth year after the Armistice signing of the Korean War, "The Forgotten War". Contact: George Mulvaney, (MCL Burbank Det.#072, MODD #12, Chicago Marines) 773. 704. 2150, lz4vets@gmail.com, for further information or to participate.

MEMBERSHIP

This issue is dedicated to our still living members who served and fought in Korea, "The Forgotten War", 70 years ago. They are:

1. Jerome S. Bonkowski, 1st Sgt., USMC (Ret.), Korea 1950-1951
2. Robert G. "Bob" Henry, L/Cpl, Korea 1951-1953
3. Roland O. Johnson, Sgt., Korea 1952-1953

NEW MEMBERS

DuPage Marines are looking for Marines! Make sure you get credit for being a recruiter/sponsor – (5) new members recruited in a detachment year (May 1-April 30) rates the Detachment Recruiter Ribbon.

ANNUAL DUES

If you pay annual dues, they expire annually on 31 August 2023. If you have difficulty paying your dues, please contact Paymaster Vicki Cobbett, (v.cobbett@comcast.net, or text 630-330-2571) and confidentiality will be maintained. You are very important to our detachment. Anyone can experience financial problems, so don't be so proud.

LIFE MEMBER DUES NEW FEE SCHEDULE

Consider becoming a Life Member – After One (1) year of membership, any member can become a Life Member of the Marine Corps League.

Effective **1 JULY 2023**, the Life Membership Fees Increased as follows:

\$1000.00	35 years of age and lower
\$800.00	36-50 years of age
\$600.00	51-64 years of age
\$400.00	65-84 years of age
\$100.00	85 years of age and higher

A member's annual dues must be paid up-to-date and the member is in good standing. Any member desiring to become a life member this year must postmark their payment before 1 September or it will apply to next year. Use the SASE included with the annual dues reminder and return to Paymaster Cobbett, 733 Singer Avenue, Lemont, IL 60439-3912.

MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES

Members who were sworn in to our detachment over twenty years ago:

- * Brian F. Winkel – 39 years, 9 July 1983
- * Patrick J. Kackert, CWO-4, USMC (Ret.) – 20 years, 22 July 2003

PRAYER LIST

Please keep Merrill Albertus, and Beth Gaden in your prayers; Merrill is continuing chemotherapy infusions; Beth Gaden is home recovering from her heart transplant.

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 need 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.**

Improvise!

Adapt!

Overcome!