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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

5 AUG MCL 2nd District meeting, 0930, Golden Corral Diner
 445 E Palatine Rd, Arlington Heights, IL 60004

22 AUG #399 General Meeting begins 1930, Zoom access;
 Board meeting begins 1830

4 SEP LABOR DAY

15 SEP POW/MIA Remembrance day

22 SEP TFT GOLF OUTING

26 SEP #399 General Meeting begins 1930, Zoom access;
 Board meeting begins 1830
 Recognition of our Dept AMOY Lynne Grezek

MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDANT #399

Hello fellow marines, can't believe July is gone already and school will soon start; watch out for the little ones. We are scheduled for two Eagle Scout ceremonies in August and are looking for members to participate. It's a satisfying experience to see these young men reach such a high standard; let us know if you can participate.

Our next meeting will be August 22, hoping to see everyone then.
 Semper Fidelis Merrill Albertus

2023 DEPARTMENT AMOY CELEBRATION

The presentation of the Department Associate Member of the Year medallion has been rescheduled to our **26 September meeting**. Our recipient, Lynne Grezek, is unable to attend on the August date. Update your calendar for the change

NATIONAL POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY

"The Defense Department remembers and honors those Americans who were prisoners of war and those who served and never returned home. DOD's POW/MIA Accounting Agency continues the search for the missing, fulfilling the nation's promise to leave no service member behind." This year, **National POW/MIA Recognition Day is 15 September**. The day is commemorated each year on the third Friday of September. A remembrance will be held at VFW 22 Honor Post #5819. 15780 New Avenue, Lemont IL 60439 on Friday 15 September at 1915. All are welcome to attend. Further information about National POW/MIA may be found at:

<https://www.defense.gov/Spotlights/National-Pow-Mia-Recognition-Day/>

2023 SGT THOMAS GILBERT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Our detachment has awarded twelve scholarship grants for the 2023-24 school year. These children and grandchildren of our members have outstanding scholastic records and extra-curricular achievements. The scholarship committee, Chuck Wingard, George Bormann, and Victoria Cobbett, determined that in keeping with our MCL purpose, could award each university student one thousand dollars and each junior college student seven hundred fifty dollars for books and tuition. The following students received a scholarship grant:

BARTA, ALYSSA	University of Arizona (Grandfather, late William Barta)
BARTA, AMANDA	Illinois State University (Grandfather, late William Barta)
BORMANN, ETHAN	Western Carolina University (Grandfather, George Bormann)
BORMANN, JOSHUA	University of North Carolina (Grandfather, George Bormann)
KACKERT, ALEXANDRA	Indiana University (Father, Patrick Kackert)
KENYON, JACOB	Georgia Southern University(Grandfather, Don Kenyon)
KENYON, LOGAN	University of Georgia(Grandfather, Don Kenyon)
METCALF, JOSEPH	DePaul University (Grandfather, late William Barta)
METCALF, LYDIA	Iowa State University (Grandfather, late William Barta)
WEINGARTNER, JOSEPH	University of Georgia (Grandfather, Ed Weingartner)
WEINGARTNER, PATRICK	University of Georgia (Grandfather, Ed Weingartner)
FENNE, CARSON	Junior College of DuPage (Grandfather, Frank Kohout)

Since fiscal year 1992-1993 when our scholarship program was started, the DuPage County Marines, have awarded (149) Scholarships awarded at a total of \$117,105.00! We wish each student success in their future endeavors.

EAGLE SCOUT COURT OF HONOR RECOGNITION

We have two ES/COH scheduled for August when each Eagle Scout will be presented the MCL Good Citizenship Award and a USMC Ka-Bar.

The first COH is on 12 AUG 2023 at 1430 at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1244 Army Trail Road, Carol Stream, 60188 honoring four new Eagle Scouts.

,Then on 13 AUG 2023 at 1700, the second ES/COH is honoring two new Eagle Scouts. This Court of Honor will be held at Pickerill Estate House, 6350 Minkler Road, Yorkville, 60560.

These young men and women are our future leaders and achievers. You will be impressed with their ES projects and other community involvement. Please contact ES Chairman Don Kenyon if you can assist or wish to attend: Cell: 630-561-8741 or email: dskenyon@sbcglobal.net.

FUND RAISING

We had a successful US Flag/Marine Rose event on 15 July at the Danada Square Jewel in Wheaton. Volunteers included Commandant "Doc" Albertus, Don Kenyon, Bob Kulseth, Ed Weingartner, and Javier Martinez. They raised \$1,004 (gross). Team work is the key to DuPage Marines success!

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 Get your foursome together. All money raised and toys re-

ceived go to both the Kane & DuPage TFT programs. Contact Rita if you can volunteer four hours, half day, or all day.

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 was held to reflect on and honor all veterans on the seventieth year after the Armistice signing of the Korean War, "The Forgotten War". Dignitaries included:

the Honorable Vice Consul Hoseung Choi ,Republic. of Korea Consulate, Chicago

the Honorable Consul General J. Susana V. Paez , Republic. of the Philippines Consulate, Chicago

and Mr. Paul Van Halteren, Honorary Consul Kingdom of Belgium Consulate, Illinois

Members from the VFW, MCL, American Legion, SAL, NWVU and recruiters from RS Chicago participated in this event. MCL #399 Marine Victoria Cobbett was the emcee.

MEMBERSHIP

NEW MEMBERS

DuPage Marines are looking for Marines! Make sure you get credit for being a recruiter/sponsor. Five 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:**

Stephanie Kifowit – 22 years, 22 August 2000

Donn M. Byrne – 21 years, 28 August 2001

Carmen S. Guido – 21 years, 28 August 2001

Dirk Enger – 20 years, 26 August 2003

Javier F. Martinez – 20 years, 26 August 2003

PRAYER LIST

Remember Larry Olson & his family. Larry's older brother, Dennis H. Olson, a Marine, answered his last roll call. Marine Dennis Olson was also Chicago Police Officer for 32 years.

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.

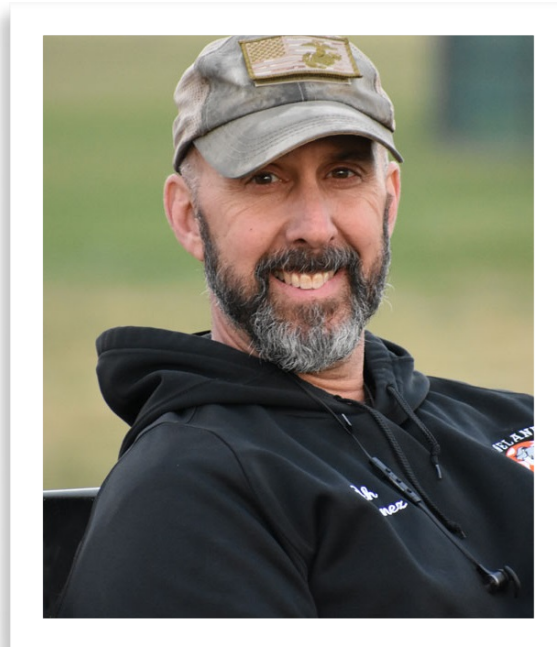
Many of our members have long term illnesses or disabilities or are recovering from medical problems and other health issues. A word of good cheer or a card may brighten their day; some have recent illnesses or hospitalizations and some are on their way to recovery. Some of the names on our prayer list 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.**

THE ILLINOIS MARINE IS THE DEPARTMENT WEBSITE. <https://theillinoismarine.com/>

You can access information about all things Marine Corps League. Contact information: The Illinois Marine 1005 Prairie Street, St. Charles, IL 60174-3638, Phone: 630 564-1804 fax: 630 377-9638 Email: usmc1962@comcast.net (Don Haines) or lori@bwbgraphics.com (Lori Boyle) to place news articles.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

Congratulations to our own Javier F. Martinez being named VFW National Teacher of the Year (grades 9-12). Javier Martinez, Capt. USMC, taught history at Kaneland High School, Maple Park, IL.



Improvise!

Adapt!

Overcome!