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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 SEP LABOR DAY
9 Sep Helen Ehlers 100th Birthday
11 Sep MCCC Conference call
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; summer is over, fall is starting already; this year is going by so fast. It was a busy month for all the Eagle Scout ceremonies and it's such an honor to be able to participate and meet all these young men and women. We still need to come up with ideas for fund raising for our detachment. Any and all ideas will be considered. Our next meeting will be September 26. Everyone have a safe Labor Day. See everyone next month.

Semper Fidelis, M. Albertus

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

2023 NATIONAL MCL CONVENTION

MCL National Convention was held 15 AUG to 19 AUG 2023, at the Omni Hotel, in Oklahoma City, OK.

2023 DEPARTMENT AMOY CELEBRATION

The presentation of the Department Associate Member of the Year medallion has been postponed. The National MCL has had no stock of AMOY medallions since before June.

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/>

EAGLE SCOUT COURT OF HONOR RECOGNITION

Our Detachment participated in three Eagle Scout Courts of Honor the weekend of August 12-13. Each Eagle Scout was presented the MCL Good Citizenship Award and a USMC Ka-Bar as well as additional recognition..

The first COH was on Saturday, 12 AUG 2023 at 1200 at Sheldon Park Homestead at 355 E. Parkside Ave. in Lombard honoring one (1) new Eagle Scout, Adam Dynako.



The second COH at 1400 on Saturday, 12 AUG 2023 was held at Our Savior Lutheran Church at 1244 Army Trail Road in Carol Stream, honoring four (4) new Eagle Scouts from Troop #98. The MCL Good Citizenship Award and a USMC Ka-Bar were presented to Eagle Scouts Zachary Maslona, Kyle Morini, Zachary Popham & Aaron Ruszczak.



The next day, Sunday 13 AUG 2023 an ES/COH was held at the Pickerill Estate House, 6350 Minkler Road in Yorkville. Twin brothers and members of Troop #889, Eagle Scouts Alexander M Harrison & Sachairi C. Harrison received the MCL Good Citizenship Award and a USMC Ka-Bar. DuPage County Marines Don Kenyon and Merrill Albertus performed the flag folding of two American Fags that has been flown of the U.S. Capital and presented one to each of the Eagle Scouts.

Additionally, during the ES COH there was a special presentation to Eagle Scout Nathan Lichucki, also a member of Boy Scout Troop # 889 who was unable to receive his recognition at a COH in October 2021 due to the COVID-19 virus shutting down all gatherings.

Members that participated in the Eagle Scout Courts of Honor were Commandant Merrill Albertus, Chaplain Donald Kenyon, PDC Victoria Cobbett and PDC Roger Gaden.

Photo below



Commandant Albertus, Alexander Harrison, Sachairi Harrison, and Chaplain Kenyon

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!

2023 TFT

THE **TFT CAMPAIGN** KICK-OFF DATE IS 1 OCT 2023 - DuPage County Marines still need to secure a warehouse for this year's TFT campaign. Contact Linda for warehouse requirements; **do not contact the vendor independently**. Linda Bellow, C: 630-677-2842, bellow.toysfortots@gmail.com .

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MEMBERSHIP

NEW LIFE MEMBER

Traci "Doc" Tunney became a Life Member on 22 AUG 2023. Doc Tunney is a retired FMF HMC Chief Petty Officer/E7. Doc Tunney was our very first FMF Corpsman sworn into our DuPage Marines on 23 MAR 2004. Doc Tunney was elected & served as our detachment Chaplain 1 MAY 2007 to 30 APR 2008.

Photo is PDC Victoria Cobbett presenting Doc Tunney with her Life Membership pin.



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.

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, don't be so proud.

MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES

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

Edward R. Krol – 40 years, 8 September 1982

Vito J. Markas – 26 years, 26 September 1996

Christine A. Andersen – 20 years, 23 September 2003

PRAYER LIST

Please keep Merrill Albertus, Beth Gaden, Lynne Grezek, and Beth Olejnicki in your prayers; Merrill is continuing chemotherapy infusions; Beth Gaden is home recovering from her heart transplant. Lynne had surgery and Beth was hospitalized.

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.

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.

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

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. A phone call is a wonderful way to visit and encourage. A quiet listener is the best listener.

REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR RED FORE & AFT COVER!

Improvise!

Adapt!

Overcome!