



The DuPage MCL Detachment 399

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Meeting at DuPage Memorial VFW Post #2164 · 0N731 Papworth Rd. · Wheaton, IL 60187



2024-2025

OFFICERS

Commandant: H Quiroga
Sr Vice Comdt: R Kollias
Jr Vice Comdt: J Schmitt (A)
Paymaster/Adjutant: V. Cobbett
Chaplain: D. Kenyon
Judge Advocate: D Igrisan
Sgt at Arms: R Gaden
Assistant: M Mikulecky
Jr Past Commandant: J. Olejnicki
Trustee: L. Olson (2025)
Trustee: C. Wingard (2026)
Trustee: E. Weingartner (2027)
Trustee: J. Meschi (2028)

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Bingo: R. Gaden/L. Grezek
Color Guard: R Gaden
Eagle Scout: D. Kenyon
Fund-Raising: L. Olson
Historian: D. Igrisan
News Memo:
D. Igrisan/V. Cobbett
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

2024 DATES TO REMEMBER

4 JULY HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY



- 21 Jul MCL #399 Bingo at Hines Hospital
- 23 Jul #399 #399 General Meeting begins 1930, Zoom access; Board meeting 1830
- 27 Jul Korean Conflict Remembrance t Kennedy Park, Chicago
- 18 Aug MCL #399 Bingo at Hines Hospital
- 27 Aug #399 #399 General Meeting begins 1930, Zoom access; Board meeting 1830

71 years ago - 27 JULY 1953 Cease Fire Declared

This issue is dedicated to our still living members who fought in Korea, "The Forgotten War". These members are Marine veterans who fought in Korea, known as the "Forgotten War". Member Korean War Vets known to still be with us include:

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

MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDANT #399

Fellow Marines, FMF Corpsmen, and Associate Members,
June was my first meeting as your newly elected Commandant and I think it went well. We presented the Good Citizenship Silver award & certificate from the Dep Commandant Ron Burns to members Chuck Wingard and Merrill Albertus; John Olejnicki, Dan Igrisan, and Vicki Cobbett received the Good Citizenship Silver awards from the Dep Commandant at the 80th convention. We will be presenting the annual detachment awards and certificates at our general meeting on Tuesday 23 July and will have pizza after the meeting, so I hope to see you there.
Semper Fidelis,
Hector Quiroga
Commandant MCL #399

EAGLE SCOUT NEWS

There will an Eagle Scout Presentation during the detachment meeting on Tuesday 23 JUL at 1930 by Eagle Scout Chair Don Kenyon. Come on out as this is a must-see presentation to learn about these amazing Eagle Scouts.

In our DuPage Marines we have two detachment members that are Eagle Scouts, five members that are/were Scoutmasters/Assist. Scoutmasters and ten sons/daughters of members that have earned Eagle Scout. Please let Historian Dan Igrisan at e-mail deiggy1@gmail.com or phone (708-217-0406), know if you have additional info on members: a) that have earned Eagle Scout; b) are/were a Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmaster; and c) member's son/daughter that has earned Eagle Scout. We would like to add to this info to our detachment's ES history file.

We are invited to participate in an Eagle Scout Court of Honor on Sunday 21 July 2024, at 1300 the Trinity Lutheran Church, 405 Rush street in Roselle.

This Eagle Scout will be awarded the MCL award and a USMC Ka-Bar. Come on out to see what this young Eagle Scout has accomplished.

On 9 June 2024 there was an Eagle Scout Court of Honor held at the Our Savior's Lutheran Church on 815 S. Washington Street in Naperville. Commandant Hector Quiroga presented to the new Eagle Scout the MCL Good Citizenship Award and a USMC Ka-Bar.

(L-R) Mrs. Amy Callahan, Hector Quiroga, ES William Callahan, Mr. Bill Callahan



Please contact Chairman Kenyon if you wish to participate in any future presentations, Cell: 630-561-8741 or E-Mail: dskenyon@sbcglobal.net

TFT

The TFT Motorcycle Run is scheduled 28 July beginning at Knuckleheads Tavern in Elburn, registration is at 0930. Run ends at Elburn American Legion Post #630. Contact TFT Chairwoman Rita Kollias for further details, (devildog97@icloud.com).

The DuPage County/Kane County TFT Charity golf outing is 20 September 2024 at Bliss Creek Golf Course, 1 Golf View Road, Sugar Grove, IL.

HINES BINGO

On Sunday, 19 MAY 2024 at Hines Hospital Bingo there were (6) volunteers: Elizabeth Gaden, Roger Gaden, Virginia Carino, Lynne Grezek, Vinnie Romano and Pat Weingartner.

* On Sunday 16 JUN 2024 at Hines Bingo there were (8) volunteers: Roger Gaden, Elizabeth Gaden, Virginia Carino, Lynne Grezek, Pat Weingartner, Vinnie Romano, Brittany Micher and Richard Mikulecky.

DuPage Marines are reserved for the third Sunday of each month through 2024. Join us to bring some cheer to our fellow Veterans in long-term hospital care. Muster at 1345 and game with the in-patient veterans until 1530. Contact Roger Gaden (630) 854-9587 for further information or questions.

Upcoming dates are:

21 Jul 2024 18 Aug 2024

15 Sep

20 Oct

17 Nov

15 Dec

FUNDRAISING

A Marine Rose/US Flag fundraiser is planned in front of the Bartlett Jewel in July; Details when confirmed.

MCL NEWS**NATIONAL**

The National MCL link has all sorts of information for the Marine Corps League.

<https://www.mcleaguelibrary.org/member-library/>

DEPARTMENT OF IL

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.

DEPARTMENT IL SCHOLARSHIP

2024 Department IL MCL Barbara M Olejnicki Memorial Scholarship Two \$1000 scholarships were awarded at the department convention on 14 JUN 2024. Congratulations to the following recipients of the Department IL MCL scholarship : Ms. Catrina Louise Irby and Mr. Brandon Tanner Lewis

DEPARTMENT IL CONVENTION

80th State Convention was held 14-16 JUN 2024 in Springfield, IL. We had (4) of the (11) delegates authorized at the convention. Our delegates included John Olejnicki, Victoria Cobbett, Gary Cobbett and Daniel Igrisan. Victoria Cobbett won election to the position of Senior Vice Commandant!

DETACHMENT

The DuPage Marines detachment website is: mcleague399.org. If you have information or suggestions for content, send your MCL events and photos to Dan Igrisan (deiggy1@gmail.com) or Vicki Cobbett (v.cobbett@comcast.net) or maybe volunteer to become our social information chairman.

DETACHMENT SCHOLARSHIP

The DuPage Marines Sgt. Thomas Gilbert Memorial Scholarship program, www.mcleague399.org, is available to detachment members and family. The Application & Instructions for the detachment scholarship may be downloaded at: www.mcleague399.org. Hardcopies of the packet are available by request at every meeting from Vicki Cobbett (v.cobbett@comcast.net) If you are planning to pursue or currently are obtaining any type of educational opportunity 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 2024!** No online applications are accepted; postal mail only.

We have received donations from Lynne Grezek and Daniel Igrisan again this year into our scholarship fund. Thank you for your generosity!

PRAYER LIST

The prayers list for hope and healing of members and family include Merrill Albertus, Marty Bourgeois, John Burlace, Charlie Castino, Elizabeth Gaden, Roland Johnson, Kyle Michael Koener, Vito & Amy Markas, Mike Mikulecky, Richard Nazimek, Terry Owens, Harper Orbell, Sharon Passero, Read Rogers, John Schmitt, and Thomas Stuckey. Many of our members have new grandchildren or graduates to celebrate. Remember them in your thoughts and prayers (Psalm 9:1). 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 remain in our prayers. Marines are proud and stubborn, but MARINES TAKE CARE OF THEIR OWN!

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, all expire annually on 31 August 2023, regardless of the month you joined!. Renewal notices have been mailed and will be arriving soon. You are very important to our detachment. Anyone can experience financial problems, don't be so proud. 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.

MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES

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

- * Brian F. Winkel – 41 years, 9 July 1983
- * Patrick J. Kackert, CWO-4, USMC (Ret.) – 21 years, 22 July 2003
- * Gordon L. Tozier – 20 years, 27 July 2004

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

- * Jack McInerney – 15 years, 28 July 2009
- * Robbie J. Marshall – 15 years, 28 July 2009

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

- *Amelia Markas – 10 years, 22 July 2014

Improvise!

Adapt!

Overcome!

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

- Pizza & Awards at the July meeting
- Flyers follow for TFT charity golf outing and Korean War Veteran Remembrance
- Remember to wear your Red Fore & Aft Cover!



KOREAN WAR VETERANS

**** "CIRCLE the Calender date for this annual Event" ****

date/time: **SATurday, July 27, 2024 @ 10:45 am to 12 noon**
place: **Kennedy Park, 11320 S. Western Ave. Chgo, IL. 60643**

Join members from various Veteran organizations and Community groups as we come together once again to show America, these heroes will be forever remembered.

gathering for the upcoming 71st ARMISTICE Salute of July 1953

Remembering "America's Forgotten"



Synopsis: *In 1986 from an idea by Korean War veteran Ed McCarthy created an inspiration along with the Windy City Veterans Association. Two years later after several blockbusting fundraisers that followed, the very first memorial known in the USA was dedicated in Chicago on September 15, 1988, in memory to both men and women who had served during the Korean War.*

Inquires to: **Chicago MARINES** info@ONCEandALWAYS.org

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 20 2024
KANE & DUPAGE COUNTY
**CHARITY
GOLF OUTING**



9 AM Registration
10 AM Shotgun Start
Golf, Cart & Lunch
Dinner to Follow!



\$150
PER PLAYER
WITH DINNER

18 Holes of Golf with Cart, Lunch and Raffles!
Contests for Golfers of ALL Skill Levels!
Exciting Awards Banquet and Dinner!

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Unwrapped Toy Donated!
Toy to be valued at \$20 or more.



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