



The Few. The Proud.

The DuPage Marines MCL Detachment 399

mcleague399.org



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:
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

18 Aug MCL #399 Bingo at Hines Hospital

27 Aug #399 #399 General Meeting begins 1930,
Zoom access; Board meeting 1830

2 Sep Labor Day

20 Sep TFT charity Golf, Bliss Creek, Sugar Grove

21 Sep Sgt Tommy charity Golf, Village Greens, Woodridge

MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDANT #399

Fellow Marines, FMF Corpsmen, and Associate Members,
During our recent meeting, we focused on crucial fundraising efforts to support our Veterans and emphasized the importance of reaching out to all members to boost meeting attendance. Let's continue to motivate and inspire each other, ensuring our bond and mission remain strong. Together, we can achieve great things and honor the spirit of the Marine Corps League.

Semper Fi!

Hector Quiroga,
Commandant MCL #399

FUNDRAISING

The new FLOWER POWER fundraising effort is underway. Order your fall planting flower bulbs and fundraise for your detachment at the same time. Send the order form to family and friends. We can do this! The order form and information on how our detachment will receive attribution for each order will be available at the August meeting or sooner.

<https://www.flowerpowerfundraising.com/resources>

EXTRA, EXTRA, READ ALL ABOUT IT!

A detachment fundraising event with the US Flag/Marine Rose is scheduled this Saturday 3 August from 0945-1330 at the Jewel Food Store, 2031 N. Main Street, in Wheaton (60187). Contact Larry Olson if available for any amount of time. oly18@comcast.net or (630) 569-7395.

We need volunteers to stand in front of the store, hold flags, and smile. Or bring a chair, hold flags, sit and smile!

HINES BINGO

On Sunday, 21 July 2024 at Hines Hospital Bingo there were (6) volunteers: Elizabeth Gaden, Roger Gaden, Virginia Carino, Lynne Grezek, Vinnie Romano and Brittany. 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 2024 dates are:

18 Aug 15 Sep 20 Oct 17 Nov 15 Dec

EAGLE SCOUT NEWS

We participated in an Eagle Scout Court of Honor on Sunday 21 July 2024, at 1300 the Trinity Lutheran Church, 405 Rush Street in Roselle. Eagle Scout Kyle Collins was awarded the MCL Good Citizenship certificate and a USMC Ka-Bar.

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



TFT

From Rita Kollias: "I know many of you don't golf, but we all can network. Please forward e-mail to any potential donors who may be inclined to help Toys for Tots this holiday season." DuPage and Kane County Marine Toys for Tots are once again pleased to be hosting our Annual Charity Golf Outing on Friday, September 20 at Bliss Creek Golf Course, 1 Golf View Road, Sugar Grove, IL.

This is our fifth year co-hosting this event with Green Associates and each year the tournament just gets better and better! Once again, we will have prizes, a silent auction, a raffle table, and a selection of golf-themed games (minimal skill required).

Please consider partnering with us this year.

Hole Sponsorship \$500

Product or Gift Certificate Donation

Beverage Cart and/or Lunch Sponsorship \$1000

Dinner Sponsorship \$1500

General Sponsor \$2000

Register a Foursome - Come join us for a great day of golf! <https://www.golfinvite.net/marinetoysfor-tots-blisscreek>

If you are interested in sponsorship or a donation, please contact us and will be happy to assist with processing donations, sponsorships, or making arrangements to pick up auction/raffle items.

Thank you for your support!" The informational flyer follows the newsletter.

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE NEWS

NATIONAL MCL

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

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

DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS MCL

The ILLINOIS MARINE is the department website: <https://theillinoismarine.com/>

You can access information about all things Marine Corps League. Email: lori@bwbgraphics.com (Lori Boyle) to place news articles.

DETACHMENT MCL

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 year, 15 qualified applicants will receive \$500 each.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Alyssa Barta - (Grandfather, late William Barta)

Amanda Barta - (Grandfather, late William Barta)

Joshua Bormann - (Grandfather, George Bormann)

Haley Ferguson - (Grandfather, Larry Olson)

Jordan Hes - (Grandfather, Roger Carson)

Gabriella Kackert - (Father, Patrick Kackert)

Jacob Kenyon - (Grandfather, Donald Kenyon)

Logan Kenyon - (Grandfather, Donald Kenyon)

Anna Liarmatis - (Grandfather, Edward O'Reilly & Aunt, Rita Kollias)

Mason McCarthy - (Grandfather, Donald Kenyon)

Matthew Quiroga - (Father, Hector Quiroga)

Connor Shrigley - (Uncle, Robert Wilson)

Hannah Shrigley - (Uncle, Robert Wilson)

Joseph Weingartner - (Grandfather, Ed Weingartner)

Patrick Weingartner - (Grandfather, Ed Weingartner)

Since fiscal year 1992-1993 when our scholarship program was started, the DuPage County Marines MCL #399, have awarded (164) scholarships to (91) students totaling \$126,605.00!

We wish them the best with their future endeavors.

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:

- * Stephanie Kifowit – 24 years, 22 August 2000
- * Donn M. Byrne – 23 years, 28 August 2001
- * Carmen S. Guido – 23 years, 28 August 2001
- * Dominic Pugliani – 22 years, 27 August 2002
- * Javier F. Martinez – 21 years, 26 August 2003
- * Charles W. Wingard Jr. – 20 years, 24 August 2004

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

- * Gary E. Cobbett – 17 years, 28 August 2007
- * Victoria L. Cobbett – 17 years, 28 August 2007

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

None

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

- ◆ The 2023/2024 awards will be presented at the August meeting
- ◆ Watch for information about the new fundraising effort: FLOWER POWER
- ◆ Phone a fellow detachment member to remind them about attending the August meeting
- ◆ Maybe offer to ride together to the meeting; treats are available and the bar is always open
- ◆ Keep a copy of the membership application in your car
- ◆ We want to thank businesses, organizations, and members for their donations to the our DuPage County Marines Detachment #399, The following donors of time, money, and services are being presented a Certificate of Appreciation:
 - 1. Vinnie Romano & Knights of Columbus – Hines Hospital Bingo
 - 2. Cassandra Dominik – General Services from Lemont FD
 - 3. Donn Byrne – General Fund
 - 4. Lynne Grezek – Scholarship Fund and our General Fund
 - 5. Daniel igrisan - Scholarship Fund
 - 5. Addante's Pizzeria – Extras with our orders & great service
- ◆ On 20 JUL 2024, Chicagoland Blue Star IL-6 President & Associate member Sonya Stowers made her initial skydive, a 90 second free-fall at over 120 mph, got to release the chute, too. It was a tandem jump from 18,000 ft and was with oxygen. Way to go Sonya!
- ◆ Sonya's son, Alexander J. Stowers is an Eagle Scout and a Captain in the Marine Corps on active duty.



Improvise!

Adapt!

Overcome!

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!

Receive a
FREE RAFFLE TICKET
for every New and
Unwrapped Toy Donated!
Toy to be valued at \$20 or more.



1 GOLF VIEW ROAD
SUGAR GROVE, IL
630-466-4177

GREEN ASSOCIATES

SCAN QR CODE FOR PAYMENT OR VISIT
www.golfinvite.net/marinetoysfortots-blisscreek