

The Few. The Proud.



The DuPage 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: 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

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| 2 Sep | LABOR DAY |
| 15 Sep | MCL #399 Bingo at Hines Hospital |
| 20 Sep | National POW/MIA Remembrance Day |
| 20 Sep | TFT Charity Golf Outing, Bliss Creek, Sugar Grove |
| 24 Sep | #399 #399 General Meeting begins 1930,
Zoom access; Board meeting 1830 |
| 12 Oct | Dep MCL Fall Staff Conference, Springfield |
| 22 Oct | #399 #399 General Meeting begins 1930,
Zoom access; Board meeting 1830 |
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MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDANT #399

Hello, Fellow Marines, FMF Corpsmen, and Associate Members, I wish all of you from Detachment 399 to be safe and well. I am looking forward to our next meeting, to strengthen our bonds and reinforce our shared mission to take care of our fellow Marines and service men and women."

Semper Fidelis,
Hector Quiroga, Commandant MCL #399

HINES BINGO

On Sunday, 19 AUG 2024 there were: Twenty-four Veterans and Nine Volunteers. Members in attendance were; Hector Quiroga, Mike Mikulecky, John Meschi, Roger Gaden, Lynn Grezek, plus volunteers; Elizabeth Gaden, Virginia Carino, Pat Weingartner, Gail Berry and Vinnie Romano. Vinnie is the Commander of a Knights of Columbus Chapter and donated \$100.00 to our Bingo game. OOH RAH! 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 inpatient veterans until 1530. Contact Roger Gaden (630) 854-9587) for further information or questions. Upcoming dates are: 15 Sep 20 Oct 17 Nov 15 Dec

EAGLE SCOUT NEWS

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

TFT

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. Sponsors and donations are still needed. Contact TFT Chairwoman Rita Kollias for further details, (devildog97@icloud.com).

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 link is ACTIVE!

<http://DupageMarines.fpfundraising.com>

It is easy to fill your yard with beautiful flowers. Daffodil, iris, hyacinth, tulip, crocus, & allium, to name a few, all thrive in zone 5 which is Chicagoland. They return year after year and when planted according to the directions, remain true to their colors and are not invasive.

MCL NEWS

NATIONAL

The National MCL link has all sorts of information for the Marine Corps League, <https://www.mcleaguelibrary.org/member-library/>. MCL National Convention was held 11 AUG to 15 AUG 2024, at the Hyatt Regency DFW Airport, DFW Airport, TX.

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

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.

MEMBERSHIP

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome aboard, Captain McGady!

Marine McGady visited us in March and returned in August to be sworn-in. Marine McGady, sponsored by Vicki Cobbett, enlisted in the USMC in 2005 and was commissioned in 2018 with 19 years of active duty. He has been deployed to Iraq and Japan and is Amphibious Assault Officer. His current billet is Marine Officer Instructor at Northwestern University. Marine McGady is originally from Glendale Heights and currently resides in Wheaton with his family. He promised to ask his Marines at Northwestern to visit one of our meetings and learn about the DuPage County Marine Corps League!

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. 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.

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

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

Edward R. Krol – 42 years, 8 September 1982
William J. Skoumal, Jr. – 42 years, 8 September 1982
Vito J. Markas – 28 years, 26 September 1996
Christine A. Andersen – 21 years, 23 September 2003
Charles W. Wingard, Jr. – 21 years, 23 September 2003

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

Steven J. Chojnacki, Jr. – 17 years, 25 September 2007
Robert G. Henry – 17 years, 25 September 2007
Robert Kulseth – 17 years, 25 September 2007

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

John E. Warwick – 13 years, 9 September 2011

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!

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

Are you going to the TFT golf outing to volunteer or to play?

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

Improvise!

Adapt!

Overcome!