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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



2025-2026

OFFICERS

Commandant: H Quiroga
 Sr Vice Comdt: R Kollias
 Jr Vice Comdt: C Obrzut
 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: C. Wingard (2026)
 Trustee: E. Weingartner (2027)
 Trustee: J. Meschi (2028)
 Trustee: L. Olson (2029)

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

2025 DATES TO REMEMBER

6-7 Jun Department Convention, Crystal Lake
 14 Jun Flag Day
 15 Jun Fathers' Day
 24 Jun #399 General Meeting begins 1930,
 Zoom access; Board meeting 1830

4 July INDEPENDANCE DAY 🇺🇸

MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDANT

Marines,
 Congratulations to our newly installed officers. Your commitment to lead and serve is what keeps our detachment strong and mission-focused. As we move forward, let's continue to support one another and honor the values that unite us: Honor, Courage, and Commitment. I'm proud to serve alongside each of you.
 Semper Fidelis,
 Hector Quiroga

INSTALLATION and DINNER

The installation and buffet dinner was held on 27 May. Dep IL MCL Commandant R. Randall Weber drove 4.5 hours to install us and then returned home the same evening! He was assisted by Ed Weingartner as Sgt-at-Arms and Mike Mikulecky as Chaplain.

Your officers for 2025-2026 are:

Commandant: Hector E. Quiroga
 Sr. Vice Commandant: Rita T. Kollias
 Jr. Vice Commandant: Charles P. Obrzut
 Adjutant/Paymaster: Victoria L. Cobbett
 Judge Advocate: Daniel E. Igrisan
 Sgt. At Arms: Roger C. Gaden
 Chaplin: Donald J. Kenyon
 Jr. Past Commandant: John R. Olejnicki
 Trustee (2026): Charles W. Wingard
 Trustee (2027): Ed Weingartner
 Trustee (2028): John P. Meschi
 Trustee (2029): Larry J. Olson

Hector Quiroga was awarded the detachment MOY and Darlene Wingard AMOY. Congratulations to both!

We had good food and good company. A visitor and guest of Don Kenyon, Dave Schumann, attended and enjoyed himself. He has taken an application for membership. We hope see him at our next meeting to be sworn in.

HINES BINGO

The next Bingo is **canceled** because it is Fathers' Day, 15 June 2025. Bingo will resume on 20 July. Please 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.

EAGLE SCOUT NEWS

We had a very busy month in May for Eagle Scout Courts of Honor. We participated in four ES/COH



1. On **4 May 2025**, at the Oswego Fire Protection Station, 3511 Wholley Road in Oswego, PDC Roger Gaden presented the MCL Good Citizenship Award to new Eagle Scout/Sea Scout Matthew Mitchell. And Charles Obrzut presented a Ka-Bar to the new Eagle Scout.

4 May 2025 (LtoR) Roger Gaden, Sea Scout Mathew Mitchell, Charles Obrzut, Kathleen Obrzut

2. An Eagle Scout Court of Honor was held on **13 May 2025** at American Legion Post #18, 15052 South Archer Avenue in Lockport for two new Eagle Scouts John S. G. Hale and Matthew J. Frayne. PDC Victoria Cobbett presented to the new Eagle Scouts the MCL Good Citizenship Award And Charles Obrzut presented USMC Ka-Bars to the new Eagle Scouts

13 May 2025 (L TO R) Eagle Scout John Hale, Charles Obrzut, Victoria Cobbett, Eagle Scout Matthew Frayne





3. Then on **24 May 2025** an Eagle Scout Court of Honor for new ES Tyler J. Rozycki was held at the Grace Community Church, 2770 Montgomery Road in Aurora. Commandant Hector Quiroga presented to the new Eagle Scout the MCL Good Citizenship Award & an USMC Ka-Bar.

(left to Right) Eagle Scout Tyler J. Rozycki, Commandant Hector E. Quiroga

4. On 31 May 2025 there was an Eagle Scout Court of Honor held at the Bethel Lutheran Church at 36 N Grant St. in Westmont. Three new Eagle Scouts **(shown left to right)** Abel Torres Jr., Samuel J. Wootton, & Trevor P. Dreyer were each awarded the MCL Good Citizenship



Award and a USMC Ka-Bar by PDC Victoria Cobbett and PDC Roger Gaden.

Upcoming Eagle Scout Courts of Honor are as follows:

1. On 1 June 2025 an Eagle Scout Court of Honor is to be held at 1300 at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #8081, 3S371 Mignin Drive in Warrenville. We will be presenting the MCL Good Citizenship Award & a Ka-Bar to two more new Eagle Scouts.

2. This is to be followed by an Eagle Scout Court of Honor for a new Eagle Scout scheduled for 1630 on Saturday 7 June 2025 at Fullersburg Woods Nature Center, 3609 Spring Road in Oak Brook. The MCL Good Citizenship Award & an USMC Ka-Bar both will be awarded to the new Eagle Scout.

If you are able to attend any COH, please contact Chairman Kenyon: 630-561-8741 phone or email dskenyon@sbcglobal.net.

DEPARTMENT OF IL

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

You can access information about all things Marine Corps League. The 81st Department Convention will be held at Crystal Lake Holiday Inn and Convention Center, Crystal Lake, IL on June 6-7, 2025. The room rate is 96.00 + 14% tax = \$109.44. Call the hotel directly to use the MCL rate. Our detachment is allowed 12 delegates. It is not a far drive, so perhaps plan to attend on Saturday.

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.

FUNDRAISING

Larry Olson, Richard Schie, Roger Gaden, Ed Weingartner, Gail Berry, Charles Obrzut, Kathleen Obrzut worked a **US Flag fundraiser** on 24 May at the Bartlett Jewel, some Marine Roses were also given away. Larry is planning another at the Wheaton Jewel, (perhaps 4 July) the date to be confirmed.



DUPAGE MARINES VISIT MCRD SAN DIEGO

We had four (4) members visit MCRD San Diego (a.k.a. MCRD Hollywood) from 2 May thru 6 May. Pictured below L to R are Member Linda Bellow, Marine Victoria Cobbett, Marine Rita Kollias and Marine Nadia Baran.

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MEMBERSHIP

DuPage Marines are looking for Marines, FMF Corpsmen, and USN Chaplains! Make sure you get credit for being the recruiter/sponsor. (5) new members recruited in a commandant year rates the Detachment Recruiter Ribbon

ANNUAL DUES

If you pay annual dues, all expire annually on 31 August of each year, 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 Vic-ki 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: JUNE

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

- * Gene Miller – 46 years, 13 June 1979
- * Chris A. Hecklinger – 26years ago, 22 June 1999
- * Richard M. Nazimek – 26 years, 22 June 1999
- * Michael Deegan – 25years, 27 June 2000
- * Wesley P. Young – 25 years, 27 June 2000
- * Stanley T. Johnsen – 22 years, 24 June 2003

Members who were sworn in to our detachment over fifteen years ago: None

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

- * Allen Zenner – 14 years, 25 June 2011
- * John Dwyer – 12 years, 25 June 2013

PRAYER LIST

The prayer list for hope and healing of members and family include Merrill Albertus, Marty Bourgeois, John Burlace, Charlie Castino, Elizabeth Gaden, Roland Johnson, Don Kenyon, Kyle Michael Koener, Vito & Amy Markas, Mike Mikulecky, John Meschi, Mara Myrick, Richard Nazimek, Terry Owens, Harper Orbell, Sharon Passero, Read Rogers, John Schmitt, and Thomas Stuckey. "Remember them in your thoughts and prayers" (Psalm 9:1).

If you need an address for a card or a phone number for a call, contact Chaplain Don Kenyon or Adjutant Vic-ki 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



Dept. of IL MCL Comd R. Randall Weber swearing in officers for 2025-2026



MOY: Hector E. Quiroga

AMOY Darlene Wingard

Remember to wear your Red Fore & Aft Cover!

Improvise!

Adapt!

Overcome!

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