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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 DATES TO REMEMBER

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

4 July

INDEPENDENCE DAY 🇺🇸

8-13 Jul

Marine Week Chicago

12 Jul

Rockin' For troops, Cantigny

13 Jul

Bingo Hines Hospital

22 Jul

#399 General Meeting begins 1930,
Zoom access; Board meeting 1830**27 Jul 1953 Cease Fire Declared Korea**

17 Aug

Bingo Hines Hospital

26 Aug

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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

DUPAGE MCL KOREAN WAR VETERANS

This issue is dedicated to our still living members who fought in Korea. Marine veterans who served and fought in Korea during the Korean War are the "Forgotten War" Vets. Those Korean War Vets known to still be with us include:

1. Jerome S. Bonkowski, 1st Sgt., USMC (Ret.), Korea 1950-1951
 2. Roland O. Johnson, Sgt., Korea 1951-1953
- SEMPER FIDELIS, MARINES!

WELCOME ABOARD MARINE DAVID SCHUMAN!

Marine David Schuman was sworn into the DuPage County Marines detachment during the detachment meeting on 24 June 2025 by Commandant Hector Quiroga. Marine Schuman was in the Marines from 1953 to 1957, MOS 4011 and sponsored by Don Kenyon.

HINES BINGO

Bingo will resume on 13 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 participated in three Eagle Scout's Court of Honor.

1. On Sunday **1 June 2025** we participated in an Eagle Scout Court of Honor for new Eagle Scouts Alexa R. Palmer and Dominic J. Costello. The Eagle Scout Court of Honor was held at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #8081, 3S371 Mignin Drive, Warrenville. These new Eagle Scouts were presented the MCL Good Citizenship Award and a USMC Ka-Bar by eagle Scout Chair Donald Kenyon.
2. The next Eagle Scout Court of Honor we participated in was held at Fullersburg Woods Nature Center, 3609 Spring Road in Oak Brook on Saturday **7 June 2025** for new Eagle Scout Nicholas DeNault. The new Eagle Scout was presented the MCL Good Citizenship Award and a USMC Ka-Bar by Commandant Hector Quiroga
3. On Tuesday **10 June 2025** evening at the home of Mrs. Rebecca Luchucki, there was a special Summit in Venturing Court of Honor for the late Nathan Lichucki. Eagle Scout Chairman Donald Kenyon and Commandant Hector Quiroga attended and presented Mrs. Luchucki the MCL Good Citizenship award and a USMC Ka-bar in memory of her son Summit Scout Nathan Lichucki.

Chairman Kenyon and Eagle Scouts Alexa R. Palmer and Dominic J. Costello



Commandant Quiroga and Eagle Scout Nicholas DeNault



Don Kenyon, Mrs. Rebecca Luchucki, Hector Quiroga, ES Nicholas DeNault

TOYS FOR TOTS

TFT Porter Pipe's "Christmas in July" – 17 July from 1630 to 2000

Porter Pipe's "Christmas in July returns at 401 S. Rohlwing Road in Addison,.Bring a new unwrapped Toy starting at. Food available for \$1 dollar per item.

Kane & DuPage Counties Annual Toys for Tots Golf Outing - **Friday Sept 19, 2025**, at Bliss Creek Golf Club, 1 Golf View Road in Sugar Grove.

contCT Sr. Vice Commandant Rita Kollias for details, devildog97@icloud.com on any of these TFT events; flyers attached.

FUNDRAISING

Our next flag/rose fundraiser is scheduled at the Wheaton Jewel on 5 July from 0900-1300. If you can give a few hours to help us support our MCL missions/charities, contact Larry if able to participate. 630 569 7395 or oly18@comcast.net. It's a holiday weekend, so it should be a winner for MCL 399!

Jewel/Wheaton North, 2031 N Main St, 60187, (Corner of Main and Geneva Rd just a bit east of the VFW)

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 Dept. of IL MCL Convention was held 6-7 June 2025 in Crystal Lake, IL. We had (4) of the (11) delegates authorized at the convention. Our delegates included Victoria Cobbett, Gary Cobbett, Donald Kenyon and Charles Obrzut.

Congratulations Vicki Cobbett on winning reelection to the department position of Senior Vice Commandant.

2025 DEPARTMENT SCHOLARSHIP

Congratulations to Bailee Davidson, recipient of the Barbara M Olejnicki Memorial Scholarship. A \$1000 scholarship was awarded to Ms Davidson, daughter of Brad Davidson, Dekalb County detachment #847, at the department convention on 6 June 2025.

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

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 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: JULY

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

- * Brian F. Winkel – 42 years, 9 July 1983
- * Patrick J. Kackert, CWO-4, USMC (Ret.) – 22 years, 22 July 2003
- * Gordon L. Tozier – 21 years, 27 July 2004

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

- * Jack McInerney – 16 years, 28 July 2009
- * Robbie J. Marshall – 16 years, 28 July 2009

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

- * Amelia Markas – 11 years, 22 July 2014

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 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

HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE INDEPENDENCE DAY

Remember to wear your Red Fore & Aft Cover!

Improvise!

Adapt!

Overcome!

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