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COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE:

I hope all of you had a great holiday season and that Santa got you everything that you asked for.

In February, I will be headed for the National Mid Winter Conference in Virginia and I am looking forward to giving National a great report from the Department of Illinois and all our Detachments.

There is one issue that I would like to remind everyone about and that is, where to send reports (Installation of Officers and Membership Transmittals.) There are instances that those reports are being sent directly to National. **Attention Paymasters and Adjutants** – that is not where they go. Membership Transmittals are sent directly to the Department Paymaster, Mike Malmstrom and the Installation of Officers should be signed by the Installing Officer, then he or she should send the remaining copies to the Department Adjutant Daphne Kappos. If they are sent anywhere else, they will just be sent back or delayed in getting to the right person. Please remember, just like the Police Officer told the driver when he said “can’t you give me a warning instead of a ticket”, here’s your warning - “press hard, there are multiple copies.” Being able to read the print on all copies of the reports makes everyone’s job a little easier.

As we continue to add new detachments, I am including the PDF version of National Professional Development Program on a CD as well as a copy of the “Paymaster’s Guide” in the New Detachment Packets as I hand them out. Speaking of new detachments, I had the honor to present the Prairie Land Leathernecks Detachment #1385 in Litchfield with their Charter, swear in all the new members and install their Officers in November. Job well done and welcome aboard to all of you.

Every year the six Departments that make up Central Division rotate in hosting the Conference and in 2013, it will be Illinois.

I may be contacted at usmc1962@comcast.net

Semper Fidelis,
Don Haines

SR. VICE COMMANDANT:

I join with other members of the Marine Corps League in mourning the loss of Honorary Past National Commandant Raymond R. Wilkowski, who passed away on 4 December. Ray was a Charter Member of Chicago #1 detachment and a dual member of South Suburban detachment as well as having served multiple terms as Department of Illinois Commandant. A well-known and respected icon at all levels of the Marine Corps League; he served many years as National Convention Chair and was

honored as the 1961 National Marine of the Year. My condolences are extended to Ray’s son, Don, who regularly traveled with him to League events, and to his daughter and grandson and other members of his extended family.

The Department of Illinois cell phone program has improved during this past quarter. Since the printing of the last edition of *The Illinois Marine*, in which I made a plea for assistance with the collection of phones, I have received only one donation from an individual member. However, my own detachment’s Department Cell Phone Committee has received more than 25 cell phones as a result of placing collection containers in businesses in our community. If every detachment would support this program, we could realize a sizeable profit.

The Vehicle Donation program has also seen some recent activity. I have received proceeds from two donated vehicles and one watercraft since my last news article. Thank you to those members who have chosen to support the League in this manner. Please continue to spread the word about this program among your detachment members as well as your families and friends.

As always, please keep our servicemen and women in your prayers as they continue to protect the freedoms we enjoy every day.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with questions and/or concerns at 217-245-8918 or carolnco@mchsi.com.

Semper Fidelis,
C. O. Smith

JR. VICE COMMANDANT:

Greetings Marines and FMF Corpsman! Let me start by saying I hope you all had a nice holiday season.

I was going to post a list by detachment # of percent of paid membership, but it seems some detachments are experiencing problems with the processing of their transmittals. Hopefully we can correct this issue.

On 8 December, 3rd District Commandant Dale Munson and I attended an Advisory Council meeting at the LaSalle Veterans Home. The topic concerned a need to raise the current resident maintenance fee. It is currently capped at \$929/month. This amount has remained the same since 1979. Operating costs by the home are approximately \$7400/month per resident. Resident maintenance fees constitute less than 15% of the total operating costs. One of the issues is the financial impact on the veteran’s spouse with a fee increase. Results from forums held at all four veteran’s homes will be discussed by the IVAC at its meeting 13 December. Recommendations will then be forwarded to the Governor and IDVA for consideration. We

should keep our ears open for any information concerning this fee increase.

Please contact me at glbaker078@comcast.net or by cell in the evenings at 815-228-9767.

Semper Fidelis,
Greg Baker

CHAPLAIN:

I may be contacted at j_jam1@hotmail.com.

Semper Fidelis,
Jim James, PDC

JUDGE ADVOCATE:

Attention Detachment Commandants and Judges Advocate, below is the status of every **Detachment's Approved Bylaws and the year it was approved.**

If your Detachment Bylaws have not been approved or has been updated, you will need to email a copy to Ruffnermb@Aol.com for review and approval. Do not mail hard copies; this will slow the approval process.

1st District

Burbank Det. #972 **Approved 2008**
Chicago #1 Det. #073
Grundy County Marines Det. #1372
Joliet E 2/14 Det. #808
Kankakee Marine Corps League #1253
South Suburban Chicago Det. #663 **Approved 2000**
Marine Corps League Kevin Clarke – Tinley Park Det. #1217

2nd District

Band of Brothers Det. #986
Chicago Police Marine Det. #553
DuPage County Det. #399
Elgin Det. #077
Fox Valley Marines Det. #1233
Lake County Det. #801 **Approved 2008**
McHenry County Det. #1009 **Approved 2000**
Northwest Suburban Det. #080

3rd District

DeKalb County Marines Det. #847 **Approved 2010**
Dixon Area Det. #076
Illinois Valley Det. #078
Lincoln Det. #607 **Approved 2003**
Rockford Det. #083 **Approved 2000**
Tri-County Det. #086
Sauk Valley Det. #913

4th District

Central Illinois Leathernecks Det. #988
Decatur Det. #799 **Approved 2000**
Major Kenneth D. Bailey Det. #824
Peoria Leathernecks Det. #081
Richard L. Pittman Det. #1231
Sgt. Robert "Bob" E. Graue Det. #1336
Tobin-Nanninga Det. #085 **Approved 2005**
Valley Leathernecks Det. # 1035 **Approved 2000**

5th District

Collier-Harrison Det. # 075

Gen City Det. #790 **Approved 2011**
West Central Illinois Leathernecks Det. #1177

6th District

Effingham County Det. #591
Thomas A. Jennings Det. #546

7th District

Alton Leathernecks Det. #1160 **Approved 2011**
Collinsville Det. #074
Lincoln Land Leathernecks Det. #1174
Robert Windle Det. #1031

8th District

Randolph County Marines Det. #575 **Approved 2011**
Shawnee Det. #812 **Approved 2000**
Southern Illinois Leathernecks Det. #1013
Perry County Det. #869
Coles County Det.

Each Detachment is required by the National Bylaws to be incorporated, which needs each Detachment to have their own Bylaws. Recent events with individual Detachments show a failure to have current Detachment Bylaws. I would like to get this completed before the 2012 Convention for the new Department Judge Advocate.

JA Update – all Bylaws and Hearing Board records have been scanned in PDF format to reduce storage and get more paperless.

Detachment Fundraising and Toys for Tots Relationship. All funds raised for Toys for Tots has to be sent to the Foundation, it's part of the SOP and following the accounting required by the IRS. Detachments fundraising money need to be registered with the IL Attorney General Charitable Trust.

Detachment Fundraising and Toys for Tots Tax Deductible Status for the public can be a problem between the MCL 501(c)4 and T4T 501(c)3, to prevent problems either raise funds for the **MCL General Fund** (Membership can decide how much that can be donated to T4T, but the public would not be eligible for the higher tax deductible status) or **Toys for Tots** (T4T gets 100% of proceeds).

Currently, **MCL and T4T are two separate organizations** that do not have administrative or operational control of the other. But the two organizations are a great fit, we expand the community support for T4T with our manpower and organizational skills and the MCL can increase the Detachments public relations that can expand membership. So, how do Detachments do it? Professionalism, Relationship Building and Cooperation.

Detachment Judge Advocates can contact me via email at ruffnermb@aol.com for general information and please be aware that any changes to your Detachment Bylaws require Department review and approval.

Semper Fidelis,
Mike Ruffner

SERGEANT AT ARMS:

I may be contacted at:
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Semper Fidelis,
Angelos Kappos

PRESIDENT, MCLA:

I hope everyone had a blessed holiday season and that you are all looking forward to a wonderful 2012! Things have been quiet since the fall installations are all complete. I'm looking forward to Spring when we start getting busy again. I miss seeing my Marine family during this time of year.

Thank you to all the Units and Detachments that have extended hospitality to me and my installing officers throughout the year.

I wish you all a healthy and happy New Year and pray for those men and women who are still in harm's way and their families.

Semper Fidelis,
Renee McGuan

FROM THE EDITOR:

The Illinois Marine publication is one of the ways that we can communicate what is happening in our Department, Districts, Detachment and Units. But, because it is published quarterly, information sometimes doesn't get dispersed in a timely fashion. With the advent of The Illinois Marine website (www.theillinoismarine.com), those with computer access can now obtain the most up to date information available. Anyone with events, functions or relevant information, can contact me and it will be posted within an hour or so. This is just another step within the Department to be able to keep our members and the general public aware of what is happening. Also, while on the Website please look for the link to the "Forms" Page. As I am able to install downloadable Department and National (when available) forms, I will do so. Some of the forms will require copies due to the original forms being layer forms which must be torn apart to process.

If you have a Detachment newsletter and want it to be published on the Illinois Marine website, please email me a copy or mail it to me and I will scan it in and post it. They are posted on the "Detachment Newsletters" page. Just click on the page link then look for the detachment name of the newsletter you wish to read, and then click on it.

As always, I welcome any comments and/or input from the general membership because, ultimately, this is your publication.

NOTICE

All information in this publication is deemed to be accurate/correct as of the date of publication. Any notice of incorrect information or changes should be brought to the attention of the editor as soon as possible.

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Please note the change in issue publication dates to coincide with the adjustment in Convention dates. The new dates will be January, April, July and October.

All information and articles must be received by the 10th of March 2012 to be included in the April 2012 issue. There will be no exceptions!

The Invoice for all Illinois Marine dues of \$50.00 per Detachment/Unit/Pack and Pound will be arriving in the mail shortly after July 1st. All checks should be made payable to "Department of Illinois, MCL" and mailed to the Editor at the address listed below. These annual dues are the funds that allow the Illinois Marine to be published. If you have not yet paid, please bring your Detachment/Unit up to date ASAP. Paymasters, check behind your detachments name in the Illinois Marine roster of Detachments. If you are up to date, it will say paid and the year (ie: Pd. 11-12.) If there is no year listed your Detachment or Unit is not paid.

REMINDER: Annually on or about July 1st an invoice will be sent to each Detachment/Unit/Pack and Pound for the annual dues.

We are continuing to update the email address list for those who wish to receive the Illinois Marine via email. If you are receiving this publication via hardcopy and have email, please consider requesting it by email. Each hardcopy mailed out costs the Department on average 85 to 95 cents. Any reduction of postage expenses benefits the Department of Illinois's budget. If you do not wish to receive the Illinois either by hard copy or email it can be downloaded from the Illinois Marine website in PDF format. Please let me know if that is the case.

You may also notice that I am attempting to include our Officers email address to facilitate communication.

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Pound #12 MODD	Pd. 11-12
PK: PDD Bruce Blackmer, 4530 W. Marquette Rd., Chicago, IL	60629-5627 773 284-1212
DR: PDD John Bigwood, 3753 N. Kildare Ave., Chicago, IL	60641-3045 773 685-1081
Third District Pound #117 MODD	Pd.
PK: DD Greg Baker, 353 W. Porter St., Ogelsby, IL	61348-1155 815 228-9767
DR: PDD Glenn E. Morey, PO Box 207, Mineral, IL	61344-0207 309 288-5221
Central Illinois Pound #226 MODD	Pd. 11-12
PK: PDD C.O. Smith, 1411 West Walnut, Jacksonville, IL	62650-1102 217-245-8918
DR: William Woollen, 2804 Ridge Ave., Springfield, IL	62702-4444 217 744-3710
Shawnee Pound #243	Pd.
PK: DD Mark Fager, 163 W. Heiple Rd., Gorham, IL	62920-9801 618 763-4283
DR: Pup Robby Hookham, 16 Blackberry Ln., Herrin, IL	62948-4231 618 988-9040
Grand Pound #1000 MODD	Pd. 11-12
PK: PDD Robert Davis, 6014 N. Graceland, Peoria, IL	61614-4022 309 691-6010
DR: PDD Bob Whitley, 902 DeSoto, Bartonville, IL	61607-1716 309 697-1481

Department of Illinois, Marine Corps League Detachments:

1st District

Burbank Detachment #072	Pd. 11-12
Meets at VFW Post 177, 10537 S. Ridgeland Ave., Chicago Ridge, IL 60415	4 th Thursday 2000
Comdt: Ed Modla, 10522 S. 81 st Ave., Palos Hills, IL	60465-1818 708 974-4046
Paym: Dan Perrino Sr., 4517 W. 102 nd St., Oak Lawn, IL	60453-4219 708 636-0228
Adj: Terry Ryan, 11141 S. Northwest Road, Apt. B, Palos Hills, IL	60465-2182 708 974-1062
Chicago #1 Detachment #073	Pd. 11-12
Meets at American Legion Post 888, 241 E. North Ave., Northlake, IL 60164	Sunday, 1300
	every other month
Comdt: Zataniel Ortega, 1820 W. Cornelia Ave., Chicago, IL	60657-1020 773 929-5275
Adj/Pay: John M. Bigwood, 3753 N. Kildare Ave., Chicago, IL	60641-3045 773 685-1081
Grundy County Detachment #1372	Pd. 11-12
Meets at Morris American Legion, 212 W. Washington St., Morris, IL	3 rd Wed. 1900
Comdt: Alan Love, 113 Hickory Ln, Morris, IL	60450-1627 815 942-6852
Adj/Pay: TBA	
Joliet E 2/14 Detachment #808	Pd.
Meets at Harwood American Legion, 705 S. Larkin Ave., Rockdale, IL	1 st Thursday 1930
Comdt: Bill Welch, 1004 Flagstaff Lane, Joliet, IL	60432- 815 727-2749
Paym: John Cavallero Sr., 600 Clement, Joliet, IL	60435-6128 815 724-9013
Adj:	
Kankakee MCL Detachment #1253	Pd. 11-12
Meets at the Kankakee VFW #2857, 756 W. Jeffery, Kankakee IL	1 st Tuesday 1930
Comdt: Stanley Olenjack, 184 N. Douglas Ave., Bradley, IL	60915-1716 815 674-2440
Paym: Richard E. Bateman, 589 Turnberry Dr., Bourbonnais, IL	60914- 815 932-8588
Adj: Jim Weber, 746 Stratford Dr. East, Bourbonnais, IL	60914- 815 928-9941
South Suburban Chicago Detachment #663	Pd.
Meets at Park Forest A.L. Post 1198, 1631 Western Ave., Chicago Heights, IL	1 st Wednesday 1930
Comdt: George Demko, 2817 Flossmoor Rd., Flossmoor, IL	60422-1151 708 798-1964
Paym: James E. Blisk, 10229 S. Karlov, Oak Lawn, IL	60453-4235 708 636-0364
Adj: Frank Martin, 4900 W. 184 th Ct., Country Club Hills, IL	60478-4400

Marine Corps League Kevin Clarke - Tinley Park Detachment #1217	Pd. 11-12
Meets at Bremen Post 2791 V.F.W., 17147 S. Oak Park Ave., Tinley Park, IL	3 rd Wednesday 1930
Comdt: Thomas Donnelly, PO Box 1238, Tinley Park, IL	60477-8038 708 535-3332
Paym: James J. Miles, PO Box 1238., Tinley Park, IL	60477-8038 708 532-0182
Adj: John Murphy, PO Box 1238, Tinley Park, IL	60477-8038 708 687-3714

2nd District

Band of Brothers Detachment #986	Pd.
Meets at Villa Park V.F.W., 39 E. St. Charles Road, Villa Park, IL	4 th Monday 1930
Comdt: Daniel Ashley, 12731 Whitcomb, Crown Point, IN	46307-7716 773 263-0289
Adj/Pay: Martin J. Wezman, 0S640 Poplar Ave., Elmhurst, IL	60126-5384 630 833-0849

Chicago Police Marines Detachment #553	Pd.
Meets at F.O.P. Hall, 1412 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago, IL	1 st Tuesday 1900
Comdt: Dominick, PO Box 8668, Chicago, IL	60680-8668 773 413-8762
Adj/Pay: Paul, PO Box 8668, Chicago, IL	60680-8668 773 413-8762

DuPage County Detachment #399	Pd. 11-12
Meets at V.F.W. Post 2164, 0N731 Papworth St., Wheaton, IL.	4 th Tuesday 1930
Comdt: John Olejnicki, 1021 Garner, Wheaton, IL	60178-4413 630 665-8769
Paym: Charles W. Wingard, 719 Lombard Ave., Lombard, IL	60148-3453 630 627-1766
Adj: Victoria Cobbett, 733 Singer Ave., Lemont, IL	60439-3912 630 257-6423

Elgin Detachment #077	Pd. 11-12
Meets at V.F.W. Post #1307, 1601 Weld Rd., Elgin, IL 60123-5825	4 th Monday 1900
Comdt: Fred Zimmermann, 2444 Tall Oaks Dr. Elgin, IL	60123-4863 847 841-1340
Adj/Pay: Thomas Sandor, 164 Division, #206, Elgin, IL	60120-5516 847 697-7115

Fox Valley Marines Detachment #1233	Pd. 11-12
Meets at the Aurora AMVETS Post #103, 1194 Jericho Rd., Aurora, IL	2 nd Thursday 1900
Comdt: Rich Marrello, 602 Wilder St., Aurora, IL	60506-3125 630 346-1010
Paym: Bob Brockmann, 610 Thorsen Ln., Batavia, IL	60510-9247 630 879-3505
Adj: Indulis "Indy" Ievans, 3059 Fairfield Lane, Aurora, IL	60504- 630 267-4824

Lake County Detachment #801	Pd. 11-12
Meets at In-Laws Restaurant, 720 Milwaukee Ave., Gurnee, IL	3 rd Monday 1900
Comdt: James Sroka, 2050 Mira Flores Ave., Waukegan, IL	60087-4026 847 244-9511
Paym: James Boyle, PO Box 7732, Gurnee, IL	60031-7003 847 767-2285
Adj: George W. Everitt, 601 W. Rollins Road, Round Lake Beach, IL	60073-1222 847 546-2606

McHenry County Detachment #1009	Pd. 11-12
Meets at Woodstock V.F.W., 240 N Throop, Woodstock, IL	3 rd Thursday 1930
Comdt: Mike Ruffner, 40557 Minena St., Antioch, IL	60002-9763 847 370-4107
Paym: Anna Sourile, 320 Stoney Brooke Ct., Algonquin, IL	60102-1933
Adj: Richard Sutton, 9N826 Tipi Lane, Elgin, IL	60123-8438 847 697-5536

Northwest Suburban Detachment #080	Pd. 11-12
Meets at Merle Guild A.L. Post 208, 121 N. Douglas, Arlington Heights, IL	3 rd Wednesday 1930
Comdt: Alfred J. Kolodziej, 20 Kathleen Dr., Des Plaines, IL	60016- 847 827-9321
Paym: Charles J. Shields, 1312 W. Plymouth Court, Arlington Heights, IL	60004-2817 847 398-2316
Adj: George Miller, 208 S Dwyer Ave., Arlington Heights, IL	60005-1640 847 398-5383

3rd District

Dixon Area Detachment #076	Pd.
Meets at V.F.W. Post 540, Rt. 38 East, Dixon, IL	3 rd Wednesday 1900
Comdt: Michael Thomas, PO Box 55, Dixon, IL	61021-0055 815 299-7660
Paym: Jim James, 464 Pine Hill Dr. #8, Dixon, IL	61021-8780 815 973-4517
Adj: Rebecca Newman, 1004 Marvid Ave., Dixon, IL	61021-3981 815 716-0844

Illinois Valley Detachment #078	Pd. 11-12
Meets at MCL Clubhouse, 475 E. Rt. 351, PO Box 22, Jonesville, IL	1 st Tuesday 1900
Comdt: Dale Munson, 505 Mormon St., Oglesby, IL	61348-1030 815 883-3636
Paym: Dean Dunn, PO Box 22, Oglesby, IL	61348-0022
Adj: William Kulpa, 112 W. Minnesota, Spring Valley, IL	61362-1941

Rockford Detachment #083
 Meets at the Loves Park V.F.W., 2018 Windsor Rd., Loves Park, IL
 Comdt: Bruce Giersch, 613 Dickerson Dr., Winnebago, IL
 Paym: DeForest Eggert, 1419 Minns Dr., Machesney Park, IL
 Adj: Don Robson, 4000 Trillium Tr., Poplar Grove, IL

Pd. 11-12
 1st Wednesday 1900
 61088-8336 815 335-1344
 61115-2146 815 708-7633
 61065-7555 815 765-3830

Tri-County Detachment #086:
 Meets at American Legion Post # 31, 1509 Railroad Ave, Kewanee, IL
 Comdt: Jerry A. Warner Sr., 3678 US Highway 34, Kewanee, IL
 Adj/Pay: Glenn E. Morey, P. O. Box 207, Mineral, IL

Pd.
 1st Monday 2000
 61443-8366 309 852-2715
 61344-0207 309 290-4007

Lincoln Detachment #607
 Meets at AMVETS, 827 15th Ave., East Moline, IL
 Comdt: Joseph G. Pollak, 6609 Cresthill Dr., Davenport, IA
 Adj/Pay: Michael W. Malmstrom, 5107 - 48th St., Moline, IL

Pd. 11-12
 2nd Thursday 1930
 52806-1567 563 386-7692
 61265-7516 309 764-9638

DeKalb County Detachment #847
 Meets at Sycamore Vets Home, 121 S. California, Sycamore, IL
 Comdt: Don Anderson, 422 E. Hill St., Genoa, IL
 Paym: Stefan Kristen, 646 Briar Dr., Sycamore, IL
 Adj: Jeff Anderson, PO Box 321., Sycamore, IL

Pd.
 3rd Thursday 1900
 60135-1227 815 784-3355
 60178-8681
 60788-0321 815 899-8360

Sauk Valley Detachment #913
 Meets at A. L. Post 902, 712 Fourth Ave., Rock Falls, IL
 Comdt: Charlie Burton, 5705 Emerson Rd., Sterling, IL
 Paym: Esteban Ramos, 407 Avenue I, Sterling, IL
 Adj: Mike Sturch, 25480 Front St., Sterling, IL

Pd. 11-12
 3rd Thursday 1900
 61081-9135 815 535-1535
 61081-3260 815 441-9440
 61081-8916 815 441-2243

4th District

Peoria Leathernecks Detachment #081
 Meets at Navy/Marine Club, 1310 E. Sieberling, Peoria Heights, IL 61616
 Comdt: Peter Caras, 7124 N. Willow Bend Pt., Peoria, IL
 Paym: Robert Whitedge, 902 DeSoto, Bartonville, IL
 Adj: Harold W. Lundstrom, 3213 W. Capitol Dr., Peoria, IL

Pd. 11-12
 1st Wednesday 1930
 61615-1188 309 657-7735
 61607-1716 309 697-1481
 61614-2308 309 691-8546

Tobin-Nanninga Detachment #085
 Meets at the Bunker, 12411 Shady Ln., Pekin, IL
 Comdt: Walter J. Sandall, 11455 Skyaire Dr., Green Valley, IL
 Adj/Pay: Michael J. Munoz, 9801 W. Gunivere, Mapleton, IL

Pd.
 2nd Monday 1900
 61534-9345 309 241-0975
 61547-9578 309 453-3858

Decatur Detachment #799
 Meets at American Legion Post #105, 1535 Legion Dr., Decatur, IL
 Comdt: Tom Scroggins, 1825 S. 33rd St., Decatur, IL
 Adj/Pay: Harry Kracht, 640 W. Forrest Ave., Decatur, IL

Pd. 11-12
 Last Sunday 1400
 62521-4704 217 428-7588
 62522-3220 217 422-6403

Major Kenneth D. Bailey Detachment #824
 Meets at Vermilion County Airport, 22633 N. Bowman, Danville, IL
 Comdt: John Barrett, 29173 Bean Creek Rd., Potomac, IL
 Paym: John Barrett, 29173 Bean Creek Rd., Potomac, IL
 Adj: Jeff Wakeland, 7762 N. Meridian Rd., Perrysville IN

Pd. 11-12
 3rd Sunday 1500
 61865- 217 987-6921
 61865- 217 987-6921
 47974- 812 240-3177

Central Illinois Leathernecks Detachment #988
 Meets at V.F.W. Post 454, 1006 Lincoln Ave., Bloomington, IL
 Comdt: Art Wynn, 403 Priscilla Lane, Bloomington, IL
 Adj/Pay: David L. Edwards, 3012 Ridge Crest Drive, Bloomington, IL

Pd. 11-12
 2nd Tuesday 1900
 61704-4603 309 663-5080
 61704-8304 309 663-5014

Valley Leathernecks Detachment #1035
 Meets at VFW Hall, 1729 N. Santa Fe, Chillicothe, IL
 Comdt: James Lucas, 318 N. 6th, Chillicothe IL
 Paym: Andrew A. Gusman, 423 W. Hickory St., Chillicothe, IL
 Adj: Craig Fetzer, 316 S. Ridgewood Road - Apt H, Chillicothe, IL

Pd.
 4th Thursday 1900
 61523- 309 274-4165
 61523-2005 309 274-6200
 61523-2242 309 274-4668

Richard L. Pittman Detachment #1231	Pd. 11-12	
Meets at Urbana V.F.W. Post #630, 1303 E. Main St., Urbana, IL	3 rd Thursday	1900
Comdt: William Jobe Sr., 605 Kenwood Rd., Champaign, IL	61821-3601	217 359-5349
Paym: Bob Kappes, 1905 Melinda, Champaign, IL	61821-1530	217 351-7095
Adj: Bill Bland, 1900 Roberta Ln., Champaign, IL	61821-1536	217 356-4772

Sgt. Robert "Bob" E. Graue Detachment #1336	Pd.	
Meets at Lincoln VFW Post, 5 th St. Road, Lincoln, IL	3 rd Sunday	1700
Comdt: John E. Bishop Sr., 722 Galena St., Lincoln, IL	62656-1812	217 737-5184
Adj/Pay: Jay F. Gaydosh, 307 S. Hamilton, Lincoln, IL	62656-2812	217 306-5036

5th District

Collier-Harrison Detachment #075	Pd. 11-12	
Meets at the Navy Club Quarters, 3100 Stanton St., Springfield, IL	1 st Thursday	1930
Comdt: Sue Gibbons, 1733 W. Glenn Ave., Springfield, IL	62704-4826	217 622-8270
Adj/Pay: William A. Woolen, 2804 Ridge Ave., Springfield, IL	62702-4444	217 744-3710

Gem City Detachment #790	Pd. 11-12	
Meets at American Legion Post 37, 116 N. 8 th St., Quincy, IL	1 st Monday	1900
Comdt: Luke Doellman, 2700 Lind St., Quincy, IL	62301-3551	217 617-3152
Paym: Robert Reinertsen, 1132 N. 5 th St., Quincy, IL	62301-1748	217 222-6123
Adj: Ralph Timpe, 2301 Northridge Dr., Quincy, IL	62305-1339	217 224-6349

West Central Illinois Leathernecks #1177	Pd. 11-12	
Meets at the VFW Post 1379, 903 East Morton, Jacksonville, IL	2 nd Monday	1900
Comdt: Jim Carleton, 1192 Minor Dr., Jacksonville, IL	62650-9500	217 243-7828
Paym: Warren Musch, 17 A. Eisenhower Dr., Jacksonville, IL	62650-1734	217 245-4186
Adj: Kelly D. Surratt, #1 Summerset, Jacksonville, IL	62650-1018	217 320-0029

6th District

Effingham County Detachment #591	Pd.	
Meets at Iron Horse Cafe, 101 S. Merchant, Effingham, IL	3 rd Thursday	1200
Comdt: Philip H. Mette, 14959 E. 1975 th Ave., Effingham, IL	62401-9445	
Adj/Pay: Darrell L. Schwerman, 9387 E. Nees Ave., Effingham, IL	62401-5088	217 821-2163

Thomas A. Jennings Detachment #546	Pd.	
Meets at VFW Post, 712 E. Main St., Robinson, IL	3 rd Tuesday	1900
Comdt: Perry H. Graves III, 1712 W. Lincoln, Robinson, IL	62454-2515	
Paym: Robert Manning, 603 Beech St., Robinson, IL	62454-2653	618 544-2655

7th District

Robert Windle Detachment #1031	Pd. 11-12	
Meets at American Legion, Legion Park, Jerseyville, IL	2 nd Monday	1900
Comdt: Ralph Butler, 18112 Stagecoach Rd., Jerseyville, IL	62052-3415	618 885-5520
Paym: Vacant		
Adj: Mark A. Brown, RR1 Box 39, Roodhouse, IL	62082-	217 927-4301

Collinsville Detachment #074	Pd. 11-12	
Meets at VFW Post 5691, 1234 Vandalia St., Collinsville, IL	4 th Wednesday	1930
Comdt: Darren Hlava, 11231 Mayer Rd., Marine, IL	62061-1213	618 887-4006
Paym: Claude Cable, 9103 Bunkum Rd., Fairview Hgts., IL	62208-1006	618 397-3906
Adj: Jeremy Kee, 720 Maple St., Collinsville, IL	62234-2532	618 616-8061

Alton Leathernecks Detachment #1160	Pd. 11-12	
Meets at VFW 1308, 4445 Alby, Alton, IL 62002	3 rd Monday	1900
Comdt: Mark O. Nelson, 5679 Humbert Rd., Godfrey, IL	62035-2102	618 972-3987
Paym: Edward Huebener, 424 Woodland Ave., Wood River, IL	62095-1339	618 258-1228
Adj: Daphne A. Kappos, 340 Whitelaw Ave., Wood River, IL	62095-1915	618 402-7620

Lincoln Land Leathernecks Detachment #1174	Pd. 11-12	
Meets at VFW Post 1377, 2043 S. 4 th St., Greenville, IL 62246	3 rd Thur.	1930
Comdt: Ronald E. Burns Sr., 525 N. Pearl St., Lebanon, IL	62254-1428	618 537-6734
Paym: Jim C. Price, 406 Stephen Ave., Greenville, IL	62246-1915	618 664-0486
Adj: Robert R. Weber, 1103 Haas Rd., Trenton, IL	62293-2217	618 224-9437

Prairie Land Leathernecks Detachment #1385	Pd.	
Meets at the Litchfield VFW Post, 215 W. Ryder St., Litchfield, IL	1 st Thursday	1900
Comdt: Don Cole, PO Box 556, Litchfield, IL	62056-	636 221-4411
Adj/Pay: Dave Strowmatt, PO Box 556, Litchfield, IL	62056-	217 556-0444

8th District

Shawnee Detachment #812	Pd. 11-12	
Meets at Carbondale Elks Lodge, 220 W. Jackson St. Carbondale, IL 62901	2 nd Thursday	1900
Comdt: Eric Dearing, 709 N. Ervin, Cutler, IL	62238-1916	618 553-8814
Paym: Lee Schaffner, 494 Pumphouse Rd., Murphysboro, IL	62966-6535	618 521-9783
Adj: Robert A. Edwards, 815 Young Court, Carterville IL	62918-5052	618 985-9860

Southern Illinois Leathernecks Detachment #1013	Pd.	
Meets at the KC Hall, 213 N. 16 th St., Herrin, IL	2 nd Tuesday	1900
Comdt: William D. May Jr., 601 N. 35 st St., Herrin, IL	62948-1173	618 942-8805
Paym: E.J. Callahan, PO Box 174, Herrin, IL	62948-	618 988-1852
Adj:		

Perry County Detachment #869	Pd.	
Meets at the KC Hall, North Gordon St., Pinckneyville, IL	4 th Monday	2000
Comdt: Leonard Heisner Jr., 312 W. Randolph St., Pinckneyville, IL	62274-1326	618 357-5686
Paym: Leonard Heisner		

Randolph County Detachment # 575	Pd.	
Meets at the American Legion, 1001 Booster St., Evansville, IL	3 rd Tuesday	1900
Comdt: Alvin Dickey, 1206 Pine St., Evansville, IL	62242-1930	618 853-2529
Adj/Pay: John Preston, 1033 Thomas Dr., Red Bud, IL	62278-2304	618 282-7783

Department of Illinois, Marine Corps League Auxiliary:

President: Renee McGuan, 599 Wood St., DeKalb, IL	60115-4085	815 751-1455
Sr. Vice Pres: Carol Smith, 1411 W. Walnut St., Jacksonville, IL	62650-1102	217 245-8918
Jr. Vice Pres: Patti Morgan, 609 W. 11 th St., Johnson City, IL	62951-1213	618 694-9118
Treasurer: Pat Buckley, 6314 S. Albany Ave., Chicago, IL	60629-2728	773 434-6633
Secretary: Carol Martin PDP, 10421 Hussung Dr., Rock Falls, IL	61071-9416	815 626-6350

District Vice Presidents:

1 st : Violet Tolsky, 9965 Cambridge Court "D", Mokena, IL	60448-7914	708 479-6760
3 rd : Violet Eggert, 1419 Minns Dr., Machesney Park, IL	61115-2146	815-708-7633
4 th : Janet Carleton, 1192 Minor Dr., Jacksonville IL	62950-9500	217 243-7828
5 th : Patti Morgan, 609 W. 11 th St., Johnson City, IL	62951-1213	618 694-9118

1st District

Burbank Unit MCLA #140	Pd. 11-12	
Meets at VFW Post 177, 10537 S. Ridgeland Ave., Chicago Ridge, IL	4 th Thursday	2000
President: Pat Buckley, 6314 S. Albany Ave., Chicago, IL	60629-2728	773 434-6633
Treasurer: Violet Tolsky, 9965 Cambridge Court "D", Mokena, IL	60448-7914	708 479-6760
Secretary: Shannon Durkin, 19947 Martie Lane, Mokena, IL	60448-1117	708 479-4882

Kankakee Unit MCLA #1253	Pd. 11-12	
Meets at VFW Post 2857, 756 W. Jeffery St., Kankakee, IL	1 st Tuesday	1830
President: Vickie Jones, 956 W. Wilson Dr., Kankakee, IL	60901-2257	815 603-4728
Treasurer: Margaret J. Myers, 345 W. Jeffery St., Kankakee, IL	60901-4958	815 933-2338
Secretary: Louise A. Sadnick, 1010 S. Eleventh Ave., Kankakee, IL	60901-4607	815 932-2083

South Suburban Chicago Unit MCLA #149	Pd.	
Meets at American Legion Post #1198, 1631 Western Ave., Chicago Hts., IL	Last Thursday	1930
President: Patricia Oprea, 21406 S. Quinn, Matteson, IL	60443-2433	708 748-0156
Trea/Sec: Gayle Tama, 838 Maple Dr., Chicago Heights, IL	60411-2125	708 754-2473

2nd District

McHenry County Unit MCLA #419	Pd. 11-12	
Meets at Woodstock V.F.W., 240 N. Throop, Woodstock, IL	3 rd Thursday	1930

President: Deb Sosnowski, 1268 Thornwood Ln., Crystal Lake, IL	60014-5040	815 276-5544
Treasurer: Colleen Helfers, 19810 River Rd., Marengo, IL	60152-9131	815 219-8550
Secretary: Colleen Helfers, 19810 River Rd., Marengo, IL	60152-9131	815 219-8550

3rd District

DeKalb County Unit MCLA #382	Pd.	
Meets at Sycamore Vets Home, 121 S. California, Sycamore, IL	3 rd Thursday	1900
President: Laura Meyer, 124 Lisbon St., Sandwich, IL	60548-1222	815 786-9225
Treasurer: Jean Scoughton, 634 N. 7 th St., DeKalb, IL	60115-3422	815 756-7959
Secretary: Judy Bryant, 340 Parker St., Sycamore, IL	60178-1249	815 895-6696

Dixon Area Unit MCLA #143	Pd. 11-12	
Meets at VFW Post 540, 1560 Franklin Grove Road, Dixon, IL	1 st Thursday	1900
President: Rogene Hackbarth, 1111 Douglas Terrace, Dixon, IL	61021-1723	815 284-1619
Treasurer: Ethel (Buzzy) Baker, 1271 Pump Factory Road, Dixon, IL	61021-9342	815 284-3605
Secretary: Beverly Pettinger, 205 W. Brayton Road, Mt. Morris, IL	61054-1407	815 734-4766

Illinois Valley Unit MCLA	Pd. 11-12	
Meets at MCL Clubhouse, 475 E. State St. (Rt's 351 & 71), Oglesby, IL	3 rd Tuesday	1800
President: Shirley Miller, 2618 E. 488 th Rd., Oglesby, IL	61348-9795	815 883-3617
Treasurer: Phyllis Goletz, 103 10 th St., Peru, IL	61354-2021	815 223-1390
Secretary: Arlene Rolando, 2622 E. 494 th Rd., Oglesby, IL	61348-9600	815 883-3229

Rockford Unit MCLA #148	Pd.	
Meets at Loves Park VFW Post. 2018 Windsor Rd., Loves Park, IL	1 st Wednesday	2000
President: Crystal Eggert, 1419 Minns Dr., Machesney Park, IL	61115-2146	815 633-6149
Trea/Sec: Paula M. Nepean, 8106 Forest Hills Road, Loves Park, IL	61111-2709	815 636-0301

Sauk Valley Unit MCLA #349	Pd.	
Meets at Rock Falls American Legion, 712 - 4 th Ave., Rock Falls, IL	3 rd Thursday	1900
President: Janice Ostry, 27-4 Shadow Ridge Rd., Lake Carroll, IL	61046-9372	815 493-2674
Treasurer: Nancy Weidel, 608 E. 2 nd St., Rock Falls, IL	61071-1305	815 626-8115
Secretary: Carol Martin, PO Box 708, Rock Falls, IL	61071-0708	815 626-6350

4th District

Tobin-Nanninga Unit MCLA #150	Pd.	
Meets at 2630 Overhill Drive, Pekin, IL	3 rd Monday	1900
President: Kathleen Hodgson, 2630 Overhill Drive, Pekin, IL	61554-9676	309 346-1678
Trea/Sec.: Beverly Dailey, 500 W. 2 nd St. #A-8, Mackinaw, IL	61755-8745	309 359-8162

Central Illinois Unit MCLA	Pd.	
Meets at Champaign Public Library, 200 W. Green St., Champaign, IL	3 rd Tuesday	1830
President: Mary Kay Kappes, 1905 Melinda Ave., Champaign, IL	61821-1530	217 351-7095
Trea/Sec: Cherie Flowers, 210 W. Austin St., Tolono, IL	61880-9779	217 485-3244

Decatur Unit MCLA #342	Pd.	
Meets at American Legion Post 105, 1535 Legion Drive, Decatur, IL	Last Sunday	1400
President: Melody Scroggins, 1825 S. 33 rd St., Decatur, IL	62521-4704	217 428-7588
Treasurer: Amanda Scroggins, 1825 S. 33 rd St., Decatur, IL	62521-4704	217 428-7588
Secretary: Karen Dotson, 957 N. Union, Decatur, IL	62522-1758	217 422-7214

Gem City Unit MCLA #446	Pd. 11-12	
Meets at American Legion Post #37	1 st Monday	1900
President: Sue Reichert, PO Box 133, Clayton, IL	62324-0133	217 894-6340
Treasurer: Jeanette Geise, 1625 Lind St., Quincy, IL	62301-2425	217 223-5894
Secretary: Anna Baugher, 1132 Ohio St. Quincy, IL	62301-4937	217 223-4144

West Central Illinois Leatherneck Unit MCLA #462	Pd. 11-12	
Meets at VFW Post 1379, 903 E. Morton, Jacksonville, IL	2 nd Wednesday	1900
President: Jan Carleton, 1192 Minor Dr., Jacksonville, IL	62650-9500	217 243-7828
Treasurer: Joy Komnick, 2327 Mound Rd., Jacksonville, IL	62650-2200	217 494-0759
Secretary: Caren Waltrip-Sexton, 727 Hardin, Jacksonville, IL	62650-3019	217 245-4356

5th District

Alton Leathernecks Unit MCLA #488
Meets at VFW, 231 E. Edwardsville Rd., Wood River, IL
President: April Butler, 470 Evans, Wood River, IL
Trea/Sec: Rosalie Huebener, 424 Woodlawn Ave., Wood River, IL

Pd. 11-12
1st Wednesday 1900
62095-1405 618 580-3079
62095- 618 258-1228

Shawnee Unit
Meets at the Carbondale Elks Club
President: Patti Morgan, 609 W. 11th St., Johnston, IL
Treasurer: Debbie Upton, 1107 N. Maple, Carterville, IL
Secretary: Sheri Crockett, 503 E. Main St., Desoto, IL

Pd. 11-12
4th Tuesday 1845
62951-1213 618 983-5277
62918-6302 618 985-4302
62924-1554 618 867-2030

DEPARTMENT AND AUXILIARY 3rd STAFF MEETING

Department of Illinois 3rd Staff meeting will be held on March 24-25, 2012 at the Holiday Inn, 1003 Killarney St., Urbana, IL 1 217 328-7900. Please call them for reservations and pricing.

AROUND THE LEAGUE

Part of our mission as The Marine Corps League is to provide support and assistance to all past, present and future Marines! We, as Marines and/or family members, have experienced being away from our loved ones. We know what it is like to be away from home whether it is at a duty base in the states or overseas in a strange land. It is now our turn and obligation to provide the "Marine Family" support to those still in combat and those returning from harm's way as well as all those non-combat individuals that support our troops.

Semper Fidelis,
Don Haines

DEPARTMENT WEB SERGEANT

If your Detachment has a Web Sergeant to take care of your National web listing (**and every detachment should**), please make sure that your listing information is up to date, there are detachments that show no updates since 2006. I see a number of postings on the National site and field telephone calls about perspective members not being able to locate valid contact information. If it is your detachment, you are losing new members. If your Detachment does not have a Web Sergeant, contact National and get one set up. It is easy to do, doesn't cost you a penny but can be a big help in recruiting.

Don Haines
Department Webmaster

CHICAGO POLICE MARINES

The new officers have been installed and the Birthday of our beloved Corps has been celebrated with a cake cutting at the Chicago Police Academy and a lunch provided at the "Billy Goat Inn" with the famous "Cheezborger, Cheezborger, No Fries, Cheeps; No Pepsi, Coke!" All were had by a good time as usual.

The annual Fundraiser/Bears game viewing at the FOP Hall was, from what I have heard, a great success again. Thank you to all who participated, the sponsors from the ad book and all those workers that spent so much volunteer time making it work. Hot Dogs, Chili and S.O.S. was being doled out and consumed at a furious pace and even a few beverages of choice were consumed. What capped of the event was that "THE BEARS WON!!!"

Semper Fidelis
Don Haines

FOX VALLEY MARINES

The Fox Valley Marines are working hard to line up new members, honor the local Eagle Scouts as they more up during their Court of Honor and honor those Marines as they return from harm's way. The 236th Birthday of our Corps was celebrated after a brief business meeting on November 11th with a wonderful meal and the traditional Cake Cutting ceremony.

Semper Fidelis
Don Haines

KEVIN CLARKE TINLEY PARK, MCL, DETACHMENT 1217

The detachment has been very busy this year. In the late spring, Past Detachment Commandant Frank Mulcahy, put together a ceremony for two families which lost their sons in Iraq. What Frank did was contact Project Compassion to have pictures painted of the two young men. Project Compassion will paint pictures of fallen service men or women. Frank sent in pictures that had been taken and then surprised the families with the painted pictures. The detachment continued to be very busy with many activities, especially around September 11th. Again Frank was very busy, filling in for the newly elected Commandant, attending four events in one week alone. The detachment also put on a picnic and another event called "A day at the Races" for the veterans at Manteno. Our detachment suffered a great loss with the passing of Jim Miles, our first and only paymaster. Jim was a Navy Corpsman and served in Khe Sanh during the siege. He will be missed.

Semper Fidelis,
Tom Donnelly, Commandant

EAGLE SCOUT

The year 2011 has been an exciting one for the Eagle Scout Committee, Department of Illinois. Our efforts, while slow and modest, have seen more of our detachments come onboard this program. We now have eight detachments participating, with more making plans to get involved.

While eight detachments does not sound like many, the number represents almost 20% of our Illinois Detachments. That's a big improvement over the handful that we began with. Like anything else, it takes time and effort to get things moving.

Those eight detachments state-wide were able to present Certificates of Achievement to a total of 170 new Eagle Scouts. As we continue to attend these Courts of Honor, our efforts will spread and attract other neighboring detachments.

While our presence at these ceremonies is to honor that new Eagle, we also accomplish several other important things. We find that we make a lasting impression on the Scouts holding the badges of Star and Life Scout, giving them the motivation to become candidates for the Eagle Badge.

We also find that we make an impression on those attending, as we dress the part and conduct ourselves as Marines. While there may be tables upon which are congratulatory letters from prominent people laid out, we are there IN PERSON.

In attending these ceremonies, you will have become an ambassador-at-large for your detachment to those in the audience and your community.

I once thought that becoming a U.S. Marine was as good as it gets. I was wrong. Being looked at as a genuine role model is. When you are in front of that audience, with young, wide eyes locked onto you in avid attention listening to your every word, you will know what I mean.

Semper Fidelis,
George Everitt

MARINE CORPS COORDINATING COUNCIL OF CHICAGO

The MCCC is working toward putting in place any communications needed as our local warriors get ready for what might lay ahead in the next few months. We have welcomed the new Commanding Officers from R/S Chicago, 2nd Battalion - 24th Marines at Foster Ave and MACG-48. With the input and information from the League Detachments, Recruiting, Reserve groups and Family Readiness, Marine For Life and the Wounded Warrior Regiment, I believe that we are ready for whatever may come our way.

Semper Fidelis,
Don Haines
President, MCCC

GOOD NIGHT "CHESTY" WHERE EVER YOU ARE

There is a project in the works to erect a statue of LtGen Lewis B. "Chesty" Puller on the grounds of the National Marine Corps Museum. This will be the first ever done to honor one of the greatest Marines to ever wear our uniform. The "Chesty" Puller Statue Fund is looking for donations for this statue. Information can be gathered by calling 1st Sgt. Jim Barnett, USMC (Ret) at 541 672-5385 or email firstsgtjrbusmc@peoplepc.com. Additional information can be located at the following web-site, www.seagoingmarines.com.

THE HEART OF A MARINE FOUNDATION

Serving military personnel from all branches of our Armed Forces,
including veterans and their families.

In Memory of Lance Corporal Phillip E. Frank, USMC
Born 7/5/83 – KIA 4/8/04
Operation Vigilant Resolve
Iraq

Phil was a very special young man. He loved his family and he was a loyal friend. He always put the needs of others before his own. On September 11, 2001, after watching a plane hit the World Trade Center and then watching as the first tower collapsed, he resolved to do something to protect his country and those he loved. He had just begun his senior year in high school.

Phil enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in November 2002. On the day he graduated Boot Camp at MCRD in San Diego, as he introduced us to his fellow graduates, he explained that because these were his brothers, they were now our sons.

Phil honored us by the way he lived his life and by the way he gave his life. To honor his memory and continue his caring spirit, we have begun THE HEART OF A MARINE FOUNDATION.

For more information about the Foundation please email us at: theheartofamarine@comcast.net

Mission Statement:

The Heart Of A Marine Foundation in a non-profit organization that provides comfort, support, financial assistance and educational resources to improve the quality of life of military personnel in all branches of the United States Armed Forces, including veterans and their families.

Roy and Georgette Frank

“MARINE 4 LIFE” PROGRAM

As our Marines transition out into civilian life, they may be in need of jobs or training to get them back into the main stream. You can become a mentor/resource for them to contact by visiting the Marine 4 Life web site at www.m4l.usmc.mil and registering. This worthwhile program has already helped a number of Marines and many more may need it. These young men and women are now a part of our family and, as you would seek to help your own family, I would ask that you try to do the same for them.

Major Jeffrey Meisenger, the new Hometown Link Chicago West, is charging ahead with the program. Business owners and the corporate sponsors, who put these luncheons together, deserve a large thank you for the work that they do. A Luncheon was held in September at Gibson's Steakhouse in Rosemont with Colonel Krumm, Director of the Marine for Life Program from Quantico attending. We are welcoming back Major Matt Tune to the program

More information can be obtained by contacting Major Meisenger at Illinois1@GoMarineForLife.net, Major Tune at Illinois2@goMarineforLife.net or SSgt Brad Banks at Chicago1@GoMarineforLife.net or . Information can also be found by contacting the Illinois Department of Employment Security Veteran Representative Andrew Michnowski 847 437-5788 (andrew.michnowski@illinois.gov.)

ILLINOIS MARINE WEBSITE NEWS

The Illinois Marine Website now has the report from National Adjutant/Paymaster Meg Thoburn regarding the filing of the required 990-N. If you are having trouble with the IRS when attempting to file the report, please read her report. There is also links to the Professional Development Program and the Guide Book for Officers, both worth looking at.

ILLINOIS MARINE OF THE YEAR FOR 2012

It's time to give the hard working Marines in your Detachment the recognition they deserve. Marines who help every time you ask. It might be your detachment Marine of the Year, or the Marine you ask, "Can you help", who answers "Sure I can!" These Marines make our League victorious.

Above all, follow the rules of the Submission Procedure and the Criteria Check List; this will avoid confusion and hurt feelings. My advice would be to arrange the book using the guide on the Criteria Check List – one through eight and use headings for each category. Re-submit books previously submitted, the votes were very close. Improve the balance of Marine Corps League Activities and activities for the community.

Books must be turned in by 4th Staff. Late arrivals will not be considered.

Semper Fidelis
Cedric Syrdahl
2011 Department of Illinois
Marine of the Year

Department of Illinois MARINE CORPS LEAGUE



2012

DEPT. OF ILLINOIS MARINE OF THE YEAR

It is not too early to consider your potential nominees for the "DEPARTMENT OF THE YEAR" award. Plans carefully laid bring the best results.

SUBJECT: SUBMISSION PROCEDURE FOR DEPARTMENT MARINE OF THE YEAR AWARD

1. Any member of any detachment, or member at large, within this Department, who has been in good standing with the Marine Corps League for two (2) consecutive years (including the current year) is eligible to nominate a member in good standing of his/her choice to receive this award, likewise, such nominee must be in good standing for a minimum of a two (2) year period.
2. To qualify the nominee for consideration, a letter of submission must be submitted by the Detachment Commandant of which the nominee is a member. Should the nominee be the Detachment Commandant, this submission letter must be signed by the next ranking Detachment Officer. **This letter must have a statement of certification from the Detachment Commandant and the Adjutant stating that the nominee was approved by the Detachment by a majority vote.** and in the event the nominee is submitted for "National Marine of the Year" by the Department Marine of the Year committee.
3. The required "Letter of Submission" is merely the vehicle which carries the nomination to the Department Marine of the Year committee. The letter of submission is to be accompanied by a **brochure type presentation** relative to the candidate, which must, as a minimum, include:
 - (a) A photograph of the candidate.
 - (b) A personal biography (in the third person) of the candidate.
 - (c) Marine Corps League record (both Detachment and, as applicable, the Department of the Candidate, to include citing of notable accomplishments.
 - (d) Resume' of Marine Corps League and other awards received by the candidate with photocopies of same except where impracticable.
 - (e) Resume' of candidate's involvement within his/her community. (letters from community leaders attesting to the candidate's involvement can assist in the committee's deliberations).
 - (f) Any other facts and information that will assist the committee in their deliberation process.
 - (g) All photographs of activities participated in **must be captioned** giving the date, place and purpose of the activity.
4. The annual **deadline** of the **Department's Fourth Staff Conference** is established for the submission of all nominations; that is, to be, "**in the hands**" of the department of the year committee no later than the close of the staff conference. Letters of submission and forwarding of nominations may be mailed or "hand carried" to meet such deadline. This deadline is **absolutely necessary** to allow ample time for the Department Marine of the Year committee to process the submission, the announcement and the presentation of the award which will be made during the annual convention banquet.
5. After conclusion of the convention, the Marine of the Year Committee will submit the above supporting documentation for the recipient of the Department of the Year award to National Headquarters for consideration as a candidate for the National Marine of the Year award. The letter of submission included with the presentation for the National Marine of the Year Award needs to be revised if necessary to show that this nomination is for the **National** award and must be from the candidate's **Detachment** and be signed by the **Detachment** Commandant and **Detachment** Adjutant.

Be fair to your nominee. Give proper attention to all details, especially paragraphs 2 and 3. Check the work sheet and **use it**. Often worthy candidates are not afforded just recognition due to the absence of details in hastily prepared brochures or documentation.

Refer to Section 300 (i), Page 3-4 of National Administrative Procedures for full details.

Please mail your nominations to:

Cedric Syrdahl, 2011, Department Marine of the Year
PO Box 1
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Any questions email me at srydahlusmc@comcast.net

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DEPT. OF ILLINOIS MARINE OF THE YEAR CRITERIA CHECK-LIST

Note: Circle Yes or No as appropriate

1. Is there a "Letter of Certification" from the Detachment attesting that the candidate was approved by a majority vote, signed by both the Detachment Commandant and Adjutant? Yes No

2. Is there a photograph of the candidate? Yes No

3. Does the book contain a Personal Biography of the candidate? Yes No

4. Is there a Marine Corps League Record (Detachment, Department and/or National, as appropriate) of the candidate? Yes No
 - a. Participates at Detachment Level? Yes No
 - b. Participates at Department Level? Yes No
 - c. Participates at National Level? Yes No
 - d. Are noticeable accomplishments included? Yes No

5. Is there a resume' of Marine Corps League awards and other awards received by the candidate? Yes No
 - a. Are copies of these awards included? Yes No

6. Is there a resume' of community involvement, including letters from community leaders, for the candidate? Yes No


7. Are photographs of activities participated in by the candidate included? Yes No
 - a. Are these photographs captioned? Yes No
 - (1) Is date of activity included? Yes No
 - (2) Is place of activity included? Yes No
 - (3) Is purpose of activity included? Yes No



8. Are there any other facts and/or information that will assist this committee in selecting the appropriate candidate? List on lines below. Yes No

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Almighty Father, whose command is over all and whose love never fails, make me aware of Thy presence and obedient to Thy will. Keep me true to my best self, guarding me against dishonesty in purpose and in deed and helping me to live so that I can face my fellow Marines, my loved ones and Thee without shame or fear. Protect my family. Give me the will to do the work of a Marine and to accept my share of responsibility with vigor and enthusiasm. Grant me the courage to be proficient in my daily performance. Keep me loyal and faithful to my superiors and to the duties my country and the Marine Corps have entrusted to me. Make me considerate of those committed to my leadership. Help me to wear my uniform with dignity, and let it remind me daily of the traditions which I must uphold. If I am inclined to doubt, steady my faith, if I am tempted, make me strong to resist, if I should miss the mark, give me the courage to try again. Guide me with the light of truth and grant me wisdom by which I may understand the answer to my prayer

Amen

The Passing of a Great Marine and Member of the League:

Honorary Past National Commandant, Past Department Commandant and Marine Corps League member for more years that I can count, Raymond Wilkowski, passed on to be with the Supreme Commandant the morning of December 4, 2011. Ray was involved with the Marine Corps League at so many levels throughout the years as well as the many organizations that he belonged to.

To the credit of the City of Chicago and the Marine Corps, Ray was instrumental in procuring the site for the LtCol Joseph J. McCarthy (a Medal of Honor Recipient) Reserve Training Center on Foster Avenue. That piece of property is commonly known as 2nd Battalion 24th Marines or 2/24 Foster Ave, the only Marine Unit in Chicago and with a long and glorious history from WWII to Iraq. The battles 2/24 were involved in range from the battles of Saipan, Tinian, Iwo Jima, the Korean War, Operation Desert Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Ray will be dearly missed by all who knew him.



HPNC and PDC Raymond Wilkowski on left with Commandant General Michael J. Hagee, 33rd Commandant of the Marines Corps.

Raymond R. Wilkowski, USMC WWII veteran, beloved husband of the late Florence nee Mydlowski; loving father of Donald Wilkowski, dearest grandfather of Elizabeth Ann Wilkowski; great-grandfather of James Wilkowski. Preceded in death by his brothers Frank, Herb and John. Also nieces and nephews. Funeral Saturday 8:30 a.m. from Modell Funeral Home 5725 S. Pulaski Rd. to St. Germaine Church, Mass 9:30 a.m. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. Life Member of Chicago Detachment #1 Marine Corps League, South Suburban Detachment Marine Corps League, Military order of Devil Dogs Marine Corps League, Veterans of Foreign Wars Johnson Phelps Post #5220, Marine Post #273 American Legion, Disabled American Veterans Tricentennial Chapter 84, Combined Veterans Association of Illinois, 4th Degree Member of Archbishop Weber Council #2789 K. of C., Past President of St. Turibius Ushers Club and Holy Name Society, Presidential appointment to Marine Corps Memorial Commission Public Law 327- 80th Congress, Past National Commandant and four time Past State Commandant of Marine Corps League, Past Commander of Marine Post #273 American Legion, and Past Commander Combined Veterans Assoc. of IL.

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