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Meetings are held the 3rd Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m.
At the VFW Post 630 on East Main St. in Urbana.

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Keith Eveland, and myself, along with our wives, went to Marine Week in St. Louis on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Mike Fitzgerald joined us on Saturday. It was the most awesome display of how the current Marine Corps wages war that you could imagine. We were able to see all of the current weapons that the Corps has at its disposal in action. The Commander of the Marines who put on the mock pirate ship rescue is one of the most motivated Marines we have ever seen. These are some of the most motivated Marines I have ever met. When I hear where Marine Week will be next year I will give you all of the info you will need to make arrangements to attend. You won't want to miss it.

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Your Sr. Vice, Tim Wyse, and myself had the pleasure of presenting the colors at the play "1787" at the Virginia Theater on the 2nd and 3rd of July. Retired Major Doug Rokke of the Army National Guard had seen your Color Guard at work for the funeral for Richard Cunningham and thought that we would make a great addition to the play. If you would like Tim's or my autograph just give a call and we will be happy to comply.

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For our monthly night out this month we are going back to Rosati's Authentic Chicago Pizza located at 701 S. Gregory in Urbana. In August we will be going to Montana Mike's on North Cunningham in Urbana. Everyone is welcome to come and bring the kids. It's a good time to meet other members of the detachment and their families. If you have guests in town please feel free to bring them along to see what happens when a group of Marines gets together.

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On the 4th of July your Detachment made a great showing in this years' parade. Thanks to the hard work of Bill Bland who designed our floats, found trailers to use and raised the funds to decorate the them. It was a great success. A special thanks also goes to Ed Flowers who along with his son and, a few of his friends, built the Iwo Jima float and then portrayed the flag raising on Mt. Suribachi. Riding on the float were Iwo Jima survivors Jim Kelly, "Sammy" Weldon and Roy Charles. We were also lucky to have one of the local survivors of the sinking of the USS Indianapolis, Art Leenerman who rode on the float with the members of the Detachment and the women of the Auxiliary.

Also on the float was Dick Wise who was on his knee in front of our replica of the Vietnam wall. Another member of our Detachment, Earl McClintock was on board the jeep as the machine gunner. Earl is a veteran of the Korean War as is another member of our league that was aboard the float, Col. Bob Henderson who was wounded at Chosin.



CENTRAL ILLINOIS UNIT, MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AUXILIARY

President: Kay Kappes
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Chaplain: Diane Eveland
Civics Chair: Stephanie Wheeler
Captain of the Guard: Kelly Green

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Meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m.
at the Champaign Public Library.

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The Auxiliary had a Flapjack Fundraiser for Toys for Tots on Saturday, June 4th at Applebee's in Savoy. We had a nice turn out, collected some toys, and raised funds to donate. Applebee's is a great supporter of the Military. Please patronize them when possible.

We also went to the Farmer's Market in Urbana on June 11 to hand out flags in remembrance of Flag Day on June 14. We handed out almost 500 flags.

Check out our Facebook page for upcoming events: Marine Corp League Auxiliary-Central Illinois Unit #494

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"The probability that we may fail in the struggle ought not to deter us from the support of a cause we believe to be just."
Abraham Lincoln

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The following is a list of members who's dues are currently due or are past due:

David Barrow Jan-11	Duane Moore Feb-10	Bill Hubert Jun-09
Tabitha Harry Feb-10	James Beasley Apr-11	John Wittich Jun-11

If you have any questions as to when your dues are due or what it will take to bring you current, if in arrears, please give me a call at 217-351-7095.

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If anyone has changed their e-mail address or home address, please let us know so that we can change our records and send it on to National so that you will continue to receive your dues notices. We also use these to send out notices about Detachment functions, such as our monthly dinners and veteran announcements as well as these newsletters. If anyone would rather receive a printed copy of the newsletter versus an email copy let me know and I will mail you one.

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The following is a partial list of the places we will be traveling to with our trailer to raise donations for the Detachment. If you would like to come and help and meet a lot of great people just give myself or Bill Jobe a call and we will put on the schedule.

Fri. & Sat July 29 & 30 Sidney Summer Fun Days	Thur., Fri., & Sat Aug 11, 12, & 13 St Joe Comm.
Fest.Fri & Sat Aug 26 & 27 Urbana Sweet Corn Festival	Sat. Sun. & Mon Sept 3, 4, & 5 Arthur Cheese Festival
Sat. Sept 24 th Clinton Apple & Pork Festival	

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Some of your fellow members get together for breakfast on Wednesdays. They alternate between Sammy's on North Mattis in Champaign and the Urbana Gardens on North Lincoln in Urbana. . They start arriving around 0830 and some are usually there until 10:00am or so. Everyone is welcome so please stop by if you have time.

Wounded Warrior Poker Run

We will be having a Poker Run to benefit the Wounded Warrior Foundation on Saturday July 30th at Buffalo Wild Wings in Savoy. If you can help with this please give Chris Hanson a call at 202-5114 as soon as possible, you will need to be there by 0800. Help is needed at the poker stops as well as helping with registration at BW3s. If you wish to ride in the Poker Run, registration begins at 0900 with the ride starting at 1100 hrs. The cost is \$25.00 per entry.

Let's give Chris Hanson and Ken Fernandes a lot of help with this event.



If you are looking for a good quick breakfast, consider the Hardee's restaurant on South Neil St. in Champaign. They give a 10% discount to all veterans.



We Will be taking our trailer up to Paxton on Saturday July 16th for the Paxton Fly In. If you wish to help or want to see what we do at events like this, please feel free to come and visit with us.

July 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4 Happy 4 th of July	5	6 Breakfast at Urbana Gardens 0830	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 Breakfast at Sammy's 0830	14	15	16
17	18	19 MCLA Meeting 6:30pm	20 Breakfast at Urbana Gardens 0830	21 MCL meeting 1900hrs	22 Dinner Rosati's 1800hrs	23
24/31	25	26	27 Breakfast at Sammy's 0830	28	29 Sidney Summer Fun Days	30 Sidney Summer Fun Days Wounded Warrior Poker Run



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August 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Breakfast at Urbana Gardens 0830	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 Breakfast at Sammy's 0830	11 State Fair St. Joe Community Festival	12 State Fair St. Joe Community Festival	13 State Fair St. Joe Community Festival
14 1945 V-J Day State Fair	15 State Fair	16 MCLA Meeting 6:30pm	17 Breakfast at Urbana Gardens 0830	18 MCL Meeting 1900hrs	19 Montana Mikes 1800hrs State Fair	20 State Fair
21 Last Day of State Fair	22	23	24 Breakfast at Sammy's 0830	25	26 Urbana Sweetcorn Festival	27 Urbana Sweetcorn Festival
28	29	30	31 Breakfast at Urbana Gardens 0830			