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DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

APRIL 2025

We need emails to keep postage down, so please do not unsubscribe from our Constant Contact!

DEPARTMENT COMMANDANT

Greetings Marines,

I hope Spring is finally here and the cold weather is gone. This time of year is when the League really steps up the tempo. All the warm weather activities start now, Department Convention, National Convention, Detachment picnics, and so on. Lots of things to do and what better group to do them with than Marines!

Division Conference is in the books. This was Department of Illinois year to host. From the conversations I had with the attendees we had a successful event. Very informative classes and the camaraderie was awesome. It is always interesting to speak to Marines from other Departments and maybe pick their brains about issues that are of common interest. Detachments are all having the same issues and it is interesting some of the solutions that are being implemented to handle them.

Attendance should have been larger because these gatherings are YOUR opportunity to voice opinions, ideas, and solutions to issues that concern us all.

Department Convention in Crystal Lake. These meetings are for everyone!! This is YOUR organization, run by you, the membership, not by the officers on staff. Your input is needed, valued and will be implemented if moved, seconded, and voted as passed.

Two items are very much on the agenda, Department fund raising and Convention. Please support our Senior Vice Commandant Cobbett's efforts to raise funds. She is thinking outside the box trying to find things to appeal to a wider audience.

Convention will soon be here and I would like to have a huge turnout. Again, this is YOUR Convention and YOUR opportunity to have YOUR voice heard. Come with solutions to the issues we all have.

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The Department has a Compliance Officer, Gary Hoeffken. IRS (990) and Secretary of State reporting, and Report of Officer Installation are some of the items that must be accomplished every year. Gary can and will help with problems. Do not let any of this slide because it will come back to bite you.

After this years Convention our Adjutant, Gary Hoeffken, is stepping down. He has now served 3 Commandants. What I am saying is we need an Adjutant! It is an interesting position, not terribly difficult, and training will be afforded. Again, we need an Adjutant AND Newsletter Editor!

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert R. Weber

Commandant

DEPARTMENT SENIOR VICE COMMANDANT (FUNDRAISING)

Marines,
The idea behind the current fundraisers is for the direct purchase of the items. No tickets, no checks, no hassle. Everyone eats donuts. All yards can use flowers.
BUT you need to share the links with your family, friends, acquaintances, anyone. This is a group effort. Copy and email the link or print the attached flyer and share with anyone and everyone. Use your imagination. Make your own flyer. Time is running out. Improvise, Adapt, Overcome!
. **Spring Flower Bulbs**

https://www.flowerpowerfundraising.com/marketplace/seller/profile/shop/theillinoismarine
Krispy Kreme Digital Dozens
https://www.groupraise.com/offer-campaigns/56128?utm_source=offers_promo&utm_medium=sms&utm_campaign=krispykreme&utm_content=a

Semper Fidelis, Vicki

Semper Fidelis, Vicki Cobbett

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDANT (MEMBERSHIP)

Greetings all,

Coming off the heels of the Central Division meeting and Spring Staff Conference, all eyes are on this year's Department Convention. Have you ever been to a Department Convention? These are great opportunities to meet members from all over the state and hear what is going on at the Department level firsthand. Talk with your Detachment and try and fill in all your delegates for this year's Convention. I had the opportunity to meet the Membership Chair for Central Division Chris Taylor, and after some great brainstorming we have decided to try and do an online survey that has gone out to all the Detachments that we have emails for. Please take 5 minutes and fill this out, your survey is completely confidential and anonymous. This is the time to let your voice be heard, if you haven't received this email, please reach out directly to me and I would be happy to assist you. Always look for new members when you are out and about, you never know where you will bump into a Marine. I look forward to seeing you all at the Department Convention.

Always Faithfull,

Brent Bacon

JR Vice Commandant

DEPARTMENT JUDGE ADVOCATE

All the by-laws and the certifications can be sent via email to hfanning@siu.edu Please make

every effort to have this certification completed as soon as possible.

In this role I am available to provide advice regarding any issues or questions regarding the current by-laws. I will do my best to respond as quickly as possible.

Harry Fanning
Department of Illinois Judge Advocate

DEPARTMENT PAYMASTER

Time to encourage members to go Life! September is renewal season, so renew early and avoid the rush.

Drop members being reinstated require an updated Application that includes the question on Conviction of a Felony Yes or No, Yes requires the Felony.

So, if your Detachment Application is out of date, FIX IT! It delays the Detachment Transmittal Processing.

Lastly, thr MCL Database Portal has been updated

Semper Fi! Mike Ruffner

DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT

Keep In Touch

Do you want to keep in touch with activities, events and procedures with the Marine Corps League National and Department?

Would you like to be able to know what is happening?

Let's all try this:

- We suggest every Detachment, Pound and District create ONE generic email account that can be passed from officers down to their replacement never missing important information.
- Create ONE "gmail" account by title.
- Detachment #66 creates email, ildet66@gmail.com.
- Pound #321 creates email, ilpound321@gmail.com.
- Illinois Adjutant has an email account, iladjutant@gmail.com.
- These specific email accounts can then be used by succeeding officers.
- The incoming officer merely needs to change the password.
- The new officer now has access to old and new emails.
- Email accounts stay current with Department and Pack.
- The account can be assigned to a computer literate officer.

Please, every Department and Pack Officer create a generic account. Every Detachment, Pound, District also create a generic account. This enables the Illinois Department to download all pertinent information. Once created, please advise the Illinois Adjutant of the generic account and what office holds that account. Please email it to iladjutant@gmail.com placing "email address" in the subject line. The Adjutant will add the email address to the "need to know" list in time for the Department Convention.

National needs a current email address for every officer. Please be sure every ROI has a current email address which can be personal or generic. Please check the listings of officers and email accounts correcting all changes and errors.

Now we are in touch with each other in an easily accessible manner.

Semper Fi!

DEPARTMENT EAGLE SCOUT CHAIRMAN

Scouting Citizenship Award Program
Since I took on roll of department coordinator it has been my goal to expand the program across the state. While participation is expanding the bulk of the certificates are awarded by three detachments (DuPage County, Lake County, and McHenry County). The good news is that in the past six months awards have been presented in Effingham and Murphysboro, and two awards are scheduled for January 2025 in Peoria. Great job to all that participate.

For those detachments that are just starting or considering starting this program, I offer the following advice. First, discuss the program with the detachment members and draft an administrative policy on how the detachment will participate. This policy should include the subject of a gift, attendance at the award ceremony, and the presentation details (some

detachments include a modified cake cutting in the award ceremony). Second, start spreading the word about the program to the local scout troops by attending a meeting or area round table.

Harry Fanning
Department of Illinois Scouting Coordinator

DETACHMENT IN THESPOTLIGHT

CHICAGO POLICE MARINES

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

-May 16, 0600 hours, Vets 1st 20K, Tattler American Legion 4355 N Western: Come out and join us for a short 20k march to raise money for mental health. We'll board buses at the Tattle Post at 0630 and drive down to 31st/Lake Shore Dr. You can also meet us at 31st/LSD at 0745. We'll hold a short ceremony then march back through a course where 9 of 11 miles are along the lake. The cost is $80. We're strongly seeking sponsors so we can ensure that every marcher's donations go straight to mental health. Marchers wanted!
-May 24 1200, Saturday, Memorial Day Parade, State/Wacker:
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-June 11th 0530/1130+, Wednesday, Lily Bug Acre, 25315 W Grass Lake Rd, Antioch, Annual Fishing Trip: Please join us for our annual fishing trip to the Chain of Lakes. Bring friends and family to enjoy some great boat or shore fishing. Come in at 1130 hours for measurements and prizes. We'll provide food just after noon. Afterward, hang out, fish more, and enjoy some great camaraderie. Bring Babe Winkle!! Sponsors wanted.
-July 26th Saturday, 0830 show, 0900 Tactical Training Shoot at the Site, 11311 S Skunk Hollow Rd, Mount Carroll, IL 61053: Join us for a day of tactical pistol and rifle training at the Site. The course will be given by Nationally ranking tactical shooter and instructor, Pete Milionis. The cost is $175. You make your own sleeping arrangements at Black Bear Lodge. We'll shoot in the AM, break for lunch, then shoot some more in the afternoon. We'll then call it a day, eat, drink, and enjoy the camaraderie of great Patriots.

PAST EVENTS

March 21st Rooster Heaven Veteran Pheasant Hunt: 25 of us went out to Rooster Heaven for a great day of pheasant hunting in Murica
-Funeral assistance to former 2/24 member Alex Babin. Catastrophic assistance to former 3/24 member Kevin Jackson. Brotherhood for the Fallen fundraiser: 8 of us arrived and donated $1400.
-February 21st, Bravehearts Equine therapy day and check donation: 8 of us went out for a great day of equine therapy provided by BraveHearts in Harvard, IL. BraveHearts provides horse therapy to veterans, children, and their families. We gave BraveHearts a donation and enjoyed a nice lunch afterward.
-February 1st Saturday, Purple Heart Hunt, Rooster Heaven Hunt Club, 12330 North 2900 East, Forrest, IL 0900hrs: 53 of us came out for a beautiful day of hunting pheasants in the fields of Rooster Heaven. A pheasant hunt allows us to move through fields in groups of 4-10, on-line, minding our fields of fire while we look for cues from the hunting dogs. It's a therapeutic day out in nature for several hours.

MARINE 250 QR CODE

https://www.marine250.com/about
Marine Week Chicago 9-14 July, 2025

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A once in a lifetime event, that you should not miss!

Everything outlines what to expect.

Navy/Marine Corps will have a Special Event in Philadelphia, PA in October which also expected to be the opening of the Tun (Tun Tavern Replica near the original location)

HQMC has 6 Marine Weeks planned
- **Atlanta GA**
- **Boston MA August 2025**
- **Chicago IL July 2025**
- **Los Angelos CA**

Warning Order Chicago Marine Week – Details need to be worked out with local Marine Reserve Units, Active Marine Units as well as the City of Chicago.

CURRENT COMMUNICATION – The Marine Corps Coordination Council has a website ChicagoMarines.com, LinkedIn and Facebook as well as the Marine Corps League Department of Illinois website theIllinoismarine.com and their Facebook Page to keep All Illinois Marines Up to Date with Current Information.

So, what is the Ask to you?

•If you are a Marine and do not belong to the local Marine Corps League, Women Marine Association or Montford Point Marine Association for membership (local dues and DD214 are required)

•Contact your State Senator regarding United States Marine Corps Semper Fidelis Memorial Highwat on a section of Interstate 80. (it was approve by the House)

•Send us Stories and pictures of Local Marine Heroes from Illinois, please send names, dates an accurate story for possible PR during Marine 250.

•We need to know USMC Veteran owned Businesses with Point of Contact, address, phone number, email address and type of business.

•We need to know Corporate Leaders that are Marine Veterans with Point of Contact, address, phone number, email address and type of business.

•We want to know Marine Veteran Educators with Point of Contact, address, phone number, email address and school.

•Help us fill out the Calendar of Marine Related Events – Social, Informal or Formal (ie. USMC Birthday, Landing at Okinawa, TET Offensive, OIF/OEF, Local Parades)

•Local Marine Corps League, Women Marine Association, Montford Point Marine Association, Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps, Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps or Young Marines who have “Organized” Color Guards – the plan is to have the Presentation of Colors at every Professional Sporting Event on Saturday or Sunday when they are in town.

•We are looking to have 2 “official” USMC Cake cuttings Daley Center in Chicago and Springfield State Capitol (need volunteer to take Point).

•Donations – individual or corporation sponsors for Marine Week 2 receptions (Corporate TBD) go to ChicagoMarines.com contact page under donation or mail checks to Marine Corps Coordinating Council of Illinois, 40557 N Minena St, Antioch, IL 60002

•Donations to the Illinois Department of Illinois 5 Veteran Homes (Go to TheIllinoisMarine.com Donation Page)

•Proclamations to be posted on our website – we will have a recommendation for proclamation that you can use in your community at the village, city and county level proclaim the Historic Contributions of the Marines from their

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Community with 250 years of loyal and dedicated service.

•Do you have Marine License Plate for your Vehicle or Motorcycle?

•Participate in Community Relations Projects, School Presentations, etc.

Semper Fidelis! Mike Ruffner

The Tun Legacy Foundation
Navy Marine Corps 250
Marine 250

Homecoming 250
Join us for an extraordinary week of celebrations including exciting events, tours, exhibits, and more.

You can start planning your visit now, including accommodations, activities, dinner plans and exploring the city where the Navy and Marine Corps were born, Philadelphia PA.

Upcoming Events and Activities

Opening Parade of Ships
The 250th anniversary celebrations kick off on October 9 and continue through October 16, 2025. These festivities will feature free signature events along both banks of the Delaware River, attracting veterans, families, tourists, educators, and history buffs to the Tri-State area. The opening ceremonies on October 9 will include a stunning parade of modern military ships on the river, followed by a formal blessing of the fleet. Watch parties will be held at the Navy Yard, Fort Mifflin, and Penn's Landing in Philadelphia, as well as at Fort Mercer and the Camden Waterfront in New Jersey.

Exploring History
This special week will serve up a diverse selection of free events ensuring there's something for everyone. If you are history enthusiasts, you will be able to delve into many exhibits featured at several esteemed museums in Philadelphia such as the Independence Seaport Museum, the American Swedish Historical Museum, the Library Company of Philadelphia, the African American Museum in Philadelphia, and the Battleship New Jersey that will explore 250 years of Navy and Marine Corps history and impact.

Navy and Marines on Display

The week's activities will also feature a variety of past and active equipment for all to enjoy. Visitors can take a step back in time by touring historic ships like the cruiser Olympia, submarine Becuna, and Battleship New Jersey. Other replica and active-duty ships are expected to be available for tours during this amazing celebration. And if you look to the skies, you'll see a variety of heritage and active-duty aircraft highlighted by a spectacular flyover by the Blue Angels on October 13.

Celebrating our Veterans
Homecoming 250 will host a unique All Veterans Reunion Picnic will be held on Independence Mall in Philadelphia, providing a day of camaraderie, remembrance, and celebration for veterans. This event will feature various Veteran Service Organizations offering support, resources, and information to honor and assist those who have served.

More Sights and Sounds

Major activities will take place on Independence Mall, showcasing a vibrant celebration of military history and culture. Military Bands and the Silent Drill Platoon will perform throughout the week. Highlights include a Victory at Sea concert, featuring performances by bands from both the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps, and more.

Physical Challenges
Homecoming 250 will feature several athletic events as part of the week's celebrations, including a 250th Anniversary run where participants can race alongside Marines and Sailors.

Honoring Our Active, Fallen, and Future Military
More activities honoring the Navy and Marine Corps will feature a distinguished Navy 250th Gala, a reflective memorial service for fallen service members at Philadelphia's historic Christ Church, and a 250th We Salute Youth parade presenting midshipmen, ROTC, and JROTC participants.

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Proposed By-law Changes

1. Section _40.02 Department Officers Eligibility of the Marine Corps League, Department of Illinois, By-laws, be amended as follows:

The following section be added:

"(e) In addition to (a) through (d) eligibility for any Department officer must be in accordance with the National by-laws."

Please provide a brief explanation for recommending the change.

After review of several detachment by-laws and the department by-laws regarding eligibility for office it is possible for a conflict with National by-laws regarding eligibility. Specifically, the National by-laws limit holding of elected offices to regular members. After reading the department by-laws and the by-laws of several detachments there is a possibility to be in conflict. It appears that it could be possible for an associate member in good standings to be eligible for an elected office of the department.

2. BYLAW CHANGE 72.01 (b)

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In the past two years, this was only used once and the paymaster was unaware of this part of the Bylaw. Turnover between Paymasters can be very complicated, which is why it can be the hardest position to fill. This is simply the dues process back to the original Bylaw in 2010.

RECOMMENDATION TO READ

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Where does your Detachment Stand with Membership?

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Det #	Detachment PAID Membership	MEMBERSHIP 6/30/2024	MEMBERSHIP 4/9/2025	
72	Burbank	53	51	**96%**
73	Chicago #1	16	18	**113%**
74	Collinsville	71	70	**99%**
75	Collier-Harrison	34	33	**97%**
76	Dixon Area CLOSING	15	13	**87%**
77	Elgin	18	18	**100%**
78	Illinois Valley	36	36	**100%**
80	Northwest Suburban	48	42	**88%**
81	Peoria Leathernecks	61	48	**79%**
83	Rockford	31	29	**94%**
85	Tobin-Nanninga	51	44	**86%**
86	Tri-County CLOSED	3	0	**0%**
399	Dupage County	126	128	**102%**
546	Thomas A Jennings CLOSING	9	7	**78%**
553	Chicago Police Marines	108	123	**114%**
575	Randolph County Marines	30	29	**97%**
591	Effingham County	24	24	**100%**
607	Lincoln	23	20	**87%**
790	Gem City	25	24	**96%**
799	Decatur	30	31	**103%**
801	Lake County	123	114	**93%**
808	Joliet E 2/14 CLOSED	17	0	**0%**
812	Shawnee	47	50	**106%**
824	Maj Kenneth D Bailey	24	21	**88%**
847	Dekalb County	42	43	**102%**
869	Perry County CLOSED	0	0	**#DIV/0!**
913	Sauk Valley Marine	24	23	**96%**
988	Central Illinois Leathernecks	19	18	**95%**
1009	McHenry County	116	121	**104%**
1013	Southern Illinois Leathernecks	23	22	**96%**
1031	Robert Windle	25	24	**96%**
1160	Alton Leathernecks	19	19	**100%**
1174	Lincoln Land Leathernecks	28	37	**132%**
1174	West Central Illinois Leathernecks	33	31	**94%**
1217	Kevin Clarke-Tinley Park	35	30	**86%**
1231	Richard L Pittman	37	37	**100%**
1233	Fox Valley Marines	62	64	**103%**
1253	Kankakee	51	49	**96%**
1336	Sgt Robert "Bob" Graue	28	29	**104%**
1372	Grundy County	26	24	**92%**
1385	Prairie Land Leathernecks	25	23	**92%**
1395	Tri-County Leathernecks	25	24	**96%**
1408	Chapultepec	19	27	**142%**
	Department of Illinois	1660	1618	**97%**

Renew and Recruit!

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ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS HOMES FUNDRAISER

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Money raised is used for residents' recreation, and visitors are always needed!

Go to ThelllinoisMarine.com Donation Page today!

If we don't do it, who will?

INTERESTED IN RECYCLING?

Detachments collect used Semper Fi and Leatherneck Magazines and drop them at the local VA and VA Clinics waiting areas!

You may find new members and the magazines are reused.

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How often do you drop in on your Local Marine Corps Recruiters, IL Dept OF Veterans Affairs Office, County Veterans Assistance Commission, Local College Veterans Groups, Local Marine Reserve Centers, and IL Dept of Employment Security Veteran's Representative?
Do you have Detachment Business Cards, Posters, Website and Facebook?

2025 Illinois Department Convention
Hosted by McHenry County 1009
June 6-7, 2025

Location: Holiday Inn and Conference Center, Crystal Lake, IL

Online Room Reservation closes May 6: 81 IL Department Convention Room

Visit the 2025 Department Convention Information for full details of the convention.

Registration has been simplified by using an Online Registration page. Payments may be made by Credit Card, ACH Online Check or physical check depending on your preference.

Click Here for 2025 Department Convention Registration

The Conference Program Booklet will also have pages for the Good of the League, Good of the Auxiliary and MODD announcements. Combined with a local area map of supporting business with special offerings available during the conference.
Click Here for an Advertisement or Personal Message in the Conference Program.

Strip Ticket:	Registration:	$5.00
	Hospitality Room:	$30.00
	Banquet Dinner:	$35.00

Choice of Steak, Chicken, Salmon, Vegetarian served with house salad, starch, vegetable, dinner rolls and butter. Table beverages include water, lemonade, and a coffee station.
Cash Bar with domestic and imported beer, wine and mixed cocktails.

For questions and/or concerns, please contact the Michael Breslin at mchenrycountymcl@gmail.com or at (815) 451-5915.

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2025 MCL Department of Illinois Convention

June 6-7, 2025

Come one come all, the Department of Illinois is seeking advertisements for the 2025 Department Convention Program Booklet.

This is a commemorative year as the United Status Marine Corps celebrates our 250 anniversary. Tell us about what you are doing to make this year special for your celebration? Announce your support for the Marine Corps League, Marine Corps League Auxiliary, Military Order of the Devil Dogs and veterans across our region.

Fill out the online Conference Program form at 2025 Division Conference Program

Or, mail AD form below with payment to Michael Breslin, 28810 Honeysuckle CT, Lakemoor, IL 60051-2558

Be sure to call for availability of the Back Cover, Inside Front Cover and Inside Back Cover before mailing.

Online availability is updated upon purchase of any of these three pages.

AD copy must be received electronically at ildeptmclconventions@gmail.com

Ad Size	Cost
Full Page (8.5" x 11")	$125
Half Page (8.5" x 5.5" or 4.25" x 11")	$80
Quarter Page (4.25" x 5.5")	$60
Business Card (2" x 3.5"")	$30
Patron Message (8.5" x 11") 80-100 characters	$10
Back Cover (8.5" x 11")	$300
Inside Front and Back Cover (8.5" x 11")	$175

Graphic design services are available at $50 per hour by our publishing team. Contact the Michael Breslin for more information.

For the good of the League and Auxiliary, there will be a page dedicated to providing membership information to the reader.

Please note on your application if there are any local veterans centers that you would want included in the distribution of the convention program.

Make checks payable to 'Dept of IL MCL'

Organization Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ eMail: _____

_____

Patron Message: ($10) _____

(80 Characters maximum—please print)

Ad Size: Full Page ($150) Half Page ($100) Quarter Page ($75) Business Card ($40) Amt Enclosed: _____

Back Cover, Inside Front, Inside Back Cover - Please call for availability

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Department of Illinois Marine Corps League
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IL Pack Military Order of the Devil Dogs
Phone: (815) 575-8386

The Central Division Marine Corps League is thankful for your support with proceeds supporting the conference and programs offered by the Central Division Marine Corps League and Auxiliary members.

Look for local and regional events celebrating the Marine Corps 250 Anniversary on your State's Coordinating Council or the Marine Heritage website.

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- Raffle Prizes
- 50/50 Raffle

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The money raised from this even will go to support DeKalb County Veterans as well as the community.

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The Dept IL MCL is hosting two online Fundraisers:

Spring Flower Bulbs

https://www.flowerpowerfundraising.com/marketplace/seller/profile/shop/theillinoismarine





Krispy Kreme Digital Dozens

https://www.groupraise.com/offer-campaigns/56128?utm_source=offers_promo&utm_medium=sms&utm_campaign=krispykreme&utm_content=a

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Next newsletter is July 2025

Detachments are encouraged to send pictures and short articles on past and future events for the newsletter or website.

For the Facebook Warriors post you activities on the Department Facebook page, no Politics, Positive and Tasteful.

If you have a complaint, better have a solution!

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Lieutenant General Calvert L. Worth, Jr., Commanding General, II Marine Expeditionary Force, and Medal of Honor Recipient Major General James E. Livingston, USMC, (Ret.), joined representatives from the six organizations with a heritage at The Tun in Philadelphia for a groundbreaking ceremony in Philadelphia on November 10, 2024, the 249th birthday of the United States Marines Corps. The Tun Legacy Foundation, Inc., a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, is rebuilding the historic Tun, the birthplace of the Marines, to coincide with the 250th birthday of the United States Marine Corps in 2025 and America250 in 2026. In a nod to The Tun's significance in the history of the Marines



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