# The Illinois Marine

## Department of Illinois Marine Corps League

JANUARY 2025

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DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

**DEPARTMENT COMMANDANT**

Greetings,

The holidays are over and it's on to other things, mainly warmer weather. I hope all your holidays were spent with family and friends, good food, good drink and no drama.

The Department of Illinois continues to encourage Detachments having viability problems. Paymaster Ruffner is continually reviewing listings provided from National Headquarters reflecting the status of each Detachment. Most are maintaining status quo, a few are struggling, and sad to say, some will surrender their Charters. He has been able to transfer some members to other Detachments and some members to Member at Large status. Members going to another Detachment can keep current with events of the Department but Members at Large are sometimes at a loss for information as they will not be connected to a Detachment and the information passed down via the Adjutant. If you know a member at Large please reach out and pass the word.

Good things start happening with the Mid Winter Conference, Arlington, Va, 2 February to 1 March 25---- Central division Conference, Joliet, Il, 27 March,29 to 29 March 25---Spring Staff, TBD. I will be attending all, along with National Convention in Grapevine, Tx in August. With a little research all the information can be found on The Illinois Marine, the National Library, the Central Division website. There should not be anyone saying "They didn't know about an event or they didn't know where to find information".

I am always willing to travel for Officer Installation or other functions so far as circumstances will permit. All you have to do is ask!!

All in all, the Department of Illinois is in good shape. Yes, it could and can be better with your help. This is your Department just like it is your Detachment. Take pride in being part of something unique. No other military branch has anything like us and they wonder why, but we know, don't we?

Semper Fidelis Randy Webber

**DEPARTMENT SENIOR VICE COMMANDANT (FUNDRAISING)**

Welcome to 2025. I hope your holidays were joyous and fulfilling. I look forward to this year of hosting the Central Division Conference with all of your assistance and ideas.

Fundraising is a necessary part of any not-for-profit organization. There are any number of options for small or large events. First and foremost, you must have a clear reason for fundraising and a legitimate destination for the funds raised.

For example:
MCL #000 is hosting a .1-5K walkathon on 31 December 1775 to provide food and tropical clothing for Marines destined for the Battle of Nassau in 1776. Our net profit will be used in entirety for these future heroes. Sign up at the Tun Tavern beginning 10 November 1775. The entry fee of $10.00 includes a T-shirt and a "Support our Troops" wristlet. This is a family-friendly event with options for all ages to participate.

The reason for the fundraising event and the intended use of the funds is clearly stated as well as how to participate. Also, membership information could be provided in each entry packet. A walkathon is relatively simple to setup and operate; Good public relations and camaraderie is a welcome secondary result of this pleasant event.

We are an outstanding Department with creative hard-working members and I know we will improvise, adapt and overcome any obstacles we encounter and turn them into benefits. Contact me for more information.
Semper Fidelis, Vicki Cobbett

**JUNIOR VICE COMMANDANT (MEMBERSHIP)**

Greetings everyone,

I hope your holidays went as well as can be for you, and we are now even closer to the 250th Birthday of our Corps. I would like to talk to you about recruitment and new members, and things

that have worked well in the past. When we are doing community events I hear a lot of times "I didn't know that there was a Marine Corps League." How do we change this, or improve status in the Veteran community? I have had the privilege of attending some district meetings, and I want to share with you the things that I have heard work to improve our presents. Does your Detachment have business cards, or something with your Detachment information that you carry, and is it easy to give out? How many times do we hear "Semper FI" while we are out. It's a very easy way to transition into a conversation about where they served, how long, there MOS. Try working into "have you heard about the Marine Corps League"? Exchange information and follow up with this connection that you just made. This could be the connection that they have been wanting and seeking since they have been out. Remember the slogan, same team new mission.

Don't be afraid of social media, it can be your friend. Most cities and towns have a chamber of commerce, most business send out a mailer, you never know what a brief message inside one of them might do for your Detachment. Another great way to recruit and fundraise is a bucket campaign. Stand outside / inside of high traffic areas with small flags with donation jars and handouts about who, what, where, when, and why you meet. Explain where the money goes that is raised. You will be surprised to find out how many Marines will walk by and start talking. As stated above, grab their information and follow through. Give these a try and see if they work for you. As always please feel free to contact me directly and we can work on keeping your Detachments, and our Department growing. Hope to see you at our next Staff meeting.

Semper FI,
Brent Bacon

**DEPARTMENT JUDGE ADVOCATE**

I hope the holiday season was a happy, safe, and joyous time for all. As the state JA I am happy to report that our revised by-laws are posted to the web site and have been provided to the National JA for archiving. One of the responsibilities of the JA is to review the detachment by-laws and certify compliance with the national and state by-laws. As of this writing, I have only received one detachment by-laws for review. When I receive the detachment by-laws I will make a review and identify and correct the things that are needed. Once the by-laws are aligned with the State and National, I will archive and forward a certification certificate back to the detachment JA.

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.

Happy Holidays to all
Harry Fanning
Department of Illinois Judge Advocate

**DEPARTMENT PAYMASTER**

What makes a Good Paymaster?

He is not a procrastinator, can balance his personal banking information and organized!

Our members depend on and expect us to look out for them with the Marine Corps League.

We currently have online transmittals for Detachments to send and pay.

Recently on the website a Department Paymaster Guidebook was uploaded that covers almost everything to help keep your Detachment operating correctly and legally with the State and IRS. Look at it and provide feedback.

Paid Life Member (PLM) about 25% did not certify. What members need to know is the annual annuity payment for the Detachment and Department is forfeited.

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.

**Every Detachment was sent an Inactive Member List from National.**

1. Find them, reinstate (RI) them and send application with payment and transmittal.

2. If the list contains a member who passed away, submit a Notice of Death (NOD) to correct the Database.

3. If they moved, let us know that too!

Semper Fi! Mike Ruffner

**DEPARTMENT EAGLE SCOUT CHAIRMAN**

Scouting Citizenship Award Program
Merry Christmas to all, hope you have a great holiday season. The Scouting award program is alive and well in Illinois. We give over 100 certificates a year to Scouts earning the rank of Eagle. 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. With expansion comes questions about the program, so I would like to address some question detachments might have regarding this program.

First, Is the detachment required to participate in this program? The short answer is no. There is no State or National requirements to participate, however it is strongly encouraged. Second, How does this align with the mission of the Marine Corps League? The mission of the Marine Corps League is, ". . . to promote the interest and to preserve traditions of the United States Marine Corps; strengthen the fraternity of Marines and their families; serve Marines and FMF Navy Personnel who wear or have worn the Eagle Globe and Anchor; and foster the ideals of Americanism and patriotic volunteerism." It is in the last part of the statement that connects this award program with our League mission. Scouting also has the mission of promoting patriotism and volunteerism in the community.

Finally, is the detachment expected to provide a gift or anything beyond the certificate? Again, the answer to this question is no. In Michigan they give the scout a challenge coin. In the detachments most active in Illinois the scout is given a Ka-bar. Here in Southern Illinois we have given four awards and each scout was given a Ka-bar.

For those detachments that are just starting or considering starting this program, I offer the following advise. 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.

Thank you and Merry Christmas
Harry Fanning
Department of Illinois Scouting Coordinator

**MARINE 250 QR CODE**

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

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

**Everything outlines what to expect.**

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**Super Bowl New Orleans will be the Official Start of Marines 250 and the official end will the Commandant's USMC Ball in Washington DC**

**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**
- **Austin TX**
- **Boston MA August 2025**
- **Chicago IL July 2025**
- **Los Angelos CA**
- **Nashville TN**

**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) Need help finding a group, respond to this email for assistance.

•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 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.

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**MANPOWER**

**•Looking for new members for the Coordinating Council – no dues, meeting is done online on 2nd Monday 1800 usually last 30 minutes and the best part No Pay! Major Part is the distribution of grant funds from the Illinois Marine License Plate Program**
**•I have 2 Volunteers since we initially mentioned Marine 250, but now is the time to step up to support the Marine 250 Events, especially during Marine Week. Go to ChicagoMarines.com website and contact us section.**
**Other websites**

**The Tun Legacy Foundation (Active)**
**Navy Marine Corps 250 (Active)**
**Marine 250**

**Semper Fidelis! Mike Ruffner**

**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 Museum and Memorial in Camden to name a few. Each will display various aspects of the Navy and Marine Corps' long and prestigious history. Educators will participate in academic symposiums hosted by the University of Pennsylvania and Rutgers University-Camden 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.

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**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.

**Careers in the Navy and Marine Corps, and Maritime Industry**
For those wanting to know more about pursuing career opportunities in the Navy or Marine Corps, Maritime workforce Outreach coordinators and members of the Navy and Marine Corps will be present to offer valuable insights into the diverse career options available. From opportunities in the maritime, shipbuilding and defense industries, and Navy and Marine Corps specialties like surface, subsurface, aviation, medicine and leadership and technical roles, there are lots of options to be explored.

**Wrapping Up Homecoming 250 Week**
On October 16, celebrations wrap up with the ships departing and final closing ceremonies.

## Where does your Stand with Membership?

| Det # | Detachment PAID Membership | MEMBERSHIP 6/30/2024 | MEMBERSHIP 1/1/2025 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 72 | Burbank | 53 | 50 | **94%** |
| 73 | Chicago #1 | 16 | 18 | **113%** |
| 74 | Collinsville | 71 | 70 | **99%** |
| 75 | Collier-Harrison | 34 | 33 | **97%** |
| 76 | Dixon Area | 15 | 13 | **87%** |
| 77 | Elgin | 18 | 18 | **100%** |
| 78 | Illinois Valley | 36 | 33 | **92%** |
| 80 | Northwest Suburban | 48 | 42 | **88%** |
| 81 | Peoria Leathernecks | 61 | 46 | **75%** |
| 83 | Rockford | 31 | 28 | **90%** |
| 85 | Tobin-Nanninga | 51 | 44 | **86%** |
| 86 | Tri-County CLOSED | 3 | 0 | **0%** |
| 399 | Dupage County | 126 | 122 | **97%** |
| 546 | Thomas A Jennings | 9 | 7 | **78%** |
| 553 | Chicago Police Marines | 108 | 82 | **76%** |
| 575 | Randolph County Marines | 30 | 28 | **93%** |
| 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 | 115 | **93%** |
| 808 | Joliet E 2/14 | 17 | 3 | **18%** |
| 812 | Shawnee | 47 | 41 | **87%** |
| 824 | Maj Kenneth D Bailey | 24 | 14 | **58%** |
| 847 | Dekalb County | 42 | 42 | **100%** |
| 869 | Perry County CLOSED | 0 | 0 | **#DIV/0!** |
| 913 | Sauk Valley Marine | 24 | 23 | **96%** |
| 988 | Central Illinois Leathernecks | 19 | 16 | **84%** |
| 1009 | McHenry County | 116 | 103 | **89%** |
| 1013 | Southern Illinois Leathernecks | 23 | 15 | **65%** |
| 1031 | Robert Windle | 25 | 24 | **96%** |
| 1160 | Alton Leathernecks | 19 | 15 | **79%** |
| 1174 | Lincoln Land Leathernecks | 28 | 18 | **64%** |

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| | West Central Illinois | | | |
| 1174 | Leathernecks | 33 | 31 | **94%** |
| 1217 | Kevin Clarke-Tinley Park | 35 | 30 | **86%** |
| 1231 | Richard L Pittman | 37 | 37 | **100%** |
| 1233 | Fox Valley Marines | 62 | 51 | **82%** |
| 1253 | Kankakee | 51 | 50 | **98%** |
| 1336 | Sgt Robert "Bob" Graue | 28 | 11 | **39%** |
| 1372 | Grundy County | 26 | 24 | **92%** |
| 1385 | Prairie Land Leathernecks | 25 | 23 | **92%** |
| 1395 | Tri-County Leathernecks | 25 | 10 | **40%** |
| 1408 | Chapultepec | 19 | 5 | **26%** |
| | Department of Illinois | 1660 | 1434 | **86%** |

## ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS HOMES FUNDRAISER

**Do you know how many Veterans Homes are Illinois?**

**Anna**
**Chicago**
**LaSalle**
**Manteno**
**Quincy**

**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.**

**How often do you drop in on your Local Marine Corps Recruiters?**

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## Hosted by the Illinois Department Marine Corps League and Auxiliary
## March 28th & 29th, 2025

Location: Clarion Hotel and Conference Center
411 S Larkin Avenue
Joliet, IL 60436
(815) 729-2000
Parking: Free Parking

Rooms: $104 with 16% tax (inclusive rate of $121) per night for a standard room (king or double queen). Reservations will be made by individual attendee directly with Clarion Hotels at (815) 768-1354 or online at https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/US55M1, all reservations made using a major credit card. Cut off date for this rate is Friday, March 14, 2025.

Room amenities include Hot Breakfast on Friday and Saturday from 6:00-9:00 AM; compli-mentary WiFi in public areas and guest rooms; fitness center free self parking and access to the Whiskey River Bar & Grill from 4:00-9:00 PM nightly.

Deadlines: Rooms - Friday, March 14, 2025 by midnight
Registration - March 14, 2025
Conference Program - March 06, 2025
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.

Online Registration: https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/US55M1

For questions and/or concerns, please contact the Chair Person at ildeptmclconventions@gmail.com or Michael Breslin, Convention Registration/Conference Program Book at (815) 451-5915.

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Illinois Department, Marine Corps League Convention Committee
Mike Sturch - Chairperson
Linett Sturch - Committee Member
Michael Breslin - Committee Member

Visit the Central Division Website or the Illinois Department Website for full details of the convention, activities, entertainment, restaurants available in the area.
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.
Register one individual per page, to register more than one delegate/guest, select 'Continue Registration' link at the registration page and select, "I've Completed my registration but would like to register someone new for this event". Press 'Continue Registration' to review current charges; then, 'Continue Registration' and select the Division Conference 2025 link to enter your next delegate or guest. Contact Michael Breslin if you have any questions or concerns with the registration process @ (815) 451-5915.

The Division Conference Program can only exist through Detachments, Auxiliary Units, MODD Pounds and Packs sounding off with well wishes on full, half, or quarter pages. There are addition opportunities for veteran businesses to sound off with Business Card size displays and individuals to give a greeting line. Graphic design services are available at $50 per hour by our publishing team. Contact the Michael Breslin for more information. Please consider entering your message to the Conference.
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.

**This Conference is open to all Members**

**Each Detachment needs to plan on providing a Delegation**

**Classes planned and National Officers will be in Attendance**

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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: _____

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mclcentdiv.org

Department of Illinois Marine Corps League
http://theillinoismarine.com
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.

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**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.

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The Tun™ Groundbreaking
November 10, 2024

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, participants in the groundbreaking used hand-held entrenching tools (E-Tools) for the ceremony.




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