The Illinois Marine

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,

Spring Staff and our 81st Convention have been accomplished. Congratulations to all elected or appointed officers. Thank you if you attended and if you did not an opportunity to help manage the affairs of YOUR Department was missed. The 2025-2026 roster has been released to the District Commandants and subsequently to the Detachments. Please review and if you feel moved to be a larger part of YOUR Department let me know the position that is of interest. Also in the works is a new website that will allow each Detachment a page to post pertinent information and there were 2 bylaws passed concerning dues. Please make your Detachment aware of the changes.

National Convention is coming up rapidly and YOUR Department will be well represented as always. This is OUR chance to contribute to the management of the League at the National level. Just as at Department this is the forum that lets the membership decide what is to be.

Please continue to recruit new members, re-engage with inactive members, support Department fund raising efforts, and above all remain steadfast in believing what the Marine Corps and the Marine Corps Leagues mission is.

Semper Fidelis
Respectfully submitted,
Robert R. Weber
Commandant

DEPARTMENT SENIOR VICE COMMANDANT (FUNDRAISING)

MARINES,

The gun raffle is back by popular demand. We will be raffling three pistols with ammunition. All are conceal/carry design.

Sig Sauer P365X
Glock 43X MOS

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Walther PDP

As an incentive to participate, each detachment will receive a portion of the sale of every raffle ticket. The requested donation of $20 per ticket sale will return $5 to the selling detachment. This is a win/win for both the department and the detachment. To request tickets, contact me by email: v.cobbett@comcast.net or telephone text: 630-330-2571 and tell me how many tickets you wish. I have a second phone number which has an old-fashioned answering machine that is monitored daily: 630-257-6423. You may leave a message.

After selling the tickets, write a check for the total amount made out to:

The Department of IL MCL

And return the total amount of the sales and completed stubs to:

SVC Victoria Cobbett
733 Singer Avenue
Lemont, IL 60439-3912

Individuals may also purchase and pay for raffle tickets online.
Go to:

theillinoismarine.com and click on: "DEPARTMENT FUNDRAISER"

Next, click the “DONATE NOW” black rectangle

Then mark the “a new one-time or recurring donation option”

Under comments, type “2025-26 SVC gun raffle”

and follow the instructions thereafter.

All sales need to be completed and submitted by 1 June 2026. The more you sell, the more your detachment will earn.

If you have any questions, my email or my cell phone are all available. Please use any of the three methods to contact me: cell phone, email, or landline. Together we will succeed.

Semper Fidelis,
Vicki

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDANT (MEMBERSHIP)

Greetings all,

Coming off the heels of Department convention, I want to thank the membership for electing me for another year as your Department Jr. Vice. We have a big year ahead of us as we celebrate a milestone of the Marine Corps 250th Birthday. I encourage all of you within your Detachment to make a celebration event happen. This could be a great way on getting some of the membership that do not attend meetings out and about.

Showcase your Detachments achievements during these events. I encourage the Detachment officers to get communications out to your membership to encourage comradery, and participation in your Detachment functions. It would also be good to check the phone numbers and email addresses of your members. It might just be the case they are not receiving any transmission.

Have you been on the member only library on the National website yet? This is open to all, it is password protected, and don’t you worry dd4 will get you in. Within the library you will find some great information about recruiting and retention. It’s packed with pre-made

flyers, what and how to start conventions with new people, and great fundraiser ideas. National is asking for your help with issues within the league. This is completely anonymous survey, and a chance to have your voices heard. The address is: https://forms.gle/R3RGCpnkLjXKuCfp9 . Be as honest as you want to be, again if we don't know about the issues we cant plan solutions. We are all in this together, and together we will preserve. I have a mission for all the Detachments, by Fall staff every Detachment gain 1 new member. I have all the faith that you will achieve this.

Always Faithful,
Brent Bacon
JR Vice Commandant

DEPARTMENT JUDGE ADVOCATE

Judge Advocate Report – Convention Recap

With the convention behind us and summer in full swing, many of us are already looking ahead to the National Convention in August. Before we get too far into vacation mode, I'd like to share a summary of the Judge Advocate (JA) activities that took place during our recent convention.

By-law Changes Reviewed and Voted On

Two proposed by-law amendments were on the agenda for consideration:

1. **Article 72.01 (b) Revision** The first proposal aimed to streamline membership dues language by removing the sentence: *"Dues collected from new members joining between 1 March – 31 July shall be four ($4.00) dollars."* This amendment was reviewed by the By-laws Committee during the March staff meeting and received a recommendation for approval. At the convention, a motion was made and seconded to adopt the change. After discussion, the membership voted in favor of the amendment, officially updating the by-law.
2. **Second Proposed Amendment** The second proposal, also reviewed by the committee in March, was deemed unnecessary. The committee recommended its rejection. That recommendation was brought to the convention floor, where a motion to reject the proposal was made, seconded, and passed by majority vote.

Eligibility Clarification for Department Auditors

During the convention, a question arose regarding eligibility criteria for the role of department auditor. Specifically, whether a past department commandant from another state—outside of Illinois—could be elected to serve in this position.

Upon review, the JA determined that the current by-laws do not restrict eligibility based on state affiliation. Therefore, any past department commandant, regardless of department origin, is eligible to serve as auditor. While a formal by-law change is not currently required, it was suggested that the department consider establishing administrative procedures or policies for greater clarity and flexibility moving forward.

Call to Action

With this in mind, I encourage all members to review the current by-laws and submit any

recommendations for administrative policies or procedures. Your input will help guide the development of proposals for consideration at the upcoming October staff meeting.

Harry Fanning
Department of Illinois Judge Advocate

DEPARTMENT PAYMASTER

ANNUAL RENEWAL TIME!
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.

Paymaster are the backbone of the Detachment and can enhance the success of the Detachments by keeping finances and membership up to date.

If you are not submitting the transmittals online with the Department, you costing the Detachment money and slowing down the process. Contact me for assistance.

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

Eagle Scout Program

Celebrating Our Eagle Scout Program Success
The Department of Illinois is proud to report an outstanding milestone in our Eagle Scout Citizenship Award Program. As of the June 27th, Illinois has presented a remarkable 243 awards—the highest number reported by any state so far this year. This accomplishment is a testament to the hard work, dedication, and collaboration of our detachments, and we extend a heartfelt thank-you to everyone who supports this initiative.

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The program continues to grow. In 2022–2023, Illinois awarded 63 Citizenship Awards. The following year, we achieved a 70% increase, distributing 107 awards. This past year, we've reached an impressive 127% increase, bringing our total to 243. It's clear: our efforts are gaining momentum.

Currently, only 10 out of our 40 detachments are actively participating in the program. While this marks progress, we believe we can do even better. Our challenge for the coming year is to double the number of active detachments.

Here are two simple ways to get involved:

1. Engage with local Scout troops—Visit leadership meetings, introduce the program, and share contact information.

2. Encourage member involvement—If members are interested, support them in becoming troop advisors, merit badge counselor, or Eagle Scout counselors.

Beyond recognizing outstanding young leaders, this program serves as a valuable recruitment and outreach opportunity for the Marine Corps League. Presenting these awards in full MCL uniform creates a lasting impression. We make it a point to recognize veterans in attendance and connect with them afterward, sharing materials and inviting them to join our ranks.

These events also offer excellent local media opportunities—an award presentation photo paired with a brief article helps amplify our presence in the community and grow awareness of our mission.

The Eagle Scout Citizenship Award Program embodies the values of service, leadership, and civic pride that align with the core mission of the Marine Corps League. Let's continue to build on this momentum and make 2025 our best year yet.

Harry Fanning
Department of Illinois Scouting Coordinator

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)

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)

United States Marine Corps Semper Fidelis Memorial Highway on a section of Interstate 80. Approved!

•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.

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•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.

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.

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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Where does your Detachment Stand with Membership?

Det #	Detachment PAID Membership	MEMBERSHIP 6/30/2024	MEMBERSHIP 7/1/2025	
72	Burbank	53	52	98%
73	Chicago #1	16	18	113%
74	Collinsville	71	72	101%
75	Collier-Harrison	34	35	103%
76	Dixon Area CLOSING	15	8	53%
77	Elgin	18	18	100%
78	Illinois Valley	36	36	100%
80	Northwest Suburban	48	42	88%
81	Peoria Leathernecks	61	58	95%
83	Rockford	31	29	94%
85	Tobin-Nanninga	51	44	86%
399	Dupage County	126	128	102%
546	Thomas A Jennings CLOSING	9	5	56%
553	Chicago Police Marines	108	123	114%
575	Randolph County Marines	30	29	97%
591	Effingham County	24	23	96%
607	Lincoln	23	20	87%
790	Gem City	25	25	100%
799	Decatur	30	31	103%
801	Lake County	123	112	91%
812	Shawnee	47	50	106%
824	Maj Kenneth D Bailey	24	21	88%
847	Dekalb County	42	44	105%
913	Sauk Valley Marine	24	23	96%
988	Central Illinois Leathernecks	19	18	95%
1009	McHenry County	116	123	106%

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1013	Southern Illinois Leathernecks	23	22	96%
1031	Robert Windle	25	24	96%
1160	Alton Leathernecks	19	20	105%
1174	Lincoln Land Leathernecks	28	37	132%
1177	West Central Illinois Leathernecks	33	31	94%
1217	Kevin Clarke-Tinley Park CLOSING	35	29	83%
1231	Richard L Pittman	37	37	100%
1233	Fox Valley Marines	62	66	106%
1253	Kankakee	51	50	98%
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	1640	1630	99%

Renew and Recruit!
Annual Dues by September 1st



ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS HOMES FUNDRAISER

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DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

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, 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 or even IL Dept of Corrections?
Do you have Detachment Business Cards, Posters, Website and Facebook?

Marines we are updating the Website review your Detachment Contact information, Dues and Meeting information Before August 1st and provide the Most current Report of Installation to the Department Adjutant and Paymaster!

CEDIV CENTRAL DIVISION 1009 MC HENRY COUNTY	2 Profile ID:**36**	Department:	IL DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS Installed: 11/21/2024

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Dues Information

Amount Shown on Dues Notice:	$35.00

Detachment Contact Information

Name:	Michael Breslin
Email:	MBREZLIN@GMAIL.COM
Phone:	

Detachment Meeting and Location Information

Meeting Day:	3rd Thursday of each month
Meeting Time:	1900
Meeting Place (Building Name):	Woodstock VFW Post 5040
Street Address:	240 N Throop St
City/State/Zip:	Woodstock, IL 60098

1013 SOUTHERN ILLINOIS LTNKS Profile ID:**37** Installed: 09/15/2022

Dues Information

Amount Shown on Dues Notice:	$35.00

Detachment Contact Information

Name:	Joe Leenerts
Email:	leenerts@frontier.com
Phone:	

Detachment Meeting and Location Information

Meeting Day:(Monday,Tuesday,etc.)	3RD Wednesday of the Month
Meeting Time:	1900
Meeting Place (Building Name):	Herrin American Legion Post
Street Address:	213 NORTH 16TH STREET
City/State/Zip:	HERRIN, IL 62948

1031 ROBERT WINDLE Profile ID:**38** Installed: 11/09/2024

Dues Information

Amount Shown on Dues Notice:	$20.00

Detachment Contact Information

Name:	Martin Andrews
Email:	mele@frontier.com

Phone: 6185355647

Detachment Meeting and Location Information

Meeting Day:(Monday,Tuesday,etc.): Second Monday of each month
Meeting Time: 1900
Meeting Place (Building Name): Jersey County Courthouse
Street Address: 201 Pearl St
City/State/Zip: Jerseyville, IL 62052

1160 ALTON LEATHERNECKS Profile ID:**39** Installed: 04/21/2025

Dues Information

Amount Shown on Dues Notice: $37.00

Detachment Contact Information

Name: Mark Nelson
Email: markonelson1956@gmail.com
Phone:

Detachment Meeting and Location Information

Meeting Day:(Monday,Tuesday,etc.): THIRD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH
Meeting Time: 1900
Meeting Place (Building Name): WOOD RIVER VFW POST 2859
Street Address: 231 E. EDWARDSVILLE RD
City/State/Zip: WOOD RIVER, IL 62095

1174 LINCOLN LAND LEATHERNECKS Profile ID:**40** Installed: 12/18/2024

Dues Information

Amount Shown on Dues Notice: $35.00

Detachment Contact Information

Name: Daniel Betts
Email: SSGTBETTS67@GMAIL.COM
Phone:

Detachment Meeting and Location Information

Meeting Day:(Monday,Tuesday,etc.): 4th Wednesday of each month
Meeting Time: 1930

Meeting Place (Building Name):	VFW POST 1377
Street Address:	2043 SOUTH FOURTH STREET
City/State/Zip:	GREENVILLE, IL 62246

1177 W Central Illinois Leathernecks — Profile ID:**41** — Installed: 10/16/2024

Dues Information

Amount Shown on Dues Notice:	$35.00

Detachment Contact Information

Name:	James Carleton
Email:	jcrltn@yahoo.com
Phone:	2174733056

Detachment Meeting and Location Information

Meeting Day:(Monday,Tuesday,etc.)	3rd Wednesday of the month
Meeting Time:	1900
Meeting Place (Building Name):	Jacksonville American Legion
Street Address:	TBD
City/State/Zip:	Jacksonville, IL 62650-3003

1231 RICHARD L PITTMAN — Profile ID:**43** — Installed: 04/18/2024

Dues Information

Amount Shown on Dues Notice:	$40.00

Detachment Contact Information

Name:	Gregory Cozad
Email:	gcozad@usa.com
Phone:	217-377-4815

Detachment Meeting and Location Information

Meeting Day:(Monday,Tuesday,etc.)	3RD THURSDAY OF MONTH
Meeting Time:	1900
Meeting Place (Building Name):	URBANA VFW POST 630
Street Address:	1303 E MAIN ST
City/State/Zip:	URBANA, IL 61802

1233 FOX VALLEY MARINES — Profile ID:**44** — Installed: 07/08/2021

Dues Information

Amount Shown on Dues Notice:	$40.00

Detachment Contact Information

Name:	Donald Haines
Email:	usmc1962@comcast.net
Phone:	

Detachment Meeting and Location Information

Meeting Day:(Monday,Tuesday,etc.)	SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH
Meeting Time:	1900
Meeting Place (Building Name):	AMVETS POST 103
Street Address:	1194 JERICHO RD
City/State/Zip:	AURORA, IL 60506

1253 KANKAKEE Profile ID:**45** Installed: 06/03/2025

Dues Information

Amount Shown on Dues Notice:	$35.00

Detachment Contact Information

Email:	drpaint1@comcast.net
Phone:	8159324894

Detachment Meeting and Location Information

Meeting Time:	1900
Meeting Place (Building Name):	BRADLEY-BOURBONNAIS SPORTSMAN CLUB

Detachment Contact Information

Email:	drpaint1@comcast.net
Phone:	8159324894

Detachment Meeting and Location Information

Meeting Time:	1900
Meeting Place (Building Name):	BRADLEY-BOURBONNAIS SPORTSMAN CLUB

1336 SGT ROBERT "BOB" E GRAUE Profile ID:**46** Installed: 11/05/2023

Dues Information

Amount Shown on Dues Notice:	$30.00

Detachment Contact Information

Name: Gene Hickey
Email: genehickey1753@gmail.com
Phone:

Detachment Meeting and Location Information

Meeting Day:(Monday,Tuesday,etc.): 3rd Sunday of the month at 5:00PM
Meeting Time: 1400
Meeting Place (Building Name): VFW Post 1756
Street Address: 915 5th St
City/State/Zip: Lincoln, IL 62656

1372 GRUNDY COUNTY Profile ID:**47** Installed: 03/24/2022

Dues Information

Amount Shown on Dues Notice: $35.00

Detachment Contact Information

Name: Fred Gaddis
Email: mfgaddis@msn.com
Phone: 8156343125

Detachment Meeting and Location Information

Meeting Day:(Monday,Tuesday,etc.): 4th THURS OF EACH MONT
Meeting Time: 1730
Meeting Place (Building Name): MORRIS AMERICAN LEGION #294
Street Address: 212 W. Washington St
City/State/Zip: Morris, IL 60450

1385 PRAIRIE LAND LEATHERNECKS Profile ID:**48** Installed: 06/05/2025

Dues Information

Amount Shown on Dues Notice: $35.00

Detachment Contact Information

Name: Gary Doss
Email: garyjo04@gmail.com
Phone:

Detachment Meeting and Location Information

Meeting Day:(Monday,Tuesday,etc.)	1ST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH
Meeting Time:	1900
Meeting Place (Building Name):	VFW POST 3912
Street Address:	215 W Ryder St
City/State/Zip:	LITCHFIELD, IL 62056

1395 TRI- COUNTY LEATHERNECKS Profile ID:**49** Installed: 09/11/2024

Dues Information

Amount Shown on Dues Notice:	$35.00

Detachment Contact Information

Name:	Scott Forster
Email:	scott@forstertool.com
Phone:	

Detachment Meeting and Location Information

Meeting Day:(Monday,Tuesday,etc.)	2nd WEDNESDAY OF MONTH
Meeting Time:	1930
Meeting Place (Building Name):	American Legion Post 964
Street Address:	51 Lions Dr
City/State/Zip:	Lake Zurich, IL 60047

1408 CHAPULTEPEC Profile ID:**50** Installed: 10/03/2024

Dues Information

Amount Shown on Dues Notice:	$35.00

Detachment Contact Information

Name:	Jesus Molina
Email:	molinajg81@gmail.com
Phone:	

Detachment Meeting and Location Information

Meeting Day:(Monday,Tuesday,etc.)	FIRST THURSDAY
Meeting Time:	1900
Meeting Place (Building Name):	AMVETS Post 192
Street Address:	7731 S. Harlem Ave
City/State/Zip:	Bridgeview, IL 60455

399 Dupage County Profile ID:**20** Installed: 05/27/2025

Dues Information

Amount Shown on Dues Notice:	$32.00

Detachment Contact Information

Name:	Victoria Cobbett
Email:	v.cobbett@comcast.net
Phone:	

Detachment Meeting and Location Information

Meeting Day:(Monday,Tuesday,etc.)	4TH TUESDAY OF MONTH
Meeting Time:	1930
Meeting Place (Building Name):	VFW Post 2164
Street Address:	0N731 PAPWORTH ROAD
City/State/Zip:	WHEATON, IL 60187

553 CHICAGO POLICE MARINES Profile ID:**22** Installed: 12/14/2024

Dues Information

Amount Shown on Dues Notice:	$40.00

Detachment Contact Information

Name:	Paul Zogg
Email:	cpd9345@yahoo.com
Phone:	

Detachment Meeting and Location Information

Meeting Day:(Monday,Tuesday,etc.)	First Tuesday of each month
Meeting Time:	TBD
Meeting Place (Building Name):	TBD
Street Address:	TBD
City/State/Zip:	Chicago, IL 60622

575 RANDOLPH COUNTY MARINES Profile ID:**23** Installed: 05/20/2025

Dues Information

Amount Shown on Dues Notice:	$31.00

Detachment Contact Information

Name:	John Preston
Email:	preston@htc.net
Phone:	6183405627

Detachment Meeting and Location Information

Meeting Day:(Monday,Tuesday,etc.)	3RD TUESDAY OF MONTH
Meeting Time:	1900
Meeting Place (Building Name):	AMERICAN LEGION
Street Address:	1001 BOOSTER STREET
City/State/Zip:	EVANSVILLE, IL 62242

591 EFFINGHAM COUNTY Profile ID:**24** Installed: 05/16/2025

Dues Information

Amount Shown on Dues Notice:	$30.00

Detachment Contact Information

Name:	Darrell Schwerman
Email:	DLS2650@YAHOO.COM
Phone:	

Detachment Meeting and Location Information

Meeting Day:(Monday,Tuesday,etc.)	3rd Friday
Meeting Time:	12:00 pm
Meeting Place (Building Name):	Iron Horse Cafe
Street Address:	101 S Merchant
City/State/Zip:	EFFINGHAM, IL 62401

607 LINCOLN Profile ID:**25** Installed: 12/01/2023

Dues Information

Amount Shown on Dues Notice:	$55.00

Detachment Contact Information

Name:	
Email:	
Phone:	

Detachment Meeting and Location Information

Meeting Day:(Monday,Tuesday,etc.)	3RD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH
Meeting Time:	1900
Meeting Place (Building Name):	AMVETS Post 145
Street Address:	827 15TH AVE
City/State/Zip:	EAST MOLINE, IL 61244

72 BURBANK Profile ID:**8** Installed: 03/03/2024

Dues Information

Amount Shown on Dues Notice:	$28.00

Detachment Contact Information

Name:	JOSEPH PURPURA
Email:	joepfs@att.net
Phone:	

Detachment Meeting and Location Information

Meeting Day:(Monday,Tuesday,etc.)	4TH THURSDAY OF MONTH
Meeting Time:	1930
Meeting Place (Building Name):	MARRIS-MEYERS AMERICAN LEGION POST 991
Street Address:	11001 S DEPOT ST
City/State/Zip:	WORTH, IL 60482-1844

73 CHICAGO #1 Profile ID:**9** Installed: 01/13/2019

Dues Information

Amount Shown on Dues Notice:	$35.00

Detachment Contact Information

Name:	
Email:	
Phone:	

Detachment Meeting and Location Information

Meeting Day:(Monday,Tuesday,etc.)	Sunday every other month at 1pm
Meeting Time:	1300
Meeting Place (Building Name):	FDR POST 923, A.L.
Street Address:	1824 W CORTLAND
City/State/Zip:	

74 COLLINSVILLE Profile ID:**10** Installed: 04/02/2025

Dues Information

Amount Shown on Dues Notice: $35.00

Detachment Contact Information

Name: Stacie Quimby

Email: staciequimby@yahoo.com

Phone:

Detachment Meeting and Location Information

Meeting Day:(Monday,Tuesday,etc.) FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH

Meeting Time: 1900

Meeting Place (Building Name): VFW POST 805

Street Address: 221 WEST FIRST ST

City/State/Zip: O'FALLON, IL 62269

75 COLLIER-HARRISON Profile ID:**11** Installed: 11/06/2024

Dues Information

Amount Shown on Dues Notice: $35.00

Detachment Contact Information

Name: Christopher Johnson

Email: marinecorps1371@yahoo.com

Phone:

Detachment Meeting and Location Information

Meeting Day:(Monday,Tuesday,etc.) First Wednesday of each month

Meeting Time: 1900

Meeting Place (Building Name):

Street Address: 3100 Stanton St

City/State/Zip: Springfield, IL 62703

77 ELGIN Profile ID:**13** Installed: 04/22/2025

Dues Information

Amount Shown on Dues Notice: $35.00

Detachment Contact Information

Name:	Thomas Culumber
Email:	teculumber@gmail.com
Phone:	6305139758

Detachment Meeting and Location Information

Meeting Day:(Monday,Tuesday,etc.)	4th Tuesday of Each Month
Meeting Time:	1900
Meeting Place (Building Name):	LOYAL ORDER OF MOOSE
Street Address:	925 S MCLEAN BLVD
City/State/Zip:	ELGIN, IL 60123

78 ILLINOIS VALLEY Profile ID:**14** Installed: 11/01/2022

Dues Information

Amount Shown on Dues Notice:	$35.00

Detachment Contact Information

Name:	DENNIS MALLIE
Email:	DMAILLIE12@OUTLOOK.COM
Phone:	

Detachment Meeting and Location Information

Meeting Day:(Monday,Tuesday,etc.)	First Tuesday of each month at 7:00PM
Meeting Time:	1900
Meeting Place (Building Name):	ILLINOIS VALLEY CLUBHOUSE
Street Address:	475 E. Rt. 351
City/State/Zip:	Oglesby, IL 61348

790 GEM CITY Profile ID:**26** Installed: 12/03/2018

Dues Information

Amount Shown on Dues Notice:	$35.00

Detachment Contact Information

Name:	Stephen Cane
Email:	s.cane@comcast.net
Phone:	

Detachment Meeting and Location Information

Meeting Day:(Monday,Tuesday,etc.)	First Monday of each month
Meeting Time:	1900
Meeting Place (Building Name):	ILLINOIS VETERANS' HOME
Street Address:	1707 N 12th St
City/State/Zip:	QUINCY, IL 62301

799 DECATUR Profile ID:**27** Installed: 05/05/2025

Dues Information

Amount Shown on Dues Notice:	$30.00

Detachment Contact Information

Name:	Robert Tyler
Email:	colphdbob@gmail.com
Phone:	

Detachment Meeting and Location Information

Meeting Day:(Monday,Tuesday,etc.)	FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH
Meeting Time:	1800
Meeting Place (Building Name):	AMERICAN LEGION POST 105
Street Address:	1535 LEGION DRIVE
City/State/Zip:	DECATUR, IL 62521

80 NORTHWEST SUBURBAN Profile ID:**15** Installed: 10/16/2024

Dues Information

Amount Shown on Dues Notice:	$35.00

Detachment Contact Information

Name:	Michael Huttner
Email:	jommps@sbcglobal.net
Phone:	

Detachment Meeting and Location Information

Meeting Day:(Monday,Tuesday,etc.)	THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH
Meeting Time:	1930
Meeting Place (Building Name):	AMERICAN LEGION POST 208
Street Address:	121 N DOUGLAS AVE

City/State/Zip: ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, IL 60004

801 LAKE COUNTY Profile ID:**28** Installed: 10/15/2024

Dues Information

Amount Shown on Dues Notice: $35.00

Detachment Contact Information

Name: Nolan Webster

Email: nolan.webster@icloud.com

Phone: 2288066891

Detachment Meeting and Location Information

Meeting Day:(Monday,Tuesday,etc.): 3RD TUESDAY OF MONTH

Meeting Time: 1830

Meeting Place (Building Name): STEVENS' RESTAURANT

Street Address: 401 N. RIVERSIDE DR. (RT 21)

City/State/Zip: GURNEE, IL 60031

81 PEORIA LEATHERNECKS Profile ID:**16** Installed: 06/05/2024

Dues Information

Amount Shown on Dues Notice: $28.00

Detachment Contact Information

Name: Robert Wilson

Email: Robcw67@comcast.net

Phone:

Detachment Meeting and Location Information

Meeting Day:(Monday,Tuesday,etc.): FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH

Meeting Time: 1900

Meeting Place (Building Name): NAVY MARINE CLUB

Street Address: 1310 E SEIBERLING AVE

City/State/Zip: PEORIA HEIGHTS, IL 61616

812 SHAWNEE Profile ID:**30** Installed: 09/12/2024

Dues Information

Amount Shown on Dues Notice: $35.00

Detachment Contact Information

Name: Phillip Lindberg

Email: pal1849@gmail.com

Phone:

Detachment Meeting and Location Information

Meeting Day:(Monday,Tuesday,etc.): 2nd Thursday of each month

Meeting Time: 1900

Meeting Place (Building Name):

Street Address: 606 1/2 East College St.

City/State/Zip: Carbondale, IL 62901

824 MAJ KENNETH D BAILEY Profile ID:**31** Installed: 03/16/2025

Dues Information

Amount Shown on Dues Notice: $30.00

Detachment Contact Information

Name: John Barrett

Email: Tom_20021@yahoo.com

Phone:

Detachment Meeting and Location Information

Meeting Day:(Monday,Tuesday,etc.): 3RD SUNDAY OF MONTH

Meeting Time: 1600

Meeting Place (Building Name): AMERICAN LEGION POST #210

Street Address: 201 PROSPECT PL

City/State/Zip: Danville, IL 61832

83 Rockford Profile ID:**17** Installed: 02/11/2023

Dues Information

Amount Shown on Dues Notice: $35.00

Detachment Contact Information

Name: BRUCE GIERSCH

Email: BGRROGAUGE@GMAIL.COM

Phone:

Detachment Meeting and Location Information

Meeting Day:(Monday,Tuesday,etc.)	1ST Wednesday of the month
Meeting Time:	1900
Meeting Place (Building Name):	VFW 9759
Street Address:	2018 WINDSOR ROAD
City/State/Zip:	LOVES PARK, IL 61111

847 DEKALB COUNTY MARINES Profile ID:**32** Installed: 04/17/2025

Dues Information

Amount Shown on Dues Notice:	$30.00

Detachment Contact Information

Name:	Keith Keutzer
Email:	keith.keutzer@gmail.com
Phone:	

Detachment Meeting and Location Information

Meeting Day:(Monday,Tuesday,etc.)	THIRD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH
Meeting Time:	1900
Meeting Place (Building Name):	SYCAMORE VETERANS HOME
Street Address:	121 S CALIFORNIA ST
City/State/Zip:	SYCAMORE, IL 60178-1713

85 TOBIN-NANNINGA Profile ID:**18** Installed: 11/19/2023

Dues Information

Amount Shown on Dues Notice:	$35.00

Detachment Contact Information

Name:	Christopher Celiberti
Email:	motortchris@hotmail.com
Phone:	3093694982

Detachment Meeting and Location Information

Meeting Day:(Monday,Tuesday,etc.)	3RD Sunday of the Month
Meeting Time:	1600
Meeting Place (Building Name):	TOBIN-NANNINGA

Street Address: 13370 Garman Rd
City/State/Zip: Pekin, IL 61554

913 SAUK VALLEY MARINE Profile ID:**34** Installed: 04/21/2025

Dues Information
Amount Shown on Dues Notice: $20.00

Detachment Contact Information
Name: Howard Glispie
Email: howardglispiesr@gmail.com
Phone:

Detachment Meeting and Location Information
Meeting Day:(Monday,Tuesday,etc.) THIRD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH
Meeting Time: 1900
Meeting Place (Building Name): AMERICAN LEGION POST 902
Street Address: 712 4TH AVE
City/State/Zip: ROCK FALLS, IL 61071

988 CENTRAL ILLINOIS LEATHERNECKS Profile ID:**35** Installed: 10/10/2023

Dues Information
Amount Shown on Dues Notice: $35.00

Detachment Contact Information
Name: Richard Parker
Email: bowlergolf@yahoo.com
Phone:

Detachment Meeting and Location Information
Meeting Day:(Monday,Tuesday,etc.) Second Tuesday of each month
Meeting Time: 1900
Meeting Place (Building Name): VFW Post 454
Street Address: 1006 East Lincoln
City/State/Zip: Bloomington, IL 61701

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HB3208 - 104th General Assembly (2025-2026)

SCH CD-MILITARY RECRUIT EVENT

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the School Code. In provisions requiring access to a high school campus and student directory information to the official recruiting representatives of the armed forces of Illinois and the United States, deletes language that provides that a school board is not required to give greater notice regarding the right of access to recruiting representatives than is given to other persons and groups. Provides instead that a school board shall invite official recruiting representatives of the armed forces of Illinois and the United States to hold a recruitment event on the high school campus at least once per school year.

Contact your State Representatives to support this Bill!

The Marine Corps is celebrating 250 years of service. The celebration honors the Marines who have embodied the Corps' values of honor, courage, and commitment across the centuries.

The National MCL link has all sorts of information for the Marine Corps League.
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KNOWN ILLINOIS 250 BIRTHDAY BALLS

Burbank Marine Corps League

MACG-48 Rosemont 14 November 2025

McHenry County Marine Corps League 8 November 2025 details at McHenryCountyMCL.com

Naperville Marines 8 November 2025 details NapMar.com

Rockford Marine Corps League 8 November 2025

Updates will be posted for Formal and Informal USMC 250 Birthday at ChicagoMarines.com and ThelllinoisMarine.com websites.

Marines have been asking since January, we expect a sell with all groups!

Next newsletter is October 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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The Tun™ Grand Opening
November 10, 2025

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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