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The DuPage MCL Detachment 399

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 12 February** Valentine Party at DuPage Convalescent Home
- 13 February** 75th anniversary of the Marine Corps Women's Reserve (1943 - 2018)
- 27 February** Detachment meeting, VFW 2164

TAPS

January was a month of loss for our Detachment.

First, **Lt Col Ed Godfrey** passed away. He was stationed on five aircraft carriers during World War II and three aircraft carriers during the Korean War. He volunteered for Vietnam and he retired from the reserves in 1973, having flown 150 combat missions, 38 different aircraft, 163 carrier landing and more than 4,000 flight hours during his career. In 1991, he volunteered for duty during Operation Desert Shield/Storm in the Gulf and although he didn't serve, he received a letter of appreciation from the First Lady. The Colonel was active in our detachment's Toys For Tots, DuPage County Convalescent Center Valentine's Day Parties and corn roast booths both at the DuPage County Fairs and at the Downers Grove Festivals.

Then we lost **Robert (Bob) Kent**. Bob was a Marine who served in the WWII-South Pacific conflicts. He was a life member of American Legion Post #3, VFW Post #2164, and DuPage County MCL #399. Bob was a past Detachment Adjutant, volunteer at corn roast booths, Hines VA Hospital Christmas Parties, DuPage Convalescent Home Parties and other functions.

Next **John Schneider** died after a lengthy hospitalization. He was an MCL Member since 1985 with

5 Silver Stars for outstanding membership. He worked at the Corn Roast, Hines Hospital events, Valentine parties, and most detachment activities.

Finally, our Past Commandant John Olejnicki lost his beloved wife, **Barbara**. She could be found at detachment events with a smile and kind word for everyone. With their daughter Beth along, Barb would quietly be sure no one needed help and that nothing was overlooked.

We shall miss them all; rest in peace.

PRAYER LIST

The following members, their family, and these friends of the detachment need our prayers and well wishes: Wayne Harrison, Frank Jurek, Vito Markas, Richard Nazimek and his wife, Roland Johnson and his wife, George Pradel, Brett Lauten, Richard Doria, Noel Daley, Mike Mikulecky, Don Haines, Gail Shilkaitis, Ralph Fleischman, and Sharon Passero. If you know of anyone who should be added to this list, contact Chaplain Don Kenyon.

VALENTINE PARTY

February is the Valentine's Day Party at the DuPage County Convalescent Home. Our Detachment has been celebrating with this great group of Americans for **over thirty years**. "[We] provide value and entertainment to the residents of this facility showing them that the US Marines, DO NOT FORGET them." Dancing and entertainment are provided. Come and join the fun on 12 February at 1900.

BINGO

Bingo will begin at Hines VA Hospital in March and continued through December on the second Sunday of each month. Our first Bingo of 2018 is at 1400 on 11 March which is also the beginning date of Daylight Saving Time.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

Nominations and election of officers for 2018/2019 year occur at the March/April meetings. Copies of job descriptions directly from the By-laws were passed out at the January meeting and will be available through April. Pick up a copy at our next meeting and see where you would be a good fit. A little participation from everyone will continue our Detachment tradition of success. You could be just the Marine we need!

Semper Fidelis,
Victoria Cobbett, Commandant
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