



The Few. The Proud.

The DuPage MCL Detachment 399

Meeting at DuPage Memorial VFW Post #2164 · 0N731 Papworth Rd. · Wheaton, IL 60187

Officers

Commandant: V. Cobbett
 Sr Vice Commandant: R. Kollias
 Jr Vice Commandant: J. Winquist
 Paymaster: C. Wingard
 Chaplain: D. Kenyon
 Judge Advocate: J. Schmitt
 Sgt at Arms: R. Gaden
 Jr Past Commandant: J. Olejnicki
 Trustee: L. Olson (2021)
 Trustee: J. Meschi (2020)
 Trustee: B. Barta (2019)
 Trustee: G. Bormann (2018)
 Adjutant: H. Quiroga

Committee Chairs

Bingo: R. Gaden
 Color Guard: R. Gaden
 Eagle Scout: R. Gaden
 Fund-Raising: L. Olson
 Historian: D. Igrisan
 Newsletter: Commandant
 Membership: James Winquist
 Picnic: G. Bormann
 Quartermaster: M. Albertus
 Scholarship: V. Cobbett
 Special Awards: Barta & Olejnicki
 TFT: R. Kollias
 VAC: J. Meschi
 Valentine Party: D. Provenzale
 Web Sgt: J. Stanovich

Website

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DATES TO REMEMBER

8 April **Bingo** at Hines Hospital, long term care facility
 24 April Regular **detachment meeting**, VFW Post 2164, Wheaton
 11 May Detachment **Awards Dinner** and Installation
 Bohemian Crystal Restaurant,
 13-17 June MCL **Department Convention**,
 Holliday Inn Crystal Lake

NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2018-2019 YEAR

The following members accepted nomination for elected office at the 27 March general meeting:

Commandant: **M. Bucur**, joined 2009
 Sr Vice Commandant: no nominations
 Jr Vice Commandant: **J. Winquist**, joined 2008
 Paymaster: **C. Wingard**, joined 1979
 Chaplain: **D. Kenyon**, joined 2009
 Judge Advocate: **J. Schmitt**, joined 2010
 Sgt at Arms: **R. Gaden**, joined 2005
 Jr Past Commandant: **J. Olejnicki**, joined 2001
 Trustee: **V. Cobbett** (four year term), joined 2007
 Adjutant: appointed

As you can read, we still need a nomination for Sr Vice Commandant and a volunteer for Adjutant. Nominations will be opened again at our April meeting followed by secret ballot voting.

AWARDS & INSTALLATION DINNER

The Awards and Installation dinner will be held at the Bohemian Crystal Restaurant, 639 N. Blackhawk Drive, Westmont, IL 60559, [630-789-1981]. Festivities begin at 1830 with cash bar cocktails followed by dinner at 1930. The cost is \$25.00 per person, payable at our next meeting or send checks to arrive before 5/10/2018 to: Paymaster Chuck Wingard, 719 S. Lombard Avenue, Lombard, Illinois 60148-3453.

BUDGET

The budget for 2018-2019 was unanimously approved at the February general meeting. Paymaster Wingard and his silent staff of associate member Darlene Wingard have once again provided us with a balanced budget. Income from the corn roasts and the Marine Rose funds our programs; when the sign up sheets are

passed, we need everyone to work a little so we may accomplish much.

HINES BINGO

Our next "BINGO" is Sunday 8 April 2017 at Hines Veterans Hospital in Maywood. We will start at 2:00pm and end at 3:30 in building #217, first floor cafeteria of the extended care unit. You may park in the Oklahoma lot, southwest corner of the hospital complex. Bring yourself and a friend for an enjoyable afternoon.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The 2018 scholarship applications are available on the website, mcleague399.org or e-mail Vicki Cobbett at: v.cobbett@comcast.net for the form and instructions. Hard copies will be available at every meeting. The deadline to submit is 30 June 2018.

EAGLE SCOUT COURT OF HONOR

Zachery Thomas from Troop #26 was advanced to the rank of Eagle Scout on 17 March 2018 at the Bartlett Nature Center. Eagle Scout Chairman Roger Gaden and committee member Don Kenyon presented him with the CMC and Detachment certificates. They officiated our first ever cake cutting ceremony using the K-bar we presented.

PRAYER LIST

The following members, their family, and friends of the detachment need our prayers and well wishes: John Burlace, Read Rogers, Thomas Stuckey, John Finn, Allen Zenner, Vito Pogwizd, Helen Ehlers, John Olejnicki, Carl Baker, Robert Henry, Merrill Albertus, Gary Cobbett, Wayne Harrison, George Pradel, Brett Lauten, Richard Doria, Mike Mikulecky, Don Haines, Frank Jurek, Ralph Fleischman, Terry Owens, Vito Markas, Richard Nazimek and his wife, Roland Johnson and his wife, Gail Shilkaitis, Harper Orbell, Col Mark Smith, Charlie Castino, Kilyn Winqvist, and Sharon Passero. If you know of anyone who should be added to this list, contact Chaplain Don Kenyon or the Commandant.

DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

Information about the 74th annual MCL Department Convention to be held at the Holiday Inn Crystal Lake, 800 South Route 31, Crystal Lake, IL 60014, and the convention schedule may be found on: <https://www.mchenrycountymcl.com/dept-of-il-mcl-74th-convention.html> or <http://www.theillinoismarine.com/Events.php>. Events include a pistol shooting contest, a family fishing event, a grand growl, memorial services, and much more. The hotel registration deadline is 1 June, but the convention is located near enough should you choose daily attendance.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

Charles "Chuck" Wingard was sworn in to our detachment *39 years ago* on 11 April 1979. He has been our elected Paymaster for many years.

Russell "Russ" Kamradt, Charter member and elected 1st Commandant joined *41 years ago* on 30 April 1977.

Michael "Mike" McNeice, Charter member and elected 1st Sr Vice Commandant joined *41 years ago* on 30 April 1977. He served as 2nd District Commandant and in other positions.

The elected board directs the activities and spending of your detachment. They are the public face of MCL#399. Many of you have excellent ideas and plans to implement them, but we cannot act if you don't get involved. Job descriptions have been available at the last few meetings for you to study. You can decide to make a difference. Accept a nomination for elected office and contribute your energy and enthusiasm. Volunteer to chair a committee. Activate your esprit de corps!

Semper Fidelis. Victoria Cobbett, Commandant MCL #399