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The DuPage MCL Detachment 399

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

Officers

Commandant: E. Bucur

Sr Vice Commandant: M. Albertus

Jr Vice Commandant: J. Winqvist

Paymaster: C. Wingard

Chaplain: D. Kenyon

Judge Advocate: J. Schmitt

Sgt at Arms: R. Gaden

Jr Past Commandant: J. Olejnicki

Trustee: V. Cobbett (2022)

Trustee: L. Olson (2021)

Trustee: J. Meschi (2020)

Trustee: B. Barta (2019)

Adjutant: vacant

Committee Chairs

Bingo: R. Gaden

Color Guard: R. Gaden

Eagle Scout: R. Gaden

Fund-Raising: L. Olson

Historian: D. Igrisan

Newsletter: V. Cobbett

Membership: J. Winqvist

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

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DATES TO REMEMBER

9 June	ES/COH , 1300, American Legion Hall 1941
10 June	Bingo at Hines Hospital, long term care facility
16 June	Twelfth Annual Sgt. Tommy's Kids Family Fishing Day
13-17 June	MCL Department Convention , Holliday Inn Crystal Lake 60014
21 June	Set-up for Downers Grove Fest at 1800
22-24 June	Downers Grove Fest ; First Shift: 1000-1400 Second shift: 1400-1800 Third shift: 1800-2200
26 June	Board meeting at 1800, before meeting
26 June	Regular detachment meeting with pizza mess after close, VFW Post 2164, Wheaton 60187
30 June	Last date to postmark Scholarship application

DOWNERS GROVE FEST

We need you to help us sell corn and have fun at the Downers Grove Festival! It is an easy four hours and it helps fund our many programs. Email, oly18@comcast.net, or text, (630) 569-7395, Larry Olson, the time and date you are available to work. Wear your free red T-shirt or if your are a first timer, receive a new one. See you there.

HINES BINGO

Our next "BINGO" is Sunday 10 June 2018 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.

FISHING DAY 2018

The twelfth annual Sgt. Tommy's Kids Family Fishing Day will be held at Herrick Lake in Wheaton,

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IL. Each year we cook and serve roasted corn to assist the foundation and remember Tommy Gilbert, a member of our detachment who lost his life while serving in Iraq. Contact John Meschi, (630) 495-7336, if you are able to volunteer.

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.

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 convention is located near enough should you choose daily attendance.

EAGLE SCOUT COURT OF HONOR

Another Eagle Scout ceremony is scheduled on 9 June at 1300 at the Robert E. Coulter, Jr. American Legion Post #1941, 900 S. La Grange Road, La Grange, IL 60525 This achievement is difficult to attain and it is our honor to participate. All members are invited; contact Roger Gaden if you plan to attend and participate.

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 spouse, Roland Johnson and spouse, 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.

TAPS

This past year, six of our members have answered their last roll call:

William Saelinger, September 2017	Ron Gnech, November 2017
Ed Godfrey, January 2018	Robert Kent, January 2018
John Schneider, January 2018	Noel H. Daley, March 2018
Rest in peace, Marines.	<i>Semper Fidelis</i>

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MEMBERSHIP

Nine Marines transferred into our detachment in May. We are inviting them to our June meeting; after the close we will host a pizza mess in June. Plan to stay after business is concluded and visit.

Howie Chittenden was celebrated on 18 May at VFW #2164 on his 98 birthday. John Meschi, Marty Bourgeois, Lynne Grezek, Mara Myrick, Helen Ehlers, Steve Chojnacki, Manny Bucur , and family were among those joining in the festivities.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU, HOWIE! May you have many more.

COMMENTARY

We, The DuPage Marines, all need to be proud of ourselves. For 25 years from 1993 through 2017 we, The DuPage Marines, have awarded over (103) scholarships to members, children and grandchildren of members who qualifying. The total amount of the scholarships awarded for higher education is over \$75,000.

Where has this money come from you ask? From bunch of DuPage Marines, their wives, their friends; volunteers just selling roasted corn & potatoes at the Downers Grove Festivals and DuPage County Fairs!

The monies raised at these corn roast booths is also used to fund veterans' assistance programs such as bingo at Hines VA Hospital, Eagle Scout Courts of Honor, and the Valentine's Day Party at DuPage County Convalescent Center.

When Larry Olson calls asking you to give up four-hours to work at the Downers Grove Fest and at the DuPage County Fair remember this is what your work is supporting. Working these corn roast booths is a lot of fun as you get to meet other detachment members. Marine Dan Igrisan, #399 member since 1989

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