



The Few. The Proud.

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. Winquist
 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: Vacant
 Membership: J. 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

mcleague399.org

DATES TO REMEMBER

28 Aug **Board meeting**, 1800, VFW Post 2164, Wheaton
 28 Aug **Regular meeting**, 1930, VFW Post 2164, Wheaton
 3 Sept **Labor Day**
 9 Sept **Bingo** at Hines Hospital, long term care facility
 22 Sept **Safety Saturday** Contact John Meschi to volunteer
 25 Sept **Board meeting**, 1800, VFW Post 2164, Wheaton
 25 Sept **Regular meeting**, 1930, VFW Post 2164, Wheaton
 29 Sept **WMA meeting**, Noon, COP room, Yorktown Mall

MARINE OF THE YEAR

The MOY medallion was presented to Larry Olson at our July meeting by 2017 MOY Dick Schie. Larry was honored with a plaque at the installation dinner in May, but had not received his medallion. Also present were his family: daughters Melissa Ferguson and Aymie Clayton, his grandchildren, and friend Monie Konecny. Congratulations Larry!

SCHOLARSHIPS

Each year the scholarship committee reviews the applications and awards grant money for books and tuition at the student's school. Six scholarships were awarded this year: five recipients studying for four year degrees received \$750 and one student attending a two year school received \$500. The recipients this year of the MCL #399 Sgt Thomas Gilbert Memorial Scholarship are:

Alexander Quiroga, Kayla Sutcliffe, Cassie Carlson, Thomas Weingartner, Hayley Kenyon, and Amanda Schaefer.

HINES BINGO

Our next "BINGO" is Sunday 9 September 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.

SAFETY SATURDAY

Each year volunteers from our detachment roast corn for the DuPage County Sheriff's Department at the DuPage County fairgrounds, DuPage County Fairgrounds, 2015 Manchester Road, Wheaton, IL 60187. The sheriffs provide the corn and we provide the roaster and the labor. If you are able to volunteer from 1000-1400, notify John Meschi, 630)886-6326.

PRAYER LIST

The following members, their family, and friends of the detachment need our prayers and well wishes: John Schmitt, 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, 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.

EPITAPHS

Marine Ralph Fleischman passed away on 24 August; his wife of sixty-two years, Patricia, passed away suddenly on 11 July. Ralph, a member since 1990 and 2006 MOY, was a reliable volunteer for all events and activities and a member of many committees; family and detachment members welcomed him home from the Honor Flight Chicago for Korean War Veterans in 2017. We shall miss him and his wry humor.

MCL Department of II Commandant Dale Munson passed away on 2 August after a brief illness. He was re-elected to his second term as Dept Commandant at the June convention. Condolence cards may be sent to his wife, Lorene, at 505 Mormon Street, Oglesby, IL 61348-1030

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE (from <https://www.womenmarines.org/wm-history>)

“In 1918, the Secretary of Navy allowed women to enroll for clerical duty in the Marine Corps. Officially, Opha May Johnson is credited as the first woman Marine. Johnson enrolled for service on August 13, 1918; during that year some 300 women first entered the Marine Corps to take over stateside clerical duties from battle-ready Marines who were needed overseas. The Marine Corps Women's Reserve was established in February 1943. June 12th, 1948, Congress passed the Women's Armed Services Integration Act and made women a permanent part of the regular Marine Corps.”

SEMPER FIDELIS