



## Department of Illinois Marine Corps League

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**TO:** Johnny Baker, MCL National Commandant

**Commandant Baker,**

I was elected Commandant for the Department of Illinois in June 2022. The first nine (9) months has truly been a fast-learning lesson. The Department experienced a major medical situation when our Paymaster developed a major medical problem. He never had a Assistance Paymaster and everything has gotten into a serious position trying to get a audit of the Department's financial records together to audit. We're presently waiting on these books from the CPA.

The Department did have a very successful and needed Department wide Training Session that was completed for Detachment Commandants and Paymasters on October 18, 2022. The Department will be conducting a 2<sup>nd</sup> Department Training Session March 18, 2023 to cover the remaining chairs.

The Department will cover room cost for two (2) members from each Detachment chosen by the Detachment for their lodging and a stipend for their meals.

I will be attending Mid-Winter in Norfolk, VA. in February 22-26<sup>th</sup>. I, also, plan to attend Central Division Conference in Indiana in March and looking forward to 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at the National Convention in OKC in August.

Respectfully submitted  
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Commandant  
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