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WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY

Choir	9:00 AM
Sunday School	9:45 AM
Morning Worship	10:45 AM
Children's Church	10:45 AM
Choir	5:00 PM
Evening Worship	6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY

Youth Meeting	6:30 PM
Prayer Meeting	7:00 PM

SATURDAY

Men's Bible Study	8:00 AM
Men's Prayer Breakfast	7:00 AM
(Last Sunday of each month)	
Jacob's Well	6:00 PM
Coffee House	
(2 nd Saturday of the month)	

CHILDREN MINISTRIES

Staffed Nursery
 Sunday School Classes
 Sunday Breakfast
 Bell Choir
 Children's Worship
 Vacation Bible School
 Mission Education
 Special Activities
 Summer Camps

TEEN MINISTRIES

Sunday School Classes
 Youth Group
 Trips/Activities
 Service Opportunities
 Summer Camps

ADULT MINISTRIES

Sunday School Classes
 Men/Women's Ministries
 Choir & Music Ministries
 Wednesday Prayer Service
 World Wide Mission Outreach
 Free Give-Away Day

ADOPT A FAMILY AT CHRISTMAS

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

SUMMER CONCERTS

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JACOB'S WELL (COFFEEHOUSE)

THIS CHURCH HISTORY OF MARSEILLES PROUDLY SPONSORED BY ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

**St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 200 Broadway Street
Msgr. J. Brian Rejsek**



Msgr. J. Brian Rejsek



History & Locations:

Year church founded: 1881 – Name of Church When Founded: St. Joseph Church. First pastor: Father Major

- 1848 Catholic families began settling in Marseilles. Priests from St. Columba parish, Ottawa, attended the town.
- 1868 Mass celebrated in the homes of parishioners, and then in a hall rented in the “Brick Block” on Chicago St.
- 1879-1874 Fr. James P. Devine in attendance
- 1874-1889 Fr. Peter Sheedy
- 1880-1886 Fr. Thomas D. Major
- 1881 Purchased the former Episcopal Church, which became the first St. Joseph Church. After Fr. Major's retirement, several Seneca pastors served Marseilles until 1906.
- 1902 Fr. Hausser built a small frame church on Pine Street.
First resident pastor was Father Lawrence F. Hackett. (1906-1917)
- 1912 Purchased a house to use as a rectory and moved the church next to the rectory (State & E. Bluff), where Terry Bentz parking lot is in 2009.
- 1932 Fr. R. D. O'Laughlin comes to town and an Addition is built to the church, including an assembly hall.
- 1943-1951 Services held in basement after the church burned in February of 1943.
- 1945 Second fire in basement. During this time the services were held in the showroom area of the building that would become the Kaiser-Fraiser Agency (Terry Bentz, Buick, Inc., today.)
- 1951 A new church and hall were built at the present location on Broadway. Dedication was November 16, 1952
- 1971-1972 The CCD center and rectory completed.
- 1973-1975 Fr. Richard Kolczaski joins Fr. John Laughlin as co-pastor .
- mid 1970's Sanctuary remodeled
- 1977-1979 Fr. John Laughlin retires (1977) after 34 years of service. Fr. Fr. John Deane co-pastor.
- 1975-1983 Fr. Anthony Divan was vicar adjutor from 1975 until Father Loughlin's retirement in 1977, when he became pastor to St. Joseph's Parish (Marseilles), St. Patrick's (Ransom), and St. Mary's Mission in Grand Ridge.
- 1983-1999 Fr. Donald R. Schladen
- 1999-2000 Fr. Glen H. Harris
- 2000-2005 Father Bowan M. Schmitt, serving both St. Joseph (Marseilles) and St. Patrick's (Ransom).
- June 2005 Msgr. J. Brian Rejsek becomes current pastor serving 370 families and St. Patrick's (Ransom).
St. Patrick's is a mission church of St. Stephen's in Streator.
- 2006 Major renovation to sanctuary and church.

THIS CHURCH HISTORY OF MARSEILLES PROUDLY SPONSORED BY THE FIRST CHURCH OF GOD

**First Church of God, 2895 E. 24th Road
Pastor Greg Nicholl**



History & Locations:

- 1924 Emmett Wise was the first Church of God woman in the Marseilles area, Annie White was the second, then Lucy Williams. They decided to hold services in a tent, or rent a hall.
- 1925 Meetings held in the Beard home
- 1926 A tent was brought in and put up across the street from the Beard home on Fillebrowne Street. Sunday school was organized. With the return of cold weather, services resumed at the Beard home.
- 1928 Rented a hall in the Killelea Building on the corner of Chicago and Washington Streets.
- 1931 First Church was built on E. Bluff & Indiana Avenue
- 1941 Members were able to dig and build a basement under the church. During the time when members worked on the church basement, services were held in the Warricks home on Washington Street.
- 1947-1948 Church remodeled.
- 1951-1952 Parsonage was purchased at 328 West Bluff Street. New opera-type seats were bought for the sanctuary.
- 1955 A New Hammond Electric Organ was purchased.
- 1962 Radio broadcasts started on an Ottawa station.
- 1971 Land was purchased on Nate Fleming Road for a new church site.
- 1972 Groundbreaking ceremony for new church that would be on Nate Fleming Road held on April 15th.
- 1974 Ribbon-cutting ceremony held January 6th
- 1998-2009 Greg Nicholl was installed as pastor of First Church; and he became active in a number of community groups.
- 2005 The Children's Pioneer Club Program started as a children's outreach

Pastor Greg Nicholl was born in Springfield, Ohio.

He met Christ as his savior in 1977 at the age of 18. After experiencing a call to the Christian ministry, he attended Gulf Coast Bible College in Houston, Texas. After college, he completed his seminary degree at Houston Graduate School of Theology.

Pastor Nicholl has served pastorates in Alabama, Virginia, Ohio, and now, in Marseilles. As pastor of First Church of God, Greg has served four years as President of the Marseilles Christian Ministerial Association, as well as serving on various committees in town.

Researchers: Rosemary Martin & Charlene Nelson

THIS CHURCH HISTORY OF MARSEILLES PROUDLY SPONSORED BY THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Marseilles United Methodist Church, 462 Church Street
Pastor Tom Bourke**



Pastor Tom, with Owen (age 2), and wife, Kim. New family member, Elias Thomas Bourke was born 9/13/2009.

Founded 1867 as Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church, with nine members - Pastor James Bush was first to serve.

History & Locations:

- 1867-1869 On second floor of "Clark's Hall" now Carroll's Flowers & Gifts..
- 1869 Rev. William Full hired as the first full-time minister. For a short time church meetings were held in another storefront on Main.
- 1869 Rented Protestant Methodist Church building, corner Washington & Cole (now Liberty) from Wm. Richey.
- 1870 Joined with Seneca & Manlius Methodist Episcopal churches - one minister serving all three churches.
- 1872-1875 Held meetings in a storefront in the Brick Block on Chicago Street.
- 1875-1880 Rented St. Andrew's Episcopal Church building on East Bluff Street.
- 1879 Hard times brought on a 'vote' to dissolve, but Rev. Thomas Chipperfield convinced them otherwise, by saying he would serve the church for whatever pay they could afford. The church survived, and by 1880 would sever ties with the other two churches and hire it's own full-time minister, Rev. William Full.
- 1880 Purchased vacant Protestant Methodist Church building.
- 1891 Chicago dentist, Joshua Smith, a member of the congregation, donated two lots on Aberdeen Street. It took much physical labor to fill the low swampy land, by hand, with soil removed from the nearby bluff.
- 1892 A large frame church was built on Aberdeen (now Church Street). The building on Washington was sold to the Trinity Lutheran Church.
- 1945 Merged with the Manlius Methodist Church, changing the name to Marseilles Methodist Church.
- 1954 Educational wing added to the north.
- 1957 Last services were held and the old wooden church was torn down. Construction started on a new red-brick church building in the fall.
- 1958 First services held in the new sanctuary, November 23rd.
- 1972 Name officially changed to Marseilles United Methodist Church on September 11th.
- 2003 Church joined with First United Methodist Church of Seneca, with services at each church every Sunday.
- 2006-2009 Pastor Tom Bourke became pastor to both churches in Oct 2006.

Pastor Tom Bourke, wife, Kim (Prieve) Bourke, and sons, Owen & Elias, reside in the parsonage at 729 Sample Street.

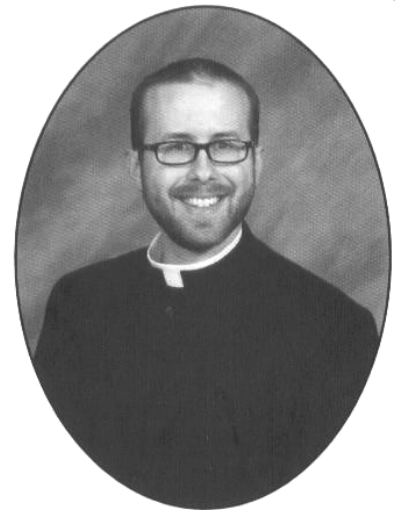
Present day outreach activities: Adopt a Family at Christmas, the Eucharistic Ministry which visits with and takes communion to members who can no longer attend services, and bible study group started by Pastor Bourke.

THIS CHURCH HISTORY OF MARSEILLES PROUDLY SPONSORED BY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, LCMS

**Trinity Lutheran Church, LCMS, 621 Union Street
Rev. Dustin L. Anderson**

History & Locations:

- 1862 Herman F. Freuchtenicht, first pastor of Zion in Ottawa, began mission work among the German immigrants in and near Marseilles.
- 1866 Trinity Congregation formed. It served as a mission congregation by Zion pastors until 1921
- 1891 The Methodist Church (corner of Washington & Libery) was purchased for \$775.
- 1914 First services held in English – they were in German only for 50 years prior. In 1937 they would be conducted only in English.
- 1917 Sunday School organized.
- 1918 The Ladies Aid Society was formed. In September of that year, the first meeting of the Walther League was held. Their purpose was to promote a spirit of Christian fellowship among the younger people.
- 1919 The remodeled church was dedicated in September.
- 1921 First resident pastor, Reverend E. F. Richter, began holding weekly services.
- 1961 The church completely destroyed by fire on New Years Day. Until a new church was built, services were held in the old McKinley Annex. After many meetings and prayerful deliberation, the congregation voted to build a new church on the former parsonage site on Unions Street, and construct a new parsonage on the old church foundation.
- 1963 The church and parsonage were dedicated in February.
- 2007-2009 Pastor Dustin L. Anderson serves the congregation.



**Pastor
Dustin Anderson**

Present Activities:

- Ladies' Aid Annual Bazar & Roast Beef Dinner
- Trinity Lutheran Choir, under the direction of Shirley Smith. Shirley has been the organist for 67 years
- All Church Picnic.
- Family League social gatherings and rummage sales to benefit the Christmas Stocking Program, as well as many local charities and missions.
- Cookie Project for Christmas Gifts
- Christmas Dinner and Trim the Christmas Tree Program.

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Marseilles Elementary School District #150



Educating the children of Marseilles has changed dramatically from the log cabin located in the east end of town in 1835 to the building that houses the present Marseilles Elementary School (built in 1936 with additions in 1955, 1971, 1998). The buildings and the people involved in this progression have been discussed in previous historical publications and a time line is or will be available on the Marseilles, Illinois home page under the Classmates link. Many people throughout the years have played memorable roles in educating the children of Marseilles. Their personalities and professionalism will remain in our minds and hearts. This article will focus on the newly formed Marseilles Elementary School District #150. Due to a very limited tax base, which could not adequately support the programs or improve the aging buildings in the district and with no tax relief from the state, the Board felt that to meet the educational needs of the students, steps must be taken.

On November 10, 1986, the school board of Marseilles Unit District #155 appointed a lay advisory fact finding committee to investigate the feasibility of dissolving the Marseilles Unit District #155, creating a new elementary district and annexing all territories within the present district to a contiguous high school district. Only two high school districts...Seneca to the east and Ottawa to the west...presented legal alternatives under the law. Both districts were approached. The Board of Education of Seneca High School, District 160, preferred not to pursue our request for annexation and felt that it represented the feelings of a majority of its constituents. The Board of Education of Ottawa Township High School, District 140 was open to the possibility of students from Marseilles becoming part of Ottawa High.

To facilitate the fact-finding committee's efforts, four sub committees were formed-Community Impact, Curriculum and Staffing, Buildings and Transportation, and Finance. The report was presented to the Board on May 18, 1987 after many months of research. The report stated that only three realistic options existed to pursue.

Option #1: continue Unit District #155, as it presently exists both physically and educationally

Option #2: continue Unit District #155, as it presently exists both physically and financially.

Option #3: Maintain a K-8 district and merge grades 9-12 with Ottawa Township High School as per Annexation laws.

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The first two options would be a "Band Aid" approach. The third option would have the following consequences if voters passed the merger: Marseilles High School would cease to exist. Marseilles students would attend Ottawa Township High School. A new K-8 district would be created with all Marseilles K-8 students attending the present 6-12 physical facilities. Busing of K-8 students as well as 9-12 students would occur. The present K-5 physical facilities would be closed and/or sold.



Pictured at left is the Lincoln School (1921) building and property at 1009 East Bluff Street. It was sold in June 1985 to the Marseilles License Service of Marseilles for \$30,010.

The building was torn down and Seals Campbell Funeral Home constructed a new building on the site.

The new K-8 district would be able to offer comprehensive and quality educational opportunities for the students of the district.

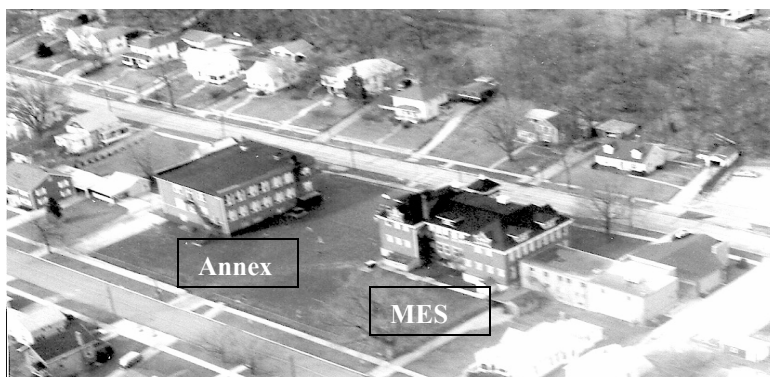
On November 7, 1989 a special election was held to keep Marseilles High School or annex students to Ottawa Township High School. The voters approved the merger with Ottawa High and carried well in both school districts. In Ottawa, the vote was 3,175 yes votes and 1,950 no votes. Marseilles had 1,002 yes votes and 576 no votes. The merger would take effect in the fall of 1990.

Construction crews worked through the summer of 1990 to complete major renovations for the extensive Life Safety work that was necessary to prepare the former high school building for elementary students. As part of the annexation agreement between Ottawa and Marseilles schools, the Marseilles district received \$107,000 incentive money from the state and \$50,000 from Ottawa Township High School District. In addition, the district sold \$600,000 in Life Safety Bonds and would use \$450,000 of it for renovating the elementary building.

Volunteers in the Adopt-a Room program saved the district thousands of dollars in labor costs as they worked to turn the high school building into a building for elementary students. Hundreds of dollars for materials were also saved by donations from area businesses. Renee Brewer Adler and Steve Brewer were the co-chairmen of this program. Volunteers painted classrooms and hallways, lowered or relocated chalkboards and bulletin boards, and stripped and waxed stairways. Students and staff began the 1990-1991 school year in a beautiful building that held much promise for the future of education in Marseilles. Regardless of their feelings prior and up to the voting, members of the community came together once again to show that in Marseilles "Children Are First".

The Board of Education accepted a bid of \$20,001 from the First Baptist Church in Marseilles for the McKinley Elementary (1895, 1901 addition) building at the September 26, 1990 board meeting. The church razed the building at 521 East Bluff, which was on property next to the church, for a parking lot.

McKinley Annex (1919) was sold to a local citizen, sold again, & turned into apartments.

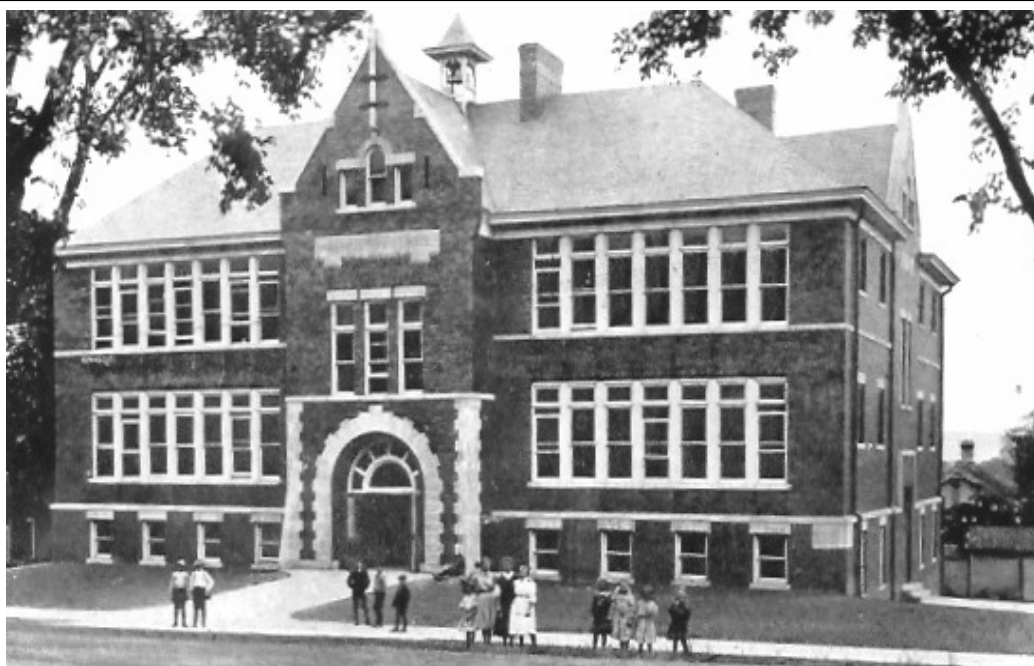


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Later Washington School (1906 with 1971 addition), that is located at 452 West Bluff Street was sold to a private citizen and the building is in need of repair and remains empty.

Time will tell if this piece of school history will meet the same fate as the others.

Pictured at right shows Washington School in its early days.



Presently, Marseilles Elementary School has 624 students Pre School through Eighth grade. The staff is comprised of 46 teachers and 47 support staff.

The Administration is JoEllen Brazelton Fuller, Superintendent; Jeff Owens, Principal; Rose McIntyre, Dean of Students; Adrian Jones, Special Needs Coordinator.

Board of Education members are Jim Barnes, Christy Carpenter, Dee Crawshaw, Gary Fleming, Shawn Schmitke, Bill Stapleton, and June Wilcoxon.

The Mission of Marseilles Elementary School District #150 will be to develop and implement a comprehensive educational program for the academic, social, physical and cultural needs of all children, from early childhood and throughout their elementary education, to help students become lifelong learners.

Physical features of the building have been updated on a continued basis. Recent upgrades include a new roof on the entire building, new paved parking lot, replaced exterior lights, new playground equipment and an outdoor basketball court, two computer labs, rooms painted, new carpeting, new ceilings, ceiling fans. New bleachers, a new sound system, a new scoreboard, and refinished floor, ceiling and walls have been painted in the large gym. In the small gym or multipurpose room, the ceiling has been painted, a new scoreboard, and the floor refinished. A large and modern cafeteria was added to the building in 1998. The school has six large school buses and one small school bus to meet its transportation needs.

Students have a variety of activities to choose from including basketball (5-8th grade), volleyball (6-8), track (5-8), cheerleading (5-8), wrestling (5-8), student council, Teens-N-Teamwork, and Scholastic Bowl. There is a Marseilles Community After School Program that runs 3-6 P.M. weekdays for K-8th grade which is a joint venture of the city of Marseilles and the Marseilles School District that is administered by the Youth Service Bureau of Illinois Valley with Rose Barry as site coordinator.

For adults in the community to become involved in the school, there is an outstanding volunteer program with 114 people that are organized by Sharon McConnell and Bev Close. Volunteers at the school are scheduled on a daily basis to help teachers and students with a variety of projects including the tutoring of students. Citizens who voluntarily contribute their time and talents to the improvement and enrichment of the educational process at Marseilles Elementary School are valuable assets. The school will make every effort to utilize resources in a manner, which will ensure maximum contribution to the educational growth of students and staff. The citizens of Marseilles have always been very supportive of education as can be seen in the past and present and hopefully in the future of our school system.

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PRESENT DAY STAFF AT MARSEILLES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Left to Right:

Front Row: Kristi Schmidt, Linda Olsen, JoEllen Fuller, Jeff Owens, Ayten Ibraimovska, and Laurie Leslie

Second Row: Rose McIntyre, Jill Zeitlin, Jan Orlandi, Beth Pleasant, Anita Pellegrini, Pat Solis, Kim Smith, MaryJean Weihman

Third Row: Susan Martin, Elaine Berkland, Renee Adler, Elaine Robinson, Sue English, Dianna Newcomer, Laura Williamson, Paula Wheeler, Jim Kavanaugh

Fourth Row: Tanner Lindstrom, Mark Long, Darcy McGraw, PJ Wolfe, Patty Newberry, Gayle Bianchi, Cindi Koetz, Vicki Pelton

Fifth Row: Kathy Blumenshine, Joanne Sheridan, Michel Dushek, Jessica Warren, Courtney Hicks, Marcia Hetelle, Bev Hall, Ann Terry, Stacy Brannan

Missing staff: Mary Shehorn, Kit Agostinelli, Kristin Carpenter, Jon Fox, Robin Linton, Eileen Carusona, Traci Grandgeorge, Adrian Jones

Researchers: Mike and Dee Crawshaw

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MARSEILLES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 150 SUPERINTENDENT

1990-1993	Loris Lambert
1993-1996	Dr. Alan Jentzen
1996-1999	Jim Bagley
9/1999-1/2000	Grant Bonner (Interim)
1/2000-2003	Forrest Koenen
8/2003-3/2008	Herman Ahlfield
3/2008- 2009	JoEllen (Brazelton) Fuller

PRINCIPAL

1990-1994	Richard Mau
1994-2000	Peggy Close
2000-2001	Christopher Mehochko
2001-2003	Vicki Childs
2001-3/2004	Brent Davis
3/2004-3/2008	JoEllen (Brazelton) Fuller
3/2008-2009	Jeff Owens

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

7/07-2/08	JoEllen (Brazelton) Fuller
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ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

3/1994-6/1994	Peggy Close
1994-1996	Dave Ascolani
1996-1998	Matthew Brue
1998-2000	Christopher Mehochko
2000-2001	Brent Davis
2005-2006	Adrian Jones
2007-3/2008	Jeff Owens

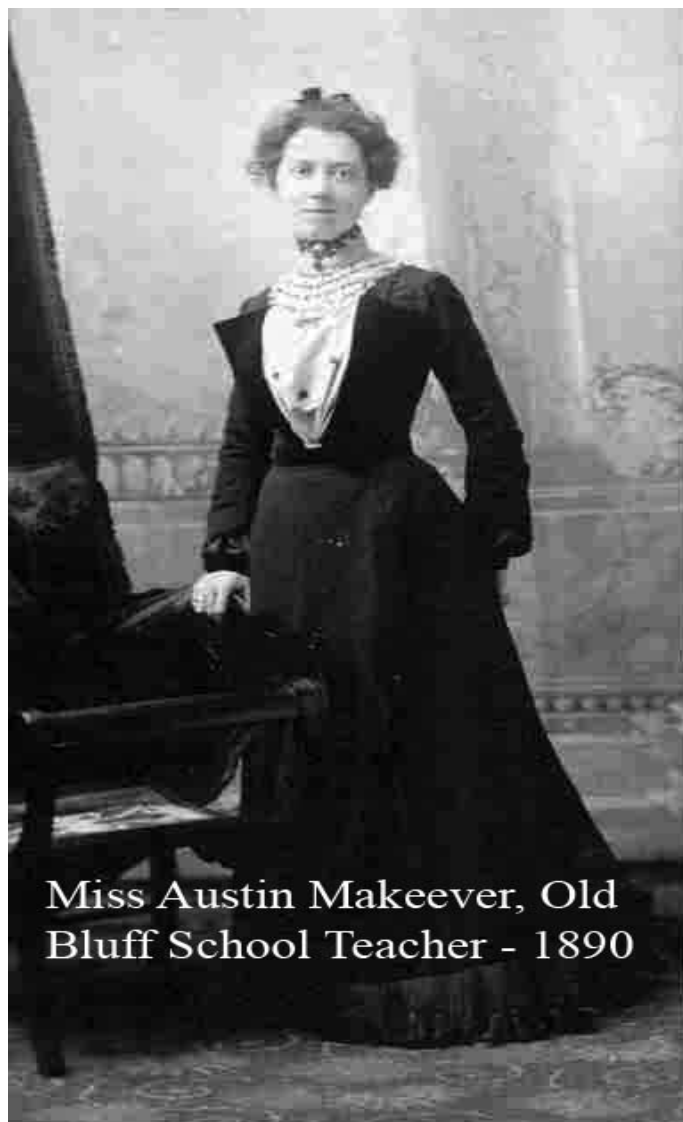
DEAN OF STUDENTS

2006-2008	Jeff Owens
2008-2009	Rose McIntyre

MARSEILLES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 155 SUPERINTENDENT

1936-1947	R. C. Hawley
1947-1972	Clyde Crawshaw
1972-1988	Michael Trad
1988-1990	Gregory LaPlante

Original Bluff School was built in 1866 on the west bluff. Brick addition added 1873. School closed in 1908 after 42 years. Today the Marseilles United Methodist Church Parsonage is on this site.



**Miss Austin Makeever, Old
Bluff School Teacher - 1890**

THIS SCHOOL HISTORY OF MARSEILLES PROUDLY SPONSORED BY THE MARSEILLES HIGH SCHOOL CLASSMATES WEBSITE (See info at bottom)

June 1990 – The end of an era of graduating classes from Marseilles High School

This was the last class to attend Marseilles High School for all four years – Freshman (1987), Sophomore (1988), Junior (1989), and Senior (1990) – as the Marseilles High School was annexed to Ottawa Township High School and the existing structure became Marseilles Elementary School for the 1990-1991 school year.



+ Indicates deceased

SUPERINTENDENT: Gregory LaPlante (Last Superintendent for Marseilles High School)

PRINCIPAL: Loris Lambert (Last Principal for Marseilles High School)

DEAN OF STUDENTS: Tim Jobst

OFFICE SECRETARIES: Alverta Hayer, Mary Ruth Upton, Sharon Trager, Nancy Bukantis, Denise Medler.

TEACHERS (21)

Chris Ahlman, Pete Armstrong, Randy Bretag, Sue Bretag, Janice Brozovich, Kristen Claybaugh, Dee Crawshaw, Janice Dale, Robert Davis, +James Paul Gayan, Ann Gilchrist, Cinda Haeberlin, Donald Haeberlin, Robin Linton, Jerry A. Martin, Craig Miller, Cathy Nasenbeny, John Nicoli, Joyce Schweig, Kent Terry, Vince Thompson

CLASSMATES

Michael Anderson, Tammy Anderson, James Aubry, Eric Ball, Robin Shelene Ballart, Amanda Barnhardt, Wendy Jean Betts, Debbie Biagioni, Monica Lynn Bolatto, Stacy Callahan, Jana Lee Carroll, Jodi Lynn Carroll, Cathy Casey, Eric Charbonneau, Chris Chiaventone, Michael Allen Coffey, Tonica Coney, +Lori Couch, Chad Aaron Cox, Jason Cox, Shayne Elder, Julie Ann Engelman, Ana Helena Ferreira, Kathy Fessler, Gene L. Galloway, Todd J. Gordon, James G. Guynn, Lisa Harrison, Shaun Hays, Tracy Higgins, Terri Janke, Stephanie R. Johnson, Justin Kline, Robert Russell Knudson, Robert Krause, Chad Lane, Jennifer Lawrence, Wendy Renee Lewen, Richard Logston, Christopher Wayne Long, Emily Catherine Lowe, Robert Eugene McMullen, Theresa Marie Mariani, Nicki Martin, Kristopher Meyer, Dawn Marie Nolan, Eric Matthew Norem, Andrea O'Flanagan, Leeallan L. Panti, Leeanne Panti, Ann Dee Reding, Dennis Reding, Sandy Rexroat, Chris Rognas, Pattylynn Rossio, Bradley Ruger, Jamie Smith, +Anthony M. Smith, Timothy W. Smith, Lori Spradling, Eric Stevenson, Barry Lee Thomas, Larry Thorson, Amy Lynn Tisler, Vance Totten, Shane Michael Trager, Dean A. Yerk

THE LAST PAGE OF THE 1990 MARSEILLES PANTHER YEARBOOK READS:

“It is with mixed emotions that we bring this 1990 edition of the Panther Yearbook to a close. On November 7, 1989, the voters of Marseilles School District #155 and Ottawa Township High School District #140, approved a proposal to annex Marseilles High School to Ottawa Township High School. We look back over a past full of fond memories and forward to a future full of hope.”

PANTHER FIGHT SONG

Hail to the panthers
Raise the black and red
With the colors flying o'er us
Onto victory we'll be led.

Rah! Rah! Rah!

Steadfast and loyal
Every heart beats true,
And we'll fight, fight, fight,
Fight with all our might,
Marseilles High, for you!

**** At the time of the printing of this book, the Marseilles High School Classmates Website (over 300 pages) had been taken down. It is expected that it will be up and running soon. Keep checking the www.marseillesil.net to see if the link for the classmates' site is there. In the meantime, please e-mail any additions or changes to iracc@mtco.com. Be sure to mention in which year the information should be placed. With your permission we will also insert your e-mail and/or phone number as well.

Researcher: Marianne Dahl

THIS SCHOOL HISTORY OF MARSEILLES PROUDLY SPONSORED BY JERRY AND MARIANNE DAHL

Fall 1990 - The beginning of an era of the youth of Marseilles entering Ottawa Township High

Since the annexation of the Marseilles school district to the Ottawa district, students no longer walk back and forth to school with their friends. Now, they must set their alarms for an earlier time, in order to make it to their first class before the tardy bell rings in another city. Ottawa Township High School, in Ottawa, Illinois, is where they will study, learn and grow the education they will use for the rest of their lives. Though some ride the bus, and some use other means of transportation, when they see each other in the halls they know they are part of a special group -- classmates from out of town -- and this year's class has the distinction of graduating during the year of their hometown's 175th anniversary.

Following is a list of 54 Marseilles students that entered Ottawa Township High, as freshmen, during the 2005-2006 year. Though the original class has reduced a bit in size, their names will always be among the memories of fellow classmates. No matter where they may scatter in the future, the 2009-2010 Ottawa High School Senior Class will be able to take great pride in knowing they honored Marseilles by 'earning their tassel' during this historical 175th anniversary.

Joshua Alexander

Lisa Boaz

Jessey Close

Keenan Cobler

Caleb Combs

Jacob Conforth

Blake Couch

Sandra Crane

Samantha Dahl

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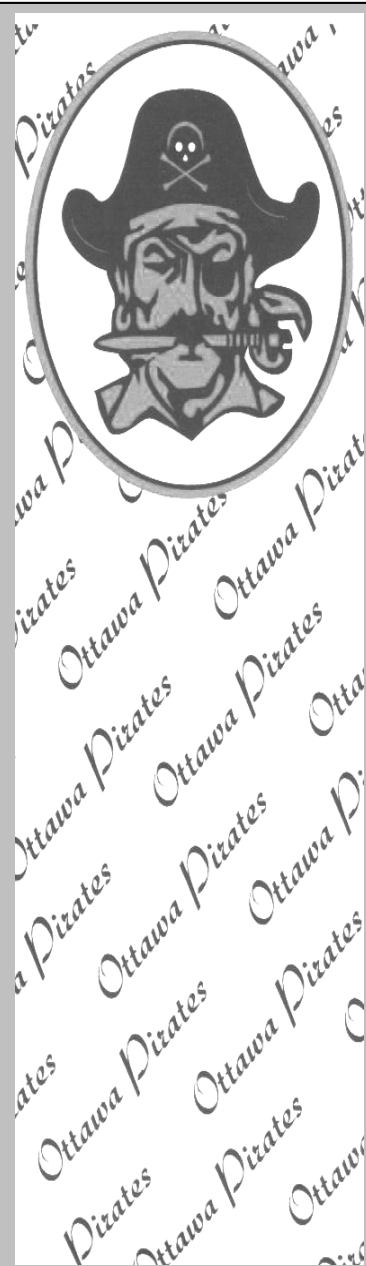
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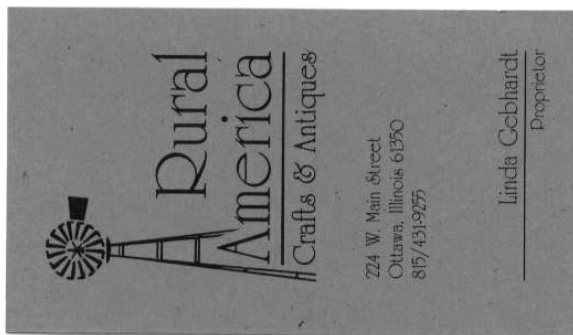
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Army National Guard Training Center Makes Home in Marseilles

The mission of Marseilles Training Center (MTC) is to provide military organizations (through battalion size) with the best environment for conducting training – including MTC's personnel, ranges, training and cantonment areas.

Marseilles Training Center's historical lineage can be traced to Camp Logan, near Zion, in northern Illinois. Camp Logan was established in 1883 as a small arms training facility for the Illinois Army National Guard. Camp Logan was used extensively for mobilization during World War I and again during World War II. It was also home to the first official marksmanship-training program in the National Guard, established by then Col. George C. Marshall assigned as the Senior Instructor to the 33rd Division, Illinois Army National Guard. The same Col. Marshall would become General Marshall, Chief of Staff of the United States Army, during World War II and eventually United States Secretary of State.

Acquisition and development of the Marseilles Training Center was a direct result of compatible needs of the State of Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) and the Department of Military Affairs of Illinois. The site was selected and agreed upon in 1972; property acquisition began shortly thereafter. As a result of MTC's development, Camp Logan was given to IDNR in order to facilitate IDNR's expansion of Illinois Beach State Park near Zion. In addition to the 2,551 acres, MTC leases about 275 acres from Commonwealth Edison along the eastern boundary. MTC is cooperatively managed with IDNR as provided for in a Memorandum of Understanding between the two agencies.

A public open house was held on Sept. 13, 1986 to unveil the first three projects completed at the training center: a 21,000 square foot armory, an 8,000 square foot Unit Training Equipment Site (maintenance bays and parking area for tracked vehicles), and a small-arms range complex.

The completion of a 700-person-housing complex in March 2002 resulted in MTC being classified as a Collective Training Center by National Guard Bureau. In addition to the housing complex, MTC has six live-fire ranges along with more than 30 other training areas, facilities and simulations systems. MTC is primarily used for military training by all branches of military service. In addition to military training, a variety of police agencies use the range complex. These agencies include Federal Bureau of Investigation, Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms, Department of Natural Resources, Illinois State Police, along with local and county police.

In September 2005, MTC was used as a pre-deployment site for Illinois National Guard Soldiers who deployed in support of operations in Louisiana in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. Task Force 2-122 (consisting of Soldiers from 1-202nd Air Defense and 2-122nd Field Artillery) deployed to New Orleans for 30 days. In total, nearly 500 Illinois National Guard Soldiers and Airmen served on the Gulf Coast for clean up, security and support to Louisiana agencies.

MTC has also served as a pre-mobilization site for Illinois National Guard Soldiers as they prepared to deploy in support of operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom. In 2008, MTC served as a pre-mobilization station for the 33rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team (IBCT). The mobilization of the IBCT was the largest mobilization of Illinois National Guard Soldiers since World War II. Nearly 3,000 Illinois National Guard Soldiers were deployed to Afghanistan in late 2008 as part of Task Force Phoenix VIII. The mission of Task Force Phoenix was to train and mentor the Afghanistan National Army and the Afghanistan National Police to conduct and sustain independent operations and defeat terrorist activity within their borders. Thirty Illinois Army National Guard units were part of this deployment, including the Marseilles-based Company A 33rd Brigade Special Troops Battalion Engineers.

In December 1985, Detachment 1, 233rd Engineers and Troop B, 194th Cavalry became the first units to be housed at MTC. Since 1985, eight Illinois National Guard units have been stationed at MTC.

Today, MTC is home to Company A 33rd Brigade Special Troops Battalion (BSTB) Engineers; Company A Recruit Sustainment Program; Unit Training Equipment Site and the Illinois Army National Guard's Small Arms Readiness Training Section. See aerial photo of the training center below. (Note windmills in background.)



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207 Lincoln Street

Marseilles Area Ambulance Services



Left to Right:

Front Row: Rick Zuffa, N. McConaughy, Matt Callahan, Roger Enrico, Connie Reeve, Jason Vernon

Back Row: Laurie Johnson, Katrina Henry, Berny Fitzgerald, Dean Foutch, Eddie Cain, Dimitriy Gubarev, Brian Underwood, Mike Gohlke, Linda Pool, Christian Newbury

Members missing when picture taken: Tom Gass, Don Modeen, Brian Bressner, Bill Kehoe, Jody Roysdon, Maggi Thomas, Melissa Cave, Larry Applebee, Carly Jackson, Steve Osborne, Hillary Wells, Jeff Horner, Mike Callahan, Dan Vuorenma, Chris Backos



Site History

195 Lincoln St. (Old address)
1921-1935 C. F. Berry
1974-1980 Marseilles Area Ambulance Services (MAAS),
1981-1989 MAAS Lincoln St Box 34
1969-1990 Marseilles Civil Defense

1982 ESDA Lincoln St
(Emergency Service Disaster Agency)

207 Lincoln St.
1969-1990 Mars. Civil Defense
1990-2009 MAAS



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Marseilles Area Ambulance Service (MAAS), covering approximately 104 square miles, started in 1974. To this day the MAAS has never been the recipient of any tax income to operate the service. It is run solely on the billing of 911 calls and non-emergency transfers. Donations from different individuals, organizations, townships, and corporations are received from time to time.

From 1974 until 2004 MAAS operated at the BLS Level (Basic Life Support).

In March of 2003, a new ambulance was added to the fleet -- a 2004 Ford/Medtec Ambulance at a cost of \$107,000 -- which brought the fleet to it's current number of four ambulances.

During August 2003, eight Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Basic's were sent to IVCC for a one-year course to become state licensed EMT-Intermediates, at a cost of approximately \$1,000.00 per person, with an additional cost of almost \$250.00 each for their books.

This enabled the department to make a drastic jump in October 2004 from a Basic Life Support Service to an Intermediate Life Support Department.

In 2005, the 1994 Ford Ambulance was replaced with a 2005 International/Medtec Ambulance at a cost of \$156,000 and approximately another \$60,000 to initially stock it for use as an Intermediate Life Support Ambulance.

April 4, 2005, @ 0700 hours, the department changed from being completely volunteer to a combination department. This means there are now two full-time EMT's in the station from 0700 Sunday morning through 0700 Saturday morning. On Saturday, from 0700 to 0700 Sunday morning, there are 29 Paid On Call (POC) members who respond to the station to handle the calls. Anytime there is a second call in progress or a Motor Vehicle Accident (MVA), the POC members and the Paid Staff respond to these calls.

Making the jump to a combination department has resulted in quicker response times for all calls, and arriving just these few minutes earlier, has resulted in being able to save a few more lives than would have been possible in the past.



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209 Lincoln Street

Marseilles Police Department

Long gone are the days of the "Town Marshal's" that for the most part were probably bored, with the exception of picking up a horse thief, or two, or an occasional inebriated citizen. Gone are the days when the previously reported old-time "Chum" Bateman used to walk the beat, with a shotgun over his shoulder, from north to south and east to west. Gone also are the days of the motorcycle with a side car, small red light and a hand crank siren. Gone are the days when three police officers, a relief officer, a small desk, filing cabinet, and one squad car could man the police department. Gone are the days of documenting your activity and police calls into a "log book", with little or no details -- except what the officer could recall from memory. When an officer left the department, for whatever reason, along went all the records in his memory.

Today:

Citizens of Marseilles are served by a compliment of 22 full & part-time members of the Marseilles Police Department lead by Chief Jim Hovious, Lieutenant Kenneth Sangston and Sgt. Brian Faber, along with Commissioner Jim Hollenbeck. The department is equipped with seven police vehicles, two of which are plain-covert vehicles.



Sitting from left to right: Administrative Assistant Laurie Trager, Detective Todd Gordon, Lieutenant Kenneth Sangston, Commissioner of Public Health and Safety Jim Hollenbeck, Chief James Hovious, Sergeant Brian Faber, Officer Ron Baudino.

Standing left to right: Telecommunicator Andrea McGarvey, Telecommunicator Jack Ferguson, Officer Mike Byrd, Officer Jacob Callahan, Officer Dan Ellis, Telecommunicator Diane Lauer, Telecommunicator Denise Imig.

Not present at time of photo: Officer Tom Rogel, and Telecommunicator Maureen Thurlby

Researcher: Jim Hollenbeck

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The Marseilles Police Department is a very well trained, modernized division, of which all citizens can be very proud. This department has twenty-four-hour dispatching with trained and certified personnel, who also rapidly and efficiently summon fire ambulance and street workers when required. All dispatchers are Law Enforcement Agency Data System (LEADS) certified, as well as Emergency Medical Dispatch Certified (EMDC).

Unlike years ago, the department faces new challenges with drug abuse, identity theft and computer related offenses, as well as increasing numbers of violent crimes, such as; murders, assaults, aggravated batteries, burglaries, robberies, and attacks upon our children. A majority of the crimes committed now is centered on perpetrators attempting financial gain to support drug habits. It also calls for police to be more active within our schools to preserve peace and protect the students.

The police officers are all state certified and a majority of the officers also hold certifications in other areas, such as; Juvenile Officer, First Responder, Breathalyzer Operator, Crime Scene Processing, Evidence Handling, LEADS, Drug Interdiction, Community Policing, Investigations, Tactical Response, Field Training Officer, and Photography.

The police department has a Tactical Response Team (TRT), which is utilized in the execution of search warrants, drug arrests, hostage situations, and serious high-risk felony arrests. The department is a member of Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System (ILEAS), which is a mutual aid response group trained to respond to other jurisdictions and assist in the event of an emergency. Members of the TRT are highly trained in various areas, such as; use of tactics for forcible entry, hostage rescue, and sniper. The department has a Tactical Response Vehicle, which permits the team to be transported to a location as a group with their equipment readily at hand. The tactical unit is also used as a mobile command center and can be sent to the scene of a crime, fire, or other emergency or disaster.

In the event the dispatcher is handling an emergency fire or ambulance call, the department has in-car computers which allow any officer to run license plate information, check to see if a person is wanted, or something is stolen. If dispatching over the air would impede a call or contain sensitive information not suitable for reception by scanners, the computer also allows the officers and dispatcher to send typed messages.

Police reports are typed on standardized report forms and preserved on a computer with a back-up database.

Records, photographs, and detailed booking information are kept on everyone processed through the booking room. Prisoners are now housed in the LaSalle County Correctional Center in Ottawa.

The department has its own "Crime Tip" 24-hour toll free hotline, whereupon a person can call in information (anonymously) on a crime and may receive an award, if the tip results in an arrest. Monies are paid from the department's drug fund and we do have to have the identity for payment. The phone number for the Crime Tip Line is 1-877-891-6141. A tip can also be e-mailed in via the police department web site www.marseillespd.com and clicking on the crime tip tab.

The department also works with the citizens relating to the "neighborhood watch" programs. Department members are also available for community activities groups in the event a speaker is needed on a desired topic.

Department members also belong to the Marseilles Police Association, which operates on donations and fundraisers and participates in numerous activities throughout the year, such as; Cook with a Cop and Shop with a Cop, which allows children to cook out and have lunch with the police officers, as well as go shopping at Christmas time. This allows children to see a police officer as a role model and a genuine down-to-earth person and someone they can trust and feel comfortable around, instead of sitting back and looking at them as someone in authority that they should fear.

Citizens can visit the police department web site, www.marseillespd.com, where information on staff, community activities, crime prevention tips, and a means to also report information on a crime, or criminal activity, can be conducted. The web site also has a "Citizens Survey" that permits a person to comment on "their" police department, as well as, provide suggestions.

Marseilles, though a small community, offers the same services, experience and training as that of a large community. The Marseilles Police Department is exemplary for the definition of "To serve and protect", in addition to its community involvement and concern.

1st Jail – A small one-room brick building on Aurora Street, between Lincoln and the railroad tracks. (See jail break story elsewhere in book.)

2nd Jail – 1903-1962. City Hall & Jail (Where the Local Labor Union #393 Hall is on Lincoln – 2009)

3rd Jail – 1962-2009. 209 Lincoln Street. (At this point and time, the prisoners are no longer held in Marseilles. Instead, they are housed at the La Salle County Correctional Center in Ottawa, Illinois.)



Ory, the German Shephard from Slovakia, was partnered with a handler on the K-9 drug enforcement team from 2003-2008. When the handler resigned, it was cost prohibitive to try and retrain the dog with a new handler, as these dogs usually have a duty life span of about ten years and Ory was already seven years old at the time.

Interestingly, his commands were all given in the Czechoslovakian language.

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**Marseilles Fire Protection District
205 Lincoln Street**



Left to Right:

Front Row: Chief Mick Garrison, Asst. Chief Jim Hollenbeck, Capt. Brian Thomas, Capt. Larry Cowie, Capt. Bruce Boaz, Capt. Jeff Owens, Asst. Chief Mike Barr and Deputy Chief Herb Johnson.

Middle Row: Dave Long, Matt Callahan, Joe Majercin, Don Modeen, Berny Fitzgerald, Tom Gass, Ron Johnson, Larry Applebee.

Back Row: Jerry Stevenson, Dan Mathews, Howard Spicer, George Rieuf, Trent Morey, Pat Rogalla, Aaron Hollenbeck, Bill Matthias.

Not pictured: Bill Durdan, Dean Foutch, Bill Kehoe, Butch Kesler, Jeff White.

History of the Marseilles Fire Department

Alert Hose Company

Very little information is available on the fire Department previous to 1904. Originally called the Alert Hose Co. it was operated by a volunteer group dependent on donations and dance money. The first dance of record was held in the Columbia Hall in 1884. During the next 20 years the only equipment were three hand drawn hose carts, some fire buckets and a membership of a dozen men. The men were storeowners or clerks all employed within running distance of the cart shed. A large bell on the Adams Factory building on Commercial Street, was the only alarm and someone had to run down and notify them to ring the bell. The telephones didn't get to Marseilles until the spring of 1895. The two-wheel, hand drawn hose carts, which carried 350 foot of hose each, were located at the Charles Carney Machine Shop on Commercial Street, near the fire pump. The second was located on the west hill, near where the water standpipe stands now. The third was located in East Marseilles, known as "Old Town".

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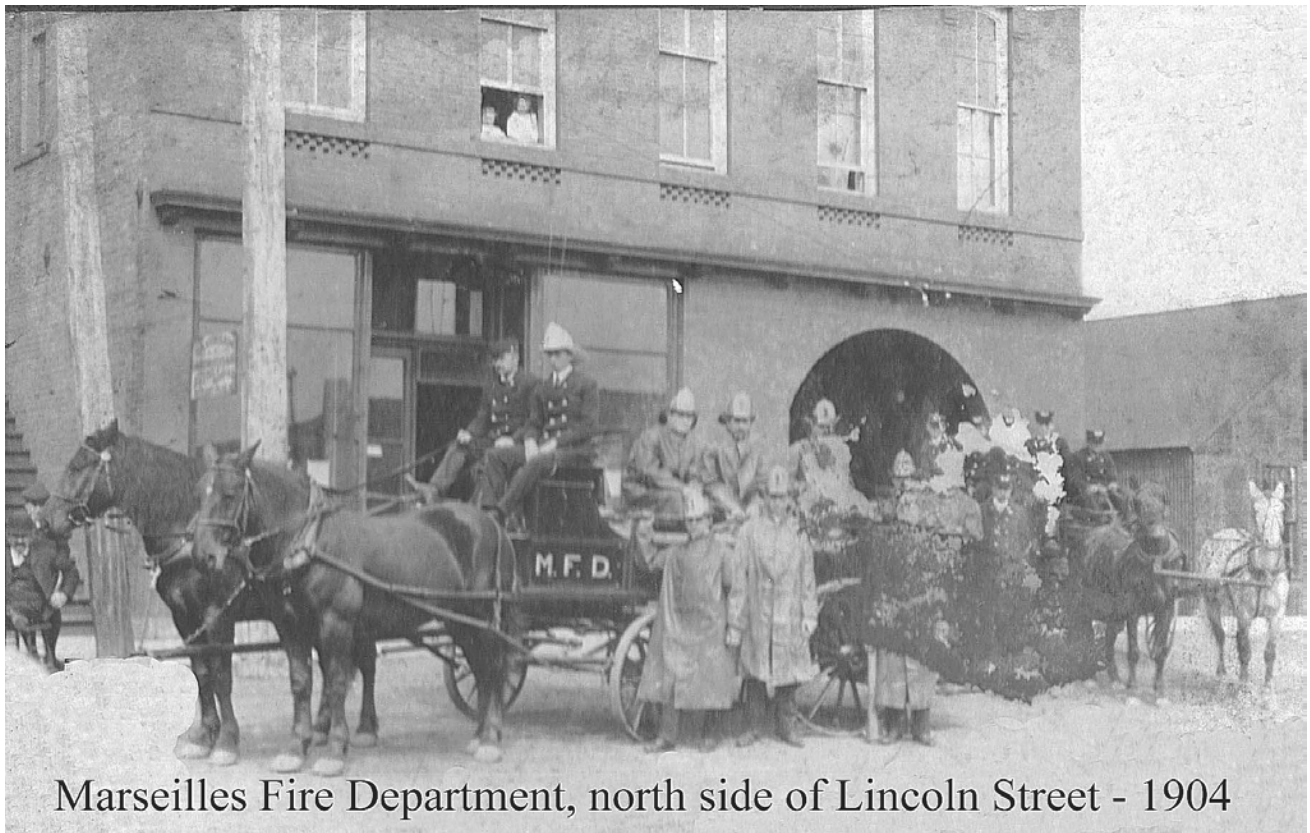
Chief George W. Phillimore

When W. H. McIntyre became Mayor in May 1, 1903, one of his first projects was to set up the Fire Department under control of the city. The City hall building, purchased in 1903, was converted from a saloon on one side and a poolroom on the other side to city offices and Fire headquarters. Living quarters for the City Teamster, were provided on the second floor and the traditional brass pole installed. Stalls for the team were built and a large door cut in the front so the new, bright red, horse-drawn fire wagon could be housed. Part of an old letter regarding the new wagon reads: "Hon. W. H. McIntyre, Mayor: June 27, 1903. It will be a very handsome, up to date and serviceable piece of apparatus and I am sure it will meet your every requirement."

An ordinance was passed in 1903 stating: "There is hereby created a department of municipal government of the City of Marseilles which shall be known as the Fire Department". Even though the department continued to be called the Alert Hose Co., it now officially became the Marseilles Volunteer Fire Department. The membership was increased to 25 and Fred Moore was appointed the first Fire Marshall (Chief).

The large bell arrived during the fall of 1903 and sat crated in front of the City Hall until a suitable tower was constructed on the building the following summer.

A few men who had no permanent address were provided sleeping quarters in the front part of the second floor and were on duty for night calls. The sleeping privilege was compensation for being firemen – most of them were teamsters. The big bell was put in service in the fall of 1904 and was also used for police calls. A notice in the *Marseilles Evening Chronicle*, December 10, 1904 reads: "Three strokes of the fire bell, repeated at intervals of 5 minutes, will be used to call police to headquarters. Firemen will take due notice hereof and not respond to such signals. Signed Fred Moore, Fire Marshal, approved W. H. McIntyre, Mayor".



In 1905, Joe Smouse succeeded Fred Moore. May 1, 1906 Larry Curtin was appointed Chief and served until the following September 15, 1907 when George Phillimore was appointed and served until September 15, 1941, resigning so he could join the Police Department.

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In 1906 a hook and ladder was added to the equipment and housed in a nearby livery barn, the team and driver was furnished by the owner of the barn. The wagon had a wheelbase about twice the length of an ordinary wagon and carried a good selection of ladders. In 1908 the town was divided into twelve districts called Fire Wards and a big steam whistle located on what was called Old No. 1 paper mill became part of the alarm system. Coded signals were sounded designating the ward where the fire was. The whistle which has been cut down about 50% was used as the Nabisco's noon and fire whistle. Before it was reduced it rattled all the windows in town and had been heard as far as twelve miles away.

The hook and ladder was taken out of service during the World War I and ladders were installed on the hose wagon. In 1921 a LaVerne Pumper, the first motorized piece of equipment was purchased. The team and hose wagon were retained until July of 1925. With the arrival of the new truck an electric siren replaced the steam whistle. In 1940 the LaVerne was disposed of and a new pumper purchased which later was converted into a hose-carrying vehicle and was used for many years in that capacity.



Pictured on right:

Chief John E. Armstrong, as few people knew him, dressed in a suit and tie.

Pictured on left:

Chief John E. Armstrong, as most people knew him, an average Joe on the street, always willing to stop and chat and tell an interesting story or two, or three.

John E. Armstrong was appointed Chief on September 15, 1941, succeeding George Phillimore, and retired May 5, 1975, after serving 34 years as Chief.



Rural Department

A rural department was organized in late 1945 and a truck referred to as the "white truck" was purchased in 1946, entirely by donations. It was delivered and put in service and used until the Rural Fire Protection District was formed. The City housed, manned and maintained the white truck and in return had the privilege of using it in a city emergency. A new siren of greater capacity replaced the old siren and was mounted on the bell tower. The big fire bell a memory of by gone days, sits on a base in front of the new Fire Station. All the equipment is housed in the new city hall complex, which was occupied in October 1962. February 8, 1955 a new pumper was delivered to the city. To meet the requirements of the Illinois Inspection Bureau that two pumpers respond to all city alarms except car or grass fires, a second pumper was delivered in 1963.

The Rural Fire Protection District was organized in 1965 and the out dated white truck was replaced with a new modern 1966 pumper designed for rural service and carrying 750 gallons of water. A second rural truck was added in 1969 when the Inspection Bureau required that 1500 gallons of water be delivered to every rural fire.

The Utility Truck, commonly known as No.4, answered all alarms, city and rural, all emergency and resuscitator calls was purchased in 1972. The firemen having accumulated \$4,000 donated it towards the purchase of No.4. Several thousand dollars worth of equipment previously purchased from dance proceeds is also carried in this truck. Today this truck has been replaced, but still serves as a back-up truck for the new rescue truck.

The alarm system began to prove inadequate when houses were insulated, storm windows installed and TVs and radios blared in the house. Other means of alerting the firemen had to be found so radio monitors were purchased for each fireman's home. A transmitter was installed in the dispatchers office at city hall and fire calls are immediately put on the air. The system is still used and has proven quite satisfactory.

There are now six pieces of mobile equipment available, approximately 5000 feet of hose, a base radio station and 26 home monitors and in general the department is considered equal to or better than most towns of similar size.

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Chief Herb Johnson

Herb Johnson was appointed fire chief in 1975 after the retirement of Chief Armstrong. At that time there were still two fire departments; the City of Marseilles and the Marseilles Fire Protection District (MFPD). The city fire department owned two engines, a First Aid Truck and a 1940 Darley Pumper that was used for parades. The district covered 146 square miles outside the city limits and owned two engines. Each department operated under its own budget.

During the next eight years, the district built a tanker (assembled by the firefighters) for rural water supply. This presented a problem, as there was only room for six trucks in the city building. Consequently, in 1983 the district built a new building. This building was built on the "firefighter's lot" that had been purchased during the 1950s by the Marseilles Firefighters Association. This building at 205 Lincoln Street still serves as the department headquarters.

From 1978 until 1987, Chief Johnson worked with the City and the Marseilles Fire Protection District to hold a referendum to form one Department. The referendum passed in 1987, merging both city & rural into one department, retaining the name Marseilles Fire Protection District. The original district consisted of three trustees, the new merged district board increased to five trustees. Two of the trustees were from the north side of the river, two were from the south side of the river and one was from the city. By Illinois law all MFPD trustees were appointed by the LaSalle County Board.

When the departments combined the city sold its fire equipment to the new MFPD. That equipment included two pumpers, a 1963 and a 1955 Ward LaFrance engine and a 1972 Van for EMS Rescue, plus a 1940 Darley parade unit. The old MFPD also owned two pumpers, a 1966 and a 1969 International and a 1966 Dodge Tanker.

Since the merger the District has purchased a 1979 Ward LaFrance Fire Engine, a 1986 FMC Fire engine, a 1996 Darley Rescue Truck, a 1998 Alexis Tanker, a 1983 Mini Pumper for grass fires, a 1998 Tahoe, two rescue boats, and a large (3500 G.P.M.) diesel powered pump on a trailer that the firefighters built.

The 1996 Rescue Truck was equipped with in excess of twenty-five thousand dollars worth of rescue tools purchased by Marseilles Firefighters Association. The Association used funds from its annual dance donations and Firefighter Fun Days carnivals. The association sponsored those carnivals for twelve years and continues to hold the Fireman's Ball each October, during Fire Prevention Week.

In 1993 the district bought land just west of the fire station and built a second station. The buildings were attached together adding six more doors for equipment, a training room, a kitchen and three additional offices. An additional parking lot was built across the street from the station.

I am happy to say there has not been one bad injury to a firefighter since 1975, when I was appointed Chief.



Pictured above in 2000.

Chief Herb Johnson
Served 1975-2005



Marseilles Fire Department - 1950

Pictured above, front fender, left to right: Becker, Sergenti, B. Allen.

Leaning against white truck: D. Allen.

Front row: Rix, Armstrong Ellena, Fewell, Edwards, Scott, Cunico, Hultmark, Glazier

Back Row: Schank, Smith, Wright

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Chief Michael "Mick" Garrison

The current chief, Michael Garrison was appointed in May of 2005. Today, the Marseilles Fire Protection District has thirty "paid on call" volunteer firefighters. All new firefighters are given a one year probationary period, during which time they must become state certified as a Firefighter II. The MFPD responds to approximately two hundred and fifty calls per year, with an annual operating budget of \$442,000. The district presently maintains thirteen fire and support vehicles, two buildings and two adjacent parking lots.

The MFPD is governed by a five member board of trustees. Current trustees include: President-Jack Leininger, Vice President-Wayne Fleming, Secretary/Treasurer-Gary Fleming, Trustee-Joe Bruno, and Trustee-Ken Thompson

There are currently eight fire officers: Chief - Michael Garrison, Deputy Chief - Herb Johnson, Two Assistant Chiefs - Mike Barr and Jim Hollenbeck, Four Captains - Bruce Boaz, Brian Thomas, Larry Cowie, and Jeff Owens. A duty officer program was established in 2005 by Chief Garrison. Each week a different officer is responsible for handling the non-emergency requests within the district. This program eliminates the need for all thirty firefighters to respond to a call, when one or two can handle the incident.

In September of 2005, the new Alexis engine and two firefighters were deployed to New Orleans as part of "Operation Katrina". The department responded as part of the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) Division 25 Task Force of LaSalle County. This division was part of the initial Illinois response team that assembled in Effingham and proceeded to Louisiana. Jerry Stevenson and Herb Johnson volunteered their time and service for the two week federal deployment. Our district is very proud to have provided equipment and personnel for this relief operation.

Since 2005, the district has added a 1500 GPM Alexis Engine, replaced a 1979 pick-up with a 2008 Ford Crew Cab, and will receive a 2000 gallon water tender and Polaris Ranger ATV in 2009. With the addition of this second water tender, the fire department can respond to fires with two engines and two tenders carrying 7500 gallons of water. This response capability will allow the department to handle most calls without the need for mutual aid from neighboring districts. The Ranger will be used for off road fires, rescue and support services. In 2006, the 1979 Ward LaFrance engine was refurbished for less than half the cost of a new engine. This refurbishment will allow the engine to serve district tax payers for an additional twenty to twenty-five years. In 2007, a new sprinkler system was retrofitted into station 1, to better protect the equipment. Also in 2007, the district was awarded a \$46,000 federal grant for the purchase of thirty sets of firefighter turn out gear. In 2008, the gravel parking lot east of the station was paved and a station generator was installed.

It's been said:

1st Fire Marshall was
Fred Moore
1903



A Personal Note from
Chief Garrison:

I feel blessed to have such an excellent team of firefighters, who are able to handle the diverse needs of this district. The district averages 15 years of service per firefighter with a total of 442 combined years for all members. This district is also fortunate to have a dedicated board of trustees, who strive to provide exceptional fire, rescue, as well as emergency medical services.

We are honored to serve our citizens.



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1935 Centennial parade

Marseilles Volunteer Firefighter's Association

An Illinois Not For Profit Corporation

The purpose of the organization:

- A. The aiding of members to become more efficient and capable firefighters.
- B. The cultivation of friendship among members of this Association.
- C. To promote all objectives and general welfare of the Marseilles Fire Protection District and this Association.

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THE MARSEILLES NURSING SERVICE, INC.

Marseilles Nursing Service, 227 South Main Street



Marseilles Red Cross

Now in its ninetieth year of existence, the Marseilles Nursing Service is unique, in that there may not be another public service like it. It is non-profit organization, operating only on donations. It began in 1919, when the Marseilles Red Cross had \$3,000 remaining in its fund after WWI. The National Red Cross gave Marseilles the option of turning the money over to the National Red Cross or to use it to establish a nursing service for the community that would be operated under the direction of the Red Cross. Mesdames R. E. Adams, I. W. Baughman and W. H. Slor investigated the options and decided that the nursing service was the best option. At that time the service was known as the Marseilles Red Cross.

Miss Mary Cronin was the first nurse, hired at \$150 per month, she began work on September 15, 1919.

The first, office, location is unknown, but the 1923 phone directory indicates it was on East Bluff Street. A news article announcing a meeting of directors for the Marseilles Red Cross in November of 1923, was to be held in the newly established offices on the second floor of the First National Bank Building on Main Street, which rented for ten dollars per month.

Mary Cronin had no means of transportation at the outset and served the community by foot. At the time she began, the great "flu epidemic" was at its height; she must have clocked many miles on foot as she visited the many homes from one end of town to the other, that needed her services. But, school nursing was her most important work, and she visited them on a regular basis. After the flu epidemic subsided in 1920, a "pink eye" epidemic broke out in the schools in 1921, it seemed to be one crisis after another.

There were times that Miss Cronin would show up at a patient's residence in a horse and buggy – probably loaned to her by a sympathetic citizen. Miss Cronin served for four years. In 1923 Miss Clara Stevens was the second nurse hired and remained in the service for about nine months. During her time of employment the Commercial Club of Marseilles donated a Ford automobile to the service. This certainly improved and eased the duties of the nurse.

Marseilles Nursing Service

The Red Cross had strident rules, one being that the nurse always wore a clean starched uniform while on duty. The first uniforms were all black; after a time the color was moderated to navy blue. Applications were sent out to a large area and many of the first nurses were hired from out of the area. In 1928 the National Red Cross, relinquished control over the service. A local board of directors was formed and the name was changed to the Marseilles Nursing Service.

In 1928 a dysentery epidemic broke out in Marseilles and the State Health Department inspectors found the city's water supply was unsafe and everyone was inoculated for typhoid fever. At the same time there were outbreaks of pneumonia, influenza and scarlet fever throughout the city. With numerous families having many members bedridden in the city, Miss Blanche Jasperson, the acting nurse at the time was overwhelmed with the workload. She spent many twenty-four hour days at her job, as many homes needed around the clock service. The Red Cross and the Salvation Army paid private nurses to spend days and nights in many homes to soften the workload.

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In June of 1929, Miss Ann Caves was hired as the service nurse and one of her first duties was to introduce a new method of treating unclean heads, as the schools were struck with an outbreak of "scabies and pediculosis".

At this time the financial situation of the Marseilles Nursing Service became dire, and it could not afford to pay the \$10 per month office rent. Space was donated in the City Hall, which housed the service for a year or two.

South Main St. Facilities

The plant superintendent at Nabisco, allowed the hourly workers that had free time, due to their workload being reduced because of the depression, to use that time to scavenge scrap wood from discarded pallets, shipping crates and other such items around the factory. The men used this wood to build the present building, just north of the south raceway. The building was donated to the Marseilles Nursing Service in 1930 or 1931, rent-free. To this day it remains on land belonging to the Marseilles Land and Power Co., free of rent.

In addition to school and home nursing, the service assisted the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company's customers in their homes at ten dollars per visit. This benefit was provided for many years and helped to subsidize the Nursing Service.

In 1937 with a campaign to stamp out smallpox and diphtheria, a total of 557 inoculations were performed. Over the years the service treated outbreaks of pneumonia, measles and flu. In 1946 the federal government asked the service to carry out a government sponsored program to facilitate a maternity and infant care program for the wives and families of veteran's. A great deal of time and effort were expended on this service.

In 1962 and 1963 the service helped distribute 5000 doses of the Sabin Polio Vaccine, in sugar cubes. The vaccine was given out on Sundays to every citizen wishing to receive them.

In 1966 the Nursing Service worked with the Social Security Administration to give nursing service to those over sixty-five, for Medicare. The service received one dollar a visit, the paper work became overwhelming and the service was discontinued in 1970.

Donations

As a non-profit organization, the nursing service relies completely on donations, memorials and bequests. In the past the largest contributor was the Marseilles School District. In 2008, the school found it necessary to hire a full time nurse, due to more stringent laws and the necessity of having a full time nurse for special health needs students. The largest supporters are the Rotary Club of Marseilles, which does an annual door-to-door campaign in September, and the Lion's Club which has a "Vegas Night" every November, with all profits going to the nursing service. In September 2008, the American Legion sponsored a "Fall Fling" benefit for the Marseilles Nursing Service and the Marseilles Booster Club. A pork chop dinner, an auction of gift baskets and a band entertained on the Legion grounds, which will be repeated in 2009.

The service has many pieces of medical equipment that it loans out to citizens in need of these items such as hospital beds, wheel chairs, commodes, shower chairs, walkers, crutches and canes. The purpose of the nursing service is to provide caring nursing service to the residents of Marseilles.

Currently the service has on staff, Carol Craig, RN and Becky Tabor, Secretary. The current board is made up of Jackie Johnson, Pres.; Sharon Trager, Vice Pres.; Karen Stillwell, Sec.; Mike Crawshaw, Tres.; Jack Seaborn; Gary Lewey; Bill Kuiper; Andy Ruger and Frank Pallai.

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Becky Tabor,
Secretary

Standing,
Carol Craig, R.N.



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U. S. Post Office – Marseilles (100 Washington Street)

The early history of the Marseilles Post Office is well documented in previous histories of Marseilles. The first postmaster, Lovell Kimball, carried the post office in his hat, so the story goes. After him it was housed in a small wooden building on the northwest corner of Lincoln and Chicago Streets. The tale of the building being hijacked by the Clarktowners or West Enders, and carried half way to the Main Street business district is most likely a myth, a story made up by some story tellers for a naïve reporter, writing a story for a newspaper. The story was never recorded in any histories until her article appeared in print.

However, in 1868 some West Enders built a small wooden building on the northwest corner of Washington and Roath Street, across the tracks from the new railroad depot. When questioned about the use of the new structure, they claimed it was for a clubhouse. Soon after the completion of this structure, post office equipment disappeared from the Chicago Street site and turned up in the new club house in the west end. David H. Slagle, the postmaster, had no choice but to do business from the new location. It was said that the East Enders would not step foot in the building. With no home delivery, Julian Fleming a teenager, would pickup their mail and deliver it to the Fleming and Bennett's Clothing Store in the east end, where it could be picked up. You can bet, poor Julian, put up with a lot of taunting each time he retrieved the mail. The vacated, east end post office building, was probably later used as the Manlius Township office, as it was located, in a small wooded structure, on the same site as late as 1889.

The Post Office did not remain at the corner of Roath and Washington Streets very long, as in 1878 it was already situated on Main Street, just north of the railroad tracks, where the Veterans Memorial is today. An article in the *Marseilles Plaindealer*, told of a business moving into the new two-story brick building at the corner of Main and Washington Streets, across from the Post Office. It remained there for many years. After the 1893 Main Street fire, the C. R. I. & Pacific R. R. asked that the building be moved because they feared that a spark from their steam engines might set it ablaze. The building was moved again to Washington Street one door east of the Columbia Opera House, which is the present site of the Masonic Temple. While at this location Peter McArthur, a lawyer, was appointed postmaster in 1894, and in 1895 an advertisement indicated that the P. M. McArthur & J. L. Foley Attorneys at Law had their offices in the post office building.

On November 1, 1899, with the help of his assistants, Post Master Sylvanus S. Thompson moved the post office to a new building at 521 Main Street where the Invenergy office is located today. The Post Office remained at this site until April 10, 1937, when it moved into a new modern building on Washington Street, where it remains today.

Post Masters

1835 Lovell Kimball	1890 Albert L. Stone	1946 George M. Farrell
1849 John Richey	1894 Peter M. McArthur	1964 Robert C. Wright
1854 Albert Butterfield	1898 Sylvanus S. Thompson	1977 Ronald E. O'Kelley
1857 Joseph Mills	1910 Henry Thompson	1988 Patrick B. Loring
1857 William W. Richey	1910 Terry Simmons	1992 Gary J. Colmone
1859 James Gibbons	1914 Cora Tisler	1994 Thomas M. Craig
1861 Albert Butterfield	1923 Arthur H. Simmons	2002 Kevin A. Christiansen
1866 David H. Slagle	1933 Verne G. Breeze	2004 Daniel L. Heider
1886 Ebenezer Barber	1934 Joseph A. Maier	2006-2009 Cheryl R. Quaka

2009

Marseilles U. S. Post Office Personnel

Front Row (Left to Right):

Al Haeussler, Ela Perdew, Gail Plique, Debbie Paul, and Cheryl Quaka

Back Row:

Phyllis Wheeler, Le Anne Meiners, Wendy Jiminez, Tammy Sment, and Carol Grieves

Missing:

Rural Carrier Subs: Casey Thompson, Jeff Osborne, and Melisa Higgins.

Custodian: Bill Johnson

Retired end of May 2009



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Marseilles Public Library 155 East Bluff Street

Pictured at right, (left to right):

Director: Gloria Votava

Assistant Librarians:

Valerie Nordlie, Jan Ambrose,
Kelley Majcen, June Meyer

The Trustees of the Library are:
Board President Dee Crawshaw,
Vice-President Janice Brozovich,
Secretary Karen Latimer, and
Treasurer Jeannie Gabehart.

Members are: Ron Blumenshine,
Juliann Davis, Gary Fleming,
Mary Kay Kavanaugh, and Susan
Roush.



The Marseilles Public Library, an Andrew Carnegie Library, has been serving the public since 1905. Following the Great Depression an addition was added. Nine trustees are appointed by the Mayor to oversee the Library.

A Local History Room was established in 1992 to store historical data and items. Two big changes to the outside of the building, in recent years, are the addition of two lion statues (donated by the Raymond Penoyer estate) placed at the west entrance to the lower level, and a brick sign on the lawn listing the business hours (in memory of Shirley Burton).

Retired Marseilles School District Speech Pathologist, Dorothy Gemberling, has logged in hundreds of volunteer hours over the past decade, organizing and recording items donated to the Local History Room.

In 1993, patron Harold Roush, installed the first computer, received through a State Library grant. This computer helps the staff request books from other libraries, so patrons do not even have to leave town for a book.

At present, the library has 2750 patrons in the database, has an inventory of 27,000 books, in normal and large print, as well as audio, and eight computers, five of which are public access so one can surf the World Wide Web, check their e-mail, or just type a report. Classes are also offered so one can learn about computers.

Besides checking out books, the current Library Director, Gloria Votava, and her assistants, Jan Ambrose, Valerie Nordlie, Kelley Majcen, and June Meyer extend services; such as, making copies, sending a fax, or entertaining children with story time activities.



In December 2008, while the roof was being redone, huge wind and rain storms caused damage to the west end of the library walls, on the second floor, and the history room. As of the printing of this book, the inside of the library has once again regained its prestigious appearance.

It's been said:

The 1st Librarian was Mrs. L. L. Fuller in 1905. She received \$30 a month for her services

The library had 600 books on the shelves.

The Marseilles Public Library has been at this same site 1905-2009 – a total of 104 years.

Researcher: Gloria Votava

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**Illinois River Area Chamber of Commerce
135 Washington Street**



Pictured above: The Illinois River Area Chamber of Commerce office.

Pictured below, left to right:

Patti Smith, Executive Director
and
Julie Alaimo, Office Administrator.



According to historical information in the Chamber office, in 1915 Chambers of Commerce began to appear on the American scene. The mission then, and it continues to be, that chambers are in place to help businesses get established and to enhance the community to be positive and grow in the right direction. This information also includes that none of this is possible if chamber members, citizens and elected officials do not work together to make these goals happen.

The Marseilles Chamber of Commerce was chartered in 1968 by several city businessmen that knew the importance of a chamber of commerce for economic and community development. In 1987, the Board of Directors voted to change the name to The Illinois River Area Chamber of Commerce (IRACC), and was chartered to now serve the cities and surrounding areas of Marseilles and Seneca. The Board of Directors was then chosen from both communities. .

In 1989, the caboose that had been placed on the current Washington Street site by CSX Railroad, received a new coat of bright red paint enhancing the outside. The inside was refurbished to include a bathroom, water, sewer, power, heat and central air. This project was completed by the members of the IRACC and several volunteers.

A lease agreement was signed, between the Chamber of Commerce and the city, for 99 years, with an option to renew the lease for an additional 99 years. In the agreement it states that the Chamber is to maintain the building and pay all bills for upkeep. The chamber then opened the doors to its new office that continues to serve as The Illinois River Area Chamber of Commerce. The Board of Directors consists of 13 members and 13 Ambassadors.

A public meeting is held every month to discuss the challenges and goals of the IRACC. The first Executive Director to the Chamber was Patti Smith, who continues to serve in that position. Julie Alaimo is the Office Administrator.

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THE CITY OF MARSEILLES

City Hall – 209 Lincoln Street



City Council with Mayor, Jim Trager

Marseilles was platted as a town on June 1, 1835. In 1856, twenty-one years later, Marseilles was organized as a village under a special charter from the Illinois legislature with a further village re-organization taking place in 1880. From 1862 until 1891, the city was governed by a President and a Board of Trustees. On April 21, 1891, an election was held and Marseilles voted to change from a village to a city.

John R. Galloway became the city's first mayor with six elected aldermen forming the remainder of the governing body. In 1913, Marseilles changed to a commission form of government with a mayor and four commissioners and has maintained that form through the present time. A. A. Dean became the city's first mayor under the commission form of government. Beginning with John R. Galloway, there have been 21 different mayors including the present mayor, James Trager.

Presently serving as commissioners are Bob Davis, Commissioner of Accounts and Finance; Cheryl O'Brien, Commissioner of Streets and Public Improvements; Jim Buckingham, Commissioner of Public Property; and Jim Hollenbeck, Commissioner of Public Health and Safety.

Marseilles Info:

Plat of town recorded June 1, 1935 - 574 lots
Original town of Marseilles southeastern part of city
Incorporated in 1861 – population 2,559 as a village
1891 – changed from a village to a city

1st Mayor: J. R. Galloway

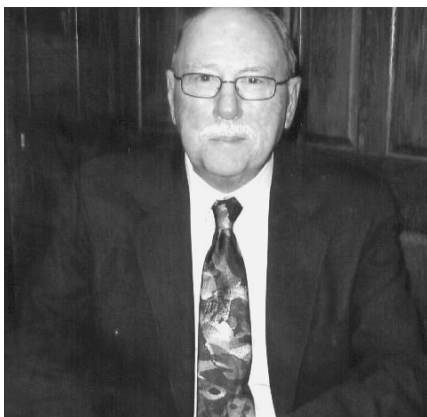
Clerk: C. L. Stinson

Treas: C. U. Ward

Atty: H. D. Osgood

Aldermen: 1st Ward F. M. Johnson, Wm. Worthingham

2nd Ward J. M. Fleming, George W. Smith



Message from Mayor Trager:

"First of all, my personal thanks to the many people who helped in any way in compiling the history of Marseilles for its 175th birthday, and congratulations on an excellent job putting this book together. It is a great history of Marseilles, and I am sure you, your family, and friends will enjoy it very much. When you browse thru this book, you will find that Marseilles has undergone many changes since its founding in 1835. I foresee many more changes for our city in the future, as we grow and expand north towards I-80. It is my sincere hope that we will be able to preserve our present day downtown district while doing this, so that the history of that area will continue for many years to come."

Researchers: Jim Buckingham, Bob Davis, Jim Hollenbeck, Cheryl O'Brien, and Mayor James Trager

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City Finances

This information brought to you by Bob Davis

Even with the city's ebb and flow of both population and the business and industrial base, the city has shown a fairly steady rise in Equalized Assessed Valuation (EAV).

In 1988, \$342,130.36 was generated from an EAV of \$19,456,913 with a tax rate of 1.7584. By the turn of the 21st century, the EAV had jumped to \$37,896,759, which produced tax revenue of \$665,962.64 from a tax rate of 1.7573. A tax rate of 1.8223 brought the city \$929,700.93 in tax revenue from an EAV of \$51,017,754 for the 2008 fiscal year.

Continued growth in EAV is expected as the city continues to expand its boundaries, especially north toward Interstate 80.

Completed Projects Since 1985

This information brought to you by Jim Buckingham

Knudson Park
Shehorn Park – Middle East Conflict Wall
Rielly Park
National Guard Training Center
Windmills, south
MTCO Development – IV Cellular
Annexation of Glenwood Addition

Independence Tube Corporation
Infra-Metals
Glen-Gery Corp. (brick factory)
Timbers Edge Subdivision
Meadowview Subdivision
Glen Avenue opened to Bluff Street
Enhanced 911

Sewer & Water

New well, tower, pumphouse – south
New Sewage Treatment Plant – south
New Treatment Plant – north
Radium removal at 10th Street wellhouse

New Bridges

Illinois River Bridge
South Mill Race
Commercial Street

Other

City Fire Department merged with Marseilles Fire Protection District (1987)
Swimming pool upgrade



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Street Name Changes in 1866

This information brought to you by Cheryl O'Brien



<u>Now</u>	<u>Previously</u>
Chicago	Maryland
Grant	Centre Way
Illinois	Valediva
LaSalle	Farm
Liberty	Hiero
Lincoln	Texac & Tolin (1 st street north of the canal)
Main	Milwaukee
Pearl	Archimedes
Peoria	Escalon
River	Yecla
Union	Mohican
Wallace	Valencia
Washington	Tevac & Mottican (1 st street north of the railroad tracks)

New streets opened since 1985

Seventh Avenue, Eighth Avenue, Andrew Lane, Oak Court, Meadowview Lane, Prairie Court, Carrie Lane, Woodview Lane, Riverfront Drive, Barr Avenue, Lakin Avenue, Madison Blvd., Jaret Avenue, Timbers Edge Drive.

Streets paved with curb & gutter since 1985

Orange Avenue, Colorado Street, Tenth Street, Walnut Street, Bratton Avenue, Lawrence Avenue, Aberdeen Street, Schumaker Street, Prairie Street, Glen Avenue, Clayton Street, Greenely Street, Oakley Street, Tower Circle Drive, Carter Street, Eleventh Street.

Street changes after September 11, 2001

This information brought to you by Jim Hollenbeck

<u>Previously</u>	<u>Now</u>
Aberdeen (below hill off Bluff St)	Church Street
Chicago Street (on hill)	Prairie Street
Corn Street (Cemetery Hill)	Mitchell Avenue
East Bluff (stub end)	Short Street
Eighth Street	Eighth Avenue
Glen Avenue (Bluff Street south to Commercial)	Sycamore Street
LaSalle Street (from Bluff Street north)	Wilson Street
Liberty Street	Cole Street
Pearl Street (between river & canal)	Water Street
Pearl Street (from the canal north to First Ave)	Pearl Street
Pearl Street (on hill)	Opal Street
Perry Street (from Railroad tracks south to Young)	Railroad Street
Sample Street (lower)	Rutland Street
Seventh Street	Seventh Avenue
Wallace Street (from Main Street east to the race)	Mill Street
Williams Street	Glen Avenue
Private Lane, east of Jefferson, is now Maple Lane	
Private Lane, off Broadway, is now Capras Lane	
Private Lane, behind Snug Harbor, is now Levee Road	



Researchers: Jim Buckingham, Bob Davis, Jim Hollenbeck, Cheryl O'Brien, and Mayor James Trager

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THE MARSEILLES MASONIC LODGE #417

Masonic Lodge #417



Marseilles Masonic Lodge #417 was chartered on October 5, 1864 and has functioned continuously since that date. The Lodge building has occupied several locations in Marseilles, but was relocated to 172 Washington Street about 1996. Approximately 180 members belong to this philanthropic fraternal organization, which has existed since 1717.

Our local charities include collecting “Coins for Children”, the Food Pantry, and participating in the annual Freedom Run. In addition we host IL Chip events, in which we collect DNA and fingerprints, photograph and videotape children, so their parents have a ready packet of invaluable information to provide to police in the event the child is abducted – all at no cost to the parents.

We provide training for teachers to interact and intervene in special interest and abused children to more quickly provide protection and care for our young ones. And through our appendant organizations, we provide the famous Shriners Hospitals and Burn Centers, which gives free care to needy children of our community. Although the Lodge is run by a state of elected and appointed officers, it operates with the assistance of all members pulling together for mutual support, as well as support to our community.

An accurate self-description would be an organization that “makes good men better”.



Local meetings are held the first and third Tuesdays, 7:00 pm, at the Marseilles Masonic Lodge Building on Washington Street.

2009 Officers are:

Worshipful Master:	Kenneth Kirkpatrick
Senior Warden:	Richard Logston
Junior Warden:	Donald Sinclair
Treasurer:	John V. Hanson
Secretary:	Walter Deeter
Senior Deacon:	Richard Bailey
Junior Deacon:	Joseph Balocchi
Senior Steward:	George Schweneker
Junior Steward:	Charles Woods
Chaplain:	Cecil Morrison
Marshal:	Sinan Ozgul
Tyler:	Ronald Boetto

**THIS ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY PROUDLY SPONSORED BY:
THE MARSEILLES AMERICAN LEGION POST #235**

American Legion Post #235

The national American Legion was chartered by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic, wartime veteran's organization, devoted to mutual helpfulness.

On Tuesday evening, May 5, 1919, a meeting of the World War I Veterans of Marseilles and the vicinity was held in the hall of the Marseilles Defense League, with D. J. McBride of the League presiding, for the purpose of organizing a local Legion post. McBride spoke to veterans about doing so without any further loss of time, and they formed the post that evening with 22 veterans present. Royal B. Allen was elected as the first Post Commander. Allen and C. E. Hartford were urged to go to St. Louis to help form a permanent organization of the American Legion, as we know it today. They, and a couple of veterans from Chicago, were the only ones present from Illinois.

The Home Defense Legion turned over the second floor of their building on the southeast corner of Main and Lincoln Streets (later on the Daily Press building and today the parking lot for Bowl-Rite Lanes) to the Legion for their meetings. The Legion immediately took possession and met there until September of 1933. On October 1, 1920, with 88 veterans' signatures, the American Legion Post #235 received their original charter.

In September of 1933 the Legion was given the clubhouse of the former Marsatawa Golf Course across the Illinois River where Illini Park is today. The papers were signed by Mr. Frank B. Davidson, who was president of the golf course and a prominent citizen of Marseilles. Previous to receiving the clubhouse, the Legion was looking to purchase the Universalist Church on East Bluff Street for use as a meeting place and a community building.

They signed the legal agreement for the Marsatawa Clubhouse in June of 1933. In the agreement was a clause that allowed the Civilian Conservation Corp (CCC) use of the building for official residence until the CCC Camp, which would be located at the west end of the park, close to the Locks, was finished.

The Legion transferred their meetings to the clubhouse in September of 1933. They tendered an offer to buy the 14.78 acres of the golf course for \$50 an acre, but the State of Illinois would not sell. Then the Legion proposed selling the building to the State as a place for the park ranger to reside. They asked \$5,000 and the State offered \$500 ----- No Sale.

In January of 1936 the Legion moved from the clubhouse to Auxiliary Hall in town as there were many times you couldn't get across the river, and there was no electricity, heat or water at the facility. Rent at the Auxiliary Hall was \$2 per meeting, which included heat, lights and janitorial services.

In November of 1936, a permit to move the building into town was received.

The Legion purchased property on the Town Line Road (currently Rutland Street) from the First National Bank in February of 1937. This is where the Legion Post is presently located.



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Charlie Parmerlee was appointed chairman of the committee to raise the building and reconstruct it on the new property. They rented a power shovel for \$8 to dig the basement, but T. W. Smith offered to dig it free gratis and they accepted his offer. The building moved to town in late 1936 and early 1937. The large sections of the building were floated across the river on a barge because the bridge that spanned the river at that time was not able to handle the width and height of the sections to be moved. The remaining pieces were brought to town with trucks and equipment owned by members and friends of the Post.

Art Dunham, the local house mover, was in charge of moving the larger sections of the building from the riverbank to its present location. This has been recently confirmed by Abbott Burton, Charlie Calligaris and Don Long, local residents who witnessed the move.

The building was dedicated on January 5, 1938 when Guyer Thompson was commander.

Since its dedication, the building has been remodeled several times. A kitchen was added in 1981. The porch was enclosed and the building re-sided in 1988. The handicap ramp, deck, and bathroom were added in 1996. They also purchased the house, immediately south of the building, burned it down, and converted all of that property into a blacktopped parking area in 1996.

The original, beautiful, lighted globe-type sign in front of the building turned up missing years ago and was never found. A new-lighted sign was purchased in 2004.

The original cannon in front of the building was stolen also. It was found in a ravine west of Ottawa. The cannon was scrapped during World War II. The current cannon, obtained in the early 1950's, is a World War II German cannon.



Excerpt from "Duty, Honor, Country" – story that can be found in the Table of Contents in the front of this book

"The 1st Gold Star presented in Marseilles was to the mother of Private George Adler in 1919."



"The newly formed American Legion held the Adler funeral at the Methodist Church. An airplane from Ottawa dropped flowers over the gravesite. According to news stories of the day, the funeral was the largest ever held in Marseilles."

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The Legion has been active in the community since its inception. One of its first programs was to help the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) with Memorial Day programs. In 1934 the Legion assumed responsibility for these programs. They thought the community should get involved, which became the basis for the formation of the Marseilles Memorial Association. Today, the association purchases approximately 1200 flags for all the veterans' graves in the local cemetery, as well as several country cemeteries in the area. Louie Pantl has headed the placing of the flags for many years.

The Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), and anyone else that cares to volunteer, place approximately 140 large service flags along the road at Riverview Cemetery every Memorial and Armistice Days, weather permitting. This is referred to as The Avenue of Flags. Les Mitchell and C. B. Seals were instrumental in getting the Avenue of Flags started about 1955. Each Armistice Day, November 11th, beginning at exactly 11:00 A.M., the Legion fires several volley salutes in honor of the comrades that lost their lives serving our country.



In 1998 the Legion, VFW, and volunteers erected a memorial at Riverview Cemetery, including a large flagpole. It deteriorated over the years, but was beautifully renovated in the Spring of 2009.

Over the years the Post has sponsored junior baseball teams, boxing bouts, dances, home talent shows, carnivals, scout troops, as well as other activities. The Post has sponsored two boys to go to Boys State each year since 1935. They also present the Americanism Award to a local boy and girl each year that is graduating from grade school.

The American Legion is a not-for-profit organization, dedicated to helping veterans and their families with veteran affairs and medical needs. The Legion, with the help of others, provides the veterans in the Veterans' Hospital with entertainment, parties and picnics, several times a year, as well as a fishing outing once a year.

The Congress of the United States controls membership to the Legion. To be eligible, one must have been in service during the dates specified by Congress.

**THIS ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY PROUDLY SPONSORED BY:
THE MARSEILLES AMERICAN LEGION POST #235**

Past Commanders of the American Legion Post #235 are:

1919 Royal Allen	1950 Fred Daggett	1981 George Snow
1920 George Boyle	1951 John Daggett	1982 Gale Murrin
1921 T. Floyd Allen	1952 Joe Schutty	1983 Larry Shehorn
1922 William Odell	1953 W. Ray Wernstrum	1984 Eugene Thompson
1923 William G. Rollo	1954 Howard Enockson	1985 Eugene Thompson
1924 Dan J. Becker	1955 Leo Trompeter	1986 Robert Collins
1925 Claude Dunlap	1956 Henry Wolford	1987 Robert Collins
1926 Fred Daggett	1957 Henning Almerantz	1988 Robert Carter
1927 H. R. Tummell	1958 Richard Rice, Jr.	1989 Eugene Thompson
1928 Charles Balchowsky	1959 Ralph Dunham	1990 James Cappellini
1929 Ralph Dunham	1960 Robert Thomas	1991 James Cappellini
1930 Charles Morello	1961 Henry Tisler	1992 Wayne Long
1931 W. G. Schuette	1962 Robert Thomas	1993 Gary Hamilton
1932 P. A. Nareddy	1963 William Outman	1994 Jerry Stevenson
1933 J. D. Flood	1964 Larry Marco	1995 Jerry Stevenson
1934 Art Large	1965 Larry Marco	1996 Roger Close, Jr.
1935 Stokes Poole	1966 William Outman	1997 Roger Close, Jr.
1936 Ben Lipsey	1967 Gordon Shelton	1998 Larry Shehorn
1937 Guyer Thompson	1968 Ralph Adler, Jr.	1999 Don McLennan
1938 Cy Trowbridge	1969 James Cappellini	2000 Don McLennan
1939 George Milikin	1970 Joe Brown	2001 Eugene Thompson
1940 Harry Richardson	1971 Tim Morey	2002 Eugene Thompson
1941 Archie Samuels	1972 Eugene Thompson	2003 Gary Hamilton
1942 Clarence Hartford	1973 Ray Redford	2004 Gary Hamilton
1943 Ben Daugherty	1974 Ray Redford	2005 Patricia Riley
1944 Verne Kiner	1975 Joe Brown	2006 Patricia Riley
1945 Ralph Price, Sr.	1976 James White	2007 Garry Hamilton
1946 John Hinch	1977 Ray Redford	2008 Gary Hamilton
1947 Tom Lipsey	1978 Ralph Adler, Jr.	2009 Bernard Smith
1948 Darrell Adler, Sr.	1979 Ralph Adler, Jr.	
1949 Phil Samuels	1980 Bill Ott	

Post #235 has been honored over the years to have many of its past commanders elected to Commander of La Salle County.

There have also been two members elected to Commanders for the State of Illinois. They are: Ralph Adler, Jr. (1996) and Eugene Thompson (2006).

Current membership of the Post is approximately 220.

Pictured at right is Bernard "Bernie" Smith, the present 2009 Commander of the American Legion Post #235.

Other officers are:

Adjacent, Gene Thompson

Sr. Vice Commander, Don Sinclair

Jr. Vice Commander, Pat Riley

Sgt of Arms, Glen Borvansky

Treasurer, Jim Cappellini



Researcher: Dave Baudino

THIS ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY PROUDLY SPONSORED BY THE LADIES OF THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

American Legion Auxiliary to Legion Post #235



Pictured at left:

Front row, left to right:

Phyllis McDonald, Darcy Czachura, Joyce Carter,
Dawn Sinclair and Janet Smith

Back row:

Marion Thompson, Jackie Hanlon, Cindy Q. Tintori
and Michelle Fernandez

The Auxiliary has 66 current members in 2009.

Trying to give back to the veterans of the wars that have kept us safe all these years, the Ladies of the Auxiliary are very proud of their commitment to making the lives of those who are housed at the Veterans Home in La Salle more enjoyable every year by:

Taking the guys out for a day of fishing and lunch. This ritual has been going on for ten years.

Holding picnics on the grounds of the Home to show them they are appreciated and loved.

Selling poppies in May, with all the proceeds going to the veterans and/or their families.

Participating in bingo parties held at the home to help pass the time.

Hosting a Christmas Party at the home for the men and women who honored the country with their service.

All of the above activities are extremely rewarding and the smiles received for their efforts are all the Ladies of the Auxiliary ask in payment.



Eighteen members chartered the American Legion Auxiliary Unit #235 on December 22, 1922. The first President was Kate Dunham.

Presidents of the Auxiliary since the 1985 Sesquicentennial Booklet was published:

1985-1986	Viola Drackley
1986-1987	Rita Thompson
1987-1990	Rita Adler
1990-1991	Viola Drackley
1991-1993	Rita Adler
1993-1994	Viola Drackley
1994-1996	Marge Pasquinelli
1996-1998	Rita Thompson
1998-2000	Joyce Carter
2000-2001	Alma Stevenson
2001-2003	Cathy Grubar
2003-2005	Marian Thompson
2005-2008	Darcy Czachura
2008-2009	Cindy Tintori

2009 Officers are:

President, Cindy Tintori
Vice President, Jackie Hanlon
Treasurer, Michelle Fernandez
Secretary, Janet Smith

A Peek at the Past:

The welcome home parade for the return of Marseilles servicemen and women from World War II was held on Labor Day 1946.

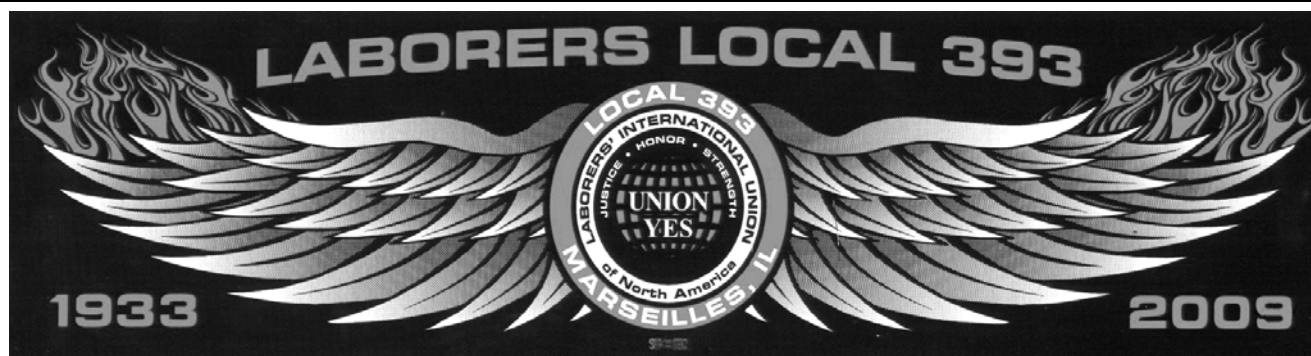
It's been said:

The American Legion Auxiliary is the world's largest women's patriotic service organization with nearly 1 million members in 10,100 communities.

Researcher: Phyllis McDonald

THIS ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY PROUDLY SPONSORED BY LOCAL LABOR UNION 393

LABORERS' LOCAL UNION 393 CELEBRATES "76th" YEAR ANNIVERSARY



As of January 19, 2009 Laborers' Local Union 393 celebrated 76 years of service in the Illinois Valley. The local union was established and chartered in Marseilles on January 19, 1933 and has kept its home base in Marseilles the past 76 years. The local union now serves all of LaSalle, Bureau and Putnam Counties in the Illinois Valley. The local union has kept its existence intact despite going through and surviving some tough economic times, the Depression years, World War II, Korean and Vietnam Wars. The Union members endured the Reaganomics era of the 1980's and even through today's troubled times with the Middle East Conflict War and the Bush, Cheney Anti-union Worker Administration.

The Local Union has grown through the years from its organizing eight chartered members in 1933 to today's 600 active members and 200 retired members. Not only does the union represent workers in the construction industry but represents City, Streets and Maintenance, Water and Sewer workers in the City of Spring Valley, Marseilles and City of Streator Clerical Workers, Underwater Diving Contractor workers with Pro-Dive, Inc., the River Stone Quarry workers. They also represent 85 certified nurses assistance (CNA's) at the Ottawa Pavilion Nursing Home. The highest membership for the local union was 1,200 during World War II while building LST's (Landing Ship Tank Ships) at the Seneca Shipyards. Also during the 1970's the membership rose to over 800 while building the LaSalle Nuclear Plant in Marseilles.

In December of 1999 the Laborers of Local Union #82 in Streator merged with the Marseilles local. On October 20, 2002 the Laborers of Local Union 1203 in LaSalle and Laborers' Local Union 287 in Spring Valley also merged with Local 393. Then in March of 2004 Laborers' Local 911 of Ottawa also merged with the Marseilles local. Today Laborers Local Union 393 serves all of LaSalle, Bureau and Putnam Counties. The union has provided opportunities and employment for working families with good living wages, insurance and with a secure pension through these years.

The union provides local contractors in the Illinois Valley with highly skilled workers whose expertise is in concrete construction, asphalt laying, scaffold building, mason and carpenter tending, certified rigging, laying sewer and water pipe, petroleum and natural gas pipelines, survey and grade checkers, demolition, dynamite and explosive handlers, underwater diving and certified nuclear workers. State certified training in asbestos, hazardous waste, underground tank removal, lead abatement, mold and mildew, traffic control along with Federal guidelines in OSHA and MSHA training.

Business Agents

Until 1964 ----- Steve Faletto, 1st Business Agent (over 30 years)
 1964-1968 ----- Charles Raikes, Business Manager
 1969-1983 ----- John Brandow
 1984- mid 1997- Mike Vicich, Business Manager
 Rest of 1997 ---- John Knudson & Rocky Raikes
 1998-Mid 2002 - John Knudson
 Mid 2002-2009 - David Raikes, Business Manager – third term



Pictured at top: 75th Anniversary Bumper Sticker, created by David Raikes, for Local 393 in 2008. Date changed to 2009 in this book, to reflect the now 76 years of service to this community by the Local. Labor Local emblem shown at bottom.

THIS ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY PROUDLY SPONSORED BY LOCAL LABOR UNION 393

Projects over the years that with the expertise skilled work force of Laborers Local Union 393 helped build and erect were the Marseilles Dam, Marseilles Locks, Seneca Shipyard Building ("Landing Ship Tank Vessels"), Marseilles and Seneca River Bridges (1930's) the AT&T Telecommunications center in Norway, Sheridan Correctional Center, LaSalle County Nuclear Station and various Schools, Libraries, Hospitals, Police and Fire Stations, Windmills, Pipelines, Water and Sewage Treatment Plants.



In 2004 Local 393 invoked and Apprenticeship program approved by the United States Department of Labor and Bureau of Apprentice and Training for the Construction Craft Laborer. The program is for four years with classroom training at their facility in Mt. Sterling along with required training and hours on the job. The training prepares a person for the construction industry in all areas including concrete, asphalt, grade checking, blueprint reading and environmental abatement.

Throughout the years the Local Union members have volunteered their time and skills for thousands of hours for community service projects. A few of the projects that the Laborers are proud of that they contributed to are the LaSalle County Labor of Love program, LaSalle County Easter Seal, local Boy Scout, Cub Scout and Girl Scout Programs, building of the Middle East War Memorial in Marseilles, building the Seneca Shipyards Workers Memorial, the laborers established a Christmas Family Food Basket program which is in its 26th year of service which they give out 140 Christmas Family Food Baskets to needy families in the Illinois Valley each year. They have their own Scholarship program for their members children who want to attend a College or Trade School, each receive a \$300.00 Scholarship. They have given out 174 Scholarships to date. The program is in its twenty-second year of service. The Laborers hold a family picnic each year on Labor Day Weekend and also march in the Local Labor Day Parade each year in Streator. The Local Union is also very active in Local, State and National Politics.

Many people worked hand in hand to get the union started. Initial Charter officers, all from the Marseilles area, were:

President, Steve Faletto
Vice President, James Bolatto
Recording Secretary, Cecil Hopton
Financial Secretary, Fred Thomas
Corresponding Secretary, William Hollenbeck
Treasurer, Andy Perino
Sergeant-at-Arms, Jesse Thomas
Guard, John Serena.

Below: Sticker on Union hard hats.



THIS ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY PROUDLY SPONSORED BY LOCAL LABOR UNION 393

“A BRIEF HISTORY”

The History of Laborers' Local Union 393 of Marseilles began back in July of 1932. In that year a big project got under way in Marseilles. It was the building of the original dam on the Illinois River.

The Corps of Engineers awarded the contract to Miller Hutchinson Construction Co. – a non-union construction company. They employed no workers from the Marseilles area or LaSalle County. They brought workers (non-union) in from as far away as Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas and Arizona. The non-union company had employed close to 200 people for this project.

All the union laborers from Marseilles were members of the HOD Carriers Union Local 383 in Coal City, Illinois. On July 19, 1932, they organized a rally to march at the Marseilles Dam to protest the non-union work being performed there. They alone with 300 other union workers from Morris and Joliet, Illinois marched to the office at the dam site. When they reached the office, the Vice President of the company – H.W. Miller and some of the non-union workers hiding in a railroad car, opened up gunfire on the union men.

Steve Sutton, 45, of Joliet, father of three children and an organizer for the HOD Carriers Union was shot and killed. Twenty-two other men were wounded. Cecil Hopkins and Ernest Sons of Marseilles were both shot in the eye. James Collins of Mesa, Arizona was convicted and prosecuted for the slaying of Steve Sutton. After this incident, the dam contractors agreed to unionize their employees and hire only local labor. At this time, the non-union laborers were paid \$.34 per hour, teamster were paid \$.40 per hour and crane operators were paid \$.90 per hour. After they organized, the scale went up to: \$.60 for laborers, \$.70 for teamsters and \$1.05 for operators.

On January 19, 1933, the Union had 80 people constructing the Marseilles Dam. During the World War II years, the union had over 1200 people at the Seneca Shipyards, 64 of which were women.

The first union meetings were held in the basement of Bolatto's Tavern on Main Street. The present hall site on Lincoln Street was the initial hall site. Meetings were held upstairs in the then privately-owned Halligan Building. However, if the hall was being rented for a dance, the members had to look elsewhere for a “meeting” place. The building was purchased in 1940. That building was torn down in 1987 and the new present building was built and opened in 1989.



In 1940, wages for a common laborer were 87 ½ cents per hour. In the 1950's, they increased to \$2.25 per hour. In the 1960's, they became \$3.40 per hour. In the late 1970's, wages were \$10.77 per hour and in the 1980's, \$14.00 per hour. The present 2009 wage is \$27.60 per hour.

When a member paid his dues, he was given a stamp to put into his personal union book as proof that the dues were paid and he was a member in good standing. Dues during World War II were \$1.25 per month, with 88 cents of that going back to the government to help the war effort. Dues now are \$25.00 a month. Today, members are issued plastic union cards and no longer have to paste in the stamps.

Today Laborers Local 393 is a strong, solvent, productive and profitable organization, which gives employment opportunities and training for young people, women and minorities to compete for construction jobs that pay a living family wage. They also provide strong leadership and representation so that their members are able to provide their families with a high quality standard of living. They are committed to developing union leaders to carry on the history and heritage of Laborers Local Union 393 for the next 175 years.

THIS ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY PROUDLY SPONSORED BY DELIA REBEKAH LODGE #597

Delia Rebekah Lodge #597 was instituted and chartered on April 28, 1903. The Rebekah's are the sister lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Delia Hogue recruited 40 members who were obligated and installed by Florence Rebekah Lodge of Ottawa. Delia gained the distinction of using her name when a name was chosen for the organization.

The present membership is small in number, but not in local and fraternal works. Our principles are friendship, love and truth. The order of the I.O.O.F. and Rebekahs maintain a Scholarship Fund of which students in the area are eligible. Roger Drackley served on that committee for fourteen years. Local student winners were: Thomas Clark, Theresa and Joe Jones, all from Seneca.

This is the only fraternal organization allowed to lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown in Washington D.C. each year.



1951 - Delia Rebekah Lodge District Meeting held in Marseilles

Pictured above, left to right:

Back row: Mary Mitchell, Helen Woodin, Margaret Anderson, Verda McConnell, Leone Krause, Doris Bottomley, *Hazel Cooke, Anne Holman, Nancy Misner, Myrtle Richardson, Ethelyn Smith, Alice Edwards and Eva Long.

Front row: Luella Cunico, Inez Krause, and Carrie Hultmark.

*Hazel Cooke was President of District Association #14 in this year.

THIS ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY PROUDLY SPONSORED BY DELIA REBEKAH LODGE #597

An Educational Foundation is available where students can borrow funds at a low rate of interest. Local students can apply for a week-long trip on the United Nations Pilgrimage. In the past those winning this trip were; Dorene (Lockas) Gilbert, Laurie (Ingmanson) McCarter, Roger W. Close, Jr., Dean Lockas and Michael Close. We help to maintain homes in Mattoon and Lincoln for the elderly and children's day care. Several of our members volunteer at Ottawa Regional Health Care. The Marseilles Nursing Service is a favorite local charity.

In the beginning meetings were held in members homes and they also attended the Ottawa meetings. Past locations are:
 1919 – Thurber building on north Main Street (Country at Heart today)
 1948 – Simmons & Johnson building on South Main Street (Bowl-Rite's parking lot today)
 1976 – Meetings moved to Roger Drackley home, as Simmons & Johnson building was condemned.
 1977 – American Legion Hall (Rutland Street)
 2003 - Today meetings are held in the homes of the members with the Drackley home the main gathering place, due to health reasons, with the members taking turns as hostess.

Roger Drackley served as treasurer of the Grand Encampment of Illinois, a branch of the Odd Fellows and now holds the title of Grand Treasurer Emeritus. Viola Drackley was elevated to Grand Matriarch of Illinois in 1990. Ruth Close, Harriet Clark, and Helen Allen have each served as President of District Association #14 since 1985.

Present officers are: Noble Grand - Virgene Lockas, Vice Grand - Viola Drackley, Secretary – Helen Allen, Financial Secretary – Shirley Brown, and Treasurer – Harriet Clark

Other members are: Ruth Close, Elaine Funk, Helen Hoagland, Carolyn Daniels, Julie Darm, Carrie Bushnell, Linda Jones, Vertie Carlson, and Roger Drackley.



District #14 Meeting held in Tonica, Illinois – 2006

Pictured above, front row, left to right:

Hazel Moore (Past President of Int. Association of Rebekah Assemblies), Roger Drackley, Viola Drackley, and Elaine Funk.

Back row: Harriet Clark, Virgene Lockas, Ruth Close, and Helen Allen.



Roger Drackley
Grand Treasurer
Emeritus of Grand
Encampment of Illinois

Viola Drackley
Past Grand Matriarch of
the Grand Ladies
Encampment of Illinois

Researcher: Ruth Close

THIS ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY PROUDLY SPONSORED BY THE MARSEILLES LIONS CLUB

Marseilles Lions Club



We Serve

2/12/56 —First organizational meeting held and club officers elected. Henry “Jiggs” Tisler, Jr. was the first president.

4/18/56—Charter Night held at Marseilles High School gym for new Marseilles Lions Club. 34 Lions listed on charter.

5/18-19/56—Club held its first fundraising project—a broom sale. The club made a profit of \$356.00.

6/12/56—The Lions Club held a public meeting at St. Joseph’s Church to present their idea about building a swimming pool for Marseilles. Everyone present was in favor of this idea.

9/29/56—The Lions Club started selling bonds to finance construction of the new swimming pool for Marseilles. \$18,000.00 worth of bonds were eventually sold and construction began.

3/59—The Lions Club decided to have the grand opening of the new swimming pool on May 30, 1959.

7/26/61—Charter Member Jimmy Bolatto offered the Lions Club the use of the upstairs hall, of the old “press” building north of the bowling alley, for their Lions Den. This area is now the parking lot for Bowl-Rite Lanes. Prior to this the Lions Club met at the Moose Hall, Grace Hardin’s Café and Barnes’ Dairy Bar.

11/63—The Lions Club participated in the first Lions of Illinois Candy Day. Donations from this Candy Day went to the Leader Dog Program, Hadley School for the Blind, and the Talking Lions Magazine.

6/65—The Marseilles Lions Club’s first chicken fry was held at the main shelter in Illini State Park. The club made a \$690 profit and \$200 of this profit was donated to a local family for an operation on their baby’s eyes.

6/29/66—The Lions Club chaperoned a teenage splash party at the pool, with 150 teenagers and 100 spectators present.

5/68—The Lions Club sponsored and formed an Explorer Club for the youth in the community.

8/68—The Lions Club put \$1,050.00 of its profits from a chicken fry into a fund to build a community building for Marseilles some day.

7/70—The Lions Club donated the swimming pool to the City of Marseilles debt free. Mayor Dave Guthrie accepted the deed from Marseilles Lions Club President, Ardell Thomas. It was estimated the Lions Club spent \$125,000.00 over the years to build and operate the swimming pool.

11/71—The 2nd Annual Nursing Service Stag was held to benefit the Marseilles Nursing Service. The Lions Club donated \$350.00 to the Nursing Service.

THIS ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY PROUDLY SPONSORED BY THE MARSEILLES LIONS CLUB

4/72—The Lions Club traded the City of Marseilles four lots fronting Commercial Street, east of the swimming pool, for two larger lots south of the I&M Canal, near the pool, for building a community building.

10/76—The Lions Club sponsored the Marseilles Lioness Club. Lioness Certification Night was held January 8, 1977.

7/3/76—The Lions Club broke ground for a new community building on property located north of Commercial Street and south of the I&M Canal. Water and sewer lines, and the basement, were dug over this weekend.

4/9/77—Jerry Broadbeck rented the new Lions Club Community Building for a wedding reception. The new hall wasn't quite finished; therefore, only the kitchen and big reception hall was available.

5/77—The fund drive for the Marseilles Lions Club Community Building was completed. The citizens of Marseilles donated over \$10,000.00 for construction costs. The new Lions building cost over \$100,00.00 to construct. Many local businesses and persons donated their time, materials and construction skills, to make this building a reality.

The Marseilles Lions Club has been a presence in Marseilles for 53 years – living up to its motto “We Serve”. Lion, Wilbur “Whitey” Jones, is the last living charter member from the original 34. The Marseilles Lions Club also has the distinction of never having a repeat president in its 53 year history. The current membership consists of 124 members. Regular club meetings are the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays with dinner served at 6:30 PM and business meeting at 7:00 PM.

The Marseilles Lions Club has had several of its members in leadership positions over the years for District 1-K. Ruben Rodriguez (19887-1988), Dr. Aelwyn Hughes (1991-1992), and Glenn “Bird” Combs (1994-1995) have served as 1-K District Governors. Several other club members have served as District Chairmen, Zone Chairmen and Region Chairmen. Lion, Glenn “Bird” Combs will serve as the President of the Lions of Illinois Foundation for the 2009-2010 term. The Lions of Illinois Foundation is the charitable arm of all the Lions Clubs in the state of Illinois, which is known as Multiple District 1. Lionism started in Chicago in 1917, by its founder Lion, Melvin Jones -- which is why Illinois is named Multiple District 1. The organization became international on 12 March 1920, when the first club was established outside of the US, in Windsor, Ontario. Now, Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service organization with over 44,500 clubs, and more than 1.4 million members, in 203 countries around the world.

The Marseilles Lions Club has 30 Melvin Jones Fellows and 36 Lions of IL. Foundation Fellows. These Fellowships are the highest recognition a Lion can receive from the Lions Club Int'l Foundation and the Lions of IL. Foundation.

The Marseilles Lions Club Community Building has been the focal point for most of the club's functions and fundraisers since 1977. Some of the club's major club fundraisers are:

- Chicken fries in conjunction with Marseilles Fund Days, hosting a Bocci Ball Tournament and Kids Carnival during the 2nd Sunday of Fun Days.
- Four Vegas Nights to support the Marseilles Nursing Service, Marseilles Little League programs, Marseilles Elementary School, and Ottawa Township High School Booster Clubs
- Bingo nights every Thursday at the Lions Hall - early bird at 6:30 PM, and regular games starting at 7:00 PM.

The Marseilles Lions Club supports many service projects during the year. One of the longest running service projects is the delivery of Christmas Baskets to needy families in Marseilles and the surrounding area. Food for a Christmas dinner, and toys from the Marseilles Lioness Club, are delivered to these families.

The Marseilles Lions Club buys eyeglasses and hearing aids for needy adults and children. It also makes many other donations for local youth groups, the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, Marseilles Food Pantry, Shop-With- A-Cop Program, the Ottawa River Rescue Squad, Camp Lions, Marseilles Fun Days, and many other requests for humanitarian services.

The Lions Club sponsors the Lions of Illinois Foundation Hearing Screening Bus and the Diabetic Retinopathy Screening Unit. These screening units are free of charge to local persons, and are funded by donations, when the Lions Club sponsors Candy Day in October and Tootsie Pop Day in May. Over 18,000 persons state wide are served by projects from the Lions of Illinois Foundation.

The Marseilles Lions Club will continue to live up to its motto “We Serve” for many more years to come. Any questions or a request for more information about the Marseilles Lions Club, may be directed to the Lions Hall (815) 795-2487 or by e-mailing pdgbird1@mtco.com.

CONGRATULATIONS ON 175 YEARS, MARSEILLES - THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

THIS ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY PROUDLY SPONSORED BY MARSEILLES LIONESS CLUB



Current officers are:

President	Pat Gaffney
1 st Vice President	Carol Jones
Secretary	Barb Kratz
Treasurer	Mary Lou Combs
Board of Directors	Phyllis McDonald
	Paulette Bolf
	Joyce Carter
Tail Twister	Barb Richardson



The Marseilles Lioness Club has been in existence for 33 yrs, chartering in 1976, with 40 members at the time. There are currently thirteen members – some more active than others.

The Lioness members are always active in many ways in donating to the community, but their biggest project is getting the toys needed for the baskets that the Lions Club members deliver at Christmas time. Starting at the beginning, where they fund the toys completely by doing all the shopping, wrapping and tagging of packages, they keep at it until every last toy is bagged and ready to take along when the Lions Club make their deliveries to the recipients.

The Bergner coupons project has been a worthwhile fundraiser in order for the group to accomplish this. It consists of a one-day shopping coupon book, which is offered for sale at a minimal cost of \$5.00. Those who buy a book automatically get \$10.00 off a purchase at Bergners, along with many other discount coupons. It has turned out to be very successful in helping people jump start their Christmas shopping, usually in November, while aiding the Lioness Club in their efforts to raise the money needed to purchase toys for the baskets. Many of the buyers who purchase a coupon book, donate it back to the club, which enables the members to use those \$10 off coupons to buy more toys in the store that same day. Other local organizations use this project, too, as Bergner's gets a very good response.

The last two years a craft show has been hosted by the Lioness members – the first being in the Spring. In 2009, however, they planned for a Fall Show.

Our current membership consists of:

Marcia Boaz
Martha Boaz
Paulette Bolf
Joyce Carter
Mary Lou Combs
Pat Gaffney
Barb Kratz
Rose Mary Martin
Phyllis McDonald
Lucille Mooneyham
Rita O'Neal
Barb Richardson
Kathy Stahl

THIS ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY PROUDLY SPONSORED BY THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The “**Friends of the Library**” have been serving the library for 24 years. A group of residents, led by Shirley Burton, began a drive to form a Marseilles Friends of the Library.

The first meeting was held on May 16th, 1986, with 122 members.

Present active members include:

- Jan Ambrose (Treasurer)
- Suanne Baudino
- Cindy Duffield (President)
- Wendy Frick (Secretary)
- June Meyer
- Valerie Nordlie
- Gloria Votava
- Marge Dunlap
- Sue Szumski
- Many others are contributing members.

Shirley Burton



The “Friends” are a supportive group, providing various volunteer services and raising funds for projects not included in the library budget. The funds are raised through the annual used book sale and the ice cream sandwich sale. The ice cream sandwich sale was started in 1985, and was such a success, it is still our most popular fundraiser today. A great many friends bake chocolate chip cookies, donate ice cream, and make and sell the ice cream sandwiches.

These funds are used for various projects such as: the outdoor information sign, redecorating and furnishing the kitchen, helping update the lighting in the library, book display racks, ceiling fans, books, art, purchasing Christmas trees, decorating the library for the various holidays every year, sponsoring visiting authors for the library’s 100th anniversary celebration, to mention just a few, as well as lighting, painting and archival storage for the History Room downstairs.

Although Shirley has passed on, our goal is still to help the community be more aware of what the Marseilles Public Library has to offer and to continue to support the library.



It’s been said:

Population of Marseilles:
1859 – 350
2000 Census – 4,655

When the 2010 census is taken, Marseilles hopes to be over 5,000.

Pictured at left: Members of the Friends of the Library, (left to right):

Front row: June Meyer

Middle row: Cindy Duffield and Jan Ambrose

Back row: Wendy Frick and Valerie Nordlie

THIS ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY OF MARSEILLES PROUDLY SPONSORED BY VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS POST #5506

Veterans of Foreign Wars

Marseilles Memorial Post No. 5506, Veterans of Foreign Wars, came into being in 1945. A group of local veterans met in the American Legion Post Home to organize a VFW Post in Marseilles. The post charter closed in April of 1946 with a total of 191 names. William Pufpaf was installed as the first commander of the new Marseilles Post in ceremonies at the American Legion Hall in 1946. One of the charter members, Al Smith, was a Spanish-American War veteran.

Participating in Veterans Affairs in conjunction with county, district, state, and national headquarters, the post had numerous projects, while the members kept uppermost in their minds the organization's slogan "Honor the dead by helping the living." The VFW is active in Memorial Day and Veterans Day programs in the community, in posting of flags on graves, in school programs, and local Veterans homebound, as well as in nursing homes.

The VFW, along with the American Legion, participates in military funerals and ceremonies at our local memorials including the Middle East Conflicts Wall. They also are involved with the LaSalle Veterans Nursing Home in various programs throughout the year including bingo, a summer cookout, a fishing outing at LaSalle Lake, and an annual Christmas party. They have also helped veterans gain assistance from Veterans' Hospitals and other veterans' benefits to which they are entitled.

In August, 1950, the VFW purchased the Willis Photo Studio on South Main Street, and in 1951 opened the clubroom. The VFW members and friends contributed many hours of labor in order to complete the project. The club was operated there until 1995. At the end of 1995, the property was sold to Broadus Oil Corporation of Illinois, in order to create jobs and increase the tax base for the community. At that time, the VFW moved into the American Legion to whom they pay rent to have their regular meetings and other functions.



Pictured above, left to right: Bill Barth, Commander Bob Riley, Don Lockas and Marlyn Wiley,