



## MILITARY MEMBERS VOLUNTEER TO HONOR VETS

A group of MCO military members, retirees, and their families volunteered at Great Lakes National Cemetery Saturday.

The MCO members joined dozens of other volunteers from around the state in cleaning veterans' headstones for spring.

It was a gratifying experience.

"This is the best thing I have ever done with MCO," said retiree Pamela Drew.

"It was very rewarding spending time with members honoring those who have served," said Ray Sholtz, MCO Executive Board member and chair of MCO's military members campaign.



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Read more about the military members campaign and MCO's other initiatives for member engagement and strength at [mco-seiu.org](http://mco-seiu.org).

## UPDATE ON POSSIBLE PRISON CLOSURES

In a bulletin April 14, MCO announced the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Corrections wants to close two prisons and require the department to lease and operate the privately owned GEO prison in Baldwin in the next fiscal year. Read the bulletin at [mco-seiu.org](http://mco-seiu.org).

The subcommittee's proposed budget, which includes the closures, is now before

the full Senate. The Senate, House, and Governor hope to have a budget signed by the beginning of June, but there's still lots of work to be done before all three parties agree to one budget.

There has been no official notice on any specific facility closure. This is the only update at this time. We'll keep you posted.

## FIGHTS JOLT ALGER, PROMPT LOCKDOWN

A series of fights and weapon discoveries led to a lockdown at Alger last week.

Level IV units were locked down Friday evening after two fights and one assault. Six inmates were involved in altercations that day. Another inmate cracked his cell door window.

On Sunday, four weapons were found. Staff saw an inmate hand a weapon to another prisoner, who then discarded it. Two pieces of sharpened tile were also found under a prisoner's mattress. Later that day, an officer caught an inmate throwing a weapon in the trash.

Other updates from LMF:

4/19 – Two-inmate fight in Pine unit.

4/17 – Inmate-on-inmate assault and battery.

4/16 – Inmate-on-inmate fight in Pine unit.

– Inmate-on-inmate stabbing on Cedar small yard. An inmate threw the weapon down a storm drain.

– Two-inmate fight in Pine unit.

## MCO CENTRAL COMMITTEE WILL ELECT NEW BOARD AT MAY 4 MEETING

The MCO Central Committee will elect a new Executive Board at its May 4 meeting in Lansing.

The next Board will continue to do important work to engage and educate members in these turbulent times. The listening tours, military members campaign, and corrections fatigue research and advocacy are some of the initiatives the Board has undertaken in the last few years.

Duties of Board members can be found in Articles 10 and 13 of the MCO Constitution and Bylaws.

The Central Committee is made up of the chapter president, vice president and other leader delegates from each chapter.

Information on Central Committee is in Article 12 of the MCO Constitution and Bylaws.

The Board nominees and their chapter positions are listed below. Those with a \* by their name are incumbents.

### Candidates for President:

- Tom Tylutki\*
- Paul Jensen, ICF President

### Candidate for Vice President:

- Andy Potter\*

### Candidate for Treasurer:

- Bill Henderson\*, SRF President

### Candidate for Recording Secretary:

- Brent Kowitz\*, SMT President

### Candidates for Executive Board Member at Large:

- Ray Sholtz\*, SLF Vice President
- Ed Clements\*, AMF President
- Cary Johnson\*, JCF Chief Steward
- Byron Osborn\*, URF President
- Stephen O'Harris, CFP President
- Scott Waggoner, ARF President
- Mitchell Gainer, ECF Chief Steward

Results will be published in the next KYI.