

THE JAWHEAD JOURNAL

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Commandant Pedrin presenting a 'Thank You' certificate to the owners of Saluto's along with our Toys 4 Tots pizza party. Saluto's was a major contributor to our 2017 T4T collection efforts.



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**Our next meeting is Monday
19 March starting at
1830 (6:30 PM).**

**At our NEW LOCATION
Steven's Restaurant
401 N. Riverside Dr.
NE corner Rt 21 and Washington St.
Gurnee, IL**

**Last Month's Mystery Marine was John
Burns.**



Who is this Mystery Marine?

Where Stuff Is

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COMMANDANT'S COMMENTS

It is once again time to send a message to the detachment. I rush to do this as I am going under the K-Bar (They ran out of scalpels) at Condell Hospital this week. Needless to say, there are a lot of things that must be done prior to any surgery and I have been kept busy the past few days. Luckily I am almost done with my tasks and can prepare for the surgery.

First I must give you some information that is needed for the March 19th meeting. The Board of Trustees and the Staff unanimously changed the location of our regular monthly meetings. We have searched and finally found a place where we will be conducting our **future meetings. Effective March 19, 2018, that place is Stevens Restaurant, 401 N. Riverside Dr. Gurnee, IL.** The restaurant is just north of Washington St @ Milwaukee Ave. The meetings will still be held at 1900 Hrs(7PM) on the third Monday of each month.

When we first came to In-Laws, the members would arrive about an hour early to eat discounted food in the bar and have a drink while swapping stories with the other members. They even stayed after the meeting was over to have another drink or food and swap stories. Then In-Laws decided to change their sports bar and restaurant to an upscale restaurant. The move was a great one for the Khyat family but not good for the MCL. Members began to feel that they were in a high-class place and they did not fit. Consequently some quit coming.

There were other things that caused the members to stop coming as well. A huge reason was the fact that our meetings were in the basement, which required our members to traverse about 20 steps up and down. There was a small one-person elevator but it was not always working and there were times when people were caught in them for a while. This might have not been too bad but the bathrooms were all upstairs. Food was not as easy to obtain from the kitchen either.

The Staff still wanted a place that was centrally located. We wanted a room without stairs. We also wanted bathrooms close by. We needed a place where we could store our flags and other items needed for the meetings. We also looked for a place that would not cost us to meet there and would possibly give us a meal and bar discount while there. We found all of those things at Stevens.

We will be able to order food from the bar menu which is less than \$15 for food before and after the meetings. We will get a discounted beer and mixed drink for each meeting. We will also have access to the full restaurant on special meetings where we have food such as installation meetings, St Pats day, and any other dates we choose.

With that in mind, I would like to tell you about the meeting on 19 March, 2018. We are going to celebrate St Patrick's Day then. All of you are **encouraged to wear your finest greenery**. If you have any decorations you wish to bring to decorate the room, feel free to do so. We will have a corned beef and cabbage meal complete with potato, carrots, soda bread and the works. We will also have the option of ordering Guinness beer and Jameson whiskey at a discounted rate all night. Feel free to **brink your wife or significant other** if she is ready to party. **THE DINNER WILL START AT 1830 hrs (6:30PM).** The meeting will follow after the dinner. Latecomers will get the leftovers.

We are all looking forward to seeing you at this new location which we believe will be more than adequate for our needs into the future. Come and judge for yourself.

Jerry Pedrin

Commandant 847-687-6663

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

My fellow Marines, we are all aware of the tragedies our country is facing these days, massacres in our schools and houses of worship; the disclosures of misconduct and disrespect by our elected officials, civil servants, athletes and celebrities. There's a lot of finger pointing, but no one takes responsibility!

Our country, and the world, is falling into disarray and moral decay! Our country is considered the "leader of the free world". What kind of example are we providing the world?

A news show host made the comment that in the last 30 years, the moral character of our nation has deteriorated for many reasons. One reason, among many attributed to this decay, is the removal of GOD from our classroom! He stressed the idea that its time to return GOD to the schools and to the minds and hearts of our young people.

He also pointed out that omitting teaching of the Constitution is another contributing factor. Our children and youngster have little or no idea of the history, content and meaning of our Constitution!

We, as Americans, and especially as veterans who took an oath to uphold and defend our constitution, need to step up. We need to make our voices heard by contacting our elected officials, from local governments through the federal levels. Let them know that we still uphold the ideals that made our country great, that we still believe in God, family, and country.

We were willing to defend our country in times of war, lets get her back on track in time of relative peace.

First and foremost, lets solicit God's help and guidance through prayer, and then let our voices be heard by contacting our elected representatives.

If we do nothing, we'll be as much to blame as those who are trying to derail our society and form of government!

With the help and guidance of our Lord, we can stop the erosion of our rights and freedom; lets hold our leaders and ourselves accountable.

GOD BLESS AMERICA AND GOD BLESS OUR CORPS!

Semper Fi,
Hank Landrau, Chaplain

MARINES!!

We announced at the last meeting the kick-off of this year's raffle to raise money for the Foundation (Detachment 801). In 2016 we set a goal of \$10,000 and raised over \$12,000. Our goal in 2018 is to raise ---\$15,000.

Mel Ellingsen and I have the tickets. It is time to start collecting donations (booze) and sell tickets !!!

Tommy "The Terror" Mann, the Hooligan of Highwood, is hot!!! He picked up 3 books of tickets (36) Monday night and he called me Friday. He had sold 37 tickets and collected 15 bottles.

BOAT LOAD of BOOZE RAFFLE

DRAWING ---JULY 16, 2018

1ST PLACE—BOAT PLUS 50 BOTTLES OF BOOZE

2ND PLACE—25 BOTTLES OF BOOZE

3RD thru 10TH PLACE—5 Bottles of or a Case of Wine

GOAL-- \$15,000

Team up-- Grab another Member or two and go out together. Go to anyplace where people gather. It's fun and when Marines team up--- they can not be beat !!!

Tell them Who we are-- Marine Corps League of Lake County.

What we will do with the money--100% to Veterans, their Widows and children.

Show them the Flyer--Explain how Wonderful people have Donated the Booze, the Boat and the Printing. Zero costs mean it all goes to the Vets.

Sell the Tickets - Collect the money !!!

Semper Fi

Al Seyler 847-220-1525

WELCOME **ABOARD**



Welcome aboard Marine Don Bahe. Don is a retired Gunnery Sergeant with MOS 0193, administrative chief. He started his Marine career at MCRD San Diego and had duty stations at Camp Pendleton, Hawaii, Albuquerque, Alameda and Glenview.

Don has since retired from the Lake County Sheriff's Department. He's married living in Winthrop Harbor. They have children and a grandchild. Don likes fishing and riding motorcycles.

LAKE COUNTY YOUNG MARINES



What Is The Young Marines?

The Young Marines is a non profit 501c3 youth educational organization, open to all youths ages 8 through 18 or completion of high school; whichever comes last. Membership requirements are: youth must be in good standing in school and their community. Along with NO criminal history.

Since the Young Marines' beginnings in 1959, with one unit and a handful of boys, the organization has grown to encompass boys and girls with units throughout the country and overseas.

What We Do? Be ready for adventure with camping, marching in parades, helping your community, and honoring veterans!

Our Training? Upon joining a local Young Marines unit, recruits undergo a 26-hour orientation program, generally spread out over several weekly meetings. They learn general subjects such as history, customs and courtesies, close order drill, physical fitness, and military rank structure. After graduating from Young Marines Recruit Training, Young Marines have the opportunity to learn even more new skills, earn rank, wear the Young Marines uniform and work toward ribbon awards. Young Marines earn ribbons for achievement in areas such as leadership, community service, swimming, academic excellence, first aid and drug resistance education.

If interested in joining our next Young Marines Recruit Training contact: Lori A Staben (847) 406-9505 or visit our website at <https://members.youngmarines.com/unit/lakecounty/aboutus>

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MARINE CORPS LEAGUE LAKE COUNTY DETACHMENT 801



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ADAPT! INNOVATE! OVERCOME!

THANK YOU! YOU HELPED MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Thank you all for your financial support in my endeavor to assist in the St. Baldricks Foundation as I join the other participants on March 11th at Carroll University. We will all have our heads shaved to raise money for St. Baldricks Foundation as they continue to fund research to fight pediatric cancer. The actual “shave” will occur in the Stackner Ballroom at Carroll University / 100 N. East Ave, Waukesha, Wisconsin between 1300 and 1500 hours. Would love to have any of you attend and “give me a ration” as they remove what little hair I have to support this worthy cause. By the next time I see most of you, I will be as bald as an egg. (first time in well over sixty years)

There is still time to participate with me as a “donor” or a “shavee”, I would be proud to have you make the connection with **“TEAM LAMPINEN”**.

Contact may be accomplished online. Registration is required to be able to assign your contribution to be credited to the “shavee”. So far, Hannahs’ team has raised over \$3,300.00

St. Baldrick's Foundation is a non-profit 501(c) 3 organization and as such, donations are tax deductible. (Make checks payable to; St. Baldrick's Foundation, please include Hannah's name and ID #, shown on the web site)

Contact information; St. Baldrick's Foundation
13333 South Mayflower Ave.
Monrovia, California
91016 U. S. A.
888/899-2253
888/899-BALD
sbinfo@stbaldricks.org

Also, don't forget our next meeting (March 19th) will be the annual St. Patricks Day (wearin'-o-the green) Party occurring at Stevens' Steakhouse located at 401 N. Riverside Drive, Gurnee (just south of Primos, on the east side of Waukegan Road). Bring your best gal/guy, and enjoy a fine meal of corned beef and cabbage. Meeting will begin earlier than usual (1830 hours) See ya there?

SEMPER FIDELIS!

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CAPTAIN JAMES A. LOVELL FHCC VISITS



VA HOSPITAL VISITATION TEAM

Once again we come to the topic of hospital visits. I find it hard to believe that there are not more people coming out for these visits. This an easy way to do something for the vets with little or no effort on your part. This visit takes less than 3 hours of your time. The best part is all you have to do is just stand there and smile. The patients don't much care what you look like or what you wear. They only care that you took time out of your schedule to see them and wish them well. Many of them know that they are not getting out of the hospital and really appreciate the fact that they get to have visitors. Most of them live far away and their relatives visit rarely if at all. Some have no relatives at all. We meet the 2nd and 4th Thursday at 1:45PM in the cafeteria in bldg 133, VA Hospital. We would love to see you join us for a visit. Then, if this is not your bag you can quit. At least give this a chance.

We are also looking for personal hygiene items for the patients and for the homeless. We could use tooth paste, tooth brushes, mouthwash, deodorant and other small items such as travel size items. If you ask your Dentist, I am sure he would be happy to give you a bunch of these items.

We will be going to visit the sick and less fortunate on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of March. We are looking forward to seeing you there for at least one visit to see how it goes.

Jerry Pedrin 847 687 6663



COLOR & HONOR GUARD



COLOR / HONOR GUARD

The Honor Guard conducted Casket Guard at Chuck Hocking's wake and fired a Volley graveside. Thank you to Carol Mampe (see picture on the front cover) for giving us Camo Fleece Scarves that saved our bacon in the cold air.

March 11th the Color Guard will lead the St. Pats parade from the Toadstool Bub 327 Waukegan Ave (Sheridan Rd.) Highwood, owned by Tom Mann's relative in Highwood. It's an informal parade in that everyone from the bar, dressed in their finest Irish, piles out on the street and we march around the block. It is a terrific fun time and we invite everyone to join the party. Be there by 11:00 AM.



EAGLE SCOUT'S



After over 140 Ka-Bar presentations, Mel gets to eat the first piece of cake as the oldest Eagle Scout.



Mel's grandson, Camden, cuts his Eagle Scout cake!

Scheduled Eagle Scout Presentations

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| Mar 10 | Charles Aiden Capps, Andre John Josephitis and Tyler Michael Nicholas, Troop 46, 3 pm, First Presbyterian Church of Lake Forest 700 Sheridan Rd. Lake Forest, (Landrau) |
| Mar 11 | Jacob Frye, Troop 190, 3 PM, Antioch VFW 75 North Ave., Antioch (Ellingsen) |
| Mar 17 | Jacob W. Pritts, Troop 451, 3 PM, United Protestant Church 54 S. Whitney St Grayslake. (Carle) |
| Mar 18 | Joseph Matthias Nowak, Troop 60, 1 PM, Adler Park Lodge 1500 N. Milwaukee Ave. Libertyville (Carle) |
| Mar 18 | Kyle Judge, Troop 96, 3 PM, Grayslake Village Hall, Upper floor meeting room, 10 Seymour Ave, Grayslake, (Carle) |
| Mar 25 | Clyde A. Jennings, Troop 49, 3 PM, Little House of Glencoe, 690 Birch Rd, Glencoe, IL 60022. () |
| Apr 7 | Ryan Joseph Scimeca, Troop 188, 3:00 PM, Antioch Township Center 1625 Deep Lake Rd, Lake Villa (Ellingsen) |
| Apr 8 | Rahil Verma, Troop 96, 12:30 PM, St. Gilbert's School 231 E. Belvidere Rd. Grayslake. (Ellingsen) |

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE LAKE COUNTY DETACHMENT 801

Lake County Detachment Marine Corps League Foundation, Inc Officers

President-	Al Seyler
Treasurer-	Mel Ellingsen
Secretary-	Jerry Pedrin

Directors

Jim Sroka, Richard Butler, Ed Mampe, Warren Blacklock and Joe Wallace.

The Foundation has not received any requests for aid at this time.`

The Al Lynch Foundation and the VAC agreed to share the costs of our last request of \$4,000 for water pipe repair.

The "Boat Load of Booze" fund raiser for the Foundation was kicked off at the last Meeting. Mel and I have tickets.

Purpose of the Foundation as a 501 3 (c) tax exempt organization is to provide comfort, support, financial assistance and educational aid to improve the quality of life for military personnel in all branches of the United States Armed Forces and veterans who have served and their families.

If you know or hear of any Veteran or Family that could use some assistance, contact us.

Semper Fi

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President
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Related Military Links

US Department of Veterans Affairs

Lake County Veterans Assistance Commission

Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs

Marine Corps League Hdqtrs

Honor Flight Lake County

Illinois Marine

VFW Action Corps Weekly

American Legion

Sgt Grit

Dept of Illinois Convention 14-17 June 2018 Crystal Lake, IL