

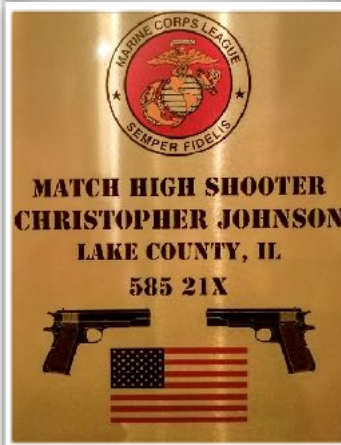
# THE JAWHEAD JOURNAL

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At our first meeting at Steven's in March over 65 members and guests enjoyed dining on traditional corned beef and cabbage. 2017 Postal Pistol awards were presented. Here are a couple of them.



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**Our next meeting is Monday  
16 April starting at  
1900 (7 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 Al Blut.**



**Who is this Mystery Marine?**

**Where Stuff Is**

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**COMMANDANT'S COMMENTS**

Well, it is that time of the month again when I need to get out an article for the Jarhead journal. I am looking at the weather and grounds around my area and see that there is a beginning of a new season starting. Grass is starting to grow, flowers are starting to bloom, and there are even buds on some of my trees.

All that reminded me that our detachment has sprouted wings and has taken off in a new direction also. We have a new meeting place that is great. None of the 65 people that attended our first meeting at Stevens had any negative words to say about the place. It's on one floor, there are bathrooms in the back of the room, the bar is only 10 feet away from any door in the room, and the food was excellent. We were able to get a discounted price for drinks at the bar and were assured that before and after every meeting we can get food from the bar menu if anyone is hungry, at a price of less than \$15 for everything on the bar menu.

We are looking for ways to increase attendance at the meetings. We now have a room that is comfortable and we have less than 30 feet from the head table to any chair in the room. This should make it easier for the hard of hearing to participate. There is plenty of parking and it is only a short walk to the room. In the summer months there will be a seating place outside for a get together before and after the meetings.

We were able to get a quantity of Jackets from a source. These jackets can not be sold so we are going to give them away as the door prize to all members in good standing that attend the meeting on 16 April. We have a limited supply of large, extra large, and XX large jackets. No Mediums or smalls. Jackets will be given out in the order you signed into the meeting on the roster. You will have an opportunity to try on the jackets prior to being issued on if you desire. We will issue jackets until they are all gone or everyone has one.

We are also planning a pizza and bingo event for Memorial Day at Bldg 134 at the VA. The event starts at 1:30 PM and will last about 2 hours. We are looking for a few volunteers to assist us. This will give you a good incite into how we interact with the Veterans and how much they appreciate the fact that we show up twice a month to visit.

We also are planning a service to honor our fallen detachment members. The plan is to do this sometime around Memorial Day. A notice was sent our a while back asking for help in this matter. NO ONE responded. This is our detachment Guys and Gals. We are only as good as the members we have in it that are willing to help make it the "Best Damn Detachment in the Nation". You can not expect a handful of people to continually do the work of the detachment. We are only as good as our members allow us to be. If you don't pitch in once in a while we will be no better that some of the detachments who only have a handful of members come and drink coffee and shoot the breeze instead of having a productive meeting. I don't know about the rest of you but I did not sign on for this. We need to step up.

I have said before and will repeat now. If you are not happy with the way things are voice your opinion, If you are interested in making this a great detachment then you need to step up and help.

Jerry Pedrin

Commandant 847-687-6663



**CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**

My fellow Marines, it is with great concern that I ***CONTINUE*** to appeal to your sense of honor, patriotism and service. There are forces within, and outside of our country that will stop at nothing to change our system of civil liberties.

We cannot afford to continue to be the “silent majority”, if we do nothing, in a few years we will not recognize our country! Those “rights” guaranteed by our Constitution, which we all swore to uphold and protect, are being eroded as we speak, by liberal politicians, judges and the media. I would again urge you, as I did last month to contact your elected officials, all have emails and many are receptive to your concerns.

This country, with its system of government, and Judeo-Christian believes, is a gift from GOD, and as with all of GOD's gifts with must treasure them, protect them and share them!

Let's honor our GOD, by honoring our pledge to uphold and protect our constitution, by honoring and helping those less fortunate, by letting our voices be heard, by being Americans!

Hopefully, these and last month's words are not empty words, falling on ears that do not hear. Please let me know if these messages are important to you, contact me via: email [landrauhank@gmail.com](mailto:landrauhank@gmail.com), phone: 847-652-7764, or in person.

Making America great again, requires all of us. GOD BLESS AMERICA, GOD BLESS OUR CORPS, AND GOD BLESS YOU!

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**

**1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE—BOAT PLUS 50 BOTTLES OF BOOZE**

**2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE—25 BOTTLES OF BOOZE**

**3<sup>RD</sup> thru 10<sup>TH</sup> 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

## MARINE CORPS LEAGUE LAKE COUNTY DETACHMENT 801



and

then

**SMED**

said;

**ADAPT! INNOVATE! OVERCOME!**

Fellow members of “THE BEST DAMNED DETACHMENT IN THE NATION,”  
Lake County Detachment #801.

**A HUGE THANK YOU!!**



With your great support, Team Lampinen exceeded it's fundraising goal for the St. Baldrick's Foundation.

Team Lampinen, comprised of myself, my son-in-law and granddaughter, raised \$5,060.00 of the \$10,538.00 collected campus-wide at Carroll University on March 11 to benefit pediatric cancer research. Your contributions totaled, \$1,290.00 WOW!

The three of us joined several dozen “SHAVEES” who had also collected donations, and as you can see from the pictures, had our “melons” shaved bald as doorknobs in support of this worthy cause.

Thank you all for helping make this memorable day such a success!

**It is not too late to donate to this worthy cause. Go to; [www.stbaldricks.org](http://www.stbaldricks.org) participant #949333**

**Thank you all for your generous support!**

SEMPER FIDELIS!

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## **Marine Corps League Lake County Detachment 801**

### **Fundraiser Dates**

May 12, 2018 – Highland Park Jewel, 1600 Deerfield Rd, Highland Park.

May 26, 2018 – Antioch Jewel, 966 IL-59, Antioch.

June 2, 2018 – TBD

June 9, 2018 – Highland Park Jewel, 1600 Deerfield Rd, Highland Park.

June 16, 2018 – Grayslake Jewel, 885 E. Belvidere Rd. Grayslake.

June 23, 2018 – Fox Lake Jewel, 1350 US-12, Fox Lake.

June 30, 2018 – Round Lake Beach Jewel, 900 E. Rollins Rd, Round Lake Beach.

July 7, 2018 - Waukegan Jewel, 3124 N. Lewis, Waukegan.

July 14, 2018 – Gurnee Jewel, 6905 W. Grand Ave, Gurnee.

July 21, 2018 – Libertyville Jewel, 1300 S. Milwaukee Ave, Libertyville.

### **Toys for Tots Dates**

October 6, 2018 – Antioch Jewel, 966 IL-59, Antioch.

October 13, 2018 – Gurnee Jewel, 6905 W. Grand Ave, Gurnee.

October 20, 2018 - Grayslake Jewel, 885 E. Belvidere Rd. Grayslake.

October 27, 2018 - Round Lake Beach Jewel, 900 E. Rollins Rd, Round Lake Beach.

November 3, 2018 - Highland Park Jewel, 1600 Deerfield Rd, Highland Park.

November 10, 2018 – Libertyville Jewel, 1300 S. Milwaukee Ave, Libertyville.

November 17, 2018 – Mundelein Jewel, 1501 S. Lake St, Mundelein.

November 24, 2018 – Waukegan Jewel, 3124 N. Lewis Ave, Waukegan.

December 1, 2018 – TBD

December 8, 2018 – TBD

December 15, 2018 – TBD

All times are 1000 – 1500, Uniform of the day will be Red Polo's with Red Piss covers.

**CAPTAIN JAMES A. LOVELL FHCC VISITS**



**VA HOSPITAL VISITATION TEAM**

It is once again time to remind all of you that we have a Veterans Hospital Team that visits the Veterans each second and forth Thursday of the month. We met at the cafeteria in bldg 133 about 1:30 P.M. and then break apart to visit the different buildings and wards. Each of these visits last about two hours.

We visit three different types of patients. The first are the patients that have pressing medical problems such as illnesses or broken body parts. A lot of these people are active duty personnel. They are usually at the hospital for a week or so and then returned to their unit. We are luck if we see them once while they are there.

The second set of patients are the veterans who are in need of medical care and are not able to go to extended care facilities. These people are usually in the hospital for a month to several months and get medical treatment on a daily basis. They usually live too far from a Veterans facility and therefore must be sent to one a distance from their homes to receive this care. We usually get to see them several times before they are discharged.

The last set of patients are the ones that need nursing home type care of need medial attention occasionally. These people usually have no place else to go and therefore are housed in Veterans hospitals as long as there is a need for some sort of medical care occasionally. These people are the ones who we see each and every time we visit.

All three types are eager to see and communicate with us on our visits. Some get no visitors other than us and really look forward to our visits. We usually bring them books, toilet articles, or a trinket from recruiters to let them know someone is thinking of them.

If there are any of you that would like to visit the hospital with our team, feel free to contact one of us on the team. We will be more than happy to include you on our visit and you can see for yourself what a joy it is to be a part of something as wonderful as these hospital visits are. There are few things in this world that bring you instant gratification when you do them. Hospital visits are one of those acts. You can see the eyes of the Veterans light up as we walk the halls and enter their rooms.

We hope to get all of you at one time or another to come and visit with us. It will certainly change your mind on how and what the Veterans hospital does her in our area.

**Jerry Pedrin**  
**Commandant 847-687-6663**





## **COLOR & HONOR GUARD**



March 11th - The Color Guard lead the St. Pats parade from the Toadstool Pub in Highwood, owned by Tom Mann's, cousin Tom, in Highwood.

It's an informal parade in that everyone from the bar, dressed in their finest Irish, piled out on the street and we marched around 2 blocks. It was a terrific fun time with Corn beef and all the fixings washed down with cold beer. Thank you Cousin Tommy for all the hospitality and support.

March 31<sup>st</sup> - Thousands of people came to watch us lead the Easter Parade down Main street in Antioch. But the weather Gods gave us rain, strong winds and cold so the planers canceled the Parade. We signed autographs for about an hour until the crowd started ripping the Medals and Collar Ornaments from our uniforms. We then went to the Commanders house for Coffee and Donuts.

April 14<sup>th</sup>- Chicago Cubs vs. St. Louis Cardinals. 7:05 Start. We are on the A-List. The hated Cardinals!! Then on June 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:20pm the Los Angles Dodgers!!

April 21<sup>st</sup>-NAMI Spring Gala April 21st at Northmore Country Club in Highland Park at 6:30pm. It is their Major fund raising dinner. We will present Colors.

There will be over 250 folks in attendance including the former Undersecretary of the Army, Patrick Murphy, and Illinois Director of Veterans affairs, Erica Jefferies.

We need volunteers to carry the Banner and pass out applications. See me or any Member of the Color Guard.

Al Seyler  
Commander



# **EAGLE SCOUT'S**



## **Scheduled Eagle Scout Presentations**

- Apr 7 Ryan Joseph Scimeca, Troop 188, 5:00 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)
- Apr 14 Carson J. Scott & Alexander J. Redmond, Troop 190, 12:30 PM, Antioch VFW 75 North Ave., Antioch, (Ellingsen)
- Apr 28 Collin Benjamin Glen Maglio, Troop 655, 12:30 PM, St Mark's Church 3350 N. Delany Rd. Waukegan, (Seyler)
- Apr 28 William D. Ciesinski, Troop 48, 3 PM, American Legion Post 264 801 N. McKinley Rd. Lake Forest, (Seyler)
- Apr 29 Jacob Vernon Stutzman, Troop 96, 12:30 PM, Bethel Lutheran Church 5110 Grand Ave., Gurnee, (Homan)
- Apr 29 Marc A. Antonucci, Troop 48, 3:00 PM, CROYA 400 Hastings Rd., Lake Forest. (Homan)

## **NATIONAL PISTOL MATCH**

### **INDIVIDUAL**

MATCH HIGH SHOOTER  
CHRISTOPHER JOHNSON      LAKE COUNTY 801      585-21X

### **HIGH MASTER**

2ND PLACE      JAMES SROKA      LAKE COUNTY 801      579-20X  
3RD PLACE      CHARLES BARUFFI      LAKE COUNTY 801      576-27X

### **MASTER**

1ST PLACE      JOSHUA TRAN      LAKE COUNTY 801      565-14X  
2ND PLACE      DAVID RICHARDS      MCHENRY COUNTY, IL      563 15X

### **EXPERT**

1ST PLACE      BOBBY HIGGINS      MCHENRY COUNTY, IL      495 9X  
3RD PLACE      ANTHONY JOSEPH      LAKE COUNTY 801      486-8X

### **SHARPSHOOTER**

1ST PLACE      JOHN GLEDHILL      LAKE COUNTY 801      517-11X  
2ND PLACE      JOHN JEZIORO      LAKE COUNTY 801      422  
3RD PLACE      RICHARD BUTLER      LAKE COUNTY 801      369-3X

## **NATIONAL PISTOL MATCH** (continued)

### **TEAM**

#### **PISTOL MATCH TEAM WINNER**

LAKE COUNTY 801

2867-87X

CHRISTOPHER JOHNSON, JAMES SROKA, CHARLES BARUFFI, CESAR GARCIA and JOSHUA TRAN

#### **2ND PLACE**

MCHENRY COUNTY, IL 2703 54X

### **EXPERT TEAM**

#### **1ST PLACE**

LAKE COUNTY 801

2387-14X

JOHN GLEDHILL, ALFRED SEYLER, STEVEN LLEWELLYN, MEL ELLINGSEN and JAMES ST CLAIR

### **SHARPSHOOTER TEAM**

#### **2ND PLACE**

LAKE COUNTY 801

2025-13X

JAMES QUINN, GARY BRAUN, RICHARD BUTLER, ANTHONY JOSEPH and JOHN JEZIORO

#### **3RD PLACE**

LAKE COUNTY 801

2025-13X

ED MROZINSKI, ROBERT REPP, ALLEN LYNCH, WILLIAM SMITH and STEPHEN KELLY

Reading the above carefully, you noticed that our sister detachment from McHenry County #1009 appears in these results. As a detachment, we need to realize that McHenry County is knocking on our door and want to take over as the match/group winners. We cannot let that happen! Soon we will be able to start practicing. Please be sure you get out and put the time into becoming the best you can be!



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

A meeting of the Board will be scheduled soon.

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

Al Seyler  
President  
847-220-1525

***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**