

# THE JARHEAD JOURNAL

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At our second meeting held at Steven's we had a terrific attendance with 49 members.

Check out our Color Guard at the Cubs Game 8 May? Have you every seen such a good looking guard?



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**Every regular and associate member must pay their annual dues by August 31st each year. You can now pay with a credit/debit card by clicking [here](#).**

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Librarian:	Gary Braun
Web Sgt.:	Mel Ellingsen

**Our next meeting is Monday  
21 May 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 Ron  
Engel.**



**Who is this Mystery Marine?**

**Where Stuff Is**

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**COMMANDANT'S COMMENTS**

Ladies and Gents, it is once again I sit to write about the Detachment and what we are doing. I think we have been doing some very important things in the past several months. We are trying to improve the detachment and have a little fun while we do that. I hope each and every one of you can pitch in and help us with the upcoming things we plan on doing.

We have changed our meeting location. Everyone I have spoken with seems to agree that our new location at Steven's Restaurant is a great location. It has solved the problem of climbing stairs for the handicapped. It has given us bathrooms in the meeting area. The bar is just outside our room. You can get a bite to eat before and after the meetings.

We have started the Boat Load of Booze raffle. Tickets are available from Mel if you need more to sell. We made a little over \$12,000 two years ago and are looking to make \$15,000 this year. It is easy to sell these tickets so get a Buddy and try to sell a few on an afternoon or an early evening.

We have reached out to some prospective members and will probably have new members sign up this month. There are several hundred retired or separated Marines in the County that are not aware we are here or what we do. Lets see if we can contact a few and get them interested.

Our Young Marines have been doing some great work. Several members were out to help them a while back with their Opiate Awareness Rally in Gurnee and Waukegan. They could use our assistance periodically so let's try to give them a hand now and then.

When Al Seyler and I went to the 2<sup>nd</sup> District meeting a while back we discovered that the Tri-County Detachment Commandant works for a man who's father is a Vietnam Veteran. He has a 55-acre parcel of land near Volo and has graciously allowed the detachments of the Second District to use the land for casual outings. They have a lake on the property that can be used for fishing and swimming. There is a beautiful area there for camping or picnicking near the lake. There is a house on the property with a large deck and a barbecue grill. There are plans for an enclosed 25-foot pistol range and a 40-foot archery range also in one of the buildings. I am sure that they will be asking some of us to help make all these things usable but that should be no problem. A committee of two members of each detachment was formed to plan out how and what to work on and a schedule of events will be coming soon. This could really be a great benefit for our detachment if we give it a chance.

The color guard has picked up another date to present colors at Wrigley field. They were there on May 8<sup>th</sup> for a night game against Miami. They also were invited to Libertyville Days and asked to march in the Parade there June 16<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM.

A reminder also that our fundraisers will start on May 11<sup>th</sup> at the Jewel in Highland Park on Deerfield Road. The hours are 10 AM to 3 PM. Hope to see as many as are able to turn out.

Jerry Pedrin  
Commandant 847-687-6663

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

Marines and Navy Corpsman

It's that time of year again for us to come together and raise money for our unit. It takes a lot to keep this the detachment up and running, and this being one of the major things that we do to raise money it is so important that we get as many of you to show up and help.

The times are 1000 – 1500 but if you can only show up for a couple of hours that is fine as well. This more than just raising money, it's about us coming together, having a good laugh and sharing some old "war stories". I encourage each of you to try it out and I guarantee you won't regret it.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Semper Fi

Sr. Vice

J. Burns

### **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.

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



**CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**

Dream fearlessly, live boldly

Our Lord said, "I came to give you life and that you may have it more abundantly."

Life is to be lived and enjoyed to its fullest, not timidly but boldly! Couple that with the fact that we live in a country where opportunity and freedom are our God given inheritance.

Every day, we have the opportunity to decide how to spend our money, talents and our most precious comity time, in the service of our brothers and sisters. We can choose to learn new skills, regardless of our age. We can choose to travel, whether by car, train or air.

Though I'm close to seventy years old, I've chosen to learn to fly, and I'm even considering learning to play golf! Our first priority is to stay as healthy as possible, by making better choices in lifestyle. We can choose to change how and what we eat, walking instead of riding, riding our bikes instead of sitting in front of the tv, volunteer at a food pantry, enrich the life of shut-ins or someone who is hospitalized. The choices are endless!

We can choose to live life abundantly, enjoying every minute until the last minute of our lives!

**DREAM FEARLESSLY, LIVE BOLDLY!**

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.

This month, I would like to share with you the MOTTO of the  
Lake Itaska Region Pioneer Farmers, Inc. concerning membership participation.

Are you an active member, the kind that would be missed?  
Or are you just contented that your name is on the list?  
Do you attend the meeting and mingle with the flock?  
Or do you stay at home to criticize and knock?  
Do you take an active part to help the work along?  
Or are you satisfied to be, the kind to just belong?  
Do you do your job well, and without a kick?  
Or leave the work to just a few and talk about the clique.  
There's quite a program scheduled, that I'm sure you heard about,  
And 'twill be appreciated too, if you would come and help us out.  
Think this over, member, you know right from wrong,  
Are you an active member, or do you just belong?

### **WE NEED HELP WITH ALL FIRE TEAMS.**

Eagle Scout Presentation Team  
Veterans Hospital Visitation Team  
Color Guard & Ritual Team  
Fund Raising Team  
Raffle Ticket Selling for the M.C.L. Foundation

**CAPTAIN JAMES A. LOVELL FHCC VISITS**



**VA HOSPITAL VISITATION TEAM**

This past Thursday our team met again at the V.A. Hospital to visit again with the patients. Al and Charlotte, Warren, Don Bahe, Charles Butrim and Greg attended. We visited the patients in Bldg 133 and 134 passing out items and handmade weather houses to the patients. Warren then went to the Green Houses to visit those residents. Anyone wishing to join us on our next visit is welcome. We visit twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month. For this coming Memorial Day we are going to do Pizza and Bingo with the residents. We would like more help from volunteers to help us run the Bingo game and passing out pizza to the residents. The time is to be determined. If you would like to volunteer let one of us know and we will be happy to give you the information. We help those that helped our country.

Greg Cummings (847) 212-5454





## **COLOR & HONOR** **GUARD**



### **COLOR AND HONOR GUARD**

April 14th - Chicago Cubs vs. St. Louis Cardinals. 7:05 Start. We were there in 28 degree weather with the 20 mph wind straight in from the North. No worry about your beer getting warm.

April 21<sup>st</sup> - NAMI Spring Gala April 21<sup>st</sup> at Northmore Country Club in Highland Park. It was their Major fund raising dinner. We presented Colors in an awkward position at the top of some stairs overlooking the Ballroom. Invented a new Command. 3 steps backward---March.

Over 250 folks were in attendance including the former Undersecretary of the Army, Patrick Murphy, and Illinois Director of Veterans affairs, Erica Jefferies.

May 8<sup>th</sup> - Cubs vs. Miami Marlins. 7:05 start. The Army was scheduled to present Colors and surrendered. Once again the Marines came to the rescue and saved the day. Beautiful warm day—wonderful!!

#### **Upcoming Events-**

May 19<sup>th</sup> - Steve Kelly Memorial 1300-1500 Marine Corps League Ritual at 1400.

Waukegan Police will stand Honor Guard.

Mag 48 flag folding

Det. 801 Volley

Jim Reynolds Taps

May 24<sup>th</sup> - Thursday at 1400 present at Winchester House in Libertyville.

May 28<sup>th</sup> - Lindenhurst War Memorial - 1000 Volley

June 16<sup>th</sup> - Libertyville Days Parade - 1100 from train station south on Milwaukee Ave.

June 20<sup>th</sup> - Cubs vs. Dodger. 7:05 start.

One more time!!! We need new Members!!!! - 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**

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| May 6  | Logan Kenneth Lofland, Troop 52, 3 PM, First Presbyterian Church 824 Waukegan Rd. Deerfield,. (Carle)                   |
| May 12 | Trent Koenig, Troop 194, 3:00 PM, Rondout Elementary School 28593 N. Bradley RD. Lake Forest. (Ellingsen)               |
| May 17 | Ian Wright, Troop 188, 7:00 PM during the normal troop meeting. (Ellingsen)   |
| May 19 | Nathan W. Ehrenhofer, Troop 323, 1:30 PM, Lakewood Forest Preserve Shelter A, 24145 W. Ivanhoe RD. Wauconda.(Ellingsen) |
| May 20 | Nathan Henry Hobbs, Troop 451, 1:00 PM, United Protestant Church 54 S. Whitney St Grayslake (Stack)                     |
| May 20 | Brian A. Szczech, Troop 275, 3 PM, Camp Crown 11651 304 <sup>th</sup> Ave. Trevor, WI 53179,(Butler)                    |
| May 26 | Nathaniel J. Sweitzer, Troop 71, 12:30 PM, Crawford Warming House 817 W. Lake St., Libertyville(Butler)                 |
| May 27 | Nolan J. Simonds, Troop 198, 1:30 PM. St. Andrews Church 10 S. Lake St., Mundelein (Homan)                              |
| May 27 | Robert G. Black, Troop 273, 3:30 PM, Christ Lutheran Church 595 Deerpath Dr. Vernon Hills.(Homan)                       |

## **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**