

THE JARHEAD JOURNAL

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Congratulations to WWII Marine Leo Mordini as he celebrated his 90th birthday with family and friends on 2 JUN.

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**Our next meeting is Monday
18 JUN 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 Frank
Mateus.**



Who is this Mystery Marine?

Where Stuff Is

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COMMANDANT'S COMMENTS

Once again I sit at the keyboard to compose an article for the Journal. It seems like these articles are needed weekly even though I know they are only done once a month. It is getting to the busy summer season and I know a lot of you are planning out your summer trips and things to fit everything in. I would like to remind you that we at the MCL have things going on this summer also and ask that you please try to include a couple of our engagement into your summer. We look forward to seeing all of you at our events.

Five members of the color guard had the pleasure to meet one of our long time members at a presentation of colors last week. While speaking with this member and his wife he informed us that he was a member but had not been attending ANY of our events for the past FOUR years or so.

I was informed that they still did get our monthly meeting minutes and the Jarhead Journal. I was told that they knew about our move to Stevens Restaurant and thought that might have been a good idea. Both of them seemed to be in fairly good health so I asked why they had not been coming to the events or meeting anymore.

The member (who shall remain anonymous) told me that he thought the League was getting too clannish and didn't seem to care about its members anymore. He said especially the last time he attended a meeting. He sat at a table and no one sat with him. He said he was not spoken to by anyone the entire meeting. He then said that he decided that was his last meeting if the membership was going to act in that manner,

I and the other members there tried to assure him that that was not the case with the membership in the last several months. He was told that we had made great efforts to speak to all members prior to and after the meetings in an attempt to make everyone feel welcome. We had recognized prior to that those same concerns and were actively doing what we could to correct that problem.

After we left I began to realize that this is just one of the areas that we need to be constantly checking on to make sure that our detachment stays "The Best Damn Detachment in the Nation." If even one of our members feels this way we have a serious problem. All of us need to do everything in our power to correct this problem or even the PERCEPTION of this being a problem.

Before the couple left, we were assured that the member could attend again in the future to see if things had changed. He said he would then decide if he would return to the group or not. Needless to say, this was hard to hear from a Life Member of our group.

We have done some great things in the past several years and it would be a terrible thing if we were to regress to the point where our members decided not to attend our functions. This was only the voice of one member that we heard. How many more are out there that feel the same way or have other concerns. We need to speak to our members and see what they feel would be some good ideas to get the entire membership attending our functions.

We also have fundraisers going on, parades, and color guard presentations, a boat Load of Booze raffle and many other things that all need people to attend and help with. Lets see if we can all pitch in and assist in these endeavors. This is our detachment, lets show that we care about it and want it to succeed.

I personally am looking forward to seeing as many of you as can possibly attend each and every event we have coming up. Remember, you need not stay for the entire event. Just give us the time you can spare and that will be enough.

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

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

MEMORIAL DAY

Our Nation has set aside the last Monday in May as a day to remember, commemorate, and above all, honor our fallen military heros.

JOHN 15:13 SAYS: "GREATER LOVE HAS NO ONE THAN THIS: TO LAY DOWN ONES LIFE FOR ONE'S FRIEND"

It is NOT just a day to celebrate the unofficial start of the summer season, nor to save money on all the Memorial Day sales, but also of reverent celebration.

Today, as part of our worship of the LORD, we take time to remember those American warriors, those men and women, whom He has called home.
To paraphrase John F. Kennedy "A NATION REVEALS ITSELF NOT ONLY BY LEADERS IT PRODUCES, BUT ALSO BY THE WARRIORS IT REMEMBERS"

We, as citizens of this great nation, along with those of us who chose to serve her in the uniforms symbolic of her various military branches, stand and salute our great flag. On this day, that great symbol of our freedom is dipped to half-mast, so that SHE can pay tribute to those who died in her name!

How many of us have felt a chill at the site of thousands of flags decorating the graves of our warriors at Arlington National Cemetery and other hallowed grounds across the country on this day? Not surprising, since the life of these heroes is being lifted up. It is also a reminder that freedom has a cost.

These fallen warriors share a special heritage, a common bond with today's active duty warriors, it doesn't matter whether privates or generals, if you look into their eyes, you would see the same values: pride of service, loyalty, duty, respect, integrity, personal courage, and honor!

These men and women left the safety of their homes, their country, to face and defeat tyrants, ensure justice, and protect freedom at home and on foreign soil. Their lives were dedicated not to conflict or death, but to compassion and to life.

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We have all felt the stinging pain of the sacrifice these warriors have made for their country.

Mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, spouses, and friends know the unspeakable suffering of their loss. We honor them as well.

We honor the families of those who did not return home, who do not have the comfort of final closure. We honor them for their resilience, dedication and commitment to their warriors, which shine as a beacon for the rest of us.

Our nation is committed to continue efforts to locate, identify and repatriate those heroes that have yet to return home. The ethos of all warriors is: we will leave none behind.

This month we honor those who have given all, in the service of their country. As the inheritors of their sacrifice, we must insure that sacrifice was not in vain. There are still forces in the world that don't share our values. We must insure that we remain strong, mentally, morally, spiritually, and maintain the finest, best equipped, best trained, fighting force in the world. You see, terror will not rest, violence will not sleep, and evil will not die.

If we respect, remember and honor those who have served; compassion will prevail, justice will triumph, and freedom will reign.

I ask you to remember those who fought and died fighting terror and oppression. Fought and died for freedom. I ask you to remember these warriors, but never forget the missing, and pray to our LORD for comfort and support for their families.

Lets resolve this Memorial Day, and every day thereafter to pray to with passion, joy, and enthusiasm to our LORD to continue to bless this land, this land of the free, because of brave.

God bless you and Semper Fi

Hank Landrau, Chaplain

MARINES!!

Please continue to sell all those tickets in your possession. Please bring with you any sold tickets and the cash to our next meeting on 18 JUN. 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

CAPTAIN JAMES A. LOVELL FHCC VISITS



Detachment members attending the annual VA Volunteer Thank You Luncheon. Pictured left to right is Greg Cummings, Nada Sydow, Charlotte and Al Blut, Betsy

VA HOSPITAL VISITATION TEAM

On May 28th our detachment's VA Hospital Team celebrated their 7th Annual Memorial Day Pizza/Bingo party at the Capt. James A. Lovel Federal Health Care Center. It's hard to believe that we have been doing this for seven years and have been told by Staff at the VA how much it is appreciated especially since it a very quiet day at the hospital.

Between our Detachment, the Young Marines, and others, we had a good group of volunteers to help with wheeling patients to and from the party, assisting with the Bingo cards, and serving the pizza and cold drinks.. Our Detachment was well represented by: Ed Mampe and Carol, Greg Cummings and Cheryl, Art Boyle and Barbara, Brian Szempruich and Niko, Al Blut and Charlotte, Scott Bastein, Nada Snyder, Gerry Pedrin, John Jezioro, Jim Swab, and Warren Blacklock. Lori Staben brought eleven Young Marines to round out our representation. We had a good time and the Veterans really enjoyed themselves. What was also nice was that we saw some Vets that we see when we do our Ward visits.

This is one of the programs that our Detachment supports at the VA. The members of the Visitation Team, under Greg Cummings, appreciate your support in carrying out all the program that we provide to the Veterans.



COMMANDANT RECEIVES AWARD

City of Waukegan held a Veterans Memorial Ceremony on Sunday, May 27th, at the Pavilion on the lake front.

The Mayor of Waukegan, along with several Aldermen, presented “Proud Citizen” Awards to a member of each of the five branches of service. Representing the United States Marine Corps was our own Commandant Jerry Pedrin. The Waukegan JROTC presented Colors and performed several demonstrations of precision rifle drill.

We are also proud of our Commandant.

COLOR & HONOR GUARD



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The Detachment Color/Honor Guard is staying very busy.

May 8th - Presented Colors at the Cubs vs. Miami Marlins baseball game. 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!!

May 19th - Steve Kelly Memorial Service - Marine Corps League Ritual was held at 1400. MACG 48 performed the flag folding and Det. 801 fired the rifle volley. Jim Reynolds blew Taps. It was a good Irish wake with lots of great food and drinks. We know Steve was smiling.

May 24th - Presented Colors at the Winchester House in Libertyville.

May 25th - This time the Navy Color Guard and Band pulled up anchor and abandoned the VAC. Call the Marines!!!_We arrived and presented Colors at the College of Lake County.

May 28th - At the Lindenhurst War Memorial on Memorial Day we fired a volley to end the Ceremony.

Upcoming Events

June 20th - Presenting Colors at the Cubs vs. Dodgers baseball game. 7:05 PM start. One more time to Wrigley Field!!!

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



Since 1 JUL 2017 we will be making 79 Ka-Bar presentations through 30 JUN 2018.

- Jun 9 Clayton James Schneider, Troop 46, 10:00 am, First Presbyterian Church Lake Forest (Butler)
- Jun 9 John Douglas Rallo, Troop 273, 12:30 PM., Christ Lutheran Church 595 Deerpath Dr. Vernon Hills (Homan)
- Jun 10 Savannah T. Stevens, Lauren C. DiPietro and Natalie E. Brown Troop 41214, Jasmine J. McClendon Troop 41432, Nora E. Tucker Troop 40632, Ambika Singh. 1:00 PM., Girl Scout Gathering Place 650 Lakeview Pkwy Vernon Hills. (Seyler)
- Jun 16 James Gregory Burkardt, Troop 48, 12:30 PM, Lake Forest Amer Legion, 801 N. McKinley Rd. (Barclay)
- Jun 17 Kyle O. Hauder, Troop 675, 12:30 PM, Van Patten Woods Forest Preserve Shelter A, 15838 W. Rt. 173, Wadsworth (Barclay)

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.

FOUNDATION

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

The “Boat Load of Booze” fund raiser for the Foundation is nearing the end. Our goal is to raise **\$15,000.00** that we can give away to help Veterans, their Widows and kids. To date we have all of the “Booze” collected. We need to sell tickets !!! So far we have only sold \$6,000.00. We only have until July 16th to sell the remaining tickets.

Last Monday, after the Meeting, Brad had 2 cases of Booze that Steven’s was donating to the raffle. I pulled my car up to the front door and put the boxes in my SUV. A couple came out and the Lady had a “to go” box. I said look at my “to go” Box and pointed at the Bottles. She asked what we were doing and Jerry and I explained the Raffle and she asked if she could buy 12 tickets--\$100.00!!!

After the fund raiser at the Antioch Jewel, Jerry and I went to Kenosha Marina and sold \$500.00 worth of tickets. We can all sell tickets—Just ask people. Time is short. We need your help.

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

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE LAKE COUNTY DETACHMENT 801

DETACHMENT LIBRARY - Smedley Richard Butler is our Librarian

AUTHOR	TITLE	DESCRIPTION
ALEXANDER, COL. JOSEPH H. USMC (RET.)	A FELLOWSHIP OF VALOR	Battle history of the U.S. Marines
BEVILACQUA, ALLEN C.	THE WAY IT WAS	Humor: About Marines by Marines
BRADY, JAMES	WHY MARINES FIGHT	Story of a country at war as seen through the eyes of its warriors
BROKAW, TOM	THE GREATEST GENERATION SPEAKS	Letters written back and forth from the front
BRYANT & STREBE	DESERT DOGS	Marines of Operation Iraqi Freedom
BUEKHOLSWE, FERNER & LeFENDRE, WALTER	FRIENDS MADE; MOMENTS SHARED; MEMORIES FOR LIFE	Oral History of US Marine Corps Scout bombing Squadron VMSB-343
CHAMBERS II, JOHN WHITECLAY	AMERICAN MILITARY HISTORY	Goldmine of information on American military history using battles and soldiers
CLARK, CMDR EUGENE FRANKLIN, USN	THE SECRETS OF INCHON	Most daring covert mission of the Korean War
COHEN, AARON	BROTHERHOOD OF WARRIORS	Behind enemy lines with one of the world's most elite counter-terrorism units
CAWFORD, STEVE	THE U.S. MARINE CORPS IN WWII	Photos and the stories behind them
CHENOWITH, COL. H. AVERY, USMCR(Ret.) with COL. BROOKE NIHART, USMC (Ret.)	SEMPER FI	The Definitive Illustrated History of the U.S. Marines
CRUMLEY, B. L.	THE MARINE CORPS, THREE CENTURIES OF GLORY (paperback)	Thorough, authoritative history of the Marine Corps since its formation
CRUMLEY, B. L.	THE MARINE CORPS, THREE CENTURIES OF GLORY (hardcover)	Thorough, authoritative history of the Marine Corps since its formation
DAVIS, KENNETH S.	SOLDIER OF DEMOCRACY	First hand account of Gen. Eisenhower from early years in Texas through WWII
de ST. JORRE, JOHN	THE MARINES	Photographic look at character and nature of the Marines
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HALLAS, JAMES H.	KILLING GROUND ON OKINAWA	The battle for Sugar Loaf Hill
HAMEL, ERIC	CHOSIN	Heroic ordeal of the Korean War
HERSEY, JOHN	INTO THE VALLEY	Deeds of one company of marines during one small battle on Guadalcanal
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TUCKER, MIKE	RONIN/A MARINE SCOUT-SNIPER PLATOON IN IRAQ	
WILCOX, ROBERT K.	TARGET: PATTON	A plot to assassinate Gen. George S. Patton
WUKOVITS, JOHN	ONE SQUARE MILE OF HELL	The battle for Tarawa

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