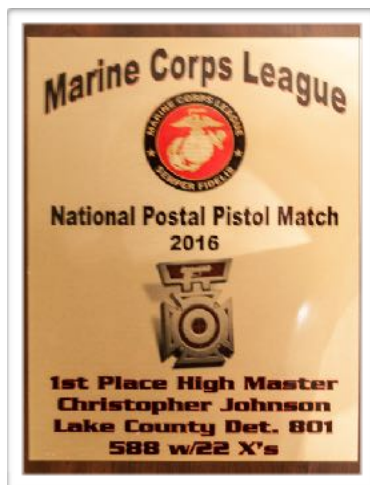
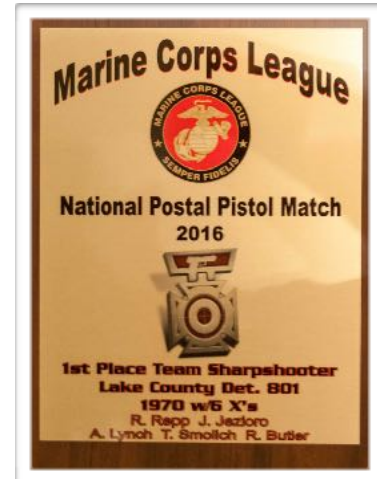
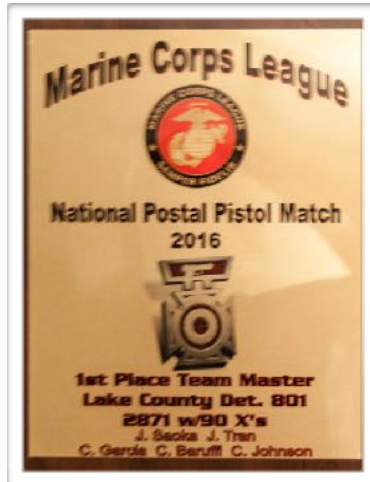


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***The Editor's Area  
by Mel Ellingsen***

Congratulations to all the MCL  
Postal Pistol shooters!!!

Semper Fi!

Don't forget to Like us [here](#) on  
Facebook!



Who is this mystery Marine of 801?



Last month's Mystery Marine  
was Jim Sroka

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## MARINE CORPS LEAGUE LAKE COUNTY DETACHMENT 801

### **COMMANDANT'S CORNER**

#### **To all Marines, Associates and FMF Corpsmen of "The Best Damned Detachment in the Nation".**

On April 17<sup>th</sup>, at our last Detachment meeting there was some discussion concerning our presence (and perceived exclusion) and involvement as a unit pertaining to the Color Guard during a members' funeral.

I would like to address that topic without being redundant, and without investing more time at an already lengthy Detachment meeting.

By family request, Detachment #801 participates in a "Religious Funeral Service" as dictated by National Headquarters, Marine Corps League, in the revised and updated Ritual Handbook. As prescribed (page #27), The Ceremonial Officer will contact members of the Color Guard Unit and provide a squad to participate in the funeral. Participation may include; Escort at Funeral Home (Casket Guard), Pallbearers, Color Guard, Chaplain, Rifle Squad, and/or Bugler.

Traditionally, #801 has also provided an opportunity for each member to render a "final salute" during the Wake, at end of service.

To provide the dignity and respect that all departed Marines are due at this time, the Color Guard implemented some guidelines to ensure that level of respect was maintained.

Twice monthly, the Funeral Detail practices the moves necessary to execute the Casket Guard, the Flag Folding, the Rifle Volley and TAPS. They practice so as to provide the snap and precision expected from Marines in any endeavor undertaken. These are not Marines fresh out of Boot Camp. Most have not been on a Drill Field for over 50 years and all need the practice.

If you would like to participate in this somewhat precision exercise, come out to the practice on Thursday evenings. If you would like to join, all the better, but at least learn the proper procedure and dress for participation.

The whole Detachment also has an opportunity to render 'farewell' to our comrade and Brother/Sister by participating in the 'Final Salute'. All that is required is to attend in at least a red Detachment shirt and cover, & black trousers (if possible), looking as if you belonged to the Detachment.

No member will be denied the opportunity to wish our departed members farewell!

Semper Fi  
Smedley

### **CHAPLAIN'S CHAT**

Whose GOD is HE anyway?

I serve a loving, forgiving, gracious and merciful God, a God who is infinitely patient and understanding with His children. Children whom He has given the "free will" to believe in, and accept Him or not.

It is because of and through this "free will" that we express our obedience and dedication to the god of our choice or even to no god at all.

Our founding fathers knew this well and though they created this country on a foundation of Judeo-Christian beliefs, they protected our right to choose, or not choose a religious preference.

As marines we pledged our lives to protect this and other freedoms guaranteed by our constitution.

Though I'm a Christian chaplain, I am a chaplain for ALL my marine brothers and sisters. My God has big arms to embrace us all.

Do not let the fact that I am a Christian stop you from seeking counsel, comfort and or prayer. Regardless of your beliefs, please accept my invitation to talk.

I am, and always will be at your disposal.

God Bless, and Semper Fi.

Hank Landrau

**SR. VICE COMMANDANT'S CORNER**

Jerry Pedrin

Greetings to the Marines, FMF corpsmen, and associates of "The Best Damn Detachment in the Nation." I have been on a little trip with my wife to see the National Quilt Show in Paducah, Kentucky for the past 10 days. I thought everything would be fine and we would just spend a little money buying material for the quilts, table runners, hot pads and placemats she makes. Boy was I wrong.

Shortly after we got there it began to rain. Well, not just rain, IT POURED. And it didn't stop. By the time we left on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, it had rained over 27 inches in the past 30 days, and they had areas where they got over 12 inches in less than two days. Guess where we were.

There was so much water that roads were being closed all over the area. Businesses were being closed due to the flooding and entire blocks of several towns were cut off and under water. During all this mess my wife was able to complete her search for materials and did get the sights of the quilt show in.

What really amazed me thought was the way the people there came together to help those in need. As the water was rising and flooding shopping centers I was able to see people running out the front door with perishable foods, water, bedding, and other staples they were loading on trucks to be taken to hastily set up shelters in schools and churches. They did not have to wait for approval from their corporate offices or someone in another part of the state.

There were school children standing in the food lines serving the people in the shelters. Several groups were organized to go into the flooded areas to ensure that all the people were evacuated from their homes. Even rural homes were checked by volunteers. They reminded me of the way our detachment takes care of our own and the veterans of Lake County. They reminded me of how we stood in the wind and cold to raise money for toys for the less fortunate we have here in our county.

With that in mind I would like to remind all of you that we have made the arrangement to start our fundraising for the detachment this spring. Let's see if we can get as great a turnout as we did for the fall Toys for Tots Program. That was awesome. Our first fundraiser will be May 13<sup>th</sup>. It will be at the Jewel at York house and Lewis in Waukegan from 10:00 AM until 3 PM. Here is the complete list of the dates and locations:

- 5/13 Jewel, York house and Lewis, Waukegan
- 5/20 Jewel, 1350 S. Hwy 12, Fox lake
- 5/27 Jewel, 1600 Deerfield Rd, Highland Park
- 6/3 Jewel, 1300 S. Milwaukee, Libertyville
- 6/10 Jewel, Grand and Hunt Club Rd, Gurnee (6905 W. Grand Ave)
- 6/17 Jewel, 59 & 173, Antioch
- 6/24 Jewel, 900 E. Rollins Rd, Round Lake Beach
- 7/8 Jewel, 855 Belvidere, Grayslake



## MARINE CORPS LEAGUE LAKE COUNTY DETACHMENT 801

### CAPTAIN JAMES A. LOVELL FHCC VISITS



## VA HOSPITAL VISITATION TEAM

### Greetings to all members of detachment 801.

I am writing this months message just outside a VA hospital in Kentucky. My wife and I came this way to attend the National Quilt Show in Paducah and the next thing you know I was here. I guess old habits are hard to break. I have not seen one Veteran that did not want someone they could talk with about their experiences in the service. The branch they served in didn't matter. We are all Veterans.

The hospital team were all sitting around the cafeteria before starting our journey a couple weeks ago in North Chicago when a gentleman we noticed was sitting a few chairs away. We were all surprised when we found that man to be one of our own DOC Art Hiser was having a bite to eat before a doctor visit. We learned he and his wife have been having medical problems and that is why we have not seen him at meetings. We wished both of them well and he left for his appointment.

We need to all look around for members or neighbors who we haven't seen in a while and call on them. I am sure a visit would be greatly appreciated. As ever, if any of you wish to attend a hospital visit with our group just contact one of us. We would be happy to take you along.

Jerry Pedrin. 847- 687- 6663



## **COLOR & HONOR GUARD**



Honoring the Lake County Honor Flight veterans when they returned from Washington, DC.

Hello Marines, FMF Corpsman and Associate Members;

The Guard had 2 events in April. On the 29th we presented colors at a baseball game at Stevenson H.S. Thanks goes out to Art, Tom, Ron, and Ed for doing that. We also had a welcome home in North Chicago for the Honor Flight Vets returning from DC on April 30th. Thanks to AL, Art, Smedley, Ed, Tom, and Ron.

On May 24th we will present colors at the 7:00 PM Cubs game against the SF Giants.  
Semper Fi---John Pickelman

John Pickelman  
[pjohn789@aol.com](mailto:pjohn789@aol.com)

## MARINE CORPS LEAGUE LAKE COUNTY DETACHMENT 801

### Membership Statistics

No longer will National MCL  
mail out dues reminders.  
Please mail your check for  
\$35 for your dues to:

Lake County Detachment  
801 MCL  
P.O. Box 7732  
Gurnee, IL 60031

Regular	74
Reg-Dual	1
Regular Marines	0
Life	69
Associate	9
Associate-Life	2
Assoc. Life Dual	1
Ass.-Life-Honor	1
Total	157
Regular	75
Life	69
Associate	13
Total	157

**Our next meeting in  
Monday 15 May  
starting at  
1900 (7 PM)  
at  
Primo Resturant  
720 Milwaukee Ave.  
Gurnee, IL**

### Life Membership Rates

A g e Group	L i f e Membership
0-35	\$500
36-50	\$400
51-64	\$300
64- over	\$200



# **EAGLE SCOUTS**



## **Scheduled Eagle Scout Presentations**

- 5/7 Gunnar F. Breneisen, Troop 323, 1:00 PM, Lake Villa VFW 130 W. Grand Ave., Lake Villa
- 5/7 Nick Borovak, troop 96, noon, Grayslake Historical Society 164 Hawley St. Grayslake,
- 5/13 Joseph Richard Grabowski, Troop 675, 11:00 AM, St. Patrick School-Dyer Hall 15020 W. Wadsworth Rd., Wadsworth
- 5/13 Zachary E. Linder, Troop 52, 2:00 PM, Lakeside Congregation, 1221 County Line Rd., Highland Park
- 5/14 Jonathan A. Rogan, Troop 71, 1:00 PM, First Presbyterian Church 219 W. Maple Ave. Libertyville
- 5/20 Evan John Elkin and Jared Scott Woodard, Troop 78, 10:30 AM, Community Christian Church 1970 Riverwoods Rd. Lincolnshire
- 5/20 Nikhil Chakrabarty, Troop 95, 12:00 PM. Century Park North Pavilion, 1401 Indianwood Dr. Vernon Hills
- 5/21 John H. Conway, Troop 50, 2:00 PM, St. Gregory Episcopal Church 815 Wilmot Rd, Deerfield
- 5/21 Ollie Driver, Troop 66, 3:00 PM, Our Lady of Humility 10655 W. Wadsworth Rd Beach Park
- 5/27 David Pigg, Thomas Powen, Ian Butler Troop 150 3:00 PM, Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church 10 Deerfield Rd., Deerfield.
- 5/27 Alec Martin Brandel, Troop 46, 3:00 PM, Gorton Community Center 400 E. Illinois Rd. Lake Forest
- 5/28 Kyle Jeffrey Barhorst, Troop 60, 2:00 PM, Adler Park Lodge 1500 N. Milwaukee Ave. Libertyville
- 5/30 Kevin Joseph Ahern Donahue and John Patrick Lazarus, Troop 46, 7:30 PM, First Presbyterian Church 700 N. Sheridan Rd., Lake Forest



## **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, Randy Christopher, Ed Mampe, Warren Blacklock and Joe Wallace

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

## MARINE CORPS LEAGUE LAKE COUNTY DETACHMENT 801

Who knew all this about Ted Williams?

When asked to name the greatest team he played on, Ted Williams said, "US Marines".



The Boston Red Sox slugger who wore No. 9 as a major league baseball star, would now be assigned to an F-9 Panther jet as a pilot. Ted flew a total of 39 combat missions in Korea. He was selected by his commander John Glenn (later the astronaut, senator, and 'septuagenonaut') to fly as Glenn's wingman.

While flying an air strike on a troop encampment near Kyomipo, Williams' F-9 was hit by hostile ground fire. Ted commented later: "The funny thing was I didn't feel anything. I knew I was hit when the stick started shaking like mad in my hands. Then everything went out, my radio, my landing gear, everything. The red warning lights were on all over the plane." The F-9 Panther had a centrifugal flow engine and normally caught fire when hit. The tail would literally blow off most stricken aircraft. The standard orders were to eject from any Panther with a fire in the rear of the plane. Ted's aircraft was indeed on fire, and was trailing smoke and flames. Glenn and the other pilots on the mission were yelling over their radios for Williams to get out. However, with his radio out, Williams could not hear their warnings and he could not see the condition of the rear of his aircraft. Glenn and another Panther flown by Larry Hawkins came up alongside Williams and lead him to the nearest friendly airfield. Fighting to hold the plane together, Ted brought his Panther in at more than 200-MPH for a crash landing on the Marsden-matted strip. With no landing gear, dive brakes, or functioning flaps, the flaming Panther jet skidded down the runway for more than 3000 feet. Williams got out of the aircraft only moments before it was totally engulfed in flames. Ted Williams survived his tour of duty in Korea and returned to major league baseball.

Pssst: Ted missed out flying combat missions during WW II, because his flying and gunnery skills were so good that he was kept as an instructor for much of the War. During advanced training at Pensacola, Florida Ted would accurately shoot the sleeve targets to shreds while shooting out of wing-overs, zooms, and barrel rolls. He broke the all time record for 'hits' at the school. Following Pensacola, Ted was sent to Jacksonville for advanced gunnery training. This is the payoff test for potential combat pilots. Ted set all the records for reflexes, coordination, and visual reaction time. As a result of his stunning success he was made an instructor at Bronson field to put Marine aviation cadets through their final paces. By 1945 Ted got his wish and was finally transferred to a combat wing, but weeks later the War was over. He was discharged from the military in December of 1945. Seven years later, in December of 1952, Ted was recalled to active duty as a Marine Corps fighter pilot.

***Related Military Links***

**US Department of Veterans Affairs**

**Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs**

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**Lake County Veterans Assistance Commission**

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**VFW Action Corps Weekly**

**Honor Flight McHenry County**

**Honor Flight Lake County**

**Veterans R & R**

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**Illinois Marine**

**Sgt Grit**