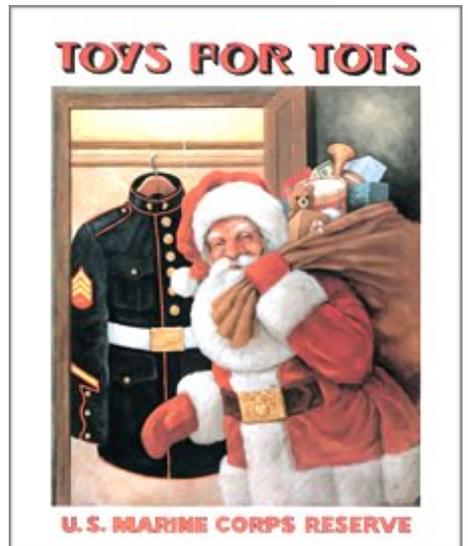


THE JARHEAD JOURNAL

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Jerry Pedrin, Toys for Tots Chairman and Sr. Vice Commandant, thanks each of the T4T Fire Team Leaders who placed boxes and collected toys for the kids with a 2016 Toys for Tots Foundation-Lake County challenge coin. From top left Al Blut, Rich 'Smedley' Butler, Al Seyler, Jim Sroka, Mel Ellingsen, Larry Lingen, Gary Braun and Ed Mrozinski, Ray DeGroot and Joe Auth.

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The Editor's Area by Mel Ellingsen

It's a new year, new commander-in-chief and time to clean out your closets. Bring your old clothes to donate to the Midwest Veterans Closet to our next meeting on February 20th.

Don't forget to check out our updated website.

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Semper Fi!

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

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Who is this mystery
Marine of 801?



Last month's Mystery Marine
was SgtMaj Dan Miller.

**COMMANDANT'S
CORNER**

**CHAPLAIN'S
CHAT**

February 2017

To all Marines and FMF Corpsmen and FMF Chaplains of "The Best Damned Detachment in the Nation," this February 8th will mark the 107th birthday of the Boy Scouts of America.

Yes, I can almost hear some of you replying, "SO WHAT? And what does that have to do with us"?

For starters, only 1% of the lads in America join the Boy Scout Program, while 2% of the population join the military.

Of the boys joining the Scouts, only 5% nationwide attain the top rank of Eagle Scout. Our Detachment (as well as others throughout the Nation) realizes this milestone by presenting a certificate and KA-Bar to the young man (at the families request).

Anytime one of us appears in public (in uniform) at one of these functions, or in parades, or as Honor Guards, we leave a positive impression with the public as to what Marines are and what we do locally. What better way to tell the public about us and perhaps gain new members?

Our Eagle Scout Chairman, Mel Ellingsen, would love to see more Detachment members attending these Eagle Courts of Honor to recognize these young mens' achievements at our presentation. Take a look at his column for upcoming dates and locations.

We need members for the Hospital Visitation Team; we need members for the Color Guard; we need members for the Eagle Scout Program; and WE NEED NEW MEMBERS!!

Thank you all for stepping up and doing what all of you do!

Semper Fidelis!
Smedley (847) 648-6859

February 2017

By the Grace of our Lord, I have the opportunity to visit with you again.

I'm hoping we all have taken the time to look ahead, and determine what we would like to do this year to make a difference!

If we do nothing different from last year, will we grow personally? Spiritually?

God, through His Holy Spirit, has given each of us unique "spiritual gifts", but its up to each of us to use those gifts for HIS kingdom. How? By serving our brothers and sisters when and where we can.

We can donate gently used clothing, we can make hospital visits, and we can offer to visit with someone who doesn't get out much. We can offer to pray with /or for someone.

Remember, what our Lord said in Mat. 25:40 "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me"

RESOLVE TO MAKE A DIFFERENT!

Start and end with prayer. Let the Lord show you the way.

GOD bless,

Semper Fi

Hank Landrau
(847) 652-7764

SR. VICE COMMANDANT'S CORNER

Jerry Pedrin

Ladies and Gentlemen of the "Best damn detachment in the Nation".

It seems like yesterday that I sat at my computer to write the last article to you. Since that time there have been many things happening. Many of you have gotten ill, been in the hospital, or left the area for warmer climates. Some of you have made New Years resolutions, and some of you have already broken them. It is a time for a lot of things to happen while we are snuggling down in our homes trying to get through the rest of the winter.

This is the time of year when we still have good intentions to do things before the summer comes and we get too busy. With that in mind, I am asking all of you for one favor. While you are snuggled inside your warm cozy home, can you go thru your closets and pick out those items that you have been putting off giving to the needy for the past several months. The people that need these items of clothing could really use them now as the colder weather is setting in. You will also make your spouse happy by getting those things out of the house. Please bring those items to the next detachment meeting. We will collect them and take all the clothing to Midwest Veteran's Closet so that a veteran or their families can use them. It is a small thing that will bring so much joy to a lot of people.

I am still getting thank you letters from the people and organizations that we gave games, toys, and clothing to for Christmas as part of Toys for Tots. I would like to say that I know it was my job to head the project but I never realized what an HONOR it was to do so. The looks on the faces of the children and adults we delivered our items to were something I will never forget. It was the generosity of all of you that made all this possible. I am sure many of you would have loved to remain inside your warm homes rather than going out into the cold to collect the funds we raised in the past couple months. If not for your generous giving of your time and efforts, none of this could have happened. This is just one of the reasons I am delighted to be a member of this detachment.

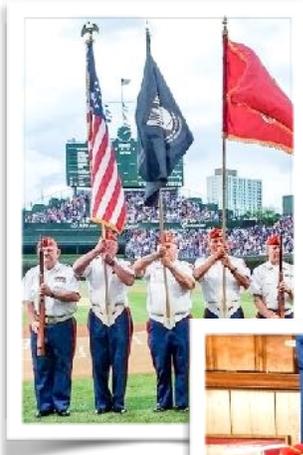
With the new year beginning, many of us are planning what we will do and when we will do them. Let me remind you that the detachment is only as good as the people we have in it. The more volunteers we get for our events the better we are. The amount of work is lessened and there is a time for fellowship with the members present that we normally would not have. If each of you would make an effort to attend just one of our events each month, we would be able to do a lot of things a lot easier. If you have been thinking about volunteering with one of our groups; don't put it off. Call the leader of the group or any other member and agree to meet them for an orientation. Who knows, you may like it. Many of these events are really fun times.

Looking forward to seeing all of you on February 20th.

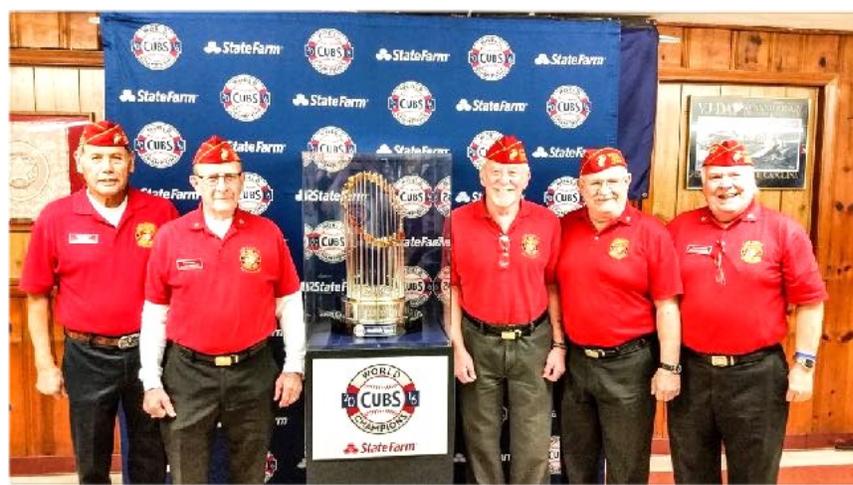
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COLOR & HONOR GUARD



It was only fitting that our Color Guard was able to get a picture with the Cub's World Series Trophy after their visit to Wrigley Field this past summer.



Hello Marines, FMF Corpsman & Associate Members! The Color Guard is looking forward to 2017 to improve on all of our routines. We are always looking for new people to take up the challenge of reliving your military drills. If you are interested in joining us, contact me at the meetings or by e-mail at pjohn789@aol.com.

The Guard continues to perform at various functions throughout Lake County. On 1-27-17 the Guard presented Colors at Stevenson H.S. in Lincolnshire. Thanks goes out to Art Castillo, Tom Mann, Al Seyler, and Jerry Pedrin, for presenting Colors there. It was a night to honor all veterans, thank you Stevenson High School.

John Pickelman
Color Guard Commander

CAPTAIN JAMES A. LOVELL FHCC VISITS

VA HOSPITAL VISITATION TEAM

Greetings ladies and Gentlemen:

We have been visiting at the VA Hospital and were able to see patients two times last month. We had the usual group of volunteers show up and had a great time visiting all the patients. You never know who you may meet. Almost all the patients were Army veterans. We have rarely seen that many Army guys at one time. We were surprised to see such a small number of people in the hospital. I guess that is a good thing.

While we were visiting, Al Seyler told us that he spoke with the girl scout leader whose troop makes all the sun catchers for the different holidays that we deliver to the patients. The leader of the girl scout troop is a female Navy Corpsman. She said that her troop was invited to visit the patients along with an American Legion Post team earlier in the week. She said that the girls did nothing but talk about how exciting it was to visit the veterans and what a great time they had. This will be something discussed by the Hospital team in the future as a reward to the girl scouts for their assistance in making the sun catchers for the detachment.

There are three different types of patients that are seen by our team each visit. First, there are the patients that are admitted to the hospital for current illnesses. These patients usually stay in the hospital for a couple of weeks or less until they are well enough to be discharged. Second, is the group of patients that are there because they have conditions that require them to be hospitalized much the same as a nursing home patient would be. Some of these patients have been there for years and will probably never leave the hospital. Third, is the group of people we visit that need minor supervision or just do not have any place to go. These are the veterans that are mentally ill or people that would be considered homeless if not housed at the VA. These people are the ones that are in what are called the green houses. There are four of these buildings. These veterans have their own apartment inside the building. They all have a community kitchen with meals provided and a community recreation room. Some of these people have been there since the detachment started hospital visits. They especially look forward to seeing us on our bi-weekly visits and special occasions such as Marine Corps Birthday, 4th of July, and Christmas.

I believe everyone in the detachment would get something out of a visit with the hospital team at least once. We visit for only a couple hours on a Thursday afternoon twice a month. If you think you might like to see what is happening or would like to meet some of these veterans feel free to contact one of the hospital team and ask to go along for a visit. If you find you don't like it then you will not have to go again. On the other hand, if you do you like it, as we do, please join our team on a regular basis.

Looking forward to see all that are willing to give it a go. Here's our VA Team:

Bob Hames, Nada Sydow, Al Blut, Art Boyle, Al Seyler, Geidy Chia and myself.

Jerry Pedrin 847-687-6663

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Expired Memberships

Arnold	Brandon	Feb-17
Bahena	Armando	Oct-16
Baruffi	Charles	Oct-16
Bastean	Scott	Dec-16
Bubb	Michael	Dec-16
Chia	Clint	Feb-17
Chia	Geidy	Dec-16
DeBruler	Bill	Feb-17
Dreyzehner	John	Nov-16
Gretz	William	Feb-16
Hamel	James	Feb-17
Hoff	Kevin	Oct-16
Jimenez	Katharine	Oct-16
Johnson	Christopher	Aug-16
Karlovics	Peter	Jan-17
Katz	Roland	Feb-17
Kelly	Stephen	Dec-16
Koziol	Frank	Oct-16
Lloyd	Gary	Sep-16
Mason	Everet	May-16
Mateus	Frank	Oct-16

Expired Memberships

McCabe	Tina	Mar-16
Miller	Daniel	Feb-17
Muhaymin	Shuaib	Feb-17
Navar	Skip	Sep-16
Repp	Robert	Feb-17
Reynolds	James	Dec-16
Risley	Stephen	Dec-16
Sindermann	Eric	Mar-16
Sinsun	Frank	Jun-16
St. Clair	James	Nov-16
Staben	Lori	Sep-16
Stack	Linda	Dec-16
Stephens	T. Dwayne	Jan-17
Thommes	Mark	Sep-16
Torkelson	Ken	Jan-17
Tran	Joshua	Sep-16
Vaughn	Steve	Nov-16
Villarreal	Stanley	Feb-16
Visocnik	Mario	Nov-16
Wagner	Euriel	Mar-16
Wick	Craig	Dec-16

Upcoming Expirations

Bartz	Charles	Mar-17
Favelli	John	Apr-17
Geske	Tom	Mar-17
Marra	Richard	Mar-17
Martin	Jerome	Mar-17
Mordini	Leo	Mar-17
Rankin	Scott	May-17
Welch	Thomas	Apr-17

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

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Upcoming Birthdays

Baker	Richard	26-Apr
Baruffi	Charles	28-Apr
Bastean	Scott	8-Apr
Braun	Gary	24-Feb
Bremner	William	20-Mar
Castillo	Arthur	13-Feb
Chia	Geidy	2-Apr
Contee	Frank	5-Apr
Cooper	Robert	23-Apr
Davidson	Oliver	11-Mar
Decker	Mike	16-Apr
DeGroot	Raymond	14-Feb
Grinton	Robert	2-Mar
Hiser	Richard	11-Apr
Idleburg	John	12-Mar
Koncan	Thomas	7-Mar
Landrau	Henry	13-Apr
Lepisto	Earl	1-Mar
McCabe	Timothy	13-Mar
Moffitt	Russ	2-Mar
Mrozinski	Ed	31-Mar
Pavlick	Richard	17-Feb
Pedrin	Gerald	8-Apr
Poulin	Tony	21-Apr
Pudlo	Joseph	6-Mar
Quinn	James	30-Apr
Repp	Robert	19-Mar
Richey	Erich	12-Mar
Sroka	James	26-Mar
Staben	Lori	3-Feb
Visocnik	Mario	25-Apr

Membership Statistics

Regular	71
Reg-Dual	1
Regular Marines	1
Life	64
Associate	10
Associate-Life	1
Assoc. Life Dual	1
Associate-Honor	1
Total	150
Regular	73
Life	64
Associate	13
Total	150

Life Membership Rates

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

Did You Drink the Water at Camp Lejeune?

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) amends its adjudication regulations regarding presumptive service connection, adding certain diseases associated with contaminants present in the base water supply at U.S. Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune (Camp Lejeune), North Carolina, from August 1, 1953, to December 31, 1987. This final rule establishes that veterans, former reservists, and former National Guard members, who served at Camp Lejeune for no less than 30 days (consecutive or nonconsecutive) during this period, and who have been diagnosed with any of eight associated diseases, are presumed to have incurred or irritated the disease in service for purposes of entitlement to VA benefits. In addition, this final rule establishes a presumption that these individuals were disabled during the relevant period of service for purposes of establishing active military service for benefits purposes. Under this presumption, affected former reservists and National Guard members have veteran status for purposes of entitlement to some VA benefits. This amendment implements a decision by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs that service connection on a presumptive basis is warranted for claimants who served at Camp Lejeune during the relevant period and for the requisite amount of time and later develop certain diseases.

Click here to see the full article from the Federal Register: [Camp Lejeune Water](#)

Editor's Note: I encourage all detachment members to sign up for the [Department of VA Newsletter](#). Just click on the link and sign-up.

Illinois Property Tax Relief for Veterans with Service Connected Disabilities

For taxable years 2015 and thereafter:

(1) if the veteran has a service connected disability of 30% or more but less than 50%, as certified by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, then the annual exemption is \$2,500;

(2) if the veteran has a service connected disability of 50% or more but less than 70%, as certified by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, then the annual exemption is \$5,000; and

(3) if the veteran has a service connected disability of 70% or more, as certified by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, then the property is exempt from taxation under this Code.

Call your local township assessor for specific information regarding how to file.



**EAGLE
SCOUT'S**



Leo Mordini presents his WWII Ka-Bar to his grandson at his grandson's Eagle Scout Court of Honor,

Scheduled Eagle Scout Courts of Honor

- 2/12 Matthew Barrett and Ryan Burger, Troop 46, 1:30 PM, First Presbyterian Church 700 N. Sheridan Rd., Lake Forest
- 2/12 Spencer E. Burton, Troop 671, 2 PM, Pleasant Prairie Rec Plex –Beach Pavilion 9900 Terwall Terrace Pleasant Prairie
- 2/12 Demetri T. M. Tullis, Troop 188, 2:00 PM, Peacock Camp 21777 W. Edgewood Ave. Lake Villa
- 2/12 Eduardo Llamas, Jr. Troop 451, 3 PM, United Protestant Church 54 S. Whitney Grayslake
- 2/26 Charles James Kolterman and Jack L. Sanders, Troop 60, 2:00 PM, Adler Park Lodge 1500 N. Milwaukee Ave., Libertyville

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Lambeau Field

Most of us missed this view of Lambeau Field from a few weeks ago.

Those who attended the game said it was extremely emotional to see the entire bowl of the stadium turn red, white and blue. It took 90 workers two weeks to get all of the colored card boards mounted under each seat. Each piece of card board had eye slits in them so the fans could hold up the colored sheet and still see through the eye slits. Every seat had to have the proper card, with no mistakes, to make this happen.

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**Lake County Detachment Marine Corps League Foundation, Inc
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Treasurer-	Mel Ellingsen
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Directors

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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

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