

THE **JAWHEAD** JOURNAL

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We're wearing 'the Green' at our next meeting on 20 March, 1900 at Primo.



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The Editor's Area by Mel Ellingsen

Four new members join our ranks last meeting. Life memberships were presented to Mario Visocnik and Jim Reynolds. Gold Star father Bob Stack received a Gold Star pin. Jim Homan talked about the Honor Flight program.



Who is this mystery
Marine of 801?



Last month's Mystery
Marine was Mario Visocnik.

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COMMANDANT'S CORNER

CHAPLAIN'S CHAT

To all Marines and FMF Corpsmen and FMF Chaplains of "The Best Damned Detachment in the Nation," what is the cost of belonging to Detachment #801? That's an easy one to answer, just \$35 a year, but I have heard several members say, "It isn't worth it, I don't get anything worthwhile from my membership!"

Let me try to put that into perspective. For that \$35 you have, in the past;

*Been invited to our Installation Banquet in October,

*Received a turkey or gift card in November.

*Been invited to our Birthday Party in November,

*Been invited to the St. Patricks' Day party in March

*Encouraged to participate in the two month Toys for Tots endeavor culminating in another party after enabling a whole bunch of Lake County kids to be able to enjoy receiving toys at Christmas.

*Participation in the annual fund raising party.

*Showing your marksmanship prowess with participation on the pistol team.

*Interacting and helping Veterans by joining the Hospital Visitation Team.

*Getting to meet and commend the top 5% of the teen-aged young men in America by participating in the Eagle Scout Court of Honor program.

*The camaraderie of visiting with fellow Marines and comparing "war stories" once a month.

*Allowing your kids (and/or grandkids) to see you proudly carrying the American Flag in various community parades and other ceremonies and lastly.

*Being a member of The Best Damned Detachment in The Nation. Your family has a guarantee that the send-off to your "final duty station" will be conducted with ceremony and dignity by your fellow members.

Think about the above, and while you are thinking, put your check in the mail. Better yet, bring it to the meeting.

What a bargain!
Membership is Priceless!

Semper Fidelis!

Smedley (847-648-6859) (Feb. '17)

From time to time we find ourselves in a situation where we could use advice or "divine in intervention". The Lord never leaves us to face difficult circumstances alone!

He provides us with the help we need either directly or through "counselors". HE WILL NOT FORSAKE US"

We must do our part and go to HIM in earnest prayer, and seek HIS help! Often we feel we can solve our problems ourselves and only go to HIM when everything else fails.

He is our first line of defense, not our last resort!

In good times, we should go to HIM in thankful prayer, in tough times, we must ask HIM for guidance, courage and strength.

No matter what the situation is, HE is the answer. His love for us is immeasurable. If you are "hurting" spiritually, please go to HIM in prayer. Seek the counsel of a Christian advisor you feel comfortable with.

You are welcome to come to me in confidential conversation. We will go to the LORD and pray together.

Feel free to contact me via phone or text at 847-652-7764, or email at landrauhank@gmail.com.

Marines are "first to fight", our LORD and SAVIOR, is "first to listen"

God bless you. Semper Fi,

Hank Landrau

SR. VICE COMMANDANT'S CORNER

Jerry Pedrin

Greetings to the “Best Damn Detachment in the Nation.” Once more it is mind boggling as we try to figure out the weather. It seems like we need a revolving wardrobe to keep up with the constant weather changes. My closet hasn't had such a workout since I was a teenager. Hopefully one of these days we will get in a weather pattern that is more seasonal and we can finally get in tune with Mother Nature. Until then I guess it is a system of layering of clothing so we can remove or add items as the weather changes from what has seemed to be hourly.

I would like to thank all of you that cleaned out your closets and brought items for the Veteran's Closet. We were able to fill my truck both front and rear with the clothing items. All the items were taken over there and were truly appreciated. Mary has told me that they are in need of ANY items for the household. They have a very limited space to hold furniture at this time so they are asking that you call to set up a time to bring in furniture. ALL other items can be dropped off at their building Monday thru Friday. They are especially in need of bedding, towels, and personal items of all kinds. If you still feel the need to empty your home of more items they will be happy to receive them. In the event that you did not get a letter to use for tax purposes contact me, I have some.

It was really a pleasant surprise to see four people get sworn in as new members at the last meeting. I can't remember the last time that has happened. It is nice to see that our membership is increasing. We have had great losses to our membership in the past year with the death of several of our members. It is time that we found ways to increase our membership to offset the losses. This past month was a good start in doing that. If we want to continue to do the things we do, we need new members.

I think something more important than adding new members to our roster is the retention of our older members. We are fighting a losing battle if we keep bringing in new members and then lose them a year or so later. We have about 25% of our membership that is behind in dues at this time. There could be several reasons for these lapses but we will never know what they are unless we as members reach out to these people and inquire. Some may have just forgotten to pay because they were not reminded. This has happened a lot in the past. Some may be discouraged with the detachment and don't feel they are getting anything out of their membership. Still some may have pressing priorities at the moment that prevents them from devoting any time to us. Whatever the reason, we should know about it.

If you are one of the above-mentioned members, feel free to call one of the staff, or me, and let us know what is happening. We will be more than happy to discuss the matter with you. If you have ideas that you feel the detachment could, or should implement to make it better; we want to hear them. We want this to be YOUR detachment and it should be doing the things you want to do. If you know of someone who has not been attending meetings call them up and inquire as to their reason. Everyone wants to feel they belong. What a better way than to inquire of someone you personally haven't seen in a while.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the next meeting if circumstances permit. Until then be safe and stay healthy. Jerry Pedrin 847-687-6663

ARLINGTON CEMETERY

Continuing with the Jeopardy Questions

2.

How long does he hesitate after his about face to begin his return walk?

21 seconds.

3.

Does he carry his rifle on the same shoulder all the time and, if not, why not?

He carries the rifle on the shoulder away from the tomb. After his march across the path, he executes an about face and moves the rifle to the outside shoulder.

4.

How often are the guards changed?

Guards are changed every thirty minutes, twenty-four hours a day, 365 days a year.



Esther Williams at dedication of U. S. S. Semper Fidelis

WELCOME ABOARD



Richard Brayer started out at Quantico and spent his career at Camp Pendleton finishing at 2/24 as a Marine Captain in 1977. Rich is married with two grown children and lives in Park Ridge. He loves running and golf.



David Drdla is a HM2 Navy Corpsman who went to boot camp at San Diego. His last tour was with 2/24 being discharged in 2006. He is married with grown children and lives in Spring Grove. He works as a firefighter/paramedic.



Nicholas Pantaleo is a Navy Corpsman who enlisted at Great Lakes in 1987. His tours included San Diego, Oakland, USNS Mercy, 2/24 and 1/24 being discharged as a Chief in 2007. He is married with two children, is a firefighter and lives in Chicago.



Daniel Rose joined the Corps in 2002 seeing boot camp at San Diego. His MOS was 7051-Aircraft Rescue and Firefighter. His tour included MWSS Beaufort, SC. He was discharged in 2010 and a sergeant. He is married with one child and lives in Gurnee. He works as an investigator.

CAPTAIN JAMES A. LOVELL FHCC VISITS

VA HOSPITAL VISITATION TEAM

Ladies and Gentlemen. We would like to let you know that the members of the Veteran's Hospital team are doing a fine job. We have been visiting patients on the first and third Thursdays of the month and have really made a name for ourselves at the hospital. We visit from about 2:00P.M. until about 4:00P.M. depending on the number of patients in the hospital on that day.

It is always a joy for us to hear some of the stories the patients have concerning their medical ailments or their military service. We give some of the older Vets a chance to speak to someone who they can relate to and share their experiences. Some of these people have talked about events in their lives that they have not mentioned to their own family members because they didn't feel their family would understand. Here they know some of us have gone thru the same experiences and can relate to where they are coming from.

We also are good listeners. It doesn't make a difference if they have told us the same story each time we visit. We do not try to change or correct them if they get things a little jumbled. It is their story and that is the way it should be. They look forward to seeing us there and being able to talk with us.

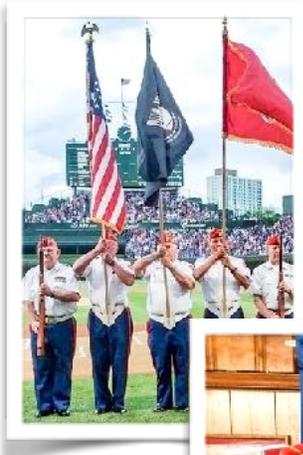
There are some visits when most of the patients are Army personnel. Other visits might have a majority of Marines or Navy. Each visit is different and each of the members looks forward to seeing what they will encounter on that visit.

If you think you might like to make a visit with us and see for yourself how the Vets are treated; how they interact with us during our visits; or just have questions about the hospital; just give one of us a call. We will be more than happy to bring you on a visit and explain anything to you. The members of the team are Warren, Bob, Al, Nada, Geidy, Charlotte, and myself.

Jerry Pedrin 847-687-6663



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. (Editor's Note: I liked these photos so much there are here again for you to enjoy.)



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 Color Guard will be marching in a St Patrick Day Parade on March 12th in Highwood, Il at 12 noon. Members are asked to meet at the Toad Stool Pub on Green Bay Rd in Highwood around 11:30am.

John Pickelman

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Upcoming Expirations

Bartz	Charles	Mar-17
Contee	Frank	May-17
Favelli	John	Apr-17
Geske	Tom	Mar-17
Hinkle	Jesse	May-17
Keeton	Toy	May-17
Marra	Richard	Mar-17
Martin	Jerome	Mar-17
Mordini	Leo	Mar-17
Rankin	Scott	May-17
Szempruch	Brian	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
Bremner	William	20-Mar
Chia	Geidy	2-Apr
Contee	Frank	5-Apr
Cooper	Robert	23-Apr
Davidson	Oliver	11-Mar
Decker	Mike	16-Apr
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
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
Visocnik	Mario	25-Apr

Membership Statistics

Regular	74
Reg-Dual	1
Regular Marines	1
Life	65
Associate	9
Associate-Life	2
Assoc. Life Dual	1
Associate-Honor	1
Total	154
Regular	76
Life	65
Associate	13
Total	154

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
SCOUT'S**



Scheduled Eagle Scout Presentations

- 3/11 Scott Zachariah Rose, Troop 679, 4:00 PM, Volo Village Hall 500 S, Fish Lake Rd. Volo (Carle)
- 3/11 Edward Maxwell Schultz, Troop 644, 2:00 PM, First United Methodist Church 9358 S. Homan Ave., Evergreen Park, (Ellingsen)
- 3/11 Jonathan Andrew Kellogg, Troop 671, 2:00 PM, Gurnee American Legion Post 771, (Landrau)
- 3/18 Brandon J. Reed, Troop 71, 1:00 PM, Presbyterian Church 219 W. Maple Ave. Libertyville, (Seyler)
- 3/21 Mark Christopher Rinaolo and Austin Karl McGreevy, Troop 46, 7:00 PM, First Presbyterian Church of Lake Forest, 700 N. Sheridan Rd. (Ellingsen)
- 4/8 Jackson Friedrich Bothmann, Troop 451, 1:00 PM, United Protestant Church 54 S. Whitney, Grayslake

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

Related Military Links

US Department of Veterans Affairs

Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs

(Updated 2/28/17)

Lake County Veterans Assistance Commission

(Updated 2/28/17)

VFW Action Corps Weekly

Honor Flight McHenry County

Honor Flight Lake County

Veterans R & R

Marine Corps League Hdqrs

Illinois Marine

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