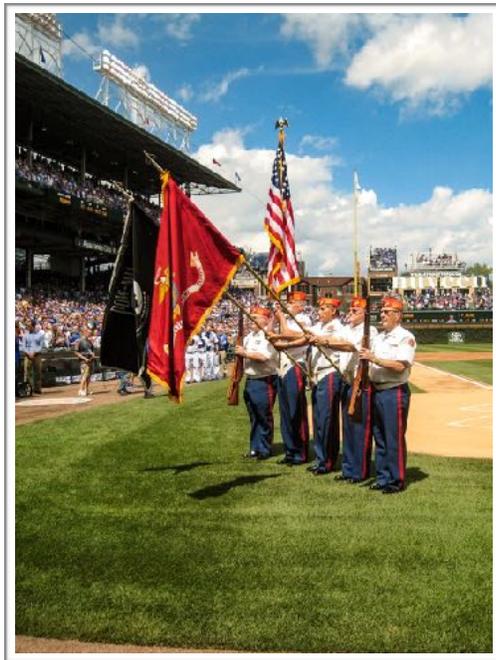


THE JAWHEAD JOURNAL

Richard "Smedley" Butler, Commandant (Commandant@lakecountymarines.com)

Our Color Guard did a fine job posting the Colors at a recent Cubs baseball game. Please click [HERE](#) to view Peter Karlovics' video of the event.



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**Our next meeting is Monday
18 September starting at
1900 (7 PM).**

**Please come early and enjoy
some fellowship downstairs
at
Primo Resturant
720 Milwaukee Ave.
Gurnee, IL**

The mystery is that we need more pictures from your Marine Corps personal photo album. Please bring those images of yourself (it works best that way) to our October meeting and I'll make a copy during the meeting.

Where Stuff Is

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Last month's Mystery Marine
was Corpsman Art Boyle.

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COMMANDANT'S CORNER

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

A year ago, one of your past Commandants told me the next year (in retrospect) would fly by in a flash. I didn't believe him then, as I saw so many things to be done as your new Commandant. He was right. It is already the middle of August and there are still many things to accomplish within the Detachment.

Membership issues are always with us. If we are not gaining new members, we are in the process of going out of existence. Talk to that Marine you just met. Persuade him to join our organization.

Fund raising is a constant task. Your Senior Vice (Jerry Pedrin), with your help, has put us in an enviable state to not only be able to meet our operating expenses, but are on track to be able to support both Lake County Marine Reserve Groups during the Toys for Tots Drive this autumn.

The Hospital Visitation Team has gained several more members this year, but is still looking for a Team Leader while Warren Blacklock carries on.

The Pistol Team, with Jim Sroka continues to maintain their lead over all other teams in the nation.

The Eagle Scout program, led by Mel Ellingsen, has had to add a Court of Honor appointment calendar to the web page to address the increased presentation requests coming in.

The Young Marines are active again with just under twenty members, and currently are in attendance at Paris Island undergoing exposure to some vigorous Recruit training. Later this month they will be assisting Veterans on the North Chicago Honor Flight as they travel to Washington DC for three days.

Your Color Guard, under John Pickelman's' direction has participated in a half dozen area parades, nearly that many funerals, numerous schools and veterans parks with rifle volleys, even presented Colors at Wrigley Field for two Cubs games. The third Wrigley Field presentation is pictured on the first page of this Jarhead Journal. They are scheduled to post Colors at Soldier Field on December 24th during a Chicago Bears game.

We actually have a library (administered by Gary Braun) with a large number of fine military titles just waiting to be checked out. Gary has them listed by both title and author to make it easier for you to choose.

During our August 21st meeting we started taking nominations for Detachment Officers to lead into YR-2018.

At Septembers' meeting we will continue taking nominations and then voting on the new leaders.

Our Installation Dinner will again occur at the October meeting.

You can see how important it is to attend the next three meetings to add your input keeping the #801 the **Best Damned Detachment in the Nation!**

Semper Fidelis!

Smedley
(c) 847/648-6859

CHAPLAIN'S CHAT

CLOUDS, SHOWERS AND THUNDERSTORMS

Summer is the season of showers and thunderstorms. This summer we've experienced some devastating storms and floods.

Those of us that experienced the hardships these storms cause, will not soon forget, but we recover and move on.

Like all things in life, there's a bad side and a good side to all things, including thunderstorms! Nature has a way of "cleansing" the atmosphere and "washing" away pollutants through rain and storms.

We also go through periods of "storms" in our lives. How well we react to them depends a lot on how strong our relationship with our God is. Most often we attempt to deal with life's issues strictly on our own, the I GOT THIS, attitude especially we marines. Because our God is one of love and patience, he allows us to grope for answers on our own.

As the "storms" in our lives get worse, we reach a point where we realize we need help. Who do we turn to? Who knows what we are going through? Who loves us enough to say, "Relax, I GOT THIS?"

All our God says is come to me, my yoke is light, I will take care of the rest, so you can rest. Its not rocket science, just love.

Semper Fi and God bless
Hank Landrau

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SR. VICE COMMANDANT'S CORNER

Jerry Pedrin

“Greetings to all the Ladies and Gentlemen of the "Best Damn Detachment in the Nation.”

It is getting close to the fall season, and with the fall season we need to think about the Toys for Tots campaign for this year. MACG 48 and Weapons Company 2/24 have not finalized their campaigns for this year as of this date but it is hoped that they will do so in the near future. We will be meeting them in the next few weeks to coordinate our activities.

We will not be collecting toys in the southern part of the County this year and will let 2/24 handle that area. Joe Auth and his group have indicated that they will be handling the requests for Toys for Tots boxes in that area and they will be taken care of. That will be less of an area we will need to cover. We are still looking for fire team leaders to assist with the rest of the County. If you can help please call me and we can get a list together before the season starts.

We will also be collecting for several entities that we were able to supply with toys and games last year for the first time. I am contacting these groups as we speak to get an idea what their needs are this year. If any of you know of any groups that need toys or gifts get me their information or have them contact me prior to the end of November so we can assist them if able. The Toys for Tots program DOES NOT give toys or anything else to children over the age of 12. We are especially looking for those groups to help if able.

If any of you know locations that are willing to set up a Toys for Tots box or are willing to sell trains get their information to me so we can plan on including them in our group. It would be nice to have all locations accounted for at the start of the program so as not to miss anyone.

Listed below are the locations for Toys for Tots fundraiser this year. As before, the time are all from 10 AM to 3PM. All the days are Saturdays except for the first date which is on a Sunday. Please look at your schedules and plan on coming our to assist us on as many of these dates as possible. As before, I have scheduled the last two in December at the indoor malls so hopefully we will not have to be outside during the worst of the season. Last year was a bit of a challenge but we got thru it.

Dates for Toys for Tots Fundraising :

October 15,	Jewel	1600 Deerfield Road	Highland Park
October 28	Jewel	1350 S. Hwy 12	Fox Lake
November 4	Walmart	173 & Deep Lake Rd	Antioch
November 18	Jewel	Milwaukee Ave	Libertyville
November 25	Jewel	Grand & Hunt Club Rd	Gurnee
December 2	Jewel	900 E Rollins Rd	Round Lake Beach
December 9	Hawthorne Mall	Milwaukee & 60	Vernon Hills
December 16	Gurnee Mills	Grand and Tollway	Gurnee

If there are any changes or additions to this schedule I will inform you. I do not expect any as all these dates have been confirmed. Looking forward to seeing as many of you as are able to attend each of these fundraisers. Remember, this is for the kids to make their Christmas season a little better.

If there are any questions feel free to contact me.

Jerry Pedrin 847-687-6663

**WELCOME
ABOARD**



Gregory Cummings joined the detachment in June. He retired from the Marine Corps as a Staff Sergeant a few years ago. He started his military career at San Diego. He also spent time at Camp Lejeune, Paris Island and a few other places aside from his time on an I&I staff.

Greg has retired from the Lake County Sheriff's office and is married. He lives in Waukegan. Greg enjoys camping, scuba diving and working out.

WELCOME ABOARD



David Richards joined the Corps in 2000 enjoying boot camp at MCRD San Diego. He had a supply MOS and spent his entire enlistment at Camp Pendleton. He lives with his son and lady in Waukegan. David works as a licensed massage therapist. He wants to become active with the detachment shooting pistols and joining the color guard.

Charles Holderbaum joined the Corps in 1971 also enjoying boot camp at MCRD San Diego. His MOS was 6013 (Aircraft Flight Engineer, KC-130) which kept him stationed at MCAS El Toro. He left the Corps as a sergeant. He is retired, married and lives in North Chicago. Charles wants to become active with the detachment shooting pistols and joining the color guard.

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VA HOSPITAL VISITATION TEAM

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Once again it is time to inform you of the wonderful work your VA Hospital Team is doing visiting the Veterans.

We visited the Veterans on July 13th and July 27th. We broke the group up into three teams so that we would be able to cover all the wards we wanted to visit and still complete the task in under 2 1/2 hours.

We sent a team to the "Green Houses", a long term shelter for Veterans who need minor medical attention but have no place to live. Some of these people have been there for 8 years or more and it is their "home." They appreciate just having any visitors and especially military vets who speak their language. While most of the talk is not about their service time, they still can't wait to talk with us. Any company is good company to them.

Another group went to building 134. This building consists of several wards that house long term care veterans. Their medical needs can be quite different from one room to the next but they all are there because they need continual care and it is too difficult to constantly come to the VA hospital for medical visits. Some of these people have been there for a considerable length of time also and would not be able to manage in any other sitting. They are allowed off ground visits and have most of the day as free time to wander the grounds and the surrounding area as they please as long as they are able. They don't get many visitors and are always glad to see us visit.

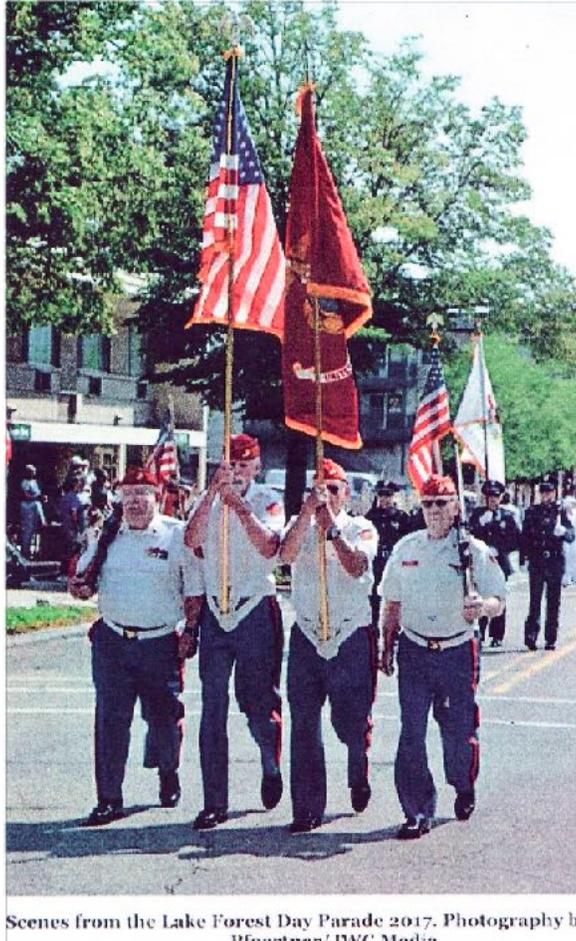
The last group visited building 133. This building is where the emergency room and surgery are located. These wards treat immediate problems and most of the people are out of the hospital in a week or less. There are some that need constant care and are there for extended periods of time.

It was while visiting 133 on the last visit that we found a vet and his daughter. She informed us that her father had just received a medal that he had earned in WW2. Her father was told congratulations and asked if any of the news media was notified of the award. She said that the award was an award that many of the WW2 vets could have received but there was a shortage of the medals. She went on to say that one had been found recently and her father was the lucky recipient. She did not want to tell us what the award was and asked us not to divulge her father's name as she felt the other vets would not get this award and didn't want to cause any trouble with any of them.

We visit the VA hospital wards twice a month on the second and fourth Thursday of the month. If anyone would like to attend with our group, feel free to contact me or any other member of the group for dates and times.



COLOR & HONOR GUARD



Scenes from the Lake Forest Day Parade 2017. Photography by Pfoertner/JWC Media

We need a few good Marines to join the group. With an average age of 78, younger sure would help. We practice at the Warren Center in Gurnee the second and fourth Thursdays of the month starting at 6 PM. Immediately after practice we go to Stevens for "Choir practice". Our delicate vocal cords must be bathed in cool liquid.



EAGLE SCOUTS



Scheduled Eagle Scout Presentations

September & October

- Sep 2 Naren Adhik Radhakrishnan, Troop 303, PM 5 PM, Lord of Glory Church, 607 W. Belvidere, Grayslake (Carle)
- Sep 10 Sean Thomas Finerty, Troop 60, 3:00 PM. Adler Lodge, 1500 N. Milwaukee Ave., Libertyville (Landrau)
- Sep 17 Andrew D. Gherlein, Troop 48, American Legion Post 264, 801 N. McKinley Rd. Lake Forest (Barclay)
- Oct 14 Nicholas G. Davidson, Troop 50 3:00PM, Jewel Pavilion 836 Jewel Park Dr. Deerfield

During August, we made seven Ka-Bar presentations. Since July 1st, we have been out ten times.

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If you know or hear of any Veteran or Family that could use some assistance, contact us.

Semper Fi

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