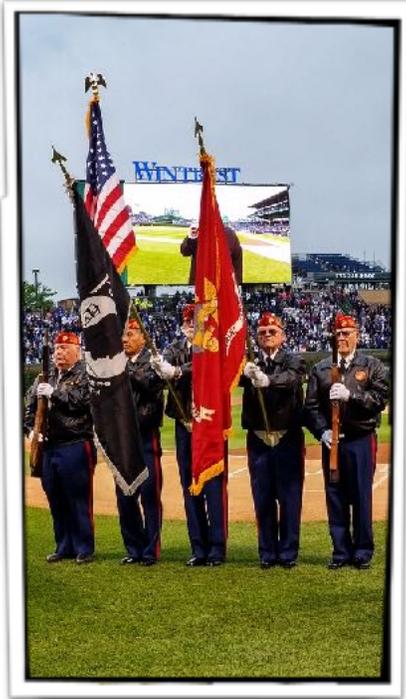


THE JARHEAD JOURNAL

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Once again our Color Guard was at Wrigley Field.
Jerry, you can't keep that ring!



Leo Mordini cuts his 89th Birthday cake.



Al Seyler presents a MCL Foundation check to Lake County Honor Flight during the Lindenhurst Memorial Day Celebration.

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The Editor's Area by Mel Ellingsen

We mourn the passing of Past Detachment 801 Commandant Mike Decker.

Semper Fi!

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



Who is this mystery Marine of 801?



Last month's Mystery Marine was John Jezioro.

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MARINE CORPS LEAGUE LAKE COUNTY DETACHMENT 801

COMMANDANT'S CORNER

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

May of 2017 was a very busy month for members of our Detachment. You will find more in detail, if you wish, on following pages of the Journal, but I would like to take the time to just hit on a few of the activities that occurred this last month.

As I write this, your Senior Vice Commandant Jerry Pedrin has just completed three (3) of the planned fund raising activities at various Jewel/Osco locations around Lake County. So far, his Fire Team has collected a total of over \$4,000.00. The fund raisers are what we use to cover our operating costs for the following year and are very important to continue our many activities. If you have not yet participated, come out and join your fellow members for some good old fashioned camaraderie and help the Detachment at the same time.

Your Color Guard presented Colors at Wrigley Field, North Chicago Honor Flight, and Winchester House, provided a Final Farewell for one of our members, appeared in the Grayslake Memorial Day Parade and conducted a Rifle Volley at the Lindenhurst Memorial Day Services. All within the last thirty days.

The Foundation has approved \$7,000.00 to be presented to six different organizations at one of our next Business Meetings.

The Eagle Scout Presentation Team has also been busy. Chairman Mel Ellingsen reported 127 Certificates and KA-BARS will have been presented over the last twelve months to Eagle Scouts in Lake County.

Your VA Hospital Team is not to be slighted. They continue to make bi-monthly visits to the Veterans Hospital at Great Lakes. Last week, I fielded a phone call from a Navy Commander in Crystal Lake who had received treatment for some ancient foot and leg injuries. While recuperating (and going stir-crazy in his room) he decided to walk the halls to relieve the tedium. He came across an alcove with a bookshelf loaded with various titles and picked several to read. After finishing, he noticed a sticker affixed to the inside front covers, "Placed by members of Marine Corps Detachment #801, Lake County Illinois". He researched the internet to find us and say, "Thank you for making a difference"!

Finally, our own pistol team has begun their spring season with several sessions involving practicing the basics of slow fire, sighting in and proper positioning.

All of these activities, collectively, demonstrate why you should be proud to belong to the "Best Damned Detachment in the Nation"!

Semper Fidelis! Smedley (847/648-6859) (May. '17)

CHAPLAIN'S CHAT

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Trials and tribulations

June 2017

There are times in our lives when we feel overwhelmed by life's circumstances: sick or ill relatives, death in our family, financial stresses, commitments to work, church and our community. Everyone demands a piece of our time.

At times like this it's important to have a "refuge," a place where we can go to pause and find peace of mind. To some, this may be a favorite hobby, a place to contemplate nature, perhaps a good book, or a quiet conversation with a loved one or good friend.

We need to do this from time to time. We need to recharge our "batteries".

When I find myself in these circumstances such as now, as I write these words, It's important to "stop and listen" to what my Lord is saying to me, "...be still and know that I am God." (Psalm 46:10.)

He is in charge and will not either forsake me nor give me more than I can handle! My Lord assures me...."his yoke is easy and his burden light..." (Mathew 11:30).

I depend on my God to give me peace of mind, try it, you'll like it.

Hank Landrau
Chaplain
Semper Fi

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE LAKE COUNTY DETACHMENT 801

SR. VICE COMMANDANT'S CORNER

Jerry Pedrin

Once again I prepare to send a message to the members of the "Greatest Damn Detachment in the Nation." It has been quite a busy month for the members of the Detachment and I would like to thank all of you who gave of your time and energy to assist in any of the events the Detachment did this month. It seems as the weather gets warmer the events tend to multiply. Because of people like your selves, we are able to do the things we do to make this detachment the best. Everyone should be able to find something that they can do to assist us in keeping this the best detachment in the future.

As you all know, we sent five members to present colors at the Cubs game on May 24th. It was a huge success. It was freezing but a huge success. Along with presenting the colors we were privileged to get an up close and personal look at one of the World Series rings. We were lucky enough to see John Vincent, the man who sings the National Anthem and he allowed us to see the ring and I was lucky enough to have it placed on my hand for a picture. It really made my day. It also made the day for Diane Mann who was able to go along with us and see the game and festivities. Photos have been sent to Mel for inclusion in the journal.

We also met Lt. Cornel Swinford and his wife, Robin, The Colonel was retiring after 34 years of service with the Illinois National Guard in Springfield on Friday, May 26. He said that we did such a great job with presenting the colors at the game that he would like to have us present colors at this retirement. He then took a photo with us and thanked us for the job we did. Needless to say, we declined.

We have done parades and rifle volleys, a funeral, presenting of colors for the Veterans at Winchester House, and three fundraisers so far this month. We also have done a lot of Eagle courts this past month. We were even able to have the Young Marines march with us in a parade in Grayslake. We have been doing well and at the last fundraiser in Highland Park last Saturday we made over \$1200 dollars. The total for the three fundraisers so far is over \$4000. It is with the help of all of you that show up for these events that we are doing as well as we are. We have a few more to go so I would encourage all of you to make an attempt to make some of the ones we have left. I will list the remaining schedule here for all of you to jot down on your calendars. These funds enable us to do the things we do throughout the year. With no funds we can do very little. Please try to make one of the events even if you can not stay for the entire time. We would love to have you.

Upcoming fundraisers:

- June 3---Jewel, Libertyville on Milwaukee Ave.
- June 10---Jewel, Gurnee on Hunt Club Road and Grand
- June 17---Jewel, Antioch Rte 59 and 173
- June 24---Jewel, Round Lake Beach
- July 8-----Jewel Grayslake on Belvedere Road.

As mentioned earlier, all the times are from 10 AM to 3 PM. Red shirts and covers are expected. White uniform shirts are also acceptable if you have one and want to wear it.

Jerry Pedrin 847-687-6663

WELCOME **ABOARD**



We welcomed aboard Richard Pavlick in May who resides in Beach Park with his wife. He started his five year hitch with the Marines at MCRD San Diego. He was discharged as a Corporal.

Rich is retired and likes to travel. He is interested in joining our Color Guard, VA Hospital Team and helping out with Toys for Tots.

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE LAKE COUNTY DETACHMENT 801



VA HOSPITAL VISITATION TEAM

Marine Corp League members, In case you didn't know, Your Hospital Team Members have been doing quite a job this last month here in the county. We had our regular meetings at the Veterans Hospital on May 11th and May 25th. While sitting in the cafeteria prior to starting our rounds we were able to meet with Mario Visocnik. Mario was there to see the doctor and get a medical problem taken care of. He will be at the next meeting and is doing well.

We also had the opportunity to see Eric Holderbaum on one of the wards on May 25th. He was getting a treatment as we walked by his room and planned on returning. He would have none of that and called us back. It seems that Eric has had some medical problems of late and has been in the hospital a total of twelve times in the last year. He said he is getting better and plans on returning to the meetings as soon as possible. We had a great visit and really raised his spirits while we were there.

While a good majority of the Hospital Team were doing other things on Memorial Day such as parades and rifle volleys at other celebrations there were still a good number of the team that kept the veterans at the Veterans Hospital in mind. Each Memorial day the team hosts a pizza and bingo party for the vets in building 134. This year, Bob Hames, Warren Blacklock, Nada Sydow, Al Blut, and Charlotte attended the party. They were assisted by several helpers thanks to Nada. The helpers were Casey Morgan, Lake Forest PD, and her six year old son, Spencer. They were also joined by Retired Officer Greg and his wife, Cheryl Cummings (A Marine) from Highland Park PD. There was a good time had by the 32 patients that were there as Spencer called bingo numbers and then went around verifying the cards were winners. Everyone enjoyed him. Chester, our 105 year old Army vet was there in attendance along with fellow League member Bill Enzenbacher. Several helpers from the VA also were present and assisted.

If you would like to join us on a visit contact Warren Blacklock (847) 997-8455, Bob Hames, Nada Sydow, Al Blut, Al Seyler, or Jerry Pedrin (847) 687-6663. We would love to have you join us.



COLOR & HONOR GUARD



Hello Members of 801:

The Guard participated in a few events in May. On the 24th we presented colors at the Cubs game, and on the 25th at Winchester House in Libertyville for the Vets there. Memorial Day consisted of a parade in Grayslake and a rifle volley at the Lindenhurst Memorial.

Up coming events in June are casket guard for Past Commandant Mike Decker on June 6th and at St. Pats Church in Wadsworth on June 8th. There will also be a rifle volley and flag folding followed by taps. This is the uncle of Butch Torkelson, a member of our detachment. It starts at 0900. On June 13th we will present colors at the Highland Pk Fire Dept. at 1430, 1133 Central Ave. On June 17th we will be in the Libertyville Parade starting at 1000.

John Pickelman
Pickelman
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HAVE A HAPPY SUMMER--SEMPER FI--John

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	75
Reg-Dual	1
Regular Marines	0
Life	69
Associate	9
Associate-Life	2
Assoc. Life Dual	1
Ass.-Life-Honor	1
Total	158
Regular	76
Life	69
Associate	13
Total	158

**Our next meeting in
Monday 19 June
starting at
1900 (7 PM).**

**Please come early
and enjoy some
fellowship
downstairs
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



Scheduled Eagle Scout Presentations

6/10 Jesse Hertzke, Troop 188, 2 PM, St. Mark Lutheran Church 1822 E Grand Ave, Lindenhurst

6/10 Tyler Scott Hershenhouse, Troop 95, 2:00 PM, Sullivan Community Center 635 N. Aspen Dr. Vernon Hills. Contact Sherry Hershenhouse 847-682-5532 (Homan)

6/10 Myles Gregory Garner and Jared Nathaniel Garner, Troop 77, 11:00 AM, Gurnee Community Church 4555 Old Grand Ave. Gurnee

6/11 Scott Stern and Dylan Utterback, Troop 50, 3:00 pm, St. Gregory Episcopal Church 815 Wilmot Rd, Deerfield

6/11 Bryan Haller Petty, Troop 188, 3:00 PM, Antioch Township Center 1625 Deep Lake Rd., Lake Villa

6/11 Evan Fredrick Brizzell, Zachary Scott Friese, Dylan Dennis West, Troop 195, 3 PM, Brandsma Chapel at Carmel Catholic High School, 1 Carmel Parkway Mundelein

6/11 Benjamin M. Zavell, Troop 49, 5 PM, Heller Nature Center, 2821 Ridge Rd. Highland Park

6/11 Cole Michael Kellow, Troop 52, 1:00 PM, First Presbyterian Church of Deerfield, 824 Waukegan Rd. Deerfield

6/17 Scott Matthew Haseman and William Matthew Jacob, Troop 198, 2:30 PM, Holy Cross Lutheran Church 29700 N. Saint Mary's Rd., Libertyville

6/17 William Thomas Gescheidle, Troop 46, 4:00 PM, First Presbyterian Church of Lake Forest, 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

The Foundation met on Friday, May 26th.

The by-laws and Mission statement were discussed and agreed upon. "...provide comfort, support, financial assistance and educational resources to improve the quality of life for military personnel in **ALL** branches of the United States Armed Forces...".

Approved donations to the following:

Al Lynch Foundation ————— \$1,000
Midwest Veterans Closet ————\$1,500
Navy Marine Relief —————\$1,000
North Chicago Honor Flight———\$1,500
Veteran Assistance Comm———\$1,500
Fisher House Foundation ————\$1,000

We will invite donation recipients to our June meeting to present the checks.

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

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Honor Flight McHenry County

Honor Flight Lake County

Veterans R & R

Marine Corps League Hdqrs

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