

THE **JAWHEAD** JOURNAL

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Our Color Guard and the Young Marines looked great at Antioch's July 4th Parade. Special thanks to Nikki and Charlotte for carrying our sign.

Every regular and associate member must pay their annual dues by August 31st each year. You can now pay with a credit/debit card by clicking [here](#).

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE LAKE COUNTY DETACHMENT 801

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**Our next meeting is Monday
20 August starting at
1900 (7 PM).**

**Steven's Restaurant
401 N. Riverside Dr.
NE corner Rt 21 and Washington St.
Gurnee, IL**

**Last Month's Mystery Marine was
John Jezioro**



Who is this Mystery Marine?

Where Stuff Is

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COMMANDANT'S COMMENTS

It is time once more to think about our Jarhead Journal. Things have been really hopping this summer. Graduations, weddings, birthdays, and an occasional Marine Corps League event or two can fill the summer in no time. I didn't mention the hospital visits or the fundraisers on the weekends yet.

The Marine Corps League State Convention was really a bust. We usually have at least as many people or more at our monthly meetings than attended the convention. We were not able to get answers to many of our questions and it felt like the people in charge didn't much care what we thought about the things that were happening.

We have been doing great at the hospital visits and even gave out a few caps from all branches of the service that Greg was able to obtain. Needless to say, the Vets were very happy for the unexpected caps. We are still looking for a few good men and women to help with the visitations. If you can give up a couple hours once or twice a month, this could be a great opportunity for all of you.

Our fundraisers went very well. We did better each and every week than we did at each location in the past. I would like to thank all the people who turned out. Even with the weather conditions we set records. It appears that we have a banner year thanks to our Sr. Vice and all the volunteers.

We have been busy with the color guard and have even gone back to Wrigley Field. We have participated in the Antioch parade and had a cookout with the Young Marines at a pavilion there with a "bring a plate to pass" luncheon. It would have been a lot better if more of the League had shown up and participated. Members of the color guard also went to visit our past color guard commander, John Pickleman in Huntley. They were having a softball game and John was responsible for the color guard that presented colors before the game. Only a few managed to attend but everyone that did had a great time.

Our Boatload of Booze fundraiser did exceptionally well also. We raised over \$13,500. We were really amazed at how easy it was to sell these tickets. All you need to do is grab a partner and go to an event or business. When you tell the people inside what you are selling and what the money is going to be used for, you have no trouble selling the tickets. Several times my partner and I sold \$300-\$400 in a couple hours.

We are planning a get together to thank everyone for helping with the fundraisers this summer. It will be in a couple of weeks and we will be putting that information out as soon as we finalize the date. Keep your eyes open for the email. EVERYONE is invited to the event.

We know that all of you are looking to get the rest of your summer plans done before Labor Day so I would encourage all of you to make sure those plans are locked in as soon as possible. We all know that the summers are short and to get everything done takes careful planning. Just remember to drive carefully, be responsible and look out for the loved ones as we head for Labor Day and the ending of summer.

I know that things will probably not slow down for a while and I guess that is OK. I hope to see many of you at the various upcoming events in the next month or so. People like all of you are the reason that we have the great detachment we have.

Jerry Pedrin
Commandant 847 687 6663

Sr. Vice Commandant's Message

Greetings fellow Marines and Navy Corpsman

Just wanted to let everyone know that our fundraising efforts have ended for now until we start the Toys for Tots campaign in October. Our fundraising team went above and beyond to make this a huge success. I personally want to thank them. I will have our final numbers during our next meeting in August. I'll have all the Toys for Tots dates and locations at the next meeting I look forward to seeing you there.

Senior Vice Commandant

John Burns

Semper Fi

Jr. Vice Commandant's Comments on Membership

All you Life Members, at ease!

For the rest of you, **NOW** is the time to pay your annual dues. We've communicated with you on many occasions in the past about the change in dues policy from National MCL. Everyone who is not a Life member **MUST** pay their dues during August each year.

The easiest way to pay your dues is to either mail us a check for \$35 to:

Lake County Det 801 Marine Corps League
P.O. Box 7732, Gurnee IL 60031 or

Put your mouse cursor on the word **DUES** click and use your credit card.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

My fellow Marines, I sincerely hope you are having a great summer! I pray that you are enjoying everyday as our Lord intended. It doesn't matter whether you are enjoying your backyard, porch or you are traveling the world, the key word is ENJOY!

Enjoy your life with your family, friends, fellow marines and even those special "alone" times between you and your God.

We are all proud of the success our league continues to experience in our fund raising efforts! Funds for toys for tots, the league, and our foundation are in good shape. That said, remember that our league has a purpose, mission and responsibility in and to our community.

It takes all of us to fulfill our commitment! I urge you to join one of our committees. Your God given talents are needed in our VA Hospital, Eagle Scout, Color Guard and fund raising committees to name a few.

One of the purposes of our league is to promote comradeship among Marines and FMF Corpsmen, but in order to do so, you must attend our meetings and functions. I know I feel somewhat diminished when I'm unable to partake with my brother marines; please make the effort to attend our meetings and functions, I guarantee, you will not regret it! And of course you are missed when you are not there.

Remember to always go first to your Father in heaven first, when you are faced with problems, concerns and trials. He's a great counselor and will show you the way. All you have to do is open His Word. Go to your Father in heaven first, when you are celebrating your successes in life, He wants to celebrate with you! He wants you to have life, and have abundantly!

Remember, DREAM FEARLESSLY, LIVE BOLDLY.

Hank Landrau
Chaplain,
Semper fi

BOAT LOAD OF BOOZE

CONGRATULATIONS

2018 WINNERS



FIRST PLACE

Fraternal Order of Police-Waukegan.



SECOND PLACE

A. Bussone-Lake Villa



SEVENTH PLACE

J. Pudlo - North Chicago

THIRD PLACE

B. Kowalke-Third Lake

FOURTH PLACE

B. Clark - Gurnee



FIFTH PLACE

A. Lentz-Highwood



SIXTH PLACE

J. Cruey - Waukegan



EIGHTH PLACE

D. Brown - Beach Park

NINTH PLACE

K. Parrish - Hainesville



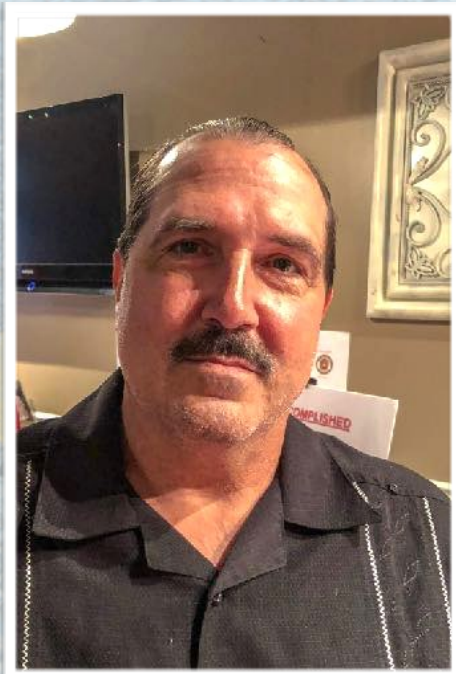
TENTH PLACE

L. Mordini - Grayslake

WELCOME ABOARD



Gabe Mathews and Mellissa Lessenberry



Dan Jekynak and Philip Russell

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE LAKE COUNTY DETACHMENT 801



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then

SMED

said:

Fellow members of "THE BEST DAMNED DETACHMENT IN THE NATION,"

This month, I would like to share with all of you 'bibliophiles' the latest titles that have been added to our Detachment library:

Tom Smolich has donated several:

- Dignity of Duty** by Susan Gilbreath Lane
The Journals of Erasmus Corwin Gilbreath
"A personal odyssey of service from the Civil War to the Spanish American War.
- Top Dog** by Maria Goodavage
The story of Marine Hero 'Lucca', in the battlefield.
- Sgt. Reckless** by Robin Hutton
An American Marine War Horse
- Last Stand at Khe Sanh** by Greg Jones
The story of how 6,000 Marines, surrounded by 20,000 enemy troops fought for 77 days.

Gerry Pedrin has also donated:

- Medal of Honor** Forward by Bradley Cooper
Portraits of honor (then & now) from WWII, Korea, Vietnam to the present. Includes one of our own, Allen J. Lynch.

William Bremner has supplied us the Fall 2018 Naval Institute Press catalog listing military publications available for purchase.

Several others:

- Lone Survivor** by Marcus Lutrell
The eyewitness account of Operation Redwing & Lost Heros of Seal Team 10.
- Thin Red Line** by James Jones
A fictional battle on the island of Guadalcanal.

Any of these (or others in our library) may be checked out for a month (with a month's renewal, if required) by contacting me with your request.

(cell) 847-648-6859 or RMButler57@comcast.net

SEMPER FIDELIS!

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CAPTAIN JAMES A. LOVELL FHCC VISITS



VA HOSPITAL VISITATION TEAM

We visited about 20 patients and passed out some key chains and some lanyards to the patients. We could use more people o the 2nd and third Thursday of the month. New faces are always welcomed.

Greg Cummings (847) 212-5454



COLOR & HONOR GUARD



June 20th

We presented Colors at Wrigley Field. Once again the weather was perfect, we were treated like royalty and the Cubs won. Super Day !!!



June 30th

We traveled to Huntley, IL to watch our past Commander, John Pickleman, play in a veterans tribute softball game. All Veterans were honored and the Sun City Marines presented Colors. (They stayed in step until the third step.) Hot Dogs, soda and water, ice cream, peanuts and chips were provided free. John had a perfect day in the game. Nothing hit to him in the field and no hits. We still elected him MVP. Good time was had by all.

July 4th

We marched in the Antioch Parade. After the Parade, we joined the Young Marines in the Pavilion, with a dish to pass, had a fun time eating lunch. Antioch is a wonderful old school, small town American City.

August 5th

Back to Wrigley field for the San Diego Padres game. Another cancelation and the Marines, always ready, took the field.

We need new Members!!!!

We need volunteers to carry the Banner and pass out applications. See me or any Member of the Color Guard. Al Seyler - Commander



EAGLE SCOUT'S



**We continue to look for new members for
our presentation team. Call Mel Ellingsen 847-274-8144.**

- Aug 11 Theodore Andrew Willemsen, Troop 60, 12:30 PM, Koenig Center-St. Joseph Parish 121 E. Maple Ave. Libertyville.
- Aug 11 Benjamin Thomas Staroszczyk, Troop 303, 3:30 PM, Lord of Glory Church 607 Belvidere Rd, Grayslake.
- Aug 11 Nicole T. Peterson, Troop 40975, Gold Award-Girl Scouts, 6 PM, Antioch Village Scout House 770 Cunningham Dr. Antioch
- Aug 12 Liam Larsen and John Demarest Diefenbach, Troop 48, 3:00 PM, Amer Legion 801 N. McKinley Rd., Lake Forest.
- Aug 18 Andrew Thielmann, Troop 188, 4:00 PM, Antioch Township Center 1625 Deep Lake Rd, Lake Villa
- Aug 19 Ben Lee and Ben Henderson, Troop 190, 12:30 PM, Antioch VFW 75 North Ave.
- Aug 19 Kevin Rodrigues, Troop 275, 3:00 pm, St Joseph School 118 N. Lincoln Ave. Round Lake

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, Richard Butler, Ed Mampe, Warren Blacklock and Joe Wallace.

FOUNDATION

The Foundation has not received any requests for aid at this time.

History

The Foundation was the brainstorm of Russell Dusack, Past Commandant of Det. 801. All Detachments of the Marine Corps league have been granted a 501 C (4) tax status by Congress.

However, all Corporations giving grants and Companies giving donations want a 501 C (3) tax status. Russ, being a CPA, completed all the necessary paperwork to obtain a 501 C (3) tax status. It would have to be granted to a new organization. The new organization was named the Lake County Marine Corps League Foundation, Inc.

Members

The Membership of the Foundation is all the members of Det. 801 in good standing.

A meeting of the Board will be scheduled soon.

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

DETACHMENT LIBRARY - Smedley Richard Butler is our Librarian

AUTHOR	TITLE	DESCRIPTION
ALEXANDER, COL. JOSEPH H. USMC (RET.)	A FELLOWSHIP OF VALOR	Battle history of the U.S. Marines
BEVILACQUA, ALLEN C.	THE WAY IT WAS	Humor: About Marines by Marines
BRADY, JAMES	WHY MARINES FIGHT	Story of a country at war as seen through the eyes of it's warriors
BROKAW, TOM	THE GREATEST GENERATION SPEAKS	Letters written back and forth from the front
BRYANT & STREBE	DESERT DOGS	Marines of Operation Iraqi Freedom
BUEKHOLSWE, FERNER & LeFENDRE, WALTER	FRIENDS MADE; MOMENTS SHARED; MEMORIES FOR LIFE	Oral History of US Marine Corps Scout bombing Squadron VMSB-343
CHAMBERS II, JOHN WHITECLAY	AMERICAN MILITARY HISTORY	Goldmine of information on American military history using battles and soldiers
CLARK, CMDR EUGENE FRANKLIN, USN	THE SECRETS OF INCHON	Most daring covert mission of the Korean War
COHEN, AARON	BROTHERHOOD OF WARRIORS	Behind enemy lines with one of the world's most elite counter-terrorism units
CAWFORD, STEVE	THE U.S. MARINE CORPS IN WWII	Photos and the stories behind them
CHENOWITH, COL. H. AVERY, USMCR(Ret.) with COL. BROOKE NIHART, USMC (Ret.)	SEMPER FI	The Definitive Illustrated History of the U.S. Marines
CRUMLEY, B. L.	THE MARINE CORPS, THREE CENTURIES OF GLORY (paperback)	Thorough, authoritative history of the Marine Corps since its formation
CRUMLEY, B. L.	THE MARINE CORPS, THREE CENTURIES OF GLORY (hardcover)	Thorough, authoritative history of the Marine Corps since its formation
DAVIS, KENNETH S.	SOLDIER OF DEMOCRACY	First hand account of Gen. Eisenhower from early years in Texas through WWII
de ST. JORRE, JOHN	THE MARINES	Photographic look at character and nature of the Marines
DIETRICH, WILLIAM	HADRIAN'S WALL	Novel of Roman England
DRURY, BOB & CLAVIN, TOM	LAST STAND OF FOX COMPANY	True story of US Marines in combat
FORTY, GEORGE	US MARINE CORPS HANDBOOK 1941-45	Archived photos: a complete portrait of leaders, grunts, equipment, etc. of the Marine CORPS
HALLAS, JAMES H.	KILLING GROUND ON OKINAWA	The battle for Sugar Loaf Hill
HAMEL, ERIC	CHOSIN	Heroic ordeal of the Korean War
HERSEY, JOHN	INTO THE VALLEY	Deeds of one company of marines during one small battle on Guadalcanal
HOFFMAN, LT.COL. JON T.	CHESTY	Story of Lt.Gen. Lewis B. Puller, USMC

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KAPLAN, ROBERT D.	IMPERIAL GRUNTS	Insider's account of world affairs and American Imperialism today
LaPIERRE, WAYNE	GUNS, CRIME, AND FREEDOM	A true debate about gun control
LAWLISS, CHUCK	THE MARINE BOOK	Portrait of America's military elite
LOWRY, RICHARD S.	MARINES IN THE GARDEN OF EDEN	True story of 7 bloody days in Iraq
MARINE CORPS ASSOCIATION	USMC A COMPLETE HISTORY	History of USMC
MARINE CORPS HERITAGE FOUNDATION	THE MARINES	Chronology of Marine Corps
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE	MEMBER ALBUM 2015	All 2015 Members
MORISON, SAMUEL ELIOT	THE STRUGGLE FOR GUADALCANAL	History of U.S. Naval operations in WWII
NORTH, OLIVER	WAR STORIES II	Stories of heroism in the Pacific
O'REILLY, BILL	KILLING PATTON	Strange death of General Patton
PANTANO, ILARIO	WARLORD	Tough, gritty saga of war
SCALIA, ANTONIN	A MATTER OF INTERPRETATION	How the law can be interpreted or misinterpreted
SCHWARZKOPF, GEN. H. NORMAN	IT DOESN'T TAKE A HERO	Autobiography
SIDES, HAMPTON	GHOST SOLDIERS	Grand account of one of the most daring exploits of WWII: 30 mile march to rescue 513 POW's
SIMMONS, EDWIN HOWARD	DOG COMPANY SIX	About Marines who served in Korean War
SLEDGE, E.B.	WITH THE OLD BREED	WWII Memoirs of fighting in the South Pacific
SPECTOR, RONALD H.	AFTER TET	The bloodiest year of the Vietnam war
TUCKER, MIKE	RONIN/A MARINE SCOUT-SNIPER PLATOON IN IRAQ	
WILCOX, ROBERT K.	TARGET: PATTON	A plot to assassinate Gen. George S. Patton
WUKOVITS, JOHN	ONE SQUARE MILE OF HELL	The battle for Tarawa

Related Military Links

US Department of Veterans Affairs

Lake County Veterans Assistance Commission

Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs

Marine Corps League Headquarters

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Illinois Marine

VFW Action Corps Weekly

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