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

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

**Last Month's Mystery Marine was
Warren Blacklock**



Who is this Mystery Marine?

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COMMANDANT'S COMMENTS

Ladies and Gents, once again I sit at the keyboard poised to create some words of wisdom for the Jarhead Journal this month. As I sit here I am forced to recall the events leading up to the election placing me as your Commandant. The events were thrown upon me in a very short time and it took me a while to finally realize just what happened.

I was attending a weeklong conference in central Illinois the first week of August for the Illinois Law Enforcement Explorers. While sitting at my desk the phone rang. I looked at the caller ID. The caller was Richard Butler. I answered the phone and got an unexpected shock. Richard told me that he was not going to run for the office of Commandant, and that I should consider taking that office. To say I was shocked, would be an understatement. I thought that Richard would run for the second term as was allowed. He gave me his reasons for not running and I could not think of anything I could say that would change his mind.

During the last year I have learned a great deal more about the detachment and the many things we do for the members and Veterans of this county. I thought I had a fairly good grasp of the situation and the inner workings of the detachment. It didn't take me long to realize just how much I didn't know. I know that I made a lot of dumb mistakes and had to fly by the seat of my pants with a lot of the things that were done in the first few months. I must say though, that I was lucky enough to have the guidance of some very influential people here in the league. Without them I would have fallen on my face early on.

In the last year I have come to realize just how great a detachment we have. We have people who may be a little hard headed, arrogant, and quick to speak their minds. These same people though, were the first ones to step up and let me know that I had their support and they would not let me fail. One of the first things I was told was don't be afraid to make a decision. If it is wrong it can be corrected. If you don't make the decision nothing gets done.

I have tried to follow the guidelines that the final decision is not about whether I think something is right or wrong but, whether the entire detachment feels it is right or wrong. I have learned that I must not put my feelings above the common good of the detachment. I feel that I have done a good job of following those guidelines so far and will try my best to do so in the coming months. I realize the trust you have given me and appreciate that.

I don't know what direction the detachment will take in the coming months and years. I do know; and can say with some certainty, that with the people in this detachment that are willing to step up and give guidance when needed, this detachment can and will not fail. I am so glad to be a part of this organization and I have no problem telling everyone I know that 801 is: "The Best Damn Detachment in the Nation." I also know that they will continue to be like that for a long way into the future. I am glad that I was a part of this journey and would not have missed it for the world.

And now it is time that I get about the business of the detachment. So I bid you goodbye for now and hope to see you again in the future events we have throughout the coming months. Feel free to stop me and let me know what you think of my actions and you can be assured that I may, OR MAY NOT change.

Jerry Pedrin
Commandant 847-687-6663

Sr. Vice Commandant's Message

TOYS FOR TOTS COLLECTION SCHEDULE

October 6, 2018 – Antioch Jewel, 966 IL-59, Antioch

October 13, 2018 – Gurnee Jewel, 6905 W. Grand Ave, Gurnee

October 20, 2018 - Grayslake Jewel, 885 E. Belvidere Rd. Grayslake

October 27, 2018 - Round Lake Beach Jewel, 900 E. Rollins Rd, Round Lake Beach

November 3, 2018 - Highland Park Jewel, 1600 Deerfield Rd, Highland Park

November 10, 2018 – Libertyville Jewel, 1300 S. Milwaukee Ave, Libertyville

November 17, 2018 – Mundelein Jewel, 1501 S. Lake St, Mundelein

November 24, 2018 – Waukegan Jewel, 3124 N. Lewis Ave, Waukegan

December 1, 2018 – TBD

December 8, 2018 – TBD

December 15, 2018 – TBD

Jr. Vice Commandant's Comments on Membership

Hey Marines!!!! Pay Attention..this is IMPORTANT

Your response has not been your best performance. We need all of you regular members to pay your dues. 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

August is one of those “transition” months. We can feel the change in the air. Kids are preparing to go back to school in many of our communities. We begin to “feel” the end of the summer season. The most noticeable sign of course is the shortening of the days. But that’s ok, because the end of something is always the beginning of something else. That’s part of the grand design.

Each season has its own magic; lets make sure we enjoy them all! With each season we build memories. Memories that bring joy to our hearts and meaning to our lives. Memories to share with family and friends, memories that define our lives.

Whether its spring, summer, fall, or winter each season offers us an opportunity to live, love, and create memories. Memories that comfort us in our later year. Those are the things we take with us when our Lord calls us to a greater existence.

The only way to create memories is to live and share lives! We all have blurred memories of our marine, navy and military experiences, experiences we wouldn’t trade for the world. We remember them as if they happened yesterday, whether that “yesterday” was fifty years ago or last month.

We are living today, and creating memories for tomorrow. Lets make good memories.

Remember, dream fearlessly and live boldly

God bless you and your families.

Semper Fi.

Hank Landrau,
Chaplain

Explaining Wills and Trusts

By Peter S. Karlovics, Judge Advocate Det. 801

Celebrities and notable figures in history, such as Abraham Lincoln, Martin Luther King, Jr., Jimi Hendrix, Aretha Franklin, and Prince did not leave a Will. According to a 2017 Caring.com survey, only 42 percent of US adults currently have estate planning documents such as a Will or Living Trust. For those with children under the age of 18, the figure is even lower, with just 36% having an end-of-life plan in place.

Failure to do some type of estate planning can result in unintended consequences. Without a Will or Living Trust, instead of the wishes of a deceased person determining who receives the deceased person's assets, Illinois statutes make that determination. A person who dies without a Will is known as "intestate."

Illinois intestate laws provide that a deceased person's estate is distributed as follows:

- If the deceased person is survived by spouse and descendants: the spouse receives half the property and the children split the remaining half
- If the deceased person is survived by spouse and no descendants: the spouse receives the entire probate property
- If the deceased person is survived by descendants and no spouse: the descendants receive the entire property
- If the deceased person is only survived by parents or siblings: the parents and siblings equally inherit the estate; however, if one parent is deceased, the other parent receives a double share of the estate.
- If the deceased person is not survived by parents, brothers, sisters, or descendants of brothers and sisters: estate is split equally between maternal and paternal sides of the family
- If the deceased person is survived by no one: estate is left to the state of Illinois

If a person dies without a Will, he or she has also likely not named an executor for the estate. In this case, the family members closest to the deceased share the right to appoint an administrator for the property. If all family members agree upon who should be the administrator, that person is appointed. If there is disagreement, the matter will go to court and a judge will determine who the administrator should be.

Dying intestate can be prevented through proper estate planning. The common goals of estate planning are simple: 1) to provide for spouses and/or dependent children; 2) to distribute property; 3) to plan for disability; 4) to organize finances; and 5) to reduce estate taxes.

Explaining Wills and Trusts (continued)

Two basic forms of estate planning primarily involve either creating a Living Trust or executing a Will. A Will only becomes effective after your death. A Living Trust goes into effect during your lifetime, and can be made to be revocable, changeable, amendable, or terminable.

Wills and Trusts each have their advantages and disadvantages. For example, a Will allows you to name a guardian for children and to specify funeral arrangements, while a Trust does not. On the other hand, a Trust can be used to plan for your disability or to provide savings on taxes. Further, a Will can ensure that all of your property is distributed to your designated beneficiaries through a "residuary clause," whereas a Trust will only pertain to property that you specifically place into the Trust.

Illinois requires a Will to be in writing. The person creating the Will is called a "testator." The testator must sign the Will at the end of the document. The Will must be signed by at least two attesting witnesses. Those that wish to change their Will may either revoke their will and execute a new Will, or execute a "codicil," which is used to make minor changes.

A Will takes effect upon the death of the testator, and the Will is administered through "Probate," which is a legal process by which the assets of a deceased are properly distributed.

Probate is not restricted to a circumstance where a decedent has executed a will. If the deceased has a Will, the executor named in the Will pays the deceased's debts, taxes and other claims, and distributes the assets of the decedent's estate according to the directions provide by the Will under the court's supervision. If a decedent does not have a Will, the court will appoint an administrator and ensure that the deceased's debts, taxes and other claims are paid, according to laws of intestate listed above.

Real estate that is subject to some type of joint ownership, such as joint tenancy or tenancy by the entirety, does not go through probate, but instead, the decedent's share is transferred to the other party in joint ownership upon the decedent's death.

In a probate involving a Will, the deceased can waive the requirement of an expensive surety bond. Without a Will, a probate court will require a surety bond, paid out of the proceeds of the estate, to be posted by the court appointed administrator.

Explaining Wills and Trusts (continued)

A Living Trust is created through the execution of a Trust document. A Trust document will provide a name for the Trust, names a Trustee or Trustees, and possibly one or more successor Trustees, provide for the powers of the trustee, and directs how the Trust is to be administered for the term of the Trust. The Trust must also specify the property to be transferred to the Trust to be effective, and most Trusts can accept any property transferred to them. In order for the Trust to be effective, property must be put into the Trust, and the Trust only has authority over that property that you specifically put into the Trust.

The Trust specifies what to do with property left in the Trust after the person who created the Trust dies. The distribution of property held in Trust can be made directly from the Trust without the necessity of submitting the Trust to probate court.

Some of the advantages of having a Living Trust over a Will are: assets transferred to a Trust during your lifetime will avoid probate at death, the attorney fees are more easily predictable in a Trust distribution than that in probate, beneficiaries have immediate access to assets, court approval is not required for payments of debts and distributions to beneficiaries, and details of your estate will not become public due to the Trust not being filed with a probate court (the proceedings are done in public and court documents are available to the public).

Some of the advantages of a Will over a Living Trust are that an estate can select a fiscal year, whereas a Trust select the calendar year for tax payments. Further, a will in probate has a shorter claims period for debts and taxes owed from the estate from two years to six months. Also, an estate in probate that is not contested can be resolved shortly after the period, mandated by Illinois law, that gives creditors time to file claims. The number one cause of delay in probate are family fights.

In conclusion, regardless of the manner of estate planning you choose, engaging in estate planning will protect your assets and loved ones, avoid possible tax burdens, provide predictability as to how your assets will be distributed, and avoid having the courts determine how your assets are divided. Do not follow the example of the celebrities listed above. Consider developing an estate plan right away.

CAPTAIN JAMES A. LOVELL FHCC VISITS



VA HOSPITAL VISITATION TEAM

We went to the V.A. with smiles and things to pass out to the patients. We visited both buildings 133 and 134 and visited a lot of patients. They were happy to chat and enjoyed the company of our visit. Passed out some tokens to them and we also got some more service hats for passing out from the MCL 801 unit to them. There will NOT be visits on 13 September due to almost all of the team being gone on vacation or having something else planned. We look forward to any new detachment members that would like and care to join us and help out with the visits.

Semper Fi.

Greg Cummings (847) 212-5454



COLOR & HONOR **GUARD**



August 5th

We were again asked, on short notice, to fill in at Wrigley Field for a Sunday Cubs game. "Smedley" Butler, Jerry Pedrin, Ron Engles, Peter Karlovics and I took the assignment and presented Colors. It was a beautiful day for a ballgame even though the Cubs lost.

August 1st

We marched in the Lake Forest Days parade. Jim Sroka drove his Pontiac "Goat" convertible. All shinned up, with flags flying, it was stunning. The Young Marine followed Jim. We made an awesome impression on the crowd.

We noticed as we went by that more people were standing and holding their hands over their heart. Boy Scout troop 48 was at the front of the Parade holding signs telling the folks to stand and respect the flags that was following. It's a shame we have to remind people but it worked.

August 18th

We were notified on Wednesday night by MAG 48 of a need for a volley for the funeral of a Gy/Sgt. Thompson on Saturday at 1030. On very short notice we turned out 8 Marines for a Volley and Jim as a live Bugler. Mag 48 had 9 there in dress blues as pallbearers and flag detail. It was an impressive sight as we all lined up and met the hearse. Very proud of our Honor Guard to give up their Saturday and stand on the hot asphalt on very short notice. Marines are special people-

September 11

We will present Colors at Glen Flora Country Club for a fund raiser.

Al Seyler - Commander 847-220-1525



EAGLE SCOUT'S



We continue to look for new members for our presentation team.

Call Mel Ellingsen 847-274-8144

August and September Presentations

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| Aug 4 | Jason Koepke and Wade S. Gaunky, Troop 73, |
| Aug 5 | Jeffrey S. Henning, Jr., Troop 675, |
| Aug 5 | Kyle A. Wooley, Troop 85, |
| Aug 11 | Theodore Andrew Willemsen, Troop 60, |
| Aug 11 | Benjamin Thomas Staroszczyk, Troop 303, |
| Aug 11 | Nicole T. Peterson, Troop 40975, Gold Award-Girl Scouts, |
| Aug 12 | Liam Larsen and John Demarest Diefenbach, Troop 48, |
| Aug 18 | Andrew Thielmann, Troop 188, |
| Aug 19 | Ben Lee and Ben Henderson, Troop 190, |
| Aug 19 | Kevin Rodrigues, Troop 275, |
| Sep 8 | Daniel Nathan Koenemann, Troop 198, 1:00 PM, St. Andrew Lutheran Church, 10 S. Lake St. Mundelein |
| Sep 9 | Sean Ivan Coughlan, Troop 46, 3:00 PM, Lake Forest Historical Society |
| Sep 23 | Brandon Alexander Nitto, Troop 96, noon, St. Gilberts multipurpose room 231 E. Belvidere Rd. 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, Richard Butler, Ed Mampe, Warren Blacklock and Joe Wallace.

FOUNDATION

The Foundation met on August 8th at Salutos restaurant in Gurnee. Results of the fund raising raffle were \$13,500.00. A "Well Done" to everyone for helping make it a success.

Donations in the amount of \$1,500.00 were approved for the following organizations:

Honor Flight of North Chicago

Veterans Assistance Commission-Lake County

Midwest Veteran's Closet

Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation

\$900.00 was approved unanimously, by telephone vote, to buy a hole sponsorship at the Allan Lynch Golf outing fund raiser.

Discussion was held to increase the Board of Directors from the current 8 to 9. It was felt that an odd number was needed for potential tie votes. An amendment will be drafted and presented by the Judge Advocate to the Members for approval.

Each of the current Board Directors agreed to run for the next term. If the Amendment is approved, Jim Swab will be nominated to fill that position.

The Lake County Marine Corps League Foundation (Foundation) was set up in 2006 as a IRS 501-(C) (3) organization.

The Mission of the Foundation is to provide comfort, support, financial assistance, and educational assistance to improve the quality of life for military personnel, veterans and their families of **all branches** of the armed forces.

All Members of Det. 801 are Members of the Foundation.

It is a vehicle to pursue all grant opportunities and fundraising initiatives.

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

Honor Flight Lake County

Illinois Marine

VFW Action Corps Weekly

American Legion

Sgt Grit

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE LAKE COUNTY DETACHMENT 801

We had close to thirty folks at our 'Thank You' picnic hosted by Jim Sroka. Yeah, it rained a bit, but we enjoyed the time together inside.



[Click here to watch a brief video.](#)