

THE JAWHEAD JOURNAL

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Jerry Pedrin being congratulated by PDC Bill Barta and PDC Don Haines after being installed as Commandant, Detachment 801.



Marine of the Year, Richard 'Smedley' Butler along with the past Marines of the Year.



The newly elected and appointed officers of the Lake County Detachment 801.
The Best Damned Detachment in the Nation!

Please listen (click [243rd Birthday Message](#)) to General Robert B. Nuller, Commandant, USMC as he delivers the 2018 Marine Corps [243rd BIRTHDAY MESSAGE](#).

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



Clockwise from upper left, Color Guard with the ladies at the Oscar Mike Gala; another image from the Oscar Mike Gala; presentations of thank you certificates; members enjoying dinner and in line for chow at our installation dinner on 15 October.

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Sgt. at Arms:	Clint Chia
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Chaplain:	Hank Landrau
Quartermaster:	Al Blut
Asst. Quartermaster:	Scott Bastean
Librarian:	Richard Butler
Web Sgt.:	Mel Ellingsen

**Our next meeting is Monday
19 November starting at
1900 (7 PM)-fellowship earlier.**

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

**Last Month's Mystery Marine was
Al Blut**



Who is this Mystery Marine?

Where Stuff Is

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COMMANDANT'S COMMENTS

As I sit at my computer to begin this article, I reflected back to one year ago when I was elected as your Commandant. It was a tremendous honor even though it was sooner that I ever dreamed it would be. Now, one year later, you have seen fit to elect me for a second term. I can't say how much this means to me to have all of you deem me worthy of this honor. As I said at the installation dinner, I will always make time to listen to what you have to say and will do my best to guide the detachment in a manner befitting this group for the next year. I will then hand the reigns over to the next person you put your trust in. Thank you again for the honor.

Things have really been getting busy the past couple weeks and with all the events going on, my wife said I should just move into the League barracks. At first I thought she was just being sarcastic and then thought that might be a good idea, if we had one. There are many days and nights that have been, and are going to be, spent with League members out and about doing League business in the next month or two. We will all need to remember that the hours we are spending away from home and our families is for the benefit of the Veterans and Kids of the County. We can then be thankful that we are not in need such as they are.

Our Toys for Tots program is coming along very well and our fundraising is doing better than last year. The weather has been cooperating most of the time and we have had a large group of people out to assist. We are getting boxes out and setting up stations to sell trains all over Lake County so we feel this year will be a good one in terms of money and toys collected.

We know that along with our T4T program there are many other events going on in the next few weeks. Some of us were able to go to the Young Marine Ball in Skokie on October 27th. The Lake County Young Marines combined with Chicago's Own Young Marines for a fine program. We were able to meet the leaders of Chicago's Own and by the end of the night had made arrangements to get both groups together in the next year for some events. We think this will benefit both units tremendously. We also stopped at MACG 48 and 3RD CAG and gave them a check to help some of their non NCO's go to their Marine Ball.

There will be several events we will be doing in November but one I would like to remind all of you about is the celebration of the Marine Birthday at the VA on 8 November. Your color guard will start the day out by presenting colors at Burke Hall for the celebration and cake cutting there. They will then move on to Building 66 at 1PM where they will take part in a cake cutting ceremony for the Veterans at the Homeless shelter along with the VA hospital team. Then after that, they will accompany the VA team on a trip thru the wards and hand out cupcakes to all the patients and staff there. All of you are welcome to attend any or all of these events that day. If you need directions ask one of the Hospital Team members, Color Guard members, or call me.

Then we can't forget our own Marine 243rd Birthday Ball celebration at the Tiki Bar on Friday, 9 November at 6 PM on Sunset just west of Green Bay Rd. There will be cake, food and drinks free for the group until we leave. There is another day filled with activities. That is 11 November. We will fire a rifle volley at Lindenhurst at 11 AM for the ceremony they have there. Then at 1:30 PM we will go to CLC where we will be acting as chaperones for the Lake County beauty pageant.

I need to also tell all of you about a business that is new to the area called Mission BBQ. This business is on the northeast corner of Grand and Hunt Club Roads. You enter there thru the intersection next to McDonald's at Gurnee Mills. They are a Vet friendly business and on 11 November they will be giving all VETS, police, fire, and all other first responders a free meal all day long. We will be collaborating with this place in the future with several events in the works. Check it out. They have a person walk out into the dining area each day at noon and have everyone stop, stand and say the Pledge of Allegiance and sing the National Anthem; our kind of place. I will be looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at these upcoming events.

Stay safe and healthy. Jerry Pedrin (847) 687-6663

Sr. Vice Commandant's Message

TOYS FOR TOTS COLLECTION SCHEDULE

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 – Gurnee Mills Mall - Location TBD

December 8, 2018 – Hawthorne Mall - Location 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.



Contact Al Blut, Quartermaster, if you are interested in purchasing a jacket similar to the ones pictured here. Prices may increase from last year when we paid \$115 to \$150 based on size. Unfortunately, there are no returns. Talk with other members to determine what size fits you.

Call Al at (847) 587-3757



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

My fellow Marines:

In October we celebrated Columbus Day, Halloween and many birthdays. The leaves turned brilliant colors and we had the opportunity to pick up all those fallen leaves!

We also installed our leadership team for the upcoming year and look forward to a year of continued success. Lets thank our God for these dedicated men and women.

We're looking forward to celebrating our beloved Corps 243rd birthday in November. We'll also have an opportunity to thank our God for the great country we have, our families and the opportunity to worship as we wish.

Most importantly, during October we can catch our breath before we rush headlong into the holiday season beginning with our Thanksgiving celebration!

In October we kicked off our Toys for Tots fund raising season, which gives many of us the opportunity to share our time and enjoy wonderful comradeship with fellow marines.

I look forward to seeing all of you during our November business meeting.

As always, please you have an open invitation to contact me for prayer and conversation.

Dream fearlessly, live boldly

Semper Fi

Hank Landrau, Chaplain

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE LAKE COUNTY DETACHMENT 801



and

then

SMED

said:

To all my "Brother and Sister" members of the BDDITN.

Last month, I had the honor of being presented with the Annual Detachment Marine of the Year award. I was obviously taken aback and was speechless. Sitting at the table, I was running through the roster in my head and attempting to list the many members I thought eligible for this most prestigious presentation. I did not hear my name called and only stood when poked in the ribs and told, "it is you"! Within any organization, to be chosen by ones peers for recognition is a very great honor, and I sincerely thank you all for making this possible.

Five years ago, I joined Detachment #801 and immediately signed up for the Color Guard. Particularly interesting to me were the sessions after practice when the 'Guard' would gather around a table at Stevens' to discuss detachment business and also talk about their individual histories in the Corps. Russ, John, George, Mel, Al and Jim became my mentors as I was introduced not only to them, but the workings of Detachment #801.

As more time passed, I joined the Eagle Scout Team, and participated in the fund raising, shooting and Toys for Tots endeavors. These activities allowed me to learn more about other members and get to know them better. I found the more I participated, the more I enjoyed membership in the organization. I also discovered the vast resources existing among the membership. We have a group of very diversified members that are able to rise to the occasion whenever the challenge is made to address any particular task.

During the last four years some of my original mentors have been called to their final duty station, or have moved from the area. I sincerely miss, and will never forget them, but now find some of the newer members are asking me the same questions I used to ask....as time marches on, some things do not change.

In 'civilian life' I have spent over forty years answering questions asked within my 'trade'. I always took pride in being able to find answers. I pledge to you fellow members (and those yet to come) that I will continue to find answers to your questions relating to Detachment #801.

I can be reached at;

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SEMPER FIDELIS to all of you members and thank you for your part in making Detachment #801 the Best Damned Detachment in the Nation!

Sent from "Smedley".

Semper FidelisThe three time State Champion Color Guard, representing the

**Here are links for the USMC
243rd Birthday Balls being held in
the Chicago Area**

[Recruiting Station Chicago November 3rd](#)

[MACG 48 November 9th](#)

[3rd Civil Affairs Group November 10th](#)

[MCL McHenry Detachment November 10th](#)

[2nd Bn 24th Marines November 17th](#)

and

Lake County Detachment 801 November 9th

**Tiki Bar
3500 Sunset Avenue
Waukegan**

Our traditional party starts at 1800

CAPTAIN JAMES A. LOVELL FHCC VISITS



VA HOSPITAL VISITATION TEAM

We are set for 1300 at Building 66 (Homeless Shelter) VA area on the 8th of November 2018 for the Vets there for the Marine Birthday party. It will consist of cake and passing out a present to the Marines there. We will then go on to the regular Hospital visits and pass out cup cakes to those in house. Please put this out to all members for the league and let them know that they are welcome to join us at building 66 on the 8th of November.

Semper Fi.

Greg Cummings (847) 212-5454



COLOR & HONOR **GUARD**



The three time State Champion Color Guard, representing the “the Best Damn Detachment in the Nation”, Det. 801 continues to keep an active schedule of Events.

We performed the following Events:

10/6 Viet Nam War Era (1955-1975) Veterans Awards
Cantigny Park (pictures above)
Al Lynch - Keynote speaker - Presented Colors

10/7 Honor Flight Return
North Chicago War Memorial
4:30pm – Crowd Control

10/19 Oscar Mike Fund Raising Ball
Hyatt Regency Rosemont

When Tri-County, Northwest, McHenry and other Detachments could not, would not and all said no. With 2 days notice, Det. 801 hit the beach (hotel). It was an opposed landing but our superior tactics carried the day. Soon, we secured the area and rounded up prisoners for interrogation. Mission Accomplished !!!



EAGLE SCOUT'S



Sometimes we present Ka-Bars to Girl Scout Gold Award recipients.

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

Call Mel Ellingsen 847-274-8144

November and Future Presentations

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| Nov 6 | Brigham Cieslak, Troop 174, 6:00 PM, Church of the Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 315 McKinley Ave., Lake Villa. (Ellingsen) |
| Nov 10 | Ryan William Gadek and Michael Edmund Gadek, Troop 194, 2:00 PM, Adler Park Lodge 1500 N. Milwaukee Ave., Libertyville. (Carle) |
| Nov 18 | Peter Gabriel Vena-Pedersen, Troop 52, 3:00 PM, First Presbyterian Church of Deerfield 824 Waukegan Rd., Deerfield. (Butler) |
| Nov 24 | Pliny Jason Smith, Troop 46, 12:30 PM, First Presbyterian Church of Lake Forest 700 Sheridan Rd, (Homan) |
| Nov 24 | Samuel and Oliver Pasquesi, Troop 42, 3 PM, Grace United Methodist Church 244 E. Center Ave., Lake Bluff. (Homan) |
| Nov 25 | Riley Menges, Troop 188, 1:00 PM Antioch Township Center 1625 Deep Lake Rd, Lake Villa (Ellingsen) |
| Dec 2 | Tyler M. Hansen, Ethan D. Lane, Joshua B. Lane, Kenneth C. Murry, and Benjamin L. H. Rosa, Troop 42, 3:00 PM. Grace United Methodist Church 244 E. Center Ave., Lake Bluff, (Ellingsen) |
| Dec 15 | Justin M. Carlson, Troop 71, 3 pm, First Presbyterian Church of Libertyville 219 W. Maple Ave., () |

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, Col. Jim Swab and Joe Wallace.

FOUNDATION

3rd Annual Marine Care Packet Project

Grayslake Central Community High School (District 127) is again this year getting donations and assembling care packages to send to deployed Marines. The Foundation has donated \$150.00 to help with the cost of shipping. They do a super job.

We welcome Col. Jim Swab as a Member of the Board of Directors.

We will have a meeting of the Board of Directors in early December to set our goals for the coming year.

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
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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
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SCALIA, ANTONIN	A MATTER OF INTERPRETATION	How the law can be interpreted or misinterpreted
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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

Lake County Marines

US Department of Veterans Affairs

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