

# THE JARHEAD JOURNAL

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We celebrated the 243rd USMC Birthday with the traditional cake cutting. Commandant Pedrin had the honors. Joe Pudlo was our oldest Marine and LCpl Edgar Martinez was the youngest (from MACG 48). Mel, Peter and Richard met with James Martin at the 3rd CAG 243rd USMC Birthday Ball in Rosemont. Jim was honored as the oldest Marine. Earlier, as much younger Marine, Jim jumped from a Mike boat arriving in the first wave on Iwo Jima.

**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



Here are more pictures from our 243rd USMC Birthday celebration.

Without question, Marine Ed Mrozinski, aka Larry Storch of F. Troop fame, was the best dressed!

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





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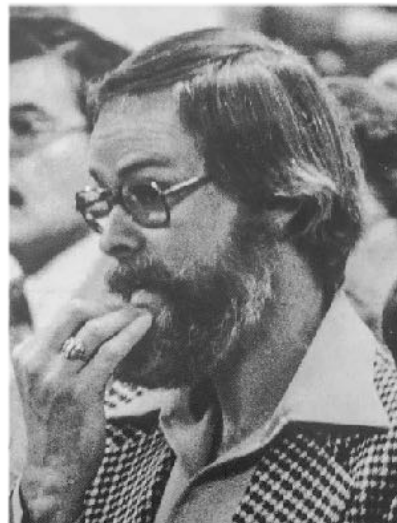
**Detachment Officers**

Commandant:	Gerald Pedrin
Senior Vice-Commandant:	John Burns
Junior Vice-Commandant:	Nada Sydow
Judge Advocate:	Peter Karlovics
Paymaster:	Ed Mampe
Adjutant:	John Jezioro
Sgt. at Arms:	Clint Chia
Asst. Sgt. at Arms:	Larry Lingen
Chaplain:	Hank Landrau
Quartermaster:	Al Blut
Asst. Quartermaster:	Scott Bastean
Librarian:	Richard Butler
Web Sgt.:	Mel Ellingsen

**Our next meeting is Monday  
17 December 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  
Peter Karlovics**



**Who is this Mystery Marine (a few years  
out of the Corps)?**

**Where Stuff Is**

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**COMMANDANT'S COMMENTS**

Once more I sit in front of my computer to try and bring together the events of the past month. The past month started off with a very successful T4T fundraiser in Highland Park. All our T4T fundraisers this month have been great and we have been blessed with a great showing of support from the people in each City.

We then went to the Veteran's Hospital on the 8<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM and presented colors at the program the Navy and Marines had for Veteran's day and the Marine Corps Birthday. At 1PM we were at another building that housed the Homeless and did a cake cutting ceremony for the Marine Corps Birthday. We finished up the day about 1½ hours later by delivering cupcakes and well wishes to all the patients at the hospital. It was an exhausting day but one that was truly a blessing to see so many people glad that we took time out of our busy schedules to visit with them.

With all that out of the way, the next day we held our own Marine Corps Birthday Bash. We had a great turnout and even got some active duty Marines to visit and spend time with us. It was a fun filled night that was enjoyed by all.

That brings us to Veteran's Day. We started out our day's activities at Lindenhurst where we fired a rifle volley at Lindenhurst's services there. It was extremely cold and they put the event in the public works garage. That is except for us. You cannot fire a rifle volley indoors. We survived and then packed up to head to the College of Lake County where we again presented colors for the Lake County Beauty Pageant. We were not done yet. We stuck around and escorted about 50 young ladies in evening gowns to be judged that evening. We came home tired but warmed with the heat of the building and the knowledge that we brought some joy to some young lives in the process.

The next day was not a day of rest. We started out early at 10AM with our first of two celebrations at the Village of Victory Lakes, an extended living/nursing home in Lindenhurst. Linda Rockwell from Journey Care and Jim Reynolds from Bugles Across America put on a great program for the Veterans there. Linda and Jim then agreed to come to our December meeting and explain the programs that they do for Veterans. We left that building after presenting colors and then moved on to another building where the process was repeated.

We left there and realized that we would just make the noon ceremonies at Mission BBQ at Hunt Club and Grand in Gurnee. Mission BBQ is an eatery unlike any other in the County. Each Veteran is greeted with a warm smile, a handshake, and thanked for their service as they approach the counter. At noon each day a person comes from behind the counter, asks all to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the playing of the National Anthem. Our Color guard was right there inside the front door proudly presenting colors. It was great to see that included in the midst of the well-wishers were several members of our MCL detachment.

Near the end of the month we marched in the Antioch parade with the Young Marines. We had planned for a very cold evening (6:30 PM) and had dressed in our long johns and winter garb. We got there to find the temp in the 40s and the threat of rain. We were in the beginning of the parade and just finished marching when the rain started.

As you can see, we had a very full month. It was tiring but looking back on it I would not have changed a thing. It was nice to see so many of our group out and about at these different events and I hope we continue to get out and support our detachment and the people of this County. We are not asking you to do anything that you can't do. But if you can take a few hours out of your day to give us a hand we will be grateful and so will the people we serve. We still have T4T fundraisers going on, Hospital visit, Color Guard events, and many other things that you can be a part of. If nothing else it gets you out of the house for a while and you get some exercise. Not all our events are as stressful as you may think and we ask for only as much time as you can handle. In order to be the best, we need to act like the best. I hope you can take the time to assist us in the coming weeks and months to keep our detachment "The Best Damn Detachment in the Nation."



## **Sr. Vice Commandant's Message**

### **TOYS FOR TOTS COLLECTION SCHEDULE**

December 1, 2018 – Gurnee Mills Mall - Inside Door A

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 around \$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

As always November was a month to remember! As marines we celebrated and toasted our Corps 243<sup>rd</sup>. birthday. As Americans we honored our veterans. As family members we thanked our creator for our family, our country, our Corps and our ability to worship.

The richness and freedoms of our culture provide us with opportunities others can only dream of. What we do with those opportunities determine the quality of our lives and the lives of our fellow citizens.

So as we look forward to the upcoming holiday season lets rise above mere commercialism and embrace the true meaning of the season.  
Let's endeavor to improve ourselves even in the smallest of ways.

We can choose to be "scrooges" or angels of mercy. We can spend the holidays indulging in every conceivable pleasure or we can share with those who are less fortunate. The choice is our!

How can we be "angels of mercy"?

First, lets remember the reason for the season, and then enjoy our families and friends. So look forward to December and a brand new year!

In the meantime, I hope you enjoyed the month of November 2018, that your health was good or improving. That you did those things you planned to do, spent time with those you wish to spent time with.

I pray that we **NEVER** take life for granted, ours or anyone else's. Tomorrow is not promised to us. Lets insure we do the best we can today! God blesses you and your families, and in turn return that blessing to those you come in contact with.

Dream big, live boldly  
Semper Fi  
Hank Landrau



**and**

**then**

**SMED**

**said:**

To all members of The Best Damned Detachment in The Nation!

During our Detachment Color Guard participation for Veterans Day at Victory Lakes in Lindenhurst, I listened to a wonderful presentation given to the attending residents.

Linda Rockwell and Detachment #801 member Jim Richardson representing Journey Care, read the names and presented a certificate and an individual salute to every veteran residing at Victory Lakes.

The presentation included; name, branch of service, rank, campaign and years served.

As I listened to the presented biographies, a thought struck me as to how little I really know about many of our members.

With your cooperation, I would like to try something a little different in this space in the future.

Those of you that are willing to share, how about you composing a short write-up of your MOS, what it entailed, where you were and for how long?

Send it to me at- [RMButler57@comcast.net](mailto:RMButler57@comcast.net) and I will place it in "Smed Said".

If you do not wish to use your name, that is okay. I (and perhaps other members) would like to read about what you did. If you have an interesting story you would like to relate, I would like to hear it. Perhaps we could place it in the JarHead.

If I may use your name, sign your e-mail. If you would rather I not use your name, just leave your name off. I will know you sent it, but will not use your name.

I believe this would be a great way to learn more about our membership, and, will give me fresh material to use for the next 100+ months.

Otherwise, you will continue to read the SOS (Same Old Stuff).

Sent from "Smedley".

Semper Fidelis

**11/6** Allstate Insurance Northbrook - Presented Colors



## WELCOME ABOARD



Welcome aboard Marine Walter Roth. He served from 1965 until 1969 having been to in Vietnam, Camp Pendleton, and Camp Lejeune. He was trained as a Logistics Specialist 0431.

Walt is married with two kids and four grandkids. He lives in Long Grove. Walt enjoys the arts and music where he volunteers along with Vista Hospice Care.

**CAPTAIN JAMES A. LOVELL FHCC VISITS**



**VA HOSPITAL VISITATION TEAM**

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Greg Cummings (847) 212-5454





## **COLOR & HONOR GUARD**



The Color Guard from the “Best Damn Detachment in the Nation” has been hard at work this past month. Lots of work but good events and a lot of FUN!

- 11/8** VA Hospital - USMC Birthday/ Vets Day-Presented Colors
- 11/11** Lindenhurst War Memorial Veteran’s Day - Fire Volley
- 11/11** Lake County Beauty Pageant - CLC - Escort Ladies and Present Colors
- 11/12** Village at Victory Lakes - Presented Colors at both 9 am and 10 am
- 11/12** Mission Bar B Q - Gurnee - Presented Colors at noon
- 11/23** Antioch Christmas Parade
- 12/16** Soldier’s Field Packers vs. Bears - Present Colors

Our slow down time begins now. We will start up after the Holidays with a return to the basics—How To March—Manual of Arms—Flag Commands—Volley—Funeral Honor Guard—Flag Folding. Yes—Boot Camp for the Color Guard.

It is a perfect time to join the unit. We need new blood !!

Al Seyler  
Commander





# **EAGLE SCOUTS**



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

**Call Mel Ellingsen 847-274-8144**

## **November and Future Presentations**

We have presented thirty-three Ka-Bars since 1 July.

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| Dec 2  | Ethan A. Schommer, Troop 92, 11:30 AM., Scout House 770 Cunningham Dr. Antioch (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 9  | Christopher D. Cizek, Troop 324, 3:00 PM, Highland Park Presbyterian Church, 300 Laurel, Highland Park (Homan)   |
| Dec 15 | Justin M. Carlson, Troop 71, 3 pm, First Presbyterian Church of Libertyville 219 W. Maple Ave., (Butler)   |
| Dec 16 | William M. Hough, Troop 48, 11:00 am, Amer Legion Hall 801 N. McKinlev Rd. Lake Forest(Ellingsen)  |

## **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**

The Board is not aware of anyone needing assistance at this time.

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

Al Seyler  
President  
Lake County Marine Corps League Foundation  
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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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
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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

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**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**