

THE JARHEAD JOURNAL

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Fourth year we presented MACG 48 CO with Toys for Tots check for \$16,000.



Welcome new Sr. Vice Nada Sydow.



Saying Fair Winds and Following Seas to Sr. Vice John Burns and wife Nicole as they travel to their new home in NC.



Welcome new Jr. Vice Chuck Butrim.

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



We were well represented at Salutos' Toys for Tots Fund Raising Ugly Sweater Contest on 21 December. Salutos matched the \$650 donated for Toys for Tots.



Detachment members Bob and Linda Stack hosted 43 recruit sailors for Christmas Dinner.

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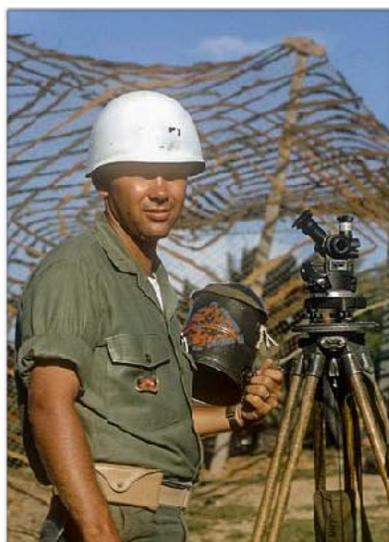
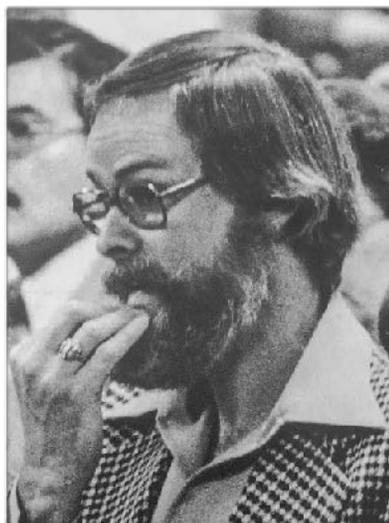
Detachment Officers

Commandant:	Gerald Pedrin
Senior Vice-Commandant:	Nada Sydow
Junior Vice-Commandant:	Charles Butrim
Judge Advocate:	Peter Karlovics
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Chaplain:	Hank Landrau
Asst. Chaplin	MGSgt. Wayne Carle
Quartermaster:	Al Blut
Asst. Quartermaster:	Scott Bastean
Librarian:	Richard Butler
Web Sgt.:	Mel Ellingsen

**Our next meeting is Monday
21 January 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
Smedley Richard Butler**



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Who is this Mystery Marine?

COMMANDANT'S COMMENTS

Ladies and Gents, as I start this message I am reminded by the date and the season that all good things must come to an end. It is the end of the month and the end of another year. It seems to me like the older we get the faster time flies. I must say that we have had a fun filled year here with the League. We have had a lot of changes take place and we have had a lot of exciting adventures.

Who would have thought that we would have gone to Wrigley Field as many times as we did to present colors. No one would have thought that each time we went we would bring home a win. Another exciting event was the Bears games. Two opportunities to present colors; two wins by the Bears. We went to Wheaton and presented colors at a ceremony honoring Vietnam Vets and had all the members of our Color Guard honored as well. We did a tremendous amount of events where we presented colors in November and had so many invites that we could not accommodate all of them. We even presented colors at the Mission BBQ in Gurnee at noon on November 12th.

We solicited funds and toys for Toys for Tots October, November, and December and were lucky enough to give the Marines at MACG 48 another check for \$16,000. We also did a fabulous job with the "trains" and made over \$2500. We collected toys from over 50 locations and saw to it that the toys all went to needy children, as they should.

We were lucky enough to bring toys to North Chicago and Park City this year to be distributed to the children in need there. Several thousand toys were distributed. We also took toys to the Lake County Jail. With the help of the Sheriff and his staff, plus a couple dozen volunteers, we were able to aid the Sheriff in his efforts to continue a tradition at the jail of giving toys to the children of the inmates as they came to visit their family members. The Young Marines turned out in force to help us and in a little over three hours we were able to distribute toys to over 417 families.

That was not the end of our tasks. We still had to go to Allendale in Lake Villa and deliver over 800 toys, games, and personal clothing items to the children there. We then headed to A Safe Place in Zion. They are a shelter for battered women and children. We again this year filled a huge room there with toys, games, personal hygiene items and coats. Over 75 coats were dropped off there for the incoming needy people.

Zechariah Center and the Advocacy Center were next. We dropped off over 15 boxes of toys and games to the children that will be passing through their doors in the coming months. All the while still not forgetting our Veterans, we made a trip to Midwest Veteran's Closet and dropped of a number of boxes for them also.

We also were able to grant the wishes of some business owners in the County. We were told that they had employees that were having a hard time and could use some help with getting toys for their children. We jumped to the rescue and aided over 25 families with toys and games for their children.

I am giving you all this information because our Senior Vice Commandant, John Burns, was not able to write a recap. He and his wife Vikki have decided to move to North Carolina and should be gone in the next week or so. Vikki had been hired at one of the hospitals there and this move is a great opportunity to demonstrate her nursing skills. We wish them the best and hope they return from time to time to visit "The best Damn Detachment in the Nation."

COMMANDANT'S COMMENTS

(continued)

We are doing a few different things starting this year at our monthly meetings. There are Veterans from most of the wars amongst us; but I am sure that there are not many of us, myself included, that know much about the battles that our beloved Marine Corps was involved in. We will have a member of the League pick a battle and after reviewing it, give a short presentation on that battle at our meeting.

The information will then be posted on the web site for all to read. If you have a particular battle you would like to speak about let me know and we can arrange it.

We will also be bringing in speakers who might be of interest to the League. We had a few in the past and they seemed to be well received so we will see how that goes. If any of you have any ideas on how to make the meeting better feel free to let me know. We are open to new ideas. We can only stay the best by expanding our thoughts and deeds.

I would like to thank each and every one of you for the things you did during this past year that helped our Detachment. Some of you gave a lot and some of you gave a little but I thank you for what you gave. Only you know what you are capable of doing. It isn't the "what you do", it is the "why you do it" that counts.

Jerry Pedrin (847) 687-6663

Jr. Vice Commandant's Comments on Membership
Hey Marines!!!! Pay Attention..this is IMPORTANT

We still have over 20 members who have not paid their dues for this year. There will be a list at the meeting check-in table showing everyone who has not paid their dues this year. If you see your name on that list, PLEASE PAY UP! Everyone who is not a Life member MUST pay their dues by August 31st 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

A DECEMBER TO REMEMBER

This December, like all Decembers was full of hustle and bustle, preparations for the celebration of the 'BIRTH' and "HANUKKAH". The exchanging of gifts, the lighting of the menorah, well wishes for good health, fun and fortune, and we can't forget the sharing of food and drink!

December also gives us the opportunity to reflect on the things we've` experienced during the year that is about to become history, part of our past and memories.

In looking back over the preceding 12 months, we can recall the "ups" and "downs" in our lives: the heartache over losing a loved one, the joy of new birth, the excitement of graduation or mastering a new skill! All the things we kept in our hearts, known only to ourselves and our GOD, and the things that lift our spirits and shared with the world!

December 2018 was "mild" weather-wise. Some consider that a blessing, while others prefer at least 5 feet of snow on the ground. Regardless of which camp we prefer, we should be grateful to a God that continues to bless us with his love, Grace and Mercy! These are things we must in turn share with each other. We must not miss those opportunities given to us to care for our brothers and sisters. As I've said many times before, sometimes the greatest gift we can give someone is our time and ourselves. We can share with those who are hospitalized, shut-ins, or just plain lonely. What an opportunity to share!

December also affords us the chance to look ahead. To wonder what the New Year will bring. What opportunities, and challenges we'll have. Opportunities to serve, to learn, to share, to love, not just our families but our "enemies" as well. Opportunities to dream big and live boldly!

Semper Fi
Hank Landrau, Chaplain

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE LAKE COUNTY DETACHMENT 801



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said:

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE BDDiTN, GREETINGS!

Our first Detachment member "BIO" was a "Hollywood Marine," joining in 1963. As an enlistee of the Regimental Honor Platoon #352, he earned the Expert Marksmanship badges for both pistol and rifle.

Leaving Boot Camp, he was stationed at Camp Pendleton with the 2nd Replacement Company Staging Battalion before returning to MCRD San Diego to attend the Radio Telegraph Operators Course, thereby changing from a basic 0100 MOS to 2533 (Radio Telegraph Operator).

During his enlistment (1963 through 1966), the US Navy provided transportation to a number of exotic Pacific and Atlantic destinations on several cruise vessels including, the USS General M. M. Patrick (AP 150) transport, the USS George Clyman, the USS Magoffin (APA 199) and the USS Iwo Jima (LHD 7). Destinations included; Hawaii, Okinawa, the Philippines, Camp Lejeune and Vietnam. During one of these voyages, he earned the Golden Dragon certificate. (You will have to ask him about that.)

As a Lance Corporal (E-3) member of the 9th Marine Expeditionary Brigade in July 1964, he lived aboard ship, and, on a rotational basis, was "choppered in" to provide communication support for ground and air action.

As a member of HQ Company 9th Marine Regiment 3rd Marine Division, he was "choppered in" to DaNang and during a night time exercise, hearing something "in the wire." Not being able to see in the darkness, a challenge was given in Vietnamese with no result. The sounds continued, and another challenge was given with the same result. A short burst from their machine gun and all was quiet. Morning light revealed one dead water buffalo. All of this occurred at "Dog Patch" which was a camp composed of dirt shelters covered with rain ponchos. Nothing, including accommodations were too good for our Marines.

Before mustering out in 1966, Sgt. (E5) Tom Smolich had another MOS, 2534, High Frequency Communication. In civilian life, he was an IT guy, and continues to help others with their computer problems. He edited and distributed our Detachment news letter "SCUTTLEBUTT" for several years.

His hobbies, after separation included: Tae Kwon Do training with two sons, resulting in tournament participation in Illinois, other Midwest locations and Canada.

Tom is a Range Officer at the Bristol Shooting Range in Kenosha County, and a member of the #801 Detachment Shooting Team. He enjoys shooting both long guns and side arms.

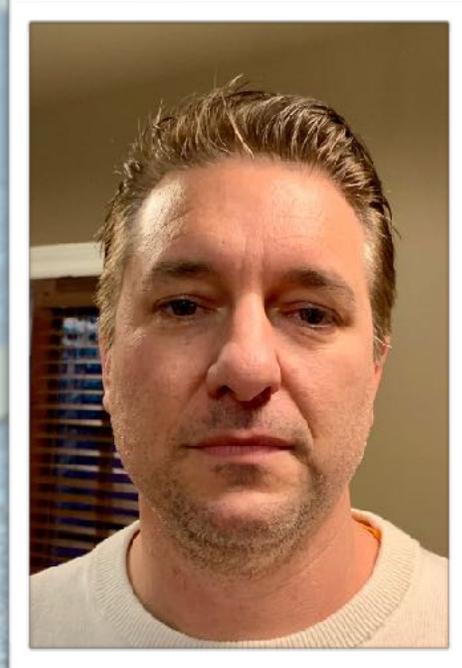
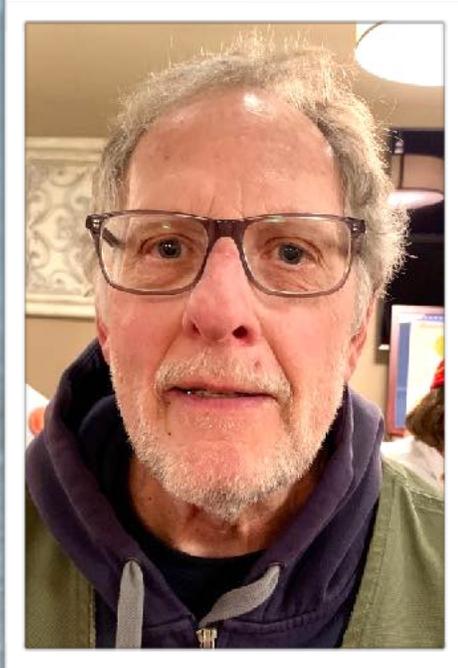
Thank you, Tom, for submitting your info.

I hope to hear from some of you other members with your experiences.

Semper Fidelis Marines!

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WELCOME ABOARD



Lou Tessmann served as a Marine for 26 years retiring as a CWO-4 in 2001. He commanded an 81mm mortar platoon for a while. He saw combat in Vietnam and lived at all the FMF duty nations. Lou is a retired police officer, lives with his wife in Wadsworth and wants to help out with the Color Guard and Toys for Tots.

John Murray served as a Navy Corpsman retiring after 20 years as a Master Chief in 2014. He saw combat in Iraq with 3rd Recon. Bn and 1st Marine Special Ops Bn (now called the 1st Radder Bn). He lives with his wife in Lake Villa. John works as a Veterans Service Officer at the Lake County VAS.

CAPTAIN JAMES A. LOVELL FHCC VISITS



VA HOSPITAL VISITATION TEAM

We visited the hospital and passed out hats and belts to the Marines. Nada and the motor cycle club of hers donated blankets for the Green Houses and they were delivered to the Green Houses by Nada and a member of her club and myself for Christmas. There was no visits to the hospital on the 27th Dec. due to the holidays. We will start again on the 10th of January and then the 24th.

Greg Cummings (847) 212-5454



COLOR & HONOR GUARD



THE Color Guard from “the Best Damn detachment in the Nation has put the wraps on another exciting year.

We marched in the Antioch Christmas Parade on 11/23, Friday night. It was a warm and delightful evening. Richard Butler (in Command)- Ed Mampe (USMC)- Jerry Pedrin (Left Rifle)- Nada Sydow (Right Rifle) looked sharp marching down main street. They were brighter than the tree lighting!!!

Soldier’s Field Bears vs. Packers 11/16 WOW !!!! What a Day

Weather was warm and bright sunshine. Bears won to not only to whip the hated Packers, but clinch the North Division title and earn a place in the playoffs. From worst to first! OUTSTANDING !! The Bears treated us like Kings. We were on the field for about an hour before kick off and then marched on from the 45 yard line and presented Colors with Wayne Messmer singing the Anthem. On the final note 4 F-18s flew over in formation and then the fireworks began to boom. We never made it to our seats, as we were requested to pose for photos with an unending line of lovely young ladies next to the beer concession. It is hell being a star. Al Seyler(In Command)- Art Castillo(USMC Flag)- Ed Mampe (Right Rifle) and Jerry Pedrin(Left Rifle)

Our slow down time continues. No more practice for the rest of the year!!!

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 for new people to join the unit. Talk to any and all Members you think would be good in the Color Guard. 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

Future Presentations

We have presented forty-two Ka-Bars since 1 July.

Nine Ka-Bars were presented in December.

- Jan 5 John Richard Armgardt and Vikram Thanigaivelan, Troop 78, 3 PM, Christian Community Church 1970 Riverwoods Rd., Lincolnshire. (Ellingsen)
- Jan 6 Nicholas A. Goeckner, Troop 323, 3:00 PM, Antioch Township Center 1625 Deep Lake Rd. Lake Villa, (Seyler)
- Jan 26 Nathan M. Stuck, Troop 273, noon, Christ Lutheran Church 595 N. Deerpath Dr. Vernon Hills. (Homan)

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE LAKE COUNTY DETACHMENT 801

Lake County Detachment Marine Corps League Foundation, Inc

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Jim Sroka, Richard Butler, Ed Mampe, Warren Blacklock, Col. Jim Swab and Joe Wallace.

FOUNDATION

Mel Ellingsen proposed a donation of \$500 to the Liberty Christian Academy to help offset the expense of feeding Christmas Dinner to approximately 40-45 Navy recruits from the RTC at Great Lakes on Christmas Day. This is the same amount we donated in both 2016 and 2017.

A voice vote was called for on 11/28/2018, by e-mail, to each of the Board Members.

The Ayes were:

Jim Sroka
Jim Swab
Gerry Pedrin
Ed Mampe
Warren Blacklock
Richard Butler
Mel Ellingsen
Al Seyler

No Response:

Joe Wallace

Al Seyler
President
Lake County Marine Corps League Foundation
847-220-1525

Presented by Al Seyler at our December Meeting

SERVICE SONGS

For the **U.S. Navy**, ***Anchors Aweigh*** was written in 1906 by Lt. Charles Zimmerman and midshipman Alfred Miles. Initially the song was a tribute to the Naval Academy Class of 1907. Various people revised it later, trying to weed out the nonsense. Another midshipman, Royal Lovell, penned the final stanza in 1926. ***Anchors Aweigh*** has a snappy little tune, but no one knows what the words imply. The original first stanza in 1906 had dealt solely with the game of football. Even today, the song offers a bittersweet "farewell to college joys."

The **Army** song ***The Caisson Song*** clearly is a melody for rural motorists. Edmund Gruber wrote the original lyrics in the Philippines during World War I. Naturally, since most of the fighting was 8000 miles away in Europe, Gruber made only a passing reference to warfare. Yet, he was careful to be "politically correct." He apparently sought the help of first grade students in composing the lyrics.

The **U.S. Air Force** did not exist in 1938. But, that year ***Liberty Magazine*** sponsored a contest for an official song for the Army Air Corps. The magazine received 757 entries. A group of Army Air Corps wives (yes, believe it or not, *wives*) selected the entry from Robert Crawford, ***Off We Go into the Wild Blue Yonder***.

After World War II the Army Air Corps evolved into the U.S. Air Force. This fledgling flying club adopted ***Off We Go'*** as their official song. It suited the illusionary nature of the new Wild-Blue-Yonder-Wonders with references to "those who love the vastness of the sky" and the fictitious "rainbow's pot of gold."

These three songs, ***Anchors Aweigh***, ***The Caisson Song***, and ***Off We Go into the Wild Blue Yonder***, are often played at public events. They obviously delight the members and advocates of the affected service: Navy, Army, or Air Force. When their song is played, sailors, soldiers, and "zoomies" leap to their feet and shout, cheer, clap their hands, and jive with the music. They have a jolly time, almost like a high school pep rally.

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The U.S. Marine Corps is the United States' military band of brothers dedicated to war fighting. The proud Brotherhood of Marines is guided by principles, values, virtues, love of country, and its Warrior Culture. This Brotherhood of American Patriots has no song. Instead, Marine Warriors have a *hymn*. When *The Marines' Hymn* is played, United States Marines stand at attention. We silently show our pride in our fellow Marines, our Corps, our Country, our heritage, and our hymn.

The Marines' Hymn is a tribute to Warriors. When pirates captured our merchant ships off the coast of Africa and held them for ransom, Pres. Jefferson, our 2nd President, sent our biggest ship, a frigate, to teach them a lesson. Lt. Presley O'Bannon, stormed fortress Derna, raised the American flag, and gave us "the shores of Tripoli." Marines fought their way into the castle at Chapultepec and gave us the "halls of Montezuma."

Marines exist for the purpose of fighting wars. Fighting is our role in life. We "fight for right and freedom" and "to keep our honor clean." We fight "in the air, on land, and sea." "We have fought in every clime and place where we could take a gun". The Marine Corps is Valhalla for Warriors. U.S. Marines need no *song*. We have a *hymn*.

Ironically, no one knows who wrote the hymn, which was in widespread use by the mid-1800s. Col. A.S. McLemore, USMC, spent several years trying to identify the origin of the tune. In 1878 he told the leader of the Marine Band that the tune had been adopted from the comic opera *Genevieve de Barbant*, by Jaques Offenback. Yet, others believe the tune originated from a Spanish folk song.

The 1st verse was penned by an unknown Marine sitting after the battle of Chapultepec in Mexico. The last two verses are unknown. Whatever! Regardless of its origin, *The Marines' Hymn* has remained a revered icon of the United States Marine Corps for almost 200 years.

In 1929 *The Marines' Hymn* became the *official* hymn of the Corps. Thirteen years later in November 1942, the Commandant approved a change in the words of the first verse, fourth line. Because of the increasing use of aircraft in the Corps, the words were changed from "On land, as on the sea" to "In the air, on land, and sea." No other changes have been made since that time.

When you have attained absolute perfection, there is no need for further modification!!!

Related Military Links

Lake County Marines

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Sgt Grit