

# THE **JARHEAD** JOURNAL

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On Sunday, 29 June, the Lake County Marines-Detachment 801 participated in our first parade for 2025 using our LCVP - Higgins boat. Click on this link to jump to see more pictures from the parade on our website. [CLICK HERE!](#)

## MARINE CORPS LEAGUE LAKE COUNTY DETACHMENT 801

BIG THANKS to the Al Seyler Family who designed, coordinated and did most of the work (there were a few other detachment volunteers) building the Landing Craft Vehicle Personnel (LCVP) Higgins Boat similar to what was used on D-Day! The Ed Mampe Family arranged for the trailer donation from MABAS. Al convinced Home Depot to donate most of the rest of the supplies used to build the LCVP. Every sea-worthy boat needs a stern name plate; thanks to Ray De Groot.



Mark your calendar for 6 August (Wednesday) at 1000 when we will participate in the Lake Forest Days Parade.

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Our next meeting is scheduled for  
15 July (Tuesday)  
Start Time 1830 or 6:30 pm  
Steven's Restaurant

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If you are not getting my emails with the meeting minutes, email me, John Jezioro at [jezfamily11@ameritech.net](mailto:jezfamily11@ameritech.net) or text me at 847-807-0736 and we'll get it worked out.

\_John Jezioro, Adjutant.

[Click to Pay Your Dues Here.](#)

## SAVE THE DATES

Next ***Shake the Can*** 12 July 1000 - 1500 See page 6.

Next Meeting 15 July 1830 — Stevens

USMC A-6 Vietnam Pilot James King and A-6 Col James Homan, USMCR Ret. will be making a presentation at the 15 July meeting.

**CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**

**Chaplain's Message for June**

Can you believe that we are nearing the end of June and experiencing our first real taste of Summer? Isn't it refreshing to wake up in the morning to the warmth of sunlight and clear blue skies? Add to that the smell and beauty of freshly planted flowers and trees with their leaves in full bloom---how can we not be grateful.

It's also an ideal time to reach out to neighbors with a welcoming hand. Do you question whether or not your neighbors are welcome to your advances? Remember, the answer is no unless you ask.

Now is an optimum time to say a prayer for our brothers, sisters and corpsman who are out there in harms- way. With the world in its current unpredictable state---who knows what challenges they will face. They need all of the moral support we can provide.

The 4<sup>th</sup> of July is near, time to celebrate our Nations history and the traditions and values upon which it was founded. Let's do so with honor and respect for our fellow man.

Semper Fi!

Joe Womack

Chaplain

## **From Ed Cooper-Sr. Vice Commandant**

**Greetings and Salutations!**

Just a reminder we have 2 upcoming  
**"Shake the Can"** fundraisers for July:

**Sat, July 12th 10am - 3pm**  
**Jewel-Osco**  
**6509 W. Grand Ave.**  
**Gurnee, IL (corner of Grand Ave. and Hunt Club)**

**AND**

**Sat, July 26th 10am - 3pm**  
**Jewel-Osco**  
**900 E. Rollins Rd.**  
**Round Lake Beach, IL**

We had a decent turnout last month but the minimum amount of members to work 2 doors for 5 hours....but we made it happen like Marines always do! It was a beautiful day, we made some Marine Veteran contacts to possibly join our Detachment, and we raised almost \$1,400!

Hopefully we have more members show up this month for 2-3 or more hours - that's all we're asking.

Looking forward to another great day on the Saturdays of July 12 and July 26. Please contact me with questions, suggestions, etc.

Thank you for all your support!

Semper Fi!

Regards,  
Ed Cooper

(760) 533-3850

## **From Ed Cooper-Sr. Vice Commandant**

As of: Saturday March 22nd

# **2025 Fundraising Dates and Locations -** **“Shake The Can”**

<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>TIME</u></b>	<b><u>LOCATION</u></b>
<b>Sat, 7/12</b>	<b>10am-3pm</b>	<b>Jewel-Osco 6509 W Grand Ave, Gurnee</b>
<b>Sat, 7/26</b>	<b>10am-3pm</b>	<b>Jewel-Osco 900 E Rollins Rd., Round Lake Beach</b>
<b>Sat, 8/16</b>	<b>10am-3pm</b>	<b>Jewel-Osco 6509 W Grand Ave, Gurnee</b>
<b>Sat, 9/6</b>	<b>10am-3pm</b>	<b>Jewel-Osco 3124 N Lewis Ave, Waukegan</b>
<b>Sat, 9/20</b>	<b>10am-3pm</b>	<b>Jewel-Osco 900 E Rollins Rd., Round Lake Beach</b>
<b>Sat, 10/4</b>	<b>10am-3pm</b>	<b>Jewel-Osco 1300 S. Milwaukee-Libertyville</b>

**Call Ed with your questions: (760) 533-3850**

# A CALL TO ACTION FOR OUR DETACHMENT

## WE NEED MORE MEMBERS

### Strength in Unity and Numbers

As members of the Best Damn Detachment, we have shared experiences that forge bonds unlike any other. Our camaraderie as Marines and Corpsman, built on mutual respect and understanding, provides a unique support system. Now is the time to extend this haven to others who have served but have yet to find the Marine Corps League

### Why We Need to Expand

Each new member enriches our detachment with their individual stories, skills, and perspectives. By growing our numbers, we not only strengthen our solidarity but also enhance our ability to support one another. Imagine the wealth of experiences and knowledge that could be shared, the new friendships that could blossom, and the collective wisdom that could guide us all.

### Benefits of a Larger Detachment

- **Greater Support Network:** More members mean more resources and support for each of us. Whether someone needs advice, companionship, or assistance, a larger group can provide a stronger safety net.
- **Diverse Perspectives:** New members bring fresh viewpoints and ideas, which can help us tackle challenges in innovative ways.
- **Enhanced Activities:** With more hands-on deck, we can organize more events, outings, and activities that cater to a wider variety of interests.

### How to Find New Members

Recruiting new members requires a proactive approach and a genuine desire to connect with others. Here are a few strategies to consider:

### Start with Your Networks-Church, Social media, Your local Watering Hole

Think about that guy wearing the USMC cover you see while shopping or that USMC flag flying on a house down the street. Or, that car in the Walmart parking lot with the USMC decal on the window. Pick up a handful of applications at the next meeting and leave them on car windows and front doors. Print the following poster and get it into your favorite bar.



HELP US CELEBRATE OUR BIRTHDAY ALL YEAR LONG. IT WILL BE 250 YEARS ON 10 NOVEMBER 2025.



## WE'RE LOOKING FOR MARINES AND FMF CLERGY & CORPSMEN!

We are the Lake County Marines Corps League Detachment 801. We meet on the third Tuesday starting at 1830 at Steven's Restaurant - Gurnee.

Check us out at

**SEMPER FIDELIS**





## NEXT MEETING PROGRAM - 15 JULY

Joining us on the 15th will be three outstanding Marines who will share with us a few 'sea stories'.

Jim King served five years as a Marine aviator and served a year in Vietnam in 1969/70. Jim was in VMA (AW) 225 in Danang and flew the Grumman A-6 Intruder. Jim King flew 215 combat missions in Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia. Jim left the Corps as a Captain. His career was in commercial real estate.

Col Jim Homan was one of King's squadron-mates and is one of our Det. 801 Eagle Scout presenters. Col Jim Homan flew in the right seat as the bombardier / navigator on the A-6 Intruder in 1969/70 during Vietnam with 250 combat missions. Col Homan stayed in the reserves and served in Iraq with the Corps. Jim worked for a number of major corporations over seas in security.

Bud Green is 93. After serving in the Marine Corps as a First Lieutenant with an Engineering MOS, Bud became the owner of Dearborn Wire and Cable in Chicago. At age 59 in 1991, he offered to re-enlist and was turned down by Headquarters USMC.

It will be an interesting to hear what these three veterans will share with us.

## AT OUR LAST MEETING - 24 JUNE

Nolan Webster is our Detachment 801 Paymaster which is fitting since he works for Edward-Janes as an investment advisor. Nolan was joined by Jason Garcia, who is a Managing Partner at CGG Law Partners. LLC, Together they spoke about those legal instruments that all of us need to protect our assets such as a Will, Trust and Power of Attorney.

Nolan shared a presentation with us on Estate Planning. [CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE PDF PRESENTATION.](#)

Nolan can be reached at (224) 801-6107

Jason Garcia can be reached at (312) 509-9333



## **COLOR & HONOR GUARD**



### **Color and Honor Guard**

We have been asked to present Colors at the opening of the Wall that Heals on 17 July at 1000 in Antioch.

The color guard has practice on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month, at the American Legion in Gurnee starting at 1830.

Ed Mampe - Color Guard Commander

PH #847-641-9689

# THE WALL THAT HEALS

**VIETNAM VETERANS  
MEMORIAL REPLICA & MOBILE  
EDUCATION CENTER**



**JULY 17-20, 2025**

**Tim Osmond Sports Complex**

**38 Depot Street, Antioch, IL - 24 Hour Access, Closing at 2 pm Sunday**

The Wall That Heals is a three-quarters scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial along with a mobile Education Center. The traveling exhibit honors the more than three million Americans who served in the U.S. Armed Forces in the Vietnam War and it bears the names of more than 52,281 men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in Vietnam. Visitors experience The Wall rising above them as they walk towards the apex, a key feature of the design of The Wall in D.C. Like the original memorial, The Wall That Heals is erected in a chevron-shape and visitors can do name rubbings of individual service member's names. Modern LED lighting provides readability of The Wall Day and Night.

## **Volunteers & Tours-Volunteer sign up at [AntiochChamber.org](http://AntiochChamber.org)**

There are many volunteer opportunities, sign up now at [AntiochChamber.org](http://AntiochChamber.org). Most Volunteer Ambassadors are at The Wall talking with and supporting the public. To help assemble The Wall or Security, contact Barbara at 847-395-2233. Tours-Contact Barbara to plan your Tour Group.

Escort The Wall

Tours

Be an Ambassador/Friend

Assemble The Wall

Remove The Wall

Overnight Security

## **Sponsors**

The Antioch Chamber and Post 748 American Legion are offering sponsorship opportunities to assist with expenses associated with bringing "The Wall That Heals", a replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, to Antioch from Thursday, July 17 through Sunday, July 20, 2025. This is a great opportunity to support an extraordinary and impactful event. See reverse side for info.

**HOSTS: Antioch Chamber of Commerce and Post 748 American Legion**



Visit [AntiochChamber.org](http://AntiochChamber.org)  
Contact Barbara Porch at the  
Antioch Chamber of Commerce  
[office@AntiochChamber.org](mailto:office@AntiochChamber.org)  
or call 847-395-2233



**WELCOME  
ABOARD**



Welcome aboard Mark Sosnoski! He served in the Corps eight years starting at MCRD San Diego along with Camp Pendleton, Camp Foster - Okinawa, Camp Lejeune and Ft Sheridan w/MACG 48 in Motor T. Sgt Sosnoski was released in 2020.

Mark is retired and lives in Wadsworth with his wife Melissa. They have a couple of grown children.

**WELCOME  
ABOARD**



Welcome aboard Ronald Thomas! Ron started his Marine Corps tour at Paris Island. He quickly went through ITR, spent some time at Camp Lejeune and served one tour in Vietnam. Ron lives in Great Lakes with his wife Leslie.

## **CAPTAIN JAMES A. LOVELL FHCC VISITS**

We had one (1) visit this month on June 10 due to our meeting conflict on June 24. There were five (5) of us and the visits are going very well. We do enjoy the time we spend together and with all our Veterans.

The main parking garage renovation is completed and reopened on June 21.

Joe Womack brought a large box of army give aways so our supply is well stocked. Carol Mampe has various veterans' caps also.

We welcomed Ron Thomas to our Detachment on the 24<sup>th</sup>. We met and recruited him at the VA and he's a Vietnam Veteran.

Our next visit is on **July 8**. We meet in the canteen area at 1:00 pm. We would like to invite anyone from our Detachment to attend a one-time visit to see what it's like and if they would be interested prior to going through the whole orientation process. You must be Covid vaccinated and a flu shot to ensure the safety and well-being of our Veterans and their families. This will provide a safe and successful volunteer experience.

So, anyone interested? Please contact Linda Smolich at (847) 204-5348.



## EAGLE SCOUTS



Mel Ellingsen and Allan Perez presented 8 Ka-Bars and 8 Good Citizenship certificates to 4 young men and 4 young women on 8 June. There were over 250 family and friends present to celebrate these new Eagle Scouts. Through June we have presented 55 Ka-Bars since 1 July last year. That's one more than a year ago.

We're always looking for help making these presentations.

Mel Ellingsen (847) 274-8144 Eagle Scout Chair

***Lake County Marine Corps League Foundation***

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**Jim Sroka, Ed Mampe, Warren Blacklock, Col. Jim Swab,  
Al Seyler and Nolan Webster.**

There have been no requests for assistance this month.

Charles Walgreen  
President



***Related Military Links to Click***

**Honor Flight Lake County**

**Midwest Veterans Closet**

**US Department of Veterans Affairs**

**Lake County Veterans Assistance Commission**

**Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs**

**Marine Corps League Headquarters**

**Illinois Marine**

**VFW Action Corps Weekly**

**American Legion**

**Sgt Grit**

**PTSD Resources**

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**[www.lakecountymarines.com/newsletters](http://www.lakecountymarines.com/newsletters)**

## Marine Corps League (MCL) Resources

### Websites:

[www.mclnational.org](http://www.mclnational.org) – MCL national website – **SHIPS STORE**

[www.mcleaguelibrary.org](http://www.mcleaguelibrary.org) – MCL national public documents / resources

[www.mcleaguelibrary.org/member-library](http://www.mcleaguelibrary.org/member-library) - Password (DD2), library holds meeting minutes, forms, national bylaws / administrative procedures manuals to include MCL uniform guidance and MCL awards guidance, etc.

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### Facebook:

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[www.facebook.com/groups/mclhonorguardandcolorguard](http://www.facebook.com/groups/mclhonorguardandcolorguard) - MCL Honor Guard / Color Guard

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[www.facebook.com/groups/mclconnections](http://www.facebook.com/groups/mclconnections) - MCL Connections (MCL members only)

[www.facebook.com/groups/usmccollectibles](http://www.facebook.com/groups/usmccollectibles) - USMC Sell Your Sh\*\*!

### Other:

[www.youtube.com/themarinecorpsleague](http://www.youtube.com/themarinecorpsleague) - Click “subscribe” for new content

[www.instagram.com/hqmcl](http://www.instagram.com/hqmcl) – MCL national Instagram

[www.militaryorderofthedevildogs.org](http://www.militaryorderofthedevildogs.org) – MODD Kennel website

[www.nationalmcla.org](http://www.nationalmcla.org) – MCL national Auxiliary

[www.linkedin.com/company/marine-corps-league](http://www.linkedin.com/company/marine-corps-league) - MCL national LinkedIn

*We encourage you all as members to visit these websites and social media pages. Take a look around and know all the resources available to you on these platforms. Please share this information with all members not only in leadership positions, but your Detachment members.*

*Questions about any of these resources can be addressed directly to the **MCL** National Public Relations Committee for assistance.*

[publicrelations@mcleague.org](mailto:publicrelations@mcleague.org)