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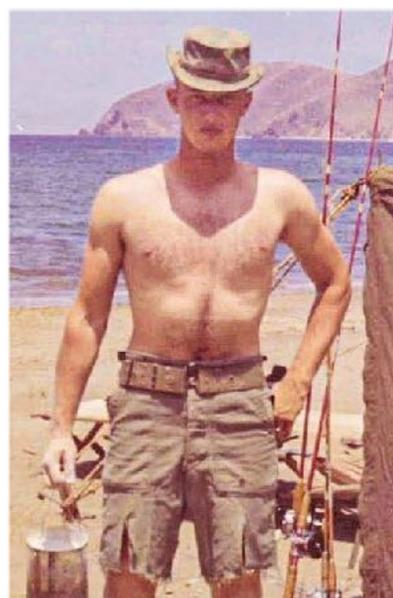
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**Our next meeting is Monday  
21 October starting at  
1900 (7:00 PM)-fellowship earlier.**

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

**Last Month's Mystery Marine was  
Ed Mrozinski**



**Who is this Mystery Marine?**

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## MARINE CORPS LEAGUE LAKE COUNTY DETACHMENT 801

### COMMANDANT'S COMMENTS

It appears to be the time of the month that I write my monthly newsletter. It seems like only a few days ago that I wrote the last one. Time seems to be flying by. The summer has not slowed down for Detachment 801 yet. Hopefully by the end of this month we will catch some breathing room.

Most of us have been quite busy with Hospital visits, pistol practices, color guard and some other events that have come up from time to time. This Detachment is getting itself recognized more and more throughout the County. It seems like daily I am approached by someone who wants to know more about who we are and what we do. This is a good thing and all of you should be trying to promote our detachment to the best of your ability. This month we will be having a meet and greet booth at the Waukegan Air Show on 7 September, and another one at MACG48 Family Days on 16 September. I know most of the people that come to MACG48 are active duty Marines, but there are some that are separated or retired. It is a great opportunity to speak to them and possibly get them to join.

Toys for Tots is getting ready to kick off next month. I encourage all of you to check you schedules and see if you can give a couple hours of your time to one of our outings. We are not asking that you stay at the event for the entire day. Just give us the hours you can. Another thing I would like to see is that every member attempt to locate a business that will sell our T4T trains. These trains bring us in a lot of money with very little work on our part. All we need to do is get the business to sell them and stop in a few times during the period to encourage them to help the kids. If you are not familiar with the T4T train program, ask one of the staff.

I was asked by a member of our detachment some time after last month's meeting what I thought of the amendment to our by-laws that was passed. For those of you that don't know, the amendment was to extend the term of office for the Commandant from two years to unlimited. He felt that this was a way of creating a monopoly in that office and thereby not giving the detachment a chance to expand and try other things. My answer to this was that we have a lot of members, but we do not have a lot of members that are willing to step up and take leadership roles. Some think they haven't been here long enough, some just don't have the time, and others don't think they could do the job. There is nothing wrong with trying new things. If you make a mistake, acknowledge it, re-think your actions, and try something else. What is worse is to do nothing for fear of making a mistake.

This up-coming year we are going to ask that the members get more involved in the detachment. Come to a staff meeting, give us your opinions, and ask what our detachment is doing and why. I am sure a lot of you have good ideas out there but for some reason are holding back on expressing those opinions. Give us a shot at determining if your ideas will work or not. None of us have a crystal ball that says this is what will work and what will not. We want each and every one of you to feel that you are helping to make us better. There is nothing worse for our unit than to have someone say I tried to talk to him or her but they didn't have the time to speak to me at a meeting or just passing on the sidewalk.

My wife has made some great sacrifices to allow me to continue this year as your Commandant if I am re-elected. She sees the things we have done here in the County and also recognizes the things that we can do here if we all work together for that common goal. If she can put forth that effort for the next year, I believe that all of us can match her in keeping our detachment great. Remember, there is no one here too short of time, or anyone here for too long that they can't give us some great ideas. We all need to make an effort and do what we can to expand our efforts in the County. I look forward to discussing anything you may wish to present. Just let us know what it is. Thank you and keep up the great work.

s/f Jerry Pedrin, Commandant

**CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**

Greetings fellow Marines and FMF Corpsmen, I'm hoping that your summer season has been rewarding, memorable and challenging. Even though summer is winding down, we don't have to. Some of us may need a few moments to catch our breath, then its full speed ahead into the fall and winter seasons.

As an organization we'll be busy electing and new installing leaders, raising funds for TOY 4 TOTS, looking for new members, and promoting our organization.

Individually, we'll be replacing our summer activities with fall and winter, ones like thanksgiving and Christmas. As always, let's make sure that the main thing, stays the main thing, that is that GOD remains at the center of it all.

Regardless of the season and activities, let's not forget our brothers and sisters in need. We are our "brother's keeper" his physical, emotional and spiritual wellbeing should always be of concern to us, who knows one day, it could be you or me in need!

By the Grace of God, I was able to fulfill my mother's wish to visit her remaining sister in Puerto Rico. Though it was a painful reunion due to my aunt's legs being amputated because of diabetes, it was nevertheless very rewarding visit. I thank and praise my GOD for that!  
On the lighter side, the island continues to recover from the devastation caused by hurricane "Maria" and the people are in good spirit.

Our GOD gives us challenges to make us stronger. That strength comes through our dependence of Him! We then, in turn, can strengthen others.

In our organization and through our organization, there are ample opportunities to serve, to really make a difference. The question is are you willing to say "Lord, here I am send me"

Are you dreaming fearlessly, living boldly?

GOD BLESS YOU

Hank Landrau, Chaplain, MCL DET.801  
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**MARINE CORPS LEAGUE LAKE COUNTY DETACHMENT 801**

**These four checks to Toys for Tots total over \$64,000 since 2015. Let's raise another \$16,000 this year!**



**Here is our Toys for Tots Collection Schedule - All times are 10 am to 2 pm**

- Oct 26, Grayslake Jewel
- Nov 2nd, Antioch and Libertyville Jewels (both locations)
- Nov 9th, Highland Park (on Deerfield Rd.) and Gurnee Jewels
- Nov 16th, Waukegan Jewel at Yorkhouse and Lewis
- Nov 23, open at this time.
- Nov 30, open at this time.
- Dec 7, Gurnee Mills in front of Dicks and Woodfire Pizza.
- Dec 14, Hawthorne Mall location to be determined.

**Jr. Vice Commandant's Comments on Membership**

**Hey Marines and Corpsmen!!!!**

**Pay Attention..this is IMPORTANT**

# **Dues**

**Now** is the time to pay your dues for next year. We need a couple of weeks to process the paperwork to get your dues to State and National. Why not consider extending your membership as a **LIFE** member? If you wait until 31 August, you will have to pay both next years dues of \$35 and the Life Membership fee. Here are the Life Membership Fees:

65 years and over	\$200
51 to 64 years	\$300
36 to 50 years	\$400
35 and younger	\$500

You can pay for a Life membership by clicking here [\*\*DUES\*\*](#).

We still have over 5 members who have not paid their dues for FY2019 Now we need all our regular members to pay their FY2020 dues! 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!** You can pay your dues with a credit card. Ask the Sergeant-at-Arms. 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.

**CAPTAIN JAMES A. LOVELL FHCC VISITS**



**VA HOSPITAL VISITATION TEAM**

Hospital visits are going good. We would still like to get some new people out there with us. The visits are the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month. So if anyone would like to come out, they can call me for more information at my home number (847) 599 9466 or my cell number (847) 212 5454.

Greg Cummings

## **Pistol Shooting Team Practice Schedule**



**Starting at 6:00 PM at the Waukegan Police Department**

**September 18th  
October 9th  
October 16**

Finally, National got their act together and recognized Lake County Detachment 801 for the following 2018 results:

**Team**

Master First Place

Expert Second Place

Sharp Shooter First Place

**Individual**

Jim Sroka    High Master Third Place

Jerry Pedrin    Master Third Place



## COLOR & HONOR GUARD



Posting Colors at the Bears vs. Titans August 29th Game  
Click [HERE](#) to watch the video.

### UP-COMMING EVENTS

9/17-- Cubs vs Reds 7:05pm

10/13-- Honor Flight return North Chicago

11/7-- VA Hospital Birthday/Veterans Day

11/9-- Lake County Miss Teen Pageant 1:00 and 6:30pm

11/11-- Lindenhurst Veterans Day Volley

11/12--Victory Lakes 10:00 and 11:00am

### Announcement

We have canceled the Lake Forest Days Parade, Gurnee Parade and Grayslake Parade. We do not have enough able bodied Members of the Color Guard to march. Until more younger Members join the Color Guard we will not march in any Parades. We NEED new Members.

Al Seyler, Commander [porknpoop@sbcglobal.net](mailto:porknpoop@sbcglobal.net) 847-220-1525



# EAGLE SCOUT'S



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

**We welcome Ken Parrish to the team!**

**Here are some future presentations.**

- Sep 21 Michael J. Golebiowski, Troop 1987, 12:30 PM, Liberty Community Church 1640 W. Gelden Rd. Lindenhurst, (Ellingsen)
- Sep 21 Hollan Obinger, Troop 50, 3:00 PM, St. Gregory Episcopal Church 815 Wilmot Rd. Deerfield (Ellingsen)
- Sep 28 Joshua J. Puyear, Troop 52, 3:00 PM, Christ United Method Church 600 Deerfield Rd., Deerfield. (Landrau)
- Sep 29 Jonathon M. Hooten, Troop 677, 1:00 PM, Gurnee Community Church, 4555 Old Grand Ave., Gurnee. (Homan) -35

**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.

The Foundation Board of Directors met on 8/15/2019 at Saluto's restaurant in Gurnee. All were present with the exception of Warren Blacklock who was excused because of illness.

Minutes of the prior meeting were passed out by Jerry Pedrin and approved.

Financial report was given by Mel Ellingsen. It was noted we did receive the \$1,500.00 donation from the Antioch Wal-Mart, thanks to the help from John Jezioro. We will continue to apply to all Wal-Marts in Lake County. We will conduct the "Boat Load of Booze" Raffle starting in January 2020.

We have not received any requests for assistance at this time.

We approved the following donations to be given half now and half at a later date to increase our recognition awareness:

Midwest Veterans Closet-----\$1,500.00  
Honor Flight -----\$1,000.00  
VAC -----\$1,500.00

The Lynch Foundation is a Hole Sponsor and as such we receive recognition in ads, publicity and the program. It also includes a foursome to play golf and dinner at the outing. If you would like to play see me after the meeting. It is held this Friday, at White Deer Golf Course.

Al Lynch Golf -----\$ 900.00

All Directors and Officers agreed to stand for re-election.

\_Al Seyler President 847-220-1525

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***Related Military Links***

**Lake County Marines**

**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**

**Our Own While Serving**