

# THE JARHEAD JOURNAL

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*Message delivered by Al Seyler to the Detachment on 19 August, 2019.*

Tom Mann will be moving to Rockford on the 29<sup>th</sup> of August. He has purchased a house near his daughter. Because of the distance, he will no longer be able to make the drive to attend Color Guard practice, fund raisers, or meetings. He asked me to say his good byes to the Detachment.

Tom served with the Marines in the 50's. After the Corps, he became a fireman in Highwood, Il. He was the proud head of three generations of Marines. Tom, his son and his granddaughter.

Tom joined Detachment 801 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of March 2003. He joined the Color Guard when it first started and has been our dependable "left rifle" ever since. Art Castillo joined at the same time and I have had to listen to the two of them argue over who is the oldest ever since. I know their ages but I will never tell. It is more fun to listen to them fight!

Tom brought his special daughter, Dianna, with him to most all of our functions. We all have adopted her as our Det. 801 mascot. We will drag Tom and Dianna back for some special occasions. The installation dinner, Memorial Day, can not miss the TOAD for St. Pats Day-----

We will miss them both greatly and wish them all the best in their new home in Rockford. I did convince Tom to write a few words-----

*"It has been a real honor and pleasure to be a part of Detachment 801 since 2003. The people of this organization are so dedicated to the Marine Corps League.*

*I was proud to have been in the color-guard since the day it started and hope it will continue into the future.*

*My goodbye is not easy, but I must leave for health reasons. And Dianna will miss being included in the activities here as well. I will be relocating to the Rockford area near my daughter.*

*Good luck to the best damned detachment 801.*

*Semper Fidelis,  
Tom Mann"*

**MARINE CORPS LEAGUE LAKE COUNTY DETACHMENT 801**

**Tom Mann Serving our Detachment. Always Left Rifle.**



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Asst. Quartermaster:	Skip Holderbaum
Librarian:	Richard Butler
Web Sgt.:	Mel Ellingsen

**Our next meeting is Monday  
16 September 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  
Warren Blacklock**



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**Who is this Mystery Marine?**

**COMMANDANT'S COMMENTS**

Ladies and Gents as I sit at the keyboard I am thinking back over the past month and trying to figure out how I was able to do all the things we did this last month or so. We have truly been busy. Then we have to add all the personal things we did. It is no wonder that we seem worn out.

The pistol league is getting into full swing now and we will only have a few more nights to complete our shooting for this year again. Everyone who shoots needs to get out and attend the next few matches we have to get this done.

Lori Staben and the Young Marines have been busy this year and just completed a camp out in Wisconsin. They were able to have a fun time while earning several medals during the camp out. They also had some fun in a new adventure park where they climbed in the trees and did zip lining.

The color guard has gone back to Wrigley Field a couple more times and we were able to bring two more wins to the team. We are still looking forward to more visits this year to help the Cubs win the World Series this year.

We were in a couple parades and a good time was had by all there. Unfortunately we were not able to do all the parades we wanted to because we have run out of members who can march. The color guard needs new members to assist them. If you are able to walk give us a call.

There are many more things the detachment would like to do but we have a problem-- PEOPLE TO ASSIST. We have over 150 members but there are only a handful that turn out to assist us in these events we do. I am sure some of you are able to assist from time to time. We would like to be able to do these things but doing all this puts a strain on the people who get out and assist.

I try to get out to everything as I feel this is my job as Commandant. It is disheartening when I see the same six to ten people at these events. I realize that all of us have a life outside the detachment but a few hours out of a day for once or twice a month should not be too much to give for the detachment. I also realize that some of us are not in the best of health. We do many things that do not need people to exert much energy for some of those events. Our detachment is only as good as the people who make it up. If you care about the detachment and want it to be the "Best Damn Detachment in the Nation" then WE need to do something to keep it that way.

We have elections coming up for this year. In looking around The staff has agreed that we have very few people who even qualify for the positions we want to have elected. Everyone sits in the audience and thinks the detachment will run with out their help. How many companies do you know that run themselves. they all need leaders. Each and every one of us should think about the way this detachment is going and ask themselves if there is something that they can do to make it better.

One thing that each and every one of us can do is to recruit members you may not be able to be in the color guard or fire a pistol any more but you can recruit mew members that can do those things. Think about this over lunch or dinner and see if there is something that each of you can do to better this detachment. The people that are running it now will not be here forever. Someone will need to step up and assist.

I hope this detachment is around for a long time as I am not ready to give up on it. I hope that you are not either. I enjoy this group and would be hard pressed to find another like it. Let's keep it being the best it can be.

**CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**

Now that summer is well underway, let's make sure that as we create new memories with our family and friends, we do so safely and graciously.

Enjoy summer's easier living, enjoy the abundance of our Lord's grace, and share with those who may be less fortunate. That in itself can be greatly rewarding.

Make sure that in the hustle and bustle of your summer activities, you spend some quiet time with your creator, your counselor, your friend! Make reading your bible part of your "bucket list" You'll find adventure, romance, intrigue, wisdom, peace, and GOD, within the pages of this great book!

As you go about your day, don't just look at things, but "see" what's around you. See the trees fully dressed in their fine greenery, the radiant colors, and variety of flowers, and the brilliance of a blue sky. Wrap yourself in the warmth of a summer day, embrace the gifts of our Lord, and give Him thanks, for all these things.

These things become all the greater when they are enjoyed and shared with our loved ones. Whether you're sitting in your backyard, or porch with your life long partner enjoying the sights and sounds of nature, strolling through your neighborhood park, or watching your grandkids play, these make for unforgettable memories!

Some of our brothers and sisters, because of physical limitations, health reasons or simply lack of companionship, cannot enjoy these fruits of life! That is a shame, especially when there are those of us who can do something about it, but don't. Let's not let that happen on our watch.

The underlying theme of this, and previous articles, is that life is best lived and enjoyed when shared. We can share ourselves, our resources, our love and especially our God.

Like summer, life is too short, live it to its fullest!

**DREAM FEARLESSLY, LIVE BOLDLY**

Hank Landrau, Chaplain  
Marine Corps League, Det. 801

**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.

**WELCOME  
ABOARD**



Jaci McNamar-Hisle joined the detachment in July. She is a retired HMC / E-7 (Corpsman) having served 23 plus in the Navy. She supported the Corps when assigned to the III MEF Okinawa. She was discharged in 2013.

Jaci is a stay-at-home mom living with hubby in Lindenhurst. She is interested in VA visits, Toys for Tots and fund raising.

## MARINE CORPS LEAGUE LAKE COUNTY DETACHMENT 801



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then

**“SMED”**

said ....

Good to see you again!

Glad you stopped by for another visit.

Grab a cold one and let's pick up where we left off last month.

Let's see, where were we? Oh yeah, we finished listing the Detachment elected officers names and contact information and some of their listed duties.

This time what do you say we cover some of the appointed positions?

Historian- (currently un-filled)

Guided by the Commandant, Sr. Vice & Adjutant, the Historian maintains accurate Detachment history including photographs of Detachment officers & functions both official & social.

Supply Officer- Al Blut 847/587-3757

Maintains supply of expendable & non-expendable items (uniform related) for purchase by Detachment members.

Collect all monies for purchased items and turn over to the Paymaster.

Perform such other duties as may be properly assigned from elected officers.

Sergeant-at-Arms- Larry Lingen 847/508-3411

The Detachment "peace officer" maintains & preserves order at all meetings & activities.

Responsible for the keeping of the Detachment Charter, Colors, Bible, meeting room equipment and for set up and tear down for the meetings.

Check & verify credentials of all meeting attendees, secures the quarters during meetings, oversees the attendance roster and serves as official escort for official guests.

Gives the attendance roster to the Adjutant at meetings conclusion.

Coordinate all ceremonial activities of the Detachment under the auspices of the Commandant or Sr. Vice.

Assist. Sergeant-at-Arms-

Fills in for and/or assists the Sgt.-at-Arms



## MARINE CORPS LEAGUE LAKE COUNTY DETACHMENT 801

Chaplain- Henry Landrau 847/652-7764

Acts as the spiritual & humane welfare officer of the Detachment.

Responsible for arranging and/or conducting the religious and/or memorial services of the Detachment.

Take note & report illness & death of Detachment members at Detachment meetings.

Arrange visitation to ill or injured members.

Fill out official member death notices and forward to MCL Department.

Assistant Chaplain- Wayne Carle 224/475-5193

Fills in and/or assists the Chaplin.

Color Guard Commander- Al Seyler 847/220-1525

Is the primary contact for all requests desiring formal Presentation of Colors by the Detachment (parades, funerals, graveside rifle volleys, and other civic events etc.)

Maintains signed receipts of Color Guard members assigned weapons.

Responsible for ordering & maintaining equipment used within the C. G. (Flags, harnesses, ammunication, stands etc.)

Picks up and deposits training facility keys.

Responsible for scheduling training times & specific training for each event scheduled.

Determines formation assignments for scheduled events.

VA Hospital Visiting Team Leader- Greg Cummings 847/212-5454

Coordinates the bi-weekly visits to the Veterans Hospital.

Responsible for collecting and distributing the items that were donated for distribution.

Plans and coordinates the Bingo and other parties.

Plans and directs the annual Veterans Day Party.

Veterans Affairs Chairman- Oliver Davidson 224/430-1107

Liaison with other military organizations concerning developments/changes in Veterans affairs on a local, state and national stage.

Reports monthly to the Detachment membership on Veterans affairs status.

Pistol Team Leader- Jim Sroka 847/244-9511

Responsible for organizing the Detachment Championship Pistol Team.

Secures range time, targets, verifies & submits scores to National.

Serves as Range Officer during live firing exercises.

Eagle Scout Team Leader- Mel Ellingsen 847/274-8144

Primary contact & schedule coordinator for Boy Scout Eagle Courts of Honor, Northeast Illinois Council B. S. A. presentation requests.

Maintains and prints presentation certificates & orders Ka-Bars for presentation.

Collects Ka-Bar fees & turns over to Paymaster.

Recruits Detachment volunteers for the presentations.

## MARINE CORPS LEAGUE LAKE COUNTY DETACHMENT 801

Young Marines Team Leader- Lori Staben 847/406-9505  
Chief Operating Officer of co-ed youth group ages 8 through 18 assisted by MACG48 Reserve Marines and volunteer Detachment members.  
Monthly meetings are held to teach skill sets for advancement within the organization, and to plan for community service projects & fund raising activities.  
The Young Marines have also competed nationally with other units in military subjects at Quantico Marine Corps Base.

WebMaster- Mel Ellingsen 847/274-8144  
Designed and maintains the Detachment Web-Site.

JarHead Journal Editor- Mel Ellingsen 847/274-8144  
Edits & publishes the Detachment monthly newsletter.  
Copies all Detachment members in good standing with monthly issues.

Librarian- (Richard Butler - 847/648-6859  
Keeper of the various tomes donated to the Detachment covering history & traditions of the Marine Corps.  
The library also consists of other battle histories as well as autobiography's & fiction.  
There is no charge for checking out books  
There is no charge for late fees.

These last two installments of "Smed Said" were intended to inform all Detachment members of the duties of elected & appointed Officers.  
The information was taken from the Detachment By-Laws.  
Hope the provided info is helpful in allowing each of the members to cast informed votes during the coming months.

Any/all of the above listed officers, both elected or appointed are expected to give an oral report at each monthly business meeting on the updated status of their committee. They are also encouraged to provide a short written article to the JarHead Journal Editor on a monthly basis for inclusion in our monthly newsletter.

Thanks for the visit.  
See ya next month?

Sent from "Smedley" ([rmbutler57@comcast.net](mailto:rmbutler57@comcast.net))

Semper Fidelis

**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**

**August 21st**

**September 4th.**

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**



Medal of Honor recipient, Kyle Carpenter, joins our Color Guard at Wrigley Field on 19 July

### **UP-COMMING EVENTS**

#### **8/29 Chicago Bears vs Tennessee Titans.**

Thursday night game—1900 kick off.

#### **9/17 Cubs Game vs the Reds 1905 first pitch.**

### **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

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# EAGLE SCOUT'S



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

**Here are some future presentations.**

- Aug 31 Brendon Jon Rylander, Troop 188, 10:00 AM, Antioch Township Center  
1625 Deep Lake Rd, Lake Villa (Ellingsen)
- Sep 8 Matthew J. Speranza and Connor J. Nettesheim, Troop 60, 12:30 PM.,  
Adler Park Warming Lodge 1500 N. Milwaukee Libertyville. (Homan)
- Sep 21 Hollan Obinger, Troop 50, 3:00 PM, St. Gregory Episcopal Church 815  
Wilmot Rd. Deerfield, IL, ()
- Sep 28 Joshua J. Puyear, Troop 52, 3:00 PM, Christ United Method Church 600  
Deerfield Rd., Deerfield.

**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

# Operation Lancaster II

## Battle for Mike's Hill

01-27-1968

Prelude - 01-24-68 thru Mop Up - 01-30-68

**Named for Mike Company**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Bn. 4<sup>th</sup> Marines**

*The Thundering Third*

**Credits & Links to the details of the battle**

<https://thundering-third.org/4members/LarryWilliams/LWilliams.html>

<https://thundering-third.org/4members/RGHarriman/RGHarriman.html>

US Forces That Participated

[Click on this text to read the whole story of the Battle for Mike's Hill.](#)



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Which products on AmazonSmile are eligible for charitable donations?

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How do I select a charitable organization to support when shopping on AmazonSmile?

On your first visit to AmazonSmile [smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com), you need to select a charitable organization to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. We will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at [smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com) will result in a donation.

***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**