

# THE **JAWHEAD** JOURNAL

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Our next meeting is Monday  
15 April 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  
Larry Lingen.



Who is this Mystery Marine?

#### Where Stuff Is

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**COMMANDANT'S COMMENTS**

On 29 March the color guard and about 15 others making up an honor guard went to Mission BBQ to present colors and to honor all the Vietnam Era Veterans who came into the restaurant for a free sandwich. (pictures on front page) This was in conjunction with the National Vietnam Era Veteran Appreciation Day celebrated throughout the Country.

The members of the league greeted each Veteran as they came into the restaurant and thanked them for their service. They then handed them a flyer, which explained that there would be another event such as this on May 18<sup>th</sup> to celebrate Armed Forces Day. Each branch of the Armed Forces will be recognized on their own day prior to the Saturday celebration. This event will also be having out color guard and honor guard there for the ceremony.

About five minutes before noon, the color guard took their place near the front of the restaurant waiting for the ceremony to start. At noon, the manager came out from behind the counter and asked all the customers to please stand and remove their hats for the National Anthem. Everyone complied and many in the group sang the National Anthem as it played.

About fifteen minutes later our bugler, Jim Reynolds played Call to Attention on his bugle. At that time all the members of the League rose and with the music provided by Al Seylers's boom box, all of us popped to attention and sang all three verses of the Marines Hymn. There were several Marines in the room that also stood at attention and sang the hymn. There were not many of them that sang all three verses though. We got a very rousing round of applause for our efforts.

After this we made a point of going around to the men that stood and sang with us to determine if they were indeed Marines. We then told them about the League and asked them to join us. Many applications were handed out to prospective members.

I saw two men sitting together at a small table across the room. I noticed that on the lapel of one of the men was a Master Gunnery Sergeant insignia. I approached the men and if any of them were Marines. The man said he retired a Marine. I then asked him where he lived and after finding him to be a Lake County resident asked him if he had heard of our detachment. For the next ten minutes or so I was dumbfounded by the story from this man. He said about four years ago he was asked to join while at a car show where he was showing his antique auto. He won a prize there and a woman approached him and gave him a \$50 bill for winning. He came to the meeting and approached the head table. He said he gave the money to one of the men sitting there and said it was a donation. He said the person took the money but never thanked him for it. He then sat at a table for the entire meeting but was not spoken to by anyone else. He then got up and left.

I and a couple others tried to tell him that we have taken steps to prevent that a year or so ago and that now everyone is greeted as they enter and the staff makes a point of talking to everyone prior to and after the meetings. I could see the skepticism on his face as we spoke and felt we had lost this man forever. I looked around the room and my eyes settled on a member who had told me, and a couple others, the same on a couple occasions when I had asked him to join. He was finally convinced to give us another chance and then joined. I brought this man to the table and asked him to relay his experience. I am not sure if the man will come to a meeting or not but it got me thinking again.

**COMMANDANT'S COMMENTS (CONTINUED)**

We call ourselves "The Best Damn Detachment in the Nation" but we are far from it, if things like this still continue to be the norm with our members. I know I have not seen anything like this lately and have tried to impress on all of you the importance of talking to all our members and get them involved. We are never going to get, or retain members if that is the attitude we project to people. We need to make a point of talking with them at each opportunity and ask if they have questions or concerns. We can only make ourselves better if we can make all our members believe we are the best. It doesn't hurt any one of us to talk to the people who take the time to come out to meeting or our activities. It can only make us better.

I am hoping; and I will do my part; to ensure that we never again hear a Marine give this story to any of us. We have gotten new members but we are not done until they feel they are welcome and appreciated by the detachment. Only then can we call ourselves "The Best Damn Detachment in the Nation".

## Here are our 2019 Fund Raising Dates and Locations from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

On May 4th we will be at Jewel on Lewis Ave., Waukegan  
and Jewel 885E Belvidere RD, Grayslake

On May 5th we will be at 6509 Grand Hunt Club Rd, Gurnee (only 1 location)

On May 11th we will be at 890 N Western Ave, Lake Forest  
and 1600 Deer field Rd, Highland Park

On May 18th we will be at 1350 Rt 12, Fox Lake (only 1 location)

On May 25th we will be at Jewel 922 N Green Bay Rd, Waukegan  
and 900 E Rollins Rd, Round Lake Beach

On June 1st Jewel in 1300 S Milwaukee Ave, Libertyville (only 1 location)

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

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

**Pay Attention..this is IMPORTANT**

We still have over 15 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! 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.

**Hey You Out-of-Towners. Let Us Hear From You!**

We're going to try something new with this section. We invite any of our out-of-town members to write us at the [editor@lakecountmarines.com](mailto:editor@lakecountmarines.com) and share with us what's happening with their life away from Lake County. Here is a list of our out-of-town members. If I missed you, please let me know.

Brandon Arnold - Donna Poulin - Shawn Piccolo - Tony Poulin - Herb Spohr  
Ken Torkelson - Richard Baker - Duane Dillard - Jeffery Jaeger  
Joseph Moskaly - Thomas Welch

**CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**

**"DON" T WORRY"**

March 2018 is history! For some, it was an uneventful month, for others, it was an extremely challenging one. As I look back and review the events in my life during this month, I realize how privileged I am to have such a loving and caring God in my corner!

Of course, being a man, a marine, I had to try doing things myself! I had to gather my own forces, my own support, and take the fight to the "enemy". I was focused, but on the wrong objective. In the end, I accomplished nothing on my own.

More than ever before, I had to follow my own advice and pray more earnestly, persistently and faithfully! I knew there was no way on *earth* I could "fix" the things that needed attention. There was, however someone in HEAVEN, that could.

I had to surrender my will to HIS. HE directed me to HIS word. HE spoke directly to my soul, His words to me were as clear as a bell, "DO NOT WORRY, I HAVE THIS, TRUST IN ME!"

Those words began a transformation in me. I began to place my burden on HIM. The issues were still there, but my load seems to lighten. By refocusing my attention on what mattered, by slowing my racing mind, by being still, I began to hear my GOD speak!

Though the process is not yet complete at the writing of this article, the pieces have begun falling into place. Doors that I was not aware of have opened. HE opened my eyes and ears to those He had placed around me, especially my treasure on earth, my wife. Her advice and wisdom are invaluable! He sent others who provided comfort, support and a listening ear, especially my brother-in-Christ, Chris Riesterer and my brother marine Al Seyler. These men had the right words at the right time. They were obviously sent by GOD.

Many of us are facing challenges, some small, others life changing. Our God can handle them all! Give HIM the chance! You'll be amazed.

DREAM BIG, LIVE BOLDLY  
Semper Fi

Hank Landrau, Chaplain

**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



## COLOR & HONOR GUARD



4/11 - Navy Recruit Training Graduation Dinner. We will present Colors at their Graduation with their parents.

4/12 - Spring has sprung!! Its Baseball season once again. First home Friday game, Chicago Cubs vs. Los Angeles Angels, 1:20pm start, Det. 801 will be presenting Colors. The game will be on NBC-SC.

5/24 - Cubs vs. Reds. Friday, 1:20pm start, NBC- SC

5/27 - We will fire a volley at the Lindenhurst War Memorial Ceremony at 1000.

5/29 - Det. 801 Memorial Day. Fosse Park, Pavilion #2 at 1100. We will present Colors, Fire a Volley, blow Taps and read the names of our deceased members. Come on out and joined up!!!

Al Seyler (847) 220-1525



# EAGLE SCOUTS



All those standing above are Eagle Scouts (notice the MCL red jacket) getting ready to once again take the oath of an Eagle Scout at Troop 273 Vernon Hills.

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

### Here Are Our Future Presentations

- Apr 7 William Jameson Pattie, Troop 48, 12:30 PM, American Legion 801 N. McKinley Rd., Lake Forest. (Butler)
- Apr 7 Brandon M. Brown and Zachary A. Giamis, Troop 71, 3:00 PM, NEIC Service Center 850 Forest Edge Dr. Vernon Hills, (Butler)
- Apr 14 Henry Christian Kolterman, Troop 60, 12:30 PM, Adler Park, Libertyville, (Seyler)
- Apr 14 Andrew Gehrett, Troop 273, 3:00 PM, Christ Lutheran Church 595 N. Deerpath Dr. Vernon Hills. (Ellingsen)
- Apr 14 Andrew L. Wehmeyer, Troop 42, 3:00 PM, Grace United Methodist Church 244 E. Center Ave., Lake Bluff. (Homan)
- Apr 28 Matthew James Symonds, Jr., Troop 96, 3:00 PM, Symonds Lakes Funeral Home 111 W. Belvidere Rd., Grayslake. (Ellingsen)

***Lake County Detachment Marine Corps League Foundation, Inc***

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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 Board of Directors met on March 27<sup>th</sup> at Saluto's restaurant in Gurnee. All were present with the exception of Joe Wallace who was recovering from rotator cuff surgery.

Finances are sound and we will conduct another "Boatload of Booze" raffle starting in January of 2020.

There are no requests for assistance at this time.

Next meeting will be at the end of July.

Purpose of the Foundation as a 501 3 (c) tax exempt organization is to provide comfort, support, financial assistance and educational aid to improve the quality of life for military personnel in all branches of the United States Armed Forces and veterans who have served and their families.

If you know or hear of any Veteran or Family that could use some assistance, contact us.

Al Seyler

President  
847-220-1525

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Come and Join us to take a stand against drug and substance abuse!

For more info Nina Staben: [nina\\_staben@yahoo.com](mailto:nina_staben@yahoo.com)

## Drug Demand Reduction March

Includes one  
free Park  
Admission for  
Six Flags!

Lake County Young Marines & Lake  
County Opioid Initiative Task Force

[April 27th, 2019](#)

8:30 am registration

10:00 am step off

Starting point: Gurnee Police Department

Destination: Six Flags Great America

Ceremony before step off of the march!

Register @ <https://bit.ly/2IUqItC>

\$15.00 registration!



***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**