

# THE JAWHEAD JOURNAL

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Pictures from our Memorial Day Picnic honoring our deceased members.

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**Our next meeting is Monday  
17 June 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  
Col. Jim Homan**



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**Who is this Mystery Marine?**

**COMMANDANT'S COMMENTS**

As I reflect back on this last several months I realize that the events we did were a lot more than we did in past years. We are finally getting to be noticed in the area and people are specifically asking for us to attend their event. This is one of the best ways to recruit for the detachment. People see us out and about and can see them selves doing what we are doing so they want to join.

With that thought in mind, we are planning on getting into more of the parades and other events in the County. We have already checked into the Waukegan parade on 30 June. We are also getting into the largest parade in the County, the Lake Bluff parade on July 4th. To participate in the parades, you do not need to march. We spoke with Mission BBQ. They said that they would love to partner with us. Anyone who wants to can ride in their truck. There is no reason to miss these events. We will keep every one updated in up coming events so you can participate if you choose.

We will also be having more of the events such as our memorial event from last month. It was nice to see all the people mingling with each other and having a great time. The events like that are what strengthens our bonds and aids us in becoming a true family. If any of you have any ideas for events or locations let me know and we can look into them. We just don't want to double up on events and stretch ourselves too thin.

Regarding the doubling up of our fundraising events. Here are the problems as I see them. First of all, we need to have a minimum of eight people at each event. If we have less than that we do not greet all the people coming and going and therefore lose money. Secondly, people are not indicating where they wish to go and we have ended up with several people at one location and few people at others. We must be more uniform in how we staff these locations for maximum effect. We did eleven locations this year in stead of nine like last year. We still made less money at the stores this year. If this schedule is to continue we must better organize our efforts.

We all need to understand that there is only TWO months remaining before we start nominating people for our staff positions for next year. NOW is the time to start thinking of people who will be willing and able to do the job they are nominated for. Let's all get our thinking caps on and come up with great candidates for this next election. Remember, the people you select will become our next years leaders.

Jerry Pedrin  
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**CHAPLAIN'S CORNER  
MAY 2019**

By the Grace of God, we had another opportunity to commemorate and remember our brothers and sisters who "gave all" for the protection of our nation and way of life.

We remembered them nationally and locally. We remembered their sacrifice and thanked them; we remembered the loved ones left to pick up the pieces, and we prayed for them. We asked God to bless them and keep them always by His side.

We celebrated them in our churches, prayed and honored them at the site of their earthly remains. We remembered and we cried. We resolved that their sacrifice would not be in vain, and we vow never to forget.

Just like HIM, almost 2000 years ago!

The best tribute we can give our fallen heroes is to live the life they wished for themselves. To live for them! To love for them! To worship for them! To enjoy life for them!

Summer is just getting underway and we're all looking forward to all those fun summer activities, from barbeques, gardening, road trips, family gatherings and for some of us breaking out our shorts and sandals. We welcome the reprieve from winter!

It is also an opportunity to seek out and share our abundance with those less fortunate. Those who are homebound, who would welcome a visit, kind word, act of mercy or a prayer to let them know that our Lord has not forsaken them. They are all around us, and in our midst. All we have to do is look.

They are old, they are young, they come in all shapes, sizes and colors, but they all have one thing in common, they are our brothers and sisters because they are all God's children.

In the midst of our summer celebration, let's not be neglectful of the God that makes it all possible! Worship should remain the central focus of our year-round activities. However, Summer has a way of shifting our priorities, and our God tends to get demoted to a less prominent position.

Let's not forget that He makes it all possible. He wants us to live life abundantly, with Him at the Center of it all!

And that's important because from time to time we all face challenges in our lives, and the strength and will we need to face them comes from our Lord. When we forget that, we begin to rely on our own resources and that usually leads to disaster.

Listen to the voice of experience!

So, our goal is to enjoy our God given life abundantly, while sharing it with others and never forgetting who made it possible. Enjoy life with a view towards eternity!

**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 8 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.

**WELCOME  
ABOARD**



David Pedrin and Carol Mampe joined our detachment in May as associates members. David is Jerry's son and Carol is married to Ed.

David is married and lives in North Chicago. He is interested in joining the Color Guard, Pistol Team along with helping with Toys for Tots and fund raising .

Carol has grandkids and lives in Grayslake. She has helped out for many years with VA Hospital visits, Eagle Scouts, fund raising and Toys for Tots.

**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**

**June 12th and 26th**

**July 10th and 24th**

**August 7th and 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**



5/14

Mission BBQ Armed Forces Week-USMC Day. We presented Colors and 15 minutes later played the Marines' Hymn. Woke everyone up and had a good time and good food.

5/16

Vernon Hills High School vs. Stevenson High School Girls Softball Game. Before the game they Honored Vets and 1<sup>st</sup> responders. They introduced players Dads who served and gave them a yellow rose. City Police and Fire Depts. were there and we presented Colors. They put on a good show and those girls played a great game of ball. They were very good players and Stevenson won 7-6 in the final inning.

5/18

Mission BBQ Armed Forces Day. Presented Colors and 15 minutes later play Marines' Hymn. Instant replay of Tuesday.

5/24

Cubs vs. Reds. Friday, 1:20pm start, NBC- SC. Mampe, Roth, Staben, Pedrin, and Seyler. We were there but for the 1<sup>st</sup> time the Cubs lost. Time to start a new streak. Thank you Nada Sydow !! With 45 MINUTES NOTICE, Nada showered, got her uniform on and joined us.

**SUPER JOB !!!**

5/26

Posted Colors and played Taps for a Memorial Day Service at the Community Christian Church in Waukegan. It is Hank Landraeu's Church and he conducted the Service.



## **COLOR & HONOR** **GUARD**



**5/27**

We fired a Volley at the Lindenhurst War Memorial Ceremony at 1000. The Young Marines were there also. Det. 801 put on a good show.

**5/29**

Det. 801 Memorial Day at Fosse Park, Pavilion #2 at 1100. We presented Colors, Fired a Volley and blew Taps in Honor of our deceased Members.

**6/1**

We presented Colors at a Rocket launching !!!

A Club that builds and launches rockets held an Event of a day long firing of rockets- 1<sup>st</sup> lift off at 0900.

Boy Scouts will served hot dogs etc. All Veterans got free food. All proceeds went to Lake County Hero flight. At noon they held the Ceremony and fired a 10ft. rocket. The Coast Guard retrieved it from Lake Michigan and returned it. It was super fun !!!

**6/4**

Back to Wrigley Field for a 7:05pm night game vs. the Rockies. During the Memorial at Foss Park on Wednesday, I got a phone call that the group scheduled to present Colors had canceled. Could the Lake County Marines fill in on short notice? Mampe, Pedrin, Butler, Engle and I Said ok. We can do !!

Once again Marines saved the day !!

As you can see, we need more people to help man all the events. Come on out and joined up!!! See me or any Member of the Color Guard.

Al Seyler

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# EAGLE SCOUTS



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

**Here are some past and future presentations**

- May 28 Sofia Rose Coury, Troop 40407, Helen Rose Leverson, Troop 40850 and Kaitlyn Elizabeth Brown, Troop 41755 (Girl Scout Gold Award pictured above)
- Jun 15 Kevin Matthew White and Ryan Mulvaney, Troop 46, 10:30 PM., First Presbyterian Church of Lake Forest 700 Sheridan Rd.,(Ellingsen)
- Jun 15 Nathaniel J. Colpaert, Troop 188, 12:30 PM., Antioch Township Center 1625 Deep Lake Rd, Lake Villa. (Ellingsen )
- Jun 15 Matthew Robert Duray, Troop 672, 3:00 PM, Our Home 269 S. Fork Dr. Gurnee. (Ellingsen)
- Jun 29 Adam Joseph Powen, Troop 150, 3:00 PM, Zion Lutheran Church 10 Deerfield Rd. Deerfield, (Ellingsen)

Looks like we will make 88 presentations this Fiscal Year.

***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.

We had 3 proposed donations on which the Board of Directors voted.

1. Heroes Honor Flight North Chicago.

We have donated \$1,500 to them the last several years. Mel has suggested we give them 3 increments of \$500.00 each in order to increase the recognition of Det. 801. Paula is doing a much better job praising her donors via facebook and we can be recognized 3 times. We would present the check to Paula at the Rocket Launch event on June 1st.

2. Help USA Troops.

Bob and Linda Stack's daughter-in-law is heading up this group and they are doing a super job of getting packages over to the Troops. See the following Web site--

<http://HelpUSATroops.com/>

Recommend a \$500.00 donation.

3. Nada Sydow's Motorcycle Club is having a Fund Raiser at Stonecreek on June 1st.

I spoke with their person in charge, Jim. They support Veterans in Lake County who are in need the same way Al Lynch's Foundation and our Foundation support the Vets. We will pay contractors or buy the needed goods, but not give cash directly to the individual. They are willing to split donation as we have done with Lynch in the past.

Recommend a \$500.00 check be given to them at the Stonecreek event.

The proposals were passed unanimously By the Board of Directors. The checks were delivered as suggested.

Next meeting will be at the end of July. If you know or hear of any Veteran or Family that could use some assistance, contact us.

Al Seyler President 847-220-1525

## MARINE CORPS LEAGUE LAKE COUNTY DETACHMENT 801

This is a new condition under consideration by the VA. Some consider it a dangerous syndrome, others say it's a positive condition.

### CHRONIC MARINE SYNDROME (CMS):

This condition affects mostly men, but also can affect some women, too.

Symptoms to look for are:

1. Pride in oneself and the organization they represent.
2. A strong willingness to put in extra attention to detail to get the job done.
3. May wear articles of Marine clothing; T-shirts, jackets, watches, well into their 80's.
4. Will not hesitate to stand up or put their hand over their heart, or even salute when the National Anthem is played.
5. Does not succumb easily to political correctness.
6. Is sure of who they are.
7. Is often either respected or hated by others, due to their abilities and talents.
8. May donate toys to needy kids at Christmas.
9. Some have been known to wear their hair in a high and tight well into their 90's.
10. Will look you directly in the eye when talking to you.
11. Will give you a firm handshake.
12. Knows what "honor, courage and commitment" mean.
13. Can usually be found in some type of leadership position in whatever organization they work for.
14. Will often regard their drill instructors with the same respect as their parents.
15. Often found in either law enforcement or various leadership professions.
16. Is extremely thorough at what they do.
17. Does not wear a bunch of patches to adorn their uniform. Their title of Marine is usually sufficient.
18. Often arrives at work earlier than expected. If they wear a shirt and tie in their job, you might see the tie clip between the third and fourth button, centered.
19. Had spent time training at one of three places; Parris Island, San Diego, or Quantico.
20. May be able to field strip his rifle, up to 60 years after leaving active duty.
21. Can recite the nomenclature of the M1, M14 or M16.
22. May often have his pencils sharpened to a perfect precision point.
23. Will not back down from a fight.

Other symptoms include willingness to take on a challenge and maintaining a positive attitude in the face of adversity.

Yes, CMS is real, and it's very hard to treat. The person with this condition often utters phrases such as "Once a Marine always a Marine," or "Ooo-Rah!"

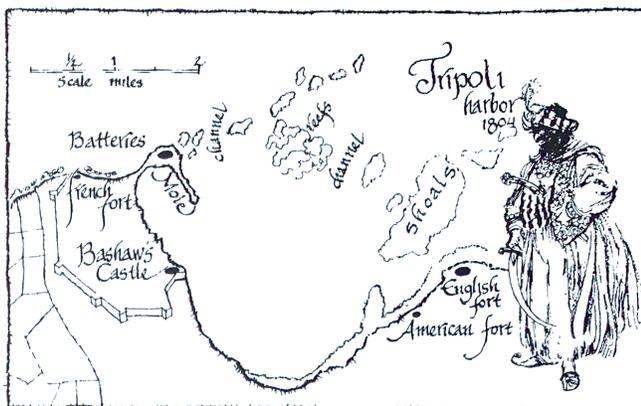
Some may even say "Semper Fi" on many occasions.

It's best if you know someone with this condition to just leave them be. These people tend to be fiercely loyal to the Marine Corps.

# Marines at the Great Guns

## Off Tripoli

3 August 1804



The Bashaw of Tripoli, regarding as trifling the proposed annual payment of \$10,000 for his friendship, again refused the American offer of a peace treaty to end his war on Yankee merchantmen in the Mediterranean and to ransom captives. Not content with continuing to punish Tripolitan intransigence with a passive blockade, Navy Captain Edward Preble now thought it “absolutely necessary to our National and Naval Character in the Eastern World, that we humble that Regency and bring the Bashaw to our own terms.” To accomplish this, Preble decided on “a bold stroke against Tripoli—One successful dash at them [which] will effect a peace, and make them remember the war.”

On the afternoon of 3 August 1804, a small American squadron of brigs and schooners led by the frigate *Constitution*, under the command of Captain Preble, launched the first of a series of five attacks against the port of Tripoli. Mounting only thirty 24-pounders on her gun deck and six borrowed long 24-pounders on her spar deck, the *Constitution* and her consorts faced a walled city protected by forts and shore batteries that mounted 115 heavy guns. These were supplemented by numerous gunboats, each armed with a single 24-pounder. Under cover of the frigate, the smaller American vessels advanced within point-blank range of the shore batteries and engaged the enemy’s gunboat flotilla. In an action that lasted two hours, the smaller craft engaged the Tripolitan flotilla in heavy fighting, which at times involved hand-to-hand encounters with heavily armed enemy seamen.

On board the flagship, while seamen on the gun deck fired broadside after broadside into the city, Marines under Captain John Hall and Lieutenant Robert Greenleaf left their normal battle stations in the fighting tops to man the long 24-pounders on the spar deck. In the painting, stripped of coats and muskets, Marines ready the long guns for another shot as the frigate tacks into position. Their ac-

curate fire, which—Preble noted—helped drive the “Tripolines out of the castle and brought down the steeple of a mosque,” merited the “highest encomiums.”

With every cannon ball hurled against the crumbling walls of Tripoli during the remainder of August, the Bashaw’s demands seemed to tumble. But Preble, who was not disposed to make any payment whatever, was soon replaced by newly arrived Captain Samuel Barron who, with the aid of Tobias Lear, chief American diplomatic representative in the area, negotiated a treaty with the Bashaw that called for the payment of \$60,000 in exchange for friendship and the release of American prisoners.

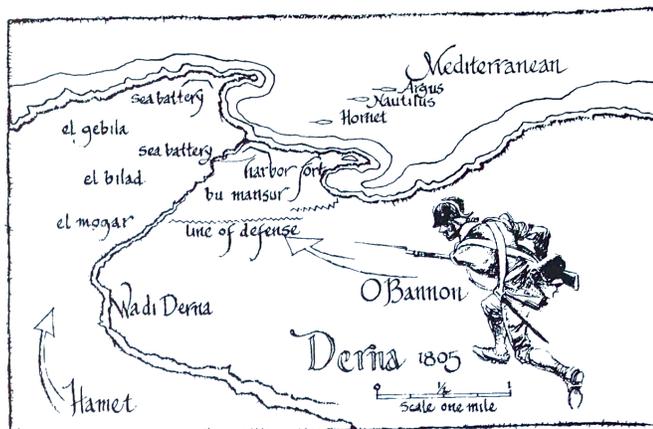
The sources for the painting and plate description were: detailed research by the artist into ship construction to ensure the accurate portrayal of the *Constitution*’s spar deck; Captain Edward Preble ltr to Tobias Lear, dtd 3May1804 and Captain Edward Preble ltr to Secretary of the Navy, dtd 18Sep1804 in Office of Naval Records and Library, *Naval Documents Related to the United States Wars with the Barbary Powers: Naval Operations From April to September 6, 1804* (Washington: Government Printing Office, 1942), pp. 82, 293-310.



Ron Engel presented these two articles and pictures about Marines at Tripoli.

# The Assault on Derna Tripoli

27 April 1805



A mile from the Mediterranean Sea, the Tripolitan city of Derna looked quiet in the morning light of 27 April 1805. From atop the hills which ringed the city, Navy Agent William Eaton could look down on Governor Mustifa's defenses: a shore battery of eight 9-pounders, temporary breastworks to the northeast, and a 10-inch howitzer mounted on the palace terrace. On the horizon Eaton could see the 10-gun American sloop *Hornet*, the 12-gun sloop *Nautilus*, and the 16-gun brig *Argus*, under the command of Captain Isaac Hull. Around him was his motley 400-man army, which had marched more than 500 miles across the desert from Alexandria. The main element, apart from Eaton, consisted of seven Marines and one midshipman from the *Argus*, under Marine Lieutenant Presley N. O'Bannon. Together with a number of Greek mercenaries and a band of restive Arabs and Bedouins led by the half-reluctant Bashaw Hamet, they stood before the city, awaiting the governor's reply to their demand of free passage through the town.

As the day progressed, a fieldpiece was landed from the *Argus* and a letter arrived from the governor: His answer, "My head or yours, Mustifa." After the flag of truce returned, Eaton signaled the squadron to move closer and open fire on the shore battery. Eaton's army, divided into two columns, the first led by O'Bannon and his Marines and the second by Hamet's Bedouin horsemen, then moved against the town. By three in the afternoon, the shore battery was silenced, then abandoned by its gun crews, who joined the defenders facing Eaton. Already outnumbered, and with the enemy's fire becoming increasingly effective, Eaton's line, except for the Marines, was thrown into confusion. With failure staring him in the face, the American Navy Agent daringly ordered a charge.

It is assumed that the Marines at Derna had not yet received the new uniforms authorized in 1804, therefore,

they are wearing the 1797 uniform: a blue cloth coat, lapelled and faced in red, with two rows of Navy buttons; a red vest; shirt; white summer linen overalls; and a "common hat" trimmed in yellow, and turned up on the left side with a leather cockade.

Lieutenant O'Bannon, leading the charge, wears the pre-1804 officer's undress uniform: plain blue cloth coat, lapelled and faced with red, with eagle, shield, and fowl anchor buttons; a white vest; shirt; white linen overalls; and the common hat. As a first lieutenant, he wears one gold epaulet on the right shoulder. Instead of a musket, Lieutenant O'Bannon wields a naval sword.

To the Marines' rear are Navy Agent Eaton, Midshipman George Washington Mann, and a collection of Arab and Greek mercenaries. Eaton, who fancied himself a general, is dressed accordingly, and carries an American long rifle. Midshipman Mann waves a dirk. In the background lay the *Hornet*, *Nautilus*, and *Argus*.

Taken by surprise, Mustifa's line broke, most men running while others kept up a sporadic fire. Passing through a shower of musketry, the Marines, Greeks, and Arab footmen pressed the attack toward the waterfront battery. Within an hour and a half of beginning the attack, the Tripolitan colors were hauled down, and Lieutenant O'Bannon, with Midshipman Mann at his side, raised the American flag over the city of Derna.

The source materials used in the preparation of the painting and plate description were: contemporary portraits of William Eaton; details of the painting "The Bombardment of Tripoli," dtd 1805, by Michaele F. Corne (Naval Academy Museum); "Uniform for the Navy of the United States of America," *Columbian Centinel* (Boston) 13Sep1797; Charles Prentiss, *The Life of the Late Gen. William Eaton* (Brookfield: E. Merriam & Co., 1813); and Glenn Tucker, *Dawn Like Thunder: The Barbary Wars and the Birth of the U.S. Navy* (Indianapolis: Bobbs-Merrill Co., 1963).

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