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Our next meeting is Monday  
9 December starting at  
1900 or 7 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  
Al Seyler



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**MARINE CORPS LEAGUE LAKE COUNTY DETACHMENT 801**



2018 Expert 2nd Place-Team



2018 Sharpshooter 2nd Place



2018 High Masters 3rd Place



2018 Masters 1st Place - Team



2018 Sharpshooter 2nd Place -Team



Passing the Sword to MoY

## **MARINE CORPS LEAGUE LAKE COUNTY DETACHMENT 801**

### **COMMANDANT'S COMMENTS**

Once more I sit in front of my computer to try and bring together the events of the past month. The past month started off with a very successful T4T fundraiser in Highland Park. All our T4T fundraisers this month have been great and we have been blessed with a great showing of support from the people in each City.

We then went to the Veteran's Hospital on the 7<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM and presented colors at the program the Navy and Marines had for Veteran's day and the Marine Corps Birthday. At 1PM we were at another building that housed the Homeless and did a cake cutting ceremony for the Marine Corps Birthday. We finished up the day about 1½ hours later by delivering cupcakes and well wishes to all the patients at the hospital. It was an exhausting day but one that was truly a blessing to see so many people glad that we took time out of our busy schedules to visit with them.

With all that out of the way, the next day we held our own Marine Corps Birthday Bash. We had a great turnout and even got some active duty Marines to visit and spend time with us. It was a fun filled night that was enjoyed by all.

That brings us to Veteran's Day. We started out our day's activities at Lindenhurst where we fired a rifle volley at Lindenhurst's services there. It was extremely cold and they put the event in the public works garage. That is except for us. You cannot fire a rifle volley indoors. We survived and then packed up to head to the College of Lake County where we again presented colors for the Lake County Beauty Pageant. We were not done yet. We stuck around and escorted about 50 young ladies in evening gowns to be judged that evening. We came home tired but warmed with the heat of the building and the knowledge that we brought some joy to some young lives in the process.

The next day was not a day of rest. We started out early at 10AM with our first of two celebrations at the Village of Victory Lakes, an extended living/nursing home in Lindenhurst. We left that building after presenting colors and then moved on to another building where the process was repeated.

We left there and realized that we would just make the noon ceremonies at Mission BBQ at Hunt Club and Grand in Gurnee. Mission BBQ is an eatery unlike any other in the County. Each Veteran is greeted with a warm smile, a handshake, and thanked for their service as they approach the counter. At noon each day a person comes from behind the counter, asks all to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the playing of the National Anthem. Our Color guard was right there inside the front door proudly presenting colors. It was great to see that included in the midst of the well-wishers were several members of our MCL detachment.

Near the end of the month we marched in the Antioch parade with the Young Marines. We had planned for a very cold evening (6:30 PM) and had dressed in our long johns and winter garb. We got there to find the temp in the 40s and the threat of rain. We were in the beginning of the parade and just finished marching when the rain started.

As you can see, we had a very full month. It was tiring but looking back on it I would not have changed a thing. It was nice to see so many of our group out and about at these different events and I hope we continue to get out and support our detachment and the people of this County. We are not asking you to do anything that you can't do. But if you can take a few hours out of your day to give us a hand we will be grateful and so will the people we serve. We still have T4T fundraisers going on, Hospital visit, Color Guard events, and many other things that you can be a part of. If nothing else it gets you out of the house for a while and you get some exercise. Not all our events are as stressful as you may think and we ask for only as much time as you can handle. In order to be the best, we need to act like the best. I hope you can take the time to assist us in the coming weeks and months to keep our detachment "The Best Damn Detachment in the Nation."

## MARINE CORPS LEAGUE LAKE COUNTY DETACHMENT 801

### CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

November, the month that causes us to pause and express our gratitude in the form of thanksgiving for all the wonderful things in our lives.

We thanked our Creator for our families, our country, and our health. We toasted our corps' 244<sup>th</sup>. Birthday. We remembered and honored our veterans.

We were able to do all these things because we live in a country that gives us the opportunity and freedom to express our feelings and sentiments. THANK GOD FOR AMERICA!

Remember, our gratitude is just an attitude until we take action in the form of thanksgiving. First and foremost, to our God, then to all those individuals we come in contact with throughout our day.

It doesn't have to be anything elaborate or expensive. Just a simple "thank you" for holding the door open, for a "good morning," for letting you go ahead at the cashier's line at Jewel. Simple things that brighten our day.

On a personal level, I would like to thank all my fellow marines and friends for being by my side, and the side of my family, during the most painful event of our lives, the return of my mother to paradise. On November 12, 2019 my mother left this world to be at the side of her Lord and Savior.

Many of us have endured the sorrow of losing loved ones, and having friends to share our pain is a blessing! I want to thank detachment 801, for standing by our side, in words, embrace and prayer.

In my article for November 2018, I wrote these words "I pray that we NEVER take life for granted, ours or anyone else's, tomorrow is not promised to us" Those words have even more meaning for me in November, 2019! Live, and appreciate each day as if it were your last, cherish the memories!

With the end of November, we look forward to a joyous Christmas season and new year. It is my sincere wish that you and yours have a safe holiday season creating great memories. With your permission I would like to include the last words I spoke to my mother while I could still see her face for the last time on this side of paradise:

Hank Landrau, Chaplain

November 18, 2019

**CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**

A letter from a grateful son to a loving mother.

On November 12, 2019, at approximately 6:00 pm you left this life for an eternal existence with our Father almighty. I would have love to have been there to hold your hand and wish you a safe journey. We spend several hours together the day before not knowing that would be the last time we would talk. I stayed with you until you fell asleep and made sure you were comfortable, since you were in great pain and discomfort. I gave some instruction to your evening nurse, indicating I would be back soon.

I am forever grateful to our Father in Heaven for those precious hours!

The news of your departure came as a shock and with great pain. I was sure we had more time, but my Lord, in His infinite mercy, granted you peace and rest, and though the cost to me is without measure, I am happy that you are pain free and in paradise.

I had never known a day in my life without you. If we were not together, you were a phone call away. Lord, how I miss the sound of your voice!

I am forever grateful to our Lord for the privilege of caring for you the last few years of your life. Even though your health began to deteriorate and your dependence on me grew, I felt honored to return the care and love you gave me when I was a defenseless child. Even as an adult, I could count on your love and support.

The time for your well-earned rest has come and the Lord has welcomed you home with open arms and a "well done my good and faithful servant". I wish I could have been there to witness the reunion between you and Pedro. What a sight for sore eyes!

As your family and friends gather to say goodbye to your earthly remains, amidst the tears we comfort each other with memories. You touched countless lives with your love and caring. In the end, it's not goodbye forever, for as surely as there is a heaven, we will see each other again.

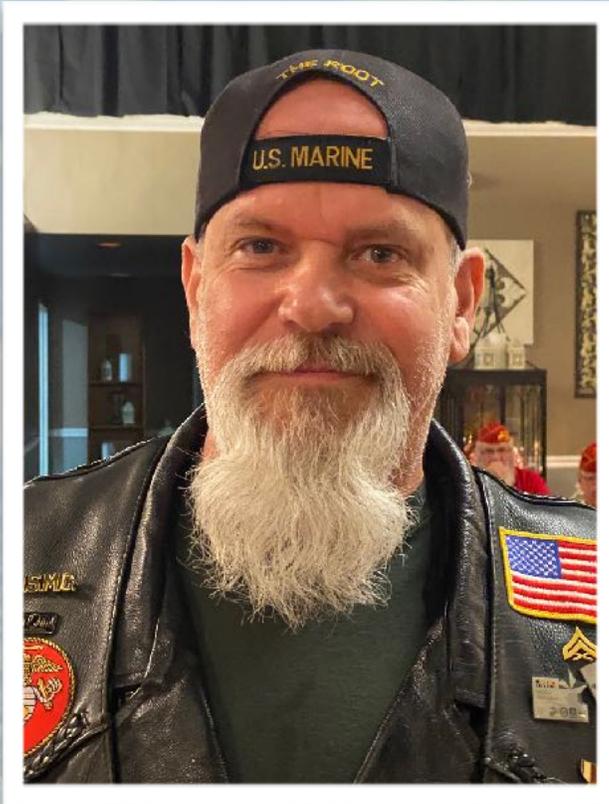
Until that fateful reunion I will continue to ask for your "benediction" every day. I know that even as I speak these words, you are praying and asking Jesus to take care of us, because that's the way you are and always will be.

We may not be able to enjoy the sound of your voice, or see your face on this earth, but I assure you, you will always be loved and never forgotten.

Hank Landrau, Chaplain

BENEDICTION

# WELCOME ABOARD



Randy Lund joined us last month. He enlisted when the American hostages were taken in Iran in 1979. As a Cpl 03041 Mortarman, he started at MCRD San Diego, spent time at NAS New Brunswick and Camp Lejeune. He was with the 8th Marines in Beirut when the embassy was bombed.

Randy lives in Wadsworth, is married, retired and wants to shoot with our pistol team.

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

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

**Pay Attention..this is IMPORTANT**

# **Dues**

**MOST** of you have NOT paid your 2020 dues. Please bring \$35 cash or your credit card to our next meeting or click **DUES** to pay on-line. Why not consider extending your membership as a **LIFE** member? 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**.

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**



Many thanks to the VA Hospital Visitation Team

**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



### 11/7

VA Burke Hall - Seyler Mampe Butler Castillo Pedri  
Vets Day and USMC Birthday  
Present, Post and retrieve Colors

### 11/9

Lake County Pageant - Seyler Mampe Pedrin Castillo  
College of Lake County  
1:30pm - Little Miss and Jr. Miss  
Escorts  
6:30 - Teen Miss and Miss Lake County  
Present Colors and escort

### 11/11

Lindenhurst War Memorial  
Present Colors  
Seyler Mampe Butler Engle  
Monday 11:00am  
Above plus-- Ellingsen Sydow Castillo      Fire Volley

**COLOR & HONOR GUARD**  
**(CONTINUED)**

**11/11**

Mission BBQ  
Monday 1200  
Roth Pavlick Chia Karlovics Pedrin  
Present Colors

**11/12**

Victory Lakes  
Seyler Mampe Butler Engle Roth Sydow  
Present Colors

**11/12**

Brookdale Senior Living  
Seyler Mampe Castillo Pedrin Sydow  
Present Colors

**11/29**

Antioch Christmas Parade  
Color Guard  
Young Marines  
Car playing Marines' Hymn ( Riders)

**12/13**

Hoops for Heroes  
Stevenson High School  
6:30pm  
Present Colors

We NEED new Members. Please see any Member of the Color Guard.

Al Seyler Commander



# EAGLE SCOUTS



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

**Here is Joe Wallace making his first Ka-Bar presentation.**

**Here are some future presentations.**

- Dec 7 James Paul Richards, Troop 663, 5:00 PM, Memorial United Methodist Church, 2935 Sheridan Rd., Zion. (Seyler)
- Dec 21 Alexander Michael Culver, Troop 50, 3 PM., St. Gregory 815 Wilmot Rd., Deerfield (Butler) - 56
- Jan 4 Giorgio M. Laudati, Troop 78, 1:00 PM, Community Christian Church 1970 Riverwoods Rd., Lincolnshire ()
- Jan 11 Alexander James Eilert, Troop 198, 3:00 PM, St. Andrews Lutheran Church 10 S. Lake St. Mundelein., ()
- Jan 18 Thomas Szandor Levin and Brian W. Bouxsein, Troop 73, 1:00 PM, Shepherd of the Lakes Church 285 E. Washington St. Grayslake. ()
- Jan 26 Gabriel John Kobza, Zachary George Biela, Troop 48, 12:30 PM, American Legion Post 264 801 N. McKinley Rd. Lake Forest (Ellingsen)

## MARINE CORPS LEAGUE LAKE COUNTY DETACHMENT 801



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**“SMED”**

said ....

### SEMPER FI MARINE!

Good to see you again. Grab a ‘cold one’ and pull up a chair.

Was thinkin’ just the other day about why I joined the Detachment. Do you remember back when you joined? Do you remember why you joined? What were you lookin’ for? Did you find it? Are you still finding it?

Occasionally, over time, things change. Do you still have that feeling of accomplishment, of belonging, that you once had back then? If not, why not? You are still a Marine, you haven’t changed, or, have you? We are still the same Detachment, or are we? How do we get back to where we were when you first joined? How do you get that feeling back you had then?

For starters, how about thinkin’ of signing up for any of the appointive positions we have in the Detachment? (Americanism, Historian, Quartermaster, Assist. Quartermaster, Librarian, etc.) Nearly all of the other positions could use an assistant to fill in occasionally.

Or, if not that, how about joining any of the several specialty groups operating within the Detachment? (The Hospital Visitation Team, Pistol Team, The Eagle Scout Presentation Team, Color Guard Team, Young Marines Staff) Each one of them are constantly looking for new members. You don’t even have to be crazy to participate in them, they will teach you.

By serving in any of these positions, you will be able to introduce new ideas, your ideas, to the group. Only by adapting to new ideas do we keep our Detachment from becoming a bunch of ‘stuffy old curmudgeons’ that are not fun to be around anymore. Give it some thought, and I hope you will consider this and maybe sign into one (or more) of the available positions.

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said ....(continued)

Your newly installed Commandant Gerry Pedrin really does need your help to keep this the BDDiTN during the coming year. Help him out.

Going back to my first question, 'do you remember why you first joined', I wanted to again put on a uniform and carry the flag. That was a natural for joining the Color Guard. After a forty five year absence, I also saw an opportunity to get involved with the Boy Scout program through the Eagle Scout Presentation Team. Finally, I thought it would be fun to once more pick up a 1911 semi-automatic .45 cal. and try to hit something besides the dirt clods behind the target (am still working on that). I was not expecting to be appointed as Senior Vice Commandant after only a six month involvement as a member, but hey, it was a great experience. Through that hitch, I was able to meet and really get to know many of our members in a very short period of time. As an afterthought, I would not trade that experience for any other.

Think about it. Hope you will really consider signing up. Wouldn't it be great to get that old feelin' back?

See ya at the next Staff Meeting? (02-Dec @ 1830 hours / The TIKI Club on Sunset Ave. in Waukegan)

Give it a shot!

Semper Fidelis!  
'SMEDLEY'

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***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 Board of Directors authorized a donation to Bob and Linda Stack (Christian Liberty Academy) of \$500.00 for the Navy Recruits Christmas dinner.

The newly elected and installed Board of Directors will start planning the “Boat Load of Booze” raffle. We do this fund raiser every other year and it will start in January. The prize winners will be drawn June 15<sup>th</sup> at Steven's restaurant at our meeting. Raffle Tickets are being printed by Biler Press at no charge.

Already people are asking to buy tickets so--- Get Ready to SELL them!! Also accept donated Booze.

Al Seyler

President  
847-220-1525

***Related Military Links***

**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**