

# THE JARHEAD JOURNAL

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At our annual Officer Installation Meeting and Banquet, members and staff were recognized.



Longtime member Tom Mann was presented with a plaque and a shadowbox (assembled by Carol Mampe) as he relocates to Rockford.



Jerry Pedrin was named Marine of the Year and he stayed on as Detachment Commandant as he receives the gavel from Greg Baker, PDC.

**MARINE CORPS LEAGUE LAKE COUNTY DETACHMENT 801**



Clockwise from upper left: Nada Sydow-Sr, Vice, Richard Butler-Jr. Past, Greg Cummings-VA Visits, Al Seyler-Foundation President and Color Guard Commander Ed Mampe-Paymaster, Jim Sroka-Trustee and Pistol Team Commander.

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Clockwise from upper left: John Jezioro-Adjutant, Larry Lingen-Sgt-at-Arms, Chuck Butrim-Jr. Vice., Mel Ellingsen-Eagle Scout Chair and Webmaster, Al Blut-Quartermaster and Hank Landrau-Chaplain.

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Our next meeting is the Officer  
Installation Monday  
11 November 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  
Ray DeGroot



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Who is this Mystery Marine?

## MARINE CORPS LEAGUE LAKE COUNTY DETACHMENT 801

### COMMANDANT'S COMMENTS

It is time for my monthly address to all of you so I again sit before the computer to impart a few words. I was truly humbled at the installation dinner with the honor of receiving the Marine of the Year award. I think all of you could tell that I was a little shocked. In fact, when Smedley said the recipient is out own "Doc" I just dropped the agenda I had in my hand onto the table and tried to catch my breath. I cannot tell you what an honor that was to me. I am stunned, yet today, to know I was the recipient. I thank all of you from the bottom of my heart and will strive to make myself worthy of the trust you placed in me. I intend to do the best job I can this year to improve our detachment.

I was pleasantly surprised to see so many of you turn out for the installation. I had no idea we would have 90 people there. Actually, neither did the management as they had to scramble for tables and chairs to seat everyone. That was why we asked that all of you call or text and let us know who was coming. It doesn't help to plan for seventy something and have ninety show up. It was sure nice to see all of you and Greg Baker was truly surprised at our numbers. He said our kind of numbers are unheard of down his way.

I think we finally convinced Greg that we are truly "The Best Damn Detachment in the Nation". Each time we said that he would look at me and say, "That isn't in the script." I told him and then showed him my script where it was included. I told him he must have had a rough draft. He thinks we have a great detachment and said he was proud to come and install our officers.

I trust that all if you had a good time. I tried to speak with all of you and the ones I did speak with thought did a great job with the meeting. As I said in my remarks, it is always better to come to a meeting knowing you will have a few friends there to meet and talk with. It makes for a more enjoyable time all around. That is what I strive for this year, to make our meetings fun. If you have ideas, let me know.

We are heading into the Toys for Tots season now and will be going out and about fundraising and collecting toys. This is a great time to contact those Marines, Chaplains, and FMF Corpsmen in the County that we have not reached yet. We will have applications with us so if you need one grab a couple each time and let's see if we can increase the membership. We have also started getting out the trains. If you know of some business that would sell trains for us or put in a Toys for Tots box let us know and we will get you the necessary materials. Let's make this season even better than last year. Remember, it is all about the kids. Have a great month ahead and stay safe and healthy. Looking forward to seeing you at our detachment's celebration of the Marine Corps Birthday on Nov 8, 2019 at Onan's Tiki Bar at 3500 Sunset, Waukegan just east of Green Bay Road starting at 6 pm.

S/F

Jerry Pedrin, Commandant Detachment 801

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### CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

As you know, during our October meeting we, by the grace of God, installed the leadership team that will guide us for the next twelve months.

Detachment 801 is extremely fortunate to have such dedicated men and women willing to serve their fellow marines in this capacity. These marines and corpsmen set aside time, that would otherwise be spent with their families, to serve us!

They earned and deserve our gratitude and support.

If we are indeed the “best damn detachment in the nation” as we enthusiastically claim, and I believe we are, we **all** must do our part to live up to that claim!

Within our organization there exists a ton of opportunities to serve. Have you ever considered providing transportation to those members who can no longer drive themselves to our meetings? What about those warriors confined to a hospital ward? How about applying those leadership skills to encourage new leaders through our eagle scout presentation committee? Our organization can certainly use your leadership skills in guiding us into the future as a member of our leadership team! You may even have a calling to share god with the rest of us.

I've often wondered, what if it were possible to export our enthusiasm, skills and help to sister detachments who are not as fortunate as we are? What do you think? Would that make us more effective as a league? I'm sure that's an untapped area of opportunity!

#### ***LET'S NOT PLACE LIMITATIONS ON OURSELVES, OUR GOD DOESN'T!***

During the month of October, we finalized plans and strategies to kick off our TOYS-FOR TOTS fund raising efforts.

Here is an opportunity to apply your skills at fund raising to insure that as many of God's children, receive a gift for Christmas.

Not only do we raise lots of money, but have a ton of fun do it!

As the season continues to transition from summer to fall to winter, let's also continue to care and look out for each other. Our Lord has given us our detachment as a “vehicle” to care for each other, and all His children. Let's not disappoint Him!

Let's make it a goal to show our love in everything we do, every day. We can't stop time, but we can choose to use it wisely!

May the Lord richly bless you and keep you.

DREAM FEARLESSLY, LIVE BOLDY

Semper Fi, Hank Landrau, Chaplain Detachment 801

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**We gave these four checks to Toys for Tots totaling 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 26th, Great turnout at 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**

**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



### 10-16--

We were contacted by Andy at the VAC about a Sailor, Jack Coombe, had passed away at the age of 97. He was married for 70 years and his wife passed away last year. They did not have any kids and there would be no relatives at the wake.

He was in the Navy, Our Navy, from 1940 until 1946. He was a Pearl Harbor survivor and was with the fleet at the invasions of the Solomon Islands, Saipan, Iwo Jima and Okinawa. In those days, deployment was for the duration, not 6 months as it is now.

Peter Karlovics, Richard Butler, Commandant Pedrin and I attended the Wake. We conducted Casket guard and gave our final salute.

### 10-19--

We fired a Volley At the Dedication of a Memorial to Honor the 74 Seamen killed aboard the USS Evans. Warren Cemetery donated the space, monument and money to erect the Monument.

USS FRANK E. EVANS (DD 754) departed Long Beach, CA for Westpac on 29 March 1969. She was ordered to Yankee Station, the "Gun Line", as a naval gun-fire support ship between 5 May and 15 May during Operation Daring Rebel. She responded to 86 calls for gunfire support, expending over 5,000 rounds of ammunition in support of the South Vietnamese, South Korean, and US Marine Corp troops that were fighting on the ground. On leaving the gun line, EVANS proceeded to Subic Bay and Manila to rearm and prepare for a Southeast Asia Treaty Organization (SEATO) exercise. On 26 May 1969, she departed Manila in the screen of the Australian antisubmarine warfare carrier HMAS MELBOURNE (R 21). In the early morning darkness on 3 June 1969, during maneuvers of taking up plane guard station 1,000 yards astern of MELBOURNE, EVANS crossed in front of the carrier and MELBOURNE cut the EVANS in half. Seventy-four (74) men lost their lives. The names of the "lost 74" sailors are not inscribed upon the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington DC because, according to the Department of Defense, they were killed outside the "Combat Zone."

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

We have the following Events coming up soon:

11/7

Thursday 1030  
VA Hospital - Burke Hall  
Vets Day and USMC Birthday  
Present Colors

11/9

Saturday  
Lake County Pageant  
Collage of Lake County

1300 - Little Miss and Jr. Miss Escorts  
1830 - Teen Miss and Miss Lake County  
Present Colors and escort

11/11

Monday 1100  
Lindenhurst War Memorial behind Police Station on Sand Lake Road.  
Fire Volley

11/12

Tuesday 0900 and 1000  
Victory Lakes Grand Avenue Lindenhurst  
Present Colors

I need people to sign up ASAP. We will hold practice the next 2 Weds. Where I do not know yet. Improvise Adapt Overcome. We can do it !!!

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# **EAGLE SCOUTS**



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

**We welcome Ken Parrish and Joe Wallace to the team!**

**Here are some future presentations.**

- Nov 2 Benjamin Berg and Zachary Pissios, Troop 679, 12:30 PM, Grant Township Center 26725 W. Molidor Rd. Ingleside. (Carle)
- Nov 2 Joshua D. Levin and Jeremy D. Levin, Troop 52, 3:00 PM., First Presbyterian Church 824 Waukegan Rd Deerfield. (Homan)
- Nov 9 Nathan Stevens and Jason A. Sekili, Troop 71, 3:00 PM, Kasperson Cneter NEIC 850 Forest Edge Dr. Vernon Hills (Ellingsen)
- Nov 23 Joseph C. Ariano, Troop 52, 3:00 PM, First Presbyterian Church 824 Waukegan Rd Deerfield ( )
- Nov 24 Evan B. Hertzler, Troop 71, 2:30 PM, Kasperson Cneter NEIC 850 Forest Edge Dr. Vernon Hills., (Ellingsen)
- Nov 24 Phillip Donald Swanson, Troop 273, 4:00 PM., Christ Lutheran Church 595 N. Deerpath Dr. Vernon Hills. (Carle)
- Nov 30 Evan Mitchell Jasica, Trevor William Schneider and Chase Reed Waggoner, Troop 46, 3 PM., First Presbyterian Church 700 N. Sheridan Rd. Lake Forest (Butler-Wallace) - 48

**MARINE CORPS LEAGUE LAKE COUNTY DETACHMENT 801**

***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 unanimously authorized a donation to Grayslake High School FBLA 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Care Package Project, were they send packages to deployed Marines, in the amount of \$500.00.

Commandant Pedrin presented the North Chicago Honor Flight a check for \$500.00. It was the third check in that amount totaling \$1,500.00. We did it in thirds in order to receive maximum recognition for the Detachment.

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. Already people are asking to buy tickets so Get Ready to SELL them!!

Semper Fi

Al Seyler

President  
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***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**