

THE JARHEAD JOURNAL

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During our September meeting Distinguished Service Awards were presented to all that Fund Raised (upper left), Color Guard (upper right), Pistol Shooting Team (lower right), Eagle Scout Team (lower right) and VA Hospital Visitation Team (page 7). Many thanks to all our volunteers this past year!



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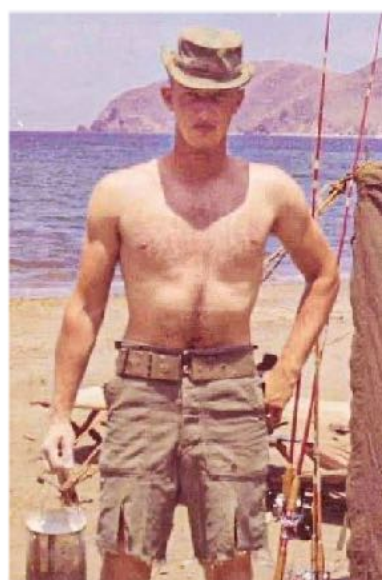
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Our next meeting is the Officer
Installation Monday
21 October starting at
1900 (6:00 PM)-fellowship earlier.
Let Jerry know by the 15th!
Steven's Restaurant
401 N. Riverside Dr.
NE corner Rt 21 and Washington St.

Last Month's Mystery Marine was
Tom Smolich



Where Stuff Is

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Who is this Mystery Marine?

COMMANDANT'S COMMENTS

Now is the time to prepare another article for the Journal. It seems that there are fewer and fewer days between these articles. I have just returned from a much-needed first vacation for this year and find that I have a lot of catching up to do. The work doesn't stand still just because you take a break.

While on vacation I checked in on a nephew who was preparing to move into a new home. He had placed all his household goods in storage because he had sold his last house. Just before he was set to move in, a tornado struck the storage place. He and the family are OK but all their furnishings are gone. We were in the general area of that tornado and it was a scary situation. That tornado was one of several that my wife and I have been very close to in the past month. Let's hope those events are over.

We have been saying all along what a great detachment we have. Last meeting we were talking with a member who lives outside the State. He said he had finally decided that he could not locate a detachment near him that he was comfortable with so he decided that each month he would travel here for our meetings. That is a great complement to our detachment.

Now is the time of the year that all God's creatures take stock in their lives and prepare for the future. You will see chipmunks and squirrels running around with their cheeks bulging with nuts etc. Birds and geese are gathering in flocks to begin their migration to another more suitable climate for a few months. Most everything realizes that they need to prepare for the next step in their lives.

We, as a detachment, have had some wonderful things happen in the past several months. We have gotten out and been seen in a positive light in several areas that we have not been able to in the past. We have made great contacts in the area and have been able to partner with some great people to get things done. We have, however, found that some of our members are not able to assist us in the same ways as they did prior. Some are not able to walk in parades, help in color guard, or fundraising events as they have done before. This is because of several different things such as their health, family commitments, and changes in their work schedules. This is to be expected, as we get older. We know that from time to time things change causing us to re-evaluate our situations and change our life styles.

Some are not able to assist us as they did prior and think they are letting us down. We are only asking each and every one of you to help when and where you are able. One way you can help is to spread the word to all Marines, FMF Corpsmen and Chaplains in the area about our detachment. If we are able to get the word out, we will be able to get more members. With more members comes the ability to have people who can do some of the things you are not now able to do. If everyone were able to get just ONE new member in the next few months we would double our detachment and be able to do most of the things we would like to.

We are going to be installing a new set of officers and staff in the coming weeks and we need new ideas on how to improve our detachment. If you have any idea get them to the staff. Even if you think it may be a little over the top; run it by us. It just might fit and we might be able to make it work. Looking forward to seeing all of you at the installation dinner. Remember to call and let me know how many are coming so I can get a head count. Be safe out there and get those flu shots to keep you healthy.

S/F Jerry Pedrin

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Greetings Marines;

Isn't it amazing that the older we get; the faster time seems to "fly by"? Regardless of our state of "maturity" we need to live life with a sense of urgency! Tomorrow is not promised. Remember the old quote: "don't leave for tomorrow what you can do today". As we get older this becomes more relevant.

Because "time waits for no man" we also need to resolve issues between family members today! We may not get an opportunity tomorrow. Likewise, with close friends. Don't let pride keep you from restoring or maintaining what would otherwise be a wonderful, God blessed relationship.

Every day, every week, every month and every year we experience life, it's all the sweeter when we can share it with family and friends! They are a gift from God. Enjoy them.

The 9th. month of the year has its own appeal. Not only does it imperceptibly begin to prepare us for yet another change in season, it also gives us an opportunity to celebrate and thank all our workers with a day off.

Some of us took this last holiday weekend of the summer season to start a new phase in our lives. I'm happy to report that the Landraus celebrated their 47th. wedding anniversary during the month of September, and the best is yet to come!

The Lord also saw fit to change my place of worship. I'm sure He has some fantastic experiences planned for me, and I can hardly wait!

That said, if you would like your fellow marines to celebrate, congratulate or commemorate with you on significant anniversaries, events or happenings in your life, I encourage you to send me that information. I would be proud to include them in my articles. Please send your information to landrauhank@gmail.com or call me at 224-440-5624

We are all one family, not just as marines, but as children of God. Let's share the good times, lets encourage each other during challenging times, but most importantly let's share God's love all the time.

Remember, we are not marines once a month, but all the time. We cannot care for each other unless we know what's going on with each us! We leave no one behind.

God bless you,

Dream fearlessly, live boldly!

Hank Landrau, Chaplain Det. 801 SEMPER FI!

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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 26, 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.

**WELCOME
ABOARD**



Welcome John Kotarba!! John enlisted the Corps in late 1968 spending a few beautiful weeks in San Diego. Following ITR, he landed in Vietnam for a long tour. He got an early out in March 1970.

John lives in Grayslake. He heard about the MCL from his Lake County Honor Flight.

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

Pistol Shooting Team Practice Schedule



Starting at 6:00 PM at the Waukegan Police Department

October 16

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



Posting Colors at the Bears vs. Titans August 29th Game
Click [HERE](#) to watch the video.

We Posted Colors

8/29 - Bears vs. Titans Soldier's Field Last pre-season game

Castillo Mampe Pedrin Seyler - Thank you Ed for jumping in the group at the last minute.

9/13-- Stevenson H.S. Salute the Heroes Football game.

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9-17-- We were scheduled for the Cubs vs. Reds but because of a schedule problem on their part, the DePaul ROTC performed Colors. We were rescheduled for the first home Play-off game. Now the Cubs are out of the Play-offs. Damn!!!

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 porknpoop@sbcglobal.net 847-220-1525



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.

- Oct 19 Adam James Kunath, Troop 303, 12:30 PM, Messiah Lutheran Church 25225 W. Ivanhoe RD., Wauconda. (Ellingsen)
- 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 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)

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

The newly elected 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!!

_Al Seyler President 847-220-1525

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Marine Corps League Headquarters

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Sgt Grit

Our Own While Serving