

# THE **JARHEAD** JOURNAL

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Six Marines from E Company, 2nd Battalion, 28th Marines, raising a U.S. flag atop Mount Suribachi on February 23, 1945



Our Foundation donated \$1,500 to Honor Flight and \$1,500 to Midwest Veterans.

## MARINE CORPS LEAGUE LAKE COUNTY DETACHMENT 801

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Our next meeting is Monday  
16 starting at  
1830 or 6:30 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  
Art 'Doc' Boyle



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### COMMANDANT'S COMMENTS

It is now time for another message from your Commandant for the Jarhead Journal. We are rapidly approaching the spring season and soon we will be barraged with new growth on trees, flowers, and the return of all the birds that left in the fall. It is a time also for settings our clocks ahead one hour to take advantage of the longer evening hours of sunshine.

It is also the time of the year that a lot of people clean out their basements, closets, and the garage to get rid of all the things they have stored over the winter and have now decided that they no longer need or have room for. After all, we need to start looking for new things to bring home.

During this time we need to take a few minutes and look at the things we plan on doing this summer. It is not too early to start planning for the vacations, fishing trips, visiting the family, and all the other things we need to do while the weather is warm and the kids are out of school. While we are considering those things we also should consider the things that the Marine Corps League have coming up this summer.

One of the most important things for the League is the spring fundraising event that we will have in April, May, and June. This is the one time of the year that we do things to benefit the detachment directly. All the money the detachment spends during the year is derived from the fundraising in the spring. We are asking that you please consider these Saturdays for our fundraising as you plan your spring and summer activities.

We are also selling raffle tickets for the Boat Load of Booze Raffle that will be drawn at the end of our June meeting. We have approximately 165 members of the Detachment. So far as of this writing, we have only had 27 people pick up tickets to sell for the raffle. The money we collect goes for the purchase of the food we have during the year at the installation dinner, Set Pats meeting, the gift cards for Thanksgiving, the memorial picnic and various other things during the year such as supplies for the Hospital visits team, Color Guard, and the Shooting team. Please don't depend on a handful of members to sell these tickets. They also have things they would like to do this spring and selling tickets for 3-4 weeks is not really in their plans either. If you find a buddy to go with you to sell the tickets it is a lot easier. You would be surprised where people bought tickets. It is not about the booze, it is about helping the detachment that entices the people to purchase the tickets. Social events, family get-togethers, and breakfast with buddies or at a diner are all great places to sell.

I would also like to let every Vietnam Era Veteran know that March 29 is National Vietnam Veteran's Day. If you served in the military from 1955 to 1975 whether in combat or not you are eligible to go to Mission BBQ at 6430 Grand Ave from 11:30 AM to 8PM. Actually, I think they will give any Veteran a free sandwich with their gratitude. The store would like to see as many Veterans as possible stop by.

Then, the next day, March 30, Ill State Rep Joyce Mason will be hosting an event to honor Vietnam Era Vets from 1PM to 3PM at the Warren Township Library, 224 N. O'Plaine Road in Gurnee.

Our Color Guard will present colors and we have been asked to man a table with applications for the Detachment or any other informational items we may wish to present. (Possibly sell raffle tickets??)

If you plan to attend please wear red shirts and covers if possible.

\_Jerry Pedrin, Commandant

**CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**

February 2020

This February is different from most because it gave us an additional day! A leap day, in a leap month of a leap year. You may remember that a "leap" year occurs every 4 years to keep our calendar correct due to astronomical drifting of our planet. Those of you who are versed in astronomy may want to enlighten the rest of us. Bottom line is that 2020 contains 366 days!

What are you going to do with this extra day? Think about it.

In addition to giving us additional time, 2020 presents us with challenges that may very well affect the course of our country's history. There are serious questions being posed to us as responsible citizens, and ultimately, as Americans. How we address these concerns may determine the "America" we pass on to future generations.

But how do we even begin to consider these challenges with all their implications? Ironically, the answer to this question is very simple!

Before we can rise to meet these challenges, we must fall to our knees.

We must go to our God with humbled hearts and humility, and ask for His guidance! We must set aside our arrogant thinking of "we got this" and allow His wisdom to enter our hearts and minds.

We must surrender our will to His, and allow his Spirit to permeate our soul. Then, and only then, can we address these issues with courage and confidence. Only then can we step out and face our demons, whether "bugs" or "ideologies".

I assure you that it won't be easy, the enemies of this nation, whether "foreign and domestic", are poised to do all they can to change our way of life. If we are to preserve that way of life, we need to stop being the "silent" majority and use our God-given rights to protect it!

So, I pray that we use, at least part of this "extra" day, to reflect on the state of our nation. To thank our God for His guidance and protection and share with our family and friends.

God bless you

Dream fearlessly and continue to live boldly, because God is in Charge!

Semper fi

Hank Landrau, Chaplain

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

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

**Pay Attention..this is IMPORTANT**

# **Dues**

**Effective immediately**, if you didn't pay your dues for 2017 (due 9/1/2017) we will be dropping you from our mailing list. Those who didn't pay their 2018 dues (due 9/1/2018), you have until 9/1/2020 to pay up or you will be dropped as well.

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**.

If you didn't pay your 9/1/2019 dues, please do so now. 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.



# Marine Corps League



LAKE COUNTY MARINES DET.801

HELP VETERANS, THEIR WIDOWS, AND THEIR KIDS  
ZERO SALARIES-100% TO VETS

## RAFFLE

# BOAT LOAD of BOOZE

WHAT A DEAL!!

BOAT

Bass Pro Shop

7ft. x 4ft.

600 lbs. Capacity

Oars and Pump



Jack Daniel's

Capt. Morgan

Smirnoff

Patron

Barcardi

OVER 50

BOTTLES

2nd PRIZE -- 25 BOTTLES !!

3rd Thru 10th PRIZE -5- BOTTLES or CASE OF WINE!!

1 TICKET---- \$10.00

3 TICKETS---- \$25.00

DRAWING June 15, 2020

STEVENS RESTAURANT

GURNEE, IL.

NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN





**CAPTAIN JAMES A. LOVELL, FHCC VISITS**



Many thanks to the VA Hospital Visitation Team

**VA HOSPITAL VISITATION TEAM**

We went to the hospital and did visits. It was the Mampe's, Nada Sydow, Warren Blacklock, Al, Charlotte and Greg Cummins. We passed out hats and other items to the patients. It was decided that the Hospital visits time will start at 1400 (2:00 PM) vice 1430 (2:30). So that people can get things done afterwards. I will be buying more hats to pass out to the patients. Semper Fi Greg

For more information at my home number (847) 599 9466 or my cell number (847) 212 5454.

Greg Cummings



# COLOR & HONOR GUARD



The New Year has started and we are looking for more Members to join the Color Guard. With the Snowbirds gone south and old age kicking some of our butts, we need more Members.

**We need you !!!!!**

Practice has resumed at the Warren Center. Construction is completed and we have reserved the building every Wednesday for practice. We will alternate with the Young Marine's Color Guard.

Our Color Guard will practice the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays and the Pistol Team will shoot the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays.

## **Events**

**1/29** - "Headlocks for the Heroes"

Ron Engle, Walt Roth, Ed Mampe and Al Seyler presented Colors.

Boys Wrestling Meet.

Stevenson High School

Wednesday - 6:45pm

No Events are currently scheduled

Al Seyler Commander





# EAGLE SCOUTS



**We continue to look for new members for our presentation team.  
Here are some future presentations.**

- Mar 7 Dylan James Richards, Troop 671, 3:30 PM, (Waukegan) The Field House Sports, Fitness & Aquatics Center 800 N. Baldwin Ave. Waukegan.
- Mar 8 Jameson M. Jochheim, Troop 679, noon, Village of Volo Community Center 500 S. Fish Lake Rd., Volo.
- Mar 8 Henry David Droll, Troop 324, 3:00 PM., Heller Nature Center 2821 Ridge Rd. Highland Park
- Mar 14 Thomas Ethan DiNardo, Troop 52, 12:30 PM, First Presbyterian Church of Deerfield, 825 Waukegan Rd., Deerfield.
- Mar 14 Logan Hunter Jozefiak, Troop 385, 2:00 PM, Camp Oh Da Ko Ta 3363 Dyer Lake Rd. Burlington.
- Mar 17 Aidan Jon Shifflett, Troop 87, 7:00 PM, Millburn United Church of Christ 19073 W. Grass Lake Rd., Lake Villa.
- May 24 Troop 96, 3 PM –

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and

then

**“SMED”**

said ....

Well, here I am back in the ‘frozen North’ again and actually, it’s good ta be home. Good to see you agin. Grab a hot cup and a chair and let’s visit.

Cup’la things occurred recently I’d like to talk about:

First, a number of our Detachment (BDDiTN) participated in the nationwide Wreaths Across America at Warren Cemetery in Gurnee on December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The reason I mention this now is because at the same time this scenario was occurring all across this great Nation of ours, 38,000 volunteers at Arlington National Cemetery also placed wreaths including two notable gravesites. One was Major General Merritt Austin Edson, Sr. USMC (1897 – 1955) and Brigadier General Joseph Jacob Foss, USMC (1915 – 2003) both of whom served as presidents of the National Rifle Association (Edson also served as executive vice president).

Additionally, both of these distinguished veterans were presented the Medal of Honor for fighting the enemy in Guadalcanal in 1943.

Second involves another Marine from WW11, Corporal Joe Vandever Sr. of Window Rock, Arizona. Flags across the Navajo Nation were flown at half-staff from February 3-6 to honor the life and memory of Navajo Code Talker Joe Vandever Sr. at the age of 96. “As we mourn the loss of Navajo Code Talker Joe Vandever Sr., we also remember all his great sacrifices for our Navajo people and the entire country. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends as they lay him to rest this week,” said Navajo Nation President Jonathon Nez.

Vandever enlisted with the U.S. Marine Corps in Santa Fe, New Mexico on March 26<sup>th</sup>, 1943 and was honorably discharged as Corporal on January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1946. He served in the northern Solomons, Emirau Islands, Bougainville, Guam, Marianas Islands, Okinawa, Ryukyus Islands, Occupation of Japan, and Occupation of China. In 2001, he received the Congressional Silver Medal for his service as a Navajo Code Talker in World War 11.

He was born on February 5<sup>th</sup>, 1923 into the Red Running Into the Water People clan born for Two Who Came to the Water clan. He was married for 73 years to his wife Bessie D. Vandever who passed on September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Funeral was in Gallup, New Mexico with internment at the Santa Fe National Cemetery in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

God Bless our Marines!

God Bless our beloved Marine Corps!

Semper Fidelis

‘Smedley’

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**MARINE CORPS LEAGUE LAKE COUNTY DETACHMENT 801**

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

Officers and Directors

President- Al Seyler  
Treasurer- Mel Ellingsen  
Secretary- Jerry Pedrin

Directors

Jim Sroka, Richard Butler, Ed Mampe, Warren Blacklock, Col. Jim Swab and Joe Wallace.

A meeting of the Foundation was held January 30<sup>th</sup> at noon at Saluto's restaurant in Gurnee. All Board Members were in attendance with the exception of Richard "Smedley" Butler who is a Snowbird sitting in Florida and laughing his "hinny" off watching us freeze ours off.

We authorized donations to the following:

Lake County Honor Flight ----- \$1,500  
Veterans Closet ----- \$1,500  
Navy Recruit Xmas dinner ----- \$500  
5<sup>th</sup> FBLA Marine Care ----- \$500

A request was received to assist a Veteran. He works at Amazon and he notified them he was taking a day off by e-mail. They did not get the e-mail and fired him for being AWOL. Computer problems at Amazon were fixed and they found it was their mistake and re-hired him. Lost pay for the month meant he could not pay his rent- \$1,100.00 a month.

The VA referred him to the VFW who agreed to pay \$700.00. The Commander of the VFW called Commandant Pedrin asking if we could help with the remaining \$400.00. The Board, by telephone and e-mail, voted 9 to 0 to approve.

There are no additional requests for assistance at this time.

We will continue to apply for Grants.

The Boat Load of Booze raffle is under way. Our **GOAL is \$15,000.**

Al Seyler

President  
847-220-1525





## **NOW HEAR THIS!!!!**

**OUR ST. PATRICK'S DAY**  
**MEETING STARTS AT 6:30 PM 16 March 2020**

**If you RSVP'd as requested, you will eat before those who did not RSVP (if there is any food left).**

***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**