

THE JARHEAD JOURNAL

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Clockwise, our check to T4T for \$16k; T4T thanks to us; Al Seyler reading inscription on Ka-Bar presented to YM Sgt Maj Nina Staben; Thanks to all of us for T4T participation; Distinguished Citizens Award to YM Sgt Maj Nina Staben.

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Our next meeting is Monday
17 February 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
Ed Mampe



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Who is this Mystery Marine?

COMMANDANT'S COMMENTS

It is now time for another article for the Jarhead. This is going on the second month of the new year and by now I am sure that most of you, if not all, have broken your New Years resolutions at least once. It is always good to have dreams about how we are going to change and make things better in the New Year. It is a grand thought but just how many of us really mean it. I think if we really meant it, we would be able to go a little longer than a month or two before breaking those resolutions. Good intentions are just not enough. If left to our own devices, we will revert right back to our same old ways in no time flat. Therefore, we must think of new and innovative ways to be able to handle these ideas.

One of the easiest ways to be able to live up to your resolutions is easy. Don't pick unattainable goals in the first place and one that is broken the fastest. If you have a problem exercising, for example, don't vow that you are going to keep at it until you lose a certain amount of weight. If you really want to lose weight and have made that vow, then you need to do something that will help you in meeting your goals. Choosing a partner to exercise with you is usually a good idea. Joining a gym with people there to work with you is another one. It is very hard to do things that use are not used to when doing them on your own.

The same can be said for you taking an active role in the Marine Corps League. When people stand in the yellow footprints and repeat their oath, they fully intend to be great members to the rest of the League. For some, this is a great commitment that they stand behind it for years. Other people seem to lack the enthusiasm necessary to complete this commitment. They hang around for a month or two and then drop off. What seems to be the reason? They were eager to get involved when they first joined.

I think the same things come into play here as with the New Years resolutions. They just lack the support to continue with their mission. If these people had someone that would be there for them each time they had questions or were unsure of something, then they might not be inclined to fall lax in fulfilling their commitment. It is always a good idea to have someone there to give you guidance, reassurance or just a kick in the pants when you start slipping.

We have people who join with the best intentions of working with the Detachment but for some unknown reason seem to fall away after a couple months. It would appear that these people are in the same situation as people with New Year's Eve resolutions. They are eager to make the commitment but not so willing to follow through on the rest. What we need to do is to locate the new members and reach out to them. We need to see if there is anything we can do to help them

I am asking that each of us reach out to a member that hasn't been here for a while and attempt to see what the problem is. If there is some way we can help them we should do that. If doesn't make sense to have people join and then just let them leave. We need to do what we can to hold them. If everyone does their part we will once again be the "Best Damn Detachment in the Nation."

Semper Fi,

Jerry Pedrin, Commandant (847) 687-6663

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

January 2020

Welcome to a new year and a new decade!

I hope you're all as stoked about the possibilities of this new decade as I am. My wife and I are still waiting, with great anticipation, the completion of our new kitchen and the creation of savory dishes! In the meantime, we're improving our culinary prowess by taking cooking classes.

We're also making plans to see more of our country, the Caribbean and the world. But that's not all. We're continuing to meet new brothers and sisters in our new church and growing in our walk with God.

God continued to bless our fund-raising efforts during our toys for tots' campaign. All who participated did a great job! You should be very proud of yourselves. I'm certainly proud of you. Everyone showed their love and caring by giving of their time, effort and themselves. Your efforts made a lot of children happy, and feeling loved.

If you didn't get the opportunity to participate in Toys for Tots, don't worry, we've kicked off our "BOAT LOAD OF BOOZE" fundraiser! As you know, these funds will benefit those veterans and their families in need! Please plan on participating with both your dollars and selling efforts.

Remember, our fundraising efforts have the added benefit of putting our organization and its goals in front of people. This recognition create opportunity for new members and more successful fundraising in the future. It's a win, win situation.

What new adventures are you planning? Are you dreaming fearlessly, living boldly, or are you leaving everything for "tomorrow"? Remember what I've said in the past, "TIME WAITS FOR NO ONE".

The satisfaction in knowing we made a difference in someone's life is immeasurable!

God bless you!

Semper Fi!
Hank Landrau, Chaplain

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:

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| 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.

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



**WELCOME
ABOARD**



Richard Bogdala joined the Corps in 1953 because he wants to serve his county. He became a Marine at MCR San Diego. He was discharged in 1958 as a Sergeant having spent time stationed at El Toro Marine Corps Air Station.

Rich is married with eight grand kids. At a younger age, he enjoyed camping and travel.

CAPTAIN JAMES A. LOVELL, FHCC VISITS



Many thanks to the VA Hospital Visitation Team

VA HOSPITAL VISITATION TEAM

We went to the hospital and visited on the 9th and the 23rd. Nada Sydow, Ed and Carol Mampe and Greg Cummings were present. We saw 15 patients and talked to them. There will be hospital visits on the 14th and 28th of February. Anyone wishing to join us can meet at the cafeteria at 2:00 PM (1400).

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.

We have presented Colors at Stevensons High School Football, Basketball Mens Baseball, Girls Softball and Girls Gymnastics. They really support the Troops!! Dean Moran, a teacher at the school and former Corporal in the Corps, does an excellent job of making the kids aware of our Veterans.

Next might be the Chess Team???

Al Seyler, Commander (847) 220-1525



EAGLE SCOUTS



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

Here are some future presentations.

We have presented 66 Ka-Bars to Eagle Scouts since 1 July 2019.

- Mar 7 Dylan James Richards, Troop 671, 3:30 PM, (Waukegan) The Field House Sports, Fitness & Aquatics Center 800 N. Baldwin Ave. Waukegan.(Ellingsen)
- Mar 14 Tomas Ethan DiNado, 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. (Ellingsen)
- Mar 17 Aidan Jon Shifflett, Troop 87, 7:00 PM, Millburn United Church of Christ 19073 W. Grass Lake Rd., Lake Villa. (Ellingsen)

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and

then

“SMED”

said

Good Mornin’! As I sit here on the terrace with a cuppa “joe” watchin’ the sun on a sandy Florida beach, I think, “how glad to be able to communicate with all without actually having to play in the snow’!

Sorry, the devil made me say that, tho’ I would like to share a couple of items with all of you this month.

First, many of you will remember our own Erich Ritchey. Long time Detachment member who decided several years ago to abandon the northern climes of Illinois, and moved to Punta Gordo, Florida. Well, according to his FaceBook posting of 18-January-2020, Eric has successfully taken and passed the examination to obtain his 25 ton Master Class Captains License. “Nine days, five quizzes, 210 questions completed” with only some “tedious USCG paperwork remaining” stand between Erich and Captain Erich. I am not sure, but, maybe this also qualifies Erich to be a “Mustang Marine Mariner” with his promotion to Captain. Congratulations Captain! Wishing you, smooth seas and fair winds.

Second, another Detachment member retreating from the northern climes to live in Florida is enjoying her second term as Commandant of Marine Forever Detachment #1440 meeting in Lutz, Florida. Shawn Piccolo invited my lady and I to attend their weekly “Mess Call” and meet some of the members. We met at the Walk About Bakery & Eatery in Lutz, and enjoyed dinner set to local musicians rotating in front of customers to play their guitars and fiddles for the enjoyment of all as we joined in the singing whether we know the words or not. It was an evening of food, drink and camaraderie as Shawn introduced us to other Detachment members. I presented one of my last three Challenge Coins to Shawn and invited her to attend any of our meetings if ever she braves the cold and returns to Lake County. She said she still receives the JarHead Journal and enjoys keeping in touch with her “Home Detachment”.

Well, time is passing way too quickly, and it will only be several more, short weeks and we will be returning to Lake County.

I will re-introduce myself to all of you at the March meeting.

Semper Fidelis Marines! See ya all in a couple!

“Smedley”

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

The "Boat Load of Booze" raffle is underway. We do this fund raiser every other year and it will start in January. The prize winners will be drawn June 15th at Steven's restaurant at our meeting. Raffle Tickets have been printed by Biler Press at no charge.

Already people are asking to buy tickets so. We are Ready to SELL them!! Also we need to start collecting Booze.

Raffle tickets make good gifts, stocking stuffers etc. Last raffle we had Art Castillo's daughter won, also Joe Pudlo, Ken Parrish and Leo Mordini won bottles of Booze. I have the books of tickets - 12 tickets to a book.

The Foundation met on 30 January and approved a two year spending budget and gifts for 2020.

3 for \$25 or \$10 a piece.

Al Seyler

President
847-220-1525



NOW HEAR THIS!!!!

SAVE THE DATE

HOWEVER, YOU WILL NOT BE ADMITTED UNLESS YOU SIGN UP IN ADVANCE!

Sign up at the February business meeting (2/17/20) or email us, mel-ellingsen@comcast.net or call 847-274-8144 not later than Sunday, 8 March.

Only you and your spouse or partner (not both). There isn't room for your whole family, friends or other guests.

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

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