

THE JARHEAD JOURNAL

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The above pictures are from our June meeting held in Al Seyler's back yard. We need to continue to practice social distancing and the wearing of masks.



Marty Smith and artist Ashley Stygar presented Purple Heart lithographs during our meeting to Jim Sroka and Jerry Pedrin.

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Our next meeting is scheduled for
July 20th

Al Seyler's Backyard

Rain Date July 27th

Last Month's Mystery Marine was
Al Seyler.

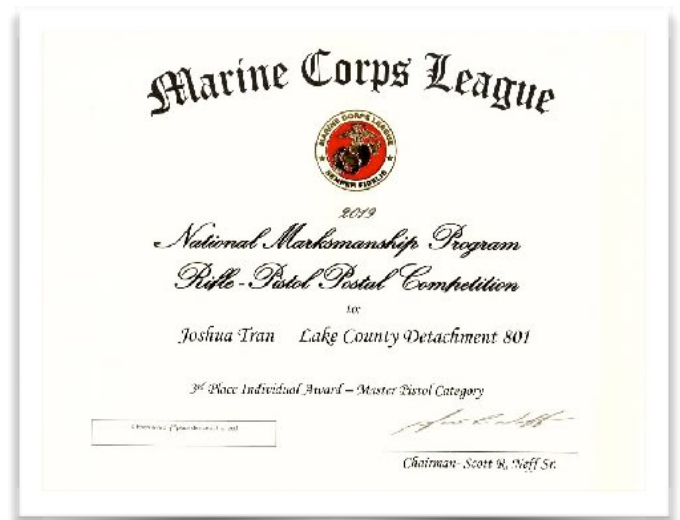
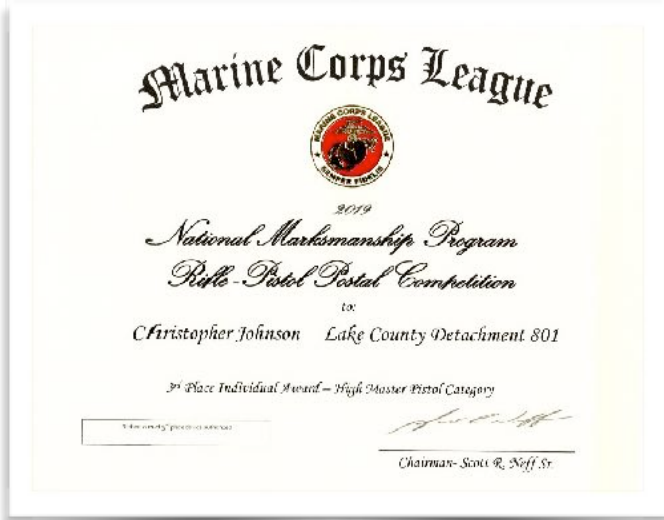
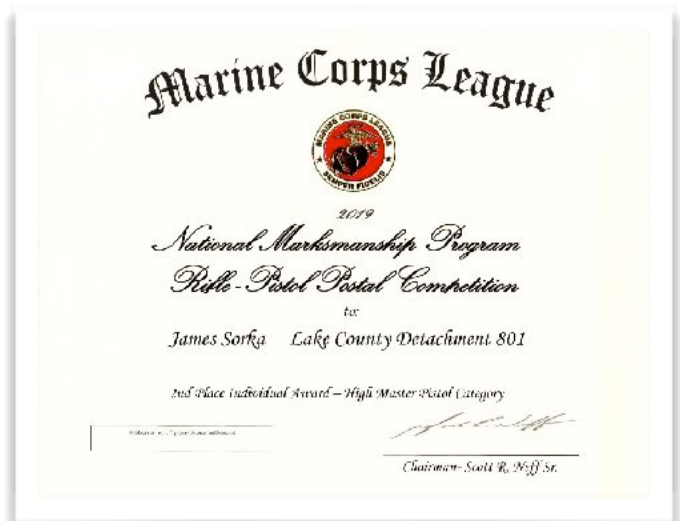
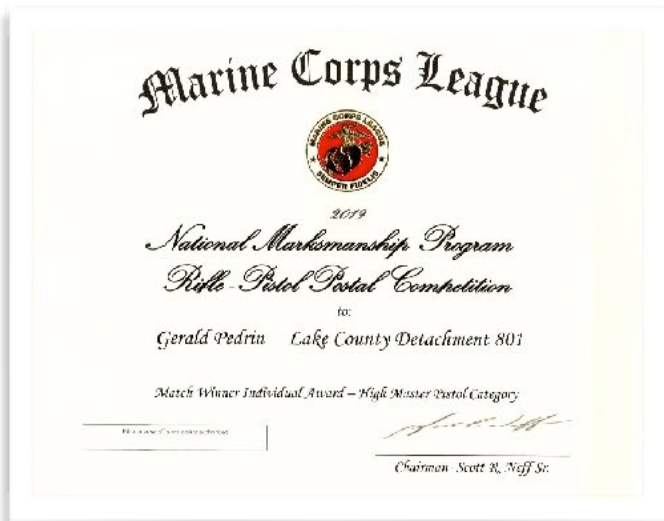
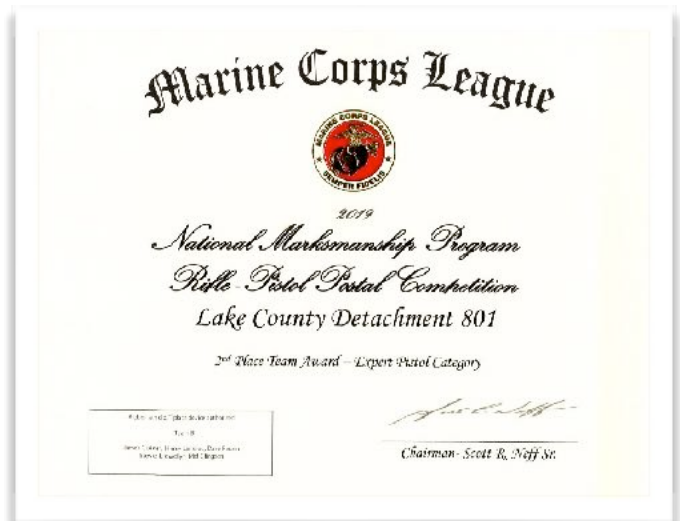


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Who is this Mystery Marine?

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National MCL is now presenting certificates and ribbons for detachments winning the Postal - Pistol Annual Competition. We took Team 1st Place Master, Team 2nd Place Expert, Jerry Pedrin-Match Winner Individual, Jim Sroka-2nd Place Individual and Chris Johnson-3rd Place Individual.

COMMANDANT'S COMMENTS

It is that time of the month for my words of wisdom to all of you. I am not sure how much wisdom I will be able to expound but I can surely give you a few words. It has been over four months now since all this Covid 19 stuff came into being and we are still plagued with it. It appeared at one point that we thought the worst was over but it doesn't appear to be the case now.

Most of the States were quick to jump and open up a lot of businesses in an effort to help the economy and some of the small business owners who were about to go under. It seemed like and sounded like a great idea to a lot of people. Then came the harsh reality that people will do whatever they think they should do no matter what the cost. Many of the States that opened up are now shutting places back down as the up tick has jumped dramatically with new cases skyrocketing.

People were continuing to do what ever they wanted to do and did not consider the effects they might be having on the rest of the people around them. Most of the hospital ER rooms are full and/or near capacity in many of the States that opened early. People just did what they wanted.

We would love to be able to have regular meetings like we did in the past and carry on business as usual. That is not going to happen in the near future. Most of us are at the age where we can't afford to get this virus. Many of us have compromised immune systems and adding something such as this would over tax our systems and cause all kinds of havoc.

For that reason, we are being overly cautious in our evaluation of this situation. We have had too many of our members get sick from other illnesses without adding this new one to our ranks.

We are working behind the scenes to get our selves back to a regular schedule. We are working on a new date for the Boatload of Booze raffle date. We are looking to get our Color Guard back to practicing for events we think might happen this year yet. We are still planning on doing all the things we would normally do with the detachment in the summer and fall. Because we are not sure how this pandemic will play out, we are trying to set our longer activities into action as well as we can now. If they must be changed later, we will co that.

We want all of you to know that we have not forgotten you or given up on you. If you have some suggestions or ideas on what we can do and/or how we should do something feel free to contact a member of the staff or myself with those ideas. We know we do not have all the answers and are trying to do the best we can with what we are able to work with.

We are looking into fundraising for this summer of this fall depending on when we are allowed to start. We are planning on doing some sort of Toys for Tots program this fall. We are just not aware of what that may look like yet. We still plan on having elections and our Marine Birthday bash. It is as if the World has stopped turning for a while and we need to wait until it is safe to start again. Rest assured we are still thinking of you and the "Best Damn Detachment in the Nation" and will be ready to jump up and start running as soon as we are able. If you have any questions, comments, or ideas you think we could use feel free to let us know. I look forward to seeing all of you at our first big bash whenever that can be. Until then, stay safe, healthy, and sane until that day comes.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

In the last few months, we have experienced a level of "separation" not experienced for many generations!

As result, we've learned many things about ourselves, both as a society and as individuals.

We learned that though we like our alone time, we dislike loneliness.

We learned that though we love our families, sometimes we dislike them.

We learned that the things we considered important, and kept us busy and away from our loved ones, were not as important.

One of the most important lessons revealed is the importance of "oneness"!

What do I mean by that? Well I'm glad you asked.

As my pastor explained recently, "oneness" is the joy of togetherness, enjoying being with each other, united as one with a sense of family. and community.

"Oneness" is being together regardless of our views on racial, political, religion, and wearing masks issues.

It means that we can focus on, and deal with issues like these and more, objectively, in unity.

Being "In unity" does not mean uniformity or homogenous thinking. We don't have to think the same, act the same or even dress the same, (except for the wearing of our M.C.L. uniforms).

We don't even need unanimity, that is, be in full agreement on everything.

Unity is a "fellowship of differences"

This is what makes us Americans, and makes America great!

Our country is being tested at the national, state, local and neighborhood levels. The world is watching, waiting to see if we bend like a reed or snap like twig!

A great GOD, created a great nation! HE is in control. As long as we remember that, as long as our minds understand that and our hearts believe it, we will triumph over all, including forced separation and racial strife.

We must stay focused, and take these lessons learned to heart.

Never forget that our Lord has already won the war!

God bless you and keep you stay safe

Semper Fi, Hank Landrau, Chaplain, Det.801

Quick Summary of July 6th Staff Meeting

- 1) Our next general business meeting will be held at Al Seyler's back yard on Monday, July 20th starting at 6:30 PM (1830). Rain date is July 27th. We will be practicing social distancing. Bring your mask (to wear) and a lawn chair. He lives at 14034 Deer Creek Rd., Wadsworth. (NW corner of Delany and Deer Creek. Walk up the driveway and around the right side towards the back yard. Your temperature will be checked.
- 2) Based on Phase 4 Illinois Covid-19 rules, we cannot practice the 6 foot social distancing requirement at Stevens Restaurant. Our August meeting is TBD.
- 4) Currently, The Warren Township Center and the VA Hospital are not allowing any guests, so no Color Guard practices or VA Hospital Visits are scheduled.
- 5) Eagle Scout Courts of Honor where we present Ka-Bars are being rescheduled. Only the Detachment 801 presenter will attend, if we're asked to participate with small gatherings. Only during this Covid-19 pandemic will we deliver a Ka-Bar and certificate to the Eagle Scout's home, if so requested.
- 6) Our spring fund raising was postponed, but we're going to call the Jewels in the area to see what's available.
- 7) Our Boatload Of Booze Raffle has to be extended into the fall. We have sold only 25% of our raffle tickets. Our current thinking is to hold the drawing during our November meeting. We'll discuss this on the 20th.
- 8) Toys for Tots, TBD.

Jr. Vice Commandant's Comments on Membership

Hey Marines and Corpsmen!!!!

Pay Attention..this is IMPORTANT

Dues

We have dropped all members who have not paid their 9/1/2018 dues. There are a handful of you that did not pay your 9/1/2019 dues. If you do not pay those dues soon, both National and our detachment will be dropping you come September 1st.

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**.

You can pay your 9/1/2020 dues **NOW**.

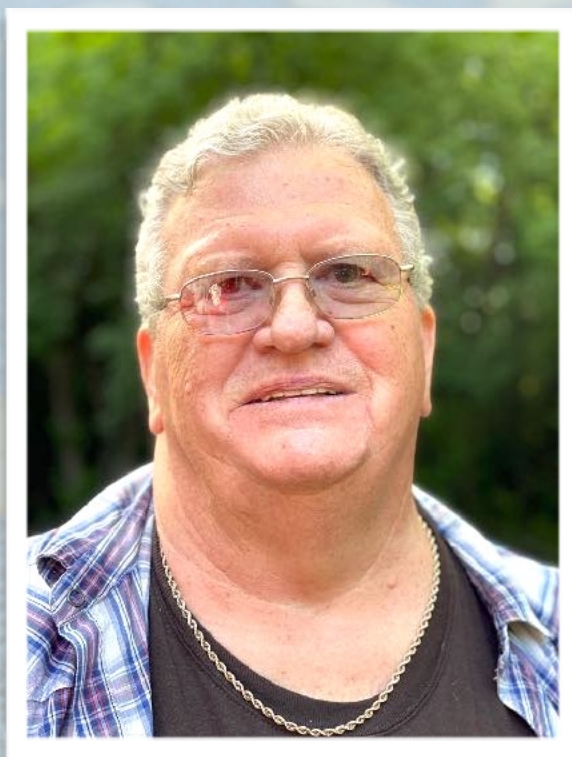
The easiest way to pay your dues is to either mail us a check for \$35 to:

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.

WELCOME
ABOARD



Hello, Michael Luff!! Mike joined the Corps in early 1965 via MCRD San Diego. Was shipped out to Vietnam for a tour and then to Great Lakes Marine Barracks and US Naval Hospital. Mustered out as a Cpl. in 1967.

Mike retired as Chief of Police for Park City a few years ago. He is widowed. He's interested in both a rifle and pistol team.



COLOR & HONOR GUARD



Did you know we marched in the Village of Antioch 4th of July virtual parade? We're about 1 minute 32 seconds into the video.

[Click her to view the parade video.](#)

EAGLE SCOUTS



CAPTAIN JAMES A. LOVELL FHCC VISITS



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Hey! How are ya? Good to see ya again! You stayin’ well and practicing your “social distancing”? That’s good, keep it up! We are going to beat this!

Pull up a chair and grab a cold one from the fridge.

Well, as we enter our one hundred tenth day of “home confinement” from our Governor “BJ” while he sends his family to Florida on vacation and he goes to his spread in Lake Geneva or tends to his new home being built on the Wisconsin side of Hunt Club and State Line Roads, I was thinkin’, I’m getting tired of hearing him saying we can’t go out to eat or go to the movies, just stay home, and “Little Mayor Big Mouth” in Chicago telling everybody to stay home while she is going out to get her hair done (“I have to look good for my photo ops”).

Well anyway, when my surgeon, Dr. Bruzes (really not her real name) told me the post op exam showed I was cleared for travel, the missus and I packed our bags and escaped Hellinois.

Anyone who travels south in the summer is maybe crazy, but we were looking for a state that was not encumbering the citizens in virtual “house arrest”. I firmly believe most of us are smart enough to take the necessary precautions to guard our personal health and don’t need idiotic legislators (that cannot even balance a budget) to determine what is needed to stay safe.

We ended up in central Florida and visited several days with the daughter and her husband, and found a place to stay on a large pond. In the last two weeks we have discovered ospreys, Cattle Egrets, Little Blue Herons, Mocking Birds, Wood Ibis and others yet to be identified. Even watching a ‘gator we named ‘Zepher’.

For three weeks we have not seen any television or read any papers, and I was surprised to discover that I really didn’t miss them. Read several books instead.

My lady and I still wear our masks when going grocery shopping or the rare occasion when we hit the local Wendy’s for a chocolate “Frosty”, but are enjoying this little respite from the normal everyday routine we had been following. Change can sometimes be most enjoyable, but we will be back to Lake County (and reality) in a week or so. In the meantime, stay well! Semper Fidelis!

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Lake County Detachment Marine Corps League Foundation, Inc

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President-	Al Seyler
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Secretary-	Jerry Pedrin

Directors

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

There are no new requests for aid or help at the present time.

The “Boat Load of Booze” raffle has been suspended due to the pandemic. As soon as we know when we can hold meetings again at Stevens’ and we can go to restaurants, bars, etc to sell tickets, we will set a date for the drawing to award the prize winners.

Since our objective is to raise money for the Foundation, we will need time to work the program to sell tickets. If you need tickets call or e-mail me.

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Related Military Links

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Illinois Marine

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