

THE JARHEAD JOURNAL

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Our Honor Guard could not let Memorial Day pass without honoring our fallen brothers and sisters. They stayed within the Coved-19 rules and following a brief message from Col. Paul Hettich, US Army, Ret., a rifle volley was fired followed by the playing of taps. You can see a video by [clicking here](#).



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Our next meeting is scheduled for
June 15th

At Seyler's Backyard

Rain Date June 22nd

Last Month's Mystery Marine was
Jim Rinehardt.



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Who is this Mystery Marine?

COMMANDANT'S COMMENTS

Good afternoon Ladies and Gents. It is once again that I come to you with news about the League. There had not been much going on that you have been able to see in the past couple months but rest assured that your staff members have been in contact and have been trying to develop some ideas on how to handle the current situation.

With all the medical news going on we have been forced to cancel several things that we had planned for the last few months, and it would appear that we would also need to cancel or change some in the future. I will try to fill you in on what we have done and what we plan on doing at this time.

First of all, we had to cancel the originally scheduled St Patty's Day and the Memorial Day gatherings. We had planned on re-scheduling them but we have no idea when we will be allowed to get together in a future so we just decided to cancel them.

We want to have a welcome back-to-Steven's buffet when we are allowed to. We hope this can occur in July but we still don't know. However, if we are still allowed less than 50 people, we will not be allowing anyone but members attend that night. Phase 4 says fewer than 50 people will only be allowed. We will see what happens.

We are still not allowed to visit patients at the VA or practice with the Color Guard at the Warren Center in Gurnee so Hospital visits and Color Guard will be postponed until further notice. Eagle Scout Court of honor events will also need to be rescheduled. Only the Detachment 801 presenter will be allowed to attend.

Our spring fundraising events were postponed. We did hear that other detachments were still fundraising. We will be checking with the Jewel and Walmarts to see if that is possible and when we can do so. If we run into the same time as the Toys for Tots fundraising, we will address that at that time.

Our major fundraiser, the Boat Load Of Booze Raffle, will be extended into the fall. We have only sold 25% of our tickets and will need some time to sell the rest. If you have not gotten any tickets to see, please call Al Seyler. He will get some to you. We need to sell these tickets!!!!

Your staff members are still here to serve you as your elected and appointed staff members. If there is any reason you need to reach one of us feel free to call. We are still here for you. We know these times are really stressful. If you just need a person to talk to or to have a cup of coffee with, call. That is what we are here for. One of these days all this mess will be over and we will be able to re-start our lives. Don't let this period get you down. There is always a better day ahead. We will all get through this and will be better people for it. I look forward to seeing I want to assure all of you that we are still working diligently for all of you in the near future and we can then tell our stories of how we survived. Until then, be safe, be healthy, and keep a positive outlook. This too shall pass.

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

MARINES,

I hope and pray that by the Grace of our Lord, you and your family continue to be safe. Hope and prayer, but above all, prayer will get us through this "bump on the road". We have a mighty and gracious Lord on our side, and He has equipped us with His "ARMOR OF GOD" so that we can be well prepared for whatever comes our way.

In May, the light at the end of the tunnel got a little brighter, as our nation and state began to loosen our mandatory confinement!
Though we may begin to "shelter less in place", lets shelter more in God!

This experience reminds us of the value we place on our freedom. We are for the most part, a law abiding, resilient people. We will make sacrifices for our families, friends and nation, but we will not tolerate the indiscriminate and blatant disregard of our constitutional and God given rights and freedoms.
It is engrained in our nature to resist any attempts at curtailing or diminishing those rights purchased with the blood of our predecessors!

Events this month jolted us out of our imposed slumber and reminded us again that we must be ever vigilant. Attacks on our freedoms may come from any quarter, even from those who have taken an oath to protect us!

It is our responsibility to hold ourselves, our elected and appointed officials accountable for our, and their actions.

We live in the greatest nation on the planet, but it won't stay that way if we choose to bury our heads in the sand when violations occur!

I know it's easier said than done, but we are a nation of doers. Our constitution not only protects our liberties, but guides us when those liberties are threatened!

Many of us chose to wear the uniform of our nation's armed forces to safeguard and protect the documents, that in turn protect our freedom and way of life.

We must also use the greatest weapon at our disposal, prayer! Let's not underestimate the power of prayer, it is our first and ultimate defense against all enemies, foreign and domestic. With prayer, and through prayer, we can be victorious against all enemies, including those of the spiritual realm!

No matter how discouraged events may make us feel, knowing that our God is in charge will always lift our spirits!

God bless you,
Semper Fi
Hank Landrau, Chaplain
Det. 801

Quick Summary of June 1st Staff Meeting

- 1) Our next general business meeting will be held at Al Seyler's back yard on Monday, June 15th starting at 6 PM (1800). Rain date is June 22nd. We will be practicing social distancing. Bring your mask and lawn chair. He lives at 14034 Deer Creek Rd., Wadsworth. (NW corner of Delany and Deer Creek.
- 2) We are canceling the originally scheduled St. Patty's Day and Memorial Day gatherings.
- 3) We want to have a welcome back-to-Steven's buffet for our July meeting; however, this is dependent on Illinois going to Phase 4 of the Covid-19 plan. Phase 4 says fewer than 50 people, so no guests, spouses or significant others will be allowed.
- 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. The drawing will not be on June 15th. The date of the drawing is TBD.
- 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.

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





COLOR & HONOR GUARD



COLOR GUARD

Our Color Guard has been inactive, including practice, since March 16th when the shutdown for the pandemic began.

Our Color Guard did fire a 3 round Volley on Memorial Day at the Lindenhurst War Memorial. In spite of not having any practice, we managed to perform and put forth a good show. Social distance, red masks with a gold EGA (thanks Carol Mampe) and no spectators made for a different feel, but Chris Ellingsen and Dad Mel did a wonderful job of creating and editing videos that were posted.

We look forward to resuming our activities.

Al Seyler
Color Guard Commander

EAGLE SCOUTS



CAPTAIN JAMES A. LOVELL FHCC VISITS



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE LAKE COUNTY DETACHMENT 801



and

then

“SMED”

said

Once again, hello to all my Detachment Brothers and Sisters. Glad to see you once again. This is a sad, sad time for me! Grab a cup and I will tell you about it.

I have often heard that, “All good things must come to an end”, but never really put much stock in that. Now I know it to be true.

Miss Ruby and I are contemplating not only a separation, but a divorce. Miss Ruby of course is my 2000 Harley-Davidson Electra Glide Classic (FLHTC). After twenty plus years of traveling the back roads of America, and visiting over thirty-five States together, we are calling it “quits”. She has taken me to some wonderful places, and together we have met some fabulous people and seen some unbelievable sights.

She and I have been to Washington DC in both 2006 and 2007 joining the Rolling Thunder assembly of thousands of Veterans on their motorcycles at the Pentagon over the Memorial Day week-end. This is an annual event honoring the Veterans that served and/or never made it home from Nam. Together, we visited “The Wall”, Arlington National Cemetery and the Marine Corps Museum. We have been to Sturgis, and the Big Bend Country of Texas. She took me around both Lake Michigan and Lake Superior on separate rides. The scenery was fabulous, especially from the top of the Mackinac Bridge with its’ open grid surface. Together we have traversed the “Million Dollar Highway” in Colorado and dirt roads along the Mississippi River. We rode through fifteen days of rain on the way to Cape Flattery in the state of Washington, and I would do it again in a heartbeat. We rode though snow in Lassen Volcanic Park in California as well as in Bryce and Zion National Parks. We visited Key West, Florida and completed the Natchez Trace. Military museums in Georgia, Texas and Kentucky have hosted our travels. The “Bourbon Trail” in Kentucky was explored before it was called by that name. We did the Blue Ridge Parkway and slew “The Dragon”. More trips have been in rain or snow than have been in the sunshine, but they have all been memorable and I would do them again with her without even thinking twice. Together, we met up with old friends to ride the back roads around Devils Tower in Wyoming. Solo, or with a group, we have ridden in freezing temperatures as well as triple digit figures in the Big Bend Country of Texas. She never faltered. She brought me through safely. We visited four of the factories across the U.S. where she and her siblings were “born”, and have participated in a number of State Rallies.

And then “SMED” kept wring...

We discovered, usually while sitting at a gas pump, that everyone has an interesting story if one is willing to listen. The conversation nearly always began with, “Where ya from, where ya goin’?” Then if Ruby and I were willing to wait, their stories would begin. Usually with, “I had one of those once”, or “I rode to...”. At one point I tried to sit down and put to paper some of the stories heard and people met before they were lost to memory.

Will I miss her? You bet I will! She was not my first true love, but she was one of the best. My family suggested I get a three-wheeler, but it just would not be the same. The way Miss Ruby would respond to my coaxing and lean into the curves, it just would not feel the same. A “trike” cannot lean in like that. If I have difficulty keeping her up, then it is time to quit (yeah, I know, go ahead and laugh). I don’t want to take a chance on hurting her. She already has “saved my bacon” on several occasions and I am just unwilling to try for another episode.

Between over ten years on the “little white Honda”, and the last twenty with her, there have been some great adventures, some wonderful times. At 81, it’s time to stick with the old memories and not be trying to create new ones.

There was no such thing as a bad ride. Some were better than others obviously, but as long as we arrived home safely, it was a great ride.

Neither is there any such thing as an ugly motorcycle, but some ARE better looking than others. Miss Ruby was the best!

Goodbye Ruby. Hope you and your new partner share great adventures as have you and I...Roll on. Be loud, and Ride Free! I will miss you!

Well, there! Now you have it! Now you know the reason for my melancholy. The end of a love affair is never easy, but I will get over it,I guess. Others have!

See ya next month? Hope so! In the meantime, take care, and stay well.

SEMPER FIDELIS!

Smedley

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Lake County Detachment Marine Corps League Foundation, Inc

Officers and Directors

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. My best guess at this point is we have the drawing at our September meeting on Sept. 21st.

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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