

THE **JARHEAD** JOURNAL

Ed Mampe, Commandant (Commandant@lakecountymarines.com)

www.lakecountymarines.com



Our Color Guard fired a rifle on Veteran's Day at the Lindenhurst Veteran's Memorial. Jim Reynolds played Taps.



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE LAKE COUNTY DETACHMENT 801



Following our rifle volley in Lindenhurst, the Color Guard hustled over to Gurnee to present Colors at Mission BBQ at noon.

The week before our Color Guard fired a rifle volley and played Taps during the dedication of the Tammeron Bay Veteran's Memorial.



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE LAKE COUNTY DETACHMENT 801



Al Seyler reads the winning raffle ticket during the Boat Load of Booze Raffle drawing. Commandant Ed Mampe kept the tickets well mixed.

Boat Load of Booze Drawing - 11-17-20
Lake County Det. 801 of the MCL

Drawing Place	Winner's Name	Ticket #
1	TRUCK #7	0699
2	JOE PROVENZANO	1314
3	WAUKEGAN POLICE ASSN	125
4	GRANT DUNCAN	1686
5	RYAN HURLBUTT	1172
6	MIKE DALY	1532
7	JODI GOSS	1009
8	DON BAHE	2100
9	STEVE BLAIS	1083
10	LARRY LINGEN	1529
11	ANDY F (1 ST ALT)	1730
12	JR's WRECKER SERVICE (2 ND ALT)	1645
13		

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE LAKE COUNTY DETACHMENT 801

The Jarhead Journal Published Monthly

Editor: Mel Ellingsen
editor@lakecountymarines.com
(847) 274-8144

www.lakecountymarines.com

Detachment Officers

Commandant:	Ed Mampe
Senior Vice-Commandant:	Tom Koncan
Junior Vice-Commandant:	Walter Roth
Judge Advocate:	Peter Karlovics
Paymaster:	Mel Ellingsen
Adjutant:	John Jezioro
Sgt. at Arms:	Larry Lingen
Junior Past Commandant	Jerry Pedrin
Chaplain:	Hank Landrau
Asst. Chaplin	MGSgt. Wayne Carle
Quartermaster:	David Pedrin
Asst. Quartermaster:	Skip Holderbaum
Librarian:	Richard Butler
Web Sgt.:	Mel Ellingsen

Our next meeting is scheduled
for ??????

Steven's Restaurant

Starts at 1900-7:00 PM
Wear your mask!

Last Month's Mystery Marine was
John Jezioro



Where Stuff Is

1. Color Guard Presentations
2. Color Guard Presentations
3. Boat Load of Booze Raffle
4. This Index
5. Commandant's Chat
6. Chaplain's Corner
7. Chaplain's Corner (continued)
8. Jr. Vice Comments on the Detachments
9. Gunny Ken Parrish
10. Honor and Color Guard
11. Eagle Scouts and VA Hospital Visits
12. SMED Said.
13. And SMED Said (continued)
14. Foundation
15. Related Military Links

Who is this Mystery Marine?

COMMANDANT'S COMMENTS

Well here we are in another month of this craziness's that being said I hope everyone is staying safe and healthy. I know that trying to follow what they say in the newspaper and on the TV sometimes gets confusing.

I know trying to collect for T4T is hard, but our Web master put a link on our web page were you or your friends or neighbors can donate, we hope this helps.

Now a little humor from my book To Err is Human, to Forgive Divine, neither is Marine Corps policy.

(Veterans Bar)

Four retired veterans were walking down the street and they saw a sign that said "Veterans Bar" they decided to go in and have a drink. The bartender asked for their order, and they all ordered a martini. He delivered the drinks and said, that will be forty cents.

They could not believe their good luck! The vets finished the drinks and ordered another round, and the bartender again said, "That will be forty cents." At this point their curiosity got the better of them, so they asked the bartender, "How can you afford to serve martinis for a dime apiece?"

The bartender replied, "I guess you've seen the décor here. I'm a retired Sergeant major, and I've always wanted to own a bar. Last year I hit the lottery for forty-five million and decided to open this place for real veterans. Every drink cost a dime – wine, liquor, beer. It's all the same."

Right about then the vets noticed four guys sitting at the other end of the bar who hadn't ordered anything. They asked, "So.... what's with them?"

The bartender rolled his eyes and said, "Oh, those are retired Navy Chiefs... they're waiting for happy hour!"

I hope that this puts a little smile on you face.

With that I hope everyone has a great Holiday, now don't eat too much. Lord willing and the creek don't rise maybe we will be able to have a business meeting next month.

Semper Fi,

Ed Mampe, Commandant (847) 641-9689

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

First and foremost, my brother and sisters, HAPPY BIRTHDAY! May the Lord, our God continue to bless our country and our Corps.

Along with those happy thoughts, I hope that you and your family shared a great and blessed Thanksgiving! Even in the midst of great challenges and difficulties there is reason for thankfulness. We have family, friends, a great country and a God who loved us even before we knew Him!

This November also brought to fruition a very contentious political season. One which divided our country in a way not seen since the civil war. A period of time during which we forgot that we are the "UNITED" states.

A time when we forgot to respect each other. A time when **PRAYER** and **FAITH** are our best offense and defense.

I pray that we can put our differences aside and work together for a brighter future. We must pray for those who will lead us. That they look towards heaven for wisdom and compassion.

There is a lot we can do as individuals. As God looks out for us, we must look out for His less fortunate children. We are entering a time of great joy, but also of great want and need. Pray that God uses you to show His mercy and grace

Circumstances also required that we remember our departed brothers and sisters, by ourselves or in smaller groups, never the less we will never forget them!

On November 24, 2020 we lost our marine brother Kenneth Parrish. We know his soul is safely in God's hands and he is receiving his well-

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER (CONTINUED)

earned reward. We will miss him, for our lives are diminished because of his absence, but we pray to our God for comfort for his widow and family. May they know the comforting grace of our Lord.

There are also marine brothers who are preparing to go home to the father. We will hold their hands until the Father calls them home. We will let them know that they are not alone, we stand with them to the end because we are Marines, we are one!

Those of us who are tasked with looking after things while we are still here, will carry on, and make them proud of us!

We will conduct ourselves in such a way that they will turn to the Father and say, "Sir, I'm proud to be one of them".

Now, we look forward to celebrating the December 2020 Christmas season with family and friends. We look forward to traditions, old memories, as well as creating new memories! The operative word is looking "forward". As much as tradition and memories are part of our make-up, we can't live in the past.

We must continuously look forward, that's where the future lies. That's where we will spend the rest of our lives. That's where we will make a difference!

As 2020 comes to a close and becomes part of our history, lets learn from our mistakes and embrace the future.

God bless you and your family.

Semper fi

Hank Landrau,

Chaplain, Det. 801

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE LAKE COUNTY DETACHMENT 801

Jr. Vice Commandant's Comments on the Detachment

As a newbie in this role it seemed apparent that determining what the BYLAWS said about the responsibilities for the Junior Vice was needed. And this is in response to what the BYLAWS say regarding the duties of the position (among other things)...

- Listen – to the current members. So you are being asked to provide your opinion as to how we can continue to earn the title “The Best Damn Detachment in the Nation”. Have you ever known a Marine who didn't have an opinion?
- Communicate – with the current members. Whether you are current with your dues, active in the Detachment's activities, seeking someone to talk to, someone to go out and have a drink with, or whatever. Let me hear from you and become your voice in the Detachment.
- Retention -- Reaching out to current members who are tardy on paying their dues and try to understand why. With all that is going on in our world today it is hard to imagine that anyone would forget something so minor (and yet important). So I will endeavor to publish, email, write, and call to find out why.
- Recruit -- Reach out to MACG 48 and request that Admin let Marines and Corpsmen know that we exist for Enlisted, Officers, Active Duty, Retired, and just plain old Marines and Corpsmen seeking others of their own kind.
- Mentoring – this is the best way to help those members who have questions but don't know where to go for answers. Needed are those who can be mentors, and those who would like to have a mentor?
- Reach Out – Solicit ideas from the McHenry and DeKalb Detachments as to what they are doing during these unique times of recruitment and retention.

So if you are looking for a place to meet new folks, help to make this be the place. The social distancing rules make it difficult to accomplish right now, but that makes it all the more important. Make a commitment to recruit a new member or bring back one who has not been here in a while. Speak out, listen up, help others, and recreate. So contact me with your ideas, your opinions, your thoughts, and your dues.

(847-875-9669 or wroth0730@gmail.com)

Hey Marines and Corpsmen!!!!Pay Attention this is IMPORTANT.

If you do not pay your dues soon, both National and our detachment will be dropping you. So come back into the fold. Better yet, consider extending as a LIFE member and never worry about dues again.

Here are the Life Membership Fees (one time only payment):

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 on-line also. The easiest way to pay your dues is to mail us a check for \$35.00 to:

Lake County Detachment - 801
Marine Corps League
P.O. Box 7732, Gurnee IL 60031

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE LAKE COUNTY DETACHMENT 801



Gunnery Sergeant Kenneth Parrish, USMC, (Ret), reported to his last duty station on Tuesday, 24 November 2020. He had just turned 86 years old. He will be interred at the Fort Sheridan Cemetery in the future. Details will be forthcoming.



COLOR & HONOR GUARD



As you can see in the pictures our Color Guard was once again active over Veteran's day.

A senior community of 85 Condos, Tanneron Bay, invited us to fire a Volley for the dedication of their new flag pole the Veterans of their community erected. Great group of people and they made a donation to our League.

We performed a virtual ceremony at the Lindenhurst War Memorial firing a volley and playing Taps on Veterans Day at 11:11am.

We then rushed down to Mission BBQ to present Colors at 12:00. We made it !!

A special Thank You to all the Members of the Color Guard that enabled us to get the needed number of people together and with little to no practice, pull it off.

Thank You Charles Walgreen for joining the Color Guard, getting all the needed gear and uniform, learning the M1 rifle Manual of Arms, learning our routines and being ready to go in less than a Month.

We could sure use a few more Marines to join us.

Al Seyler
Commander



EAGLE SCOUTS



We presented four Ka-Bars in November. Two at Eagle Courts of Honor and two in the scout's front yard.

CAPTAIN JAMES A. LOVELL FHCC VISITS



Free Food is being given out on 4 Dec. at Veteran's Closet 2323 Green Bay Rd. starting at 1130 until 1300 or when gone. No ID required.

All outside activities have been curtailed at the VA Hospital.

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE LAKE COUNTY DETACHMENT 801



and

then

“SMED”

said

Well hello again! Wasn't sure you'd stop by again so soon, but shore am glad you did. Have a seat and grab a mug full. I'm feelin' kinda down this mornin'.

Ya know, over twenty five years ago, my bride and I moved into a new neighborhood where a young man lived several doors away. He was young enough that he could have been a grandson, and although I knew his parents and his grandparents well, I was only aware of him but had never really known him.

Occasionally he would walk or ride his bicycle past the house and we would exchange greetings. Eventually those greetings became more cordial and he would stop and we would talk. Nothing serious, just 'small talk' about current events or goings on within the 'Village'.

From these conversations, I discovered we had a number of things in common. He was the oldest of his siblings and was not only a rabid Green Bay Packers fan, but also loved the outdoors and particularly loved to fish. He was a teacher and also a coach for several high school girls athletic and later, their chess teams. He often spoke of their accomplishments as they learned the fundamentals of the game. He loved the game of golf and tried to explain the intricacies of the sport to no avail, I simply could not understand the concept. He showed me again and again that everybody has an interesting story to tell if only one will take the time to listen.

He was a good hearted young man and despite the age difference, we became friends. He spoke of teaching his sisters and his brother in law how to fish, and the fish that were caught. He spoke of the joy of being on a lake in Canada at daybreak looking for the perfect fishing location with his grandfather or another fishing partner.

On several occasions, after hearing scuffling sounds outside, I found him in our driveway with his John Deere snow thrower cleaning up the drive. I also saw him hand shoveling our sidewalk another time.

Every Halloween he would make a point of bringing his little nephew and nieces to the house in costume for me to attempt guessing who they were.

and

then

“SMED”

continued

Occasionally, he would come by to ask me to stop at his house and see a project he was in the midst of building for a Mothers' Day present, or her birthday. On 23-October, this year he posted on FaceBook that he had contracted the COVID-19 coronavirus as well as pneumonia. I did not see his posting, however had heard his mother, father, sister and grandfather also had the virus. Earlier this week we learned he had suffered a seizure or stroke and had been placed on a ventilator at a nearby hospital as he was unresponsive. This morning we heard he died late last night.

Rest in peace Matt!
I will miss our conversations.
I will miss your visits.
I will miss your laugh.
I will miss seeing you come by the house.
Most of all, I will miss your friendship.
Good bye my friend, You will truly be missed.

Ya know, we should all take more time to visit or listen to our friends. Call or go see your family. Tell them how much they mean to you. Tell them you love them. You never know when you may no longer hear or see them.

Well, thanks for stoppin' by and listening to this old man rattle on.
Look forward to your visits.

The coffee pot will always be on, so stop and grab a cup when you are able.

You are always welcome.
Stay well, and, keep in touch!
Semper Fidelis my friend.

Smed

(c) 847/648-6859

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.

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

We pulled it off and made it happen!!!

Once again Det. 801, “the Best Damn Detachment in the Nation”, did the impossible. Just as we started our fund raising raffle back in February, with a Drawing date of June 15th, the entire Nation was hit with a Pandemic. The first Pandemic since the Spanish flue in 1917. March 15th everything shut down.

All bars, restaurants, barbershops, diners – everything shut down.
How can we collect Booze for our prizes? Where can we sell raffle tickets? What to do?

Improvise Adapt Overcome

We called the owners of bars and restaurants and met with them to collect bottles of Booze. We went to all 20 Jewels in the County to get Gift cards. The Community came thru and we collect all the Booze we needed for the prizes.

We sold raffle tickets everywhere we could. Family, friends, church, Fire Departments and Police Associations were solicited.

The drawing date was reset to Nov 17th.

It worked !!!

We raised the funds. We can continue to assist Veterans, their widows and kids here in Lake County.

Thank you All for a super effort.
Al Seyler Foundation President

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