

THE JARHEAD JOURNAL

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Congratulations to Al Blut, Marine of the Year (above) and Ed Mampe, Commandant (below).



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE LAKE COUNTY DETACHMENT 801



Al Seyler, Past Commandant swears in the newly elected officers and appointed staff (above). Past Commandant Richard Smedley Butler transfers and presents to Ed Mampe, Commandant, the detachment colors.



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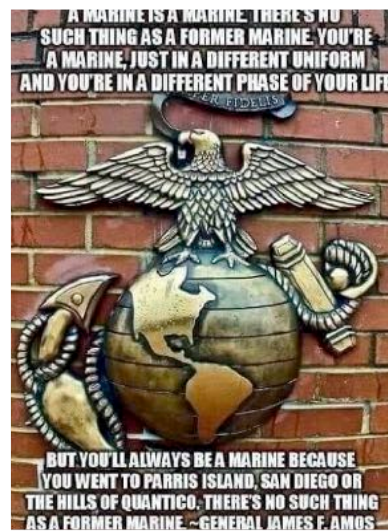
Our next meeting is scheduled for
November 17th - Tuesday!

Steven's Restaurant

Starts at 1900-7:00 PM

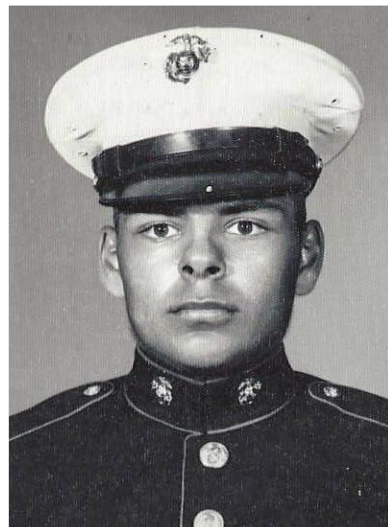
Wear your mask!

Last Month's Mystery Marine was
Every Marine!



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Who is this Mystery Marine?

COMMANDANT'S COMMENTS

First: I want to say Thank You to the Detachment for their vote of confidence and a Very BIG THANK YOU to our outstanding installation team of officers. Past Commandant Al Seyler, Past Commandant Jim Sroka, and (Jr. Past Commandant) now Past Commandant Richard “ Smedley” Butler. I know it made me and I do believe my staff more at ease during the ceremony. It was US the BEST DAMN DETACHMENT in the UNITED STATES of AMERICA.

I hope everyone is taking care of themselves and family. This is a crazy time we are going through, but we will come out of this A-OK.

Semper Fi,

Ed Mampe, Commandant (847)641-9689

November Business Meeting

Mark your calendars for November 17th when we will hold our next business meeting. With this crazy pandemic and the new restrictions on restaurants, Steven's has decided to now closed on Monday and Tuesdays. Of course, they cannot serve any food or drink. As of this publication, either they will open special for us or we will be standing outside. Either way, we have an obligation to conduct the Boat Load of Booze drawing which we announced for November 17. If we are allowed inside, there will be a strict 25 person limit (some of us will be outside) which we must monitor and the bar will be closed. Watch your email for more information as we get closer to the date.

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

In October we continued living in our “new norm” with no apparent change in sight! But we have, and will continue to persevered because we have a God who loves us and has loved us since before the world was formed!

It's at times like these that we, His children, must continue to place our trust in Him. For the sake of our families, our country and even our church, we must renew and strengthen our relationship with Him. The best way to do this is through prayer. We must pray by ourselves, with our families and with our church. We must pray for the health of our families and the recovery of our nation.

We must not recover from the virus at the expense of losing our nation! At this time, I don't know what the outcome of next month's election will be, but regardless of the outcome we must make sure that America remains “THE HOME OF THE BRAVE AND THE FREE”!

We are a strong nation, a free people and whether our enemies are foreign or domestic we must be united. Our leaders, at all levels of government, must understand that they work for and represent “the people”. But we the “people” must hold them accountable. In all elections, whether local, state or federal, we must exercise our right and responsibility to vote.

We are the example for the rest of the world!

Amidst the chaos of the year 2020, our Lord wants the best for us. He wants us to be happy, to grow in faith, grow in love, grow with our families, help our friends and neighbors when we can. Our friends and neighbors can be across the street or across the country. It doesn't matter! What matters is that we are American and we are marines.

LETS ACT LIKE IT!

God bless America, God bless you and your families.

Stay safe

Semper Fi.

Hank Landrau
Chaplain, Det. 801

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.



COLOR & HONOR GUARD



We have some Events we have been asked to perform both virtual and live.

1. Linda Rockwell, from Journey's End

She would like us to make a video of our Color Guard marching in, lower flags for National Anthem, and march out. Mel has offered to do the Camera work. Linda would then use the Video at each of the Senior and assisted living facilities to do her Ceremonies.

[Click here to view the video made this week.](#)

2. Lindenhurst War Memorial Virtual Veterans Day Ceremony.

11/11 At 11:00 am. At Lindenhurst.

3. Mission BBQ

11/11 at 12:00 noon

Color Guard For National Anthem-- LIVE

4. Tanneron Bay Flag Pole Dedication

11/7 Saturday at 11:00

Tanneron Bay, on Wonder Lake, is a Senior (55 and older) Condo development and a number of Veterans live there. They got together and build a base with each of the Service insignias. They would like to do a Dedication.

We will raise the flag, fire a volley and Jim will play the Bugle Calls.
We need everyone. Plans are still being finalized.



EAGLE SCOUTS



Four Eagle Scout presentations are scheduled for November.

CAPTAIN JAMES A. LOVELL FHCC VISITS



All outside activities have been curtailed at the VA Hospital. The annual Veteran Day and USMC Birthday celebration has been canceled.

BOAT LOAD of BOOZE

I went to every Jewel in Lake County and collected \$245.00 in Gift cards. I then used them to buy the quality booze at the Gurnee Jewel. We have met our goal to fulfill the 10 prizes of booze in the raffle.

I have the boat ready to go.

The new date for the drawing to award the prize winners is ----
Tuesday, November 17th at Steven's restaurant

We now have \$8,169

Every dollar we collect will go to help Veterans, their widows and kids in Lake County.

Sell more tickets!

If you need tickets call or e-mail me. All cash and ticket stubs must be turned in not later than November 17th.

Al Seyler

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Hey, Semper Fi! Good to see you agin'! Take off your mask and sit over there next to the coffee pot, pour a mug full and let's visit.

Would like to share a story with you from a website called MaxOne which is a “coaching” enterprise that publishes a monthly newsletter aimed at basketball coaches.

Coach John Scolinos delivered this in 1996 at a sports convention. (as written by Chris Sperry chrissperry/basketball/life.com);

‘Twenty four years ago, in Nashville, Tennessee , during the first week of January, 1996, more than 4,000 baseball coaches descended upon the Opryland Hotel for the 52nd annual ABCA's convention.

“While I waited in line to register with the hotel staff, I heard other more veteran coaches rumbling about the lineup of speakers scheduled to present during the weekend. One name, in particular, kept resurfacing, always with the same sentiment — “John Scolinos is here? Oh, man, worth every penny of my airfare.”

“Who is John Scolinos, I wondered. No matter; I was just happy to be there.

“In 1996, Coach Scolinos was 78 years old and five years retired from a college coaching career that began in 1948 He shuffled to the stage to an impressive standing ovation, wearing dark polyester pants, a light blue shirt, and a string around his neck from which home plate hung — a full-sized, stark-white home plate.

“Seriously, I wondered, who is this guy?

“After speaking for twenty-five minutes, not once mentioning the prop hanging around his neck, Coach Scolinos appeared to notice the snickering among some of the coaches.

Even those who knew Coach Scolinos had to wonder exactly where he was going with this, or if he had simply forgotten about home plate since he'd gotten on stage. Then, finally ...

“You're probably all wondering why I'm wearing home plate around my neck,” he said, his voice growing irascible. I laughed along with the others, acknowledging the possibility. “I may be old, but I'm not crazy. The reason I stand before you today is to share with you baseball people what I've learned in my life, what I've learned about home plate in my 78 years.”

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“Several hands went up when Scolinos asked how many Little League coaches were in the room. “Do you know how wide home plate is in Little League?”

“After a pause, someone offered, “Seventeen inches?”, more of a question than answer.

“That’s right,” he said. “How about in Babe Ruth’s day? Any Babe Ruth coaches in the house?” Another long pause.

“Seventeen inches?” a guess from another reluctant coach.

“That’s right,” said Scolinos. “Now, how many high school coaches do we have in the room?” Hundreds of hands shot up, as the pattern began to appear. “How wide is home plate in high school baseball?”

“Seventeen inches,” they said, sounding more confident.

“You’re right!” Scolinos barked. “And you college coaches, how wide is home plate in college?”

“Seventeen inches!” we said, in unison.

“Any Minor League coaches here? How wide is home plate in pro ball?”.....“Seventeen inches!”

“RIGHT! And in the Major Leagues, how wide home plate is in the Major Leagues?”

“Seventeen inches!”

“SEV-EN-TEEN INCHES!” he confirmed, his voice bellowing off the walls. “And what do they do with a Big League pitcher who can’t throw the ball over seventeen inches?” Pause.

“They send him to Pocatello !” he hollered, drawing raucous laughter “What they don’t do is this: they don’t say, ‘Ah, that’s okay, Jimmy. If you can’t hit a seventeen-inch target?

We’ll make it eighteen inches or nineteen inches. We’ll make it twenty inches so you have a better chance of hitting it. If you can’t hit that, let us know so we can make it wider still, say twenty-five inches.”

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“Pause “Coaches... what do we do when your best player shows up late to practice? or when our team rules forbid facial hair and a guy shows up unshaven? What if he gets caught drinking? Do we hold him accountable? Or do we change the rules to fit him? Do we widen home plate? ”

“The chuckles gradually faded as four thousand coaches grew quiet, the fog lifting as the old coach’s message began to unfold. He turned the plate toward himself and, using a Sharpie, began to draw something. When he turned it toward the crowd, point up, a house was revealed, complete with a freshly drawn door and two windows. “This is the problem in our homes today. With our marriages, with the way we parent our kids. With our discipline.

“We don’t teach accountability to our kids, and there is no consequence for failing to meet standards. We just widen the plate!”

“Pause. Then, to the point at the top of the house he added a small American flag. “This is the problem in our schools today. The quality of our education is going downhill fast and teachers have been stripped of the tools they need to be successful, and to educate and discipline our young people. We are allowing others to widen home plate! Where is that getting us?”

“Silence. He replaced the flag with a Cross. “And this is the problem in the Church, where powerful people in positions of authority have taken advantage of young children, only to have such an atrocity swept under the rug for years. Our church leaders are widening home plate for themselves! And we allow it.”

“And the same is true with our government. Our so called representatives make rules for us that don’t apply to themselves. They take bribes from lobbyists and foreign countries. They no longer serve us. And we allow them to widen home plate! We see our country falling into a dark abyss while we just watch.”

“I was amazed. At a baseball convention where I expected to learn something about curve balls and bunting and how to run better practices, I had learned something far more valuable.

“From an old man with home plate strung around his neck, I had learned something about life, about myself, about my own weaknesses and about my responsibilities as a leader. I had to hold myself and others accountable to that which I knew to be right, lest our families, our faith, and our society continue down an undesirable path.

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“If I’m lucky,” Coach Scolinos concluded, “you will remember one thing from this old coach today. It is this: "If we fail to hold ourselves to a higher standard, a standard of what we know to be right; if we fail to hold our spouses and our children to the same standards, if we are unwilling or unable to provide a consequence when they do not meet the standard; and if our schools & churches & our government fail to hold themselves accountable to those they serve, there is but one thing to look forward to.”

“With that, he held home plate in front of his chest, turned it around, and revealed its dark black backside, “...We have dark days ahead!”

“Note: Coach Scolinos died in 2009 at the age of 91, but not before touching the lives of hundreds of players and coaches, including mine. Meeting him at my first ABCA convention kept me returning year after year, looking for similar wisdom and inspiration from other coaches. He is the best clinic speaker the ABCA has ever known because he was so much more than a baseball coach. His message was clear: “Coaches, keep your players—no matter how good they are—your own children, your churches, your government, and most of all, keep yourself at seventeen inches.

“And this my friends is what our country has become and what is wrong with it today, and now go out there and fix it!”

Well pardner, that’s all I have for this month. See ya in December?

Remember, keep washin’ those hands and wearin’ that godawful mask. Stay safe, stay sane.

And,

Don’t forget our brothers and sisters out there doin’ their jobs in spite of all this confusion.

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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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.

Elections were held at the September Members Meeting and the Foundation Officers and Directors were reelected by unanimous vote of the Members.

I want to thank each Officer and Director for their work last year in helping Veterans of any branch of service in Lake County and look forward to the upcoming installation and continuing our mission for the next year.

Al Seyler
President
Lake County Marines Foundation

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