

THE JARHEAD JOURNAL

Jerry Pedrin, Commandant (Commandant@lakecountymarines.com)

www.lakecountymarines.com

NEXT MEETING at STEVENS

Our next business meeting will be on Tuesday, October 20th. Why Tuesday, because Steven's is closed on Mondays during the pandemic. Plan on attending our meetings on Tuesday following the 3rd Monday for a while.

OFFICER INSTALLATION MEETING

***THE DETACHMENT 801 OFFICERS WILL BE
INSTALLED ON OCTOBER 20TH.***

***THE 2020 MARINE OF THE YEAR WILL BE
PRESENTED.***

The following members were elected to their office on September 22nd.

Commandant: Ed Mampe
Seinor Vice: Tom Koncan
Junior Vice: Walter Roth
Adjutant: John Jezioro
Paymaster: Mel Ellingsen
Judge Advocate: Peter Karlovics

There will not be an Installation Dinner as has been held in the past due to the pandemic. Only members should be in attendance at this meeting. In the future, we will host a dinner to honor our new officers and the Marine of the Year which will include guests.

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

Our next meeting is scheduled for
October 20nd-Tuesday!

Steven's Restaurant

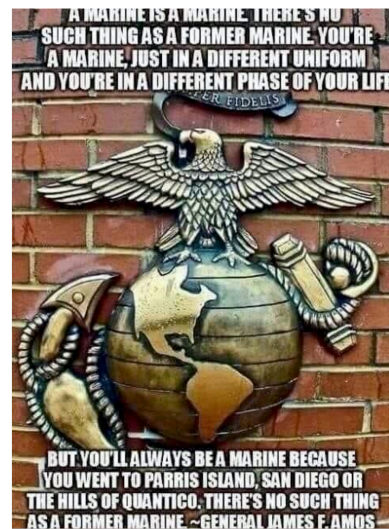
Starts at 1900-7:00 PM
Join us for fellowship early.

Last Month's Mystery Marine was
Ed Cooper



Where Stuff Is

1. Announcements
2. This Index
3. Commandant's Chat
4. Chaplain's Corner
5. Staff Meeting Summary
6. Please Pay Your Dues
7. Honor and Color Guard
8. Eagle Scouts and VA Hospital Visits
9. Toys for Tots
10. SMED Said.
11. And SMED Said (continued)
12. And SMED Said (again)
13. Welcome Aboard Fred
14. Welcome Aboard Charles
15. Foundation
16. Related Military Links



Who is this Mystery Marine?

COMMANDANT'S COMMENTS

Good evening Ladies and Gents. I find it hard to believe that I am writing my last article to you as your Commandant. I can't believe it has been three years since I was sworn in as your Commandant. I can only imagine that some of you are glad this is my last month and others of you wish I would go on a little longer.

The last three years have been trying at times and I am sure that some of you felt the same way. During this time I have always tried my best to do what I thought was right and best for the Detachment. I hope I succeeded in that. I also made it a point to listen to everyone's point of view when we were discussing matters of interest.

I know that most of you will agree that was a terrible blow to all of us when we were hit with the Covid 19 virus. It threw our world as we knew it completely upside down. We had no idea what was going to happen and what we were going to do to get thru this pandemic. It has now been nine months later and we still have no idea where we are going and when we will get there.

Just the fact that we could no longer meet as we had done before and conduct our affairs as we had been doing was a shock to all of us. There were many varying opinions on how we should operate and we still have a variety of opinions to this day. We have had people not come to any of our events and still haven't as of this writing. I understand that each of us has to do what they feel is best for their families and themselves. Many of us are or have elderly family members that they worry about. The virus seems to be especially hard on the elderly and people who have illnesses that would create a bigger danger to them if they were infected.

We also had the problem of not being able to conduct our fundraisers and such because of the stay at home directives for several months. We still are severely restricted in our activities and who knows when we will be able to get back to fundraising and such.

I want to assure all of you that I am leaving as your Commandant but not leaving the Detachment. I will remain here to assist with whatever needs to be done to keep this Detachment "The Best Damn Detachment in the Nation." Things like this pandemic are just given us to test our resolve and to see if we are who we thought we were. Marines are taught to adapt and overcome so we will continue to do what we must to get the outcome we are looking for. Some of us may pay a steep toll for the path we take during these times but we are all still here to help each other. I just want all of you to know I will be here also to help as needed.. If you need anything just contact me.

I wish all of you the best in the future. I look forward to seeing all of you in the future at some point. Hopefully we will all come through this a little better off that we thought we would be when this is all over. Good luck to all of you in the future.

-Jerry Pedrin

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

SEPTEMBER 2020

As always, it's my wish and prayer that you and your families are healthy and doing well!

September came and went as we continued to cope with the “new” normal dictated by Covid 19.

Though the challenges have been great, they also serve to highlight our resolve in not only finding a cure, but in trying to live our lives as close to “normal” as possible!

There are still challenges ahead, but we will continue to face them with the same determination and courage that our Lord and Savior has endowed us with. We must, and will continue to ask for guidance, and peace of mind from the one who gives it in abundance!

We know that our Lord hears and answers prayers. Our job is to pray constantly and fervently. This “communication” is vital, if our nation is to truly and successfully heal. let's also ask our Lord to lead us to those among us, who have been devastatingly affected by this pandemic, especially those who can't or won't venture out. If we take the recommended precautions a visit can be a great blessing to someone!

_Hank Landrau

Quick Summary of the October Staff Meeting

- 1) During the pandemic, Steven's will be closed on Mondays. It is recommended that we meet on Tuesday, the day after the 3rd Monday. So why not the 3rd Tuesday? If we did, the meeting comes too soon in the month for the staff to 'do their thing'. Next meeting is 10/22 at 1900.
- 2) We will conduct our own installation and change of command without any party, food or guests on October 20th.
- 3) Looking into hosting a 245th USMC Birthday Party on Tuesday, November 10th at TBD. Covid-19 rules apply. Significant others and guest , OK.
- 4) No idea yet how Toys for Tots will work.
- 5) Food truck at Midwest Veteran's Closet on Friday, October 9th.
- 6) All Veteran Day and USMC Birthday celebrations have been canceled at the VA Hospital. Our VA visitation team has not been able to visit anyone since the Covid-19 pandemic started.

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



Our Color Guard remains inactive because of the virus.

The combined Marine Birthday and Veterans Day ceremony at Burke hall at the VA Hospital has been canceled.

We have been invited to take part in a dedication of a flag pole and base with the 5 branches of the Military insignias attached. The Veterans at Tamron Bay built it and would like us to fire a volley and be a part of the dedication on Saturday, November 7th at 11:00am.

The Village of Lindenhurst has invited us to fire a rifle volley at their memorial on November 11th.

Mission BBQ has invited us to present Colors on Veterans Day, November 11th at noon.

Al Seyler
Commander



EAGLE SCOUTS



Two Eagle Scout - Ka-Bar presentations were made in September

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

We now have \$7,058.00

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

We can hold meetings again at Stevens' and we can go to Restaurants, bars, etc. The final push is on.

We can sell tickets! We can collect booze!

If you need tickets call or e-mail me.

Al Seyler

porknpoop@sbcglobal.net

847-220-1525

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE LAKE COUNTY DETACHMENT 801



and

then

“SMED”

said

Hey! Good to see ya agin'. Sit a spell and visit if ya have the time. Git a chair, and grab a mug of hot java. The sweetener and whitener are over there, by the pot.

Been thinkin' about a story related to me by a Marine Master Sgt. I met on a cruise last January. Was from USMCL Detachment #1154 in Beaufort, South Carolina.

18-October-2020 will be the two hundredth anniversary of the cashiering of our fourth Commandant of the Marine Corps. Lieutenant Colonel Anthony Wayne Gale left behind a legacy of brawling, public drunkenness, and cavorting with ladies of questionable moral fiber, along with several other specifications under the charge of conduct unbecoming an officer. While his activities on liberty would certainly not be appropriate today, I suspect that many of you, like me, can't help but admire his thirst for adventure. I would go so far as to suggest that many of us could be similarly indicted for some of our own youthful indiscretions.

Lt. Colonel Anthony Gale, Fourth Commandant of the Marine Corps, was born in Dublin, Ireland, on 17-September-1782. Fewer records survive concerning him than any other Commandant but it is known that when he was commissioned a second lieutenant on 02-September-1798, he was one of the first officers commissioned after the reestablishment of the Marine corps in 1798. Thereafter he fought, in fairly rapid succession, the French, the Barbary pirates, the British, and one of his navy shipmates.

The last encounter, involving an affront to the Corps, brought about the naval officer's sudden demise and Commandant of the Marine Corps William Ward Barrow's approval for Gale's defense of his Corps' honor. As the story goes, Gale was Ship's Company Commander aboard the USS Ganges in November 1799 when Navy Lieutenant Allen McKenzie had one of the Marines put in irons without first consulting Gale. When Gale inquired about the incident, McKenzie called him a "rascal."

The rest of the story is related in correspondence by Commandant Lieutenant Colonel Burrows: "The Captain took no notice of the business and Gale got no satisfaction on the cruise. The moment he arrived he called (McKenzie) out and shot him. Afterwards, politeness was restored." McKenzie died of his wounds and Burrows went on to say, "it is hoped that this may be a lesson to the Navy Officers to treat Marines, as well as their Officers, with more respect."

and

then

“SMED”

continued

Unfortunately for Captain Gale, increasing rank brought other difficulties not resolved so directly. In 1815, Burrow's successor as Commandant, Lieutenant Colonel Franklin Wharton was charged by Congress with overspending on the construction of Marine Barracks Philadelphia. He, in turn, accused the Commandant of the barracks, Anthony Gale, of building "extravagant" officers' quarters. Gale was ordered to stand before a Court of Inquiry, but was exonerated. It was shortly after this that Wharton was again called to account to Congress.

This time he was accused of fleeing Washington rather than leading his Marines into the Battle of Bladensburg. When convened, his Court Martial consisted of three Navy Captains and one Captain of Marines, Captain Anthony Gale. The Court decided that Marines ashore were subject to Army, not Navy Courts under the Articles of War, and the charges were ultimately dropped. His duties on his Commandant's Court Martial complete, Gale was promoted to Major and transferred to command Marine Barracks in New Orleans.

Soon afterwards a letter to the Secretary of the navy reported that Naval officers had, "frequently seen Major Gale intoxicated at New Orleans and that his associates were of such description and his habits of such nature as to prevent the respectable officers of that station from having any social or friendly intercourse with him." Daniel T. Patterson, Commander of the New Orleans Naval Station, wrote to the Secretary, "It is reluctantly and with extreme regret that I have again to address you relative to the Marines of this station, but longer to remain silent would be to neglect my duty. The Non-Commissioned Officers and Privates are, without exception, the most depraved, abandoned, and drunken men ever collected together."

While Gale was preparing to go to Washington to answer the preceding charges, Commandant Wharton died. At his Court Martial, Gale was found not guilty and returned to duty. As he was the next senior officer in the Marine Corps, he was nominated to become Commandant. Despite the vigorous protests and political maneuvering of the Paymaster of the Marine Corps and Major Archibald Henderson, (each of whom felt themselves better qualified for the position), on 05-March-1818 Gale was confirmed as the fourth Commandant of the Marine Corps. With it came promotion to Lieutenant Colonel.

and

then

“SMED”

continued

His tenure was to be brief. Soon came troubles with Navy Secretary Thompson, who frequently countermanded LtCol. Gales orders in a humiliating manner. Finally, LtCol. Gale courageously submitted a letter analyzing the proper division of functions between himself and the Secretary, and respectfully pointed out the impossibility of his position. This official reaction to infringements of his authority, he paralleled by unofficial retreats to alcohol. On 18-September-1820 he was arrested and charged with offenses of alcoholic and related nature.

The first charge was that he was publicly intoxicated in the city of Washington on six specified dates---during the month of August. There were also several specifications under the charge of “Conduct Unbecoming an Officer.” First, that he had visited a house of prostitution near the barracks, “in an open and disgraceful manner” and second, that on 01- September he had, before witnesses, called the Paymaster of the Marine Corps, “a damned rascal, a liar, and a coward.” Other charges concerned his breaking house arrest and maintaining a Marine as a personal servant. Gale’s unsuccessful defense was temporary insanity. He was cashiered from the Marine Corps on 18- October 1820, leaving 46 other officers on active duty in the Corps. Archibald Henderson succeeded him as Commandant.

From Washington, Gale went first to Philadelphia where he spent several months in hospitals, then took up residence in Kentucky. Armed with proof that he had been under the strain of temporary mental derangement while Commandant, he spent 15 years attempting to have his Court Martial decision reversed. Eventually, in 1835, the government partially cleared him and awarded him a stipend of \$15.00 a month, which was later increased to \$25.00, and continued until his death in 1843 in Stanford, Lincoln County, Kentucky.

Today, no trace of his grave exists and Anthony Wayne Gale is the only Commandant of which the Marine Corps has no portrait. So, pause for a moment to remember LtCol. Commandant Gale, and raise a glass to his memory.

Partially compiled from “The U.S. Marine Corps Story” by J. Robert Muskin, and “U.S. Marines: 1775-1975,” by deceased Brigadier General Edwin Simmons USMC (Ret).

Hope ya enjoyed my little yarn.
Semper Fidelis Brother!

Here’s to you Commandant Gale!
“Smedley”

See ya next month? Thanks for stopping by.

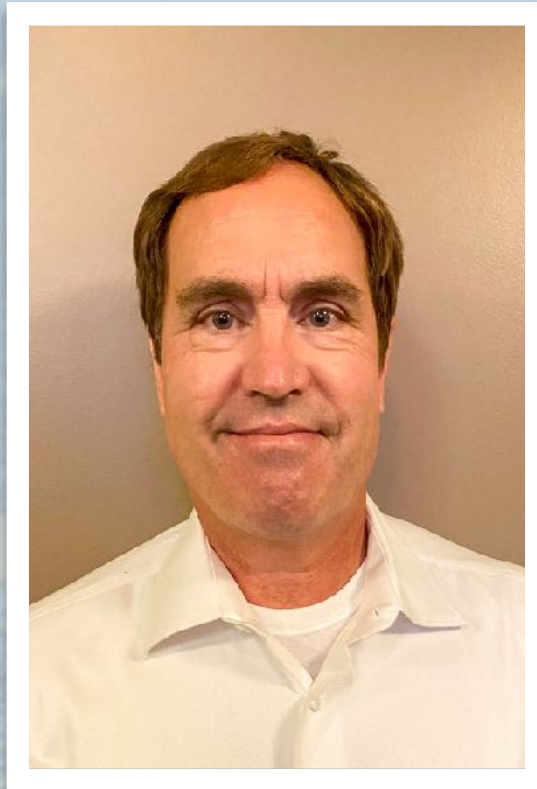
**WELCOME
ABOARD**



We welcomed aboard James "Fred" Bolender from Waukegan. Fred was a communication specialist - MOS 2542. He is a Vietnam veteran having served at Da Nang Hill 327, Okinawa and at Camp Lejeune as part of the shore party battery. He was discharged as a Corporal E-4 in 1967.

Fred is married with grandkids. Likes golf and is an auto manager.

WELCOME
ABOARD



We also welcomed aboard Charles Walgreen from Lake Forest. Charles served as an airborne delivery specialist - MOS 0451 (parachute rigger) and as a water safety instructor - MOS 0918. His duty stations included Camp Lejeune, Ft Benning, Ft Lee, Camp Foster in Okinawa and Clark Air Force Base. He was discharge in 1983 as a Corporal E-4.

Charles is married and has kids. He is CEO of a medical device company. He is interested in Veteran assistance and the Color Guard.

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.

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 continuing for the next year.

Al Seyler
President - 847-220-1525
Lake County Marines Foundation

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