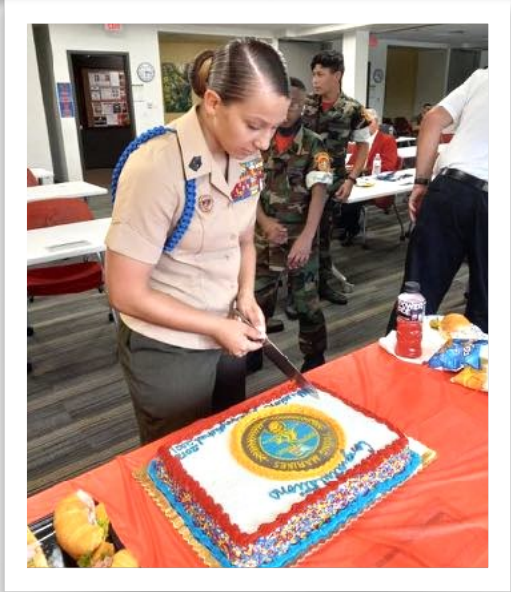


THE JARHEAD JOURNAL

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Young Marine Nina Staben retired her Sergeant Major stripes on 7 August. MCL members, YM members and family met at MACG 48 to wish her well. MCL member Ray DeGroot made the wooden plaque. Nina is now off to college with a USMC NROTC scholarship. Semper Fidelis, Nina!

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Our next meeting is scheduled for

21 September (Tuesday)

1900 (7:00 PM)

Steven's Restaurant

Last Month's Mystery Marine was

Fred Bolender



Who is this Mystery Marine?

COMMANDANT'S COMMENTS

Well, here I am in my bunker today no gun fire to the North range** must be closed for today. I hope this finds everyone healthy and enjoying the summer. As you know we started the nominations for officers for the detachment this month, and we will have nominations and elections next month at the September 21st meeting.

I am hoping we will be able to collect for Toys for Tots this year, I was hoping we would be able to collect for the detachment, but that did not happen. We can only hope for next year.

NOW SOMETHING FROM:

To Err is Human, To Forgive Divine
However, Neither is Marine Corps Policy
The Good Samaritan

Two Navy Seals boarded a quick shuttle flight out of Dallas, headed for Houston. One sat in the window set, and the other sat in the middle seat.

Just before take-off a Marine Master Sergeant got on and took the aisle seat next to the two Seals. The Marine kicked off their shoes, wiggled his toes and was settling in when the Seal in the window seat said, "I think I'll get up and get a coke."

"No problem," said the Marine, "since I'm sitting in the aisle seat, I'll get it for you."

While he was gone, the Seal picked up the Marines shoe and spit in it.

When the Master sergeant returned with the coke the other Seal said. "That looks good, I think I'll have one too."

Since he was already up the Marine obligingly went to fetch it, and while he was gone the Seal picked up the other shoe and spit in it. After a couple of minutes, the Top returned with the drink, and they all sat back and enjoyed the short flight to Huston.

As the plane was landing, the marine slipped his feet into his shoes and knew immediately what had happened.

"How long must this go on?" he asked. "This fighting between our groups? This hatred? This animosity? This spitting in shoes, and pissing in cokes?"

Ed Mampe Commandant 847-641-9689

** Editor's Note: Ed does not live in a combat zone. He lives just south of the Northbrook Sports Club which hosts many shotgun shooting events.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

August 2021

It has pleased our Lord to allow me to chat with you once more! I sincerely hope that you enjoy reading these capsules of nourishing information as much as I enjoy bringing them to you.

August 2021 proved to be a very challenging month in many ways. Initially It looked as if the challenges of the corona virus were finally behind us, but the month ended with the resurgence of new strains and the need to reinstate the need to re-mask ourselves.

Nationally, we witnessed the fall of Afghanistan, and the establishment of insurgent control, we pray to God that His will be done and that God's children are delivered from harm. We also pray for the warriors lost and their families. May our Lord provide comfort for their families and receives the souls of our warrior into His kingdom.

At our detachment level, we had the painful duty of reporting the passing of two of our members, T. Dwayne Stephens and Earl Lepisto, Sr. I know the Lord has received them with open arms. "Well done good and faithful servants!"

We also had the pleasant task of nominating outstanding and dedicated Marines to guide and lead our detachment for the next twelve months. If elected, they will need our help and support to insure a successful tour of duty. Please remember that this is our detachment, its success or failure is not just up to the elected leaders, but on all of us, we all have a stake in this! Lets pray to our Father in Heaven for help and guidance.

On a more personal level, my wife and I are celebrating our 49th Wedding Anniversary. Though the actual day is September 2nd. we had the opportunity to spend a weekend in Lake Geneva, WI in anticipation! It was great. I know that some of you are also celebrating wedding anniversaries in the multi-decade level, Glory be to God!

These are good things and we thank God for them, but when God allows challenges to enter our lives it's not because He doesn't care. Adversities reminds us that we are not in control. We must go to our God both in good, and bad times.

As Marines we know that there are no atheists in fighting holes. When the situation goes south, we direct our gaze heavenward.

There will continue to be challenges, both in our personal lives and as Americans, but as long as we continue to place our hope and trust in our God, we will overcome.

God bless you and your family, God bless America, and God bless our Marine Corps.

Semper fi.
Hank Landrau, Chaplain
Det. 801

Let's Chat about what's next for the Lake County Detachment 801!

At our next business meeting is at Steven's on the third Tuesday which starts at 1900 on 21 September when we will continue the process of nominating our leadership teams for 2021. Nominations for elected officers of the Detachment and the Foundation (including board members) will open and close and the election will follow during the meeting on the 21st.

Two appointed positions will need to be filled by the commandant for next year. Larry Lingen has decided to retire as Sergeant-at-Arms and Al Seyler has decided to retire as the Color and Honor Guard Commander. Both of these Marines have served for a long time and deserve our thanks and admiration for their service. If you are interested in either of these positions, please contact Ed Mampe (847) 641-9689.

It's that time of the year when we ask you to pay your annual dues for membership in the MCL. The \$35 annual dues mostly goes to National MCL. The detachment gets to keep only \$7. Regardless of whether you are current with your dues or not, if you pay now, you'll be current into FY2022. How about joining as a Life member? Please pay here:

<https://lakecountymarines.com/pay-your-dues-here>

Or, mail a check to P.O. Box 7732 Gurnee, IL 60031.

At all our future meetings, we will have a list of those members who need to pay their FY2022 dues. Please have cash or a credit card handy when you arrive.

WELCOME ABOARD



Bob Smith is proud of his Hollywood Marine training. After ITR in early 1968 at Camp Pendleton he was transferred to Vietnam as a 0311 grunt! After a year keeping his head down he was at Great Lakes for discharge as a LCpl in 1969.

Back in the Chicago area he landed a job with the Federal Reserve Bank Police Officer. He married along the way and has four daughters and four granddaughters. He lives in Blue Island. Now retired, he loves to fish.



COLOR & HONOR GUARD



JULY 28TH –

We fired a Volley at Fort Sheridan National Cemetery for the internment of a Navy Veteran who served aboard the USS Forestall when she caught fire and 140 seamen were lost.

AUGUST 4TH –

Lake Forest Days Parade.

We had to canceled do to lack of people able to March.

Charles did serve beer in the American Legion tent. Wish we could have been there.

NEW EVENTS

SEPT. 11TH –

We will present Colors and fire a Volley at a softball game in Huntley, Il. They are honoring Veterans and have Hot Dogs, Burgers and cold drinks. John Pickleman, our past Color Guard Commander will be playing for one of the All Star teams.

Sept. 11th –

We will fire a Volley at Stevenson High School. Dino Moran, Head Baseball coach and Marine, does a great job of teaching the Students about being a Patriot and loving your Country.

I have stepped down as Color Guard Commander effective August 1st. It has been an Honor to represent Det. 801 – “the Best Damn Detachment in the Nation”.

I will still be a Member of the Color Guard and available to help the new Commander. Our Color Guard Events and Eagle Courts are the two most visible things the League does in the Community. It would be a shame to shutdown the Color Guard.

Semper Fidelis,

Al Seyler

Color Guard Commander, Retired

CAPTAIN JAMES A. LOVELL FHCC VISITS

Hello fellow Marine Corps League members. Hospital visits are still a no go. Veterans closet is still giving food and clothing away to those in need. Check out their fliers below.

Greg Cummings

Armed Forces of America MC Illinois Chapter

Coat and Sock Drive



Impacting Veterans, Inc.
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VFW Antioch
75 North Ave. Antioch, IL 60002

Bring all your gently never used coats to donate to veterans and service members in need. Socks are also needed for those cold winters.

More info contact:
Will "REAPER" at 360.913.3113



Food Trucks, Raffles, fun and more!

HELP US HELP OUR VETS



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Veterans Closet
Where Veterans shop free

Patriot Week Groceries

remembering the fallen

A volunteer wearing protective gear will place the groceries in your vehicle.



NEED GROCERIES?
If you don't have enough to eat, Northern Illinois Food Bank's Mobile Pantry can help.
Northern Illinois Food Bank's Mobile Pantry distributes quality groceries to those in need. Groceries are delivered to you in a clean, temperature-controlled van. Food is distributed on a first-come, first-served basis, while supplies last.
Due to COVID-19, Mobile Pantry distributions have moved to a curbside drive-thru model, with pre-packed boxes of groceries.

Friday
September 17, 2021
12 noon to 1:30 p.m.

Midwest Veterans Closet
2323 Green Bay Road
North Chicago, IL
847.354.2108

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To all who serve and have served
We are Grateful





EAGLE SCOUTS



Nine Eagle Scouts received their Ka-Bars from Mel Ellingsen

It's hard to believe we presented 83 Ka-Bars in FY 2021. Covid-19 stopped all public Eagle Courts of Honor until recently and then we presented 70 Ka-Bars since 15 April. Illinois is part of the Central Division which came in second to the Southeast Division for the most Eagle Scout presentations. Department of Illinois made more presentations than any other department. Again thanks to our the presentation team for volunteering, i.e. Hank Landrau, Al Seyler, Charles Walgreen, MGSgt. Wayne Carle, Col Jim Homan, Joe Wallace, Rich Butler, Al Blut and yours truly.

Mel Ellingsen, Eagle Scout Chair

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE LAKE COUNTY DETACHMENT 801



and

then

“SMED”

said

C'mon in, always good to see ya again. Thanks for stoppin' by. Grab a cuppa 'joe' there on the warmer and have a seat.

Ya know, I been thinkin' of what our Junior Vice mentioned at the last meeting, (“these meetings are too boring so I am looking for new ideas...”) and he is absolutely correct in his assessment, and I would like to present my take on that.

Any of you coming from a ‘business’ background, think back to the monthly/weekly staff meetings you attended. Were they boring? Not always, but usually. Why was that? They were transferring info on how the organization was, or would be operating in the future. All the rest of us wanted was to get on with other stuff, not rehash stuff we had perhaps heard at previous meetings.

Well, our monthly business meeting is very much like that. We are reporting on past business, we are reviewing for the membership what has transpired within the detachment over the last month. Is that boring? If one has not been a part of that particular event being reported on, you bet it is boring. How can talking about “what has occurred previously” be exciting? Difficult to pull off!

Now, you want exciting? Attend a Staff Meeting. Yes, you can attend. You do not have to be a staff officer to be there. All members are invited. These meetings are where attendees sit around tables and hammer out the coming agendas. Often times they are not sitting, but standing, shaking their fingers, loudly proclaiming reasons why their idea is better than the one just discussed. After hearing pros and cons, the path forward is determined and we go to the next item. Now these meetings are fun because they are charting the directions the detachment will be following in the near and distant future. All present may have a say in determining the outcome. Does the loudest presenter win out? No! After all the discussion, we arrive at a decision as to how we should progress, and the Commandant will be the one to make the final determination as to the implementation. (or not)

Okay now, you want fun? Fun is participation in the very events that are hammered out at the Staff Meetings. The fund raisers, the Toys for Tots events, the Eagle Scout presentations, the Color Guard programs, the St. Paddy's' Day parties, the Memorial Day picnics, the few minutes before or after the business meetings, all when we can stand and socialize with other members. These are the fun times. The business meeting is a reporting of what occurred at these fun events. The fun is participation in those events being reported on at the business meeting. The more one participates in these other events, the more fun one has in the detachment.

and Smed continued.....

I learned more about our detachment and its' members at a table outside Stephens' Restaurant after Color Guard practice than all the business meetings put together.

Interestingly, I listened to a valued member last week describe our business meetings as being sophomoric (my description, not his) in nature. There was too much joking and "fooling around" and not tending to business. I have also heard the opposite, that our meetings are too stiff, too much "ritual" incorporated, too much saluting, "we should lighten up". Oddly enough, in my opinion, both observations are correct and necessary. There are parts of the business meeting that should be ritualistic. We should all salute the American Flag when approaching the front table to make a presentation. We should also salute the Flag when leaving that position. We should salute the Commandant (or whomever is in charge) at the front table when recognized to speak, and when finished. That is the courtesy for being recognized. We stand at attention for the Pledge of Allegiance, National Anthem, the Marine Corps Hymn, and TAPS. We remove our covers for the invocation and benediction. These are all rituals and should be treated with honor and reverence. the Marine Corps Hymn, and TAPS. We remove our covers for the invocation and benediction. These are all rituals and should be treated with honor and reverence. Now, during some of the given reports, I see nothing wrong in using a little humor to lighten them somewhat, particularly if we can aim it good naturedly at the presenter.

From a personal viewpoint, the more I put into the various detachment activities, the more fun I have. The business meeting is just a rehash (a reminder) of how much fun was had during my participation. Plus, I met some pretty amazing folks at those events, you, my fellow members, my brothers and sisters. I got to learn a little more about each of you and will always cherish those friendships.

Stretch a little bit. Participate in one or two of the offered events. See if it isn't a little bit of fun. If not, it's always easy enough to stop. I suspect though, that will not happen. I hope you may find yourself saying, "Hey, why didn't I try this sooner?" Let's hear your opinion at a Staff Meeting. Tell us what you really think.

Well, that is my two and a half cents worth. Thanks for hearing me out. Hope it will persuade you to try some of these activities and begin to have more fun. Fun is what keeps us coming back! Works for me, maybe you also.

Semper Fidelis my Brothers and Sisters!

Stay well. See you next month?

Richard Butler

Editor's Note: The Staff Meetings are usually held on the first Monday of the month starting at 1830 at the Tikki Club 3500 Sunset Ave. Waukegan. Same place as our annual USMC Birthday Party only enter from the Sunset side of the building. Next meeting is on 13 September (an exception).

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE LAKE COUNTY DETACHMENT 801

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Officers and Directors

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Treasurer- Mel Ellingsen

Secretary- Jerry Pedrin

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

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We sponsored a Hole at the Drive "Swingin for Vets" to support the Al Lynch Golf outing fund raiser. All monies raised goes to support Veterans. Al Blut and Charlotte, crewed our canopy and passed out Applications. Gary "Bomber" Braum, "Javlin" John Jezioro, Mel "the Mighty" Ellingsen and me, "Awful Al". We formed a foursome and had a super time capturing last place. Kirk Morris and Jim Sroka also played. Great time was had by all.

Al Seyler
President
Lake County Marines Foundation

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