

# THE JARHEAD JOURNAL

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Our March meeting falls on the 16<sup>th</sup>. That is the day before St. Patrick's Day. We will start the festivities early.

So—we be invitin ya to a Detachment 801 St. Paddy's party starting at 1830 (6:30 PM). We be having some goodies to be partaking of and a wee spot of some liquids for medicinal purposes only.

Bring your Bride or your favorite (not both) and let us know you are coming. We need a count to make sure we have enough Corned Beef and Cabbage.

Call Commandant Ed Mampe (847) 641-9689 not later than March 7th.

Plan on wearing your "Greens", stick around and enjoy some camaraderie. All the Irish Marines will be there---- Pantaleo, Szempruch, Pedrin, Mrozinski, Sroka, Jezioro, Seyler, Landrau ( sounds more like Notre Dames offensive line ) ----- and many more !!

Be There.

## MARINE CORPS LEAGUE LAKE COUNTY DETACHMENT 801

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Our next meeting is scheduled for

16 March (Tuesday)

1830

You must RSVP!

Steven's Restaurant

Last Month's Mystery Marine was

Richard Smedley Butler



Who is this Mystery Marine?

**COMMANDANT'S COMMENTS**

Hello fellow members of MCL Detachment #801, we have another month of CREAZY, starting with the weather, too much snow in a short period of time. I hope everyone was able to dig out OK. I know they kept saying that spring is just around the corner. I keep going down to the corner to check but no luck yet.

We have some good news at Stevens we can have up to 50 people in attendance for a meeting, so we can have a St Paddy's day shindig, at the next Business meeting. You must wear something GREEN to celebrate. YOU also must let us know beforehand if YOU are planning to attend, so we can make plans for the dinner. We will be starting the meeting at 1830 and remember you must wear something GREEN.

A little something from to err is human, to forgive divine.

HOWEVER, NEITHER IS MARINE CORPS POLICY

**TACT**

The Captain called the Company First Sergeant in and said, "First Sergeant, I just got notified by the Red Cross that Private Jones' mother died yesterday. Better go tell him and send him in to see me."

So, the First Sergeant called for morning formation and lined up all the troops. "Listen up, men," he said. Johnson, report to the mess hall for mess duty. Smith, report to Personnel to sign some papers. The rest of you report to the Motor Pool for maintenance. Jones, your mother died, report to the commanding officer."

Later that day the Captain called the First Sergeant into his office again. "Hey, First Sergeant that was a pretty cold way to inform Jones his mother died. Couldn't you be a bit more tactful next time?"

"Yes, sir," answered the First Sergeant.

A few months later, the Captain called the First Sergeant in once again with, "First Sergeant, I just got a telegram that Private McGrath's mother died. You'd better go tell him and send him in to see me. And this time be more tactful."

"Aye aye, sir!"

So, the First Sergeant called for morning formation. "Okay men fall in and listen up. Everybody with a mother, take two steps forward.

NOT SO FAST, McGrath!"

I hope this will put a little smile on your faces. Please stay safe.

Semper Fi,

Ed Mampe 847-641-9689

## **Jr. Vice Commandant's Ramblings**

### **SO YOU ARE AVOIDING GETTING SHOT...**

Getting your vaccine shot is not a good idea! It is imperative! So contact your personal physician or the V A now to make an appointment to get shot. If not for your good, then for mine and everyone with whom you come into contact.

SEMPER FI my friends. GET'ER Done.

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At the each staff meeting we discuss a number of issues including upcoming and new activities. So if there is something you think we should be doing let us know (I would be pleased to be your suggestion box carrier).

And If you know someone looking for a place to meet new friends, you can help to make MCL 801 be the place. So contact me with your ideas, your opinions, your thoughts, and your dues.

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### **MONTHLY (p.i.t.a.) ADVERTISEMENT**

The way to stop these annoying Ads is to pay your dues. One of the responsibilities of the Jr. Vice is Recruitment and Retention of Membership. In order to accomplish this, everyone needs to participate:

Pay your annual dues or become a Life Member (we can offer a payment plan for those interested.)

- Mentoring -- Need those who can be mentors, and those who would like to have a mentor.

- Recruit – new members : and, Retention -- Reach out to members who should be coming to events.

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**CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**

It seems just the other day we were wishing each other a happy new year. Now we're at the end of February and looking forward to Spring! It's true, time is relentless and waits for no one.

Times gone by cannot be relived. Let's make sure that the time we have left is lived well and with purpose. Each day is a gift from our Lord, but it's a perishable gift, meant to be opened and enjoyed. How we live each day is up to each and every one of us.

With Spring around the corner, now is the time to begin planning how we will spend those wonderful days of Spring and Summer.

Revisit that "bucket list" reprioritize it and get planning! As I said time waits for no one. I've learned that planning and executing a plan revitalizes me and helps in getting me out of my rut. If you don't do it, then who?

The easiest thing in the world is to make excuses for not doing anything: don't have time, don't have money, don't have the energy, not know how, all excuses. I know because I've used them all!

First, and foremost, even before you begin your planning, consult the best advisor in the universe, our Heavenly Father. He will not lead you astray. Not only will he give you the best advice ever, but it's free! All you have to do is pray.

In addition, He's a master of all subject matters. So, while you have His ear, ask Him anything you want. You can trust His advice because He loves you and wants you to enjoy life to its fullest! It seems to me this is a no brainer, what are you waiting for?

Choose to live life to its fullest. Sitting in front of the tv or a computer screen is ok, but it's not a substitute for living. It doesn't matter what stage in life we are in, life is life, live it! Once it's over, it's over.

Until our Lord calls us home, it is our responsibility, our duty to live and give of ourselves completely.

So, live boldly. Semper Fi. Hank Landrau, Chaplain Det. 801



## COLOR & HONOR GUARD



### COLOR GUARD

Our Color Guard has been hard at work learning the routines and practicing all the movements. We have had 7 – 9 people meeting in my garage. After practice we have had coffee, soda, beer and spirits to go with the “goodies”. We are through left and right rifle and the synchronizing pauses to make the team look sharp.

We start on flags next. We met in Nada’s garage (3-car, heated with high ceiling) at 6:30 pm on Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Nada said “it will be a cold day in Hell when she bakes”. Well, it has been -9 degrees. We expected Cakes, Cookies and Pies. Oh well--- it warmed up.

Not too late to join us. I have 3 more M1 Garand rifles in inventory waiting for someone to rub their back with Linseed oil.

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Commander 847-220-1525

# CAPTAIN JAMES A. LOVELL FHCC VISITS



Here is Don Bahe, Nada Sydow and Greg Cummings at Veterans Closet handing out food.

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. Food truck will come again on 5 March 2021 starting at 1100. Just line up on 24th St and when it is your turn drive up. We'll load your car and you drive away.

Greg Cummings



**MARINE CORPS LEAGUE LAKE COUNTY DETACHMENT 801**



and

then

“SMED”

said ....

Hey! Semper Fi! Good to see ya agin. Missed ya last month. Grab a cuppa ‘joe’ and sit yourself down. How have ya been? Got a story ya might like.

The other night my bride was sittin’ on the phone conversin’ with an old schoolmate of hers and I thought it would be a good time to go through my e-mail.

Well, bein’ the computer guru that I am, when I opened it up, I decided to clean out some of the old ‘junk’ ads and other stuff no longer needed or wanted.

Now, if you are one of those ‘computer nerds or geeks’, you will for sure like this. (No doubt in my mind.)

As I opened each e-mail and moved it to the trash, I thought, why didn’t I do this a long time ago and save all the time this was taking, but pressed dutifully on.

After about fifteen or twenty minutes I looked at the TRASH file and decided to clear it. As I mentioned earlier, this was at night, about 2200 hrs. after being out in the garage earlier in the day washing and waxing her car.

Well, I highlighted all the items in the TRASH file and hit the DELETE button. A window popped up asking, ALL?

Now my laptop does not have a mouse. It utilizes a ‘touch-pad’ (a very sensitive touch-pad I might add) My immediate thought was, ALL?, of course all. What the hell? I’m in TRASH, why would I only want to eliminate some of them. So. I plunged on and hit DELETE.

My bride looked at me, stopped her phone conversation in mid-sentence, and asked, "What is wrong?" as my mouth dropped open, my eyes glazed over and a look of complete helplessness engulfed my face.

In that split second, ten years of e-mail messages abruptly vanished. I must have lightly brushed across the touch-pad and moved the cursor.

I was so gob-smacked, I could not even swear. I just sat there staring at the now empty MESSAGES folder in shock.

Fortunately my bride took over and figured out how to retrieve my lost files (I was not even aware that could be done). She shouted across the room, "Don't touch anything!" and took charge.

Within fifteen or twenty minutes, using the internet and two cell phones, she was able to recover ten years of lost messages (ten or fifteen at a time), including the ones I thought had been purposely TRASHED.

I do love that woman!

I guess this was proof that I really am an 'analog' guy in a digital world.

I also learned never, ever work on the computer late at night when tired, and not thinking clearly.

Well, I hope you enjoyed hearing of my little adventure. It sure scared the 'spit' out of me for a short while. Shore will make me think a little harder before I hit the DELETE key next time.

See ya next month?

Stay safe, stay well my friend. Semper Fidelis!

Richard Butler © 847/648-6859

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We are not aware of any Veterans in need at this time. We are attempting to hold a Board of Directors meeting soon.

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**

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