

# THE **JARHEAD** JOURNAL

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Our next meeting is scheduled for  
16 February (Tuesday)

Steven's Restaurant

Starts at 1900-7:00 PM

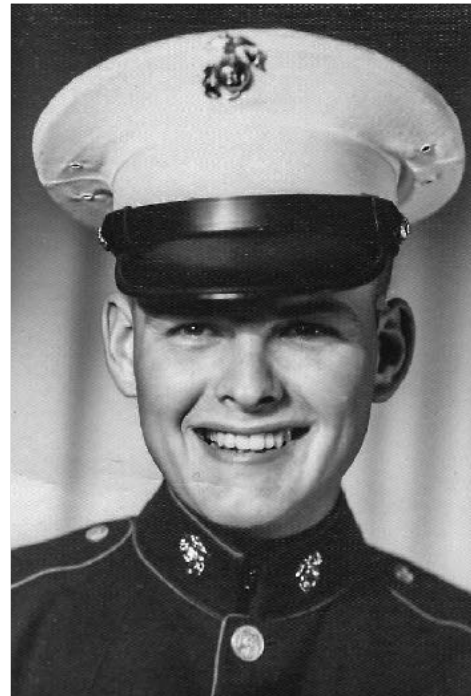
Wear your mask!

Last Month's Mystery Marine was  
Santa Marine



#### Where Stuff Is

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Who is this Mystery Marine?

**COMMANDANT'S COMMENTS**

Good day fellow Marines! Here we are finishing another wonderful month. I think I saw the sun shining a couple of days this month, I might be wrong on that, but I do believe I did see it. I hope this finds everyone and their family healthy, and not going stir crazy. I will be glad when we can go back to dining out and socializing again.

Soon we will hopefully be able to do our annual fund raising in April, May, and June, seeing we were not able to do any collecting in 2020. I know for me I miss getting together with my fellow Marines and Corpsman and talking and joking with each other while we were collecting and talking with the customers, it was fun. I know we have no control of when we can start collecting, or how far apart we must be, but I sure hope we can collect. I had an idea of attaching one of our buckets to the flat end of an oar so we could just slide it out to the customer to hopefully donate, that way we do not have to be too close to the customer.

This month we had a business meeting at Stevens, boy was I glad to be back at Stevens. We are planning on having a St. Paddy's day celebration at Stevens and I am hoping we can have more than twenty-five people there. We will ask for a RSVP later on. Members only; no family or friends. Dust off your Irish greens!

I was wondering this being a new year did anybody, make a new year's resolution? I did but it only lasted about four days. I guess I will try again next year. If you made one and you are sticking to it, Kudos. I know we make them to try to improve our lives.

With this I am going to close. Have a great day.

Semper Fi,

Ed Mampe, Commandant (847) 641-9689

**CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

I sincerely hope that your new year's celebrations were happy and especially safe.

Now that the long awaited and anticipated 2021 is a reality, let's resolve to make it the best year ever. As I mentioned last month, 2021 is full of opportunities, but it's up to us to make those opportunities realities!

First things first however, we must give thanks to our GOD, for His precious protection, guidance, and love. Lets in turn practice those same qualities to our families, friends, and neighbors. Let's pray to God that He uses us for his Glory and the betterment of others!

This is a good time, with the Christmas and New Year's celebrations behind us to stop, take a deep breath, relax and start thinking of what we want to accomplish this year. Rather than making new year's resolutions, which we never keep, let's strive to do one thing that is dear to us. Maybe it's to visit that one relative we haven't seen in years, take that special vacation, accomplish that special task, re-awaken that long forgotten dream.

It doesn't matter what it is, JUST DO IT. We don't know how much time we have on this earth, only our God in heaven knows that. Our job is to live each day as if it were our last! Resolve from this time forward to follow your dreams! Pray to the Almighty, to encourage and guide you. He will be there for you. All you have to do is ask.

With that said I reiterate that we are Marines and Corpsman; we adapt, we improvise and we overcome!

As 2021 unfolds, we will have ample opportunities to serve and be served. There will be health, financial, relational, and political challenges to name a few. We will face, and overcome each with courage and faith. As long as we remember that we are not alone, that our heavenly father is with us.

So, with all that we have going for us, how can we lose?

This is a new year, let's learn from the past, but not dwell there. Live in the present and plan for the future. The future is bright and full of surprises. May all of your surprises be pleasant.

God bless you and your family

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Hank Landrau, Chaplain, Det.801

## Ramblings from the Jr. Vice's

### RECRUITING/RETENTION DRIVE

At the staff meeting on February 1st, we discussed offering an incentive to those who help us in our membership recruiting/retention efforts. Also, here is a thought, if you are wondering what to get your spouse for Valentine's Day, which is coming up soon. Give your spouse the gift that keeps on giving – peace and quiet. Thinking of not joining MCL? Thinking of leaving Detachment 801? My question is WHY? This is a way to make your spouse smile again. I can tell you it makes my spouse happy to see me gone at least one night a week, and sometimes two, at meetings or color guard. She hasn't had this much happiness since I retired. (And at these meetings no one looks at me like I'm crazy when I say Geezez F\*\*\*ing Cripe—or something to that effect.)

Further discussed is, like some other Detachments of the MCL, there is an award issued to anyone bringing in a new member in the form of "swag" (a bottle of booze --covers – emblems- etc.) and anyone bringing in three new or re-installed members would receive a black leather jacket (or \$100) award. There are caveats of course – the newbie must participate so they need to come to meetings for example. (After this Covid stuff allows group gatherings of a larger number of people. So get out there and earn your swag.

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One of the responsibilities of the Jr. Vice is Recruitment and Retention of Membership. In order to accomplish that the entire Detachment needs to participate in the following:

- Pay your annual dues or become a Life Member (we can offer a payment plan for those interested.)
- Communicate – with the members and prospects
- Listen – to the members and prospects
- Mentoring -- Need those who can be mentors, and those who would like to have a mentor?
- Reach Out – to those who might be interested in being members or "rejoining"
- Recruit -- new members
- Retention -- Reach out to members who are tardy on paying their dues.

If you know someone looking for a place to meet new friends, you can help to make this be the place. So contact me with your ideas, your opinions, your thoughts, and your dues. (847-875-9669 or [wroth0730@gmail.com](mailto:wroth0730@gmail.com))

Semper Fi,

\_Walter Roth



## **COLOR & HONOR GUARD**



### Marines Corpsmen Associates

For the past year we have been shut down because of the Pandemic—Covid 19. Our Parades and Ceremonies were all canceled (We did do The Virtual at Lindenhurst and for Linda Rockwell of Journeys End). Our practice facility at the Warren Center has been and still is Closed.

I refuse to be locked up anymore.

The Color Guard/Honor Guard is very important to the Detachment. It is the Honor Guard that stands casket guard and performs final Military Honors for our deceased Brothers and Sisters. Our performance at Public Events gives a positive impression to the Public. Marines see us and decide to join. The public remembers us at the Fund Raisers and dig a little deeper.

We have pride and will be the best Color Guard in the State. We will be at Wrigley Field and other sporting events. We will always look sharp in proper dress. We will perform with precision and snap. We will seek out more events.

We have restarted practices.  
We will learn the M-1 Manual of Arms.  
We will learn the Flag Manual.  
We will learn the Sword Manual.  
Each person will learn all positions- -Left and right  
Rifle, all 3 flag positions and to Command the team.

## **COLOR & HONOR GUARD**

We will learn to march.  
We will learn the Counter March turn.  
We will learn the Funeral routine.  
We will learn to fire a Volley.

We are available to do Events anywhere, any time for any reason. We want to be in the Public's eye. If you hear of anything that might want a Color Guard—Let me know.

### Introduce Members:

Al Seyler - Commander  
Art Castillo  
"Smedley" Butler  
Richard Pavlick  
Ed Mampe  
Walter Roth  
Peter Karlovics  
Jerry Pedrin  
Nada Sydow  
Lori Staben  
Ron Engle  
Mel Ellingsen  
Charles Walgreen  
Brian Szempruch  
Jim Reynolds - Bugler  
Jim Sroka - Asst. Bugler

This is your Color/Honor Guard.  
We are old and we are young. We are male and female We are Marines. We are Navy.  
We are Associates. We Love our Country and Flag. We are proud to do our best.

We invite anyone to join us.

Practice will be at 6:30pm on Thursdays .  
Practice will be held in my Garage. We bought a 60,000 btu propane heater to make it warm. We had to turn it down last practice.

Coffee, Sodas and Beer and "goodies" served after practice.

Al Seyler



## 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. It is a new year for us and just to remind everyone we still are not allowed to do the hospital visits. But if anyone knows of a Marine or Corpsman that is sheltered and needs some company I will take their information and get with them to see if they would like some fellow Marine company. Also a reminder that the Veterans Closet in North Chicago is willing to give food and clothing to all veterans from all branches of service FREE and WILLING if they come down on a Monday or Friday between 1100 and 1500 (3:00 PM). If you have questions or concerns let one of us know Nada Sydow , Don Bahe, Chuck Butrim or myself can answer them for you. Thank you and may this year be a good one for us all. ...Just in, another big food truck delivery on Monday, 15 Feb.

Greg Cummings

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***Lake County Detachment Marine Corps League Foundation, Inc***

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Secretary-	Jerry Pedrin

Directors

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

The Foundation is looking to conduct a Zoom meeting. With several Board Members in living arrangements that are shut down, this seems to be the most practical solution.

Al Seyler  
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**