

THE JARHEAD JOURNAL

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The inscription at the top of this plaque reads:

Lake County Detachment 801 of the Marine Corps League

We honor below all those members who have reported to their final duty station.

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE LAKE COUNTY DETACHMENT 801

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Where Stuff Is

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2. Where Stuff Is.
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Our next meeting is scheduled for

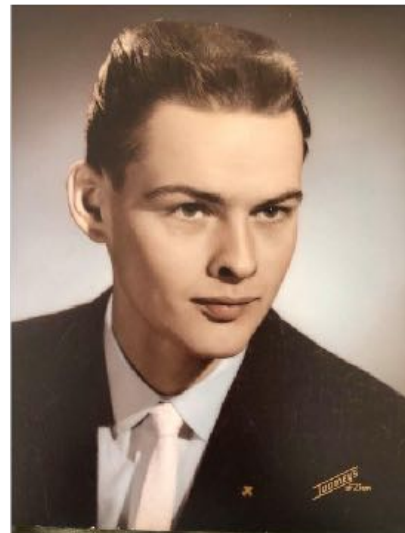
15 June (Tuesday)

1900 (7:00 PM)

Steven's Restaurant

Last Month's Mystery Marine was

Richard 'Smedley' Butler



Who is this Mystery Marine?

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COMMANDANT'S COMMENTS

Well, here we are again time to give a huge THANK YOU to the support staff for helping so we could have an OUTSTANDING MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION/COOKOUT. Special THANK YOU to Al and Kathi Seyler for allowing US DET. #801 MCL to have this celebration in their HOME and YARD. I know that it took a lot of extra time for them. I know that it took a lot of extra time from the support staff, just too many to list but I am sure they all know how they are.

I just want to take some time to mention that our BUSINESS Meetings will be **ON THE THIRD TUESDAY of the month**. Starting this month and now I will put a little twist to this because the **month of JULY the BUSINESS meeting will be the SECOND TUESDAY of the month JULY 13th, this is just for that one month**. I know the Web Sgt. Has been putting this info out to the detachment. Just wanted to get my two cents

Now a little something from TO ERR IS HUMAN TO FORGIVE DIVINE

HOWEVER NEITHER IS MARINE CORPS POLICY.

Hunting Dog

In the Blue Ridge Mountains there was a retired sailor who was reputed to have the best hunting dog ever. He went by the name of Chief.

One day three Marine Corps generals went up into the mountains and wanted to rent him. "He's a good hunting dog... gonna cost ya fifty dollars a day." The generals agreed, and three days later they came back with their limit.

The next year the generals came back, and "Chief had gotten even better. " Gonna cost you seventy-five dollars a day this time. " he said, and again the generals agreed. Two days later, they came back with their limit once again.

The third year the generals came back and told the old sailor they had to have "Chief," even if it cost a hundred dollars a day. The old sailor replied, "You can have the worthless mutt for five dollars a day, and I'm overcharging you by four!!"

The bewildered Marines asked, But we don't understand. What happened to him?"

"Well, a crew from the Navy base in Norfolk came up and rented him. One of those idiots called him Master Chief. And ever since then he's just been sitting on his lazy ass barkin'..."

Ed Mampe Commandant 847-641-9689

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

May, 2021

Now, that we are well into Spring, and enjoying the renewal of life around us, we realize that regardless of our circumstances, nature marches on!

Our God is even more dependable. We can be assured that nothing stands in our Lord's way when it comes to showering us with His mercy and grace. It's up to us to seek Him out. Like any father, He wants the best for us. All we have to do is ask.

Did you include Him when we honor mothers on Mother's Day? Did you remember Him when you remembered our honored dead on Memorial Day? He remembered you and blessed you! These are special days, but your Father in heaven blesses you EVERY DAY! Every day is a special day, a present to be opened every morning, rain or shine, warm or cold! An opportunity for Him to show us how much He loves us. It's also an opportunity for us *not* to let that love stop with us, but flow through us and reach our brothers and sisters.

As the covid 19 restrictions begin to ease, and we begin to enjoy our family and friends more and more, let's remember those brothers and sister who may still be restricted due to illness, physical limitations or just plain fear.

As mentioned earlier, the month of May gave us the opportunity to honor our departed heroes. We came together as Marines to remember our Detachment's departed members, we shed a tear with their loved ones, and rejoiced in shared memories, recollections, and stories, prayed and thank God for their safe arrival at their final duty station.

Later we shared great food, drink, fellowship and camaraderie. If you weren't there, you missed a great opportunity to experience comradeship with your fellow marines and their families.

I would be remiss if I failed to express our appreciations to Al Seyler and his wife for their hospitality and opening their home to us. It was a great example of a Marine looking out for his fellow Marines!

This is a great time of year to get together more often and share our experiences, time and our God!

So, as Spring gives way to Summer, let's make the most of every opportunity the Lord gives us to enjoy our families and friends.

The greatest gift we can give each other is *friendship*.

Semper Fi
ADAPT, IMPROVISE AND OVERCOME!

Hank Landrau, Chaplain



COLOR & HONOR GUARD



5/11 – Our 1st Live Event – time to put our practice to work !!

Ed Mampe, Ron Engle, Walter Roth and I performed our 1st Live Event of the new season this morning at 7:30 am at Marine Academy in Chicago.

Not much traffic so the ride was ok. Cold with frost on the ground.

We put on our black leather jackets and got ready to present Colors on the football field. A retired Master Guns instructor gave us our directions to perform.

He said "Form up in the middle of the field and march toward the sideline. Halt and present Colors during the playing of the National Anthem. Then do a **COUNTER MARCH** and march back across the field".

COUNTER MARCH--- HOLY SHIT !!!

He knows what it is. We are screwed---

We pulled it off. Looked great. Thank God we practiced the Counter March.

5/15 - Walter Roth, Lori Staben, Ron Engle, Ed Mampe and I presented Colors at noon for Armed Forces Day at Mission BBQ.

5/18 - Ed Mampe, Ron Engle, Walter Roth and I presented Colors at a Vernon Hills High School Girls Softball team. They had an Honor recognition day for Veterans and 1st responders. The girls played super.

5/26 - Walter Roth, Charles Walgreen, Nada Sydow, Lori Staben, Brian Szempruch, David Pedrin, Mel Ellingsen and I presented Colors , fired a Volley and Jim Reynolds played Taps at our Det. 801 Memorial and Cookout.

5/28 - Charles Walgreen, Nada Sydow, Ron Engle, Walter Roth, Ed Mampe and I fired a Volley at Marine Leadership Academy in Chicago. They conducted a very nice Ceremony for Memorial Day. Those kids are good.

5/31 - Lindenhurst War Memorial Day Ceremony Young Marines presented Colors. Walter Roth, Charles Walgreen, Ed Mampe David Pedrin, Brian Szempruch, Nada Sydow, Peter Karlovics and I fired a Volley and Jim Reynolds played Taps.

We were invited to present Colors for the Chicago Cubs on Memorial Day at 1:20pm - 1st time this year the Cubs have had a Color Guard. We had to decline invitation as we did not have enough people to perform at both Lindenhurst and Wrigley Field.

We need more people.

Al Seyler
Commander

CAPTAIN JAMES A. LOVELL FHCC VISITS



Celebrating Flag Week

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



Friday
June 18, 2021
12 noon to 1:30 p.m.

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

Sponsored by:

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To all who serve and have served
We are Grateful



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.

Greg Cummings



EAGLE SCOUTS



Hank Landrau is helping cut the Eagle Cake!

It's unbelievable how many Ka-Bar presentation requests have been pouring. Thanks to Al Seyler, Col. Jim Homan, Joe Wallace, MGSgt Wayne Carle and Hank Landrau for making these presentations. As I write this on 6/8, I'm presenting two tonight, seven on 6/9, and three on Sunday. MGSgt Wayne Carle has four on Saturday. We will present about fifty-two Ka-Bars from 1 Sept through 30 June.

Mel Ellingsen - Eagle Scout Chair - 847-274-8144

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Eagle Scout Ka-Bar presentations.
Notice our first female Eagle Scout.

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and

then

“SMED”

said

Semper Fidelis to all Marine and FMF Corpsmen of “The Best Damned Detachment in The Nation”!

I have been saving this for Flag Day (14-June-2021)
First heard it about six years ago. Hope it hits you as it did me.

I walked through a county courthouse square, On a park bench an old man was sitting there,
I said, “Your old courthouse is kinda run down”. He said, “No, it’ll do for our little town”.
I said, “Your old flagpole has leaned a little bit, and that’s a Ragged Old Flag you got hangin’ on it”.
He said, “Have a seat”, and I sat down. “Is this the first time you’ve been to our little town?”
I said, “I think it is”. He said, “I don’t like to brag, but we’re kind of proud of that Ragged Old Flag.
“You see, we got a little hole there, when Washington took it ‘cross the Delaware.
“And it got powder burned, the night Francis Scott Key, sat watching it writing ‘Say Can You See’.

“And it got a bad rip in New Orleans, with Packingham and Jackson tuggin’ its seams.

“And it almost fell at the Alamo, ‘side the Texas flag, but she waved on though.

“She got cut with a sword at Chancellorsville, and she got cut again at Shiloh Hill.

“There was Robert E. Lee , Beauregard and Bragg,

And the South Wind blew hard on that Ragged Old Flag.

“On Flanders Field In World War I, she got a big hole from a Bertha Gun. She turned blood red in
World War II.

She hung limp and low by the time it was through. She was in Korea and Viet Nam, Iraq and
Afghanistan.

She went where she was sent by her Uncle Sam.

She waved from our ships on the briny foam,

And now they’ve quit waving her back here at home.

In her own good home she’s been abused. She’s been burned, dishonored, denied and refused.

And the government for which she stands, is scandalized throughout the land.

She’s getting threadbare and she’s werin’ thin, but she’s in good shape for the shape she’s in.

‘Cause she’s been through the fire before, and I believe she can take a whole lot more.

So we raise her up ev’ry mornin,, take her down ev’ry night.

Don’t let her touch the ground and we fold her up right.

On second thought, I do like to brag.

‘Cause I’m mighty proud of that Ragged Old Flag”

Written by:

Johnny Cash

Released: 1974

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

The Foundation banking services were switched from Chase bank to Baxter Credit Union.

There are no requests for assistance at this time.

Al Seyler
President
Lake County Marines Foundation

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